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Announcements

No Bulletin will be sent next week.

OGS Annual Conference - May 1 to May 4, 2014

Genealogy Without Borders - Brock University, St. Catharines

The OGS Annual conference is less than one month away. For full details of the conference and registration, click [here](#).

What's New

Ancestry has added the following databases this week: Methodist Registers 1813-1937 on the Isle of Wight; New South Wales Population Books 1811-1825 including Tasmania; Archdiocese of Merida Catholic Church Records in Venezuela; and County Marriages 1855-2008 in Washington State.

[FamilySearch](#) has again updated and added a lot of browsable record collections in the last week (three new databases have been added in just the last five hours).

FindMyPast has implemented a new search engine and the responses are almost uniformly negative. All the FindMyPast search engines are now more like the worldwide one used to be. FindMyPast has announced that they will be releasing 100 new record sets and millions of names in the next 100 days. Stay tuned for what gets released in the next 100 days.

News From the Trenches

Looking at Dead Ends

I thought that I would do a little cleaning out of paper files last week and came across a couple of binders labelled "Hypothetical Relatives". This was where I filed paper when I thought a person was related but could not prove it. One particular piece of paper sparked my interest and I looked on my genealogy program at the family I thought it related to. I had an Ann EASTER born in Norfolk that had a very dubious baptism as "Hannah" in the records that I had previously consulted. So I thought I would have another look for my Ann, not Hannah. And I found her! Because she was born in Norfolk, I had new resources on FamilySearch for Ann that I had not looked at before, and she was found in the Bishop's Transcripts, despite not being in the Archdeacon's Transcripts. Using all the amazing Norfolk records on FamilySearch, the [FreeREG](#) records for Norfolk, and the Norfolk Family History Society's online transcripts, I have managed to trace Ann's family back another four generations to the early 1700s and have found that Hannah was Ann's first cousin.

What Norfolk records are on FamilySearch? Archdeacon's Transcripts, 1600-1812 (browse) (most start in 1725); Bishop's Transcripts, 1685-1941 1,161,877 indexed records; Marriage Bonds, 1557-1915 (browse); Monumental Inscriptions, 1600-1900's (browse); Non-conformist Records, 1613-1901 (browse); Poor Law Union Records, 1796-1900 (browse); Register of Electors, 1844-1952 4,557,906 indexed records; and Parish Registers (County Record Office), 1538-1900 188,222 partly

indexed records. What Norfolk records are available on [FreeREG](#)? All I can say is lots and lots but one does have to be patient while it does its search. But not nearly so patient as you have to be when searching NORs, Norfolk Family History Society's online records. These are only available to Norfolk FHS members.

Unfortunately this excitement has meant that I did not manage to clean out as much paper as I was hoping to!

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/14. Ontario.

While researching at the Peel County Archives (PAMA) I found a "Ticket of Location" for John Freeman, who is my 3rd great grandfather. The "Ticket of Location" refers to a "general order in council of the 19th jany (sic) 1820 respecting militia grants" and indicates a "bearing date" of 7 March 1820 granting John Freeman of the Township of Grimsby of Niagara District, "a private in the late incorporated militia", 100 acres of land being the east half of lot 21 of Concession 4 in Chinguacousy Twp West in York County (now Peel).

I have also found an Upper Canada Land Petition made by a John Freeman in 1819 indicating that he was a yeoman of Trafalgar Twp and was born in Kingston in 1797 and had been a private in the incorporated militia in the War of 1812.

I suspect that these documents both refer to the same person but for the conflict of location between Grimsby Twp. vs Trafalgar Twp. Does anyone know if it is possible to access the order in council which might help to clarify the issue? Also I have searched without success the abstract books of Trafalgar Twp and would appreciate any suggestions for places to look for additional information about John Freeman in Grimsby Twp, Trafalgar Twp or Kingston prior to 1820? Thanks for any assistance that may be rendered.

Were You Aware...

Indexed Records for Brant County

John Reid's Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections blog on [Monday](#) mentioned a free index to names in Brant County from many different sources from tombstones to newspapers. Read John's [blog](#) for more details and a link to the index.

Genetic Genealogy – Waiting for Results

So you have sent your test into the company who will be doing the testing and you just want to sit back and wait. Don't; you probably have a job to do. At FamilyTree DNA, you can upload a GEDCOM of your direct ancestors and it will create a list of Ancestral names with locations. What is a GEDCOM file? It is a file of genealogical data produced by most genealogy programs in a common format that can be read any other genealogy program. When you upload your GEDCOM file to FamilyTree DNA, it creates the tree which your matches will see when they look at your profile. If you are unable to do this, you can add your ancestral surnames and locations one at a time.

Here is part of what I see when looking at my matches:

The screenshot displays three match cards from FamilyTree DNA. Each card includes a profile picture, name, test date (12/29/2013), relationship (2nd Cousin - 4th Cousin), a chromosome browser comparison bar, and a longest block value. The first match, Mr. Blank, has a green tree icon circled in red and a list of surnames (bunch / collins / davis / haliburton / hatchet...) also circled in red. The second match, Joy, has an 'X-Match' label. The third match, Angela, has no additional information.

Name	Test Date	Relationship	Longest Block	Y: / mt:	Additional Info
Mr. Blank	12/29/2013	2nd Cousin - 4th Cousin	17.94	N/A mt: J	bunch / collins / davis / haliburton / hatchet...
Joy	12/29/2013	2nd Cousin - 4th Cousin	17.94	N/A mt: N/A	BAGGS/BOGGS/BEGGS (USA:OK, AR)...
Angela	12/29/2013	2nd Cousin - 4th Cousin	17.09	N/A mt: N/A	

The first match, Mr Blank shows a little green tree (highlighted in red) on the bottom row indicating that he has uploaded a tree that I can look at and on the right hand side of the page there are a list of names from that tree, his Ancestral surnames (highlighted in red). Joy has not uploaded a tree but has a list of names and locations, while Angela has uploaded neither. Who would I be interested in contacting? Certainly Angela, whose last name I do not recognize and has no other information, would be lower down on my list than either of the others. Perhaps I might contact Joy if I could

recognize either a name or a location among the names she has listed. I would look at Mr Blank's tree, hoping that a name might be of interest, and his list of names (although he has not entered any locations). Unfortunately Mr. Blank's tree has only the Blank surname going back six generations in the US and nothing else. When FamilyTreeDNA notices a name match in the Ancestral surnames on the right, it makes them BOLD. Neither Mr. Blank nor Joy show any bolded names. But eventually, as these people are all 2nd to 4th cousins, I should contact them all.

The advantage to you of uploading a GEDCOM file to create a tree is to increase the number of contacts from potential cousins.

So while you are waiting, create your GEDCOM file and upload it. Many of your potential matches will be checking for new matches and if you have a tree available, they will be more interested in your match. So if you appear distant to them (and everyone's cut-off is different), your only chance of being noticed may be by having a family tree available when they first see you as a new match. **REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE PROBABLY JUST ONE OF HUNDREDS OF MATCHES – MAKE SURE YOU GET NOTICED.**

Films received in the week ending April 10th and due for return about the middle of June.

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Biendorf Taufen 1821-1875	0068998

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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