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### Announcements

#### BIFHSGO Conference – September 18-20, Ben Franklin Place, Ottawa

Early-bird registration for the BIFHSGO ends on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to sign up for this conference featuring an excellent list of speakers: Maureen Taylor (aka The Photo Detective), Thomas MacEntee, Christine Woodcock, Janet Few, Sher Leetooze, Shirley-Ann Pyefinch, Gloria Tubman, Chris Paton, Gail Dever, and Dena Palamedes. While the conference's focus this year is on Scotland, there is a great deal of interest for those with other interests. Please go to the conference [webpage](#) to see the varied program that is being offered. As well as the full day programs on Saturday and Sunday, there are seminars and a tour of the Ottawa Central Archives being offered on Friday.

#### OGS Call for Papers for Conference 2016

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is hosting the OGS 2016 Conference on June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> next year. The conference's theme is "Genealogy on the Cutting Edge". A couple of well-known genealogists will be there: CeCe Moore, *The Genetic Genealogist*, and Judy Russell, *The Legal Genealogist*. If you are interested in speaking at next year's event, please download the [Call for Presentations](#). The deadline for submissions is Friday, August 14. To submit proposals or ask questions, please contact the Conference 2016 Program Committee at: [conference2016@ogs.on.ca](mailto:conference2016@ogs.on.ca).

### What's New

**FamilySearch** has updated or added to the following collections:

- Peru Baptisms, Marriages & Deaths – now nearly 5 million indexed records
- Texas Marriages 1837-1973 (1.6 million indexed images)
- US 1890 and 1830 Censuses updated
- Wisconsin County Marriages 1836-1911 (213,900 records)
- Wisconsin Marriages 1836-1930 (734,000 records)

**Ancestry's** updates or additions include:

- Tasmania Australia, Convict Court & Selected Records 1800-1899 (182,000 records)
- New Zealand School Registers & Lists 1850-1967 (22,000 records) (five schools online - Christ College Grammar School List 1850-1921, Nelson College School Register 1856-1956, Southland Boys High School Register 1881-1930, Wanganui Collegiate School Register 1854-1939, Wellington Diocesan School for Girls 1911-1967)
- Victoria Australia, Lunatic, Estates & Register 1867-1906 (12,000 records)
- London England Electoral Registers 1832-1965 (179 million records) (updated)
- 1881 England Census (updated)

**FindMyPast** has added the following datasets

- Staffordshire Baptisms, Marriages, & Burials – additional records now available (currently 3.7 million record transcriptions available)
- Staffordshire Parish Registers Browse 1539-1900 (currently 370,000 images to browse through)
- New Zealand Hillsborough Cemetery 1916-2008 (17,000 transcripts)
- Norfolk parish registers browse
- British army schoolchildren & schoolmasters 1803-1932
- Royal Hibernian Military School Admissions 1847-1932 (10,000 records)
- Irish Newspaper update (92,000 new articles)
- PERSI Index Update (85,000 new articles indexed)

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

[DeceasedOnline](#) has added two more cemeteries to their Southwark collection of cemeteries. Camberwell Old Cemetery was opened in 1856 and 220,000 people were buried there; Camberwell New Cemetery was opened in 1927 and 80,000 people have been buried there. There are register scans, a list of other interments in the grave and a map of the grave locations available to download. Records for the Honor Oak Crematorium will be online soon. Searching for a burial is free and downloading the register scans, etc. has a reasonable cost. Don't forget that the [blog](#) about London cemeteries may help you to determine where to look for your ancestor's burial.

#### **The Forum:**

##### **Questions.**

##### **Q2015/29/1. Ireland to Canada to the US?**

My great grandfather Richard Stockdale, born in County Tyrone in 1844 came to Canada with his brother Nathaniel Stockdale born about 1840, his mother, Eliza Heagan Stockdale Cummings and his stepfather Samuel Cummings. They first appear in the Census of 1851 living in Hillier, Prince Edward County. There is a PRONI record from Carnteel, Church of England of the birth of a Nathaniel born July 19, 1840 to Richard Stockdale, farmer of Rehaghy and wife Eliza ? (surname?)

In the 1861 Census Richard reverts to his surname Stockdale (his father's name) and appears in Hillier. Nathaniel now appears in the Census in Kingston, just transcribed as Stockdale, born about 1841, England and occupation: clerk. Family history states that Richard and Nate studied the bakery trade in Kingston; then Nate became a steward on an Atlantic steamer. In the 1891 Census a Nathan Stockdale, steward, is listed as living in Centretown Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, aged 46, born England? (wife Jennette born about 1856; son Dick age about 8, daughter Jennie, age 7, daughter Lizzie age 5, and son Willie age 4 - all children said to be born in England?)

And finally, in the Massachusetts' Death Records, 1841-1915 there is a Nathaniel Stockdale listed, father Richard Stockdale, death 1900 Massachusetts. I was not able to access any further details of his death (or of his life). (His brother Richard Stockdale, my great grandfather, died in 1903 ) Can anyone offer any help on finding further details of Nate's life and death?

##### **Q2015/29/2. Burials in England.**

I am looking at records of burial in the municipal cemetery of West Derby, Lancashire (the north end of Liverpool). There is a column in the cemetery's books called "Mode of Burial". There are three modes that are listed: *Single*, *Purchase* and *Subsequent*. I presume that *Purchase* means that a burial plot was purchased but I do not know what *Subsequent* means.

#### **Were You Aware...**

##### **UK BMD – Births, Marriages, Deaths and Censuses on the Internet**



Last week, I wrote about UKBMD for transcriptions of local civil registration for [Lancashire](#) and [Cheshire](#) and the extra information that is often transcribed there. Christine from Hertfordshire pointed out that there is a lot more information to be found on the [UKBMD website](#). She says: "The main site is one of my permanent favourites, because it saves having lots of favourites on our home computer." In fact, it provides 2525 links to websites that offer online

transcriptions of UK births, marriage, deaths and censuses. Some of the links are to free online databases but others take you to pay sites.

Christine suggests looking at the [Local BMD](#) page and scrolling all the way down to see what is available. UK BMD has two sister sites – UK GDL (Genealogical Directories & Lists on the Internet) and UK MFH (UK Military Family History on the Internet) but neither Christine nor I have found these two sites very useful.

Please don't be put off by the ads running down both sides of the webpage – there are some goodies here.

### **Norfolk Parish Records Browse**

FindMyPast and TheGenealogist announced this week that they have put Norfolk parish registers online for browsing. This is just a reminder that [FamilySearch](#) has had Norfolk parish records and bishop's/archdeacon's transcripts and many other types of records available to browse for a number of years. [Scroll down from the England censuses for the county records.] To make it much easier to find the event that you are looking for, look at [FreeREG](#), which has transcribed many events from the parish registers and the bishop's transcripts. [This website is quite remarkable for the number of records transcribed for Norfolk.] In addition, if you are a member of the Norfolk Family History Society, they have their own transcripts available online at their [NORS](#) website; there are currently more than three million records in this database.

### **Old Websites**

Chris Paton had an interesting blog this week on his British Genes Blog. Entitled [Bringing back websites from the dead](#), it talks about how to find websites that have disappeared. If a website that you have used in the past no longer seems to be around, check out Chris's blog and you might be able to recreate it.

### **More London Area Burial Registers**

John D. Reid blogged on Sunday in his [Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections blog](#) of a collection, new to me, of burial records for the two cemeteries run by the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. The records are free online. Please read his blog for details. I did have a look for any possible ancestors here but they seem to have lived in the crummier parts of London; I had more luck this week with the Southwark records available at DeceasedOnline.

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

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