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Announcements

Toronto FHC Film Processing Changes

As of this week, our family history centre will no longer label the films with descriptions of their contents. Films will be filed in the film cabinet drawers as before under the patron’s last name. Additionally the Bulletin will no longer contain a list of films brought in by patrons. If you have ordered a film from the FHL Catalogue, you will receive an email when it arrives at your family history centre.

OGS Toronto Branch Meeting Presents *Dead and Buried*

Monday, May 25, 2015 at 7:30pm, at the North York Memorial Hall

Sue De Groot talks about death records and the kinds of records death can produce: death registration, obituary, burial, cemetery, tombstone records, etc. This presentation, which demonstrates why to collect all records and what information they hold, will be given after the AGM.

Durham Region OGS Presents *Supercharging Your Genealogy with DNA*

June 2nd, 2015 at 7:30 pm Auditorium, Oshawa Public Library, 65 Bagot Street, Oshawa, L1H 1N2

Speaker: Maurice Gleeson from London England

The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

DNA testing is really easy to do, costs about \$125 Canadian dollars, and is helping family history researchers break through Brick Walls that they never thought would come down. The technology behind DNA testing has been given a real boost by the Adoption Community who have developed tools and methodologies to facilitate the use of DNA to reconnect adoptees with their birth families. These same technologies have proven to be of real benefit to ordinary everyday genealogists too. Maurice will explain how DNA testing (and autosomal DNA in particular) can help you connect with genetic cousins and solve your own family mysteries. He will also explain how to focus the attack on your Brick Walls by testing several targeted family members. He will illustrate his talk with real life examples, including an adoption success story from his own family.

What's New

FamilySearch has updated or added to the following collections:

- London England Electoral Registers 1847-1913 (17.7 million records indexed) (updated) (Note that Ancestry has nearly 160 million London Electoral Registers from 1832-1965.)
- North Dakota 1915 Census updated
- Belgium Civil Registration records for various areas
- Additions to various Peru Civil Registration records

Ancestry's updates or additions include:

- West Yorkshire Bastardy Records 1690-1914 (updated) (23,341 records)
- Pennsylvania Death Certificates (updated) (7 million records)

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

- City of London Ironmongers, Apprentices & Freemen 1511-1923 (17,000 records)
- City of London Haberdashers, Apprentices & Freemen 1526-1933 (136,000 records)
- Surrey Southwark, St George the Martyr Mortuary Register 1880-1891 (1,900 records)
- British Royal Navy, Foreign Awards to Officers Index 1914-1922 (3,000 records)
- Victoria Inward Passenger Lists 1839-1923 (500,000 records added; now contains over 2 million records)

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

The [Irish Family History Foundation](#) has added new records for County Monaghan. To see a list of the newly available records, click [here](#). There are new records for Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland and Presbyterian parishes.

News From the Trenches

The Bulletin received news of an exciting discovery that came from the Dublin Workhouse registers that FindMyPast put online last week. "I found the death of one of my great grandfathers, John McCarthy, house painter, which took place in the North Dublin Union Workhouse. I've been looking for the record of his death for years but, with so many John McCarthy's, I hadn't found the right one until now." It is great to hear of success stories, especially when the researcher has been looking for so long.

The Forum:

No New Questions or Suggestions.

Are you stumped, unable to find any clues? Perhaps Bulletin readers can help. Send in your problem.

Were You Aware...

How to Find Online Records for Dorset, for example

It is sometimes baffling to figure out what the three large databases have as records online for your particular area of interest. A question this week prompted me to explore what records for Dorset were on Ancestry, FamilySearch and FindMyPast. The same process could be used for any county or state. It is always useful to check what is available in all three. FindMyPast records are available at all family history centres.

For Ancestry:



From the drop-down **Search** Menu, choose **Search All Records**.

Explore by Location

USA UK & Ireland Europe Canada Australia & NZ

UK & Ireland

Recent additions include:

- 1911 England & Wales Census Collection
- Naval Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1972
- Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1949
- Citations of the Distinguished Conduct Medal, 1914-1920



Channel Islands Ireland Northern Ireland Wales
England Isle of Man Scotland United Kingdom

Explore by Location: From the five choices of general location, choose the broad area you would like records for. In this case, for Dorset, choose **UK & Ireland**. Then from the map or the locations listed below the map, choose the country you wish. For Dorset, England was chosen.

For a Canadian province, you would choose Canada and then Ontario, for example.

Narrow by county

Select a county to view its unique collections.

