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### Announcements

**Scottish SIG Symposium** – Friday August 22 – A one day symposium in Vaughan for Scottish researchers. Click [here](#) for details. (Cost \$35/\$45)

**One World One Family Conference** – Saturday August 23 – A one-day conference with something for everyone. Twenty-five one-hour workshops at the Brampton LDS Church. For details, click [here](#). Cost \$20 until August 1<sup>st</sup>, includes lunch.

### News From the Trenches

#### An Update on My 2xgreat-grandmother! By Linda Reid

I have done further research on the 1872 death of a Fanny Lloyd in St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin. The hospital archivist responded to my query to say:

*The register of patients shows that Fanny Lloyd was admitted as a patient in October 1860, aged 44. The species of disease was given as melancholia. She had been ill for six years and the probable cause of illness was said to be unknown. She died on 9 April 1872 of phthisis (which I understand to be the same as tuberculosis).*

*There are three references in the board minutes to Fanny Lloyd. On 7 May 1860 Fanny Lloyd's memorial for admission was on the agenda but there was no vacancy. It was considered by the governors on 3 September 1860; again there was no vacancy but it was agreed that she was to be admitted when a vacancy occurred. On 1 September 1862 the minutes show "Mr Lloyd's Memorial — asking to have his wife, a patient, transferred to the free list — cannot be complied with".*

*Alas there is no admission form or case book extant for Fanny Lloyd.*

The transcription of the Church Records on [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) records the "death" at St. James (Church of Ireland) of Mrs. Fanny Lloyd, age 54 [sic] from St. Patrick's Hospital who died on 11 April 1872. Obviously a burial register records the burial date, not the death date.

I telephoned the local register office for Dublin South registration district where a helpful staff member checked the local registers while I was on hold. He couldn't find a death registration for Fanny and commented that it was very odd that a hospital would not register a death.

While I am really disappointed not to have firm proof such as a husband's name or her address at admission, this Fanny "feels" right, even though I am usually more analytical. Her youngest child was just a year old when she was admitted. Could she have had post-partum depression?

## What's New

**Ancestry** has added three small collections of UK-based Holocaust records (like Kindertransport records) and UK Naturalizations Certificates and Declarations 1870-1912. A data set of civil registration for Venezuela 1873-2003 has been added but there are less than half a million records so far. The collections of Essex Parish Registers and Australian passenger lists have been updated. [More complete Essex parish registers can be found at [Essex Ancestors](#).]

[FamilySearch](#) has added two browse-only collections this week. The database of Church Books from Croatia 1516-1994 contains 1.4 million images; the records of births and baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials includes vital records of Jews. The database of Poland Częstochowa Roman Catholic Church Books 1226-1950 contains 1.9 million records of baptisms and births, marriages, burials and deaths for the parishes in the Częstochowa Roman Catholic Dioceses of Poland.

**FindMyPast** has reached their goal of releasing 100 new record sets in 100 days by releasing the last 10 databases this week. They have added marriage records for three States: Wyoming 1867-1941, Montana 1863-1960 & Oklahoma 1842-1912. A very small database of Bishop's Transcripts of baptisms, marriages and burials for Kinnerley & West Felton in Shropshire has been added. The last four collections added were parish registers for Shropshire: baptisms (1.3 million records), marriages (640,000 records), banns (90,000), and burials (900,000 records). To see the complete list of record sets that they have added, go to [100in100](#).

## The Forum:

### Questions:

#### Q1/2014/27. Probate in the UK.

I have found Ontario probate records for a number of my maternal ancestors -- and they have proven a treasure trove of information. Now I would like to do the same, if possible, for paternal ancestors who died in the UK and Ireland.

England – There are three probate records that I would like to get from England. My paternal grandfather Ernest Wheatley died March 31, 1973 in Highbury Hospital in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire County. It would be great to get probate records for Ernest's older sister (Florence Tilly Wait) and her husband (Frederick William Wait). Florence died April 19, 1956 and Frederick William Wait died March 26, 1961. I have found reference to both in the England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966 on Ancestry (probate date July 19, 1956 for Florence and August 16, 1961 for Frederick William Wait).

Ireland - I have a death record for a paternal great-great-grandmother from the GRO in Ireland (Mary Alicia Mulrenin or Mulrennin) who died Sept 13, 1886 in Gurteen. When researching the family on familysearch.org and other sites I also found reference to a related probate record in the Ireland, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920. Like the National Probate Calendar for England & Wales on Ancestry, the image gives the probate date (October 7, 1886) and the executor of the will - Alicia E. Wilson, wife of John A. Wilson. [FamilySearch's transcript of this record incorrectly names both Alicia and her husband as beneficiaries, which they may or may not be.]

My question now is whether probate records from England and Ireland, and perhaps Scotland as well, are available via the Family History Centre. If so, how I would go about identifying them on familysearch.org, or do I need to go directly to sources in the UK for these records as you need to do for UK birth, marriage and death registrations?

## Were You Aware...

### AARP and Ancestry Discount

If you are a member of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), you can apparently get an Ancestry subscription for all their records at a 30% discount. As a yearly membership for AARP (open to anyone over 50 years old, with no residence requirements) is only \$16 USD and a 30% Ancestry discount is a lot more than that, I wondered if any reader had tried to take advantage of this.

## Lives of the First World War

The Imperial War Museum in England is creating [Lives of the First World War](#) to mark the First World War Centenary. *"This innovative, interactive platform will bring material from museums, libraries, archives and family collections from across the world together in one place, inspiring people of all ages to explore, reveal and share the life stories of those who served in uniform and worked on the home front. Since its foundation in 1917, IWM has continued to ensure that people understand the impact of this global conflict and how it shaped the world we live in today. By the end of the centenary we will have built the permanent digital memorial to more than 8 million men and women from across Britain and the Commonwealth and saved their stories for future generations."*

This project would like the help of family historians from Britain and the Commonwealth to add the stories and extra information to the basic information they currently have for each person who served. Both my grandfathers are on the database and the information comes only from their medal roll cards – just name, rank and service number. I could add a picture of each in uniform; their birth and death dates, and something of their WWI experiences. There are many members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces on the website. The first three of the 10 Life Stories on the website are nursing sisters with the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

### Postmedia's WWI Project

PostMedia has also launched a WWI project, called [World War I – Canada's Journey Through the Great War](#). The various sections are Faces of War, Home Front, the Battle Front and After the War. Also of interest to family historians is the Memory Project. PostMedia would like to add stories and scans of any photos, letters, medals, documents, citations or other memorabilia to the Great War Memory Project as a virtual museum of Canadian Souvenirs from WWI. Explore the website now and check back regularly as it is updated.

### Films received in the week ending July 17<sup>th</sup> and due for return by the end of September.

Film Content	Film No
IRL Betham's Abstracts M 1629-1810	0100875
ITA Termini Imerese (Palermo) Allegati 1848	1982420
PRT Castelo Branco Casegas Batismos 1802- etc.	1387444
CAN NS Cape Breton County Probate Records 1782-1970	0588501
SCT PER Muthill Old PRs	0102771
SCT Clackmannan & Alloa Old PRs	1040207

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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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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