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Announcements

AncestryDNA Comes to Canada

Ancestry.ca announced on Tuesday that you can order a DNA test from them at <http://dna.ancestry.ca/> for \$149CDN plus shipping for a total of \$168.99. Ancestry tests autosomal DNA only and as they have only recently started testing in Britain and Australia/New Zealand, the bulk of their current results (about 99%) are from the United States. [FamilyTreeDNA's](#) autosomal test, called FamilyFinder, costs \$99USD plus shipping and the total comes to about \$130CDN. While it would be nice to test at all companies (including [23andme](#) for \$199CDN), this gets rather expensive. One option might be to test at AncestryDNA and then upload your results to FamilyTreeDNA for \$39USD. Even better would be to upload your results to [GEDmatch](#) when you receive them, whichever company (or companies) you test with – this is free and may connect you to people who have tested with one of the other companies.

Linda Reid says that “AncestryDNA does not have a chromosome browser so you can't see whether you match your matches at the same place unless you put your results on FTDNA or GEDmatch. AncestryDNA offers ancestry circles of comparing matches to family trees but some bloggers have pointed out that the ‘new relatives’ they discover can be wrong.”

BIFHSGO Conference 2015 – September 18-20, Ottawa

Registration is now open for the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa. While this year's [conference](#) focuses its attention on Scotland, many of the sessions are of general interest. Maureen Taylor, aka The Photo Detective, has five presentations and will be available for a 15-minute individual consult for \$40. Other well-known speakers will be there: Thomas MacEntee, Christine Woodcock, Janet Few, Sher Leetooze, Shirley-Ann Pyefinch, Gloria Tubman, Chris Paton, Gail Dever, and Dena Palamedes (listed in order of appearance). Early non-member registration is \$130 for Saturday and Sunday.

What's New

FamilySearch has updated or added to the following collections:

- Michigan Births 1867-1902 were updated and now include 1.4 million records
- Newfoundland Vital Records 1840-1949 have been updated to include 364,000 records.
- California Death Index now contains over two million records – an update.
- Additional images have been added to browse collections for Italy, Mexico, Peru, the US & the Philippines.

Ancestry's updates or additions include:

- US Military Registers 1862-1985 – Database of US Military personnel stationed in the US. Updated. Good for 20th century personnel. (4.7 million records)
- UK British Army Muster Books & Pay Lists 1812-1817. New. Includes Irish Regiments, Quebec Detachments & Colonial Corps. (467,000 records)
- Romania Vital Records from Selected Regions 1607-1914 (in German). New. A combination of civil and church records from Transylvania, focusing on German populations. (1.4 million records)
- Brandenburg Germany Transcripts of Church Records 1700-1874. Updated. (nearly 2 million records)
- Several smaller record collections for Germany – Prenzlau, Pomerania, Speyer, & Hamburg

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

- Kent Marriages – 16,000 marriages were added for the parishes of Queenborough, Shepherdswell, Ashford, Aldington, Birling, Chart Sutton, Snodland, Ryarsh, Kemsing, Halling and Lower Birling. There are now 36,000 records for 143 parishes.
- Kent Banns – 16,000 banns were added for the parishes of Birling, Brenchly, Ryarsh, East Sutton, Borden and Lower Halstow, bringing the total number of banns' records to 24,000.
- Staffordshire Parish Records Browse 1538-1900 – You can now browse the 210,000 full colour images of baptisms, banns, marriages and burials from Staffordshire parish registers. These images may have more information about your ancestors than just baptism, marriage & burial information – perhaps they were the church carter or the sparrow catcher. You are now able to look through the register books, as if they were in front of you.
- Hue and Cry Index 1797-1810 contains over 16,000 entries to the 'Hue and Cry, and Police Gazette', an English newspaper that published notices of wanted criminals and the offences they committed.
- Surrey Southwark St Saviour Poor Relief 1818-1821 contains nearly 4,000 records that list the details of individuals who applied for outdoor relief from the parish of St Saviour's Poor Law authority.

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

[DeceasedOnline](#) has added nearly 33,000 burial records for Bandon Hill Cemetery, Wallington in the London Borough of Sutton. This cemetery is run jointly by the Boroughs of Sutton and Croydon. The burial records for the neighbouring boroughs can be searched by clicking [here](#). Cemetery maps which are very useful if you wish to find the actual burial plot will be uploaded soon.

The [Irish Family History Foundation](#) has added a few records for [County Wexford](#). They have added 8,000 baptismal, marriage and death records for the County and there are now 58,772 baptismal records, 23,454 marriage records and 6,171 burial records.

The Forum:

Questions.

Q1/2015/22. Germany.

Attached is a partial Family Register from Mannheim, Germany that I found on Ancestry. My question is: if the Father is noted as Peter Bernhard Freiseng (first person on list) how come his son (third person mentioned) is Peter Bernhardt Freiseng? I am not sure if the 't' at the end is a mistake or if it is part of some custom? Ancestry transcription shown.

Namen.	Bemerkungen.	Wohnung.
Peter Bernhard Freiseng Lehrmeister des zu Mittelbach geb. am 15 April 1822. Kaufm. Del.	mit 30 Juni 1843. fünfzig Künigen I 1. Oct 1874.	St. 10 C 2. 7 91. 20 E. 2. 3.
Anna Maria geb. am Müller zu Mannheim geb. d. 23. Juni 1817. Kaufm. Delizian mit 15 Juli 1843. geb. am	II 24. 5. 1898	
Johann Peter Bernhardt Lehrer des zu geb. am 28. Okt. 1843. Kaufm. Del.	geb. am 28. Okt. 1843. Johann Peter Bernhardt geb. am 28. Okt. 1843. Lehrer des zu geb. am 28. Okt. 1843.	St. 10 C 2. 7 91. 20 E. 2. 3.

