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Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed for Christmas from December 20th to January 6th inclusive. After the Christmas Break we will no longer be open on Thursday mornings.

What's New

[FamilySearch](#) has added an indexed collection of over four million Cheshire Parish Registers 1538-2000. These indexes are transcribed from the original PRs and identify the FHL film number for those wishing to see the original images by ordering the film to come in for viewing at your FHC. This is in addition to their Cheshire records for Bishop's Transcripts, Land Tax Assessments, Marriage Bonds and Allegations, Non-conformist Records, Probate Records, Workhouse Records, Register of Electors, and School Records. [FindMyPast has over 10 million Cheshire records; DeceasedOnline has 200,000 burial records.]

[Ancestry](#) has updated its Liverpool Lancashire marriage collection (1813-1921) and it now includes 660,000 records. Its Liverpool records include Church of England and Catholic records in two different databases. Ancestry is continually updating its US state and town records; these are best looked for by doing a Card Catalogue search with the state as a keyword search term.

[DeceasedOnline](#) has added the records for one more cemetery in its Bolton Council collection. Farnworth Cemetery data has all 25,770 burials from February 1876 to May 2012, comprising burial register scans with 8 to 20 entries per scanned page; grave details providing information on all those buried in the grave as well as the grave reference; and cemetery maps showing the section where the grave is located. The addresses of the deceased will not be shown for burials after 1997 and no data will be shown until it is three years old.

The Forum:

Question: No new questions this week.

Suggestions about Waipu Migration

Last week the Bulletin contained a story about some Scottish people who left Scotland to live in Pictou, Nova Scotia and then moved to Waipu, New Zealand, via Australia. The person who had brought this story to our attention was looking for a Daniel McKenzie, who had been born in Pictou and died in Melbourne, Australia. Susan Reid sent in the following suggestions to help in finding Daniel: "Check out the Land Petitions. There is an index on-line at <http://gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/land/>, and it has at least 3 McKenzies listed for Pictou County, and all came before Daniel's birth. There is also a search page for vital statistics, and even though civil registration hadn't started until later, there are records there for 2 marriage bonds in the time period Daniel's parents might have married (ie. Pictou County, 1834 and 1835), and the images can be viewed on line for free (search engine at <https://novascotiagenealogy.com/>)."

From the Waipu Museum we received the following information: "We have most of the families who stayed in Australia, but the odd one did slip through the research cracks." They also suggest that a good book to find out more about the migration is "*Sailors and Settlers*" by John Mclean, ISBN 1 872970 22 2; it covers the Migration of Highlanders from Nova Scotia to New Zealand in the 1850s and 1860s.

News From The Trenches

An Unusual 1861 Census Entry

A reader thought that this 1861 census entry for the unmarried curate of Chislehurst in the London suburbs was curious.

Household entry:

James B. Parker, head, unsm, 39, M, curate of Chislehurst, St. Pancras, London

John H. Bladon, visitor, unsm, 21, M, none, Kings Norton, Warks.

Edwin Clare, servant, mar, 31, M, gardener domestic servant, Newton Blo, Beds.

Amelia do., servant, mar, 32, F, housekeeper domestic servant, Clifton Reynes, Bucks.

James H. do., son of above, , 2, M, [no occupation shown], Chislehurst, Kent

Ada E. Huckle, servant, unsm 14, F, nursemaid domestic servant, Codicote, Herts.

He writes: "Does this mean that the curate is supporting a nursemaid for the 2-year-old son of his servants? I've not come across such social support services, or more probably simple generosity, before. Perhaps readers have comments or other examples?"

Were You Aware ...

Michigan Records

The State of Michigan has a number of useful collections for family historians, including two state censuses. On their website, <http://seekingmichigan.org/discover>, there are death records 1897-1920; 1884 and 1894 state censuses; Civil War service records, photographs and other information; early photographs and documents; and other records.

Scottish Maps

Vida Preece writes: "I've only just started using this site, but I've found it very useful for Scottish research - <http://maps.nls.uk/>." The National Library of Scotland now has over 48,000 maps as high resolution, colour, zoomable images. The maps date between 1560 and 1961 and relate primarily to Scotland. The description of this resource can be found [here](#).

