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BULLETIN

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

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Dear members welcome to the latest edition of the Bulletin. Peter has prepared an interesting collection of facts and tips for you to enjoy.

Our proposed fund raiser Theatre Night is still open for interested people, however as bookings have been very slow we may not be able to hold it as planned. We require 30 attendees to put the show on and to date we only have about 10 acceptors. If we cannot get the required number by Thursday, we will need to let the cinema know so they can offer the chance to another group to raise money.

Our last sausage sizzle at Bunnings raised \$570 a marked improvement on the wet and cold previous weekend. Thank you once again to all our volunteers for coming to the aid of the party at short notice This brings our total income from this activity to more than \$10,000 over the past 18 months.

We have obtained a large amount of second hand carpet for free and now we are looking to continue the program of carpeting rooms to make our environment a little warmer in the winter. Are there any budding carpet layers out there? If so we would appreciate hearing from you as we want to get the carpet down soon and any help would be appreciated.

Tony Meade
President

Come, fill the cup and in the Fire of Spring
 The Winter garment of repentance fling:
 The Bird of Time has but a little way
 To fly – and Lo! The Bird is on the Wing.

Omar Khayyam

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EGFHG BBQ – Sausage anyone?



AUSTRALIA

Ancestry has released a new collection of Australian World War II military service records. These records cover army, navy and air force personnel. A typical record lists the following: full name, date of birth, place of birth, service number, marital status, religion, occupation (prior to enlistment), next of kin, any prior military service, details of any injuries and any transfers between units. These records can be searched by first name, last name, keyword and service number. Access is by subscription. [Australian WWII Military Service Records](#)

Please note that in order to access the **full original service file**, a request must be made to the National Archives of Australia. In fact, unless you are already an Ancestry subscriber, you are better off going directly to the National Archives website. They are the keeper of the original records. As well, you can search their website for free. [Australia Military Service Files](#)

Queensland

FindMyPast has put online Queensland birth and marriage records. There are some 930,000 birth records that span the years from 1829 to 1919 while the 700,000 marriage records are from 1829 to 1939. When looking at the birth records, it is important to realize that birth registrations in Australia were not mandatory until March 1856. Therefore, it is perfectly possible to have someone born before March 1856 who does not have an official birth certificate. Also, be aware that Queensland was part of New South Wales until 1859.

As well, given how isolated some communities were in the 1800s, it is possible that a birth might be registered some time after the actual date. In particular, someone born in December might not be registered until January of the next year. Be aware of this when searching for the records and always use a wide date range in your search. The same logic applies when searching marriage records. These records can be searched by first name, last name and registration year. Birth records can also be searched by father's first name and mother's first name. Please note that these are transcripts of the original records. A copy of the original record can be ordered from the Queensland government. Access is by subscription. [[Historic Queensland Birth Records](#)]

Victoria

From the State Library Newsletter

Autumn ebooks

Planning some cosy fireside reading as the colder nights set in? Our ebooks team have stocked our ebookshelves with a selection of new titles this month. Victorian residents with a State Library card can read these titles (and thousands more) online or download free for up to seven days.

START READING

PROV is thrilled to announce that our collection is now searchable through the [National Library of Australia's Trove website](#).

Trove helps you find and use resources relating to Australia. It brings together content from libraries, museums, archives and other research organisations and includes over 475 million online resources – such as books, images, newspapers, maps, music and documents.

In Trove's *Diaries, Letters, Archives* zone you can now find [15,313 of our records](#) by searching for [nuc:VPRO](#).

Once you land on the record you're interested in, you simply click on the 'related resource' link which will take you directly to the record in our collection.

Happy researching!

See more at:

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/blog-news/find-our-collection-through-trove#sthash.aUyhYP8A.dpuf>

South Australia

On the Rootsweb mailing list for S.A. a Kiwilander asked –

“I am wanting to buy a marriage cert but as unsure of actual date 1950-1954 is there any place to look up marriages for these years, and possible birth certs”.

The reply –

“For bdm in South Australia, try

<https://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>”

U.K. – ENGLAND

FindMyPast has added to their **British Newspaper collection** with an additional 3.9 million articles. The latest update includes more articles from some of the larger cities, such as the Birmingham Daily Gazette, the Sheffield Independent and the Newcastle Evening Chronicle. The newspapers can be searched by first name, last name and keyword. In addition, it is possible to filter the search results by newspaper title and date range. Access is by subscription. [Historic British Newspapers](#)
FindMyPast has also put out a useful video to help you get the most out of their newspaper collection.

FindMyPast has put online a collection of British **Royal Navy & Royal Marines pension records**. This collection of some 911,000 records spans the years from 1704 to 1934. The information contained in each record varies depending on the time period, but in general includes such information as the full name, years of service, year joined the navy, service number, home parish, date of death, name of next of kin and pension details. These records can be searched by first name, last name. Access is by subscription. [[Royal Navy Pension Records](#)]

Anglo-Boer War Records 1899-1902

FindMyPast has added over 2,500 records to our collection of **Anglo-Boer War Records**.

Anglo-Boer War Records 1899-1902 is a unique collection of assorted documents taken from more than 470 sources and containing more than 293,000 names. Consisting of casualty rolls, service rolls, honour rolls, force rolls and a variety of other documents, the records will allow you to uncover your ancestors rank, regiment, service number, details of the awards they received and whether they were killed or wounded in the line of duty.

