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### Announcements

#### Canada’s New Anti-Spam Legislation

You are on this mailing list because you have signed up at the Toronto Family History Centre, a conference or workshop, or because you have sent in a request by email. Under the new Anti-Spam Legislation, signing up is implied consent consistent with the legislation; as well it appears to only apply to commercial enterprises. However, your current interests may have changed and you may no longer wish to receive the Bulletin. If that is the case, please reply to the email from which you have received this Bulletin with DELETE or UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. You will be removed from the mailing list.

#### BIFHSGO Conference – September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, Ottawa

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa will be held at Library and Archives Canada. This year they are featuring English Family History, Immigration from Great Britain including Home Children, and Genetic Genealogy; but there will be seminars and workshops for everyone. There is an early-bird discount available until August 9<sup>th</sup>. For the conference brochure, click [here](#) and for all the conference details, click [here](#).

### New Resources for the FHC

We have updated copies of books that are useful for those of you with Irish ancestors. The second edition of the “*New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*” by Brian Mitchell shows the Presbyterian parishes in nine counties and the Roman Catholic parishes in every county of Ireland, as well as the Church of Ireland parishes. The four or five maps for each county can be extremely helpful in determining where to look for records. We also have the Fourth Edition of John Grenham’s book, “*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*”. This new edition is an improvement on our previous edition, which hardly mentioned the internet!

### News From the Trenches

#### “Back Another Generation, at last” or “Family History Brick Wall Begins to Crumble”

I was reading John Reid’s Anglo-Celtic Connections blog of June 25<sup>th</sup> entitled “[Back Another Generation, at last](#)” and my attention was caught by his link “[an inspiring story](#)” to a blog by *The History Interpreter* aka Janet Few. [I love inspiring genealogical stories.] The second line in her blog about her brick wall of thirty seven years beginning to crumble made me jump. Her brick wall was one Samuel Braund, her sixth great grandfather. I knew that there was a similar brick wall in my husband’s family, his sixth great grandfather, Samuel Braund. I immediately checked our database and found that our knowledge of him was rather sketchy, just a marriage in Cornwall in 1741 and three children. Janet’s fourth sentence – “he first turns up in 1741, when he gets married in Cornwall” – had me calling my husband. After reading the rest of her interesting blog, I was thrilled to think that Janet may have found an answer not just to her brick wall, but to ours as well, and that Janet and Alan might be seventh cousins.

I contacted her and can now report that the Samuel Braunds seem to be one and the same person. Alan and Janet are exchanging information. Apparently Samuel left his grandchildren some very interesting things in his will. Janet has also broken down another (genealogically nearby) brick wall for us. Two brick walls are now collapsing, just by reading a blog.

Janet will be giving a streamed-in talk at the BIFSHGO Conference in September (see above). In *Faith, Fish, Farm or Family: Motivations for Immigration from North Devon*, she will examine why inhabitants of North Devon preferred to emigrate to Canada rather than Australia.

### **What's New**

**Ancestry** has added three record collections for New York State: Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804 (450,000 records), Registers of Officers and Enlisted Men Mustered into Federal Service, 1861-1865 (140,000 records), Pension Claims by Disabled Revolutionary War Veterans, 1779-1789 (4700 records). The new US Pension Roll of 1835 had 55,000 records.

[FamilySearch](#) has updated some collections: the indexes to Essex parish registers now contain over one million images and Indiana marriages (1811-1959) now has over one million indexed entries, that mostly have images.

**FindMyPast** has added over 20 million Irish Petty Sessions Court records 1828-1912. These include details of victims, witnesses and the accused, such as address, date in court, details of the offence, details of the verdict and the sentence. Another collection of Irish records has been added – 2.4 million Dog Licence Registers. The Irish Dog Licences contain not only the name, breed, colour and sex of your ancestor's four legged friend, but also the owner's address and the date the licence was issued. Two British RAF record collections have been released: Airmen's Service Records 1912-1939 with nearly 350,000 records and Officers' Service Records with 100,000 records. Airman is a generic term for anybody in the RAF, whether they flew or not, including ground crews and engineers. Each airman's record contains information such as age, religious denomination, physical description, trade classification, special qualifications, awards or decorations, details of former service, will particulars, military training, details of promotions, reductions, casualties, details of injuries, and next of kin. The officers' records may be quite long and have details of an individual's peacetime and military career, as well as a physical description, religious denomination and family status. Two early censuses from Dartford Kent have been added: 2,580 records from 20 districts in 1801 and 613 heads of household from 20 districts in 1821. To see the complete list of records sets that they have added, go to [100in100](#).

