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Meetings are held at 2.00 p.m. on the second Saturday in the month

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Welcome to our latest edition of the Bulletin. This last month has been relatively quiet however the quiet was interrupted on the 30th of June when we were inundated with 36 cubs and their leaders and some parents. From those that were present the cubs all enjoyed their evening which involved a quiz requiring them to answer questions on facts gathered during their visit. You may well ask why we would have young 8 to 11-year-old kids visiting the rooms as surely they were not interested in family history. In fact, they were and what's more so were the accompanying adults and we received several enquiries as to how some of the attendees and their families may do more research in the future and possibly even a few new members.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and I would invite any of our members to come along and if you have an interest in how the group runs put your name forward as a committee member. All offers will be gratefully received.

Next meeting to be held this Saturday 9th of July there will be a talk on how to avoid distractions while researching. Come along and join the regulars you will find plenty to talk about and get to meet a few more fellow members.

Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers who gave their time for another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. We are deeply grateful to Bunning's for their continued support and to the volunteers who make it possible. The day saw us \$578.00 up. A fantastic result. Thank you.

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The moving finger writes: and, having writ, Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line, Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.

Omar Khayyam

AUSTRALIA

Try this link to help find those elusive arrivals http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/australia/

South Australia - Rate Books

South Australia Rate books is an index of roughly 4,000 records. The index was transcribed from rate assessments for the coastal district of Beachport in southeast South Australia between 1882 and 1888. Each record includes a transcript and an original image. The amount of information listed varies, but the transcripts usually include your ancestor's name, assessment year, assessment number, occupier, owner, situation and town. Images may be able to provide additional details, such as property descriptions, rate values, and dates paid.

Past Adoption Information & Services – Western Australia

Adoptions have been possible in Western Australia since 1896. The legislation has changed over the years and historically adoptions could be arranged either by the Department for Child Protection or privately through solicitors.

https://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/FosteringandAdoption/Pages/PastAdoptionInfo.aspx

Victoria

Preston Cemetery

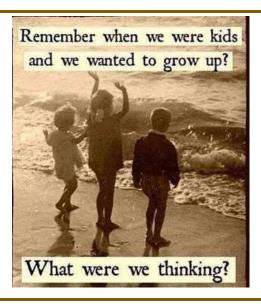
Recent query on a Rootsweb mailing list asked for directions on to how access the above burial register. It appears that Preston is not yet available but several suggestions might be of interest to others with an interest in this one.

This link was suggested but it doesn't include Preston – but might be useful for other searches - http://mapping.fcmp.com.au:1001/Pubmapping/index.aspx

Another suggested link - http://mapping.fcmp.com.au:1001/Pubmapping/index.aspx also has problems. But read through the attached text for helpful suggestions.

And, finally, Victoria's Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust. email address Enquiry@gmct.co.au





Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. ~Doug Larson (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic Games in

~Doug Larson (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, 1902-1981)

Tasmania – FamilySearch.org has indexed an additional 70,000 civil registration records from Tasmania. These records span the years from 1839 to 1938. They consist of both government records and church records. Please note these are records from registries, as shown below. Access is free. Tasmania Birth Records



This is an example of a Tasmanian birth registry from the year xxx. It lists much of the same information as a typical birth certificate, such as name of the child, name occupation age and birthplace of the father, name of mother (including maiden name), age of mother, birthplace of mother, when and where mother was married and name of the informant. *Image courtesy of FamilySearch.org*

Query on Gumnet mailing list -

I am looking for somewhere I can ask questions regarding **MyHeritage**. For example, how do you find out the sources for any links and how can you add only some of those found in the Discoveries? Reply –

Try these official MyHeritage message boards:

https://www.myheritage.com/support-forums

https://www.myheritage.com/support-forum-16243_16706/family-tree-builder?page=1

For Young Mums!

Beat School Holidays Boredom with These Kid-Friendly Family History Activities http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/ancestry/~3/399tDe3hZVk/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.

~Plato, ancient Greek Philosopher

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become PM; I'm beginning to believe it. ~Quoted in 'Clarence Darrow for the Defense' by Irving Stone.

We hang petty thieves and appoint the bigger thieves to public office. ~Aesop, Greek slave & fable author

(Perhaps not so united any more ©)

UK wills - online

https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/

British Army Service Records

Over 1.4 million records released in association with The National Archives have been added to our collection of British Army Service records to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. The collection now includes the records of officers who served during World War 1 and men who served with the famous household cavalry between 1801 and 1919.

Containing roughly 7.8 million records, Findmypast's British Army service records is one of the most significant British Army collections available online. The collection includes a myriad of Army forms including attestation papers, medical forms, discharge documents, pension claims, and proceedings of regimental boards. The latest National Archives series to be added to the collection include:

WO 76 – Regimental records of officers' services 1775-1914 – a collection of service records pertaining solely to officers.

WO 400 – The Household Cavalry 1801-1919 – The Household Cavalry is one of the oldest and most senior units in the British Army, dating back to 1600, and are the Queen's official bodyguards. These regimental records will provide you with your ancestor's service history.

WO 22 – Royal Hospital Chelsea: returns of payment of Army and other pensions 1842-1883 - documents related to pensions paid by the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

WO 23 – Royal Hospital Chelsea: admission books, registers, and papers 1702-1876 – a collection of superannuation books created to administer pensions payable by the commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to both in-pensioners and out-pensioners.

WO 339 – Officers' services, First World War, regular army and emergency reserve officers – transcripts created from records and correspondences related to officers in the regular army and the emergency reserve during the First World War.

WO 374 – Officers' services, First World War, personal files – an index of men who served as officers in the British Army during the First World War. https://findmypast.com

British Royal Air Force, Gallantry Awards 1914-1919

Royal Air Force, Gallantry Awards 1914-1919 contains over 274,000 records of RAF servicemen who were awarded gallantry medals during World War 1. Awards for gallantry were given to those who displayed acts of exceptional bravery and were often announced in the *London Gazette*, the official newspaper of the British government.

