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What's New

FamilySearch has updated or added to the following collections:

- [Warwickshire Parish Registers](#) 1535-1984 (1.2 million indexed images)
- Canada Passenger Lists 1881-1922 (3.8 million indexed images). Check [database](#) for coverage for each port.
- [Saskatchewan Catholic Church Records](#) 1846-1957 (40,000 indexed images)
- Peru Civil Registration Updates
- Utah Obituaries and Salt Lake City Cemetery Records
- Indiana Marriages 1811-1959 (3.3 million records)

Ancestry's updates or additions include:

- UK Popular Edition Maps 1919-1926 (176,000 images). "These detailed maps cover much of Britain and include features such as forests, mountains, larger farms, roads, railroads, towns, and more to help you better understand and even visualize the world your ancestor lived in."
- Passenger Lists for US Virgin Islands & Virginia (totalling 900,000 records)
- Pennsylvania Civil War Muster Records (324,000 Records)
- Pennsylvania Veterans Burial Cards 1777-2012

FindMyPast has added the following datasets for this Friday's release:

- Victoria Australia Parliamentary Papers 1852-1899 (updated with another 186,000 records)
- Britain Country Apprentices 1710-1808 contains over 1 million records taken from original registers kept by the Board of Stamps. These registers recorded the money received in payment of the tax on apprentices' indentures.
- BillionGraves Cemetery Indexes for England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand have been added. This information is already available on [BillionGraves](#).

See [FindMyPast Record Sets](#) for the complete description of the new records.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2015/17. Irish Town/Parish.

I would love to find out the town or parish that my Irish ancestors came from. I have found the following:

Patrick O'Brien and his wife, Ellen Murphy, immigrated to Canada in the mid-1800s. They had 8 children:

1. Michael (my ancestor) born 3 April 1845 in Ireland, immigrated to Canada 1855 (from 1901 census); died 01 Jan 1931 in St Catharines
2. Mary born Dec 1848 in Ireland (1901 census); married Peter Carey;
3. Ellen born 2 May 1854 in St. Catharines, Ontario Canada.
4. John Joseph born 8 Jan 1856, died 24 March 1934. Married Caroline Hallett in 1886
5. Johanna born 2 June 1857, died ? married Cpt. Patrick Dacey (Deasy) in 1879

6. James born 6 Aug 1858
 7. Catherine (Kate) born May 1859, died 2 April 1938, married William John Kelley (Kelly) in 1907
 8. Timothy Joseph born 15 July 1862, died 20 Jan 1925 married Julia Henrietta Hestor in 1888
- Siblings 3 through 8 were born lived and died in St. Catharines, Ontario, as far as we know.

Patrick O'Brien died 27 May 1889 in St. Catharines Ontario and wife Ellen Murphy died 06 Oct 1888. Both are buried in Victoria Lawn Cemetery in St. Catharines, Ontario. I tried to find the obituaries for Patrick and Ellen but the local newspaper was out of print during their death years.

A family story says Patrick came to Canada as a stone cutter to work on the Welland Canal in St Catharines, Ontario, and when he made enough money he sent for his wife and son to come to Canada. Additional family stories mention Patrick came from Limerick, County Cork, Ireland. How might I find out if the family was from Limerick or the parish they actually came from?

Were You Aware... Newspapers Again

Here are a few suggestions for finding interesting details of your ancestors in newspapers.

Ontario

[Our Ontario](#) has indexes to many births, marriages and deaths and some newspaper clippings for Barrie, Brampton, Clarington, Cobourg, Gateway to Northern Ontario (Thunder Bay), Grey Highlands, Grimsby, Halton Region (Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville), Kingston Frontenac, Nastawgan, Newmarket, Orillia, Oshawa, Nipigon, Peel Region (Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga), Richmond Hill, Timmins, Whitby, Whitchurch-Stouffville, and Woodstock. These have been done by the local libraries and have varying information. I was delighted to find my brother-in-law's sister mentioned in one of more than 70 years ago: "Little Sandra Sims as flower girl".

[Our Ontario](#) also has scans of many newspapers in Essex County. The Essex Free Press has over 5,000 issues scanned between 1895 and 2011. [Our Ontario](#) is hosted by [Our Digital World](#) and they also have three Illinois newspapers (Algonquin, Libertyville and Wilmette) on their website.

The [Elgin County Branch of OGS](#) has indexed the birth, marriage and death announcements from some local newspapers.

[The Globe and Mail](#) (1844-2011) and the [Toronto Star](#) (1894-2011) can be searched from home without charge through the [Toronto Public Library](#), using your Toronto library card to login. Local GTA libraries have similar arrangements with ProQuest Historical Newspapers.

