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Announcements

One World One Family Conference - Saturday, August 22, 9am-4pm, Brampton, Cost \$25 including lunch

Lesley Anderson will present the keynote address, *Connecting with our Ancestors is an Incredible Journey*, and Lesley and Glenn Wight will present the plenary address, *Ten Best Genealogy Tips*.

Accessing and Preserving Family Heirlooms	by Adriane Van Seggelen
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For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Toronto OGS Atlantic Canada Genealogy Workshop –Saturday, October 17, North York Library

Led by keynote speaker Terrence M. Punch of Halifax, with additional lectures by Roberta Clark and Terri Raymond, this workshop will focus on understanding the patterns and sources of immigration into the four Atlantic provinces over the past four hundred years as well as subsequent migrations from Atlantic Canada to other parts of Canada and to the United States. The early bird registration fee is \$55. To see full program and to register, click [here](#).

Toronto OGS – Basic Genealogy and Family History – Two Sessions – Instructor: Jane MacNamara

[Tuesday Evenings](#) - October 6 to November 24, 6:00-8:00pm, Riverdale Public Library

[Wednesday Afternoons](#) - October 7 to November 25, 2:00-4:00pm, North York Central Library

The course is designed for those beginning to research or looking to upgrade basic research skills. The course will cover terminology, types of sources, the use of on-line resources, libraries and archives, including LDS Family History Centres, and record-keeping. Techniques discussed will apply to a wide variety of geographic areas

What's New

FamilySearch has updated or added to the following collections:

- Many new indexed Catholic Church Records for Mexico
- Some newly indexed Civil Registration Records for Italy
- 1871 England and Wales Census – index and transcripts added
- Toulouse France Censuses 1872 & 1886 (247,000 records)

Ancestry's updates or additions include:

- Gloucestershire Church Records updated – All the church records for Gloucestershire parishes have been updated. There are now over 2.2 million records for baptism/marriage/burial records before 1812, over 1 million baptism records 1813-1913, over one million marriage records 1754-1938 and 821,000 burial records between 1813 and 1988.
- 1880 US Census (updated)

FindMyPast has added the following datasets

- Victoria Convict Register 1842-1854 (2,000 convicts in the Port Phillip District)
- New South Wales Convict Death Register 1828-1879 (7,000 convicts who died while serving their sentences)
- Queensland Convict Register Index (2,600 convicts held at Moreton Bay)
- Queensland St Helena Convict Index 1863-1936 (over 10,000 convicts held on the Island of St Helena)
- Australia Convict Tickets of Leave 1824-1874 (60,000 tickets of leave allowing prisoners to work)
- New South Wales, Butts of Convicts' Certificates of Freedom 1827-1867 (32,000 records of fixed-term prisoners allowing them to go free)
- Irish Army Census 1922 (32,000 records of those serving at midnight 12 November 1922)
- British Army, List of Half-pay Officers 1714 (3,000 officers not in active service)

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

The Forum:

Questions. No questions or suggestions received in the last couple of weeks.

Were You Aware...

DeceasedOnline London Cemeteries

DeceasedOnline continues to add London cemeteries to its databases. I have found quite a few interesting burials for my London ancestors there. DeceasedOnline has posted a blog about London cemeteries which divides London into north, south, east and west, and lists the locations of cemeteries within those very rough guidelines. I think that the blog will be very useful to me and if you have London ancestors, I suggest that you read it. You will find the blog [here](#). These are not church cemeteries but municipal cemeteries. By 1850 and even before, the churchyards were very full and municipalities took over burying the dead.

New Brunswick Research Sites

Elizabeth LaPointe's blog, Genealogy Canada, of [July 20th](#) mentioned a very good survey of New Brunswick research sites. One can find it at the Family Tree Knots [blog of July 18th](#).

