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**The Forum** – No new questions but even more suggestions for finding an Upper Canada marriage

**Were You Aware...** – 1746 Map of London, Other online map websites

### What's New

**DeceasedOnline** has started offering subscriptions for £89 per year to access their website. Unless I had a lot of burials that I wanted all the dates for and I knew that they were on DeceasedOnline, I do not think it would be worth it. Their pay-per-view options are quite flexible.

**Ancestry** has updated the Voters Lists for Canada 1935-1980 and there are now 95 million entries. They also updated the Manchester baptism, marriage and burial parish records, the Liverpool Catholic baptism, marriage and burial records, and the registers of coroners' inquests in New South Wales. The information from two CDs of the Maritime History Archive in Newfoundland has been added – the Index of Birth, Marriage & Death Notices from Newfoundland Newspapers 1810–1890 and an Index of more than 280,000 Surnames from the Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada 1860-1899. This index-only collection contains records of crew members, masters, and ship owners for vessels registered in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. Additionally, a database of immigration records from Antwerp Belgium 1840-1930 with nearly 350,000 records has been added. Ancestry's Old Search will be phased out in early March. Boo hoo!

### The Forum:

**Questions:** No new questions were received this week. Your editor would gratefully receive any helpful hints that readers can offer on any questions that are posted here.

### Suggestions:

#### Q1/2014/05. Ontario. York (Toronto Area).

I am trying to find the marriage of a George Barton and Frances (Fanny) Fewster Whitehead in Ontario. On 11th of February 1860 letters of administration were granted to Frances Barton, widow of the said intestate, for George Barton of the village of St. Andrews, York, Butcher, who died on or about the ninth day of January 1860 at St. Andrews; at the time of his death his abode was in the Village of St. Andrews, York (Toronto). Frances remarries in 1863 – Frances Whitehead Barton (born England, living Etobicoke, age 24, parents John Whitehead & Sarah Fewster) to John Gregory. Where might I find the earlier marriage of George Barton and Frances Whitehead?

Brian Gilchrist has these good suggestions:

"In this instance your readers might like to know that the former Village of St. Andrew's is now known as the community of Thistle town, in the former Township of Etobicoke in the County of York – and in modern terms near the intersection of Islington Avenue and Albion Road.

"George Barton died January 9, 1860 at the age of 45 years of an "abscess in the head" [vide the 1861 census of Etobicoke, Enumeration District Number 5, Ward # 5, page 60, line 13, column 29 "Deaths during the year 1860"].

"As the Widow Barton is listed in the 1861 census as being a member of the Church of England, may I suggest that the researcher check the registers of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke for both the marriage and burial of George

Barton. These registers are on deposit at the [Archives](#) of The Anglican Archdiocese of Toronto at 135 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, 416-363-6021.

“Your readers might like to know that the majority of Anglican (Episcopal) marriages, and the majority of those of the Roman Catholic Church, are not included in the pre-1869 “County” and “District” Civil registers as those institutions had special status under the Laws of Upper Canada / Canada West.”

### **Q2/2014/06. Cobalt Springs Mine?**

I have a great uncle (William Elliott) who apparently worked and died at Cobalt Springs Mine. Would there have been a Cobalt Springs Mine in New Zealand or Australia where his mother and sisters ended up?

Paul Jones added this suggestion: “Google Maps shows a Cobalt Springs Drive in Plano, Texas. Perhaps this area should be added to the list of possibles for your “Cobalt Springs Mine” researcher.”

### **Were You Aware...**

#### **1746 Map of London**

Dick Eastman’s blog on Monday mentioned that the Centre for Metropolitan History and the Museum of London Archaeology have digitized John Rocque’s 1746 map of London England and then georeferenced it. You can find the map [here](#). When originally engraved, it consisted of twenty-four sheets and was 3.84 by 2.01 metres in overall size (13’x6.5’). It took nearly ten years to survey, engrave and publish, and is a remarkable example of cartography. No wonder the digitized map shows remarkable detail.

I zoomed in on that part of the City south of the Thames (Southwark) where I knew that my ancestors had lived in the 1800s. There were many open areas labelled “Tenter Ground”. I turned to Wiki to find out what that might mean: “A tenterground or tenter ground was an area used for drying newly manufactured cloth after fulling. The wet cloth was hooked onto frames called tenters and stretched taut so that the cloth would dry flat and square. It is from this process that we have the expression “**on tenterhooks**”, meaning in a state of nervous tension.

You can also map the locations of various places that are included in linked databases. These include Old Bailey Proceedings, Coroners’ Records, Criminal Justice, Hospital and Guild, Poor Relief, Fire Insurance, Four Shillings in the Pound Tax, London and Westminster Directory, PCC Wills, etc. Looking for Fire Insurance records for a “Billing” turned up several records that could be mapped by clicking on the location with a thumbtack.

The 1746 map can be overlaid with the first accurate Ordnance Survey map of London (1869-1880), a modern Google map, or a satellite view. You can drag the little Streetview Man to the old map and see the streets as they exist today. The way that this was done is quite fascinating and you can read about it [here](#).

### **More Maps**

Old maps can be fascinating. Maps are incredibly useful in understanding the areas our ancestors lived in. All the following online map websites have been in previous Bulletins:

[Toronto Historical Maps](#)

[Goad’s Atlas of Toronto](#) (Fire Insurance maps)

[Fort York and Garrison Common Maps](#) (Toronto)

[County Maps of Ontario](#) about 1880

[First Ordnance Survey Maps of England, Scotland and Wales](#) from British History Online

[England and Wales Parish Finders](#) on FamilySearch

[National Library of Scotland Maps](#) - 48,000 maps as high-resolution, colour, zoomable images

[Genmaps](#) – Maps of England, Scotland and Wales – many not as detailed as the others listed here

[Old-Maps-UK](#) – free browsing

[Ogilby’s Road Maps of England and Wales](#) – free to browse

[Norfolk Historic Maps](#)

[Cheshire Tithe Maps](#)

[Hertfordshire Old Maps](#)

[Bristol Maps](#)

[London Old Maps](#)

[East London History Society maps](#)

[Bomb Sight](#) – Locations of bombs during the 1940/41 Blitz

[MapCo Maps](#) for London, the British Isles, Australia and Gallipoli, can be viewed online or purchased

Ancestry has some US land ownership maps.

[Massachusetts maps](#)

Australia – [Trove](#) has a collection of historical maps as well as their brilliant collection of newspapers.

Of course, [GoogleMaps](#) and [Bing Maps](#)

The Historic Map Works Library Edition has 1.5 million historical maps from around the world and is available at Family History Centres.

**Films received in the week ending February 27<sup>th</sup> and due for return about the beginning of May.**

Film Content	Film No
ENG YKS Cayton PR transcript	0561429
POL Śniatyn Gk Cath Recs BMD approx 1870-1900	1782901
RUS Vilna Vishnevo BMDs 1899	2102810

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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