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John Pepper has donated his self-published book: *Records from Granard and Streete Roman Catholic Parishes, County Longford, Ireland: Pepper/Peppard Extracts* to the Family History Centre. While it has PR extracts, it also has a very interesting introduction and a number of area maps. It can be found on bookshelf 3, bottom shelf.

FHC Catalogue: IRL LOG Granard/Streete Roman Catholic Parish Record Extracts for Pepper/Peppard BK3-7

What's New

FamilySearch's most significant addition this week is an indexed transcription of the England and Wales 1911 census. There are links to the images but they are on the subscription site, FindMyPast. [This is, of course, available without charge at Family History Centres.] I thought that if you had an Ancestry subscription, you could use the information on FamilySearch to find the image on Ancestry by giving the county, civil parish and sub-registration district given; but you will still have to browse through each enumeration district. Other additions include an index of Indiana marriages 1811-1959 and the 1855 Massachusetts Census, indexed with images.

DeceasedOnline has added nearly 40,000 burial records, containing 75,000 names, for Romford Cemetery, Essex. Digitised burial register scans for the period 27 October 1871 to 15 August 1994, and computerised records thereafter, include details such as occupation and/or marital status, age, place of death and grave number. Romford Cemetery is managed by the London Borough of Havering. At the end of June DeceasedOnline will be adding 400,000 Scottish burial and cremation records, including data for a (secret) major Scottish city.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/22/2011. Canada. England.

Is it possible to find out if there were any Canadian military units stationed (or on pre-combat leave) at or near Bath around December 1917 - and if so which units were they? I am trying to track down the father of a boy born to a girl serving in a guesthouse in the city of Bath, and which occurred nine months later in September 1918. Any leads or hints as to how I might go about doing this would be most welcome.

Answers:

Q1/21/2011. Canada. USA.

My great grandparents, Clifton and Hannah (nee Pennock) Dowson, arrived in Canada from England in 1867. They lived in Toronto and had six children. Clifton was named after his mother, my 3g grandmother, Elizabeth Clifton. Clifton died in 1883. In the 1901 Canadian census, I found another Clifton Dowson, and because of his name, I am hoping to find a connection to my Clifton great grandfather. In the 1901 Census Clifton Dowson, born on July 14, 1860 in the USA was a boarder, living with his wife, whose name I cannot read. I don't know where he died or where he lived. A cousin of my family did settle in the US, from the Hamilton area - could this Clifton be from that family? Checking the 1911 census for

Ontario, Clifton is not found; as well I've checked the 1910 United States census - not there either. I found nothing on the border crossings and I'm coming up empty handed on any other searches. Any ideas are welcome.

The Bulletin had a look at the 1911 Canadian census and found a Clifton Dawson (not Dowson) of approximately the same age:

Clifton Dawson bn Jun 1861 in US, age 49, imm 1901, Railway conductor
Cora Dawson, imm 1898, born in US

Then we checked the 1901 census and decided that the transcription was probably incorrect, based on the writing and the occupation of this Clifton:

Clifton Dawson, born July 14, 1860 in US, age 40, Pullman car inspector
Eve?? Dawson, born Jan 10, 1871 in US, age 30

A search of the Ontario deaths on Ancestry found the death of a Nels/Milo Clifton Dawson, a conductor, in 1917 at the age of 65; he was born in the USA and his father was Ichaba Dawson, a shoemaker. This is definitely the same Clifton Dawson in the 1911 census – the addresses are the same. [Ichabod Dawson and his son, Clifton, can be found in the 1860 and 1870 US censuses.]

Other sources were checked for Cliftons: The Toronto Trust cemetery records on FamilySearch (two were found – Clifton Dawson, buried on Aug 23, 1875 and Clifton Dowson, buried on July 1, 1867); the cemetery records at the Ontario Vital Statistics Project (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onvsr/>) (two Clifton Dawson/Dawsons were found) and the St John's Norway cemetery records CD at the FHC was checked (nothing found).

The researcher felt that the Clifton name was very indicative. After looking at the Canadian and British censuses, it was felt that there were a fair number of people with Clifton as a first name; in Canada the number increased from 20 in 1861 to 287 in 1901 and 535 in 1911; in England the number of Cliftons went from 124 in 1861 to 643 in 1901. A quick look at FreeBMD also showed increasing popularity of Clifton as a first name – 44 in the decade 1851-1860 to 103 in the 1870s.

News from the Trenches

While looking in FreeBMD for Clifton's born between 1871 and 1880, I came across this entry:

1879 Sept ¼ Clifton Antivaccinator West Medway 2a 517

I presume that the parents did not want their child vaccinated for small pox! He did not use his middle name when he got married!

Were You Aware ...

Family Photos: What was the Occasion?

FindMyPast has published its sixth blog by Jayne Shrimpton about how to understand and interpret your old family photos. In this one, *What was the Occasion?*, occasions like christening, birthday, breeching (when young boys stopped wearing dresses and started wearing short pants), engagement, marriage, etc. are described and what to look for is noted. I enjoyed reading this article, which you can find at <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2011/06/family-photos-what-was-the-occasion/>.

American Historical County Boundaries

Rick Roberts has written an article for The Global Gazette on a new online tool that shows American historical county boundaries on Google maps. If your interest is in the United States, please read his article found at:

<http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazed/gazed251.htm>.

The NEW Cyndi's List

In the *NEGS Weekly Genealogist*, Michael Leclerc writes that *Cyndi's List* has been redesigned and now uses improved technology. "The new homepage is well organized and easy to read. It has a rolling genealogy news feed, and a link to The Cyndi's List Daily, a Twitter feed, and Facebook links. The Categories page is very easy to manoeuvre; finding subjects is a breeze. Category pages now have sub-categories that display 20 links (with the ability to page forward and back through the pages). ... Serious researchers always check her pages to find information to help with research problems." Go to <http://www.cyndislist.com/> and check it out for yourself.

Films received in the 7 days ending 09 June 2011 and due for return 07 July 2011.

Film Content	Film No
CAN NB Westmorland CO Probate Court 1843-1869	0859904
CAN NB Westmorland CO Probate Files 1831-1842 (A-E)	1464496
DEU WUE Emigration Bd. 77 1869-1871	0855331
ENG CUL 5 Parishes PRs	1472059
IND Bombay BMD Vol. 100 - 1908	0523890

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 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: The FHC will be closed the July 1st weekend. If you do not have a booking, call before you come.

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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