WW1 British Red Cross VADs reaches completion

A digitisation and transcription project to make thousands of nursing records available on the web has reached completion. Family historians can now search through over [244,000 British Red Cross personnel index cards](#), providing details of men and women who served as Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) workers during the First World War. First launched in 2014, the project was undertaken by the British Red Cross in partnership with Kingston University, with help from more than 800 volunteers around the world. Search the collection for free [here](#).

Dear alcohol,
We had a deal that
you would make me
prettier, funnier and
a better dancer.

I saw the video, we
need to talk.

OF COURSE!
SIZE MATTERS
NO ONE WANTS
A SMALL
GLASS of WINE

Dorset - FindMyPast has added to their collection of Dorset parish records. Included in this update are baptism, marriage and burial records. The website now contains some 390,000 Dorset baptism records, some 650,000 marriage records and some 380,000 burial records. Access is by subscription. [[Historic Dorset Parish Records](#)]

England

Findmypast has released the final phase of the **National School Admission Registers & Log Books. National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914**

Over 527,000 records schools from 8 separate archives across England have been added to the National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914 collection. The collection, which was originally launched in September 2014, has had over 160,000 records added in this latest update and it now complete.

The National School Admission Registers & Log-books records are the result of a landmark project between schools, record offices and archives throughout England and Wales. The project was facilitated by the ARA and The National Archives under the National Digitisation Consortium banner and has brought together over 100 archives and schools in the largest collaborative digitisation project ever undertaken.

The records comprise fully searchable scanned colour images of the original handwritten admission registers and log-books from the archives. Details contained within the log-books from the period leading up to World War One include attendance records, reasons for absence, visitors to the school and the daily activities of school life. The admission registers provide many useful details for family historians, including your ancestor's birth date, admission year and the school they attended. You may also be able to discover their parents' names, father's occupation, exam results and any illnesses that led to absence from school.

England

A posting and follow up comments on the Rootsweb mailing list for Kent may help explain why you sometimes can't find your ancestor when shown as "OTP" in a marriage record –

The query -

Returning after a long exile, I would like to post my interests. Namely the family of William Austen (born 1777) of Leigh, Kent; he was married to Sarah Chatfield (born 1781) at Leigh parish church Sep 15 1805.

I have considerable info on the family after this date but nothing before. On the marriage details they are both designated as OTP (of this parish) but despite extensive research and several visits to Leigh I have been unable to trace him. Any help would be much appreciated.

Response the first –

While waiting for my partner to get ready to go out, I just tried entering William into the Ancestry websearch using d.o.b. and "Kent" rather than limiting it to Leigh - several answers, all around that area. I went beyond Leigh to the wider county because I had two similar brick walls in my family. What I didn't realise was they were agricultural labourers who had moved beyond their birth parish to get work. Having stayed with the farmer for a couple of years, they were regarded as "otp" by the priest. I was told, but have not checked, that one becomes "otp" after 6 month's residence. FWIW.

Response the second –

Being "otp" is totally unreliable evidence, the residency requirement was only three weeks. Many couples appeared to live at the same address, or use an address of convenience, this was to save the cost of having the Banns called in two parishes.

So there!

Click on icon below -



Bliksem.mp4

Not sure where this is but suspect somewhere in South America or South Africa

Society seeks Somerset and Dorset photos

A West Country family history society has launched an appeal for photographs of people's ancestors. [Somerset & Dorset Family History Society](#) plans to create an online database containing pictures of local people, enabling genealogists across the globe with Somerset or Dorset roots to see their relatives. The photographs must depict people who were either born or lived in the two counties, while group shots should have at least one person identified by name. To learn more about the project and submit your own images, click [here](#).

Essex – TheGenealogist has put online 900,000 new Essex parish records. These are primarily baptism, marriage and burial records. This brings their collection of Essex parish records to some 2.5 million. The records span the years from 1512 to 2005. Access is by subscription. [[Essex Parish Records](#)]

Kent

From Rootsweb mailing list for Kent

“On the subject of **incorrect recording.....**

My grandfather came from Halifax. When he recorded the birth of his daughter in Rugby (1912), his occupation was noted as a “stalker”.

He was in fact a “stoker”! Just say the words out loud and you can hear the problem of a localized accent!”

Kent, Bromley Absent Voters List 1918

The Kent, Bromley Absent Voters List 1918 records the details over 8,000 men who were eligible to vote and were away serving in the armed forces during the First World War. The list also includes the names of eight women who were members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corp or Army Service Corp.

Each record consists of a transcript of the information recorded in the original list. Each transcripts will list your ancestor's name, service number, rank, regiment, service branch and home address.

Local groups prevent North Devon Record Office closure

North Devon Record Office has been saved from closure thanks to the help from more than 30 local organisations. Although Devon County Council had previously announced plans to close the facility and move its contents to Exeter, a newly formed 'community partnership' has forged a deal with the authority to provide three years of funding in exchange for a say in the future running of the record office. Read the full story on the *North Devon Journal* website [here](#).

Suffolk Marriage Index

Over 71,000 marriage records from over 200 parishes have been added to the Suffolk Marriage Index. Each record consists of a transcript produced by members of the Suffolk Family History Society that includes the married couple's full names, marital status, parish, the date of their marriage and the location.

The Index currently cover 576 parishes, dates back to 1536 and stretches through to the twentieth century.

Yorkshire –

Mining disaster death toll "higher", say researchers

The death toll of England's worst mining disaster could be higher than previously thought, according to researchers. Volunteers from the [Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership](#) have found evidence to suggest that 384 people perished as a result of the 1866 Oaks Colliery Disaster at Hoyle Mill, Barnsley, despite an official death toll of 361. The researchers have also discovered the identities of several unnamed victims, as well as the revelation that 169 bodies were never recovered and still remain within the old colliery workings below ground. To find out more, click [here](#).

