



Family History For You

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Hello Everyone,

Thanks to everyone who has emailed, your support and comments they are all very important to me. I write this newsletter for YOU, purely because I enjoy this hobby and am happy to share what I have learnt over more than 40 years of studying my family, then my husbands family and more recently the family of my daughter's other half.

I have been made aware that this newsletter has spread its wings even further a field, thank you for spreading the news that this newsletter is FREE to everyone worldwide. Therefore I will hopefully attempt to cover information from around the world, however this is limited to things I come across and things you the reader makes me aware of. Primarlily I would like everyone to be able to get something from this newsletter.

However I really would like to receive articles, ideas or stories about an unusual find that you have found, for two reasons, it gives me something new to read and secondly I can [with your permission] share it here for others to enjoy.

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In recent months drones have received a fair bit of negative publicity, but they can have some usefulness. An article in the Jewish Heritage Europe web site [www.jewish-heritage-europe.eu/2015/01/18/documentation-new-technology-the-jewish-cemetery-in-bialystok-by-drone](http://www.jewish-heritage-europe.eu/2015/01/18/documentation-new-technology-the-jewish-cemetery-in-bialystok-by-drone) describes a tour of a Jewish cemetery in Bialystok, Poland, by drone. You can view the video from this link hopefully <http://podrozniccy.com/en/poland/jewish-cemetery-bialystok>. It is really marvelous to be able to see what the cemtery looks like, especially as it is I understand the only pre war Jewish cemetery to survive.

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Do you have Midwives in your family? Did you know that the Royal College of Midwives have an information leaflet to help with tracing them, this link will take you to their website were you can download a copy of the leaflet.

[www.rcog.org.uk/en/guidelines-research-services/library-services/archives-and-heritage/resources-for-family-historians-at-the-rcog/](http://www.rcog.org.uk/en/guidelines-research-services/library-services/archives-and-heritage/resources-for-family-historians-at-the-rcog/)

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Have you ever wondered if there is a way of finding information on ancestors when it isn't possible to search and or order copies of Birth, Death and marriage certificates? Maybe newspapers are the answer. TIGS aka Troy Irish Genealogy Society founded in 2003, they have produced an index to 2,712 marriage notices covering 5,424 names that were published in ten different Lansingburgh, New York newspapers from 1787 to 1895. The newspapers are:- American Spy, Federal Herald, Lansingburgh Advertiser, Lansingburgh Chronicle, Lansingburgh Courier, Lansingburgh Democrat, Lansingburgh Gazette, Lansingburgh Daily Gazette, Lansingburgh Times, and the Northern Centinel. This index was created by staff at the Troy Public Library the website address to see these records is [www.troyirish.com](http://www.troyirish.com) to find the records, click on Projects, then the icon Marriage Notices appearing in Lansingburgh newspapers. Whilst scanning down you will also notices an array of other useful and very helpful links. Also available on this website there are now nearly 10,000 death notices for Lansingburgh, New York covering 1787 -1895.

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What a wonderful story? David Marks was clearing a house of what was thought to be rubbish, when he came across a diary, which had been kept by Pt. Leonard Lewis Kilcoin who was in the First Battalion of the Irish Guards. For more details of this fascinating story please visit <http://greatwardiary.com/>

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Hmm! One of the co founders of Ancestry Daniel D Taggart has been charged in a 4th District court of two counts of object rape, a first-degree felony, forcible sodomy, a first-degree felony, forcible sexual abuse, a second-degree felony, two counts of dealing in harmful materials to a minor, a third-degree felony, and two counts of supplying alcohol to a minor, a class A misdemeanor.

If the reports I have read are true, on 15th June last year Daniel's daughter had a 15 year old friend stay over. Daniel supplied them with alcohol as they played games, shot glasses and sex toys were offered as "prizes" for the games. After his daughter had fallen asleep, the friend told police he turned on a pornographic video and sexually assaulted her, according to the charges. Then on the 10th July last year the girl returned for another sleepover, again it is claimed he provided the girls with alcohol, turned on a pornographic movie and sexually assaulted her. Apparently Daniel Taggarts daughter has confirmed the events whilst she was awake

Taggart left Ancestry and is currently I believe the CEO of CubbyCode Inc. and Kringle's Toys and Gifts.

