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## Announcements

FHC will close on Tuesdays at noon for the Tuesdays of November 8th to 22nd. Gwen Armstrong will be doing triple volunteer duty over the month of November as Linda Reid and I will be on holiday. Gwen will also be sitting in the editor's chair for the next three weeks. Many thanks to Gwen taking on this extra work.

## English Family History Workshop - November 5<sup>th</sup> 9am to 5pm

I can think of no better way to spend a dreary November Saturday than learning more about how to further your English family history. And John D. Reid has promised fireworks! A few spots are still available. Lesley Anderson will be speaking on English Parish Records and Directories. John D. Reid has three presentations: Researching Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Immigrants to Canada, British Family History in Newspapers, and Some Lesser-known Websites for British Family History. Linda Reid will talk about solving problems using probate records. Paul Jones' presentation is about using English gazetteers in your family history research. Jane McNamara's talk will focus on manorial records and how to use them for genealogical research. To register, go to <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/English2011.html>.

## Additions to Our Permanent Collection

We have added a CD of more than 414,000 Shropshire burial records to our collection. It has almost complete coverage for the period 1813 to 1837 and for 118 parishes, the records date back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. A few parishes, including Oswestry cemetery have later burials in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

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## What's New

**Ancestry** – This week Ancestry added the indexes to the 1911 census for Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. (Can the index for England be far off?) Today Dick Eastman referenced a news release by Ancestry in his blog (<http://www.eogn.com/wp/>). Ancestry has added 53 new historical US vital record collections with over 120 million new names or 50 million new records to its nearly half billion U.S. vital records. To see what is new, go to <http://www.ancestry.com/vitals> where the new databases are listed by state.

**FamilySearch** has updated the number of parish records available for Cornwall. These records are not indexed – browsable only.

## The Forum

### Questions:

#### Q1/41/2011. General.

Are there any films I can order from Laimnau, Germany from the 1800s? At the beginning of the summer I ordered a film of my great x 2 grandfather emigrating from Germany. I've since been able to locate his father and mother, and both of their parents. I wish to track down more relatives. Where do I look to browse through available films from Germany?

### Suggestions:

#### 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?

T. Elliott wrote to the Bulletin: "Did the researcher look at the Simcoe Archives? I would also check local history sources for the locations they settled; check [www.ourroots.ca](http://www.ourroots.ca) and visit the local museums and archives for those locations. Also the local newspapers on microfilm from Archive Ontario or the National Library. How about militia registers? How about headstones, sometimes it mentions where they came from?"

Valerie Taylor offers these suggestions: "If the researcher contacts the township office in Ontario where she last has known her relatives to live, they may have a small town newspaper which might have some details on their obituaries. It's amazing what small town newspapers have, and there is always someone willing to look. This was a help for me when I was looking for my relatives in Colborne area. The 'Dundonald Doings' a paper from Dundonald, a lovely tiny place, had a wonderful article about my great x 3 grandfather from 1888. I never would have found this otherwise. Just make some inquiries. You never know what you'll find."

Marie Burger said: "I would suggest looking at RootsIreland.ie (the Irish Family History Federation) for birth and marriage records. It's free to search but you have to pay to look at images (£5/record). I only found one marriage for a Patrick Cranley in what appears to be the correct time period and that was in County Dublin in 1833. I did another search and came up with lots of Mary Hughes' but only one married in Dublin in 1833. These could be a match. I didn't find any Michael Cranleys baptised 1839/40 in Dublin but there is a Michael Cranley baptised 1844 in County Limerick and a Michael Cranly baptised 1843 in Co. Laois (Leix). They have some Irish records on Ancestry but I didn't find anything there." The Bulletin adds: The Cranley's were Roman Catholic and so it is more likely that church records in the 1800s survive (two thirds of the Church of Ireland records were burnt in the Public Record Office fire in 1922). Note that the church records on RootsIreland are far from complete.

The researcher has some extra information to use. When Mary Cranley married a second time in 1870, she identified her parents as Patrick and Ann Hughes. If she ever finds a Mary Hughes with those parents, the probability of a match is more likely, but NOT certain. Mary's second husband came from County Meath – did Mary also? In addition Michael Cranley indicates on the 1911 census that he was born in July 1841 and immigrated in 1834 (perhaps 1854). On Michael's death index in 1927, it says that he lived for 8 years in Ireland and 80 years in Canada. He was the caretaker of a church (perhaps the Catholic Cathedral downtown as he lived at 172 Leslie Street in 1908 – info from the census and various Toronto Directories available online). His gravestone may have information about his town of origin and he may be buried in the church graveyard. The 1901 census should also give a day, month and year for Michael's birth. [Michael is difficult to find in 1901 – Jane and one daughter are living together; two other daughters are domestics in Brock.] Linda Reid advises that all extended family (aunts, uncles, cousins, etc) should be followed up with the hope that one of them may have a county or town listed in an obituary, on a gravestone, or some other item mentioned above.

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

**GENUKI – UK and Ireland Genealogy** - <http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

After last week's discussion of UK BMD, FreeReg and Online Parish Clerks, Sheila Emblem wrote to say that GENUKI is also an excellent source of information and that it has added much depth over the years. GENUKI is a virtual reference library of genealogical information for the UK and Ireland and is a non-commercial service. The GENUKI Contents and Site Map page (<http://www.genuki.org.uk/contents/index.shtml>) is very useful to explain what GENUKI has and how it is organized. From general pages on getting started or researching from abroad, one can go down to information about each county and many towns within the counties. There are lots of useful links and a lot of transcribed material. I found transcribed lists of people who paid poll tax in 1768 for many towns in Norfolk and lists of names in villages in pre-1841 censuses (a few sections do exist). If you haven't looked recently, it is definitely worth poking around on a rainy November afternoon.

**Durham Records Online** - <http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/>

Chris Paton mentioned this website in his blog, British GENES, on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Durham Records Online currently has more than 3.5 million records available – parish records, all Anglican marriages between 1813-1837, some census records, and cemetery records. The records can be searched without charge but if you find something of interest, you will need to pay: \$6.50 USD for 4 credits to \$20 for 14 credits. The latest additions are Marriage bonds 1823, Newcastle All Saints baptisms 1819-1821 & burials 1819-1827, Gateshead East Cemetery burials 1893-1896, Washington baptisms & burials 1828-1847, Haughton-le-Skerne baptisms 1852-1860, burials 1852-1860 & 1882, Hamsterley baptisms & burials

1765-1790, Marriage bonds 1750-1754 updated with full details, Stockton marriages 1838 and Marriage bonds 1821-1822.

### FindMyPast Blog – Family Photos: Looking after family photographs

This is the tenth and final blog about how to understand and interpret old photos. This blog has good tips about the safe storage, display, handling and conserving your old photographs. To read the article, go to <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2011/10/family-photos-looking-after-family-photographs/> .

### Films received in the 7 days ending 27 October 2011 and due for return on 24 November 2011.

Film Content	Film No
ENG HAM 5 Parish BTs Bau-Bent 1692-1872	1596070
PRT COIMBRA Semide Batismos 1778-1868	1461764
PRT COIMBRA Semide BMD 1575-1873	1461765
PRT COIMBRA Semide Deaths 1804-1859 with gaps	1461766

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 noon; 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.

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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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