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Announcements

Toronto OGS Lecture - Search Your Chinese Roots

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 3:30 pm at North York Memorial Hall

This lecture by Grace Chan will present an overview of how Chinese family history has been recorded over the centuries and what people living today need to know if they want to find information about their ancestors in China and elsewhere in the world. This lecture will be in Mandarin with English explanations as needed. Click [here](#) for more information.

Toronto Schools' War Memorials Database Now Has 90 Schools

Volunteers with the Toronto OGS have added about 3,000 new names since the fall of 2013 to **For King and Country** – the online database of school memorials commemorating Toronto students and staff who volunteered for active service in the two World Wars and other military conflicts. This searchable collection now contains 90 schools and more than 35,000 names, with transcriptions and photographs of school war memorials, along with historical background and links to other useful school and community websites. The newest schools in the database are Oakridge Public School and Danforth Technical School. To explore **For King and Country** click [here](#).

What's New

Ancestry added several valuable collections for New York City – births 1878-1909, marriages 1866-1937 and death 1862-1948. New York State censuses for 1855 and 1875 have also been added.

FamilySearch has added more indexed images for Lima Peru (now over one million records available) and for Ohio Death 1908-1953 (currently over 3.5 million records).

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/01. Canada.

We are trying to discover what happened to the BELFIELD family after the 1911 census of Canada. We can find no trace of the mother or the children. The father may turn up in Peterborough Ontario. Arthur Wallace BELFIELD went to live with the HOWES family where he was known as Wallace HOWES. We are anxious to know what happened to the rest of the family and why they would part with little Arthur Wallace. Did the others die? Change their names? Go to a different country? We have explored every avenue we can think of to no avail. Can anyone help please?

1911 Canadian Census

121 Claremont, Toronto West

Stanley Belfield, 26, born Feb 1885, England

[Stanley Charles Belfield, chr Mar 15 1884, Arthur John & Eliza Florence Belfield]

Lillie Belfield, 25, born May 1877, England

[Elizabeth Annie Tudor c June 1885]

Stanley G. Belfield, 4, born April 1907, Ontario

[Stanley Green Victor Belfield 21 April 1907, Stanley Belfield & Lillian Tudor]

Violet Belfield, 2, June 1908, Ontario

[Lillian Violet Belfield 24 June 1908, Stanley Charles Belfield & Lillian Tudor]
Arthur Belfield, 1, born Jan 1910, Ontario [?]
Ruby Belfield, 5/12, born Jan 1911, Ontario [?]

Stanley Charles BELFIELD married Annie Elizabeth TUDOR c June 1905

Son Reginald Victor Belfield born c June 1906 Bristol R-D; died May 3, 1907 London, Ontario

Suggestions:

Q1/2014/01. Canada/Ireland.

I have hit a brick wall. Catherine McCarthy, 83 years old, is listed on the 1861 Census for Drummond Twp. Lanark County, Ontario and she says that she was born in Ireland. On that Census are listed her son John, his wife Ann Jane, their children William, Susannah, Margaret, Catherine, John. In the 1871 Census the family has moved to Westmeath Twp., Renfrew County. Catherine (John's mother) is not listed but my grandfather Samuel, a younger son of John, is on the census for Westmeath Twp, Renfrew County. To find out where my family came from in Ireland, I need to find Catherine's obituary, death certificate and/or grave marker. I have searched with no success. Can anyone help me please? Note 1: On the 1861 census the family's religion is written as RC but I know them to be Presbyterian. Note 2: My grandfather Samuel McCarthy and family members are buried in Beachburg Union Cemetery. Approximately 100 feet away there is another family plot with the name McCagherty written on it. I learned that this is the grave of Samuels' father John, mother Ann Jane and some of his siblings. Any help in finding Catherine would be appreciated.