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If that wasn't enough , an employee of Ancestry.com who was working at the National records Center in St Louis has been sacked for mishandling draft-card information [allegedly throwing out draft-card information], a federal administrator has said. Apparently Bryan McGraw, director of the National Personnel Records Center, has said staff have recovered all the papers, including those already in the rubbish bin. [www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/contract-worker-at-national-records-center-fired-for-mishandling-draft/article\\_e059b8b8-215e-5a86-ae74-1f5a7b14a7c2.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/contract-worker-at-national-records-center-fired-for-mishandling-draft/article_e059b8b8-215e-5a86-ae74-1f5a7b14a7c2.html)

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Milford [Michigan] Times Obituary Index 1929-1949 has gone online. The Milford Times is one of Michigan's earliest newspapers. The newspaper is still in publication and covers surrounding areas like White Lake Township, Hartland, Hickory Ridge, Highland Township, Commerce Township, Wixom, Clyde, and New Hudson. Here is the website <http://milfordlibrary.info/find-information/milford-times-obituary-request>.

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Genetic Research has reveals that about 30% of white British DNA has German ancestry. Even though Britain was invaded for hundreds of years by the Romans, Vikings and Normans there is little evidence of this in our DNA. If you would like to read Hannah Devlins article in the Guardian here is the link <http://www.theguardian.com/science/2015/mar/18/genetic-study-30-percent-white-british-dna-german-ancestry>

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As many of us are researching events during the first and the second world wars, I thought I would mention a little bit that you might not be aware of. Did you know that the Blitz was not the first time London was subjected to air raids? On 30th May 1915 a Zeppelin managed to drop 120 incendiary bombs. The bombing first hit Stoke Newington before the Zeppelin moved on to Stepney and then Leytonstone. This attack resulted in the death of 7 people and 35 with injuries. Osprey have published a book by Ian Castle entitled London 1914-17 - The Zeppelin Menace. There is also a website which you might find helpful [www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zrRJwnXeepqg.k9M3pPSRcoI8&hl=en](http://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zrRJwnXeepqg.k9M3pPSRcoI8&hl=en)

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James wrote to tell me that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is keen to make contact with relatives of around 70 soldiers, sailors and airmen who are buried at cemeteries in the UK. You can see a list of them [www.cwgc.org/news-events/news/2015/3/appeal-for-relatives-17032015.aspx](http://www.cwgc.org/news-events/news/2015/3/appeal-for-relatives-17032015.aspx)

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19 Museums have got together in London and produced a website 20th Century London, OK it is aimed more for school children, however the facts and figures are all very interesting to us family historians. The website address is [www.20thcenturylondon.org.uk/](http://www.20thcenturylondon.org.uk/)

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Geocaching is the marking and recording, of specific locations by their GPS co-ordinates. Sometimes the term Waymarking is used, but this is really the term for the GPS based version of the existing trail-blazing where routes were/are marked by 'blazes' on trees or similar, thus causing [minor] damage to the location.

Geocaching can be of significant use for genealogists and historians in that they can, using a suitable handheld GPS [many modern mobile phones include the equivalent] the location of graves, houses and other significant sites can be recorded in such a way that future historians can return exactly to a site, even if the building or local area has been redeveloped. It pinpoints places on maps even if the map changes out of all recognition.

It is also an easy and precise way to pass information over the internet of such sites and can be used by some satnav devices to find the location.

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Findmypast is working on an exciting partnership with Bethlem Museum of the Mind to make the records from 1683-1932 available online of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, better known as Bedlam. Over 248,000 records, many including photos, revealing the lives and stories of its inmates are being made available. Highlights of the detailed records show why people were committed included stabbing people with cutlery, insatiable appetite for pleasure, condemnation of sinful behaviour from public officials, objecting to a forced marriage, religious fervour, paralysis, women dressing as men and more. As one of the world's oldest hospitals for the treatment of mental illness, Bethlem Royal Hospital has a chequered past in how it determined not only who was insane, but also in its treatment of patients. The records go into detail about each patient, in many cases documenting their mental state and including photographs of the inmates once photography became available. For more details go to [www.findmypast.com/bethlem](http://www.findmypast.com/bethlem) to look at the records.

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Recently I was doing some awkward research and found the answer to move my research forward on The London Gazette website so I thought it would be worth mentioning [www.thegazette.co.uk/](http://www.thegazette.co.uk/)

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Have you lost details that might have appeared in a family announcement in the newspaper? Then I wonder if you have checked [www.iannounce.co.uk/](http://www.iannounce.co.uk/) personally I have found it very helpful

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If your brickwall is in Canada, you might find help here on the Canadian Library and Archive website [www.collectionscanada.gc.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca) just remember that each Province looks after its only BMD's aka Birth Marriage and Death records.

