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Were You Aware ... UK County Resources – Surrey

Announcements

The FHC will be closed Friday August 31st. We are now closed on Thursday and Saturday mornings until after Labour Day. Please check the schedule at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com> and ALWAYS call before you come if you have not made an appointment.

What's New

FamilySearch has updated the database of Toronto Trust Cemeteries. It is now 67% complete and includes records of the Necropolis Cemetery (1850-1912, index to 1935). Thanks to those OGS Toronto volunteers who have worked with FamilySearch to index the records. Other updates include the 1825 Lower Canada census (heads of households), some US county records, and Mexico baptisms.

Ancestry – From now until September 3rd you will be able to access any of the Ancestry US census databases at no charge. Ancestry has updated the indexed Dorset parish registers collections, which includes BMBs 1538-1812, Baptisms 1813-1906, Marriages 1813-1921, Burials 1813-2001 and Confirmations 1850-1921. A large number of railroad employment records for California (three million) between 1862 and 1937 have also been added.

The **Irish Family History Foundation** (IFHF) has added new records for Armagh, Cork North East and Waterford. These new records came from the Armagh Ancestry, Mallow Heritage and Waterford Heritage centres. The online Irish records at www.rootsireland.ie now number close to 20 million.

TheGenealogist.co.uk has added over 370,000 individuals to their parish record transcripts – 155,000 baptisms, 100,000 individuals in marriages, and 115,000 burials for Cornwall, Dorset, Hertfordshire, Northumberland and Somerset. For a list of parishes and dates covered, see http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/nameindex/ai_content.php?show_cat=9#includes

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Answers and Suggestions:

Q1/33/2012. Australia.

I need some guidance on Australian Records. I am searching for information on Morris/Maurice Marrington, born 1904 son of Robert and Esther in Staines, England. He emigrated to Australia and joined the A.I.F. 2/9 Bn on 28 Jul 1940 with whom he fought in North Africa (Tobruk) and the Pacific (Port Moresby) where he was killed. He was promoted to the rank of corporal, was mentioned in dispatches, and "Escaped Singapore/Later served in another sphere of warfare".

Many suggestions were received this week from Malcolm Goddard in Australia, Beryl Peros, Sue Cox, and Ian Robson, with thanks from the editor.

Immigration – FindMyPast has Maurice leaving London on December 9, 1909 with his mother, Esther, two brothers and a sister on the ship, Ophir, bound for Brisbane, Queensland. Maurice arrives in Brisbane, Australia on January 27, 1910. This information can be found on Ancestry and also the archives of Queensland (<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/CollectionsDownloads/Documents/marks-t-mcashill.pdf>). Maurice's father had emigrated a year earlier on the Oroya with his brother, Ernest.

Pre-Service Employment – The electoral rolls on Ancestry have occupation listed for each registered voter. In 1930, 1936, 1937 and 1943 Maurice is a carrier and his father a contractor; although he had died by February of 1943.

Enlistment Details and Service Record –

The National Archives of Australia has the complete service records for Maurice/Morris Wilfred Marrington. These will include his attestation or enlistment papers. The complete service record can be ordered online and will be digitised for you. This will cost about \$35 AUS or CDN for high resolution images. Ian Robson noted that it used to take about six weeks for the records to be digitised and put online. It could take up to 3 months. A complete service record could be a few pages or it may be much longer and may well guide the researcher in his quest for information about the regiment.

Go to <http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/SearchScreens/BasicSearch.aspx> . A search for Morris Marrington will yield two results. The first is Morris's allotment, pay ledger and history cards; the second is his complete service record. Digital copies can be requested for each by clicking **Request Copy**. The index entry for the service record includes the following information:

MARRINGTON MORRIS WILFRED : Service Number - QX16523 : Date of birth - 15 May 1904 : Place of birth - ESSEX ENGLAND : Place of enlistment - TOOWOOMBA QLD : Next of Kin - MARRINGTON ROBT

Malcolm Goddard cautions that you will need all the information included in the index entry to order the digital images. http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/Images/PhotoSearch/NAA_photo_order_form.pdf

The Australian WW2 Roll of Honour includes Morris Marrington. A full service record can be requested here too. <http://www.ww2roll.gov.au/Veteran.aspx?ServiceId=A&VeteranId=15844>

MARRINGTON, MORRIS WILFRED, Australian Army, Service Number QX16523, Birth 15 May 1904, Essex ENG Date of Enlistment 28 Jul 1940, Locality CROWS NEST, QLD, Place of Enlistment TOOWOOMBA, QLD Next of Kin MARRINGTON, ROBT, Date of Death 20 Jan 1943, Rank Corporal, 2/9 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

The Australian War Memorial shows the location of Morris's name in the Commemorative Area:

http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/roll_of_honour/person.asp?p=532927

Morris Wilfred Marrington, QX16523, Corporal

Death: 20 January 1943 in Papua of wounds

Honours and Awards – Mentioned in Despatches – Recommended twice and awarded once

http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/honours_and_awards/?Name=Marrington&ServiceNumber=&Unit=&Authority=