[DeceasedOnline](#) – Half of all Aberdeenshire burial records are now available online. The latest additions include burial sites at Aboyne, Arbuthnott, Auchterless, Banchory, Benholm, Cruden, Fraserburgh (Kirkden), Peterhead (all four burial sites), Strichen and others.

[Mocavo.com](#) has put a free index to all the US censuses online and they can be searched [here](#). Indexes are also available without charge at FamilySearch.org but some of the indexes are not complete. For Independence Day tomorrow, you can get free access to Mocavo's Revolutionary War Databases.

### **Irish GRO BMD Indexes Online**

The GRO indexes from the Republic of Ireland, used to order births, marriages and deaths, are starting to be put online at [www.irishgenealogy.ie](#), the Government of Ireland website. Online are (or will be shortly) Births 1864-1990s with mother's maiden name after 1903; Marriages 1845(CofI) or 1864 to 2013 with partners displayed; Deaths 1864-2013 with marital status; and Civil Partnerships 2010-2013. This is also the website where a growing number of church records are available.

### **The Forum:**

**Questions: No new questions this week.**

### **Suggestions:**

**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.

The new database for the British RAF Airmen's service records on FindMyPast has a very interesting record for Charles Meynell Ingram. According to this record, he entered the Royal Flying Corps on March 7, 1918 and transferred to the RAF the following month. The Date Current Engagement Commenced (attestation) was in April 11, 1916, in the Army. He was transferred to the RAF Reserve on April 18, 1919 and was deemed to be discharged in April 1920. His wife (E.) is next of kin and living in Darlington and he has a son, Arthur, born Oct 01, 1918. There is no mention of Dublin. The two image pages do not contain as much information as the transcript; perhaps the next page has more information on Charles but is not available. The researcher could contact FindMyPast about these images after she has looked at those pages.

Regarding the munitions factory, according to the [website](#) of the *History Ireland* magazine in an article from January 2009, there were "five 'national munitions factories' set up in Dublin, Cork, Waterford and Galway, employing 2,148 men and women." So it is not unlikely that Evelyne worked in a munitions factory in Dublin. There is a [picture](#) on the Imperial War Museum's website of female munitions workers at the National Shell Factory in Dublin. There is another article with photos on this [webpage](#) about the National Shell Factory in Dublin but I do not know if there would be any records available about workers in the munitions factories.

### Were You Aware...

#### FamilySearch Guide for Norfolk

Chris Paton's British GENES blog of June 27<sup>th</sup> mentioned that FamilySearch had written a new free online guide for researching in Norfolk. The FamilySearch blog about this is available [here](#). In the blog are links to each of Norfolk's many parishes. Clicking on a parish name results in a page full of information about it, including a picture of the church, the various jurisdictions into which it falls and a very useful clickable chart of where online church records can be found. I have many ancestors in a small town call Burgh St. Peter. I now know that Boyd's marriage indexes are available from 1560-1812 on FindMyPast, that [FreeReg](#) has indexed baptisms, marriages and burials from about 1725-1812, and that the Archdeacon's transcript images (ATs) are online at FamilySearch (available from any computer). The Bishop's transcripts (BTs) may also be available but it is more difficult to find the images; however, many of the BTs have been indexed.

#### MacFamilyTree 7.2 and MobileFamilyTree 7.2 Sale

George Tuck loves his Mac computer and has found MacFamilyTree to be very good. At the discounted price, he recommends the program for Mac users. "This offer for a Mac-based tree programme is available until July 13<sup>th</sup>. I have been using MFT for about 5 years. The programme is quite easy to use for entering data, producing printouts, charts, gedcoms and systematic research lists. Photos and scans of documents embed easily. It links intuitively with FamilySearch quite well. Of particular use to me is the ability to use their website to keep a password-protected tree with good visuals for family members. I found it easier than Reunion, Heredis or the Mac version of Family Tree Maker." Click on the links to purchase [MacFamilyTree](#) or [MobileFamilyTree](#).

#### FindMyPast Offer Special One Month Prices

To mark the 147th anniversary of Confederation, FindMyPast.ca is offering 1 month World subscription for just \$5 until July 8th. Your discount will be applied automatically, but should you have any trouble, simply type the code CANADA14 into the promotional code box at the bottom of the payment page and click 'apply'. Adrian Hetherington notes that FindMyPast is also offering a one month worldwide subscription at [www.findmypast.ie](http://www.findmypast.ie) for 1€ which is less than \$5. Just be aware that you may have to cancel your subscription before the month is up so that you are not continually billed on a monthly basis at the full rate.

**Ancestry** is offering FREE access to all the US Federal Censuses until July 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Films received in the week ending July 3<sup>rd</sup> and due for return by the end of September.

Film Content	Film No
ENG LAN Liverpool Walton Pk Cem 1876-94	1656706
FRA Eglise catholique Moselle	2084253

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.

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