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Craven's Part in the Great War is a book, which is full of soldier's photographs, including some from overseas. If you have ancestors in that part of the country then it is well worth a visit [www.cpgw.org.uk/](http://www.cpgw.org.uk/)

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Oh what a complicated family tree this is getting.

Jenny and Tony get married, they are unable to have children, even though Jenny had had Ellen and Maddy in a previous relationship. Ellen Jenny's daughter agrees to be a surrogate Mum and uses her eggs with her stepfather sperm via IVF and has twins Ruth and Alex. Making Ellen not only birth mother but also half sister. As to Jenny and Tony they are biological Grandparents and the legal adoptive parents of Ruth and Alex. Oh to the joys of our modern day science, but can you get your family tree programme to accept this tree, I guess some will not. The full story can be read here

[www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3030966/Mother-gave-birth-brother-sister-extraordinary-story-raising-profound-questions-surrogacy-future-family.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3030966/Mother-gave-birth-brother-sister-extraordinary-story-raising-profound-questions-surrogacy-future-family.html)

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Were you unable to attend the WDYTYA L aka Who Do You Think You Are Live event at the NEC aka National Exhibition Centre in April this year? Or maybe you went but couldn't get to hear a particular talk. Well many of the speakers handout have put online at

[www.sog.org.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/](http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/)

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Many of you will know that I not only enjoy classic cars but I own two, one is my daily driver and the other I show, don't worry about hubby he also has two [a daily driver and a show car]. It is his show car that we will be doing the London to Brighton Classic car run in later this month [May]. Motorsport features quite heavily in my families history, my grandfather and father raced motorbikes, two of my cousins race cars [touring cars and Rallycross, and my uncle used to take his Delorean on the London to Brighton. So I was interested to see this lovely video on youtube giving an insight into what it must have been like for our ancestors [www.youtube.com/embed/huQhqXiB8O0](http://www.youtube.com/embed/huQhqXiB8O0)

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For the benefit of Mac users Reunion have bought out version 11 and also ReunionTouch for Apple iOS Devices. I am not a Mac user and therefore I will not list the many changes in case I should advise you incorrectly but if you go to [www.leisterpro.com/doc/version11/newfeatures/newfeatures.php](http://www.leisterpro.com/doc/version11/newfeatures/newfeatures.php) you should find most if not all the answers you seek.

The Reunion Touch app is designed to complement Reunion for Mac and is a universal app for iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch. This new app for your mobile device, requires you to have Reunion 11 installed on your Mac, and replaces the previous Reunion mobile apps. Please check the website for full details [www.leisterpro.com/reuniotouch](http://www.leisterpro.com/reuniotouch)

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I am truly grateful to Liz for recommending this website which she has found particularly helpful with regards to her search for postcards/photo. [www.flickr.com/photos/ttelyob/sets/72157622381078749/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/ttelyob/sets/72157622381078749/)

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Last July the website [www.irishgenealogy.ie/en](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en) which was created by the Irish Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht offering searches for civil birth records was abruptly closed down after suggestions that the website displayed over the permitted amount of personal information. The Irish Government insisted they hadn't broken any laws "as all of the index books on the website can be legally viewed 'offline' at the General Register Office's research room on Werburgh Street in Dublin." The records should by the time you read this be relaunched, the Irish Times has a little more information however only birth records over 100 years old, marriages over 75 years, and deaths from more than 50 years ago are being made available [www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/genealogy-website-restores-access-to-records-1.2167965](http://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/genealogy-website-restores-access-to-records-1.2167965)

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For those with Essex ancestry the Essex Wills Beneficiaries index has gone on Find My Past aka FMP. [http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/essex-wills-beneficiaries-index-1505-1916?sourceID=13&utm\\_source=msix\\_affiliate&utm\\_medium=affiliate&utm\\_campaign=%20fmp\\_uk&wc=2114\\_1428789015\\_e433102a57443bad5f31997b3efe2e98](http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/essex-wills-beneficiaries-index-1505-1916?sourceID=13&utm_source=msix_affiliate&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=%20fmp_uk&wc=2114_1428789015_e433102a57443bad5f31997b3efe2e98) You will also find a lot of the Wills on Essex Ancestors <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/EssexAncestors.aspx> an Essex Record Office subscription service which also offers access to parish registers.

