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Announcements

We will be closed on Canada Day, July 1st.

Toronto History Lecture – August 6th at 7:30pm, City of Toronto Archives

Historian, author and York University professor Craig Heron will be delivering the 2014 Lecture, on the topic of *The Workers' City: Lives of Toronto's Working People*. Admission is free but pre-registration is required (and it is already over half full). Go to the Toronto OGS History Lecture [page](#) for complete details.

OGS Toronto Fall [Workshops](#) and [Courses](#)

Using Legacy Family Tree Software (September 20, 2014). Workshop Leader: Geoff Rasmussen. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

Industrial England (November 1, 2014). List of speakers to be announced. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

Basic Genealogy and Family History (8 Wednesdays from Oct 8 to Nov 26; 2-4pm) Instructor: Jane E. MacNamara REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY AUGUST

Maps and Mapping for the 21st Century Genealogist (4 Wednesdays Nov 5, 12, 19, 26; 6:15-8:15pm) Instructor: James F. S. Thomson REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

One World One Family Conference – August 23rd, 9am – 4:30pm

Brampton Stake of the LDS Church in Brampton

Registration is open for the One World One Family conference. Cost (until August 1) is \$20, including a boxed lunch.

Keynote Speaker: James Ison, Area Manager of FamilySearch - *Introducing Your Grandchildren to Your Grandparents*

Plenary Speaker: Harry van Bommel - *Why Your Family Stories Must Live Forever*

Workshops and Addresses

Accessing and Preserving Family Heirlooms
 Discovering Your Ancestors in the Great Wars
 Finding Your Ancestors from the Philippines
 French Canadian Research
 Getting Started in Jamaican Genealogical Research
 Great Non-Genealogy Sites for British Isles Research
 Hunting and Fishing: Different Approaches to Genetic Genealogy
 Indexing - A Way to Help Others Build Their Family Tree

Archives Ontario
 Shirley-Ann Pyefinch
 Jette Soutar

Dorothy Kew
 James F. S. Thomson
 Linda Reid
 Rick Dunstall

Irish Resources Available on LDS Websites
Missing in Action: Solving a Six Decade-Old Mystery with DNA
Recent Developments in British Isles Research
Researching Ukrainian Family History
Starting From Scratch: How to Begin Family History Research
Tantalizing treasures in the Peel Archive's Wm. Perkins Bull collection
Using FamilySearch to Solve Genealogical Problems
Using Local Sources for Scottish Genealogy Research
Using Social Media for Genealogy Research
Why Mormons Build Temples
尋根 - 中國家譜研討會 Finding Chinese Ancestors

Shirley-Ann Pyefinch
Elizabeth Kaegi and James Thomson
James F. S. Thomson
Natalie Lisowiec
Claire Nabrotzky
Kyle Neill
James Ison
Christine Woodcock
Christine Woodcock
Pres. Richard Norton
Grace Chan

Plus four pre-recorded RootsTech Conference Presentations:
5 Essential Resources for Hispanic Genealogy (in Spanish)
Five Ways to Do Family History in Your Sleep
Ten Things I Learned about my Family on my Couch
Basic Online Resources For the Beginning Genealogist

Sonia Meza
Deborah Gamble
Tammy Hepps
Lisa Alzo

What's New

Ancestry has updated a number of its collections with new or corrected data: several UK WWI military databases, US Quaker records, US IRS Tax Assessment Lists 1862-1918 (now nearly nine million records), and Pennsylvania deaths 1906-1944. A small but interesting Canadian addition is Ledgers of CEF Officers Transferring to Royal Flying Corps 1915-1919; 22,000 men from the Canadian Expeditionary Force transferred to the RFC, later the RAF. These records include the officer's movements from unit to unit, appointments and promotions, decorations and honours, medical information, and civilian employment. A large (3.8 million records) new US database is the Register of Civil, Military and Naval Service 1863-1959; these 77 volumes have the name of each government employee, office held, where employed, where born, whence appointed, and pay received.

[FamilySearch](#) has updated some collections, mostly browse-only ones. There are four new collections but owing to the way they are displayed, I have no idea which ones are new and which updated.

[FamilySearch.org](#) announced on Monday the online publication of its one billionth image of historic records, a feat that took just 7 years to accomplish. The billionth image was published in FamilySearch.org's growing Peru civil registration collections. As a single digital image can have several historic records on it, there are actually billions of records in the browse image collections online. 70% of the online images currently come from FamilySearch's initiative to digitally convert its huge microfilm collection for online access. 25% comes from new camera operations—275 camera teams digitally imaging new historic records in 45 countries. And 5% come from agreements with partnering organizations. FamilySearch publishes about 500,000 images per day making the vast majority of them accessible for the first time to more people from anywhere in the world.