On the 1861 census, Catherine McCarthy and her son and grandchildren are all listed as being Roman Catholic, although Ann Jane says that she is Presbyterian. By 1871 Catherine is probably dead and John says that he is Roman Catholic and the children are now Presbyterian. In 1881 John, too, has converted. This is relevant because there are two burials of Catherine McCarthy to be found on the old but still useful [Ontario Vital Statistics Project](#) (Cemetery Aids) in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Perth. This is close to where the family lived in 1861. The burial transcription was done by the Lanark Genealogical Society and transcribed again on this Vital Statistics website. The burials which may be relevant are: Catherine McCarthy (formerly O'Dea), Catherine McCarthy (formerly O'Mara), M. McCarthy (husband of Catherine O'Mara), and John Joseph McCarthy (1st husband of Catherine O'Dea). The [Lanark Genealogical Society](#) has an archives building north of Perth and they have a number of resources that should be of great interest to this researcher. They have cemetery transcripts, land registry books, and microfilm of the Perth Courier, which may document important dates for this family. [Paper of Record](#) has digitized the Perth Courier from 1834 to 1984 and subscriptions to this may be available from your local library or you can pay for a subscription.

Were You Aware...

Researching on Iffy Foundations Sometimes Worthwhile!

Christine in Hertfordshire writes:

"While I agree absolutely with your recommendation, in Bulletin 2013-46, for **proper source-citations** (nothing more maddening than not being able to retrace your steps to justify a record!), and to **work from knowns to knowns**, I would say that there are a (very) few occasions when breaking that second rule and 'taking a punt' can be fruitful... with the caveat that you need to make sure that all those steps that may need to be unravelled are properly noted. (I can't think of an occasion when that first rule is worth breaking.)

"Example:

"In the 1841 census, HO107/385/3 fo9, at the bottom of p12, you can see Eli & Ann CHRISTMAS in Basingstoke. Later records have them living in Faringdon, Hants.

"Ann is "30" and born in the county. She died before 1851 and I knew only that her surname was the not uncommon "FOSTER" (m 29 Jul 1828 St M Portsea [M062613]). I browsed around possible baptisms in Hampshire, in the 1806-11 date range, and found several - of which 11 Apr 1805 Bishops Waltham, [K146691], seemed most promising. I used the batch number to suss out likely siblings and then looked for a parental marriage. On that basis I found that Thomas FOSTER had married Elizabeth PAFOOT in Bishops Waltham on 28 Jan 1793 [M146691; PRp12#47 n.c.]. That marriage looked extremely promising because one of Eli & Ann's children was Henry Pafoot CHRISTMAS, bap 7 Dec 1836 St Andrew, Farnham, SRY; s/o Henry CHRISTMAS, victualler, & Ann; of Farnham [C069731;BTp?#1890].

"I looked at Elizabeth PAFOOT's family and found that she was one of at least two children of Charles PAFOOT/PAFOTT and Elizabeth GAMBLIN, m 10 Feb 1766 St Mary's Portsea [M062611]. She had a brother, Charles PAFOOT, bap 30 Aug 1772 St Marys, Portsea; s/o Charles PAFOOT, age 19mo [C062611;FMP-HGS], who married Charlotte SMITH 10 Mar 1812 Bishops Waltham [M146691]. They had no children, so Charles left some of his possessions to his nephews and

nieces, specifying their relationships - just as his father had left possessions to Charles and his sister, also specifying names and relationships.

“Those Wills made it absolutely clear that I had the correct baptism - originally just a guess. BUT, I had noted all the sources on the way so that I could have rooted out the tree had it proved false.”

Source Citations Again

As Christine has demonstrated above, her short source citations allowed her to go back through her records. It is also useful to ensure that the work that others have done is correct. For me to check Christine's research, I started with her 1841 census citation – HO107/385/3 fo9 p12: HO107 indicates either the 1841 or 1851 census (all the others have a unique number RG##), next is the piece number 385 (a largish area), then the book number and within the book the page and folio numbers. These can all be found when you view the transcription of the record on Ancestry or FindMyPast. It enables one to immediately find the census entry without hunting again. The funny alphanumeric combinations after the birth and marriages that she cites are IGI Batch Numbers. The International Genealogical Index can be found on FamilySearch [here](#) where a name and batch number can be entered to check the citation. The FMP-HGS citation indicates FindMyPast – the parish register transcriptions done by the Hampshire Genealogical Society.

If you have copied records from a film, your source citation should be the film number, followed by the date but you could also include the page number on the film or of the record..

No films were received in the week ending January 16th.

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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