Peter Bernhard Freiseng
Born in Mittelbebach
Birth date: 15 Apr 1822
Death Date: 1 Oct 1874

Anna Maria (maiden name Muller)
Born in Mannheim
Birth Date: 23 Jun 1817
Died 24 May 1898

Johann Peter
Bernhardt
Son
Born 28 Nov 1843
Died 17 Dec 1892

Were You Aware...

Finding a Record Collection on Ancestry

Ancestry currently has 32,691 different record collections to search. I regularly get muddled up when trying to locate a collection that I know is on Ancestry but I cannot remember how to access it directly. I have found that a direct search of the card catalogue is helpful. One of the databases that I often look at for patrons is the *PCC Wills before 1858 or England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858*, to give it its full name. While I can never remember its full description, I can remember the distinctive word PREROGATIVE and sometimes I can even spell it correctly. With that one word and a few clicks I can find that record collection.

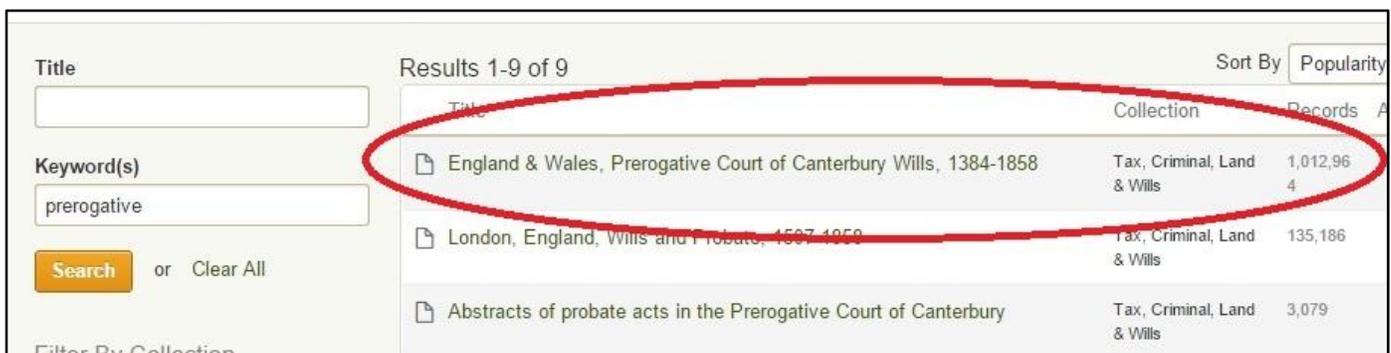


From the **Search** drop-down menu, choose **Card Catalogue**, at the bottom.



In the Keyword(s) search box, type "Prerogative".

There are only nine record collections with the word Prerogative in and the top one is the one I usually wish to look at.



This can be used for any database. In today's question the researcher said that she was looking at the Mannheim Family Registers. I typed **Mannheim Family** into the card catalogue search box and it was one of only 13 databases rather than 32,000.

Alternatively I could have used the **Filter By Location** on the left hand side of the card catalogue search. But I find that a bit more cumbersome as there are still over 1,000 German databases. Filter By Location to Europe and then to Germany.

Filter By Location	
Australia	163
Canada	+1000
Europe	+1000
Mexico	52
USA	+1000
Africa	31
Asia	71
North America	+1000
Oceania	214
South America	57

Filter By Location	
Albania	23
Armenia	25
Austria	78
Azerbaijan	24
Belarus	47
Belgium	79
Bulgaria	24
Croatia	32
Czech Republic	75
Denmark	56
Estonia	30
Finland	28
France	563
Germany	+1000
Greece	26

Do try the Card Catalogue search at Ancestry; it can be a very powerful tool to finding what you are looking for.

Finding a Record Collection on FamilySearch

The principal is the same for finding a record collection on FamilySearch. FamilySearch has far fewer collections than Ancestry, only 2010 at the moment, so it tends to be a bit more manageable. A collection that I still look at after all these years is the IGI – International Genealogical Index (Community Indexed Records only). On the [Search page](#) of Familysearch, click on **Browse All Published Collections** located below the map of the world.

Filter by collection name

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Historical Record Collections 4 collections

* = Recently added or updated

Title ^	Records	Last Updated
England, Durham Diocese, Original Will Strays, 1743-1900	Browse Images	26 Sep 2014
England, Durham, Dean and Chapter of Durham's Allerton and Allertonshire Original Wills, Inventories and Bonds, 1666-1845	Browse Images	07 Jul 2014
England, Durham Diocese of Durham Original Wills, 1650-1857	Browse Images	07 Jul 2014
International Genealogical Index (IGI)	892,761,439	legacy

Place

- ▶ Africa (18)
- ▶ Asia & Middle East (53)
- ▶ Australia & New Zealand (25)
- ▶ Canada (95)
- ▶ Caribbean and Central America (71)
- ▶ Continental Europe (485)
- ▶ Mexico (65)
- ▶ Other (7)

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

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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](#).

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