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Announcements – Two Genealogical Opportunities this weekend

Symposium on Scottish Genealogy on August 22, 2014 at the Springhills Suites by Marriott in Vaughan

Presented by Scottish Special Interest Group of the Ontario Genealogy Society, the speakers include: James Thomson: Basic Scottish Research; Linda Reid: Using DNA to Confirm or Deny; Genealogical Relationships; Ruth Blair: Scots-Irish Research; and Christine Woodcock: Tracking Scots Emigrant Ancestors. For more information, click [here](#).

One World One Family Conference, Brampton, August 23, 2014 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The fifth annual One World One Family Conference will be held on Saturday. Registration is \$25 and the full conference details can be accessed [here](#).

What's New

Ancestry has added two small databases this week: Maine Passenger Lists 1894-1960 and Grafing Germany Births 1876-1900. They have also updated the Dorset Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1538-1812.

DeceasedOnline has added nearly 15,000 burial records for two more cemeteries in Hertfordshire: Welwyn Hatfield Lawn and Hatfield Hyde. There are now records for ten Hertfordshire cemeteries with scans of the original registers and grave details online. The 200,000 records date back to 1801.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/32.

A person with a well documented tree on Ancestry has posted this comment about my ancestor George NICHOLLS, born 1820. "George faced a Poor Law Examination on 15th January 1850. He gave his address as No. 2 Cranbrook Street, Old Ford Lane and that he had lived there for 8 years. He stated that he had married on 3 September 1841 at Hackney (but no certificate was produced) to Mary his wife and had 3 children Joseph aged 7, Esther aged 3 and George aged 11 months. He mentioned that his father came from Ware in Hertfordshire and that his mother Esther lived at 15 Caroline Street, Cates Lane, Upper Clapton. There is no trace of his marriage in Hackney registers." Where might I find this Poor Law record, as I would like to see it for myself? His address of 2 Cranbrook Street suggests that it would be in the Poor Law Records for Bethnal Green. But there are so many films of Poor Law records that I cannot figure out which one to order. Can anyone advise me please? (The Ancestry researcher has not responded to my request for help.)

Suggestions:

Q1/2014/31. 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.

Linda Reid and Leslie Dorschell have offered these suggestions.

For information on obtaining a death certificate from New York go to: https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/death.htm.

Vital records registration started in New York State outside of New York City in 1881. The New York State Department of Health provides uncertified copies for genealogy research purposes for:

Birth certificates - if on file for at least 75 years and the person is known to be deceased.

Death certificates - if on file for at least 50 years.

Marriage certificates - if on file for at least 50 years and both spouses are known to be deceased.

The time periods are waived for direct-line descendants. The direct-line descendant applicant must provide the following:

Proof of their relationship to the person whose record they are requesting.

Proof of the death of the person whose birth certificate they are requesting.

Proof of the death of both spouses whose marriage certificate they are requesting.

The website for New York vital records explains that the records for New York City are separate from those of the rest of the state and will give you details on ordering from the appropriate source.

A Google search on [name of state] and "vital statistics" or "vital records" will usually lead to the appropriate web site. There are some third party services that will obtain birth/marriage/death certificates from some states for an inflated fee. Look at the URLs to determine the government site, in this case "health.ny.gov". Americans use the terms "vital statistic" or "vital records" whereas the British use the term "civil registration".

Ancestry provides a third party service for birth/marriage/death certificates from England and Wales. If you click on "order certificate" button beside the index entry on Ancestry, a certificate will cost you £22.99. If you go directly to the General Register Office site at <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/> it will only cost £9.25.

Leslie suggests that [Find A Grave](#) or [BillionGraves](#) may have a headstone and a picture. These sites are free and headstones may provide clues to a possible wife's name.

Were You Aware...