West Yorkshire burials hit the web

| FOLIO 12 | | LUDDENDEN | | | | IN THE | |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|--|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Year 1869 | | REGISTER OF BURIALS | | | | | |
| NO. | DATE | NAME | AGE | RANK OR PROFESSION | ABODE | PARENT OR DISTRICT | MODE OF BURIAL |
| 223 | February 7 | John Jackson | 52 yrs | Excavator | Highgate Road | Luddenden | Common Grav |
| 224 | February 13 | John Greenwood | 63 yrs | Manager of ^{Woolly Hill} Woolly Hill | Woolly Hill | Woolly Hill | Common Grav |
| 225 | March 27 | Elizabeth Ann Tison | 57 mths | Infant | Dunham | Luddenden | Common Grav |
| 226 | April 2 | Sarah Jackson | 70 yrs | Widow | The main town house | Halifax | Family Grav |
| 227 | April 9 | Eli Mitchell | 43 yrs | Oralbooker | Thrygg's Wood | Otforden | Family Grav |
| 228 | April 24 | Isakua Thorpe | 20 yrs | Farm's Man | Ripper Hill | Luddenden | Common Grav |
| 229 | April 29 | Nathaniel Wainhouse | 65 yrs | Wainhouseman | 18 Oldgate Street | Liverpool | Family Grav |
| 230 | July 16 | Thomas Scott | 30 yrs | Bookkeeper | Luddenden | Luddenden | Family Grav |
| 231 | July 25 | James Tison | 10 yrs | Policeman | Dunham | Luddenden | Common Grav |
| 232 | July 29 | Harriet Mather | 58 yrs | Widow | Wainhouse | Wainhouse | Common Grav |
| 233 | Aug 1 st | John Wade | 65 yrs | Weaver | Raby Hill | Halifax | Family Grav |

The new West Yorkshire burial records show each deceased person's rank and profession, as demonstrated by this example from Luddenden Cemetery (Photo: Deceased Online)

Records from three historic West Yorkshire cemeteries have been added to [Deceased Online](#).

Digitised in partnership with Calderdale Council, the burial book scans for Rastrick, Luddenden and Elland cemeteries together provide details of interments dating back to 1860, including the full names and occupations of each individual. The genealogy website also published records from [Halifax General and Brighouse cemeteries](#) in March, and has plans to expand the collection with further records from the Calderdale area over the coming weeks. Searching a [basic index to the records is free](#), but viewing scans requires credits or a subscription.



Why science teachers
should not be given
playground duty.



Explore the history of The Royal Female Orphanage, Beddington

The Royal Female Orphanage in Beddington, originally known as the 'Asylum or House of Refuge for Orphans and other Deserted Girls of the Poor', was founded in 1758 by Sir John Fielding. Fielding, despite being blind from birth became a skilled lawyer and famous Bow Street Magistrate. With support from the Duchess of Somerset and others, a committee was set up to establish and run the first orphanage which was located in the Royal Society of Arts. It opened its doors on the 5 July 1758; the first establishment of its kind in the world.

Royal Female Orphanage, London Borough of Sutton Archives

Right from the beginning the orphanage differentiated itself by taking girls who weren't strictly orphans. Almost all of the girls were being brought up by a widowed mother. In a small number of cases both parents were dead. Single parents at that time found it very difficult to manage, so the orphanage offered accommodation, education and training for the girls to go out into service. Admission was by application. Girls must be aged between seven and 10, be mentally and physically fit nor be a Negro or Mulatto and be baptised in the Church of England. They had to be nominated by two respectable householders – often a local vicar.



Royal Female Orphanage, London Borough of Sutton Archives

The orphanage soon grew out of the Royal Society of Arts space. Its first proper home was established at St George's Fields in Lambeth in the former Hercules Pillars Inn. In time, this building was outgrown by the number of children seeking admission and in 1824/25 a purpose built orphanage was erected opposite the junction of Kennington and Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth.

By 1848 it was apparent that the new purpose built orphanage was inadequate. It no longer found itself amongst fields and fresh air; 19th century suburbs were

encroaching. It was not until 1864 that Beddington Park House (Carew Manor) was finally acquired. The orphanage remained here until the outbreak of WW2 when they decamped to Cornwall. After a brief stay there, the orphanage moved to High Wycombe where it remained until its closure in 1968.



The records digitised here are significant in that they include details of where the girls were placed once training was complete. The orphanage made every effort to stay in touch with the girls and in some cases this lasted for over 25 years. Girls still in service after two to three years received a reward of £2.2s and a certificate of good conduct for faithful service.

An interesting entry is Edith Vera Simpson, born 15/11/1877. We don't know when she entered the orphanage but she was placed out in service in March 1894. The entry goes on to list seven different places of work and the fact that she travelled to South Africa

for a few months. The orphanage lost touch in 1924.

See more at: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/04/05/explore-the-history-of-the-royal-female-orphanage-beddington/#sthash.cD6XIQIJ.dpuf>

London -



An illustration of All Saints Church in Benhilton, Sutton, dated 1866 (Photo: Getty Images)

A number of South London record sets have been made available on [Ancestry](#) for the first time. Fully searchable, the new releases provide access to more than 3.8 million electoral records, 320,000 rate book records and 280,000 parish records from the London Borough of Sutton, comprising parishes historically part of Surrey.

