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Announcements

OGS Toronto – Call For Speakers for Pre-1867 Ontario Workshop

The Toronto Branch is planning a day-long workshop on 11 April 2015 on Upper Canada and Canada West Research and is looking for speakers. If you have expertise in pre-Confederation Ontario family history or local history research, please contact OGS Toronto. Potential speakers are invited to submit proposals for lectures on sources, research techniques or historical background that may be helpful to researchers. Sessions may be targeted at beginners or more seasoned family historians. The deadline to submit a proposal for this workshop is Saturday 15 November. For more information, click [here](#).

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

Two new fiche sets of Scottish Old Parish Registers (Transcripts) can be found in location E5:
6902180 SCT CLK Alloa Marriages A thru Z, 1609-1855 (3 microfiches)
6902180 SCT CLK Alloa Births and christenings A thru Z 1609-1855 (7 microfiches)

What's New

FamilySearch has added more than 30 new record collections since the beginning of September but it is difficult to know what is new. One interesting addition is the England & Wales Birth Registration Index 1837-2008; I do not think that the index is available for 2006-2008 on any other website. The index appears to extend only to February 2008. The England and Wales Marriage (1837-2005) and Death (1837-2007) indexes have also been added. Several probate collections for the Durham Diocese in England are available as browse-only collections. Isle of Man parish registers 1598-2009 now have nearly half a million indexed entries. Images for Nova Scotia births, marriages and deaths starting in 1864 are coming online.

FindMyPast has published almost 4 million parish records (indexed with images) of Yorkshire parish records. The first phase of this project includes nearly a million parish records from North Yorkshire County Record Office, Doncaster Archives and Local Studies, East Riding Archives and Local Studies Service, Teesside Archives and Sheffield Archives and Local Studies, as well as over 3 million parish records and Bishop's Transcripts from the Borthwick Institute for Archives (University of York). Further Yorkshire parish records will be released in 2015.

FindMyPast has also published 2,562,402 historical school records from the National School Admission Registers and Log-books 1870-1914 from 1500 schools in 12 counties - Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lancashire, Middlesex, Surrey, Wiltshire, Glamorganshire and Westminster. There will be two more releases of school records in the spring 2015 and the fall 2015.

FindMyPast has added over 190,000 records to its existing collection of Dorset Marriages 1538-1902; over 22,000 Poor Law records to its London Poor Law Record collection 1581-1899 from 66 London parishes; over 22,000 records to its Northamptonshire Hearth Tax, 1674, forming a complete index to the lists for 1673–1674; and over 300,000 records of applications for marriage licences to the Archbishopric of York.

FindMyPast has additionally added new indexes with images to their PERSI (Periodical Source Index); PERSI enables you to easily locate key information about people and places. It contains over 2.5 million entries from thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications, mainly in the US. Two very small collections of Irish parish registers for County Fermanagh and County Tyrone have been added. A similarly small collection from Eastbourne, East Sussex has been added.

Ancestry has added a few new collections in September: 4,158 Canadian National Railway Immigrant records 1937-1960; 15,917 Bishop Transcript records for Wells Somerset; over one million records of rate books for Birmingham England 1831-1913; London England prison records: 60,000 records for the Marshalsea Prison and the King's Bench and Fleet prison; New South Wales, Australia Land Grants 1788-1963, 189,000 records; over 600,000 land records for Delaware 1677-1947; and 375,000 United Methodist Church Records in New England. They have also updated the Ontario birth, marriage and death records; the Dorset England church and probate records; Canadian ship passenger lists 1865-1935; and the Quebec (and Ontario) Drouin Collection 1621-1967, which now has over 14 million entries.

[DeceasedOnline](#) has completed adding burial and cremation records for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. There are now nearly 350,000 burials in the three cemeteries: Blackburn Cemetery (aka Whalley New Road): 1859-1997, Darwen Cemetery: 1861-1998, and Pleasington Cemetery: 1969-2001. There are 63,000 records for Pleasington Crematorium: 1957-2003.

ScotlandsPeople has released the 1875 Valuations Rolls and the indexes are free to search until December 31st. The digital documents are only 2 credits. The valuation rolls cover the whole of Scotland and are fully searchable by name and address. These new valuation rolls comprise over 900,000 index entries and almost 72,000 digital images taken from 141 volumes. One can now search for property owners, tenants and occupiers across Scotland from 1875 to 1920 through the valuation rolls.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/35. England. Prison Records.

I have a dead end on my tree in my great uncle Herbert Harold Taylor b.1894 in Lostwithiel Cornwall. I can follow his life until 1911 where he is living in Okehampton with his family. The family then moves to Torquay, Devon. I recently found an article dated 1918 about my great grandmother's funeral in Torquay, in which he is mentioned as being 'abroad in Italy or Mesopotamia' which means he must have served in WW1. I looked everywhere for a death record, and couldn't find one. I recently found another article about him dated 1921 in Torquay where he was arrested for theft of 2 one pound notes in a registered letter. He explained himself as having 'shell shock' from the war, and admitted to having been caught for theft twice before. He served three months for the crime. My question is: Is there any access to court records back that far? I'd love to know more about the trial, so I can know more of him - and perhaps have details about him after his sentence has been served.

Q2/2014/35. Canada 1848 Census.