Online Free Genealogy Magazine

The August issue of *Going In-Depth* by The In-Depth Genealogist is now available to read [here](#). There is an article on London prisons in the 18th and 19th century and another on the War of 1812 from an American perspective. Any back issues from its inception in February 2013 can be downloaded or viewed on-line [here](#).

Summer Vacations

Very little of note seems to be happening in the genealogical community over the summer – very few large databases coming online, etc. So I have been having a hard time finding interesting (to me) items to write about. When our daughter



was home this summer, she said that she had read her maternal grandparents' and great-grandmother's memoirs with interest but she knew very little about her paternal grandfather's past. (These were all the older people that she had met.) I realized that I had been remiss because I have transcribed my father-in-law's memoirs on my computer but had never printed them. So I embarked on scanning some of his old photo albums to illustrate what he had recorded on cassette tapes twenty years ago.

Rather surprising to me was that he and his future wife had had a number of holidays together before they were married; I had been assured by him that no hanky panky ever ensued – it was the '30s. In this photo they are enjoying the sunshine in Cornwall, England in their vacation clothes – a dress and stockings, jacket, dress pants but no socks.

My grandfather took his family to the beach every year and in 1937 it was Margate. Photos were taken by roaming photographers who had them printed before the holiday makers went back to London by bus or train (there is a number 38 in the bottom left). I chuckle at the clothing when I look at this photo – my grandmother is wearing her fur collar and my grandfather his tie! My grandfather is carrying a newspaper, most likely the Daily Mail. There was a regular competition in the Daily Mail or the Sunday Dispatch: the paper would contain certain identifying characteristics of a person from the Daily Mail; if you were the first one to spot the man at the seaside and go up to him and say “You are So-and-so of the Daily Mail” and give him the password from the paper, you might win £100, a small fortune in those days. But you had to be carrying the paper.



Searching for Bulletin Articles

I have had three questions this week that necessitated a search of old Bulletin articles. (While I write most of the articles, I do not remember the specifics.) At the suggestion of a patron several years ago, the [Resources page](#) of the Toronto FHC blog contains back issues of the Bulletins by year from 2008 to the present and one large file, that contains all the Bulletins written between 2005 and 2013. These files are in PDF format and can be searched easily for key words. This week I have searched for “library edition”, “probate”, and “Irish civil” (registration). By typing CTRL-F (Control F) a box will appear in the top right corner and you can enter whatever subject you might like to look for. By the way, CTRL-F works in most programs and on open internet pages. It is not case sensitive.

Films received in the week ending August 21st and due for return the beginning of November.

Film Content	Film No
CAN NS Estate files M13 (cont.) to P19, 1845-1859	0814179
DEU MEC Alt Gaarz Taufen, Heiraten, Tote 1787-1865	0068948
DEU MEC Barkow Taufen, Heiraten, Tote 1766-1795	0068977
DEU MEC Grob Tessin (AG. Warin) PRs 1787-1934	0069179
DEU MEC Gros Varchow Tote 1787-1834	0069186
DEU MEC Ivenack Taufen, Heiraten, Tote 1812-1875	0069222
DEU MEC Kastorf Taufen, Heiraten, Tote, Konf. 1800-1898	0069242
DEU MEC Molin PRs 1723-1915	0069359
DEU MEC Warin PRs 1797-1875	0069645

DEU MEC Benthen PRs 1672-1875	0068994
DEU MEC Hanstorf PRs 1661-1891	0069204
DEU MEC Karbow PRs 1662-1883	0069239
DEU MEC Lubow PRs 1654-1839	0069308
ENG CHS Liscard, Burials 1843-1924	2197776
ENG HUN Little Paxton Church Records	1040746
ENG STS Wills, Edwards-K, 1756	0926124
POL Łódź Zgierz Jewish Civil Registration 1860-1865	0753245

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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Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (Linda)

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm (Ann, Joe am, Helen & Leslie pm); 6:30pm to 9:30pm (Helen)

Thursday 9:30am to noon (Don & Roberta); 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (Don & Roberta)

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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