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## Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> inclusive for the Canada Day long weekend.

## What's New

**DeceasedOnline** had completed the addition of records for the Brompton Cemetery in London, England. There are approximately 205,000 burials for the period 1840 to 1997. Deceased Online has both registers and grave details for all of these and also includes section maps to help locate graves (even those without memorials) and some photographs of monuments, memorials and headstones. Brompton cemetery is in south west London, on the western border of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

**FindMyPast.co.uk** has added a large collection of Lincolnshire parish records covering the period 1538 to 1911. These records have not been indexed but can be browsed by parish and then by year. FindMyPast also added transcriptions of London volunteer soldiers' records 1859-1955 from five London and Middlesex corps and battalions. The transcriptions give details like service number, rank, enlistment & discharge details, medals awarded and date of death. FindMyPast's collection of British newspapers has grown to include nearly seven million pages from across the UK covering 1710 to 1965. Some of the new small runs of local newspapers could contain valuable family history information. All these new collections are also available on **FindMyPast.com** (worldwide version) and it has a large collection of US and worldwide newspapers. FindMyPast.co.uk is available without charge at all family history centres, but the newspaper collection we have available (British Newspapers Online) is more limited.

**FindMyPast.com** has just announced that it will make its **Irish vital records free** to explore June 27-30. Here is their press release: "Free Irish vital records - As a result of shellfire on June 30, 1922 during the Irish Civil War, millions of Irish records from the 19th century were lost forever. Irish genealogy has since been notoriously one of the most perplexing to trace. Yet with findmypast not all is lost with millions of key birth, marriage and death collections to explore for free June 27-30."

**Ancestry** has added images of the *London Gazette* 1825-1962 to be browsed on its site; this does not include all editions or all months, particularly in the early years. [The Gazettes of London, Edinburgh and Belfast can be word-searched without charge at <http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk/>, although you have to register, and I suspect this website contains many more Gazette issues.] This is in addition to *The Times of London*, which is searchable, and the *Illustrated London News*, which can only be browsed. Ancestry has added state-wide indexes to birth, marriage and death records from Massachusetts 1840-1910, New Hampshire 1659-1900+, and Vermont 1720-1908 that they believe contain more details than most. Ancestry has now name-indexed the Hamburg Passenger Lists (outbound) from 1850 to 1914 and this database now contains over 4.6 million records. (It was previously indexed from 1877 to 1914.)

**FamilySearch** continues to astound me with the number of new and updated collections they have made available online – both indexed and browse only. Today by noon (10am Utah time) they have added five collections of Spanish municipal records dating from the 1500s to the 1900s. The only practical way to see what has been added for your area of interest is to go to [FamilySearch](#) and scroll down to the map. One can no longer click on the map but to the left you will find a list of areas (a mix of countries, groups of countries and continents). By clicking on one of these one can narrow down the collections available for you. One large indexed collection with images this week is for Civil Registration in Nicaragua 1809-2011. Another indexed record collection is Cheshire non-conformist records 1671-1900, which has over 200,000 transcribed records (no images).

## **The Forum:**

This part of the Bulletin is for genealogical questions (brickwalls, etc.) and suggestions that might help researchers solve those questions. The questions are posed by readers and suggested routes to solve those problems come from other readers, FHC volunteers and the Bulletin editor. If you have posed a question and someone has taken the time to make suggestions, the Bulletin would appreciate receiving a thank-you to pass on to those who have helped. Suggestions used to be called Answers but often we can only suggest possible avenues to explore. To submit a question, just reply to this email and pose your question/problem.

## **Questions:**

### **Q1/2013/23. Ireland to England.**

My great great grandmother Annie Leahy (with a bunch of variations on that last name) was born in Co. Clare, Ireland in 1821 to William and Anne Leahy. She married (at least I think she married) George Kent. Their daughter, Annie Kent, was born at the Brownlow Workhouse, on Dec 29, 1850 in Liverpool. I believe that I have the baptismal entry which states her parents as above. I can not find her 1851 census entry.

George died about 1854 or 1855 as Annie married again, to my great great grandfather, James Patrick Lewis on May 12, 1856 in Birkenhead. I have that notation. I have the 1861 census with Anne and Patrick listed with a step-daughter, age 10, with 3 other younger siblings. All information matches. What I am looking for is a marriage notation for Annie Leahy and George Kent from about 1845-1850ish, probably around Liverpool. I have looked everywhere but can't locate anything. I would be extremely grateful if anyone can locate a marriage between Anne and George!!

### **Q2/2013/23. Ireland to Canada.**

I am researching William Faulkner (c1815 - ) and his wife Annie Jane Crosby (c1819-1876). They were both Irish and possibly from Dublin, as two of their sons are listed as born in Dublin about 1844-1845. So they probably married 1842-1843. They came to Canada with these two sons about 1849 and are found on the 1861 Census for West Gwillimbury in Simcoe, however their son Ford Faulkner is listed as born c1849 in Toronto in the family bible. They were Methodists.