The website has also

uploaded a list of children who were admitted to the Royal Female Orphanage in Beddington between 1890 and 1913. Access the records [here](#) (requires subscription).

Middlesex Baptisms 1543-1876

Over 129,000 records have been added to our collection of Middlesex Baptism records. The collection now spans over 300 years from the sixteenth century all the way up to the late nineteenth century. Each record includes transcribed details from the original parish register. While the content of the transcripts can vary, most will have the name, birth date or age, baptism date, parish, parents' names, father's occupation and residence.

Worcestershire Baptisms

Nearly 9,000 new records have been added to our collection of Worcestershire Baptisms. The new additions cover the parishes of Droitwich St Andrew and St Nicholas between 1571 and 1900. Each record includes a transcript of the information found in the original parish registers. The details in each transcript can vary, but most will include your ancestors name, birth year, baptism date, baptism place, parent's names and any additional notes.

Worcestershire Marriages

Over 2,700 new records have been added to our collection of Worcestershire Marriages. The new additions cover the parishes of Droitwich St Andrew and St Nicholas between 1571 and 1900. Each record includes a transcript of the information found in the original parish registers. The details in each transcript may vary, but most will reveal the name of the bride and groom, their ages, year of birth, the date and location of their wedding and whether they were married by banns or by license. A number of records may also include notes on the bride and groom's fathers and their occupations.

Worcestershire Burials

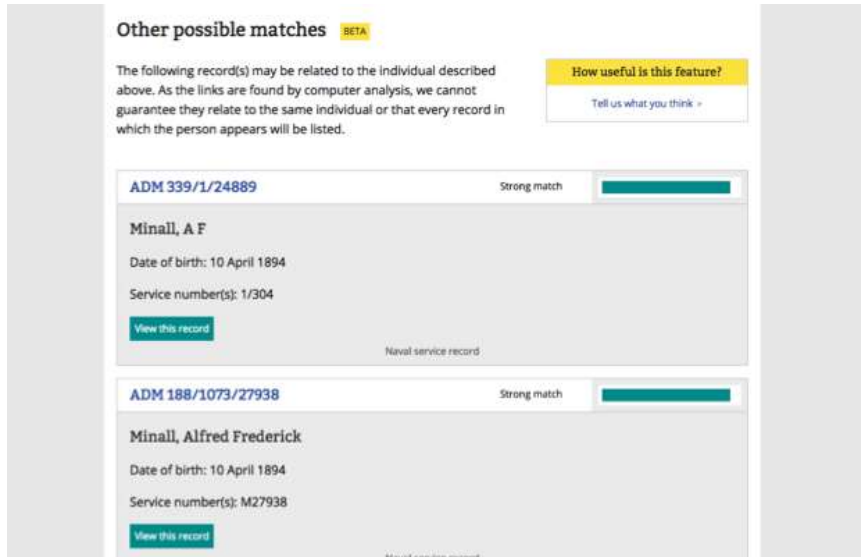
Over 5,000 new records have been added to our collection of Worcestershire Burials. The latest additions cover the parishes of Droitwich St Andrew and St Nicholas between 1571 and 1900. Each record includes a transcript of the information found in the original parish registers. The details in each transcript can vary, but most will include your ancestor's name, age at death and birth year as well as the date and location of their burial. A number of records may also contain additional notes listing their relations (spouses, parents, children etc.)

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Animator recreates bygone Manchester in 3D

An animator has started building a 3D digital model of Manchester as it appeared in the mid-19th century. Originally trained as a cartographer, Neil Millington from [Ocean Cad Ltd](#) was inspired to recreate the industrial city after delving into his family history. Based on Ordnance Survey maps, the model can be used to simulate train journeys, canal trips and even balloon flights. To see videos of Neil's work so far, click [here](#).



The National Archives develops new search tool

The National Archives has added a brand-new feature to its [Discovery service](#). Dubbed 'Traces through Time', the search tool trawls through the online catalogue and finds other records linked to the one being displayed. Although still in development, Traces through Time currently works with 20 series of First World War records, enabling users to locate multiple documents

relating to the same soldier. Learn more on The National Archives' [blog](#).

WALES

Carmarthenshire Archives to get new home

Plans for a new £2 million home for [Carmarthenshire Archives](#) have been given the green light. Approved by local council officials on Monday 25 April, the decision means the records will be relocated to an extension built on the rear of Carmarthen Library. The facility will act as a replacement for the archive service's previous home at Parc Myrddin, which closed to the public due to problems with mould. The collections are currently housed at [Glamorgan Archives](#), where some documents are undergoing conservation work. For the full story, click [here](#).

Powys Council launches war memorials competition

A local council has launched a special competition to mark the centenary of the First World War in Wales. Powys County Council has challenged people to find, catalogue and record every single war memorial in Powys, including all stained-glass windows, plaques and statues. The competition is free to enter, with those who complete the challenge in with a chance of winning part of a £200 prize fund. Find out more by clicking [here](#).

SCOTLAND

Scottish Indexes publishes mental health records

Indexes to thousands of historic Scottish records have been made available to explore on the web. Released to coincide with the Scottish Association of Family History Societies' annual conference on 23 April, the latest entries added to the [Scottish Indexes](#) website provide details of mental health patients and local paternity cases. Read the full story [here](#).