Each records includes a transcript created by Graham Clitheroe using information found in the archives and the London Gazette. The detail in each record can vary, but most will include your ancestor's name, residence rank, award and Gazette date. The Royal Flying Corps (RFC) was the first air branch of the British Army. The Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) was the air arm of the Royal Navy. On 1 April 1918, the two forces were amalgamated and the RAF was created. https://findmypast.com

PoW collection

More than 764,000 historic prisoner of war records dating back to the 18th century have been added to <u>Findmypast</u>.

Covering the Napoleonic, Crimean, Boer, First and Second World Wars, the fully searchable records have been digitised from material held at The National Archives in Kew.

Together, the new records make up the third and final tranche of material to be added to the site's <u>Prisoners of War 1715-1945 collection</u>, which first launched online in April 2015.

Now comprising more than two million records, the record set now also includes a browse function, giving users the ability to select individual archival pieces and read the entire folder from beginning to end.

Until 11.59pm on Monday 4 July, Findmypast is offering free access to its entire range of military collections, as well as its British and Irish census records. Learn more here.

WW1 Royal Navy database launches online

Records of thousands of Royal Navy officers and ratings who served during the First World War are

being transcribed and added to a free searchable online database



A database offering free access to thousands of Royal Navy service records from the First World War has been launched online.

Unveiled on Wednesday 15 June, the First World War: Lives at Sea website currently provides details of more than 3,500 naval officers and ratings who served during the conflict.

Fully searchable, the material represents just a small portion of the total service records from the First World War period found

in series ADM 188 and ADM 196 at The National Archives, which are gradually being transcribed and uploaded to the database.

While scanned copies of naval service records – also available on Ancestry and Findmypast – can provide details about a particular seaman, the lack of Royal Navy crew lists after the late 19th century means it has previously been difficult for researchers to determine who was on which ship at the same time.

However, the presence of transcribed records within the database means users will quickly be able to see connections between records and view 'virtual crew lists' for different battles and campaigns. The transcription will also enable users to find Royal Navy personnel by details that have previously not been made searchable, including occupation, next of kin and medals.

The website is the result of a joint partnership between The National Archives, the National Maritime Museum and the Crew Lists Index Project. All three partners previously collaborated to create a similar resource last year, providing free access to Merchant Navy records from 1915.

The project team aims to have uploaded the full collection of transcribed Royal Navy service records to the database by November 2018, in time for the end of the First World War Centenary.

Forces War Records launches WW1 Troop Movements tool

A new interactive map enabling researchers to track the movements of their First World War Army ancestors has been launched online.

Created by Forces War Records, WW1 Troop Movements displays the locations of different British Army units between 1914 and 1918, complete with detailed audio descriptions of the action in which they were involved.

The tool – which took two years to create – utilises information found in the official Order of Battle of Divisions (ORBATS), published by His Majesty's Stationery Office. Each of the documents had to be transcribed by members of staff in order to build up a precise picture of where units served. WW1 Troop Movements is free to access until Sunday 3 July – click here to try it out now.

Britain, Knights of the Realm & Commonwealth index

Explore new additions to our Knights of the Realm index to find out if any of your forebears were awarded an order of chivalry. The Knights of the Realm index records the details of over 35,000 individuals who were awarded an order of chivalry by a British monarch. The index was created by Colin J Parry over a 40-year period to determine how many knights were made in each century and, furthermore, who they actually were.

Over 2.9 million historic newspaper articles have been uploaded to the <u>British Newspaper</u> Archive.

The collection – also available to search via <u>Findmypast</u> – now provides access to digitised copies of 13 additional publications, including the *Kirkintilloch Gazette* (1898-1838) and the *Cornish Telegraph* (1887-1888).

Several existing titles within the database have also been updated, with over 126,000 new articles from the *Coventry Evening Telegraph* and 163,000 from the *Rochdale Observer* now available for users to explore.

England and Wales

TheGenealogist has released a few early British telephone directories. Included with this release are the 1907 national directory (which covers the entire country) and the 1938 South Wales directory. Previously, TheGenealogist had also released the 1899-1900 national directory. In the early days of the telephone, the only people who could afford them tended to be wealthy



individuals, doctors and merchants (who needed them for their business). However, by the time of the release of the 1938 South Wales directory, telephone use had spread to some middle class households. Telephone directories from this period tended to list a person's name, their occupation and address, as shown below. Access to this collection is by subscription. Early British Telephone Directories

This is a snippet from the South Wales 1938 telephone directory. Please note when looking at old telephone directories such as this that the region listed in bold as part of each listing is the telephone exchange region, which is similar to but not necessarily the same as the town or district region. Image courtesy of TheGenealogist

Gloucestershire prison registers go online

Thousands of criminal records held by Gloucestershire Archives have been made available online for the first time.

Released on Monday (20 June), Ancestry's new <u>Gloucestershire Prison Registers set</u> provides details of felons who found themselves behind bars between 1728 and 1914.

The site has also released a tranche of <u>electoral registers</u> spanning the years 1832-1974, along with Land Tax records from 1713-1833.

Deceased Online publishes Calderdale burials

Over 200,000 burial and cremation records from West Yorkshire have been published on <u>Deceased</u> Online.

Spanning 1861-1996, the tranche covers all six cemeteries owned by Calderdale Council, as well as Park Wood Crematorium in Elland. Searching the database is free, but a subscription or pay-per-view credits are required in order to view scans of the original documents.

Calderdale Council

Bereavement Services

Park Wood Crematorium

Park Road, Elland

West Yorkshire, HX5 9HZ

Calderdale is one of five metropolitan boroughs located in West Yorkshire, England. Calderdale takes its name from the River Calder, which flows through the borough, and the area covers part of the South Pennines in the southernmost Yorkshire Dales.

The main commercial and population conurbation is Halifax with nearby Brighouse, Elland, Hipperholm and Sowerby Bridge. Other towns in the area include Hebden Bridge, Luddenden and Greetland. The area has a population of nearly 205,000.