Bedfordshire	10	Lincolnshire	24
Berkshire	8	London	87
Buckinghamshire	16	Middlesex	29
Cambridgeshire	8	Norfolk	27
Cheshire	24	Northamptonshire	20
Cornwall	27	Northumberland	15
Cumberland	15	Nottinghamshire	45
Derbyshire	19	Oxfordshire	15
Devon	43	Rutland	8
Dorset	34	Shropshire	11
Durham	25	Somerset	31
Essex	18	Staffordshire	26
Gloucestershire	49	Suffolk	83
Hampshire	12	Surrey	25
Herefordshire	6	Sussex	7
Hertfordshire	14	Warwickshire	43
Huntingdonshire	3	West Midlands	8
Isle of Wight	2	Westmorland	4
Kent	48	Wiltshire	16
Lancashire	88	Worcestershire	23
Leicestershire	8	Yorkshire	115

You will get this table for England. A quick glance will show that there are 34 unique collections for Dorset. A click on the county will take you to those unique collections for that county or state. There are also the country-wide collections, like the censuses, but they are not listed here.

Dorset Census & Voter Lists Dorset, England, Electoral Registers, 1839-1922 View other Census & Voter Lists collections related to Dorset. (11)	1,584,958
Dorset Birth, Marriage & Death Dorset, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 England, Select Dorset Parish Registers, 1538-1910 Dorset, England, Marriages and Banns, 1813-1921 Dorset, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1906 Dorset, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-2010 View all Dorset Birth, Marriage & Death (7)	1,168,009 960,001 403,005 399,322 343,284

The number of records in each collection will give you a hint as to how useful they will be. Do click on each collection and read where the information comes from. The "England, Select Dorset Parish Registers 1538-1910" comes from FamilySearch and is most likely the IGI records for Dorset. Just five of the 34 collections are shown here.

Once you have chosen the database you wish to search, please read the *Source Information* and the *About ... (this collection)* to find what you are looking at. Ancestry also provides you with a list of related databases you may wish to search as hints on the right-hand side.

For FindMyPast:



From the drop-down Search menu, choose A-Z record sets.

Search A-Z of record sets

Showing records from

- [United States](#)
- [United Kingdom](#)
- [Australia & New Zealand](#)
- [Ireland](#)
- [World](#)

[Show list of everything](#)

Clear search

Title ^	Category ^	Sub-category ^
Dorset Baptism Index 1538-1912	Life Events (BMDs)	Births & baptisms
Dorset Baptisms	Life events (BMDs)	Births & baptisms
Dorset Burial Index 1538-1986	Life Events (BMDs)	Deaths & burials
Dorset Burials	Life events (BMDs)	Deaths & burials
Dorset Hemp and Flax Growers	Education & work	Occupations
Dorset Marriage Index 1541-1937	Life Events (BMDs)	Marriages & divorces
Dorset Marriages	Life events (BMDs)	Marriages & divorces
Dorset Memorial Inscriptions	Life events (BMDs)	Deaths & burials
Parish Apprentices For Dorset	Education & work	Apprentices
Somerset & Dorset Notes and Queries, 1890-1980	Newspapers, directories & social history	Directories & almanacs

Typing "Dorset" in the search box results in 10 different databases. Two are for Baptisms and they have different contents, although both are transcriptions and not original records. Under each database title the number of records in the collection is listed.

Dorset Baptisms

Discover if your ancestor was born in the British county of Dorset. Search more than 323,000 records from the Dorset Baptism Registers to find out their name, date of birth and the names of their parents.

Dorset Baptism Index 1538-1912

Discover your English heritage today by exploring the Dorset Baptism Index. Search through 165,358 records by your ancestor's name or the name of his/her parents. Parish records are a great resource for tracing your family before civil registration started in 1837. Attach the records you find today to your family tree.

At the bottom of the search page for each database there is a "Learn about these records" section. This will tell you more about the records. In the case of the Baptism Index, the parishes covered are listed. If you are looking for records around Poole, you will quickly discover that there are no parish records for that area.

 Search Dorset Baptism Index 1538-1912 [Clear search](#)

Learn about these records

- [What can these records tell me?](#)
- [Discover more about these records](#)
- [Places included](#)
 - Admiston
 - Affpuddle
 - Alderholt

For FamilySearch:

The method for finding record collections at FamilySearch.org/search was shown last week. It is interesting to compare what they have for Dorset; there is just one collection of parish registers. Although FamilySearch indicates that actual parish register images are available (the little camera suggests this), when I tried they were not.

 England, Dorset, Parish Registers, 1538-1936

1,288,325

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Listing of New Films at the Toronto FHC has been discontinued.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours:

(Always phone us if you do not have a booking to ensure that we are open.)

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)

Saturday, 2nd & 4th of each month, 10am to 1pm (Grace & Charlene) For Chinese research

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](#).

[FamilySearch - Search](#)

[FamilySearch - IGI](#)

[Hugh Wallis IGI Batch Numbers](#)

[FamilySearch Catalogue](#)

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