*I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far all it's been doing is gathering dust.
Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.*

Scotland – The website ScotlandsPeople has released the 1930 valuation rolls for Scotland. This is the latest in a long line of valuation rolls that have been released by ScotlandsPeople. The 1930 valuation roll contains some 2.5 million names and provides a glimpse into Scottish life between the two world wars. Access is by subscription. [[Scotland 1930 Valuation Rolls](#)]

IRELAND

Ireland – FindMyPast has added another 525,000 articles to their historic Irish newspaper collection. One notable new title comes from Northern Ireland – Lisburn Herald and Antrim and Down Advertiser. It covers the time period from 1891 to 1896.

FindMyPast's Irish newspaper collection now contains 115 different titles spanning the years from 1708 to 1955. In total, there are 20 million searchable articles. Access is by subscription. [[Historic Irish Newspapers](#)]

This video from FindMyPast talks about how to get the most out of their newspaper collection. Eventually, most Irish newspapers from 1869 onwards will be digitized and put online.

UK and Ireland – The popular website Genuki (#81 on our Top 100 Websites of 2016 and one of the top free genealogy websites in the UK) is going through a major overhaul. After 21 years, the website is working towards improving the user experience with new stylized pages making it easier for users to find their ancestors. Details can be found on the [Genuki news page](#). Check it out. [[Genuki](#)]

Ireland – The Irish Genealogical Research Society through their website *Irish Ancestors* has launched a new initiative to capture the personal stories of Irish-born ancestors. If you have an interesting tale to tell about one of your Irish ancestors, then this is the place to do it. [[Irish Ancestor's Stories](#)]

Ireland – FindMyPast has put online Quaker birth, marriage and death records going back as far as the mid 1600s. Also included in the broader collection are Quaker school records, migration records and congregational records. Although Quakers were a very small proportion of Irish society, this collection may be worth checking out. There are 28,000 birth records alone. The records can be searched by first name, last name, year and (in the case of birth records) mother and father's first name. Access is by subscription. [[Irish Quaker Birth Records](#)]

Ireland – FindMyPast has kindly decided for the moment to make their collection of ten million Irish Roman Catholic parish records available for free. Parish records are particularly important in Ireland because of the number of lost/destroyed/missing census records. These are baptism, marriage and burial records that can be searched by first name, last name, year and location. [[Irish Catholic Parish Records](#)]

Alternatively, the largest collection of Irish parish records can be found at the website *RootsIreland*, which is run by the Irish Family History Foundation. Access is by subscription. [[RootsIreland](#)]

NLI releases Easter Rising compensation files

A collection of more than 6,500 compensation claims submitted in the aftermath of the 1916 Easter Rising has been uploaded to the web. Digitised by the [National Library of Ireland](#) (NLI), many of the claims relate to businesses and individuals living in Dublin, who suffered damage to their properties or lost personal effects during the fighting. The files are available to search through a designated section of the NLI website, found by clicking [here](#).

Easter Rising records revealed on web

A collection of 75,000 records created during one of the most turbulent periods in Irish history has been published on [Findmypast](#). The website's [latest major release](#) features British War Office records compiled in the aftermath of the 1916 Easter Rising, when Ireland was ruled under Martial Law. Read the full story [here](#).

Never tell your problems to anyone, because 20 percent don't care and the other 80 percent are glad you have them.

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

U.S.A.

The public library in Caro, **Michigan** has digitized and put online historic copies of the local newspaper *The Tuscola County Advertiser* (1868 to 1943). They have also put online the local high school yearbooks for the years 1922 to 2006. Caro is located northeast of Flint, Michigan. Both collections can be searched by keyword (such as a name). Access is free. [[Caro Michigan Historic Newspapers](#)]

United States Marriages

Over 10 million new records containing approximately 45 million new names have just been added to our collection of United States Marriage Records including substantial new additions from Indiana, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Maine.

Troy Irish Genealogy's new Data Base, St. Joseph's Cemetery, Waterford, NY, is now Online

Dick Eastman

The latest addition to the transcription projects on the website of the Troy Irish Genealogy Society, are the interment records of St. Joseph's Cemetery on Middletown Road in Waterford, New York. This new data base covers interments from 1862 to 2013 and lists 17,237 names. To see these records on the TIGS website, – <http://www.troyirish.com> – click on PROJECTS and then under CEMETERIES click on ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY, WATERFORD, NY.

As this cemetery was operated by the French speaking St. Joseph's Church in Cohoes, the interments in this cemetery are overwhelmingly of French surnamed individuals.

In addition to the usual data such as name, age, date of death, date of Interment, etc., the following information which MAY be reported on this new data base will be of interest to genealogy researchers:

1. Maiden Name/Related To – The maiden name for most of the married women is reported. Also, the family relationship may be shown, such as wife of, husband of, son of, daughter of, aunt of, cousin of, etc.
 2. Where Born – May show a foreign country, city and state or just the state name.
 3. Address At Time of Death – Some records show just a street address, while others show a city and state or just a state name.
 4. Name of Funeral Home.
 5. Parish – Burials in St. Joseph's were from all over New York State and even from out of state. The hometown Church Parish may be reported.
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US – A very interesting new website called *Reclaim The Records* has been successful in putting online the New York City marriage index from 1908 to 1929. These are essentially microfilms of the original records organized by year.

The website has a unique way of getting historic genealogy records online. Basically, they file what is known in the US as a *Freedom of Information Law* (FOIL) request. The objective is to compel the government to release historic ancestral records. If they are successful, they then post the records on Archive.org for free for anyone to use or download.