Nearby, the cities of Leeds and Bradford are to the north east; Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Wakefield to the west and south west; Greater Manchester, and Burnley and Blackburn (Lancashire) to the west/north west.

Historically, the area has had a strong association with the cotton and textiles industry with many cotton mills and associated trades in the region. Many of the older burial registers in the collection on Deceased Online include trades of the deceased which reflect the dominant industries of the region.

Records on Deceased Online

There are over 200,000 individual records on Deceased Online comprising digital scans of registers and grave details for each grave (for cemeteries); there are section maps of grave locations available for most cemeteries, the exceptions are indicated below.

Records for the following sites are now available:

- Brighouse Cemetery, 1874 to 1996.
- Elland Cemetery, 1861 to 1996. No map available.
- Halifax General Cemetery (aka Lister Lane), 1842 to 1962. No map available.
- Luddenden Cemetery, 1860 to 1996.
- Rastrick Cemetery, 1884 to 1994.
- Park Wood Crematorium, 1956 to 1997. No map available.
- Sowerby Bridge Cemetery, 1861 to 1996.
- Stoney Royd Cemetery, 1861 to 1996.

Note: grave reference numbers for Elland are erratically recorded and this is due to these being the only references recorded in the burial registers.

Note: some registers for Halifax General/Lister Lane include abbreviations of first/Christian names (recorded at the time of burial) e.g Elizth for Elizabeth, Edwd for Edward etc.

Further information:

<u>Friends of Lister Lane (Halifax General) Cemetery</u> Calderdale Council, bereavement services





Yorkshire West Riding Marriages

Over 49,000 new records from Yorkshire's West Riding have been added to our collection of Yorkshire Marriages. The amount of information included can vary, but the records usually contain the full names of the bride and groom, their ages, home parishes and the date of their wedding. In some cases, the records can also include the names of any witnesses (often family members), the names and occupations of the bride's and groom's parents, the occupation of the groom, the couple's previous marital condition and the name of the officiating minister.

Surrey Marriage Index 1538-1887

Over 271,207 records have been added to the Surrey Marriage Index. The Index now contains over 755,000 records from 178 parishes in Surrey, England.

Each record comprises a transcript of the original register. The amount of information listed varies, but the records usually include a combination of the couple's names, marriage date, home parish, the date of their wedding, the location of their wedding and whether they were married by banns or by licence. Like any index, this index, made available by West Surrey Family History Society, is a finding aid.

Warwickshire Burials 1836-2006

Over 175,000 new records have been added to our collection of Warwickshire Burials. The entire collection now contains more 1 million records and includes monumental inscriptions from Clifton Road Cemetery in Rugby.

Each record includes a transcript of the original burial registry or details from the monumental inscription. Each record will vary depending on its source, but most will include your ancestor's name, age, birth year, death date, burial year, burial location and the name of the officiating minister. A number of records will also include their parent's names and residence.

Explore the St Martin in the Bull Ring parish registers

The church of St Martin in the Bull Ring in Birmingham 5, England is a parish church of the Church of England. It is the original parish church of Birmingham and stands between the Bull Ring shopping centre and the markets. The present Victorian church was built on the site of a 13th-century predecessor, which was documented in 1263. The church was enlarged in medieval times and the resulting structure consisted of a lofty nave and chancel, north and south aisles and a northwest tower with spire.

This collection of parish registers contains baptisms (1554-1929), marriages (1554-1903), and burials (1554-1915), with minor gaps in coverage. These records come from the parish church of the Church of England in Birmingham, St Martin in the Bull Ring.

Wiltshire Baptisms 1538-1866

Over 109,000 new records have been added to our collection of Wiltshire Baptisms. There are now over 770,000 records in this collection taken from the baptism registers of 259 parish churches across the county.

Each record consists of a transcript of the original source material. The amount of information contained varies but most records will include a combination of your ancestor's name, date of birth, parish and parent's names.

Lancashire – The website *Lancashire BMD* continues to add new Lancashire genealogy records at a steady pace. Some of the latest additions include 6,000 birth records from Radcliffe (1934 to 1943) 5,000 burial records from Elton (1888 to 1909) and 4,000 birth records for Trafford. In total, the website has 9.8 million birth records, 4.5 million marriage records and 5.8 million death records. Access is free. <u>Lancashire BMD</u>

TheGenealogist completes Norfolk collection



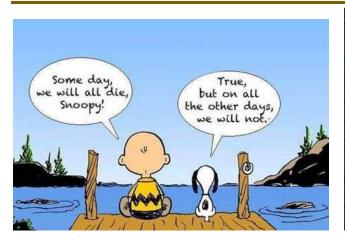
The baptism registers include an entry for nurse Edith Cavell, born in 1865. She would later be executed by a German firing squad during the First World War, sparking outrage across Britain

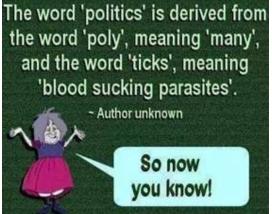
Over 5.95 million Norfolk parish records have been made available to access on <u>TheGenealogist</u>. Fully searchable, the material provides details of baptisms, banns, marriages and burials dating back to the 1500s.

The documents have been digitised from original registers held at Norfolk Record Office, completing an online collection that began with the launch of an initial tranche containing 3.6 million records in January. The same records can also be searched through <u>Findmypast</u> and <u>FamilySearch</u>. Search here (requires subscription).

SCOTLAND

Lochaber and North Argyll Family History Group - http://tinyurl.com/y6te7n





IRELAND

Ireland Dog Licence Registers

Explore more than 343,000 additional records to uncover the age, colour, and breed of your ancestors four legged friend. Now containing over 6.3 million records, the Irish Dog Licences list not only the name, breed, colour and sex of your ancestor's four legged friend, but also the owner's address and the date the licence was issued, making them an incredibly valuable census substitute.