The [Ontario Archives](#) have older newspapers (especially pre-1930) and that are almost exclusively from Ontario; this [link](#) is to an old pdf copy of their holdings; please check what they currently have before you go. The Canadiana Room at the North York library has a good collection of Toronto and Winnipeg newspapers. The Toronto Reference Library has a large collection of more recent newspapers from a number of Canadian towns and cities and many of these are on microfilm.

The Winnipeg Free Press and its predecessor, the Manitoba Free press, has issues from 1874 to 2015 that can be searched [here](#). It is on the [Newspaper Archive website](#) which has many other papers, with a strong emphasis on US newspapers. This is a subscription website, which does not appear to be cheap to me, allowing only 25 page views per month for about \$10US per month.

Some Manitoba newspapers can be browsed online without charge [here](#). Many are short runs of the newspapers but *La Liberté* and *The Manitoban* have more than 100 years online.

[Peel's Prairie Provinces](#), a University of Alberta website, has a number of newspapers that can be searched by keyword but many of the papers have only been digitised for a few years.

[The Canada Gazette](#), the government's official newspaper for appointments, honours and awards, has been digitised from 1841 to 2009 and can be searched [here](#). It contains formal public notices, official appointments, proposed regulations, regulations and public Acts of Parliament from government departments and agencies, and contains miscellaneous public notices from the private sector.

The [National Library of Australia](#) has over 421 million digitized resources online. Their [Trove Newspapers](#) collection currently has 16,613,063 pages consisting of 164,265,889 articles available to search WITHOUT CHARGE. The newspapers start about 1810 and continue up to 1980. The collection has six million more digitized pages than the British Newspaper Archive for a much less populous country. This is an amazing collection that anyone with an interest in Australia should explore.

The **New Zealand** Government is also digitising its newspapers and allowing free access. Currently [PapersPast](#) has more than three million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals, covering the years 1839 to 1945 and including 93 publications from all regions of New Zealand.

The [British Newspaper Archive](#) has nearly 11 million pages of digitized newspapers online. One can search at no cost but to view the entire article or page you will need to pay. A one-month subscription costs £9.95 or you can pay £19.95 to download up to 40 pages over one year.

[The Gazette](#) is the British official journal of record and the newspaper of the Crown. It contains notices of military and civilian awards and honours, bankruptcy records, and wills and probate notices (for wealthier people than mine). Searching and downloading this newspaper is free. The **London Gazette** has been published since the late 17th century and the **Belfast and Edinburgh Gazettes** have been published since the early 1700s.

For those of you with arty British ancestors, do check out [The Stage](#) newspaper has been digitised from 1880 to 2007. It started as *A London and Provincial Theatrical Advertiser* but became a much more diverse newspaper for the entertainment and performing arts industry.

The [Irish Newspaper Archives](#) is a subscription website and a list of its current online newspapers can be seen [here](#). One can try it out for free for three days before committing to its rather expensive subscription choices.

[The Scotsman](#) is an Edinburgh newspaper and editions between 1817 and 1950 have been digitised. It is a subscription website.

FindMyPast has several newspaper collections to be searched if you have a subscription. There are about 122 million articles currently available in British Newspapers, approximately nine million articles in Irish newspapers, and many more in their US and worldwide collection. Newspapers may not be included in the Library Edition available at FHCs.

Ancestry has over 1400 newspapers in its collections; 1361 of these are in the US, 23 in Europe and 23 in Canada. The **London Times** is one of the European Newspapers on ancestry. Many of these are short runs of a particular newspaper but it is always worth looking to see if there is anything of interest.

Access Newspaper Archives is a subscription website available at Family History Centres for free. It features billions of articles from historical newspapers around the U.S. and the world.

If I have piqued your interest in exploring digitised newspapers, please check out [Cyndi's List](#) for general newspapers or under your country of interest. There are thousands of other newspapers available online with many fascinating snippets of information.

Films in the week ending May 7th and due for return about the middle of July.

Film Content	Film No
DEU BAD Ch. Rec.1643-1795	0937785
DEU MEC Badendiek Ch Rec 1800-1875	0068975
DEU MEC Gross Uphal Ch Rec. 1745-1907	0069184
DEU PRU West Prussia Klein Tromnau Taufen 1863-1903	0208179
ENG NTH Archdeaconry of Northampton Probate 11763	0187751
ENG NTH Archdeaconry of Northampton Probate 1848	0187842
ENG NTH Archdeaconry of Northampton Probate 1849	0187843
ENG STS Seighford PRs 1560-1876	1040874
HUN Tolna Kakasd Halottak (foly.) 1964-1977	2431479

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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