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Announcements

Register before midnight tonight for the early-bird fee of \$20 for the [One World One Family Conference](#) in Brampton on August 23rd. After tonight the cost will still only be \$25, which includes a box lunch.

What's New

Ancestry has added Quarter Session Order Books 1625-1925 for Dorset this week. There are 115,000 indexed records.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/29. Scotland to Canada.

I am looking for David Marshall, who was born 15 June 1883, in Lochee, Forfar, Scotland. At some point after 1911 and presumably by 1916 he was in Canada. I have postcards addressed to him by various family members and they are all addressed to David Marshall at 16 George Street, Toronto. I found him in the 1911 Census in Scotland - St. Bride's, Govan, Partick, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He is living with his older brother, James Marshall and his family. David is listed as a visitor born in Lochee and an engine fitter. But I have been unable to find him in the 1921 Canadian census or when he immigrated to Canada. Do you have any ideas for finding him?

Q2/2014/29. Canada. Military.

I have found a picture of a person of interest on [CanadianHeadstones](#), which now has over 900,000 gravestone photos from across Canada. The gravestone in Dunnville reads James M [Morley] Bennett, MC, Lieutenant, 19 Battn, CEF, 2 June 1956, age 60. I know that he was born in Dunnville but had lived and worked in Montreal throughout the 30s, 40s and 50s. I was wondering if there was an obituary for him in a local Dunnville paper, the Hamilton Spectator, or in a Montreal paper. Can I access any of these online?

Suggestions:

Q1/2014/28. UK Military.

Patrick Williams was born 1838 in Tynemouth, Northumberland. His birth record lists his parents as Michael Williams and Hannah Fell. Patrick was in the Royal Military Asylum for boys of soldiers in Chelsea London in 1851, so I know that Michael was a soldier. But both Hannah and Michael drop off the face of the earth. I can't find them in 1841 when Patrick was just 3 or so, and I can't find his parents in 1851 or beyond. I can surmise that perhaps his father died in some conflict or other, but don't know where to search to find this information. I don't have Michael or Hannah's birth information so I don't know if they are also from Tynemouth or if Michael was perhaps stationed there for a short time. I have lots of information about Patrick and his wife and children, but nothing further back than this. I'm wondering if there are any searchable records from the Military School for boys in Chelsea, or if there is a way of finding out if Michael died in some conflict.

The researcher probably found the baptism record of Patrick Williams on the Ancestry Non-Conformist records for Brooms Catholic Chapel in Tynemouth that shows that Patrick was born March 18, 1838 to Michael Williams, soldier, and Hannah Fell. There is a civil registration index for Patrick in two places: the GRO Birth index (1838/1 Tynemouth 25 370) and most

probably this entry in the GRO Regimental Birth Indices 1761-2005 (Patrick Williams, 1839, Tynemouth, 52nd Foot, Vol 1231, Pg 2), which are available on FindMyPast. Both these birth records can be ordered from the GRO Certificate Ordering [website](#) and they would be worth getting. The interesting item in the regimental birth index is that it gives the father, Michael's, regiment – 52nd Foot.

FindMyPast has British Army Pensioners records. A search for Michael Williams in the 52nd Foot was very interesting. Michael attested in Clonmel, Tipperary on 22nd September 1823 at the age of 17 years. He was born in Cork. He served for 20 years 253 days before he was discharged on May 31, 1845 because of rheumatism. He had served one year in the West Indies and 10 years in North America. The researcher might look for Patrick's parents in Canada or the US. As Michael was pensioned out of the army, we can be sure that he did not die in a conflict anywhere.

In 1851 Patrick is living in the Royal Military Asylum for Children of Soldiers of the Regular Army. The records for this school are available in series WO143 at the National Archives in London, but are not available online. It contains, among other things, registers of admissions and discharges of children to and from the Royal Military Asylum, 1803 to 1923. The school was very large in 1851 – well over 400 boys ranging in age from 5 to 14.

Patrick, not surprisingly, attested in the Army on March 24, 1854 and served for 20 years and 304 days before being discharged as unfit for service January 21, 1878 in St Ann's, Barbados. His Chelsea Pensioners records are available on FindMyPast. Interestingly he served in India for 9 ½ years and in the West Indies for two years, retiring as a sergeant in the 35th Regiment of Infantry.

Were You Aware...

CARP and Ancestry Discount??

Jan Coward wrote to say that there is no CARP and Ancestry discount in place. An Ancestry and CARP agreement is not in place; Jan confirmed this by checking the CARP website and their customer service. Perhaps Marie was particularly persuasive. Jan says that a membership in AARP might be the way to go.

Easily Accessible Parish Records by English County - An Update

Steve Low thought that it was important to point out that [FreeREG](#) is a transcription of the parish records, not just an index. As such it records extra very useful information that you do not get in an index, like age at burial, profession, marriage witnesses, father's names if available for marriages, and even mother's names if they are included on the baptism record. Steve thinks that FreeREG, as a transcription, provides the possibility of that often key bit of extra information that does not appear in indexing like FamilySearch's, making it all the more valuable. He has found the Loughborough, Leicestershire records particularly helpful.

Liz Barrick has suggested another site to add to the list of English County parish list. It is [West Somerset Parish Register Transcriptions](#) and, as a transcription, includes information like place of abode, etc. Liz says that she uses this site constantly and it is so helpful in tracing her ancestral lines. It is free and very easy to use.

If any of you have other websites that you find particularly useful and easy for accessing parish registers, please let me know and I will attempt to keep the table up-to-date. I will put the table on the blog under Resources before September.

Easily Accessible Welsh Parish Records

There are 28 million index entries with associated parish register images on FindMyPast for all Welsh counties. The indexes are also on [FamilySearch](#). So you can look on FamilySearch for possible family members in Wales before going to a Family History Centre to get the actual images on FindMyPast for any baptism, marriage or burial that you wish to see. Of course, the images are available to subscribers with a UK or WorldWide FMP subscription.

Films received in the week ending July 31st and due for return by the end of October.

Film Content	Film No
DEU BAY Mittelbexbach PRs 1717-1842	0400566
DEU BAY Mittelbexbach PRs 1787-1803	0400565
DEU MEC Dreveskirchen PRs 1878-1921	0069083

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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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