Morris Wilfred Marrington, Service number: QX16523, Acting Corporal, Unit: 2/9th Bn, Army

Award: Mention in Despatches

Date of **London Gazette**: 23 December 1943

Location in London Gazette: Page 5577, position 119

Date of Commonwealth of **Australia Gazette**: 23 December 1943

Location in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: Page 2798, position 69

Digitised Record of mentioned in Despatches

<http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/records/awm192/awm192-319-0731.pdf>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission - <http://www.cwgc.org/>

MARRINGTON, MORRIS WILFRED, Corporal; Service No: QX16523

Date of Death: 20/01/1943; Age: 38

Regiment/Service: Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 2/9 Bn.; Awards: Mentioned in Despatches

Grave Reference A8. B. 27.; Cemetery PORT MORESBY (BOMANA) WAR CEMETERY

Son of Robert William and Esther Marrington, of Benarkin, Queensland.

One can print a nice certificate at this site as well.

Additional Information -

For historical Birth, Marriage and Death information from the state of Queensland starting in 1829, go to:

<https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/queryEntry.m?type=deaths>

Here you will find the death indexes for Morris and his parents.

There are also several family trees on Ancestry that have information about Maurice and the researcher may wish to contact the owners of these trees. He can do this by getting a free 14-day membership.

TROVE, the amazing collection of digitised Australian newspapers, has a number of articles and a picture of Maurice. The most poignant of these is an article quoting Maurice as he takes over command after his best friend was killed in the same position. Only a month later Maurice, too, had died. There is also a short article about his escape from Singapore in a Dutch ship. Go to <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> and search for Marrington. Many of the Marrington references help fill in the births, marriages and deaths of this Marrington family as well as a number of articles about Maurice/Morris.

Q2/33/2012. United States. Photographs.

I have an album of old photos of relatives in New Hampshire that I have no idea who they are. Is there an American website that I can post the old photos for identification? How else can I narrow down the list of possible relatives?

To narrow down the list of possible relatives takes some work. Many photographs have the names and addresses of the photographers on them. Using the US censuses (free this weekend), one can find the photographers and perhaps establish approximate years when they were in business at that address. This website - <http://www.langdonroad.com/photographerslist.htm> has a list of US photographers with addresses and dates that they operated that might help this researcher. The actual format of the photograph is a very good clue as to the decade in which the photograph was taken. There are a lot of websites that can help one with this but the FindMyPast blog (<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog>) has a number of good articles on identifying photographs. These posts go back more than a year so go to the previous pages of the blog.

If you can identify the decade and the address of the photographer, find out if there are any relatives who could be approximately the right age and living in the same town. If not, then you are probably stymied.

Another suggestion is to contact the New England Genealogical Society, a very old society, to see if they have any suggestions. You will need to narrow down possibilities before contacting them.

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Surrey, next week Middlesex

This week we have some suggestions for Surrey. **Please** send the Bulletin any websites or items that you use for Surrey and Middlesex.

[If you have not tracked any English or Welsh ancestors back to the start of civil registration in 1837, you should start there by using the civil registration index at www.freebmd.org.uk/ and census information for 1841 to 1911. If you need some help to do this, please come to any Family History Centre where volunteers will be happy to help.]

Those people researching Surrey quickly find that there are really two distinct parts of Surrey – metropolitan and rural. The records for the metropolitan part which is close to London are held by the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) while records of those parishes further from London are held by the Surrey History Centre in Woking. Good news for metropolitan Surrey researchers is that the records of Church of England parishes held by the LMA have been digitised and indexed by Ancestry. An old but still very useful index to baptisms and marriages in Surrey parishes is the IGI at FamilySearch.org (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/igi>). To look for IGI coverage of your parish of interest, check these two websites: <http://www.archersoftware.co.uk/igi/index.htm> and <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm>. FindMyPast has indexes to Docklands parish records, some of which are in Surrey.

The Toronto FHC has several CDs which will help with research in Surrey. The two Surrey Baptism CDs record 257,000 and 121,000 baptisms that are not included in the IGI; the Surrey Marriage CD contains 276,000 marriage indexes and there are two Burial index CDs: Metropolitan Surrey with nearly 140,000 burials and Non-Metropolitan Surrey with more than 500,000 burials. The Third Edition of the Nation Burial Index, also on CD at the Toronto FHC, has indexes to 522,000 Surrey burials. There is a list of nearly 50,000 Surrey names mentioned in 3,000 Surrey wills and 1,441 non-Surrey wills at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~engsurry/.

Films received in the seven days ending on August 30, 2012 and due for return November 1, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
DEU Göllheim (BA. Kirchheimbolanden) Catholic Recs 1699-1957	0400417
ENG LAN Wills "F-H", 1726	0088680
FRA Emigration Records 1817-1866 L - P	1125005

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The ordering patron will always have priority. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the Family History Library Catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

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Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed Thursday and Saturday mornings. Closed Friday, August 31st.

For a copy of a searchable listing of all the films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, go to the Toronto FHC Website at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/> and look for it under Resources.

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