The forenames Ford, Crosby, Lewis and sometimes Carlyle are used frequently in their descendants. I have been following an idea that these were surnames in the family, as Crosby is Annie Jane's maiden name. I found a Jane Crosby (c1823-1919) born in Dublin who came to Simcoe Ontario and then to Huron County. She married a John Southeran and her death certificate lists her parents as Ford Crosby and Susan Carter. So I started researching Jane Crosby Southern to see if there was a connection, as this family also used the same forenames of Ford, Crosby, etc.

Here's what I found: On Ancestry I found on the Dublin Ireland Probate Record and Marriage License Index Ford Crosby married Margaret Carter in 1813, the next entry also shows a John Crosby married a Susan Carter. An IGI listing shows Ford & Margaret married at St. Bridget's, Dublin, 27 September 1813.

Ford and Margaret Crosby had a son Thomas born 1814 in the parish of St. Werburgh, Dublin.

<http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/search.jsp?namefm=ford&nameI=crosby&location=dublin&dd=&mm=&yy=&submit=Search>

Where do I go from here? Can you suggest what records I should be searching to try and determine if Ford Crosby and Margaret/Susan Carter are related to my Annie Jane Crosby?

## **Suggestions:**

### **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, 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?

Sue Reid had a couple of further suggestions for this researcher. "One thought about the elusive Pallman family--given the rarity of the surname, this is one time that reaching out by telephone might help--Canada 411 lists only 4 Pallmans for all of Canada, 3 in BC. I wonder if the reason they don't show up in previous census returns is because they came from another country--possibly Sweden? It seems a bit odd calling a child Charles Carl--I wonder if Charles was the Anglicized version

of a Swedish Carl. Maybe if they ever release our 1921 census, there will be more clues.” [Please see **1921 Canadian Census** below.]

### Were You Aware...

#### 1921 Canadian Census

The 1921 Canadian census should have been released to the public 92 years after it was taken – June 2, 2013. It is not yet available although, according to Elizabeth Lapointe’s Genealogy Canada [blog](#) of Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, it has been digitized and its release is being held back by the federal government. The Heritage Minister, James Moore, is the minister responsible for the census release. Elizabeth Lapointe in that blog and John Reid in his [blog](#) of Tuesday encourage everyone to contact the minister and request immediate release of the 1921 census. Please email Minister Moore at [james.moore@parl.gc.ca](mailto:james.moore@parl.gc.ca) and ask that he require Library and Archives Canada to make images of the 1921 census available online immediately.

Rick Roberts’ article in his Global Genealogy newsletter says: “... Problem is that the Harper Government has put a hold on its release. Apparently a senior member of our government believes that the only persons interested in the 1921 census are “three old ladies in Kingston” who only want to use it for genealogy. In his mind that makes releasing the 1921 census an insignificant priority. That said, there probably are “three old ladies in Kingston” who would like to use the 1921 census for genealogy... along with tens of thousands of other Canadians of all ages who have an interest in accessing the 1921 census for a variety of good reasons including family history research.” Read the entire article [here](#).

### Paper, Paper Everywhere

Most of us have too much paper in our lives – in desks, in filing cabinets, in binders, piled on desks and tables, etc. It often becomes too much if one is moving, downsizing or just trying to clear out. I have a wonderful scanner that does many pages at a time – the Fujitsu ScanSnap S1500. With it I can scan multiple pages at a time; the feeder holds 50 pages but one can add more as you go along. It will scan as a PDF, a text searchable PDF or a JPEG. And it is fast! It will scan up to 20 pages a minute, double- sided, in colour or black and white, remove blank pages, orient pages. It is smart. It comes with an Adobe Acrobat Standard program that I have found to be useful on multiple occasions. It is small – about 14’ long, 7” deep and 8” high but it is not cheap. Its current version, the Fujitsu ScanSnap iX500, costs about \$550 CDN from electronics stores. It is **NOT** a replacement for a flat-bed scanner for things like photographs, although I have used it for newish photos.

If you are looking to throwing out piles of paper but know that it contains valuable information, you may find this useful. One BIG proviso: you must organize that paper first. Once you have scanned the group of pages you have organized, you will need to sensibly name the file created. For example: 2013 Helen Taxes. This file would then be put into a folder on your computer, probably called Taxes. If you do not create useful file names and file them in appropriate folders, you may be replacing a paper mess with a mess on your computer.

Once you have created your files and **before** you throw the paper out, **BACK UP YOUR COMPUTER FILES** to an external hard drive or to the Cloud. I am sure that you are doing this at least monthly. If you are not, be prepared for heartache when the next thunderstorm hits.

### Films received in the week ending June 20<sup>th</sup> and due for return August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Film Content	Film No
DEU Emig & Immig Stammbloetter, 1939-1945 12490-13174	1796594
DEU Emig & Immig Stammbloetter, 1939-1945 17457-18337	1796601
ENG SSX Diocese of Chichester, Wills v. A7 1576-1583	0097236
PRU WPRU Rosenberg PRs 1633-1957	0208260
PRU WPRU Tichel Baptisms 1858-1873	0245467

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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