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The Burger King wedding, no I am not joking. In Illinois Joel Burger and Ashley King united I'll let you read the story as it appeared in the paper [www.sj-r.com/article/20150402/NEWS/150409862/?Start=1](http://www.sj-r.com/article/20150402/NEWS/150409862/?Start=1)

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Indiana Genealogical Society have increased their databases again to more than 1500 databases. These databases don't just cover Indiana, have a look at their website for more details [www.IndGenSoc.org](http://www.IndGenSoc.org)

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At some point during the course of our research we are all going to come across an occupation, terminology or something that we don't know the meaning of or what the occupation was, which is how my collection of snippets started out. So I found this site interesting to see what I had missed when I wrote 'Genealogical Compendium'. This website also has information on Alehouses and Apprentices from West Yorkshire Archive Services <http://archives.wyjs.org.uk/archives-online.asp>

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There seems to a lot of interest in Workhouses, a very good website [www.workhouses.org.uk](http://www.workhouses.org.uk) maintained by Peter Higginbottom. The site is full of information about each workhouse and the records that are still available. Alternatively you might prefer to read 'Shadows of the Workhouse' by Jennifer Worth.

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A few more very useful websites for you

UKBMD : [www.UKBMD.org.uk/](http://www.UKBMD.org.uk/)

Local BMD project Details : <http://LocalBMD.org.uk/>

Cheshire BMD : [www.CheshireBMD.org.uk/](http://www.CheshireBMD.org.uk/)

Local BMD Links : [www.UKBMD.org.uk/local\\_bmd](http://www.UKBMD.org.uk/local_bmd)

Direct link to the Summary page: [www.ukbmdcertificateordering.co.uk/certapp.php](http://www.ukbmdcertificateordering.co.uk/certapp.php)

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Have you ever read the story of Mary Jones or better still visited the visitor's centre that has been sensitively restored at the Victorian St Beuno's church at Llanycil, Bala. I am grateful to Ian for reminding me of this story of

"The church is now an exhibition centre telling with posters, displays, videos, and inter-active "desk monitors", which you can walk around and use the

display units. It is permanently staffed. The lady in charge is Nerys Pritchard, charming & helpful. In addition, the Bible Society has constructed a modern "visitor centre" with all modern facilities including toilets, and a large room in which talks can be given to visitors, and also serves as the dining room of an excellent "light meals" cafe. We booked in our party and they provided a delightful "light lunch" at a

reasonable price. There is a good car park - the fee to visitors to the Mary Jones Centre is only £1.00 provided you buy a parking ticket. This was our third visit in the past 8 months & each time there is more to see & do."



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I heard from reader Ian who would appreciate any input you can offer, Ian writes:-

"My personal project on "The History of Sutton Lodge, Solihull", I would welcome help and information from U3A members on this historical house, and its inhabitants.

Sutton Lodge has connections with the Chattock family [landowners & solicitors in Solihull & Birmingham] the family of Sir Alfred Bird MP [of Bird's Custard and owner of the Tudor Grange Estate] and the family of Joseph Ludlow, who built Sutton Lodge in 1859, and whose family included Brigadier General Sir Walter Ludlow.

The house has now been divided into 6 apartments and 5 dwellings have been built in its grounds. Janet & I live in one bungalow in the grounds. Many people visited Sutton Lodge when Solihull Council as a technical college used it. I am sure there are many fascinating stories to be told - the problem is being able to see the original documents & obtaining verifiable facts. Any help & information will be gratefully received." Ian can be contacted via [ian.sinclair3sl@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.sinclair3sl@btinternet.com)

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Are you struggling to find speakers in your area?, I am happy to share my list of speakers, as well as alter my list to become a country wide list. If you or someone you know gives talks and would like to be added to this list then please send me details, name, contact details, talk title and talk details of not self explanatory. My email address is [fh4u@roccoland.plus.com](mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com)

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Have you lost a Welsh ancestor or family? then maybe this could be the answer. On the 28th May 1865 a group of about 150 Welsh emigrants sailed to Patagonia, South America. Arriving two months later and naming their new settlement Porth Madryn. The website [www.glaniad.com/index.php?lang=en](http://www.glaniad.com/index.php?lang=en) tells the story of the settlers with photos and images of letters. There is currently an exhibition running at the National Library of Wales from 23 May to 12 December 2015, entitled 'Gwladfa'. Alternatively you might find this website helpful [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mimosa\\_\(ship\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mimosa_(ship))

