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Announcements

One World One Family conference – August 24th in Brampton

Early bird registration for the conference is a mere \$15 until July 1st and this includes a boxed lunch. The list of speakers and topics can be viewed [here](#). For each of the five time slots one can choose from five speakers – there really is something for everyone. Conference details can be found [here](#).

What's New

Ancestry has added a number of valuable early Canadian military and other records: British Army Regimental Rolls of Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers 1806-1892, 30,396 records; British Army and Canadian Militia Muster Rolls and Pay Lists 1795-1850, 752,886 records; Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Registers of Soldiers Who Served in Canada 1743-1882, 375,748 records; Pension Applications For Widows and Family of British Military Officers 1776-1881, 843 records; British Regimental Registers of Service 1756-1900, 467,838 records; British Navy Ship Muster Rolls and Pay Lists 1757-1836, 176,551 records; Registers of Prisoners of War 1803-1815, 56,505 records; Loyalist Claims, 1776-1835, 24,789 records; and Immigration and Settlement Correspondence and Lists 1817-1896, 21,158 records. Two more un-indexed collections are also available – Records of British Military Headquarters 1775-1856 and Records about the Rideau Canal 1826-1855. Ancestry's collection of US City Directories 1821-1989 continues to grow and now has more than 1.3 billion names.

FamilySearch has updated its huge collection of un-indexed Italian Civil Registration images. The Irish Calendar of Wills and Administration 1858-1920 is now online and extremely easy to search without charge at [Irish Calendar - Wills](#). If you have Irish ancestors, do have a look; you never know what you will find.

Queensland, Australia – Historical Birth, Marriage and Death Records

You can now search indexes for Queensland historical birth, death and marriage records from 1829 online. If you find an entry in the index that you wish to view, you can download (for a fee) an image of the original register (if available) or have the order printed and mailed. Start your search [here](#). For tips on searching the databases, got to [this page](#).

The Forum:

Questions: No new questions this week.

Suggestions:

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. He married his second wife, Henrietta Wright (1827-1904) 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 could not find any baptismal records for Richard or his children; 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. Richard was always a Wesleyan Methodist, but I have not been able to find an obit or cemetery for him or his father Isaac.

Laurie Wheeler sent this very helpful response: "I have taken a look at the land petitions online at Library and Archives Canada (LAC), and found the following which may be of help:

1. The 1835 land petition of Catharine Rutter Cole, wife of Richard Cole for land is found [here](#). This petition does not refer to the parents of her husband, Richard. It does, however, refer to her being the daughter of George Rutter, UEL. So the writer could prove a UEL connection using the Rutter name rather than the Cole name, if they are descended from this (first) wife of Richard Cole.
2. There appears to be no land petitions for a Richard Cole online at LAC. I have reviewed the 5 petitions listed for Isaac Cole. Of most interest are the over 30 pages of documents starting [here](#). These pages attempt to clarify the land claims of two different Isaac Coles. Not sure if either of these are the one the writer is interested in, but the 3 children of one of the Isaac Coles are listed, and it does not include a Richard.
[See ***Were You Aware...*** below for a brief description on how to find a land petition.]

"The writer might want to pursue the Ontario land registry records (at the Archives of Ontario - not online) for property(s) owned by Isaac and Hannah, to see if you can find a will for the Isaac Cole /Hannah Davenport they are looking for."

Various other records were checked for clues that might lead to finding Richard's parents. Isaac Cole and Henrietta Davenport had a son, Zachariah in 1796 in New York State and this can be found on FamilySearch.org. [Zacharias Cole, son of Isaac Cole and Hanna Devenport, was born on 23 Jan 1796 and christened on 17 Mar 1796 in the GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH, NEW RHINEBECK-COBLESKILL, SCHOHARIE, NEW YORK; Batch Number C51124-1, Film 534209.] A Zachariah Cole applied for land as shown in the Upper Canada Land Petitions at the LAC and it can be found [here](#). Unfortunately his parents are not mentioned but he is applying because his younger brother, William, was a soldier and died in the 1837 uprising. The researcher should check out the new early Canadian military records, although my brief look was unsuccessful.

The Canadian Censuses were looked at. In 1851 Richard Cole and his family are listed as E. Methodist, or Episcopal Methodist. The researcher should look for church records for a Methodist Church that is not Wesleyan for the early records.

In the 1851 census, Richard's eldest child is Mary, age 20; this suggests that he married Catherine Rutter earlier than 1831. His next eldest child is Zachariah. The researcher says that the 1851 indicated that the family is German; actually the record says that Richard is a **yeoman** (he had his own farm) and that he was born in Canada. It can be very helpful to have the column titles for any census image; to help with this download the blank census images [here](#).

Death Notices in the Christian Guardian, a Methodist publication, were transcribed and published in book form by Donald McKenzie. The Toronto FHC has three of these books (see our list of all resources) but Richard was not listed. I would suggest that the researcher have a look for obituaries of Richard's parents and siblings to see if a connection can be made through the death notices/obituaries. All these books are available at the Guelph Public Library, where the researcher lives. One relevant death notice was found for 1836 – *COLE, Daniel, a native of Long Island, N. Y., and the oldest settler in Adolphustown, died at Adolphustown, August 5, 1836; age 105 years 1 month 12 days; survived by 8 children, 75 grandchildren, 172 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren. Sept 21, 1836. p183, D.N.* The reference is to the original publication.