The New York City marriage index was their first successful pilot attempt. We are sure there will be many more record sets from this group going forward (they are already actively working on several additional FOIL filings). [[Historic New York City Marriage Records](#)]

If you are interested/intrigued by what Reclaim The Records does then we would encourage you to check out their website. They explain in clear terms what they do and why. They are also looking for more people to help them with their cause. [[Reclaim The Records](#)]

AGONY AUNT "DEAR ABBY" ADMITTED SHE WAS AT A LOSS AS HOW TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Dear Abby,

I've suspected that my husband has been fooling around. When confronted with the evidence, he denied everything & said it would never happen again.

New FamilySearch US Collections Update -

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Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island Offers Video about Hebrew Naming and How to Read Hebrew Headstones

Dick Eastman

The following announcement was written by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island:



The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island (JGSLI), winner of the IAJGS 2015 Outstanding Publication Award for its YouTube Channel, is pleased to announce its latest video, "How to Read a Hebrew Headstone." Hebrew headstones provide arguably Jewish genealogy's most important advantage, patronymic names. This video will help you find this valuable information, whether you can read Hebrew or not. With all the difficulties we have with Jewish genealogical research; name changes, country and town name changes, missing or destroyed records, using patronymics is an advantage we should all be using.

You can access all 16 of our short instructional videos directly from our YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed or from our website <http://jgsli.org>. If you have any comments or recommendations for other topics, please let us know at past_pres@jgsli.org.

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[Peru Áncash Civil Registration 1888-2005](#)

[Peru Cajamarca Civil Registration 1938-1996](#)

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[China Imperial Examinations and Related Papers \(Han Yu-shan Collection\) 1646-1904](#)

[South Africa Orange Free State Estate Files 1951-2006](#)

THIS & THAT

Genealogist to teach online writing course

British genealogist and author Gill Blanchard is to launch a new online course later this year. Starting in September, 'Writing Your Family History: A Guide for Genealogists' will show students how to share their research and bring their ancestors' stories to life in an "entertaining manner". Lessons will be delivered electronically, with students granted access to regular live discussions and an online hub for sharing work and posting news. Find out more [here](#).

MyHeritage launches book-matching technology

MyHeritage users may gain extra help when tracing their ancestors thanks to a new tool recently added to the site. 'Book Matching', launched earlier this month, automatically trawls through the website's collection of digitised books to find references to people in the user's family tree. Rather than retrieving every instance of the person's forename or surname, the technology uses semantic analysis to understand sentences and check the passage actually relates to the individual. Learn more [here](#).

Encryption Explained

Dick Eastman

As Dick has mentioned many times, encryption can make much of your information private by locking out spying eyes. However, not everyone understands encryption or the benefits it can produce. Now www.audible.com, an Amazon company, has created a YouTube video that explains encryption, as well as some of the issues up for debate right now, as simply as possible.

You can watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPBH1eW28mo>

PERSI Update

Over 23,000 images have been added to eleven publications that will help you to discover useful contextual information about the time and place in which your ancestor lived. The **PER**iodical Source Index is the world's largest and most widely used subject index for U.S. genealogy and local history literature.

Twile promises faster online experience

The team behind timeline-building website [Twile](#) has promised that the platform now offers a "faster and more reliable" online experience. Following feedback from users, developers have improved the site's ability to handle family tree data, with GEDCOM files containing 10,000 people taking "just a few seconds" to import. The enhancements come in the wake of Twile's success at the [RootsTech 2016 Innovator Showdown](#), which saw the start-up company secure two awards and major investment. Twile has also struck a partnership with Findmypast, enabling the websites to share key features. To find out more, click [here](#).

A small boy is sent to bed by his father.

Five minutes later.....'Da-ad....'

'What?'

'I'm thirsty. Can you bring a drink of water?'

'No, You had your chance. Lights out.'

Five minutes later: 'Da-aaaad.....'

'WHAT?'

'I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??'

'I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to smack you!!'

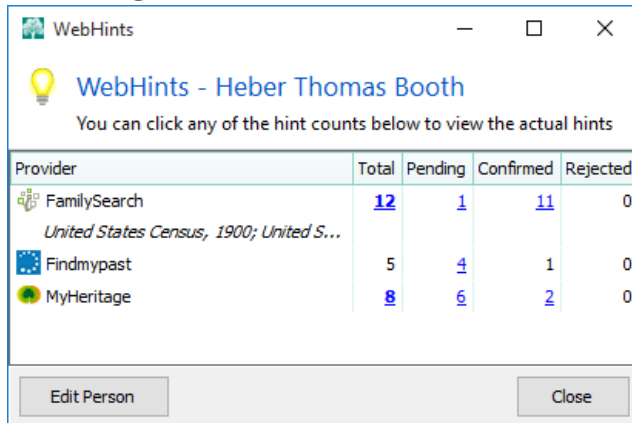
Five minutes later.....'Daaaa-aaaad.....'

'WHAT!'

'When you come in to smack me, can you bring a drink of water?'

RootsMagic Now Has Added an Interface to Findmypast

Dick Eastman



WebHints - Heber Thomas Booth

You can click any of the hint counts below to view the actual hints

| Provider | Total | Pending | Confirmed | Rejected |
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| FamilySearch <i>United States Census, 1900; United S...</i> | 12 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| Findmypast | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| MyHeritage | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 |

Edit Person Close

The folks who produce RootsMagic genealogy software have announced a major new feature: integration with Findmypast.com. The program previously searched performed automatic searches of both FamilySearch.org and MyHeritage.com for possible matches to your data stored inside your own RootsMagic database. As matches are found, a light bulb appears next to each person's name. Clicking on the light bulb opens up a web browser with the matching records (some records may require a

subscription). Now Findmypast has been added to the automated search capabilities in RootsMagic version 7.2.