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I have mentioned at the end of this newsletter FamilySearch, this is the worlds largest genealogy organisation, often referred to as Mormons aka LDS, and the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. FamilySearch is nonprofit and run by volunteers of the Church. Church members and their predecessors have been actively gathering genelogical records from all over the world for many many years, and they are hugely generous in offering its records free of charge to everyone. Many LDS Chapels also have a family history centre linked to the chapel which are all free to use by non members but donations are always appreciated. To search the online records here is the link <https://familysearch.org/> how to find your nearest LDS family History Centre try this link <https://familysearch.org/locations/centerlocator?cid=hp2-1047>

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Many of us struggle with road and street name changes so I was enthralled to find this website [www.maps.thehunthouse.com/Streets/Street\\_Name\\_Changes.htm](http://www.maps.thehunthouse.com/Streets/Street_Name_Changes.htm) The site is full of information it has two lists, one for changes during 1857-1929 and the other for changes during the period 1929-1945.

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Hundreds of bombs landed in London during the blitz, are you aware of <http://bombsight.org/#15/51.5050/-0.0900> a site full of details of where the bombs fell during the blitz of 7th October 1940-6th June 1941.

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Did you see in the Independent Newspaper [www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/british-couple-with-combined-age-of-195-set-to-become-worlds-oldest-newlyweds-10205292.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/british-couple-with-combined-age-of-195-set-to-become-worlds-oldest-newlyweds-10205292.html) that George Kirby 103 year old and Doreen Luckie at 91 year old will marry after being together for 27 years at Langham Hotel in Eastbourne. This will make them the oldest newly weds.

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I can confirm that Ash U3A Family History Group have agreed to run another Study Day on 10th March 2016, they apologise for going back to an earlier date but it was this or no study day due to Easter, WDYTYA Live at NEC, hall availability and the already booked fortnightly Ash U3A Family History group meetings.

Talks in 2016, will cover a variety of subjects including Lady Teviot's talk on how the General Registry Office was established in 1837.

Application forms will be sent out to all previous delegates about the end of October or early November. If you have changed your email address since you attended please let Heather know.

If you have not previously attended one of the study days at Ash and would like to be added to the mailing list for notification of the full days proceedings and application form. Please email Heather at [heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com](mailto:heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com)

This event is for U3A members, but non U3A members will be welcome if spaces are not all taken by U3A members, please advise Heather of your interest as soon as possible so that you will at the top of the waiting list for a space.

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Generally I don't comment on DNA subjects purely because I don't have enough understanding or knowledge of the subject, so this is an exception. I feel that this is important, apparently Ancestry is sharing customer DNA Data with the police. Jay Syrmopoulos has written an article which is here for you to read.

[www.mintpressnews.com/ancestry-com-is-sharing-customer-dna-data-with-police-with-no-warrant/205361/](http://www.mintpressnews.com/ancestry-com-is-sharing-customer-dna-data-with-police-with-no-warrant/205361/) Did you read ALL the small print when you sent in your DNA sample, Judy Russell regularly writes in her legal genealogist blog and this might interest you <http://legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/05/03/facts-matter/> I wonder what the situation to this happening in the UK is?

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There is a wealth of information for those researching WW1 ancestors on this site [www.1914-1918.net/](http://www.1914-1918.net/)

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Recently I was talking to a reader who wasn't aware of the books available on true stories. These can give you a fabulous inside knowledge of what it was like for some people. Guard A Silver Sixpence by Felicity Davis was I think the first I read, the story of Felicity's genealogical research to try to uncover why her Grandmother treated her as she did.

There are numerous books which tell of life as various occupations such as 'Confessions of ....', but the there are books like Arthur Jackson's "Tales from a country Practice" and "The Cook's Tale" by Nancy Jackson with Tom Quinn.

Nursing is well covered with a variety of books covering nursing during the first and second World Wars to midwifery. If you would like more social history then 'Four Meals for Fourpence' is well liked within my family history group, it is written by Grace Foakes. Telling how Grace's family struggled, not only to live, but the stigma of wearing brown shoes, and how on one occasion Grace had to shop for four family meals for four pence, that is four separate main meals for the all the family.

I find that books as I have mentioned above can be purchased at a reasonable price in shops such as Sainsburys, Tescos, Asda and 'The Works', often these books are reduced in price or on offers such as 2/3 for £5 or 2/3 for £7 etc. The charity shops can also be a good source for reduced price books, alternatively you could swap and share books if your are in a group.