Irish Petty Sessions Court Registers 1828-1912

Over 547,000 new records have been added to complete our collection of Irish Petty Sessions Court Registers. Petty Sessions handled the bulk of lesser criminal and civil legal proceedings. They include details of victims, witnesses and the accused, such as address, date in court, details of the offence, details of the verdict and the sentence.

Ireland Poor Law Reports

Search 1,000 new records to learn more about the poor relief efforts in Ireland from the late 1830s to the early 1860s. The Irish Poor Law Act of 1838 created the system of poor law unions in Ireland, which established 130 poor law unions. Under this system, the poor received relief, either from a workhouse or outdoor relief (which included money, goods, clothing, or food) provided for by poor rates assessed under the poor law valuation.



The Irish genealogy service always known as Eneclann is changing its name. It is being rebranded to the Irish Family History Centre. The company's physical visitor centre is part of EPIC Ireland.

The following is the official announcement from the Irish Family History Centre:

The Irish Family History Centre Online

We now have a new website for you to enjoy www.Irishfamilyhistorycentre.com

Our new website has been created to give our existing and new customer the chance to be part of a vibrant genealogy community where they can store research, ask for expert advice, chat to other members of the community and so much more,

This brand new website is the go to place for Irish Genealogy online, it will allow you to sign up to a whole new customer experience and one which we hope will help you with your own journey.

You can join for free or why not become a pro member and unlock the following:

- Unlimited Access to our Research Library
- Unlimited Access to Expert Webinars
- Unlimited Access to our Podcasts
- Community access to share your findings
- Store & Share your research
- Ask The Experts Questions to get past your brick walls
- Free Review with an Expert when you sign up for a year.

You will also see as you explore the website all our research tip's along with some inspiring stories we have worked on throughout the years, you can get to know the team and who we are along with who our experts here at the Irish Family History Centre.

Historic Irish newspaper revealed online

Copies of an historic Irish newspaper have been uploaded to the web for the first time.

On Monday (13 June), <u>Irish Newspaper Archives</u> announced it had started uploading copies of the *Evening Herald* from 1891 to 1949.

To mark the release of the first tranche, the website has made the first edition of the newspaper – dated 19 December 1891 – available to <u>download free of charge</u>.

Users can also get 20 per cent off monthly and annual membership rates to the site with the code EHARC20. Full details can be found <u>here</u>.

EUROPE

Netherlands Centre for Family History

- Ancestry has signed a ground-breaking agreement with CBG, the Netherlands Centre for Family History
- 100 million Dutch records published online at Ancestry from June
- Collection include Birth, Marriage and Death records
- Nationwide collection made available outside of the archive for the first time

More than 100 million birth, marriage and death records from the Netherlands are available online for the first time thanks to an agreement between Ancestry, the leader in family history and consumer genomics and CBG, the Netherlands Centre for Family History.

The collection is made up of indexes of civil registration records, population registers, church registers and family announcements from a comprehensive network of archive organisations within the Netherlands. Most of the records cover events from the 19th and 20th Century.

To date this collection has only been available in its entirety via the dedicated WieWasWie database, as operated by the Netherlands Centre for Family History. Now these records can be accessed and shared by Ancestry's 2.5 million family history enthusiasts around the world.

Nikolai Donitzky, Ancestry's Managing Director of Content for Europe, comments: "The Centre for Family History and regional archives have done a remarkable job in gathering and digitizing these records across the country. We are delighted to help share this extensive collection of Dutch records with a worldwide audience." Leo Voogt (Executive Director of CBG) adds: We have worked with the archive community in the Netherlands to provide a unified window on all our joint genealogical records. Working with Ancestry.com will generate an enormous additional audience for these holdings and will drive new traffic to the sites of the participating institutions in the Netherlands. The collection is available on Ancestry from 6th June, 2016.

Italy – FamilySearch.org has launched a new browsable image collection of civil registration records from the Rome capital region. This massive new collection has 4.2 million images consisting primarily of official government birth, marriage and death records. The collection also contains some marriage banns and residency records. The records span the years from 1863 to 1930. The images in the collection are sorted by province (Rieti, Roma and Viterbo), then by commune or frazione and then by type of record and year.

These records come from the State Archive of Roma. Many genealogists will be happy to see that FamilySearch has put this collection online. Access is free. [Historic Rome Birth Marriage and Death Records]

Belgium – FamilySearch.org has recently indexed a number of Belgium civil registration records. The largest new addition (about 200,000 records) comes from Liège. The Liège records consist of government birth, marriage and death records. There are also some marriage proclamation records in the collection. It spans the years from 1621 to 1914. The records can be searched by first name and last name. Access is free. [Historic Liège Birth Records]

U.S.A.

WW2 digital archive pays tribute to US air heroes

The stories of United States airmen stationed in East Anglia during the Second World War can be uncovered online thanks to a free new resource.

Unveiled on Thursday 19 May, the <u>Second Air Division Digital Archive</u> gathers together more than 30,000 historic photographs, letters, diaries and memoirs relating to members of the Second Air Division of the United States Air Force.

Read our full news story here.

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

Freedmen's Bureau Project Completed with Nearly 2 Million Records of Freed Slaves Indexed

Dick Eastman

A project to index the records of 4 million freed African-American slaves is now completed, almost a year to the day after the project was launched by the LDS Church's FamilySearch International genealogy service with an announcement June 19 of last year at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles.

The Freedmen's Bureau Project has marshalled the efforts of 18,940 volunteers working coast to coast in the United States and Canada, uncovering the names of nearly 1.8 million of some 4 million pre-Civil War era slaves.

Nationwide chapters of the Afro-American Genealogy and Historical Society and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture — slated to open later this year — partnered with FamilySearch to undertake the project, which drew upon documents from the National Archives and Records Administration.

The full announcement of the completion may be found at

http://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/historic-freedmens-bureau-project-completed.