As stated on the RootsMagic Blog: "Findmypast is a British-owned world leader in online genealogy. They have over 4 billion historical records from around the world with more being added every week. With more than 1,000 exclusive collections, Findmypast has records which you just won't find anywhere else."

Special Offer

To celebrate this announcement, Findmypast is offering RootsMagic users a 12-month World subscription with a 20% discount. So now is the perfect time to play around with RootsMagic and Findmypast and see how they can benefit your family history. Better hurry- this offer is only good through Thursday, May 19, 2016.

You can learn more about this new feature in the RootsMagic Blog at <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=2685>

Ancestry Academy

This article was based on a lesson in the *Ancestry Academy* at: <https://www.ancestry.com.au/academy/courses/recommended>. This site has a number of courses on a range of Ancestry and *Family Tree Maker* matters. Some you have to pay for if you don't have an Ancestry.com subscription, but some are free. In particular, the **Family Tree Maker series are free** and the link is: <https://www.ancestry.com.au/academy/course/family-tree-maker?resume=1>.

The series is called, '**Getting the most out of Family Tree Maker**' and is presented by **Duff Wilson**, whom a lot of you met when he was in Australia for the *Duff Downunder* seminars and GUM's 30th birthday in 2014. There are twelve courses plus an intro and outro. The presentations use the Windows version of *Family Tree Maker*, but almost all of the topics and demonstrations apply the Mac version as well. The three diagrams used at the beginning of this article have been captured from the video as well.

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, 'Mummy, will you sleep with me tonight?'

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. 'I can't dear,' she said. 'I have to sleep in Daddy's room.'

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: 'The big sissy.'

CamScanner will Turn Your Phone or Tablet into a Scanner for Many Purposes

Dick Eastman



If you have a “smartphone” or a tablet computer with a camera, you already have a book and document scanner that is more than “good enough” for many purposes. All you need to do is to add some free software. The result is a device that can “scan” documents at the library or archives, can digitally save business cards, save receipts for income tax time, digitize all sorts of documents, and is useful for any other time you need to scan and

save a copy for later without any fuss. In essence, your smartphone or tablet becomes a scanner that you can have with you all the time.



CamScanner is an app that may best be defined as a document management solution for mobile devices, starting from capturing information precisely to storing, sharing, annotating and managing documents for different purposes. It not only creates images of the item you scan, but it also lets you enhance the scan result and auto-crop scanned photos. Unlike taking a simple picture of a document, CamScanner will eliminate the unwanted “border” around a picture or document that typically shows in any image taken with a camera. You end up with just the desired document or picture, nothing more.

CamScanner also makes the contents easily-accessed and organized and allows efficient collaboration. The digital images are easily saved to “the cloud,” where you can keep them private or optionally share them with others. You can add passwords so that documents are available only to selected individuals, And you can send the documents and pictures to others via email or FAX or by printing them.

CamScanner lets you save document scans in PDF or JPG formats. You can edit and manage documents anywhere an Internet connection is available, using a handheld device or a Windows, Macintosh, or Linux computer. Notes can be added to a document, and OCR scanning is also available free of charge. Documents saved in the CamScanner cloud can be quickly searched, even if thousands of items are stored there.

With CamScanner, any documents you see in the real world can be digitized and saved right away with your mobile phone. Just take a photo, and CamScanner takes care of the rest. Here are the main features of CamScanner as described on its website:

- Scan any kind of document in seconds, texts or graphics.
- Scan multi-page documents
- Batch scan documents
- Auto-crop scanned photos
- Smart-enhance the scan results
- Several Enhance Modes available
- Save scan results to system album
- Create PDF files for scans
- Add customizable watermarks to selected documents
- Customize PDF page size: 10 page size options (Letter, A4, B5 and etc.)

CamScanner offers up to 200 megabytes of **FREE** space in the cloud to save documents. Anything saved there can be viewed, edited, and managed on any of your devices. With more than 100,000,000 users around the world, CamScanner is a proven and reliable product. Not bad for a **FREE** app! While the Basic CamScanner app is available free of charge, a Premium Account costs \$4.99 (US) per month, or \$49.99 (US) per year if paid in advance. The Premium Account adds the following capabilities:

- 10 gigabytes of space in the cloud instead of the 200 megabytes offered in Basic Accounts
- The capability to edit the OCR results and notes, exporting as a .txt file
- A collage capability to merge multi-page documents together
- Batch download PDF files in the web app
- Send document links to others with password protection to keep your documents restricted to only those with whom you wish to share. You can even set an expiration date for the document link, meaning that those you select will have access only for a number of days that you select.



Both the Basic Account and the Premium Account are available for Android, Apple iOS (iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch), and Windows Mobile. Because of the size of the screens, documents and images can be edited most easily on Windows, Macintosh, and Linux computers by using the CamScanner web app.

If you are interested in CamScanner, I'd suggest downloading the free Basic app first and using it for a while. For millions of users, the free version meets all their

needs, and there is no need to upgrade to a Premium Account. However, if you later decide you wish to upgrade, you may do so at any time from within the CamScanner app.

CamScanner is one of my favorite apps, and it might be for you, too. You can learn more at <https://www.camscanner.com>.

A lovely little anecdote, about one of life's more interesting characters

When Mahatma Gandhi was studying law at the University College of London, a professor, whose last name was Peters, disliked him intensely and always displayed animosity towards him.

Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing him as he expected, there were always "arguments" and confrontations.