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FamilySearch has announced that the Knowles Collection Jewish Genealogy Database now exceeds One Million Records. The collection started from scratch just over seven years ago, with historical records gathered from FamilySearch's collections. Now the vast majority of new contributions are coming from families and private archives worldwide. The free collection can be accessed via FamilySearch, for a more detailed description of the database go to

[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/The\\_Knowles\\_Collection](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/The_Knowles_Collection) or read the blog at

<http://knowlescollection.blogspot.co.uk/> to learn the latest about the collection. The Knowles Collection can be accessed at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) [click Search, and then click Genealogies]. If you would like to add your Jewish family records to the collection, Knowles says that the easiest and best way to add records to the collection is contact him at <http://knowlescollection.blogspot.co.uk/>.

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I have been reminded of the very helpful website if you are researching Clergy

<http://db.theclergydatabase.org.uk/jsp/persons/CreatePersonFrames.jsp?PersonID=102990>

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Andrew Tatham has introduced some new family tree layouts [www.ttrees.co.uk/](http://www.ttrees.co.uk/) I am not sure that I find it user friendly, to me it looks more like a modern piece of art work. What do you think, hopefully I shall receive lots of emails on this.

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Fulbright Scottish Studies Scholar Award has been awarded to Dr. Bruce Durie one of Scotland's top family historians. He is probably best known for his Radio series 'Digging Up Your Roots', and 'A House with a Past'. If you are interested in the books Bruce has written this is his website [www.brucedurie.co.uk/books](http://www.brucedurie.co.uk/books) . Bruce Durie will be researching Lowland Scots migration to the Carolinas, and teaching classes on Scottish Genealogy, Culture and History at St Andrews University, Laurinburg, North Carolina, from January to July 2016.

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Many people are interested requesting service records. Who, how and when you can request information changes depending on you relationship to the person whose service records you would like a copy of hopefully this link will help you [www.gov.uk/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records](http://www.gov.uk/requests-for-personal-data-and-service-records)

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Forces War Records based in Wiltshire, have announced in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of VE Day and the end of the war in Europe, that they are adding more and more information. Check their website [www.forces-war-records.co.uk/collections/134/wwii-daily-reports-missing-dead-wounded-pows](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/collections/134/wwii-daily-reports-missing-dead-wounded-pows).

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Have you thought about what people will know about you after you have died? Recently I have read how some people are creating shoeboxes of photos, letters, nic nacs of importance, certificates and documents in the hope of preserving and sharing precious memories after they died. Then I read about Brian Bird now in his 90th year, who is putting together and creating a digital record for his family to remember him by after his death. I am sure this will be extremely interesting as Brian was a World War II Spitfire pilot. You can read more here [www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/11617644/Old-meets-new-World-War-II-Spitfire-pilot-takes-his-legacy-online.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/11617644/Old-meets-new-World-War-II-Spitfire-pilot-takes-his-legacy-online.html)

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If we are all honest then we will all admit to making mistakes within our research. Our hobby is wonderfully rewarding especially when we uncover extraordinary story. Unfortunately I often hear that someone is so keen that they rush headlong in and miss facts. I have certainly made mistakes when I first started researching over 40 years, and if I wasn't very careful I would still be making mistakes.

One gentleman contacted me informing me that he had found Joseph Stevens son of Joseph Stevens baptism in the parish records, unfortunately he hadn't registered that during that year there were no less than 3 baptisms for Joseph Stevens son of Joseph Stevens that year. I still have not proved to my satisfaction which Joseph son of Joseph is my ancestor. I suspect that they are all related, but had I not checked the original parish records for myself, I might not have been aware of the other Joseph Stevens. I have said it before, if at all possible do check the original records yourself. Now many of these records are online or if you are like me you visit an LDS [Latter Day Saints] family history centre, I tend to use the London centre, which is based at Kew.

Can you trust information given to you by a relative or should you double check it for yourself? Definitely double check. Years ago, I was trying to add all the GRO [General Register Office] references to my research, I couldn't find my Grandmothers birth, mother said she was born 7th December 1908, I search and search and then double checked myself, nothing! I went to Mother and asked her again. She was emphatic Gran was born 7th December 1908, why? I said she was in the records for 1908 but on a gut instinct I ordered what I thought was Gran's birth certificate, it was my Grandmothers birth certificate, she wasn't born on 7th December 1908 she was born on 9th December 1901. So what did Mother say when I told her? "Yes I know, I just want to see how long it would take you to find out" Recently I have been archiving the boxes and boxes of items [which she didn't have] to discover yes you guessed my Grandmother birth certificate.

Just because a tree online has a member of your family on it, does not mean the research is correct, double check it. Last year I found my father in law on a tree, it was a small tree but I agreed with everything except that he had died in Chile. He died in Odiham Cottage Hospital.