Danville, Kentucky, Bellevue Cemetery Records

Dick Eastman

The Boyle County (KY) Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc, now offers for sale a CD of Bill and Beulah Jones's massive work on Danville's Bellevue Cemetery Records. The new CD contains more than 14,000 documented and well-researched entries, adding to and correcting the city's records. Though Bellevue is not the oldest cemetery in the county, many earlier interments have been moved to the Bellevue Cemetery, so Bellevue has become THE resting place of many important historical figures in the central Kentucky area, from the early 19th Century on. Bill and Beulah have spent several years working on this project. The CD contains a Microsoft Excel file of the records (printable on 8-1/2 by 14 paper), an Adobe PDF version, an explanatory page, and a series of overall and detailed maps of Bellevue.

The cost is \$25.00 which includes taxes, shipping/handling. If ordering by mail, send a check for \$25.00 payable to the Boyle County Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc, and mail to P. O. Box 24, Parksville, KY 40464.

The website *American Ancestors* (run by the New England Historic Genealogical Society) is offering full access to all 23 databases devoted to **New York State genealogy records**. Access is free for the entire month of June. All that is required is to register as a guest user.

The video below provides a good overview of the various New York State genealogy resources held by the website. American Ancestors New York State Genealogy Records

CANADA

Who's the lady in the locket? Canadian family seeks to solve the mystery of their ancestor's WW1 sweetheart

We like this <u>news story</u> about a family in Canada who are trying to establish the identity of an ancestor's WW1 sweetheart.

The family has several clues for solving the puzzle, including a portrait of the mysterious lady on a locket that belonged to their relative, Sergeant Charles Reid of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment — who died, aged 30, in 1916 at the Battle of Beaumont-Hamel. Another clue is that the box for the locket has the name of an Oban jeweller (J. McGilvray & Son of

of 0, or

George Street) on it, which makes the family think the woman perhaps hailed from Oban. If the portrait and the clues ring any bells with you, please contact the family at the email address listed at the end of the **news story**.

Do you recognize the woman in the locket? Send an email to webnewfoundland@cbc.ca.

Canada 1911 census

The 1911 Canada census was started on June 1st 1911. The total population count was recorded as 7,206,643, an increase of 34% over the 1901 Census count of 5,371,315. All ten provinces and two territories (Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories) are represented in these records. The collection consists of more than 6.9 million transcripts that allow you to discover your ancestor's residence, birth place, birth year, marital status and more. Images are available online at the Library and Archives Canada web site. https://findmypast.com

Here are 2 videos from the wildfire at Fort McMurray, Alberta. While not strictly speaking family history as we know it, no doubt many family treasures and mementos were lost in this holocaust. They also very graphically illustrate the terror involved.

The first video was done by a guy with a dash-cam - he's leaving his neighbourhood (Beacon Hill) which eventually was 80% destroyed. So, most of those houses you see ended up as smouldering ruins.

Front Dash Cams

Israel – The *Israel Genealogy Research Association* (IGRA) continues to add some very interesting new genealogy record sets to their ever expanding collection. The latest additions include miscellaneous lists dealing with immigration from Europe to Palestine during 1942-43 (the middle of World War II).

Included in the latest update are such things as lists of women and children in 1942 authorized to enter Palestine from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Latvia, Hungary, Holland, Lithuania and Poland; lists of immigrants from Hungary to Palestine in 1947 and lists of donors who sent care parcels to Jews in Poland (through the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) immediately after WWII. The IGRA website is available in both Hebrew and English. In total, there are now some 745,000 records on the website across more than 271 databases. All the names in the databases have been transliterated into English so that you can do full searches in English. The link takes you to the page that describes how the whole process works. Access is free after registration. [Israel Genealogy Research Association]

MISCELLANEOUS INFO.

AncestryDNA hits two million milestone

More than two million people across the world have submitted a DNA sample for testing via the AncestryDNA service.

News of the milestone, <u>announced on Wednesday 22 June</u>, means that the size of the site's autosomal database has more than doubled over the past 12 months, with samples provided by customers from 37 countries.

As a result, researchers using the service may now have a greater chance of being 'matched' with someone who has a shared ancestor.

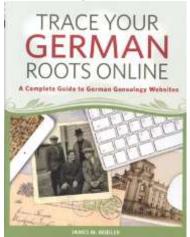
Read the full story here.

FamilySearch reveals Worldwide Indexing Event details

US genealogy giant <u>FamilySearch</u> has confirmed details of its next annual <u>Worldwide Indexing Event</u>.

Taking place between Friday 15 and Sunday 17 July, the initiative will see volunteers attempt to index as many genealogical records as possible in the space of just 72 hours. The indexed records will then be made available for researchers to explore free of charge via the FamilySearch website. FamilySearch hopes to have at least 72,000 volunteers taking part in the event. To get involved, click here.

The following book review was written by Bobbi King:



Trace Your German Roots Online

by James M. Beidler. Family Tree Books. 2016. 207 pages.

Mr. Beidler writes in his introductory pages:

Just five years ago, devoting an entire book to online sources for genealogists with German-speaking ancestors wouldn't have been a particularly fulfilling exercise. Relatively few genealogical problems could be solved "beginning to end" on either German- or American-based websites.

But oh, what a difference those five years have made. Whether it's the "big kahunas" of the online genealogy world, such as FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com, adding more German content, the digitization of church registers that play such an important role for this ethnic group, or any of the other solutions the Web has provided to the myriad genealogy questions that arise—the availability of Internet sources for German research has come of age.

Boy, he hit that nail on the head. The Internet is now a robust genealogical research tool with an abundance of credible records and scanned documents convincing the researcher that nowadays, online research is definitely worth the effort and expense.

Mr. Beidler is the Big Kahuna of German research and writing. He's led research tours to Germany, acquiring along the way a broad base of knowledge and experience, and combined with his knack for good composition, his books are strongly written, flow smoothly from point to point, and make German research learning easier than you realize even as you're doing it.