Caribbean Family History

Despite its name, this [Caribbean Family History](#) website has information mostly about Barbados with some burials and information on ministers and Quakers. However it does have an interesting set of links under the Research heading for other Caribbean countries.

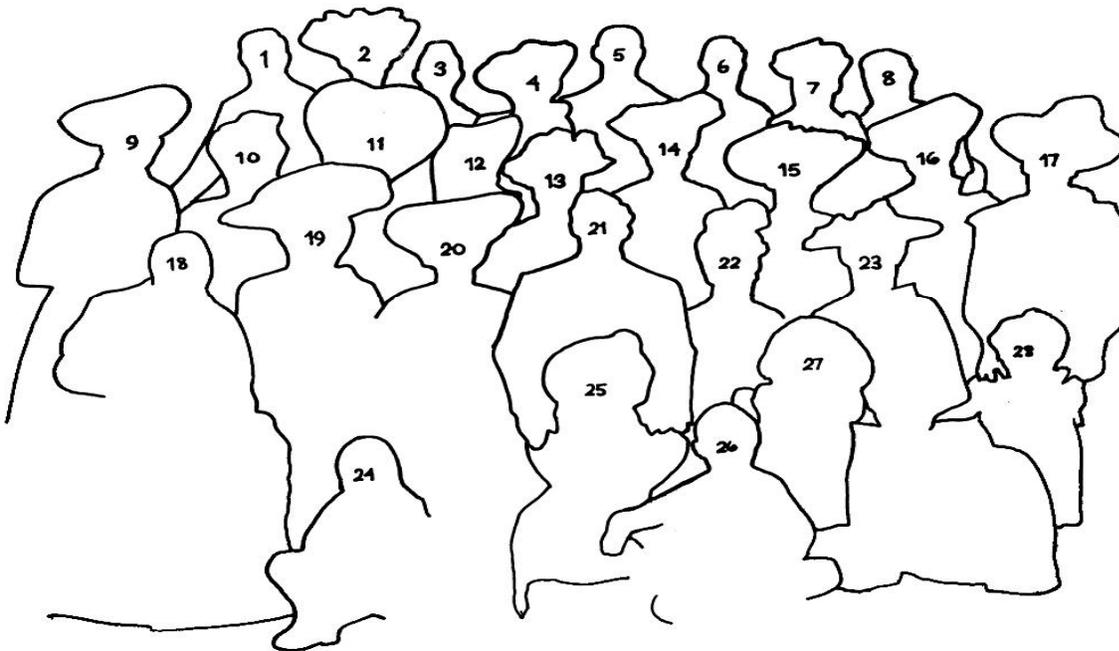
Photographs

I have spent the past week scanning many of the slides that we accumulated between the late 60s and the early 80s. I have been surprised at the quality in colour of the slides but disappointed in how the dust sticks to them, even after trying to clean them. The dust shows up when the little slide is displayed on my computer monitor that is about 150 times the area of the slide. One problem that I have had hours to contemplate is what to keep and what to throw out. Having dealt with this for slides from the previous generation, we have decided to keep slides with people in for our children, if they develop an interest. The slides of scenery are really only of interest to the people who were there; we will keep these in a different file to be admired by us only! One thing that I have not had to worry about is identification – my husband has kept track of the dates, places and people in a book that I will eventually transcribe and file with the slides.

But it is different with some of our inherited photographs which arrived with little documentation and has left us trying to figure out who these relatives are. We had a surprise recently when Alan was looking at an online Ancestry tree and found a photograph identical to one in our possession. Ours was labelled "Alf Neale?" and the photograph online confirmed "Alfred Neale". An exchange of emails, more photos and information with the owner of the tree followed. Below is what every genealogist dreams of getting:



1. HENRY NEALE 2. JENNY NEALE 3. JOHN JOSEPH NEALE 4. LIZZIE (Wife of Alfred Neale) 5. GEORGE NEALE 6. ALFRED NEALE
 7. UNKNOWN 8. DAVE LUKER (Brother of Mark) 9. MARY ANNE FLETCHER* 10. ANNIE COPDEN* 11. NELLIE PARRY* 12. ROSE* 13. TILLIE*
 14. ANNIE BRUCE* (*Friends of Bride) 15. MARGARET DELL 16. SARAH (Wife of Dave Luker) 17. LOUISA BOLTON (Nee Neale)
 18. Mrs GALBRAITH (Laundress) 19. ELIZA NEALE 20. MARY ANNE NEALE (Bride) 21. MARK LUKER (Bridegroom)
 22. HANNAH REBECCA NEALE (Mother of Bride) 23. EMILY (Wife of Henry Neale) 24. GERALD BOLTON 25. FLORENCE NEALE (Daughter of Henry)
 26. CHARLES NEALE (Son of Henry) 27. GRACE DELL (Daughter of Margaret Dell) 28. MILLIE BOLTON (Daughter of Gerald)



MARRIAGE of MARK LUKER & MARY ANNE NEALE on APRIL 1st, 1905

The guide was done by the bride many years later. Wouldn't we all be delighted to have such a photo guide in our possession? Please organize and label your photographs SOON. A good winter project! [Blacks Cameras and probably many other outfits offer scanning services; sample costs are 400 slides or 600 feet of Super8 movie film for \$100. Has anyone used these services?]

UK County Resources – Northamptonshire, next week Warwickshire

This week we have a few suggestions for Northamptonshire. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for Northamptonshire or Warwickshire, please send it/them to the Bulletin.

[If you have not tracked any English or Welsh ancestors back to the start of civil registration in 1837, you should start by using the civil registration index at [FreeBMD](#) 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.]

Northamptonshire

FindMyPast has started adding parish records transcribed by the Northamptonshire FHS. Currently they have 431,683 burials and 96,545 marriages. FindMyPast is available without charge at Family History Centres.

[Northamptonshire Family History Society](#) has a database covering 108,700 marriages from around 250 parishes. Each entry contains the full detailed transcription from the Register including witnesses and whether by Licence or Banns. The cost for a search is £1.00 for members (£1.50 non-members), which includes the first page of any print out (i.e. up to 9 entries). Further entries are charged at £1 per page of up to 9 entries. They also have a burial database. For both databases, it is probably wise to check FindMyPast first.

The National Burial Index 3 CD contains 319,000 burial transcriptions and these are probably also on FindMyPast.

The Northamptonshire Studies Collection at the Central Library in Northampton has the county's main collection of printed and pictorial material on the history of Northamptonshire. Resources include books, pamphlets, maps (both historic and modern), illustrations, parish registers and census records. It also holds the GRO index to civil registrations of births, deaths and marriages for 1837-1983. They hold about 20,000 photographs and over 8,000 prints and engravings of scenes from across the county and a collection of 1,500 historic portraits of notable Northamptonshire families and individuals. There is also a specialist collection of material relating to the economics and history of the footwear industry.

Films received in the week ending December 6, 2012 and due for return February 1, 2013.

Film Content	Film No
DEU Index of Immigrants Schulz, Alexandra-Schulz, Bertha	2098293
DEU Index of Immigrants Schulz, Johanna-Schulz, Ludwiga	2098298
DEU MEC Neuburg PRs 1876-1911	0069382
ENG Copeland Deanery Wills, admon K-M 1831-1840	0099215
ENG Copeland Deanery Wills, admons. & inventories, H 1699-1720	0098778
ENG GLS Bristol St. Mary-Redcliffe PRs Marrs, 1772-1837.	1849402
ENG GLS Bristol St. Philip and St. Jacob's PRs Marrs 1813-1840	1596783
IND BENGAL PRs v. 173 Jul-Sep 1880	0510863
IND BENGAL v. 552-553 Oct-Dec 1933	0526970
IND BENGAL Wills and Admin 1849 pts. 1-2	0510943
NZL AKL Aramiro Monumental Inscriptions	1013955
USA MI Montgomery CO BMD 1881-1974	0965771
USA WI Milwaukee Co Index to husbands A-Z 1908-1918	1013957

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 FamilySearch catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours:

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

Monday 9:30 am to 2 pm

Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm, and 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am to 4 pm

Thursday 9:30 am to 12 noon and 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Saturday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed for Christmas from December 20th to January 6th inclusive.

For a copy of a searchable listing of all 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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