Other websites were searched and Ancestry had an interesting burial in its file of 10,000 Vital records of Eastern New York State: *COLE, Isaac, age 103, d 4/28/1814 in Plattsburgh (moved from Dutchess Co. to Plattsburgh with his son-in-law, Jacob Ferris, in 1786; later moved with this same family to La Chine (state or country no given – probably in Quebec*

Canada) where he lived several years (7-4/30). The Bay of Quinte GenWeb Project - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onbayqnt/> - has a number of records that may suggest other leads to the researcher.

Q2/2013-20. BC Records?

My question concerns a young woman, Beatrice Emmaline Victoria Collings, 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 to Charles Carl Pallman on August 30, 1913, after which she and her family disappear. 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. I cannot find any reference to the husband's family in censuses before the marriage; though one would think there should be something there. 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?

The Bulletin was unable to find anything about Harmen Pallman, his wife Katie Dearstine, son Charles, or his daughter-in-law, Beatrice Emmaline. Beatrice's brother did return to England and enlist in the army in 1918. At this time he gave his next of kin as his sister, Beatrice Blanche Victoria Collings, with postal address as c/o P.O. Vancouver BC. This is unusual as she married in 1913. (He did confuse his mother's name, Blanche, with Emmaline.) On Internet Archive (archive.org), one can search Vancouver City Directories by searching for *Henderson Vancouver Directory* (much like looking for *Might's Toronto City Directories*) in texts. The 1919 Henderson's Greater Vancouver City Directory was searched for the Collings and Pallman names, as well as others like Pullman, Poelman, etc. but no likely candidates showed up. This may be a problem of very badly written and spelled records, even though the BC marriage certificate looks very clear. Is Harmen actually Herman? Did they go to the States? To Australia?

BC adoption records are not available to non-adoptees. Probate records do not appear to be online for BC. Death records did not include Pallmans in BC. FamilySearch.org/search has quite a number of Canadian record collections online and these can be explored by doing a general search for Harman Pallman, location Canada. While this did not produce any useful results, the FamilySearch fuzzy search is quite good and came up with several ideas for differently spelled surnames that the researcher may wish to look for. The Bulletin drew a blank on this question.

News From the Trenches

Death Notices from the Christian Guardian

While looking for Richard Cole and his relatives in the books of obituaries we have at the Toronto FHC, I came across a couple which show the incredible detail in some of these records:

COLE, Mrs. Polly – Polly Henry, wife of Ezra Cole of Hatley, residing with her son, Justus Cole of Sherbrooke, broke her skull and died Monday night, when she fell through a hole that had been left open in her chamber floor, as she was returning to her bed after a thunderstorm. She was 77. August 24, 1864, p 139, N.I., Sherbrooke Freeman, 4th.

Coleman, Edwin W. and Caroline – About 6 o'clock last evening, a pleasure party started for a short excursion down the Desjardins Canal in a small rowboat. The company included: Edwin W. and Caroline Coleman, eldest son and daughter of James Coleman, Miss Kitty C. Gate, 4th daughter of Peter Gage of Clinton Hall, Saltfleet; Miss Mary and Master George Creighton, daughter and son of Rev. Kennedy Creighton, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Dundas. After the steamer, Argyle, had passed them, they pushed out into the canal to enjoy its swell. One of the young ladies became alarmed and stood up. All except George Creighton, age 16, drowned. Edwin W. Coleman was 22, and worked in his father's office at Dundas Mills. His sister Caroline, was 20. Miss Gage, aged c. 19, was visiting the family of William Kern at Dundas. Her funeral will take place tomorrow from the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Mahony, Catherine St., Hamilton. – June 21, 1865, p 97, N.I. Hamilton Times, 14th inst.

Were You Aware...

How to Find a Land Petition Online at Library and Archives Canada

As Laurie Wheeler explained to me, there are three steps to finding a Canadian Land petition between 1763 and 1865.

Find the name in the index of [Upper Canada Land Petitions 1763-1865](#)

A search for Zachariah Cole gives the following information:

Name: COLE, Zachariah; Place: Sophiasburg; Year: 1842

Volume: 130; Bundle: C 2; Petition: 17;

Microfilm: C-1733; Reference: RG 1 L3

Go to the list of microfilms for [Upper Canada Land Petitions](#). There are 327 microfilms of UC land petitions. For Zachariah choose the microfilm C-1733.

Click on the film number and then scroll through the film until you find that volume, bundle, and petition. The volume and bundle are at the bottom of each filmed page, and the petition number is at the top right or left corner of each page. Because you know the volume and bundle number, you can guess at a page number and then refine your search iteratively. It is made a little more difficult because the number of pages for each petition varies widely. This refinement requires time and patience. Laurie suggests that it would be nice if LAC had provided a link directly from the index.

LAC also has Lower Canada Land Grants 1763-1865 and Western Land Grants 1870-1903. For a complete list of LAC's searchable databases, go to their [Basic Ancestors Search page](#).

Films received in the week ending June 13th and due for return August 8th.

Film Content	Film No
ENG LAN Liverpool Burials St Martin in Field Vauxhall 1849-1853	0093812
ENG LAN Liverpool Burials St Martin in Field Vauxhall, 1848-1849	0093811

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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