The book has three sections:

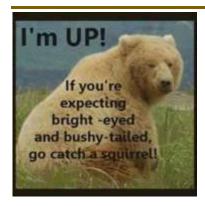
Part One: German Genealogy Basics covers the starting points for German research, researching German Genealogy on the Internet, and Untangling German Place Names and Surnames. Part Two: Top German Genealogy Websites covers FamilySearch, Ancestry, Genealogy.net, MyHeritage, and Archion.

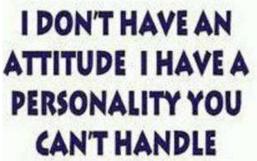
Part Three: Answers to Your Research Questions cover How Do I Identify My Ancestors' Place of Origin? Where Else Can I Access Church Records?, How Do I Contact People and Places In Germany?, and other topics of research interest.

Interspersed throughout the book are sidebar text boxes with helpful tidbits of instruction. Graphics illustrate the content, and maps locate Catholic Dioceses, *LÄNDER* with German and English names, and Germany in 1871. The book is well-produced, with crisp text, easy-to-read font, and plenty of spacing.

Mr. Beidler's *German Roots Online* is the premier online German research guidebook, and with no other references out there to its equal, likely will be so for quite some time.

Trace Your German Roots Online by James M. Beidler is available from Family Tree Books at http://www.familyrootspublishing.com/store/product_view.php?id=3155 as well as from Amazon at https://goo.gl/rQEBzD.







From Graham Jaunay's "Proformat News" Irish online records

Unfortunately, researching in Ireland is probably the most difficult exercise most Australian family historians will encounter. A range of issues has led to the loss of some of the more useful and accessible material. There is little available outside the country. The records within the country are very expensive to access and little has been placed online, even on pay-to-use websites.

Historically Ireland was administered along the lines of the English model following its formal annexation by England which is officially dated from 1541. The problem was the English system overlaid a parallel ancient Irish one and regardless of the attempts to Anglicise the people, they largely remained Irish. Into this mix the administration added another dimension in the form of relocating people from the mainland who subscribed to the English ideals. A medieval form of ethnic cleansing!

In 1801 Ireland officially joined with England, Scotland and Wales to become part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

In 1921, after years of unrest, Ireland was divided in two. All of Munster, Leinster and Connacht, and three of the nine counties of Ulster, became the Irish Free State, later the Republic of Ireland. The remaining six counties of Ulster continued to be part of the United Kingdom and became known, officially, as Northern Ireland. However, the area is often referred to as Ulster.

Online records

The growing number of online records is starting to have a positive effect on family history research for Australians with Irish ancestry and some of the sites with the more useful information are outlined:



Irish Genealogy — irishgenealogy.ie

The key features of this government site operated by the Republic's Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Gaeltacht refers to those areas of Ireland where Irish is the predominant language which is mainly along the west coast) is the collection of church records:

- 1. Baptism and marriage records of the Catholic Diocese of Kerry to 1900 (includes western and north-western areas of Cork)
- 2. All surviving 19th-century Church of Ireland marriage, baptism and burial records in Co Kerry.
- 3. All Roman Catholic baptism, marriage and burial registers for Dublin City to 1900. The records of St Pauls Arran Quay, are at *dublinnorth.rootsireland.ie*.
- 4. All surviving Church of Ireland baptism, marriage and burial registers for Dublin City to 1900.
- 5. All surviving Church of Ireland baptism, marriage and burial registers for Co Carlow to 1900.
- 6. All Roman Catholic baptism, marriage and burial registers to 1880 for the diocese of Cork and Ross.
- 7. A small number of Presbyterian records relating to a congregation in Lucan in Co Dublin.
- 8. Roman Catholic records other than those listed above. The major exceptions, where only small proportions of the records are transcribed, are counties Donegal, Monaghan and Wexford. None of the transcribed records for Clare are online.
- 9. Church of Ireland, Methodist and Presbyterian registers, complete for some counties, completely absent for others.

Work is progressing on the completion of the Co Monaghan Roman Catholic records (Diocese of Clogher).

The site also permits a simple, initial, ready-made search of the following sites:

- 10. 1901 and 1911 census
- 11. Civil registration indexes of births, marriages and deaths 1864 to 1958 and non-Catholic marriages 1845 to 1863 for all Ireland.
- 12. The Griffith's Valuation
- 13. Tithe Applotment Books
- 14. The National Archives of Ireland Collection of Soldiers' Wills
- 15. The records of the Bureau of Military History
- 16. The online catalogue of the National Library of Ireland
- 17. The US immigration records of *Ellisisland.org*
- 18. The US immigration records of *CastleGarden.org*
- 19. The Ireland-Australia Transportation database
- 20. The site also provides useful research guidelines and links



Roots Ireland — *rootsireland.ie*

This site managed by the Irish Family History Foundation suggests it holds the largest database of online Irish records. The Foundation is the coordinating body for the network of *County Genealogy Centres* previously known as *Heritage Centres*. The databases include parish church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths, census returns and gravestone inscriptions.

It is rather unfortunate that the search engine is very restrictive lessening the chances of a broad search of records. For example when I tried to search records for my Gilmour ancestors it demanded a given name tightening the search to just one person. That was not all, for a nil result was all that I achieved until I also provided a date!

