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What's New

Ancestry has added a database of Italian Civil Registration for Castellammari di Stabia, Napoli; this database is already available at [FamilySearch](#) and image browsing on Ancestry leads you to FamilySearch. Idaho County Marriages 1864-1950 and South Africa, Free State Dutch Reformed Church Records 1848-1946 have been added. A small collection from New South Wales caught my eye: Butts of Marriage Licenses 1813-1835; Ancestry explained that a butt is the portion of a certificate that remains in a certificate or license book. Updates this week include: Dorset Baptisms 1813-1906 and Burials 1813-2001; Florida & South Carolina Passenger Lists 1907-1948; Ohio Deaths 1908-2007 with gaps; and Minnesota Marriages 1958-2001.

[FamilySearch](#) has updated a lot of browsable record collections in the last week. The list runs to several pages. I suggest searching for the country you are interested in to see if your place of interest has new records.

FindMyPast has announced that it has a new project with The National Archives to digitise and release the 1939 Register of Britons and that it will be published online in the next two years. As the 1931 census was destroyed and the 1941 census did not occur, the 1939 Register is the only surviving record of the population between 1921 and 1951.

The Forum:

Questions: No new questions were received this week.

Suggestions:

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 Herraiz 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.

There are two mentions of Jasper Herraiz in the 19th Century British Newspaper Archive available at Family History Centres. There are seven articles available from The British Newspaper Archive [here](#) and there is probably enough information available in the little clips given to figure out what the article is about without having to pay for access. These same seven articles are available on the WorldWide or Irish FindMyPast websites in the Belfast Morning News or the Belfast News-Letter. There are two articles announcing the marriage of Jasper Herraiz to the second daughter of Modesto Silo, Mary Eliza. There are announcements for the births of their children: a son in 1863, a daughter in 1864, a daughter in 1868 and, most interesting, a son in 1866 in Madrid. The last article in March 1868 is an advertisement for an auction of "*linen presses and office fittings at the warehouse of Mr. Jasper Herraiz, who is removing to Spain*". [There are quite a few articles about Modesto Silo and his son, also Modesto.]

But the researcher is really looking for Spanish records. No Spanish records are yet available on Ancestry or FindMyPast. However, the FamilySearch website has uploaded a number of collections of Spanish Municipal records over the last six months. So far some records for 22 of Spain's 50 provinces have been uploaded. As yet the Municipal records for Madrid have not been uploaded but, hopefully, they are not too far off. To check what Spanish records on FamilySearch are available, click [here](#).

Municipal records will not detail the complete life of the family. The catalog of FamilySearch has nearly 1500 films of notarial records for Madrid from 1504-1879. As this family is likely quite well off, the films of these records may be quite interesting. The list of the films can be found [here](#) and an index to these records can be found in a book at the Robarts Library at U of T. [Go to this FamilySearch [page](#) and "*View in WorldCat*".]

Were You Aware...

Ancestry Library Edition vs FHC Edition

Did you know that the edition of Ancestry available at your local library provides access to less than one third of the databases available from a subscription or at Family History Centres? According to Dick Eastman's blog this past week the Ancestry Library edition has 9,098 collections and the Ancestry collections available at Family History Centres and by Worldwide subscription have 31,663 collections.

Are You Ready to Publish Your Family History?

I remember the catchy title of a presentation to OGS Toronto members called "Publish Before You Perish". I hope that some readers are currently putting the finishing touches to their books. Do not wait until you are "finished" – family history is never finished. Several years ago, Rodger Archer wrote about his experiences in self-publishing his book in the Bulletin. He used CreateSpace, an Amazon company, where it is still available: *Matthew Spratt & Elizabeth Chirside*. Another reader self-published his book at Staples. OGS helped Ken Cox publish his book – *A Call to the Colours - Tracing Your Canadian Military Ancestors*. [All kindly donated a copy of their books to our Toronto FHC library.]

I was recently involved in editing a book to celebrate the 50th anniversary of an organization I am involved in. The book ended up being 220 pages long with about 450 photographs in it. I had to find a publisher willing to produce fewer than ten copies in full colour as presentation books, which we hope will last another 50 years. I talked to Rick Roberts of [GlobalGenealogy](#), who was extremely helpful and guided me through the process. I also used his article [Self-Publishing: How to Organize the Components of Your Book](#). I found it very helpful to be able to talk to a real person, although we did not meet during this process. I uploaded a PDF copy of the book to him, and seven green hard-cover books with gold lettering were delivered by the mail in less than two weeks. I am sure that the recipients will be delighted with them.

Genetic Genealogy – Which Test?

There are three different kinds of DNA tests.

1. Mitochondrial DNA or mtDNA, tests are only for the female line – mother's, mother's, etc. Mitochondrial DNA mutates slowly and is not really useful for recent genealogy; it is more for "deep" genealogy, like 200,000 years ago.
2. Y-DNA tests only look at the Y-chromosome of the male and is useful for tracing the paternal line – father's, father's, etc. Only men have a Y-chromosome so it is only useful for half the population. It is widely recommended that a minimum of 37 markers are tested when doing a Y-DNA test, but tests for 67 or 111 markers are common now. Carolyn Abraham, when talking about Y-DNA at the OGS Toronto meeting a month ago, noted that the Y chromosome is the smallest or shortest of all the chromosomes.
3. Autosomal DNA is the DNA of the non-sex chromosomes or the autosomes. Autosomal DNA tests look at the 22 pairs of these non-sex chromosomes and compare them for matches in selected segments to all the other people in their database who have had autosomal DNA testing done. Finding good matches will depend on the size of the database; FamilyTreeDNA says they have the largest ancestry DNA database with 672,700 records. They do have records from around the world. [FamilyTreeDNA has recently added matches for the X-chromosome in the 23rd pair.] This test can be done by everyone but, like all genealogical research, it will require some work on your part.

Costs will likely play a part in which test you decide on. [These costs are from FamilyTreeDNA and do not include a small shipping cost. AncestryDNA is not offered outside the US. 23andme charges a lot for shipping; they do not do health testing at the moment.]

Y-DNA – 37 markers - \$169
67 markers - \$268
111 markers - \$359

Autosomal DNA – Family Finder - \$99

Films received in the week ending March 27th and due for return about the end of May.

Film Content	Film No
JAM Westmoreland Parish death registers 1878-1995	1937869
ENG LAN Liverpool Burials for Liverpool free parochial cemetery 1806-1905	0093816
ENG LAN Liverpool Burials for Liverpool free parochial cemetery 1806-1905	0093818
ENG YRK York Parish register All Saints Church Brightside York 1884-1889	6343714

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)

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come.

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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