One day, Mr. Peters was having lunch at the dining room of the University, and Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor.

The professor said, "Mr Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."

Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "You do not worry professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table.

Mr. Peters, reddened with rage, decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions.

Mr. Peters, unhappy and frustrated, asked him the following question:

"Mr Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?"

Without hesitating, Gandhi responded,

"The one with the money, of course."

Mr. Peters, smiling sarcastically said,

"I, in your place, would have taken the wisdom."

Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded,

"Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Mr. Peters, by this time was fit to be tied.

So great was his anger that he wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "idiot" and gave it to Gandhi.

Gandhi took the exam sheet and sat down at his desk, trying very hard to remain calm while he contemplated his next move.

A few minutes later, Gandhi got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Mr. Peters, you autographed the sheet, but you did not give me the grade."

The following has been copied from the Ancestry.com daily blog: [<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry>] Genealogy is far from a routine pursuit. There is always something new to learn, whether it is a new resource or a new method to try out - that's part of what makes genealogy so enjoyable! But for as much fun as it is to learn about new things and add more people to the family tree, we need to make sure that we do some things on a regular basis. Just like regularly changing your furnace filter, these three items will keep your research humming along and not burning out.

1. Review Your Notes

Sometimes adding more to our research isn't what we need to do. Sometimes it's better to review. You know that brick wall that you've been trying to break down? You might already have the sledgehammer. Those notes and photocopies from prior research might not have "fit in" when you took them, but when you plug them into what you've learned since then, they can open up all sorts of possibilities.

Let's say that you took notes of all of the marriages of a particular surname in a county. Not all of those marriages fit in with your research then, but you've done more research between then and now. Those old notes might reveal the married name of a daughter you didn't know about back then or a remarriage of one of the family members.

2. See What's New

Yes, I know I said that we need to build in some routines. Ironically, looking for new resources is part of a good research routine. On a regular basis, review [what new collections have been added](#) for the areas in which you're researching. Using the [Ancestry Card Catalog](#) or the map at the bottom of the [search page](#) are two good ways to see what's available.

Ancestry adds new record collections all the time, but don't stop your review of new records there. Make a habit of exploring the websites and catalogs of state historical societies, state archives, state and local genealogy societies, and the libraries in the areas where your ancestors lived. There could be all sorts of good things added since the last time you checked them out.

3. Share What You've Found

When you've made a big discovery or just something that struck your fancy, don't keep it to yourself. Share it! These new discoveries can serve as "cousin bait" and reel in others who are researching the same line. There are all sorts of ways you can do this. Adding the materials your public online tree will help others discover you. You can also blog about it, share it on Facebook (either on your page or in relevant groups), and send emails to your cousins. You could write something up and submit it to a genealogy society for publishing in their newsletter or journal.

Conclusion

Researching is fun. (If it wasn't, we probably wouldn't do it.) Reviewing what we have, exploring what new resources are available, and sharing what we've found aren't what we think of as "research," but doing these things regularly can help us move our discoveries along.



Indiana Jones, step aside. Carnegie Mellon University's Yang Cai is developing new technology that could revolutionize the way archaeologists work. Cai is developing new software to scan 200-year-old gravestones at Old St. Luke's Church in nearby Carnegie to help its Episcopal pastor identify all the names on the cemetery's tombstones.

"We are very excited and pleased that Professor Cai and his research team are helping us reclaim our past by identifying some of the 20 graves at our cemetery," said Rev. Richard Davis, director of Old St. Luke's Church at 330 Old Washington Pike.

The church, established in 1765 as a stockade church for British soldiers, is operated as a special events building for weddings, book reviews and special holiday services, according to Davis. During the past two weeks, Cai's research team trekked through the church's three-acre cemetery, scanning unreadable gravestones and then storing the images on laptops.

"We are exploring new 3-D reconstruction technology to decipher the gravestone names," said Cai. "Essentially, we reconstruct the tombstone surfaces by applying filtering and detection algorithms for revealing the words on the archaic surfaces," he said.

In addition to discovering who is buried in the church cemetery, Cai is developing a digital cemetery for Old St. Luke's Church.

"Our goal is to take the guess work out of archeology and make this reconstruction technology available for a variety of other industry sectors, such as the security and medical fields," said Cai.



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A little girl asked her mother, 'Can I go outside and play with the boys?'

Her mother replied, 'No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough.'

The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked, 'If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?'



A REDNECK LOVE POEM

SUSIE LEE DONE FELL IN LOVE,
SHE PLANNED TO MARRY JOE.
SHE WAS SO HAPPY 'BOUT IT ALL,
SHE TOLD HER PAPPY SO.

PAPPY TOLD HER, SUSIE GAL,
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER.
I'D JUST AS SOON YO' MA DON'T KNOW,
BUT JOE IS YO' HALF BROTHER.

SO SUSIE PUT ASIDE HER JOE
AND PLANNED TO MARRY WILL.
BUT AFTER TELLING PAPPY THIS,
HE SAID, 'THERE'S TROUBLE STILL!'

YOU CAN'T MARRY WILL, MY GAL,
AND PLEASE DON'T TELL YO' MOTHER.
BUT WILL AND JOE, AND SEVERAL MO'
I KNOW IS YO' HALF BROTHER.

BUT MAMA KNEW AND SAID, MY CHILD,
JUST DO WHAT MAKES YO' HAPPY.
MARRY WILL OR MARRY JOE;
YOU AIN'T NO KIN TO PAPPY.

(Kinda brings a tear to yer eye, don't it!)