There is some overlap with records listed on the previous site:

- 21. Parish Registers
- 22. Civil registration indexes of births, marriages and deaths 1864 to 1958 and non-Catholic marriages 1845 to 1863 for all Ireland
- 23. Tithe Applotment Books
- 24. Gravestone Inscriptions
- 25. Griffith's Valuation
- 26. Census Returns
- 27. Administrative Divisions
- 28. Ship Passenger Lists



FamilySearch — familysearch.org

- 29. Roman Catholic parishes, mostly in counties Kerry, Cork and Roscommon
- 30. Civil registration indexes of births, marriages and deaths 1864 to 1958 and non-Catholic marriages 1845 to 1863 for all Ireland

- 31. Civil registration register of births 1864–1881, non-Catholic marriages 1845–1863, all marriages 1864–1870 and deaths 1864 to 1870 for all Ireland
- 32. Republic birth, death and marriage indexes 1922–1958
- 33. Ireland Marriages 1619–1898 is a collection from a range of sources

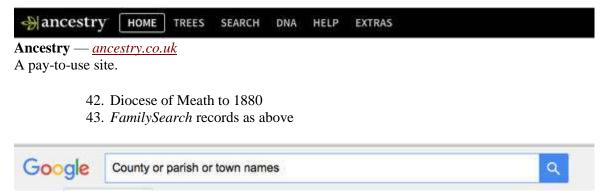
Some 40% of Irish Roman Catholic parish registers – some copies of National Library of Ireland films, others filmed by the LDS themselves are available but not online. You can order these films and view them at your local LDS Library or any other subscribing library for a small fee. See: familysearch.org/catalog-search.



FindMyPast — <u>findmypast.com.au</u>

A pay-to-use site.

- 34. Farrar's Index To Irish Marriages 1771–1812: published in 1897 Farrar's Index to Irish Marriages is compiled principally from Walker's Hibernian Magazine which was a monthly Dublin magazine established in 1771, ceasing publication in 1812
- 35. Index of Irish Wills 1484-1858: only includes records at the National Archives of Ireland in Dublin
- 36. Civil registration records of births, marriages and deaths 1864 to 1958 and non-Catholic marriages 1845 to 1863
- 37. Irish Prison Registers 1790–1924
- 38. WW1 Irish Soldiers Wills
- 39. Phillimore & Gertrude Thrift, Indexes To Irish Wills 1536-1858
- 40. Irish Petty Sessions Court Registers 1828-1912 41.



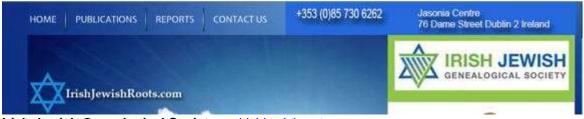
Local historical and family history societies — find via Google search

44. Sundry church records available online



Irish Times — <u>irishtimes.com/ancestor</u>

45. Guide to the Roman Catholic records



Irish Jewish Genealogical Society — <u>irishjewishroots.com</u>

Save, Organize, and Share Your Digital Photographs Forever

Dick Eastman

With a free account on <u>Forever.com</u>, you can edit, organize, store, and even (optionally) share your photos, videos, and more in the cloud. You can create and print photo books as well as convert your old media to new digital formats. With a paid account, your content will always be safe in your permanent digital home at Forever. All of this is possible because of the Forever Guarantee and the company's easy-to-use web, mobile, and desktop apps.



Actually, you can find a number of online services that will help you file, sort, organize, and save your digital photographs. What sets Forever apart from its competitors is the capability for a paid account to keep your precious memories protected for generations. Yes, the company promises to keep your items for **your lifetime plus 100 years**. To back up that claim, the company has a rather impressive plan to make sure your items remain available; their stated goal is to keep your content safe and available with the company's patented vault technology.

In order to make sure your items last for at least your lifetime plus 100 years, Forever.com has created a **Guaranteed Storage Plan**. A large portion of your payment is deposited into the <u>Forever Guarantee Fund</u>. The money is invested so that it increases in value and pays for the recurring maintenance and preservation costs of your Guaranteed Storage, as well as the migration of your content to new digital formats, over time. This migration ensures that your descendants and other family members will be able to view your items for more than a century, even if the technology changes and new file and other formats replace today's popular file formats.

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Heritage Album
22 photos

Grandma & Grandpap
67 photos

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The Forever Guarantee Fund Investment Policy may be found at https://www.forever.com/guarantee.

Forever

offers many services. Of course, you can digitize your own photographs, sound recordings, videos, and more, and then upload the results to the Forever web site. However, the company also offers conversion services. You can send your old photographs, slides, albums, home videos, audio tapes — anything! Forever will digitize and store them online at Forever.com and also send you copies of your videos on DVDs. If you wish to do so, you can share your online items with anyone you wish and never worry again, thanks to the Forever Guarantee.

This service is not a "one trick pony." Besides the online offerings, Forever will create and print personalized scrapbooks, photo books, calendars, cards, mugs and more. The company will make keepsakes and gifts with templates, backgrounds, and embellishments created by industry leading designers.

Forever provides legal protection of your content ownership and digital rights. This ensures that members' ownership of content and privacy are protected during their lives, and that they can determine who will manage their accounts after their deaths, and how their information will be shared with future generations.

Forever provides an excellent method of preserving and making available your ancestral photos for more that 100 years. Is it a perfect guarantee? I doubt it, but it is a better plan than anything else I have seen so far.

While Forever.com does have a free option, that free option looks to me more like a "free trial period" for you to see how the service works. I suspect that most genealogists will evaluate the service and, if they decide to stay with it, will upgrade to a paid service:

A \$5/month plan is ideal for young families that are just starting to make amazing memories. It provides 10 gigabytes of guaranteed storage space, enough for about 2,500 digital photographs. A \$10/month plan is designed for families who want to preserve their existing photos and memories. It provides 50 gigabytes of guaranteed storage space, enough for about 12,500 digital photographs. A \$15/month plan is designed for those who have been detailing their family history across generations. It provides 100 gigabytes of guaranteed storage space, enough for about 25,000 digital photographs.

Even more space is available for those who have very large collections. For instance, the \$60/month plan probably will appeal to professional photographers and a few others who have collections of one terabyte (1,000 gigabytes) or more.

Prices are discounted 40% if you pay a one-time fee in advance. A one-time payment of \$349 covers 10 gigabytes of storage, or about 2,500 photos. The Organizer package requires a one-time payment of \$699 with 50 gigabytes of storage and capacity of about 12,500 photos. The Collector package has an upfront cost of \$999 and provides 100 gigabytes of storage, enough for about 25,000 photos.