Kabristan Archives – Old Irish Graveyards – Some free until the end of August

Marcia Cuthbert sent this information to the Bulletin. The Kabristan Archives is an organisation dedicated to preserving memorial inscriptions from graveyards in Ireland, the Indian sub-continent, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) and Jamaica, including many which no longer exist. Until the end of August, they are giving away some of their old Irish graveyard books. Postage is extra. The books are: Donegal Graveyards Parts I to VII, Old Irish Graveyards: County Sligo Parts 1 to 5, Old Irish Graveyards: County Monaghan Parts 1 to 4, Old Irish Graveyards: County Leitrim Parts 1 to 4, Early Burials in County Monaghan, Strabane Cemeteries County Tyrone, Tyrone Graveyards Parts I to V, Sligo Cemetery Old Section and Kells' Burial Grounds County Meath. Email Eileen at sales@kabristan.org.uk for more information and the cost of postage. For a list of all the Irish publications, click [here](#).

Some of Kabristan's records are online as indexes. Please check [here](#) for the Irish records and for the indexes for India, Sri Lanka and Jamaica, click [here](#).

Ancestry DNA Tests and Ancestry's Next Step

AncestryDNA announced last week that "**Ancestry and Calico to Research the Genetics of Human Lifespan. Collaboration Will Analyze Family History and Genetics to Facilitate Development of Cutting-Edge Therapeutics**". Calico is a company focused on longevity research and therapeutics. "Together, they will evaluate anonymized data from millions of public family trees and a growing database of over one million genetic samples. *Financial terms have not been disclosed* [italics mine]." Does this mean that Ancestry will be making money using our DNA and our online family trees?

The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell, has written an [interesting blog](#) about the Ancestry deal and what it means for those of us who have taken a DNA test with Ancestry. I followed Judy's instructions to see whether or not I had accepted Ancestry using my DNA results for research. I had read the terms and conditions and had not agreed to allow my DNA results to be used by Calico for their research. What have you done? I suggest that you read this blog to find out if you are comfortable with the decision that you made. If you opted in and now want out, the blog explains how to do that.

Dick Eastman offers more positive comments and says: "*Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater*". You can read his comments and the discussion generated [here](#).

Jewish Seatholders in London, England

TheGenealogist.co.uk recently added 99,500 records of London synagogue seatholders spanning the years from 1920 to 1939. They cover the records from 18 Synagogues around London with many connected guilds, societies and charities etc. Additional information found in these records include names of gentlemen eligible for office, life members of the council, women who were seatholders in their own right and seatholders who were not eligible to vote. Fully searchable by name, keyword, synagogue and address, the Jewish Synagogue Seatholders has been extracted from various years of: "Seatholders for Synagogues in London". This collection is available with their Diamond Subscription, which costs £119.45 per year. [Occasionally they do offer a free trial.]

Gloucestershire Records

Yesterday Ancestry updated its collections of records from Gloucestershire. Please note that these records do not appear to include records from the Bristol diocese. The Toronto FHC has a number of CDs that have transcribed records from Bristol churches that are available to search. Also, FindMyPast has indexes for Bristol – baptisms 1660-1914 (110 parishes and 400,000 records), marriages (273,000 records), and burials (177,000 records). FindMyPast is available to use at no charge at all FHCs.

Durham Records Online

This pay website now has over 4.3 million Durham & Northumberland parish & census records online. This includes transcriptions of all Anglican (Church of England) marriages in County Durham from 1 Jan 1813 to 1 July 1837. Records are added every couple of weeks. FindMyPast has only a few Durham records.

Lancashire BMD and Cheshire BMD

The Lancashire and Cheshire parts of UKBMD are very actively transcribing local civil registration indexes after 1837. While the indexes are not yet complete, [Lancashire BMD](#) has transcribed about 9.5 million births, 4.5 million marriages and 5.4 million deaths. [Cheshire BMD](#) has transcribed 3.3 million births, 1.2 million marriages and 2.2 million deaths. These indexes often have much more information than the indexes on FreeBMD or Ancestry. The births often have the mother's name even when the birth occurs before 1912. The marriage indexes list the actual church or register office where the marriage took place. The burial indexes include the age before 1866. These extra items of information can be extremely helpful in deciding whether the person is "yours" or not. These two BMD indexes are updated very regularly. A quick search for the death index records for "Thomas Molyneux" from 1837 to 2000 elicited 136 records.

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](#).

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