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Announcements

One World One Family conference handouts – There were 30 outstanding presentations and workshops at the conference and handouts prepared by the presenters are online. (Note that not all presenters had handouts.) Go to <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/>, go to **Learn More** and click on the name of the presenter to access their handout or suggestions.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

Mary Belford has donated the following CD:

BR130 Pigot's 1841 Directory of Lincolnshire

What's New

Ancestry – On Monday, Ancestry added 15 million new US vital records – births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials. This is a huge addition and the total collection of US vital records is now 120 million names in 53 databases. If you have persons of interest in Cook County, Illinois, you are in luck as 5.5 million of the records are for this county between 1871 and 1922. There are many new records for other states and some databases which have been updated. Yesterday Ancestry announced that a Beta version of US City Directories was available with 54 million records but when I checked, the only state available was Connecticut.

Ancestry added or updated parish records for **Dorset, Warwickshire and West Yorkshire** yesterday. The Warwickshire collection is completely new and the Dorset records before 1813 have been added. The post-1812 Dorset and the West Yorkshire parish record collections have been substantially increased.

County Kerry, Ireland Burial Records - Dick Eastman's blog of October 17th mentioned that burial records are now available for County Kerry Municipal cemeteries after 1898. Currently 70,000 burial records have been indexed for 140 Kerry Local Authority Cemeteries. Go to <http://www.kerrylaburials.ie/en/index.aspx> to search.

FindMyPast has added 10,529 records of WWII Escapers and Evaders. These records are individual reports for allied service personnel about their experiences of escaping from prisoner of war camps or evading capture in Central Europe throughout WWII. Each entry gives name, rank, number, corps and reference to the original paper file at The National Archives in Kew. It may also include details of your ancestor's decorations, date of capture, the camp in which they were held and/or the date of escape.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/40/2011. Ireland to Canada.

I would dearly love to find out where my Irish ancestors came from in Ireland. They immigrated into Ontario in the 1840's, husband and wife, Patrick (b. 1800) and Mary Cranley (nee Hughes) b. 1810 with one son only - Michael, born about 1839/40 in Ireland. They settled in Beverley Township, Wentworth County. Patrick died in 1851, Michael married Jane Grummette and they moved to Simcoe County, Medonte Township, and had 12 children. Mary died between 1881-1891, but I have found no record of her death. Michael eventually moved to Toronto when his children were grown up and gone. He died there in 1927. I have looked at census returns, death records, marriage records, land records etc. and every record cites "Ireland" as the place of birth, no county, no parish. This is my "brick wall". Does anyone have any ideas as to where else I can look? Any help would be appreciated.

Answers: No answers or suggestions this week.

Were You Aware ...

Emigrants from Bonn, Germany and Area

Christina Henninger has just received a book listing emigrants from Bonn, Germany and the surrounding towns during the years 1814 - 1914. It is called *Auswanderer aus Stadt und Kreis Bonn von 1814 bis 1914* by Herbert Weffer. She writes: "It is in German but it lists everyone alphabetically with various details about the emigration, though there is some interesting historical detail on emigration during that time period for any German readers. During that time, people had to register with the local government in order to legally emigrate and this book lists all those registrations along with any other information supplied. Churchbooks and family registers have also been used as sources. The book is approximately 450 pages." Christina has generously offered to bring the book in if anyone would like to consult it.

Christina also says: "In many cases, a citizen would have to pay to leave the town and emigrate elsewhere. Since the town or village was generally actually owned by someone, the owner would be losing the potential emigrant's taxes. Thus, permission to leave was not always granted. If the person was very poor and was costing the village money to help support the family, they would sometimes offer to pay to help the person emigrate. In this book, it often notes that people have left the city illegally. I guess if a person was emigrating to the US or other distant countries, they weren't too worried that the authorities would catch up with them."

UK BMD, FreeReg and Online Parish Clerks

Every now and then, I like to go back to this website, *UK BMD, Births, Marriages, Deaths and Censuses on the Internet* at <http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/> and see if there is anything new. It has many links, some of which are free and others paid. I have found the Local BMD links very good (and usually free) – they often give one more information for BMDs after 1837 than the General Register Office BMD indexes. For example, the Lancashire BMD has more than seven million birth index entries and many of them have the mother's name transcribed before 1912. **FreeReg** (<http://www.freereg.org.uk/>) is a companion project to **FreeBMD** (a database of the GRO birth, marriage and death indexes from 1837 and now fairly complete to 1950) and **FreeCEN** (a database of census information – good coverage of the Scottish 1841 and 1851 censuses). FreeReg has transcribed 8.7 million births, 3.2 million marriages and 6 million burials; coverage is particularly good for Norfolk. The **Online Parish Clerks** website (<http://www.onlineparishclerks.org.uk/>) are a group of volunteers who collect genealogical information about a specific parish and answer email enquiries without charge; the member counties are Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Essex, Hampshire, Lancashire, Somerset, Sussex, Warwickshire and Wiltshire. The OPC websites for each county are different but I found the Dorset one the easiest to use. If you have not had a look at these websites recently, I encourage you to do so; you might find something interesting.

Films received in the 7 days ending 20 October 2011 and due for return on 17 November 2011.

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Alt Karin Births 1786-1901 Marr Deaths 1785/6-1866	0068954
DEU MEC Beidendorf 1834-1882	0068988
DEU MEC Eickelberg PRs 1740-1875	0069089
DEU MEC Eldena PRs 1780-1877	0069086
DEU MEC Kröpelin PRs 1826-1862	0069282
DEU MEC Lübz PRs 1797-1857	0069316
DEU MEC Neubukow PRs 1861-1892	0069379
ENG NFK 3 Parishes - Parish Chest & Warden's Accounts	2149669
ENG NFK 5 Parishes - Log Books 1865-1928	2298973
ENG STS Penkrigde PRs 1735-1876	1040783

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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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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