It is not disrespectful to check another researchers research, and if you do come to a different conclusion, don't be afraid to discuss it with them, it is so, so easy to mistranscribe a 3 for an 8 or a 7 for a 1, and there are many, many more.

If there is one thing to take away from reading this it is to question everything and to trust nothing without corroboration, ask yourself how reliable is your information source.

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Now this is wonderful news if you have either ancestors who moved to America or you are researching a One Name Study. Mocavo.com in May 2015 announced "Today, we are thrilled to announce that for the first time anywhere, the indexes and images for all United States Federal Census are now available for free to everyone." If you would like to read more try this link <http://blog.mocavo.com/2015/05/u-s-federal-census-images-viewer-now-free-for-everyone>. Or to search try this link [www.mocavo.com/1790-1940-United-States-Census/126199?utm\\_source=announcement\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=free\\_census&utm\\_content=search](http://www.mocavo.com/1790-1940-United-States-Census/126199?utm_source=announcement_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=free_census&utm_content=search)

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Sadly I only heard from one person who visited WDYTYA in April, maybe moving the event to NEC meant many regulars didn't go this year. So I am sorry but I can only share my own personnel feelings which I did in the last newsletter.

So I wonder if you would all be more interested in sharing stories, or unusual events, so here are three to start the ball rolling.

1. The shortest wedding, who has come across a short wedding.
2. Do you have twins in the family, maybe you have more than one set of twins?
3. The photo isn't what it seems, please send me the photo and explain why it isn't as it seems.

If I don't get responses to this newsletter, I am VERY tempted to only put in the November newsletter what I receive from you the reader.

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I have received an email from George who feels the following would be helpful to readers.

*"While recently running a beginners course I was asked for advice on how to conduct an interview with an older member of ones family with the view of obtaining the maximum possible information from it. I replied by stating the obvious.*

*Always structure your questions so that more than just a 'yes' or 'no' answer has to be given.*

*Establish family members, siblings' names, dates of birth, marriage and death and even addresses or areas in which they lived. Also enquire about those issues that are not so easily discovered, such as middle or nicknames, unusual events associated with their lives their hobbies or interests.*

*Only to be told that it would be much easier if she could have a list, so after a bit of research this is what I came up with:*

*Who was the oldest family member you can remember from your childhood? Can you describe them? (Height, hair colour etc.,)*

*Was there anyone in your family that had a nickname or used their second name instead of their first? (you will find that this was quite common practice so be aware)*

*What was your religion growing up and what church, if any, did you attend? (remember not everyone was C of E)*

*Describe the house that you lived in as a child. What was the address? Did you have electricity, a telephone or bathroom facilities? Is the house still there and have you any photos of it? Measure*

*Can you remember your grandparents? What was their style of dress and can you describe their personalities?*

*Did you attend any family weddings? Where the marriage was held, who were the 'happy couple' and can you remember anything about the other guests?*

*Are there any major events (Coronations, State funerals etc.) that you remember happening in your childhood?*

*How did they affect you?*

*Have you or any of your family ever appeared in the newspaper and if so, what for? Is there a family story which stands out for you and why?*

*Was there a particular occupation or trade that ran in your family? Who was employed in this line of work? (many trades were passed on from father to son)*

*What was your first job, what did it involve and how long were you employed there?*

*Well my beginner did her interview and I am told that she found the list of questions a great help. My hope is that your readers will find it useful also."*

Thank you George

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George's article has prompted me to share with you some of the advice I have shared with family historians myself.

I received an email from someone who had been approached to put together a few ideas for speaking to older members of the family in the hope of gleaning information.

In family history, the older relatives have a treasure chest of golden ideas and jewels, your problem is finding the key to unlock the chest. It is important to be patient, sensitive and sincere, think of this as a marathon, not a sprint. By thinking ahead, and planning your visit, you will avoid arriving just as they are going out, but at a time when they will be able to sit down and over a cuppa talk about the past times. Keep the conversation light, don't make it like an interview because older folk are generally very sensitive about talking about their elders especially, remember the saying "Children should be seen but not heard". Letters, cards and postcards are always appreciated as a thank-you and we help leave the front door open for another visit should you want to go back to clarify information.

Keep to basic everyday words, don't use terms like genealogical, BMD, memorabilia, they are words that will not be familiar to them. Take along a notepad and pen, not your laptop this will be intimidating and off-putting. Mobile phones can be very useful for taking photos of items, but better still sending text messages. I often receive text messages from my daughter when she is visiting relatives with snippets of information that she isn't sure if I know.