FindMyPast has added Leeds Cremations 1938-1969 (25,000 people) and Leeds Burials in Holbeck Cemetery 1895-1921 (10,000 people). The new British Army Honourable Artillery Company database has details of about 13,000 men who served with the company between 1848 and 1922. A small (only 800 records) collection of Pontypool Wales Workhouse Deaths 1869-1894 has also been added. The database of WWI US Draft Registration cards now contains over 19 million records and there are 221,000 records of South Australia passengers from c1835 to 1860. To see the complete list of records sets that they have added, go to [100in100](#).

FindMyPast has purchased **Mocavo**. Mocavo's announcement says: "Mocavo and FindMyPast will only get better as we merge an enormous amount of technology with vast amounts of content (and great people on both teams)." Mocavo has developed very innovative search technologies, and has databases that include eight million yearbooks, 500 million military records and many other resources. They are adding over 350,000 datasets each year, many of which are US based. FindMyPast started out with British-based data, in fact the 1911 England & Wales census, but has expanded quickly in the last couple of years to include the US, Ireland and Australia.

GRANDMA: the Genealogical Registry and Database of Mennonite Ancestry

Dick Eastman's [blog](#) of June 17th mentioned this GRANDMA database produced by the California Mennonite Historical Society (CHMS). It has information about over one million people, whose ancestry can be traced to communities in Poland and Russia. The online database can be accessed by subscription through [Grandma's Window](#).

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/24. General.

I am looking for help re my maternal grandfather Charles Meynell Ingram, 1889-1950 Darlington Co. Durham, who served in Dublin with the Highland Light Infantry during WWI and was not posted elsewhere. In 1916 he was given 'permission to marry' and brought over his wife Evelyne Hypatia nee Mackerell who according to family lore worked in the munitions factory. Where would it be possible to find information re the non-combatant unit and/or the munitions in Dublin during this time? Any information greatly appreciated.

Were You Aware...

Genetic Genealogy and Genealogical Proof

On March 5th, Nathan Murphy wrote a tongue-in-cheek post on the FamilySearch [blog](#). It starts "*The year is 2050. It has been 15 years since family history dramatically shifted away from historical records in favor of genetic evidence. In 2035, the Board for Certification of Ancestral Geneticists (BCAG), under the leadership of Dr. Rasmus Rasmussen, CAG, unanimously passed a resolution that written records would no longer be accepted as ancestral proof. Written records, it was decided, proved to be too unreliable, frequently falsified, and open to a wide variety of interpretations, making conclusions unscientific. From that date, only DNA evidence would be accepted for ancestral proof.*

"BCAG's landmark decision has had a wide-reaching impact. Based on the resolution, FamilySearch decided to empty the Granite Mountain Records Vault of all information derived from written records. Under the leadership of FamilySearch CEO Dr. Mortimer Lex, a molecular geneticist, it was decided to use the space instead to store DNA samples of the entire human population. Copies of historical records were returned to originating organizations, with the warning "Fails to meet current standards." In cases where those organizations no longer existed, records were discarded."

While I know that paper records will never be discarded as a way of documenting family history, I felt that it shows that, in the future, genetic genealogy will go hand-in-hand with paper records as a way of "proving" that family history.

