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The Forum – One new question; an interesting find for last week's question

Were You Aware... – Online Magazines, Genetic Genealogy – Surprises for Me!

What's New

Ancestry has added several collections of Argentinean records, a small collection of Brazilian civil registration records and a collection of over a million Danish burials 1640-1907. The biggest update was to the Selected Poor Law Removal and Settlement records 1828-1930 for London England. The US Military Registers 1862-1970 have been updated.

FamilySearch has added no new database collections this week but they have added records to existing collections. These include England Kent Registers of Electors 1507-1907 (available only at Family History Centres); Sevilla & Cadiz Spain Municipal Records; US Marine Corps Muster Rolls 1798-1892; and Cape Province South Africa Civil Deaths 1895-1972. The records of parish records for Cornwall and Devon are starting to be indexed and the first 171,000 are available now with the actual parish register images.

DeceasedOnline has added a few more burial records to their Aberdeenshire Council database.

FindMyPast has updated their US passenger lists. They now cover the following ports of arrival: Boston Passenger Lists 1846-1851 (90,264 people); New Orleans Passenger Lists 1846-1851 (71,506 people); Baltimore Passenger Lists 1846-1851 (187 people); Philadelphia Passenger Lists 1846-1851 (47,542 people); and New York Passenger Lists 1849-1890 (about two million people).

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/11. Ireland to Spain.

Mary Elizabeth Silo, second daughter of Modesto Silo, married Spaniard, Jasper Herraiz, on April 29, 1862 in St Malachy's Roman Catholic Church, Belfast. I have the following information about the family in Ireland: unknown child born 18 May 1863; Mary Adeline, born 09 Oct 1864; Mares (Moses?), born 05 Dec 1866; in 1870 Jasper Herriaz was a Foreign Correspondent in Belfast; in 1866 Jasper Herraiz is listed as the clerk who settled all accounts in dissolving the partnership of Stephen Mansillo and TP de la Riva (linen manufacturers and merchants), listed as having a Branch in Belfast. I would like to find out about Jasper's death (before 1890) and Mary Elizabeth's life as a widow in Madrid. I know those dates because of Mary's father's will which was made in 1890. I am particularly interested in any records in Madrid, Spain. Thanks for any help that you can provide!

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 Dänishenhagen, 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.

The researcher had a look for family trees of this person and found very interesting information in the details and memories section of FamilySearch: FamilySearch - Family Tree - [Find](#). The Life Sketch for Hans Lage says this: "As narrated by Ernest (Ernie) Logie, grandson of Johannes Lage, and son of Henry Logie and Marie Thedorf (paraphrased account):

"At the age of 22, Johannes Lage, was performing his compulsory military service in the German army. After the custom of that day, soldiers were disciplined by being bound and beaten for various misdemeanors. One day young Johannes gathered a few belongings together and announced to his mother, "I've taken my last licking yesterday; I'm pulling out." He stowed away on a ship bound for America, and when the ship was three days out, made his presence known.

"He was hungry. The crew, of course, could not let him off, and were not going to take him back, and so they put him to work. The ship was on the water for sixteen weeks before arriving in Canada. Since the country was young, and consequently did not have rigid immigration laws, Johannes was not deported. He made his way to what is now Wilmot Township, Waterloo County, Ontario, and later moved, with his family, to Brant Township, Bruce County, Ontario, where the younger children were born. His family in Germany never heard from him again, did not know where he went, or even if he was alive!

"As a deserter, Johannes probably would have faced the death penalty had he been caught and returned to Germany. For this reason, he apparently would not so much as allow his picture to be taken. He changed his name (not legally, but simply by usage) from the German, Johannes Lage, to the Scottish, John Logie.

"It is said that he met his bride on the ship crossing the Atlantic (although the interval between his emigration and the birth of his oldest child—about nine years—tends to cast some doubt on what may be simply a romantic addition to the story)!"

One of the memories included on a separate page was: "Ernest Logie's grandfather, Johann[es] Lage, came to Canada in the 1800s after deserting from the German cavalry: The cavalry soldiers were responsible for grooming the horses, after which the officers would walk by, wiping the horses' coats with their white gloves. If the gloves were soiled in any way, the cavalry soldiers were beaten! John Logie's grandfather, Johann Lage, finally had enough of this treatment, and decided to seek better fortunes elsewhere. He left Germany for Canada and never went back! However, he was always afraid they would come looking for him, so he changed his last name from *Lage* to *Logie*."

While this is not a suggestion for the researcher, it is a suggestion to readers to look at all available online resources because you never know what you will find. It is also an idea of what information might spark a conversation between newly-found cousins. I am still in touch with three third-cousins because of a postcard one of them uploaded to an Ancestry tree. But, of course, a word of caution – don't believe everything you find; do your own research to back it up.

Were You Aware...

Online Magazines

It is past the middle of the month and the next issues of *Irish Lives Remembered* and *In Depth Genealogy* are now available for reading online or downloading. The 64-page magazine, *Going In-Depth* is available [here](#); and the *Irish Lives Remembered* is available [here](#).

Genetic Genealogy – Surprises for Me!

I decided to wade into the unknown waters of Genetic Genealogy last fall with a Family Finder (autosomal) test at [FamilyTreeDNA](#). At the very reasonable cost of \$99 USD, I thought that my results might be interesting. I received my matches just before Christmas, but with the six-day power failure and editing a book, I did not really have much time to absorb the results. I did notice that the areas from which it appeared my ancestors hailed were 84% Orcadian (British) and 16% Middle East (Palestinian, Bedouin, Druze, Jewish). I expected to see a British background; but my Italian great-grandfather did not appear to be represented, and I did not know of any Middle Eastern background.

I recently had another look and checked out my matches; there seemed to be a very high number of Jewish names on the list, none of which meant anything to me. Within the top 20 of my nearly 600 matches was the founder and CEO of FamilyTreeDNA, Bennett Greenspan, his daughter and his father. (The four of us match on the same 20cM segment of chromosome 17.) So I asked Linda Reid if he purposely matched with everyone; she laughed uproariously and suggested that I email him. So I did. He replied in a few hours: "Because the Jews were so inbred over centuries there are many common 'blocks' of DNA that is shared among a large % of Eastern European Jews. You certainly look like you have one Jewish ancestor, at least. You have many matches to people who are Jewish and that means that you share some distant matching blocks." I have one great-grandmother, born in London England, whom I have been unable to trace satisfactorily, and I had another look at the information I have recorded for her. More than a decade ago my mother had said that Ada was Jewish but, although I had ignored it as I had no evidence one way or the other, I did write it down. My mother's

comment was more suspect because Ada was my father's grandmother, not hers. I now have a completely different avenue to explore; it looks like it will be quite the journey.

My second surprise was an email from a reader of the Bulletin, saying that we matched at a low level (5th cousin to remote), could we have known ancestors in common, and, by the way, was I the Helen Billing who writes the Bulletin.

Films received in the week ending March 20th and due for return about the end of May.

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Neustrelitz PRs	0069784
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