Pricing details may be found at https://store.forever.com/pricing.

You can try Forever.com's free trial before committing to purchase.

As stated on the Forever.com web site:

It's Permanent.

- Forever Guarantee your memories are guaranteed to be preserved for your lifetime plus 100 years.
- Pass your account on to future generations.
- Long term file migration keeps your digital content accessible.
- Full resolution saving means you can always print or reproduce your media.

It's Private & Secure.

- Your memories are triple backed up and encrypted.
- You have complete control of the privacy of your account always know who you're sharing with or keep it totally private.
- No data mining or advertising. Ever.
- Permanent digital rights you, and only you, own your content.

It's Personal.

- Our apps make it easy to get organized and creative with image editing, albums, tags and slideshows.
- Your custom subdomain gives you a permanent personalized home on the web.
- Unlimited uploading and downloading.
- Use Forever on the web or enjoy on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

If you would like to keep your photographs, videos, sound recordings, and more available for your lifetime plus 100 years and to optionally make them available for others, check out Forever at https://www.forever.com.

How to tell if you're infected with malware

May 6, 2016 | BY WENDY ZAMORA



Picture this: you start your computer and wait. And wait some more. When your desktop finally shows its face, things don't get any better. Your Internet is sluggish, your programs are taking forever to load, and your cursor is dragging 20 seconds behind your mouse. You might have tried to open too many programs at once. Or...

You might be infected.

Sometimes a malware infection is plain as day. Other times it's a silent killer. If you want to know whether or not your machine is sick, you first need to understand the symptoms. So let's take a look at the telltale signs.

Blatant signs of infection

You've got ransomware

This one's the most obvious. Ransomware authors want to make it perfectly clear that you have a malware infection—that's how they make their money. If you've got ransomware, you'll get a pop-up that tells you your files have been encrypted and there's a deadline to pay a ransom in order to get them back.

Browser redirects

You click on a link after doing a Google search on "my computer's acting strange." Link opens to a different page. You head back to your search results and try a different link. Same thing happens. Over and over you're redirected to a different site from the one you're trying to reach. That, my friend, is a malware infection.

Different home page

Say you set your home page to be your favorite sports news site. But for some reason, Yahoo.com keeps coming up. You also notice some new toolbars (rows of selectable icons) below your browser window that you can't get rid of. You could either have a major case of the forgets, or, more likely, you've got an infection.

Bombarded with pop-ups

We're talking: can't escape. Close one, another one opens. Or you're not even online, and you're getting pop-up messages on your system. Some sites admittedly have terrible ad experiences that feel like something nefarious is going on (but really isn't). Most of the time, if your screen is loaded with pop-ups, you're looking at an adware or spyware infection.

Less obvious signs of infection

Computer running slow

Lots of things can contribute to a slow computer. You could be running too many programs at once, you may be running out of hard drive space, or there's not enough free memory. If none of those are true for you and your computer is still slow, it's possible you're infected.

New, unfamiliar icons on desktop

Maybe your nephew Timmy jumped on without your knowledge and downloaded a photo editing program so he could swap his face with his dog's face and share it on social media. Or perhaps you downloaded a legitimate piece of software and a <u>Potentially Unwanted Program (PUP)</u> hitched a ride. If it's the latter, your computer could be weighed down by PUPs, which Malwarebytes and many other security companies consider malware.

Constant crashing

There are a couple reasons why your applications or system might crash, including potential incompatibility between programs or software and hardware that needs updating. However, some forms of malware, such as rootkits, dig deep into the Windows kernel and latch on, creating instability.

Web browser freezes or is unresponsive

Slow Internet could be just that—check your wifi signal or your download speeds with your Internet provider to be sure. But if everything checks out and your browser grinds to a halt, it could be a sign of infection.

Lots of bounced email

We've all mistakenly typed in the wrong email address and hit "send." But if you're getting a suspiciously high number of bounces, or emails that return to your inbox undelivered, something else is going on.

First, your email address could have been hacked and is now being used to spam the crap out of your contacts list. Or malware could be the culprit. How? An infected computer sends out emails using the addresses it found in your computer. If the "To" address doesn't work, the message bounces back to the "From" address, which is often yours.

Mobile infections
Battery life drains quickly

Oh yes, your cell phone is not immune to malware. If you notice your battery life draining quickly, it could be that you've got some hefty programs open, such as games or music streaming services. It could also be that your battery is on its last leg. Unfortunately, the third possibility is mobile malware.

Unusually large bill

This one's pretty clear-cut. Pay close attention to your cell phone bill. Are you being charged for messages you didn't send? Is your data plan getting busted? Are you getting texts from your provider saying you owe money for something you didn't purchase? Mobile malware is to blame.

You can protect against mobile threats using anti-malware software designed specifically for smartphones and tablets. For example, <u>Malwarebytes Anti-Malware Mobile</u> safeguards Android devices from malware, infected applications, and unauthorized surveillance.

Stealth infections

No sign at all

Is your computer running like a smooth criminal? No issues whatsoever? You still might be infected. Many forms of malware, including botnets and others designed to steal your data, are nearly impossible to detect unless you run a scan.

In fact, whether it's plainly obviously or there's no real sign of malware, you should be regularly scanning your computer with security programs like <u>Malwarebytes Anti-Malware</u>. If malware is detected, follow these simple steps to clean your computer.

The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a saloon and sat down to drink a beer.

After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said

"Who owns the big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gun belt, and said,

"I do....Why?"

The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said,

"I just thought you'd like to know that your horse is almost dead outside!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside and sure enough Silver was ready to die from heat exhaustion.

The Lone Ranger got the horse water and soon Silver was starting to feel a little better.

The Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and said,

"Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to make him start to feel better."

Tonto said, "Sure, Kemosabe" and took off running circles around Silver.

Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returned to the saloon to finish his drink.

A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns that big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stands again, and claims,

"I do, what's wrong with him this time?"

"Nothing, but you left your injun runnin!"

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.

Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more-talented fool.