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Announcements

OGS Toronto Meeting – Monday November 24th at 7:30pm – Great Moments in Genealogy

This month at North Memorial Hall, eleven OGS Toronto members will present “great moments” in their genealogical research. These five-minute presentations have been really fun and interesting in the past. I find that they also inspire me to continue with my research.

Phone Before You Come!

This is a regular reminder to call if you do not have an appointment or if the weather is even slightly dubious. Volunteers may be unable to make it in to cover their shift. Toronto has definitely headed into winter, but we are certainly lucky not to be Buffalo residents, who had over 5 feet of snow by Wednesday morning and are getting more lake-effect snow today.

News From the Trenches

The Scottish War Memorials Project – Written by Pierce Reid

The other day I was poking around my database and decided to do some research on the family of David and Christina Barrowman. I did not know Christina's maiden name.

David was from Saline, Fife, and was a first cousin of my great-grandfather. I had them on the censuses up to 1901, with their 7 children: 6 girls and Robert (in the middle), latterly in Eastwood, Renfrew. I started looking for their marriage on Scotland's People. I narrowed it down to David Barrowman marrying Christina Wishart in 1884 in Glasgow.

Googling “Barrowman” and “Wishart”, I got a number of hits, including “Robert Wishart Barrowman”, killed during WW I, of the right age. Of course, there was the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) (CWGC), as well as findagrave. In fact, [findagrave](#) has two entries, one for the burial in a Commonwealth cemetery in France and another in Glasgow, where he seems to be with others in his family, according to other findagrave links.

New since the last time I visited the CWGC site were images of an original Graves Registration Report (typewritten with hand-written changes) and a Register of the Graves page (typeset) for Robert. This gives a few more details about his death as well as identifying his parents.

I then found Robert on the Scottish War Memorials Project, (<http://warmemscot.s4.bizhat.com/warmemscot-ftopic6964.html>) on the Shawlands Academy page. This is similar to the *For King and County* project of the Toronto Branch of the OGS, although the Shawlands page lists the 135 names (so Google can find them) rather than burying them in a database. The web page has a photo of the school, a photo of the entire memorial in the school, and a detailed photo of the plaque showing all the names of those from the school who fell during the Great War.

There are further details on many of the fallen, submitted by various people (one in particular seems to be doing a lot of the work). The entry for Robert gives the data that is also on the CWGC web site, plus:

BARROWMAN, ROBERT WISHART, Private, No. 2174, 24th (Service) Batt. (2nd Sportsman's) The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regt.), only s. of the late David Barrowman, Inspector of Poor, Registrar and Collector for the Parish of Eastwood, by his wife, Christina (Kinneddar, Manse wood, Pollokshaws, Glasgow), dau. of Robert Wishart; b. Shawlands, Glasgow, 17 March, 1893; educ. Shawlands Academy; Glasgow High School, and the Agricultural College, Glasgow; was employed by Archibald Stewart, House Furnisher, Glasgow, as a Salesman; enlisted 4 Dec. 1914; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from Nov. 1915; was wounded at the Battle of the Somme 29 July, 1916, but re-joined his regiment soon afterwards, and died a prisoner of war at Douai 2 May, 1917, from wounds received in action on the Sunken Road at Oppy 29 April. Buried in the cemetery there. An N.C.O. In the platoon wrote: "He was a brave soldier, who always did his duty nobly, and was beloved by the boys of the regiment."

This text is from <http://www.mocavo.com/The-Roll-of-Honour-a-Biographical-Record-of-All-Members-of-His-Majestys-Naval-and-Military-Forces-Who-Have-Fallen-in-the-War-Volume-2/373324/28#27> which includes an image of "The Roll of Honour" page and a civilian photo of Robert.

Reading through other entries I saw references to a number of the battlefields our family saw on a battlefields tour a few years ago. There are even entries for some soldiers buried in Canada.

I also found Robert's burial on FamilySearch and it has a link to billiongraves.com, which has an image of the Glasgow gravestone with the names of the family members listed on findagrave. The gravestone indicates that Robert is not actually buried in this grave.

I was lucky that Robert had a distinctive middle name, which was used in a number of the records I found. I also discovered a number of new web sites with information on Commonwealth soldiers, and old sites with new information. Some of the Barrowman findagrave entries, for example, were submitted only at the beginning of this November.

Thanks to Google and thanks to all who have been adding data to the web for us genealogists to find.

What's New

FamilySearch added or updated several browse-only collections of county records for a number of US states. There are now 1,395,000 images on the Nova Scotia Probate Records 1760-1993. The records include estate files, inventories, wills, administrations and other records related to probate. Most of the records are dated from 1800-1940, with varying coverage by area.

Ancestry has the index for nearly 20,000 records of Jews in Czechoslovakia; the images are only available at cost from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

FindMyPast has added several new record collections for Devon. Over 700,000 records have been added to the Devon parish baptisms 1444-1915; this collection now contains over 2.2 million records. More than 300,000 records have been added to the Devon parish marriages 1446-2001; there are now over 1.8 million records here. The Devon parish burials 1320-1926 now have over 1.6 million records. The Devon parish banns 1538-1915 database has an additional 164,000 new records and there are now 367,000 banns records. There is a Devon Wills Index 1163-1999 which contains more than 250,000 records proved by 30 courts. FindMyPast says: "Many probate records for the county of Devon and the Diocese of Exeter were lost in 1942, when the Probate Registry was destroyed in the bombing during WWII. The index reveals where copies, transcripts, abstracts or extracts of original testamentary documents may be found and if they have survived. Each record includes a transcript of the original record that will list the testator's names, the year of probate, place and any additional notes as well as court details, document form, source and reference code." A new database for Irish researchers is Pettigrew & Oulton's Dublin Almanac & General Register of Ireland 1835-1845, the first annual publication to include a street by street directory of Dublin. Published between 1834 and 1845, it provides a street directory and an alphabetical list of inhabitants, grouped by profession. The index is fully searchable and contains over 6,000 search results.

Library and Archives Canada has added new service files to its [Soldiers of the First World War](#) database. It is my understanding that the files are being digitized in more or less alphabetical order. Searching yesterday for a John Edwards resulted in finding several Ivan Edwards and several Joseph Edwards but a gap in between. So perhaps the online records are up to "D" with some E records available. The LAC [blog](#) says that 78,914 of 640,000 files are available online.

The [Irish Family History Foundation](#) has added [North Mayo](#) baptisms and marriages from about 1900 to 1911. Additions have been made to the following Roman Catholic parishes: Ardagh, Backs/Knockmore, Ballycastle, Ballycroy, Ballysakeery/Cooneal, Belmullet, Kilcommon Erris, Kilmore Erris, Kilfian, Kilgarvin/Bonniconlon, Killala, and Lacken.

The Forum:

Questions: No new questions this week.

Were You Aware...

Irish Lives Remembered Magazine

A new edition of Irish Lives Remembered is available to download or read [here](#). This edition focuses on County Fermanagh in 16 of the magazine's 70 pages.

Films received in the week ending November 20th and due for return about the end of January.

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Burow Ch. Rec.	0069037
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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: **December 19, 2014 to January 5, 2015 inclusive.** 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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