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Announcements

We were closed again on Wednesday for yet another Toronto snowstorm. We remind patrons to call before coming if the weather is inclement. Those readers who have daffodils blooming in their gardens, enjoy! We hope ours are blooming by May. Currently the temperature is -15, which is 25 degrees (Celsius) colder than it was on Tuesday.

Film Ordering

FamilySearch has announced that orders for all microfiche and those microfilms with numbers above 1,881,705 will be restricted during April. "The Granite Mountain Vault will be shifting a large number of films into their newly renovated space. This move entails moving half a million rolls of film and numerous cabinets of fiche and digital media. It will be too risky to pull items during this time. This move is scheduled for early April of 2014 and will last about two weeks."

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

Elayne Lockhart has donated six Irish films that she used in researching one of her ancestors to write her book: *Marie Richenet: From Switzerland to Ireland, Her Amazing Life Story*. The films are some of the Pack-Beresford manuscripts. The complete collection contains 4500 documents of the papers of Primate Beresford and about 500 documents of the Dunbar family of Woburn, County Down. A more complete description can be found [here](#) in the PRONI catalogue. The microfilms are numbered MIC 549, reels 7 to 10 and reel 13. These films will be catalogued and filed in our archives next week.

What's New

Ancestry has added several collections of select (ie a tiny fraction of) Irish Catholic records this week. These are: Catholic baptisms 1763-1912 in 73 parishes, Catholic marriages 1775-1912 in 62 parishes, Catholic burials 1767-1912 in 19 parishes and Catholic confirmations 1775-1912 in 12 parishes. They have also added the 1825 and 1842 censuses for Lower Canada. These have been available for some time on the [Library and Archives Canada website](#) and also on [FamilySearch](#). The Massachusetts state censuses of 1855 and 1865 are now available as well.

[FamilySearch](#) has added new indexes to Swedish records this week. There are now over 600,000 images online to browse for the church records in the county of Kalmar for 1577-1907, and currently a small number of these records (30,000) have been indexed.

[RootsIreland](#) has added its first County Clare Catholic Church records. Baptisms in seven parishes are now available [online](#): Cratloe 1802-1901; Crusheen 1860-1900; Ennis 1841-1900; Feakle 1860-1900; Mountshannon & Whitegate 1846-1900; Parteen 1831-1902; and Scariff 1852-1900. Marriages and burials will be added in due course.

The Forum:

Questions: No questions were received this week.

Suggestions:

Q1/2014/09. Germany to Canada.

I am looking for a marriage record between Johann Lage and Henriette Ernst. John Lage was born 24 December 1818 in Passade, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and Henriette was born 14 Apr 1826 in Dänischenhagen, Schleswig-Holstein. In the 1851 census they are living in Wilmot Township, Waterloo County along with their eldest daughter, Helena, born 1849, Wilmot Township. The parishes in Schleswig-Holstein have not produced the marriage and having spent 2 days at the Lutheran Archives in Waterloo, I can find no marriage of a John Lage anywhere. Question is if they were married 1848 in Canada would it have to be an Anglican marriage? Assuming they were married in Canada, where else should I look?

Christopher Martinello wrote:

"Marriages in 1848 Wilmot Township were NOT all Anglican. Wilmot Township, Waterloo County Ontario was indeed settled primarily by Germans, many directly from Germany and many from Pennsylvania, and lots of these Germans were Mennonite (but certainly not all were). There were many Lutherans and Roman Catholics among them. The main Catholic settlement was St. Agatha's in the north part of the township. However, there were several Lutheran churches in the smaller villages around Wilmot (e.g., New Hamburg, Mannheim, etc.). There were also Methodist and Anglican congregations that were often served by travelling ministers. If the Lutheran archives do not hold the marriage document in question, it might be fruitful to inquire directly to the various churches in Wilmot, at least those that were there in 1848. Many of these are good enough to check their parish registers for people inquiring. It may help to know which lot and concession the German ancestors lived at, and so narrow down the potential churches in proximity to that lot. Unfortunately, if this approach is not successful, the reality is that many marriage registers were lost before 1869, since they were kept by individual ministers and frequently lost or destroyed."

Leslie Dorschell, fellow FHC volunteer, had these comments:

"Based on my own family research, it is likely that Johann Lage and Henriette Ernst came over from Prussia (now Germany) together, or close to the same time, because they were from the same area. They might have married before coming over but it is also quite likely that they married here in North America. Many Prussians did this at that time because it was too expensive to get married there, i.e., they would have had to qualify financially to do this. They also could have gotten married en route to Wilmot Township at some point after landing at New York City, their most-likely port of arrival.

