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**Announcements**

We will be closed tonight.

The Toronto Family History Centre still has several ink cartridges that are surplus to their needs. These are for HP Laserjet II or III printers - the package says replacement for 92295A. If you would like one, please reply by email or phone our Centre at 416-422-5480 ext 111. For pickup only.

**What's New**

**FindMyPast** has added another 2.5 million Irish petty session court records, bringing the total number of records in this collection to over 12.7 million covering 1828-1912. The additions feature 44 new courts in 19 counties around Ireland. A further 55 courts have been supplemented with records from additional years. "Being drunk in a public place, being drunk in charge of a cart, failure to pay rent and allowing livestock to wander on the road are among some of the most common misdemeanours that our ancestors found themselves in court for. Although most defendants got away with a fine, the variety of cases heard gives a real flavour of life in Ireland at the time." It appears that these records are available on the FMP.co.uk and the FMP.com websites.

**Ancestry** has three UK Engineers Records databases. The UK Civil Engineer Records, 1820-1930 includes 21,580 records organized by date of entry into The Institute of Civil Engineers. The documents included support for the candidates' application for entry and includes name, date of birth, a summary of professional career and names of at least five corporate members of the Institute. UK, Civil Engineer Photographs, 1829-1923 is a collection of 836, very nice cabinet and carte de visite photographs, some with additional information. The UK, Mechanical Engineer Records, 1870-1930 has 74,258 records, containing registers of members, proposals for memberships and changes to membership (such as associate member to member), and related records and photographs.

**FamilySearch** has added large collections of images of civil registration for the Netherlands starting about 1811 and continuing until the 1900s. These collections can be browsed by province. Additional images for many browse-only collections have been added for Mexico, Spain, Portugal, and the Philippines.

**The Forum:**

**Questions:**

**Q1/2013-20. United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada (UELAC)**

For the purposes of completing my application to the UELAC, I need to prove that Richard Cole (1809-1887) who was born in Sophiasburg, Prince Edward Co, Ontario is the son of Isaac Cole (1770-1842) who was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co, New York State. They were cousins of Daniel Cole but Isaac is should not be confused with Daniel's son Isaac (1774-1825) who was born in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., New York.

Richard's mother was Hannah Davenport (1789-1841), born in Highland Mills, Orange Co., New York. His first wife Catherine Rutter (1810-1844) was born in Adolphustown, Lennox and Addington Co., Ontario. His second wife, Henrietta Wright (1827-1904), was born in Westminster, Middlesex, England. Richard and Henrietta married in 1844 in Crahme, District of New Castle, Ontario.

For my UELAC application, I need one of the following:

1. Richard's birth notification/certificate with his parents' names (Isaac and Hannah)
  2. Land Petition of Catherine (Rutter) Cole for Northumberland in 1835 which might mention Richard's parents
  3. Marriage (1835? and 1844) or Death announcements (28 Apr 1887) which might mention his parents. He died in Percy Twp., Northumberland Co., Ontario (also called Brighton Twp).
- [For the UELAC application, I cannot use census or books as proof of relationships but other government or religious documents are acceptable as well as newspapers, letters, etc.]

Is there any way that you could search for this information and provide copies? I already have appropriate proof for my other great grandfathers which go back to Simon Isaac Cole (who is not properly registered as an Empire Loyalist at this point, only listed on the Executive List). Simon Isaac (1735-1797) is my 4th great grandfather who was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York.

I did find some baptismal records of Richard's cousins (Peter Cole's children) and some other family members. However I could not find any for Richard, nor the marriage record for Catherine Rutter which should have been between 1830 and 1835. The 1851 census indicates that the family is of German descent which would reflect that Catherine's father was born in Germany and also that Richard's grandfather, Simon Isaac Kohl was married in Germantown, New York. The reason for this variation in spelling of the last name may have been for political or religious purposes. His father's last name was Cool. Richard was always a Wesleyan Methodist, but I have not been able to find an obit or cemetery for him or his father Isaac.

#### **Q2/2013-20. BC Records?**

My question concerns a young woman, orphaned in England about 1900 who, after living in an orphanage in London, England emigrated to Canada in 1912. I have followed her life up to her marriage in Vancouver, BC, after which she and her family disappears. I know from reports from her nephew in Australia, (her brother, Ernest Alfred Stanley Collings 1894 – 1978, emigrated to Australia), that she had three daughters. There is a suggestion that they too were left without parents (died? divorced and died?) for this uncle wanted to adopt them, but was refused, not being married himself. I cannot find any reference to the husband's family in censuses before the marriage; though one would think there should be something there.

The details of Beatrice Emmaline Collings are as follows:

Born 1892 in Hammersmith, London, to William Alfred Collings and Blanche Emmaline Stammers.

1901 Census: Orphanage in Southwark, London

1911 Census: Housemaid in solicitor's home, Dawson Place, West London

1912 Emigration, from Liverpool to Quebec, 14 June 1912 on CPR ship "*Empress of Britain*" with a Salvation Army Party.

1913, 30 Aug: Marriage to Charles Carl Pallman in Vancouver. His parents were Harmen Pallman and Katie Dearstine.

I can find nothing on Harmen Pallman or his wife - births, deaths or marriage.

Are there likely to be more BC records available other than on Ancestry.ca, which is my source for most of the above? I did find a photo copy of the marriage on BC Archives, giving the parents of Charles. Does anyone have any ideas on where I might go from here?

