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Announcements

OGS Toronto – Industrial England Workshop, November 1st, 9am-5pm

This full-day workshop, co-sponsored with the Canadiana Department of North York Central Library, will explore the social, economic and cultural effects of the Industrial Revolutions on the lives of English people from 1750 to 1900. Author and professional genealogist Kirsty Gray will be the keynote speaker. Spaces are still available. For full details about the program, speakers and how to register, go to [Industrial England](#). I am very much looking forward to the sessions on *Education, Literacy and Reading* and *East-End London* (which unfortunately conflicts with Linda Reid's talk on *Sheffield*). The keynote speaker, Kirsty Gray, was a Gold Medallist in John Reid's [Rockstar Genealogist Awards 2013](#) and will, no doubt, give a dynamic introductory lecture on *How the Industrial Revolution Changed the World*. Her book on the subject will be published next year.

News From the Trenches

Eve Richardson regularly checks the new databases which the Bulletin has in the **What's New** section and is always delighted when she finds a new piece of information. Last week FindMyPast added a collection of London Apprentice Papers and Eve checked it out. She was delighted to find two records mentioning her Pinhey family. Further investigation showed that Hamlet (sic) Kirkes Pinhey, son of William, was apprenticed to John Wilkes Hill of the Grocer's Company in 1799. This is a relative of Eve's, Hamnett Kirkes Pinhey, who emigrated to Canada in 1820 and settled in the Ottawa area. As befitting an early Ottawa landowner and politician, Hamnett has a [Wiki entry](#) and has a page on the Pinhey's Point Foundation [website](#). The house Hamnett Kirkes built is now a museum, filled with articles from the period, donated by families settled in the area. Hamnett built mills on the site. He also donated the land for the first church in the area, St. Mary's. It's a roofless shell now, but still kept as consecrated land, and the cemetery is still active. Services are held several times a year just outside the church door, a lovely venue overlooking the Ottawa River.

What's New

FamilySearch added the 1915 New Jersey State Census, nearly three million indexed images, and nearly one million indexed images for Pennsylvania obituaries 1977-2010.

Ancestry has added many many new records for Germany this week; do check for your town or area. Two databases for Mecklenburg have been updated and the parish register transcripts 1740-1918 now has well over two million indexed records with images. [There is also a Mecklenburg-Schwerin census of 1819 available.]

FindMyPast is releasing new record collections every Friday. The largest database released this week is the WWI British Army Medal Index cards comprising 4.5 million records (these have been available on Ancestry for some time). Nine new titles have been added to the collection of Irish newspapers: The Drogheda Journal/Meath & Louth Advertiser, Dublin Monitor, The Galway Vindicator & Connaught Advertiser, Limerick Reporter & Tipperary Vindicator, The Newry Examiner and Louth Reporter, Northern Whig, Pue's Occurrences, Sligo Champion and The Waterford Chronicle. Two small databases released are English: the Inheritance Disputes Index 1574-1714, containing 77,000 records detailing 26,000 law suits at the English Court of chancery, and The Charles I Court of Chancery Index 1625-1649, indexing 81,000 Chancery cases. For complete details of this release, read [this](#).

DeceasedOnline has added 356,000 Nottingham burial records this week. The Nottingham County Council records are from High Wood Cemetery, opened 2006; Northern Cemetery (Bulwell), opened 1903; Southern Cemetery (Wilford Hill), opened 1919; and Wilford Hill Crematorium, opened 1931. Records are available up until 2011 and comprise: scans of original registers, computerised register records, grave details indicating all those buried within each grave, and maps indicating the section of a cemetery where graves are located or indicating scattering locations of ashes in the crematorium.

Library and Archives Canada has started digitizing 640,000 Canadian Expeditionary Force personnel service files. The first tranche is now available to search [here](#) and covers soldiers whose initials are at the beginning of the alphabet. I found that downloading the 22 page pdf for a soldier took a long time but had loads of interesting information, even though I had no idea who is was (I just chose a name at random).

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/36. Vienna, Austria Births.

I finally found proof my 2nd Great Grand Father who died in the Netherlands was born in Vienna about 1786. I have looked through the Austrian LDS online catalogue finding a large amount of films covering that time period, however they seem to be only military records covering garrisons. I need some help pointing my search towards the right direction.

Suggestions: none this week.

Were You Aware...

Ontario Research – Looking for Johann Joachim and Wilhelmina Pries in Wilmot Township and Beyond

One of the Toronto Family History Centre's researchers has been tracking his German ancestors who came to Canada before 1861. They first settled around Kitchener in Wilmot Township and later moved further north to Grey County. He is very interested in finding the birthplace of his ggg-grandmother in Germany and hoped that her burial and that of her husband might indicate where they came from. He has just found her death record on Ancestry: Jan 14 1877, Mina Pries, 80, born in Mecklenburg Schwerin Germany, of old age; informant John Rhody, farmer (her son-in-law). The 1861 census says that Wilhelmina Pries was born about 1801 in Prussia and is Lutheran.

Leslie Dorschell has been trying to come up with suggestions to find Mina's burial record and whether Wilhelmina's husband, Johann Joachim Pries, ever came to Canada. Wilhelmina's age at death indicates a birth date a few years earlier than that indicated on the 1861 census. Leslie feels that the patron should not be concerned about that small discrepancy.

OGS Cemetery Listings

Leslie thinks that the best bet for finding out (if and) where Johann Joachim Pries died would be to check the cemetery lists at the North York Library. Leslie had to use the names from the OGS listing for the surrounding tombstones to pinpoint the burial tombstone of her ggg-grandfather.

