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News From the Trenches

I Think I Have Found My 2xgreat-grandmother! By Linda Reid

For years I've tried to find out what happened to my 2x Irish great-grandmother and I think I've finally found her. Frances (Fanny) Pattison married Edward Longfield Lloyd in the Church of Ireland in Dundalk, County Louth in 1838. Edward was born ca 1810 (based on his age at death in 1887) and he was a widower when he died. I had nothing for Fanny after the baptisms of children between 1839 and 1859. I calculated that she was likely born 1815-1820. Edward has a tombstone with a loving tribute from his children and a flowery verse but no mention on it of Fanny. I purchased a death certificate for a Frances Lloyd who died in Dublin in 1882 but she was a widow living on her own means.

I always joked that my Fanny "must have been put away some place" and this now seems to be the case. The Church Records on irishgenealogy.ie include a Fanny Lloyd, age 54, who died in St Patrick's Hospital, Dublin on 11 April 1872, and is buried in St. James (Church of Ireland). Further research reveals that St Patrick's Hospital is a mental health hospital and was founded in 1747 by money bequeathed by Jonathan Swift. I have emailed the hospital archivist to inquire about access to patient records!

I checked the Irish Civil Registration indexes again for the death of a Frances or Fanny or a Lloyd in Dublin South in 1872 but found nothing that appeared relevant. This serves as another reminder that no indexes (including civil registration) are ever complete. It doesn't really matter how many records are missing-- as long as they aren't the ones for my people!

What's New

Ancestry has added more record collections for New York State: Bronx County, Divorce and Civil Case Records 1914-1951, 1961-1995 (1.3 million records) and several smaller collections relating to criminal matters, the largest being nearly 300,000 records of the Governors' Registers of Commitments to Prisons 1842-1908. There are nearly 300,000 new records of Californian prison and correctional records 1851-1950. In a week of flooding in Manitoba, Ancestry has added records of families being moved because of flooding in the Tennessee Valley between 1934 and 1953. These records have a lot of detail that would add to one's knowledge of the socio-economic welfare of the family as well as the crops they might have grown and whether they had electricity or indoor plumbing.

FamilySearch has updated some collections; one is wills for the County of Durham, England. No new record collections were added.

FindMyPast has added items 87 to 90 of their goal of 100 records sets in 100 days. Updates have been made to the US newspaper collection, mainly for Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Ohio. There is a new collection of New England Naturalizations 1791-1906 with more than 600,000 names. Another addition is a collection of less than 100,000 names of people who were buried in Witton Cemetery, Warwickshire (formerly called Birmingham City Cemetery). These are transcripts and have little more than the name and year of death, although some records have a little more detail. The last

addition is a collection of 20,000 records of Norton Cemetery in Sheffield 1869-1995. To see the complete list of records sets that they have added, go to [100in100](#).

The Forum:

Questions: No new questions this week.

Were You Aware...

New Irish Civil Registration Indexes by George Tuck

For those who have been waiting patiently for the last 22 years, the index to civil registrations in Ireland has finally been opened up online [here](#). The records include indexes to: births 1864-1990s with mother's maiden name after 1903; marriages 1845 (C of I) or 1864 to 2013 with partners displayed; deaths 1864-2013 with marital status; and civil partnerships 2010-2013. I have just spent two or three hours putting it through its initial paces. My initial opinion is that anyone tracing Irish ancestry will be delighted.

The database of births, deaths and marriages can be searched quite simply. To the best of my knowledge, all counties are covered and all records are present. That does not mean that you will find your person of interest with the click of a single key. There are errors and there is the challenge of variety of spellings. Individuals were recorded in Irish, in English and various phonetic equivalents.

My own families of interest can be found in all their variations. KEALY, KEALEY, KEELEY, KEELY, KIELY, NI CHAOLLAIDHE are some of the variants of my wife's Kealy clan. Fortunately, some of these alternatives were picked up in the search; however, some weren't. Likewise, several first names were not found immediately. The Kealys have several variants of Katherine. Some individuals did not show up until variants were entered. "cat", for instance did bring up most forms of Katherine. The Irish equivalent, "Caitriona" did show up as well, as this is the Irish form of Carina and Catharine of which we have several.

Searches are by name, registration district and time range. Surname only works well in order to start a broad search. For this, the dates and registration districts may be left open. Filters may then be applied based on your knowledge of the individual. This experience may hopefully help you with hunting down your own families.

I have found this index better than the one on FamilySearch. The addition of partners in marriages and mothers' names in birth as well as age at death makes it easier to use. On the whole, I am finding the filters quicker and easier to use. The overall display of information also seems easier to use in identifying a specific individual. One thing I noticed with Kealys, is that FamilySearch included thousands of Kellys. The registry index did not.

The church records that can be found on the same database are not nearly as complete. Familysearch.org seems to cover a greater range. Parish registers are needed to research events prior to the start of civil registration. Many of these are available on film at the Family History Centre or on order from Salt Lake City. For those familiar with [FreeBMD](#) (England and Wales), the availability of records as recent as 2013 is impressive.

There is a tab for feedback, which hopefully will invite many suggestions for improvement. All in all, my first impressions are very positive.

TNA Podcast – Victorian lunacy

One of the latest podcasts from the National Archives UK is titled "*Inconvenient people and how to find them: Tales from the Victorian lunacy panics*". One can download this podcast or listen to it by clicking on this [link](#). The National Archives has many interesting (and some boring – to me) podcasts to listen or download from this [website](#).

Online Free Genealogy Magazines

The July/August 2014 edition of Irish Lives Remembered is now available for reading online or downloading [here](#). The July edition of the magazine, Going In Depth is available [here](#). Many of the articles are American in flavour but the methods apply to family history research worldwide.

Old FamilySearch Catalog to be Retired

The new [FamilySearch Catalog](#) is no longer in Beta (testing phase) and the old [FamilySearch Catalog](#) will soon be retired. The links to both are at the bottom of every Bulletin. If you prefer using the old catalogue search, Family Search is requesting your feedback. Hopefully they will incorporate your preferences into the new catalogue search.

Safety on Public Computers

Leslie Dorschell notes that the computers at family history centres and libraries are public and that care is necessary when using them. Remember to log out of your email, rather than just shutting down the window, and to log out of any websites that you use that need login information. Leslie found this Microsoft [website](#) to have some rather good suggestions.

FamilySearch Indexing Challenge

FamilySearch is hoping to get well more than 50,000 indexers and arbitrators to submit at least one batch of indexed records in a 24-hour period on July 20/21. You may choose the project that you are most interested in (probably one that might include an ancestor); the work can be done from home on your computer in whatever language you wish. If you would like to join FamilySearch's efforts to index billions of records, do go to this [website](#).

Films received in the week ending July 10th and due for return by the end of September.

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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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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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