Family Tree DNA - Matches in Common by Linda Reid

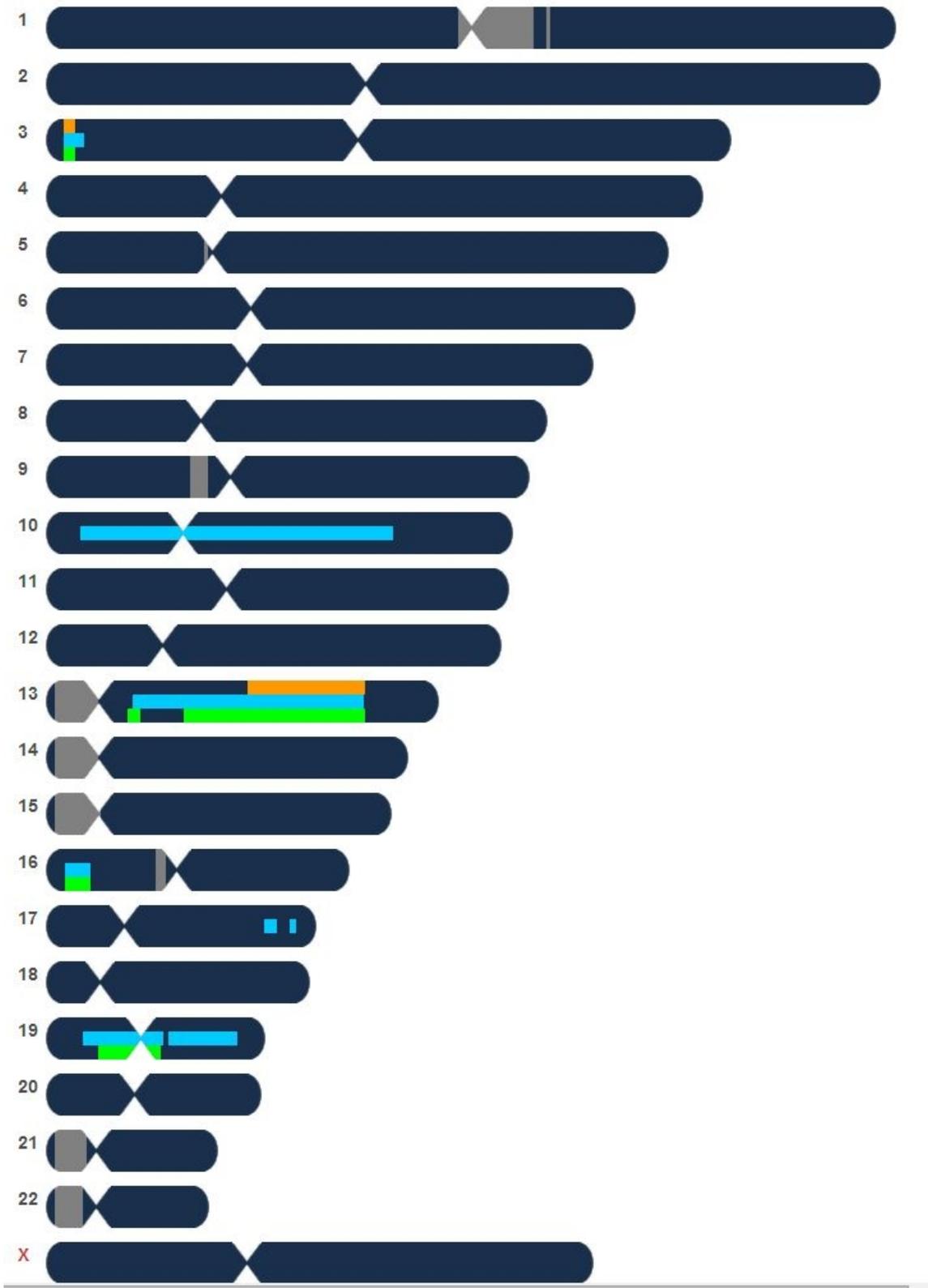
Once you see that you have matches "in common with" various people, you should check on chromosome browser to see whether these people match in the same place. You do this by clicking on the "show full view" at the top of your list of matches. For up to five names you click on "compare on chromosome browser" under each name and then scroll up to the large blue arrow that will appear before your list of matches. Clicking on that will take you to a display of one set of your autosomal DNA chromosomes and will show where the different matches match you. People who match at the same place would share a common ancestor.

Why you should test other relatives:

You might be lucky and be able to figure out how you are related to one of your matches and then you can look at the people who match both you and this known person and can explore where the connection might be on your common ancestral line.

But if you aren't lucky, make your own success by testing one or more known relatives.

In this example on the next page, the black background represents one set of chromosomes of my 3rd cousin who is descended from my Irish great-grandmother Louisa's brother, George. The small piece of orange on chromosome 13 represents the DNA that I share with him. My mother, shown in green, shares much more. Better still is the DNA shared by my mother's 1st cousin, shown in blue. More shared DNA increases the likelihood of finding more people who also share some of this DNA.



I am just a subset of my mother's shared DNA so I ignore my matches. Together the DNA shared by my mother and her cousin (descendants of Louisa) that matches the DNA of the descendant of Louisa's brother indicates DNA that came from Louisa's parents and was passed down through her and through her brother.

This ancestral line is Irish. DNA matches shared by my mother's 1st cousin and my 3rd cousin may be the solution to a brick wall in my Irish line.

Films received in the week ending June 26th and due for return by the end of September.

Film Content	Film No
AUT Bukowina, Hadikfalva Ch. Records 1790-1895	0722485
CAN NS Letters of administration, v. I, Dec 1902-Jan 1923	1905890
ENG LAN Liverpool Wesleyan Recs.	1595424
IRL Marriages v.8-9 1869	0101545

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 catalogue will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours:

(Always phone us if you do not have a booking to ensure that we are open.)

Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (Linda)

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm (Ann, Joe am, Helen & Leslie pm); 6:30pm to 9:30pm (Helen)

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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