Wilfred Laurier Lutheran Archives

The [Laurier Archives](#) is the official repository of the records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Eastern Synod), the historic records of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, as well as collections of personal papers, publications and ephemera. In Synod records, and records of individual parishes, the collection documents the history of the ELCIC beginning in the nineteenth century. Parish registers are part of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada fonds. Here is a link to their on-line finding aid, which includes a PDF inventory list:

<http://library.wlu.ca/research-materials/archives/finding-aids/eastern-synod-evangelical-lutheran-church-canada-fonds>

Church records are listed in section 3 about page 54. A representative of the archives confirmed that if the parish registers are not there, then they could still be with the original church.

Archives of Ontario and LAC

The Archives of Ontario should be checked to see if there were any land grants given to either Johann Pries or John R[h]ody. The Archives has an online research guide for [Land Records](#) 1780-1920. Library and Archives Canada has [Land Petitions of Upper Canada](#), 1763-1865 but no Pries was found here.

Gazetteer and Books Online

Leslie checked the [County of Waterloo Gazetteer and General Business Directory for 1864](#); this is available on the Internet Archive at [Archive.org](#). [There are also other Gazetteers available at archive.org. Leslie did not find a John Rody in the Wilmot section which starts on page 51. But she found a John Rudy (possibly a spelling error?) and a Henry Rodi (potentially a brother?).

The code after John Rudy is: s r 25 f. John owned Lot 25 on Snyder's Road ("s r" = Snyder's Road). Lot 25 on Snyder's Road is a relatively small lot on the boundary of Wilmot Township with Perth County. It is just to the west of the town of New Hamburg.

The code after Henry Rodi is: b a 4 11 f. Leslie believes that he owned Block A Lot 11 on Concession 4. If you look at the map (see below for link), you will see "CONCESSION IV" in the top left corner. Then follow along to the right to Lot 11. It is a small triangular-shaped lot on the boundary of Wilmot Township with Wellesley Township. They may have gone to church in the town of Wellesley. ["f" = freeholder (owner); "h" = householder (renter)]

In Wilmot Township, there were many marriages by a Pastor Bindemann, which are card indexed at the Kitchener Public Library. One child of the Pries couple was married by him but none of Bindemann's marriages mention the couple's parents. A book called, "*Little Paradise: the saga of the German Canadians of Waterloo County, Ontario, 1800-1975*" has a section about Friedrich W. Bindemann, "*The Deist on the White Charger*". The full text is [online](#) with a couple of pages about Pastor Bindemann starting on page 54:

Maps

A good map of Wilmot Township showing the lot numbers: <http://www.wilmot.ca/cmsAdmin/uploads/township.pdf>. Most lots are in a rectangular shape. The long sides are 1 ¼ miles long. These lots are likely 100 acres. Maps of the townships, some with names on the lots, are available at [McGill Historical Maps](#).

Waterloo Region Generations

The researcher reminded Leslie Dorschell of an interesting website: [Waterloo Region Generations](#). A group of volunteers are going through records and putting together family trees for Waterloo County – a huge undertaking. It now contains about 250,000 people with over 1,000,000 source citations. Many of these sources can be viewed at [Archive.org](#).

Unfortunately, even if the researcher finds the cemetery where Wilhelmina or her husband, Johann Joachim Pries, is buried, it is unlikely to document the actual town in Mecklenburg Schwerin where they came from. Leslie says it would seem that the best way to find towns of birth for ancestors back in Germany is to find every single North American (Canadian) record possible; check out ALL siblings. Any further suggestions for this researcher would be welcomed.

Genetic Genealogy

John Reid's blog on October 20th, entitled [Genetic Genealogy Ireland 2014 Videos](#), had a link to a one hour video – **Which DNA test is best for you?** I was surprised by one of the statistics in the interesting video. Of all the kits being tested, FamilyTreeDNA had 30% non-US residents, 23andMe had 10% non-US residents and Ancestry had 1% non-US residents. For this reason, Maurice Gleeson, speaking in Ireland, recommended [FamilyTreeDNA](#) because people who are not from the US will have better chance of finding a match. Another reason to take a DNA test through FamilyTreeDNA is that they now have over 700,000 records in their database – the largest genealogy DNA database. There are other videos available for the Genetic Genealogy Ireland conference, just click on the links down the right hand side of the page.

October Newsletter of the Irish Family History Foundation

The latest newsletter, **Clann**, is available to read online or download by clicking [here](#).

Films received in the week ending October 23rd and due for return about the middle of December.

Film Content	Film No
DEU BAY Lauterecken PRs 1569-1891	0193020
DEU MEC Dammwolde PRs 1747-1885	0069056
DEU MEC Kreien PRs 1667-1857	0069279
DEU MEC Parchim St George PRs 1803-1833	0069402
DEU MEC Parchim St Mary PRs 1786-1823	0069398
DEU MEC Vietlbbe PRs 1661-1861	0069639
DEU MEC Wismar PRs 1765-1840	0069657
ENG STS Stafford St. Mary's Bapt & Mar	1040878
ENG SUF Various PR Transcripts & Mis	0991955
ENG SUF Various PR Transcripts & Mis	0991942
HUN Fejer Adony Ch. Rec. 1803-	0622475
HUN Fejer Csakva Ch. Rec. 1754-	0622488
HUN Fejer Csakva Ch. Rec. 1852-1895	0622489
HUN Fejer Isztimer Ch Rec 1753-	0622507
HUN Veszprem Hajmasker Ch. Rec.1747-	0699570
HUN Zala Csesztreg Ch. Rec. 1789-1886	0700947

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)

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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