**Suggestions: None this week.**

## Were You Aware...

### Premium Family History Websites at FHCs

The Bulletin regularly mentions that two very common subscription websites are available at no charge at Family History Centres – Ancestry (worldwide edition) and FindMyPast (UK version only). But there are other websites which can also be incredibly useful for your research.

Premium Family History Websites | FamilySearch.org  
<https://fhc.familysearch.org/resources.html>

## Premium Family History Websites

Please choose from one of the following websites. Website descriptions may be found [here](#).

- [19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive](#)
- [Access Newspaper Archive](#)
- [Alexander Street Press - The American Civil War Research Database | Letters and Diaries | Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera](#)
- [Ancestry.com](#)
- [ArkivDigital Online](#) - Install from [here](#).
  - Install one-time only with an account with administrative rights.
  - Launch from the 'ArkivDigital Online' Start Menu or Desktop icon.
- [Find My Past](#)
- [Fold3.com](#) *Previously known as Footnote.com*
- [The Genealogist](#)
- [Godfrey Memorial Library](#)
- [Heritage Quest Online](#)
- [Historic Map Works Library Edition](#)
- [LegacyStories](#)
- [Paper Trail](#)
- [World Vital Records](#)

### 19<sup>th</sup> Century British Newspapers

British Newspapers 1800-1900 can be searched by name or date. Although these are British newspapers, there are many references to occurrences abroad – train wrecks in Canada, etc. This week a patron used this collection to trace an English actress, Miss Phillips, of the early 1800s. He was able to find references to her many appearances at Drury Lane Theatre, London; her move to New York; and her upcoming marriage to a “gentleman of property” from New Orleans, (although we were unable to find his name, yet). Newspapers seem to be an underused resource and yet they are great resources for scandals and crimes. It is also very interesting to find out what is happening in the town your ancestor hails from. One of my great grandparents came from Tingewick, Bucks. and the newspaper articles mentioning it were very interesting.

### Access Newspaper Archives

Access Newspaper Archives has collections of newspapers from around the world but much of the collection is from the United States. Other countries for which they have newspapers collections are Canada, China (North China Herald 1850-1926), Denmark, France, Germany (European Stars & Stripes 1948-1999), Ireland (quite a collection of Dublin newspapers), Jamaica, Japan (Pacific Stars & Stripes), South Africa, United Kingdom and the US Virgin Islands. Not all the papers are in English.

### Alexander Street Press, American Civil War

The American Civil War Online is the most comprehensive series of electronic collections available for the Civil War. This series includes the following: a record for virtually every soldier in the war and descriptions of thousands of battles, with detailed multi-page battle orders and reports for significant battles; letters & diaries; and photos, posters and ephemera.

**Ancestry** (Library Edition) has enormous collection of records from Canada, the United States, United Kingdom & Ireland, Australia and Europe.

**FindMyPast.co.uk**, the British version of FindMyPast, has a very large collection of records from England, Scotland and Wales. While it does not include newspapers, the records are particularly good for censuses, parish records, travel and migration, and military records.

**Fold3** is a collection of US historical military records and stories, honouring American veterans. They have records from the Revolutionary War right up to the Vietnam War. There are records for the War of 1812, the Mexican & Indian Wars, the Civil War and WWI and WWII. There are war service records, pension records, and many other records for each war.

**The Genealogist** is another British-based website offering a variety of resources that complement those offered on FindMyPast and Ancestry. One of their best databases is their **non-conformist** records which has records of birth, baptism, marriage, death and burial taken from non parish (not Anglican) sources: Methodists, Wesleyans, Baptists, Independents, Protestant Dissenters, Congregationalist, Presbyterians, and Unitarians, Quakers and Fleet Marriages and

records of births and deaths of British subjects at sea and overseas. They have an excellent collection of **indexes to wills** from Berkshire, Cheshire, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Huntingdonshire, Ireland (1536-1810), Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, London, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Scotland (Edinburgh 1601-1700), Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Worcestershire and Yorkshire. In addition, there are census records, city/county directories, military rolls and lists and regimental records, poll and electoral records, telephone directories. While I do not find the search engine very user friendly, I have found some genealogical gems at TheGenealogist.

**Godfrey Memorial Library** has mainly US records, focusing on New England families and history, but there are a great deal of books and periodicals relevant to those researching other states. There are searchable databases including: American Civil War Research, American National Biography Online, Columbia Gazetteer, North American Indians Thought & Culture, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography Online; Godfrey Digital Resources containing books, documents and records, donated genealogical research; the Godfrey Collection of 4,000 genealogies, biographies, memoirs and funeral sermons; and a searchable database of photos and descriptions of every tombstone in more than 730 Connecticut Cemeteries.

**Heritage Quest Online** has US censuses, genealogy and local history books, Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Revolutionary War records, and Freedman's Bank Records. I have not used this resource and do not know how useful it could be.

**Historic Map Works Library Edition** is one of the most extensive digital map collections available, with over 1.5 million high-resolution, full color historic maps from around the world. It gives one access to more than five centuries of maps, allowing one to gain insight into how physical and human geographies have changed over time. The core of the collection consists of land ownership (cadastral) maps illustrating the geographic and developmental history of the United States. This unique content allows users to track the "residential genealogy" of families and locations. I was delighted to find that there are many maps for Canada, including detailed maps for Toronto (York). It is easy to zoom in to see greater detail.

Please make a reservation at your local Family History Centre to see how these resources can help you further your research.

**No films were received in the week ending June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the FamilySearch catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

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**For a copy of a searchable listing of all films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, click [here](#).**

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