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Announcements

Do not forget that we will not be open on Thursday afternoons from now on.

OGS Toronto Event - Tracing Forward – Searching for Relatives in Recent Times

October 26, 9am-5pm; North York Central Library

Don't forget this upcoming event. Tracing forward to find living relatives and those who may be recently deceased is increasingly being recognized as an essential strategy for all genealogists. For the first time, the Toronto Branch is devoting a full day of lectures to this important topic to help you find those elusive cousins. Click [here](#) for further information about speakers and topics to be covered.

What's New

[FamilySearch](#) has updated its databases of indexes to English parish records; there are currently 68 million baptisms, 14 million burials and 16 million marriages. Only a few localities are included and the time period varies by locality but if you find a person of interest the film number is displayed and you will be able to easily order it. The Ontario marriage index has been updated.

[Ancestry](#) has added an index to California deaths 1905-1939 (the images have been on FamilySearch for some time). A database of five million names listed in US school catalogs between 1765 and 1939 has been added. Estate information has been added for New South Wales 1923-1958 and for New Zealand 1880-1950. In addition, several more small collections of Jewish records from about the time of WWII have been added; these records have come from the JewishGen website.

[DeceasedOnline](#) has started to add a new collection of burial records. The collection is from The National Archives, Kew, and it contains approximately 175,000 records from over 200 cemeteries across many parts of England and Wales, where graves and tombstones have been removed. The records are digital scans of original transcriptions from local authorities and the Church Commissioners relating to burial ground removals. The list records each site by location and title, followed by the years covered by inscription on the tombs and gravestones. Most are from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Currently, approximately 105,000 records from the collection are available; the remainder will be added in the near future. For details of the burial grounds that will be covered click [here](#). DeceasedOnline has made a number of changes and improvements to the website. New features include:

Search by cemetery or crematorium within a county or borough

A coverage link in the top menu to make it easier to see which parts of the UK are currently included

Better help when the name searched for isn't found, with access to their FAQ on the subject, and to hints on how to use wild cards

The Forum:

No new questions or suggestions this week.

Were You Aware...

Irish Immigrants to Bytown 1823-1825

Laurie Wheeler has just discovered a resource, which is new to her, for male Irish immigrants in the Ottawa Valley that is now online on Ancestry in an obscure location. She says "It was published in 1991 by OGS as: The McCabe list: early Irish in the Ottawa valley, by Bruce Mitchell.

"The key to tracing ancestors in Ireland is to know what County and, if possible, parish, they came from. This fantastic source gives the County and parish of origin of over 600 male Irish immigrants who came to Bytown in 1823-1825 to work on the Rideau Canal.

"The source is a 50-page petition organized by Colonel By in 1829, from over 600 Irish men, and includes: their signatures, the County, Parish or Townland from whence they came, the number in their family, and a list of relatives back in Ireland who would be desirous of coming to Canada. For those with Irish brickwalls, this is an invaluable source. It not only provides details regarding the ancestral Irish home of over 600 men, it also, in the references to in-laws back in Ireland who might come to Canada provides invaluable hints as to the maiden names of many of the wives of these men (or the husbands of their sisters).

"This document is hidden among thousands of pages of original correspondence regarding emigration 1817-1896 from the Colonial Office in London. It is available at Library and Archives Canada as part of record group CO 384/22, on Microfilm reel B-945, page numbered 64. It has also recently been placed online at Ancestry.com. There is no index of names, but it is easy to peruse the 47 pages of names. On Ancestry, the petition created by Colonel By can be found starting [here](#)."

The Ancestry database is called: Canada, Immigration and Settlement Correspondence and Lists, 1817-1896. This particular item starts on page 82 of Volume 022, dated 1829 and is CO384/22. There is also a lot of Peter Robinson correspondence in this large group of records.

Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy Magazine

The October edition of *Irish Lives Remembered* is now available to read online or download free [here](#). This month's focus is on Derry-Londonderry, with 24 pages of the magazine devoted to this area. *Irish Lives Remembered* has been published online monthly for 1½ years.

Historical Directories of England and Wales

The University of Leicester has had a number of historical directories online since 2003 [here](#). They have a new website at [Special Collections Online](#) that is in its test phase. Their description of trade directories follows. Trade directories are a vital source for the study of local and family history. This collection contains all 675 directories for England and Wales originally digitised under a Lottery funded project run by the University of Leicester. The aim of this project was to make available one directory for each English and Welsh county for the 1850s, 1890s and 1910s. In addition, a sample of directories was made available for the period 1750-1849, and for the 1860s, 1870s, 1880s and 1900s. In Britain the first recognisable directories emerged during the late seventeenth century, meeting a growing demand for accurate information about trade and industry. The content of the directories varies, but typically they contain:

- descriptions of cities, parishes, towns and villages. These may include geographical, historical and statistical details
- information about local facilities, institutions and associations
- listings for private residents, traders, trades and professions
- details of important people
- advertisements

The Special Collections Online includes several other collections, some dealing with manufacturing in the Midlands as well as the East Midlands Oral History Archive.

No films were received in the week ending October 10th.

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours:

(Always phone us if you do not have a booking to ensure that we are open.)

Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (Linda)

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm (Ann, Joe am, Helen & Leslie pm); 6:30pm to 9:30pm (Helen)

Thursday 9:30am to noon (Don & Roberta); 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (Don & Roberta)

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come.

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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