My great great great grandfather, Robert Goodrich, is listed on the [Canadian Genealogy index](#) 1600-1900 (also on Ancestry) as living in Newcastle, Cramahe Township, in 1848 (page 90). I am trying to find out where he was born and this old census may provide a clue. Where can I access this census? I have lots of information about Robert from the 1860 census onwards but very little before that. Help in finding earlier information would be appreciated.

Q3/2014/35. Scotland-England.

My ggg grandfather John McPherson (1818 Gloucester-1888 Greenwich) was son of Colin Campbell McPherson, an intriguing dead end who seems to disappear after 1828. Any idea where I might find who his parents were? Colin had at least four children, but only John seems to have survived to adulthood.

From various sources (pension, discharge papers, etc.) we can extract this timeline, but nothing on Colin's possible parents or siblings.

1795, born Perthshire, Scotland
 7 May 1812, enlisted 85th Foot in Edinburgh by Perth Mil., occupation mason, 7 years
 21 February 1817 in Chester, Cheshire, occupation Private 85th Foot, married Mary Rhodes
 22 March 1818, son John McPherson christened, St. Nicholas, Gloucester
 24 November 1819, re-enlisted for 7 years, Northwich, Cheshire
 30 Jan. 1820 Ann Mary dau of Collin & Mary McPHERSON of Northwich, Soldier, baptized at parochial Chapel of Witton, Cheshire [Witton-Cum-Twambrooks]
 11 Feb 1820 Burial No 17 at Witton of Ann Mary McPHERSON of Northwich aged 1 [sic]
 Parentage: Colin & Mary. Died 09 Feb. Buried 11 Feb South Side. Disorder: Convulsions. Age 2 mos.
 25 March 1821, son Frederick McPherson christened, St. Nicholas Brighton (probably the Frederick buried April 2 the same year and place, as I can't find him after this)
 11 Apr 1822 ended service with 85 Regt.
 17 Apr 1822 Enlisted at London for Grenadier Guards aged 27 years for Unlimited Service
 10 November 1822, son Thomas christened St. Martin in the Fields
 24 November 1822, Thomas buried
 21 Jan 1828 Discharged from Grenadier Guards
 1st Foot Guards
 Colin McPherson
 Aged 33
 Served: 5 10/12
 Discharged as Unfit
 Conduct Very bad
 Born in the Parish of Perth

24 May, 1845, son John marries (St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, Worcestershire), both his and father's occupations listed as musician (don't know if this necessarily means Colin was alive then, can't find him or wife Mary in any census. I can't find John in 1841 or 1851 either. In 1851 his wife is with two daughters and says she is a mariner's wife.)

No new suggestions this week.

Were You Aware...

The OGS Toronto – For King and Country Database has been Updated

The Toronto Branch has just added ten more schools in its project to index war memorials in the city's schools; there are now 100 schools in this database. The latest additions are The Bishop Strachan School, Davisville Public School, Eastern High School of Commerce, George Syme School, Humbercrest Public School, Keele Street School (which will be celebrating 100 years this month), Maurice Cody School, Roselands Public School, Victoria College, and York Memorial Collegiate Institute. There are an additional 3,378 names of students, former students and teachers who volunteered for active service in the World Wars and other conflicts. The database now contains a total of more than 38,000 names, along with descriptions and transcriptions of memorials, photos and school histories, all fully searchable on-line [here](#).

Irish Sources Website

George Tuck sent us a link to a website for Irish Sources that he was led to by the GenealogyinTime [website](#). George found the [Irish Sources Website](#) useful for several reasons. It puts a large number of links searchable from one site, admittedly some on file in the Toronto FHC, but where digital references are on line, a great convenience. The menus on the left hand side are easy to navigate. For Irish research, locating sources related to Townlands and Parishes seemed quite logical. This is often a barrier for the new researcher.

September Online Magazines

The September/October Edition of *Irish Lives Remembered* focuses on finding Offaly ancestors but the 68 pages has something for all Irish researchers. Go to [Irish Lives Remembered](#) to read it online or download it to read later. RootsIreland has now published three newsletters, *Clann*, and they can be downloaded [here](#). The September edition of *Going In-Depth* by the In-Depth Genealogist is available [here](#) but it is no longer free.

Films received in the three weeks ending October 2nd and due for return about the beginning of November.

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DEU MEC Kratzeburg Tote 1700-1786	0069763
DEU MEC Bruz PRs 1801-1885	0069099
DEU MEC Hornstorf 1732-1875	0069207
DEU MEC Kropelin PRs 1859-1875	0069283
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DEU MEC Plau Taufen 1711, 1734-1815	0069446
DEU MEC Zurow PRs 1695-1934	0069706
ENG LAN Anfield Burial registers 1918-1926	1564452
ENG LAN Anfield Cemetery	1564451
ENG LAN St Michaels Liverpool BT	1468982
ENG STS Seighford Ch. Rec 1813-50	0435842
ENG STS Stafford St Mary's Bapt & Bur 1851-	1040877
ENG STS Stafford St Mary's Mar 1818-61	1040879
ENG STS Stafford St. Mary's Bapt & Bur 1760-1801	1040876
ENG WAR Birmingham BTs for St. Martin 1657-1831	0428968
ENG WAR Birmingham PRs 1715-1965	0814245
IRE CLA Tulla Catholic Ch. Register	0979693
PHL Locsin, 1750-1980: genealogy	1148801
USA MA Hebrew Imm card file I-96 1882-1929 S-W	2318511

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