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The last Bulletin of 2013!



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In This Bulletin

Announcements – Closed over Christmas and New Years

What's New – Ancestry (more English electoral registers among other additions), FamilySearch (more records to browse), RootsIreland (County Armagh additions), Irish Lives Remembered online magazine, In-Depth Genealogist online magazine, MyHeritage (millions of Nordic records added), PRONI (Valuation Revision Books)

The Forum – One new question but no further suggestions

No *Were You Aware...* this week

Announcements

We will be closed from December 20th to January 6th.

Reminder of Toronto OGS Winter Courses

Registration is now open for all of OGS winter 2014 courses. They will be offering six courses in February and March:

Tracing Your African Heritage in the British West Indies
Saturday, February 1, 2014, 1 – 5 p.m.

The Social History of Medicine in 19th Century Canada
Tuesdays, February 4 & 11, 2014, 2 – 4 pm

Making the Internet Work for Genealogy
Wednesdays, February 12, 19 & 26 & March 5, 2014, 6:15 – 8:15 pm

Tracing Your East Indian Heritage in the British West Indies
Saturday, February 15, 2014, 1 – 5 pm

The Social History of Dress in 19th Century Canada
Tuesdays, February 18 & 25, 2014, 2 – 4 pm

Introduction to Genealogy and Family History
Saturday, February 22, 2014, 10 am – 3 pm

Details can be found on the Toronto OGS website at <http://torontofamilyhistory.org/learn/courses>.

What's New

Ancestry added millions of names on electoral registers for Surrey and West Yorkshire, England yesterday. They have updated their collection of Warwickshire church records, which now contains over one million records. Other updates include Vermont birth records, 1828 New South Wales census, New South Wales Convict indents, and England & Wales, Calendar of the Principal Ecclesiastical Dignitaries, 314-1853, and Oxford Men and their Colleges 1880-1892. Ancestry has added many indexed names from existing websites which will help you do one huge comprehensive search.

DeceasedOnline has added 39,000 burial records from ten overseas military cemeteries in Cyprus, Egypt, Malta and Singapore. The records date from 1823. There are also records for eight British military burial sites within the UK. The collection of Military Burial Records comprises various collections from The National Archives including those with the following TNA references: ADM 6, ADM 73, ADM 305 and WO 156.

FamilySearch has added indexed records to civil registration records for Pangasinan, Philippines 1945-1981 and Illinois Naturalization records 1926-1979. There are also new browsable images added to collections from Brazil; Peru; Queens County NY Probate; Washington County; and Bari, Frosinone and Catania Italy.

RootsIreland.ie has added new records for County Armagh. They are mainly Methodist and Quaker church records from the mid-1800s. Go to <http://armagh.rootsireland.ie/generic.php?filename=sources.tpl&selectedMenu=sources> to see what is available for Armagh currently.

The December issue of [Irish Lives Remembered](http://www.irishlivesremembered.com/), a free online magazine, available at <http://www.irishlivesremembered.com/> focuses on County Armagh.

The In-Depth Genealogist has their November issue of their free online magazine available [here](#). This issue is called Going In-Depth and the articles look very interesting. On December 15th look for their next issue.

MyHeritage.com has added millions of records for those with Nordic ancestors. Go to their [Research page](#) and click on the map to find your country of interest. For Sweden, MyHeritage has added 11 million records with 31 million names; for Norway, 10 million records with 30 million names; for Denmark, 5.5 million records with 14 million names; and for Finland, 5.5 million records with 16 million names. MyHeritage is subscription website costing about \$120 per year.

PRONI, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland has added new records to its Valuation Revision Books. All PRONI online records are free and they now include Will Calendars, Valuation Revision Books, Street Directories, Ulster Covenant, Freeholders Records, and Londonderry Corporation Records.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2013/47. Ireland.

I have a puzzle. A look-up the marriage of Thomas Moffit and Mary Ann Byrne on the 19 Nov 1853 at St Nicholas RC Church in Dublin shows *Maria Anna Byrne alias Hay*. The previous entry also said *alias*. As these records were written in Latin, could the *alias* mean *formerly*? When her children were baptised in the RC Church in Manchester her name was recorded as *Mary Ann Byrne*. Since Mary Ann said she was born in Kilkenny about 1830 and the marriage was in Dublin, I wonder how the priest came by this information. I have not found Mary Ann's baptism or birth records in Kilkenny either as Byrne or Hay. If she was a widow and this was her second marriage I could understand him knowing. What was the priest indicating when he wrote "*alias Hay*", born out of wedlock or previously married?

Suggestions: No further suggestion this week.

Films received in the week ending December 12th and due for return about the end of February.

Films Received Table	
Film Content	Film No
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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.

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. Closed December 20th to January 6th.

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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