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News From the Trenches

The Luck of the Irish by Linda Reid

I had indirect evidence that my Irish 2xgreat-grandfather, Edward Longfield Lloyd, had a brother Rowland Bateman Lloyd who went to Albany, N.Y. in 1843. For several years I have been trying to follow down Rowland's line to a living descendant. Many lines died out. One grandson of Rowland became superintendent of a school for the deaf in Vancouver, WA. One of his unmarried sons died in WWII and another was single, living as a lodger in the 1940 census in California. I thought it was the end of the road. I check online sources occasionally for names on my brickwalls and I got lucky. George B. Lloyd of the 1940 census married later that year back in Washington State to a woman called Vivian and her 2011 newspaper obituary appeared online a few months ago. It listed three sons and their towns/cities of residence. I found an address for one and wrote to him. He emailed me back and, after I provided him with some information on his family tree, he agreed to take an autosomal DNA test. His results have just been posted on Family Tree DNA (FTDNA).

He matches me as a "2nd-4th cousin". (My paper research shows a 4th cousin relationship.) He also matches my mother, brother and one of Mum's 1st cousins. He doesn't match Mum's sister, another of her 1st cousins or two children of her 2nd cousins. So it is indeed lucky that I got the match, as 4th cousins only have a 50% chance of showing a match. But a match to my other relatives would also have confirmed the relationship. In investigating a possible distant relationship, it's a good idea to have several closer relatives already tested so that you can compare to them as well.

This match confirms my descent from Christopher Lloyd and Ann Hornibrook who married in County Cork in 1808. I have indirect links to one generation further back and that leads to people listed in the publications about the Irish landed gentry. I am almost at the end of where autosomal DNA can take me, but a 3rd cousin, a male Lloyd who has matched me on an autosomal test, has also taken a Y-chromosome test. So if I can only find a Lloyd male with a pedigree back to 18th century southern Ireland-- I'll happily pay for his Y-chromosome test. A match there would really be the luck of the Irish.

What's New

Ancestry has added a couple of Australian databases containing medical records for New South Wales - Medical Registers 1925-1954 and Hospital & Asylum Records 1840-1913. Another UK military collection has been added - Naval Officer and Rating Service Records 1802-1919; it includes records that documented their service, including musters and pay registers, which were compiled by the Navy Pay Office.

ScotlandsPeople

A further 1861 Census enumeration book has been indexed and is now available to search on ScotlandsPeople. 15 pages for the Milton, Glasgow area have been made available for the first time. If you are looking for ancestors around Glasgow, then be sure to search these entries. They have also updated over 44,000 indexes for all census years. So if you've had trouble locating an ancestor in the census, try searching again.

FindMyPast has added more parish records for Yorkshire. The new 28,000 records of Wakefield and District baptisms are transcripts of original parish registers made by the Wakefield and District Family History Society for the following nine parishes: Wakefield All Saints, Warmfield St Peter's, Chapelthorpe St James, Monk Bretton St Paul's, Felkirk St Peter's, Ryhill St James, Wragby St Michael's, Wakefield St Andrew's, and South Ossett Christ Church. More burial records have been added to the National Burial Index (NBI) on FindMyPast and it now contains 12 million records. The Cleveland Family History Society (covering part of North Yorkshire and South Durham counties) have transcribed 150,000 burial records from the area and these have been added to the NBI.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/30. US Death Certificate.

I would like to order a death certificate from New York State and I do not know how to go about doing this. The source is the 'U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014' on Ancestry. The death is September 1982 in Rockland, New York. I am hoping that it may reveal whether or not he had married and where he is buried.

Suggestions:

Q1/2014/30. Africa.

My ancestors have come from Uganda and Kenya. How do I go about tracking them back?

Leslie Dorschell has submitted the following ideas:

When starting family research in a country that is not yet well represented on the major genealogy websites, there are alternative ways of getting information.

Family Members: First, get as much information as possible from living family members.

Civil Records: Track down the civil records. One way is by referring to a directory called, "International Vital Records Handbook" by Thomas Jay Kemp. The Toronto Family History Centre has the 5th Edition from 2009. (The 6th edition was published in 2013.) With specific information about most countries, this book will assist with pointing you in the right direction to finding out how to contact the repository. For example, Uganda has civil records starting in 1905 for Europeans, 1915 for Asians and 1973 for the entire population.

Be aware of privacy laws on birth, marriage, and death records in your country of interest as this may restrict your access or require you to prove you are a direct descendant of the person(s) of interest.

Church Records: If the members of your family were Christians, track down the location and accessibility of church records/parish registers. Local churches might have their own websites. If not, look to the nearest large city in the area. Again, privacy laws may be applicable.

Libraries and Archives: Check with both local and nearest large city libraries in your area of interest. Look for archives. For example, land records, which can provide more information than just land ownership, might be in a government archive in a large city. Track down archives where probate records are held.

Genealogy Groups: Look for any local genealogical/family history groups. Check to see if the LDS church has a family history centre in that area. Mailing lists that use regular e-mail can also help. If one has been set up for your country of interest, this will put you in contact with others who are also researching in that area. For example, you could check this on Rootsweb for Uganda:

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/intl/UGA/AFR-UGANDA.html>

Look on **Facebook** by typing "genealogy Uganda" to see if there is a site there as this will also put you in contact with others doing similar research. If there is not one there now, check back again later.

Sometimes local people will post data on the internet, so check occasionally by typing "genealogy [your country of interest]" into your internet browser to see if anything has been posted. One site to watch is findagrave.com as, for example, the structure for Uganda and Kenya has been set up, i.e., separate pages for many individual cemeteries.

It takes time and patience. However, new information is coming online all the time!

Were You Aware...

Richard Hill's Guide to DNA Testing

Linda Reid suggests that this guide may help understanding DNA testing without getting too far into the science. Richard Hill says that his 22-page book is an easy-to-understand introduction to genetic genealogy with some content aimed directly at adoptees. You can find the book [here](#). [FamilyTreeDNA](#) currently has nearly 700,000 DNA samples in its database and its FamilyFinder test (the test Linda Reid is using extensively) is now \$99 US with a small mailing charge.

The British Newspaper Archive

The British Newspaper Archive has added new newspaper titles and now has more than 8.5 million pages to search. Although a subscription is not cheap (£79.95 for one year or £19.95 for 40 pages within a year), the free excerpts from a search can often identify your person of interest with some helpful additions. I found that a 4g granduncle was the postmaster at Ely, Cambridgeshire in 1818 and that another relative was appointed to be a Lieutenant in the local militia in 1813. A third ancestor was given a petroleum licence in 1876. These are small bits of information but I think that they add interesting detail to my family's history.

No films were received in the week ending August 14th.

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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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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