"Their marriage would not have had to be Anglican unless it was the closest church to where they lived. However, there were Lutheran churches in some of the small towns/settlements in Wilmot Township. "Family Research in Ontario's Waterloo County" by Ryan Taylor, 2001 (a copy is at the Toronto FHC), tells where church records for Wilmot Township can be found starting on page 96. (Of course, some records may have been moved since 2001.) Here are the most likely small towns/settlements with the year their Lutheran churches were established: Mannheim (St. James) – 1846; New Hamburg (Trinity) – 1834 (there is no mention of records between 1834 and 1851!); Petersburg (Emmanuel) – 1844; Phillipsburg (Zion) – 1843; and St. Agatha (Zion) – 1834.

"It might be best to check with the churches in these places to inquire where the records are kept and how they can be accessed. Also, it is good to keep in mind that churches were often served by circuit ministers or ministers who were shared with other churches (of the same religion) in the vicinity.

"Unfortunately, most records available online state only Wilmot Township without giving a town/settlement name. Although Henrietta's surname, Ernst, is a common name, it might be worth looking at Ernst records in Wilmot Township should they be related. Many Germans either came with friends or family or followed them there. One of the Ernst records indicates the town of New Hamburg. Interestingly, it is for a Louise Henrietta Ernst.

"John and Henrietta's eldest child was "Lena" (which could have been short for "Helena" or "Magdalena", a common name in German families at that time). The 1851 census states that she was two years old. However, this is her "age next birthday" and the 1851 census was done over a two-year period ending in mid January 1852 which expands the date range. Therefore, she could have been born in 1850-51 with her parents getting married in 1849-50."

Q2/2014/09. Kent Probate.

I am trying to prove the link between Septimus Campbell and George Campbell, who immigrated to Canada from England in the early 1850s. I believe that Septimus is George's grandfather, son of Henry of Septimus. I think that George's father had died before Septimus did. I have tried looking for probate records here: the Extracted Probate Records 1269-1975 on Ancestry, the [Kent Genealogy probate records](#), and the Kent Wills Index on Origins.net, which has the two courts in which I

think any will of Septimus would be probated – the Archdeaconry and the Consistory Courts of Canterbury. I found a private family tree on Ancestry that indicated that Septimus made a bequest to George but I do not subscribe to Ancestry and, therefore, cannot contact them. What probate records have I failed to look at?

The researcher did not mention checking the online PCC wills at the National Archives at Kew which are available [here](#). Unfortunately no PCC will was found for Septimus Campbell.

Were You Aware...

Trail Routes – How did Your Ancestors get there?

I was thinking about this week's question about coming to Canada from Germany when I happened across a FamilySearch Wiki page about trail routes. The main page is [US Migration Trails and Roads](#). This gives a chronological list of major historic trails and roads used in the settlement of the United States, starting with the pre-historic Seneca Trail (the Great Indian Warpath) and ending with the Bozeman Trail from Wyoming to Montana, dating from 1863. As well as FamilySearch Wiki articles with maps about many of these trails, there are useful links to other websites of migration routes, notably [Cyndi's List](#). The FamilySearch Wiki article on the [Albany Post Road](#) has a good map with many other routes, including the Erie Canal and the Lake Champlain Canal. As Albany is on the route north from New York to Canada, one of these routes may have been used by the families in question 1 above. Knowing the history and geography of an area will often help understand the history of your family.

Hoosier Daddy?

A recent [Mocavo](#) blog directed me to a new blog by genealogist Michael Lacopo called [Hoosier Daddy?](#). Michael states that "This will serve to document my search for my mother's family. It will also serve as a source for up-to-date information for family members, a source for teaching and knowledge for those using DNA in genealogical research as well as other genealogical techniques, and perhaps just a source of entertainment for the curious." But it is more than that – it is like reading a good book, and the style is a wonderful example of how to bring your family history alive to the reader. Each blog has a bit of background, some history and photographs to add to the story's interest. So far there have been 17 blogs and they should be read in order starting at the very [beginning](#). I look forward to his next blog. Happy reading!

Genetic Genealogy

Linda Reid forwarded the link to an interesting blog from [The Legal Genealogist](#) this week. In her blog, Judy Russell emphasizes "Test as many people as you can" and then goes on to demonstrate why in fairly clear language. Well worth reading for those of us just starting our journey into this "new" field.

No films received in the week ending March 6th.

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

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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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