Family history isn't just about the sort of things that can be found in official records, but also who, what, where, when, why and how, and these can be best answered by someone who knew the person. Family are generally the only ones who will be able to share information on hobbies, favourite foods [and dislikes or allergies], health and physical characteristics

The way you ask your questions is vital, asking for 'Birthdate' is less likely to get an answer than when was ..... born, you might at first only get a year but from that you can check the GRO aka General Register Office records. Ask your questions in such a way that answers need more than a yes or no answer. By asking questions and variations of your voice according to the response, will show that you understand that you appreciate you are asking questions in what to them is a sensitive area.

If silence follows you asking a question give them time, it doesn't mean they didn't understand the question it could be they are simply trying to remember, give them time to think and then answer. Even letting them reminisce can open doors for you to ask a question or clarify a query. If they appear to be tiring, ask to visit the toilet, it will give them a break and you the chance for a quick peep at your crib sheet in your pocket. If you notice a photo or picture on the wall it could be the opening to a different approach to your queries.

Don't forget those secondary questions, did they have a second name? From a point like this you could find you are jumping back a generation or two because they have started talking about how a Christian name started to be used in the family.

Above all, don't make the whole of the visit you asking questions and don't overstay or you might not be invited back. Make sure the visit is enjoyable and not mentally exhausting. Remember go gently and sensitively, not just from you, but they might be sensitive about what to tell you. [They may wish to protect you from a skeleton in the cupboard] Who you are may colour your relative's answers and disclosures. Sometimes how one person in the family remembers an event may not be how another relative remembers to same event, and historic relationship issues, may open memories requiring extreme tact and caution.

For example a couple of years ago, I was told that a cousin had a child when she was just 16 years old, it was all hushed up and only 7 members of the family knew. The child a boy [I have his birth name, date and place of birth] was adopted. I now have a copy of his original birth certificate, but I can't go any further at the moment as I don't know his adopted name, which I need to know to be able to search the adoption registers.

Then with all your information go home and prove it with original records.

In my next newsletter I will try to include a basic A-Z of do's and don't or something similar.

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The subscription website 'TheGenealogist' have released over 60,000 railway worker records. These have been added to the Occupational Records on TheGenealogist. These indexed records are taken from Railway Company Staff magazines and are extremely useful to family historians with railway employee

ancestors, wanting to find important occupation related dates and add some social history to their family tree. The records include details such as staff changes, promotions, pension records, retirements and obituaries. Additional personal information is often revealed in the magazines. In

Occupation » Railway Employment Records » Full	
Title	Mr
Forename	A N
Surname	Train
Occupation	Station Master
Entry	Obituary
Station	Whitedale and Sigglesthorne
Year of Birth	1870
Retirement Date	31st March 1932
Date of Death	1st October 1949
Age	79
Source	British Railways Magazine
Issue	Vol 2 No 11
Record Date	November 1949

some cases you can read about gifts from co-workers given when rail staff leave.

For example, you can discover that Mr A.N.Train had been a Station Master at Whitedale and Sigglesthorne, stations that today are converted into private houses sitting as they do on lines closed under Beeching's cuts in the 1960s. The railwayman's details have been extracted from his obituary in the British Railways Magazine of November 1949 Vol 2 No 11. You can learn such useful details as his retirement date, as well as the date that Mr Train passed away at the age of 79.

If you have any queries please call them on 01722 716121



Mr. W. H. Marshall  
York



Mr. A. N. Train  
Whitedale

MR. W. H. MARSHALL died, after a short illness, at the early age of 49.

He had been a member of the Signal and Telecommunications Department for 35 years, nine of which were spent as inspector in the York area. His cheery personality and unfailing humour will be much missed by his wide circle of friends.

He was an active member of the Trades Union Movement and his membership of Sectional Councils 5 and 1 (he was still a member of the latter at the time of his death) made him a familiar figure over a wide area of the old L.N.E.R.

He was closely associated with committees dealing with many phases of welfare work in Leeds, and his wide and varied knowledge made him a valued member of any committee.

"Manny," as he was affectionately known by his friends, was always ready to sacrifice comfort and leisure to help others and, for those of his colleagues who are left to carry on, the world will seem a poorer place for his passing.

MR. A. N. TRAIN, retired stationmaster, Whitedale and Sigglesthorne, died on October 1, aged 79.

He commenced his railway career as a clerk at Hornsea in December, 1883, and retired from the position of stationmaster at Whitedale and Sigglesthorne on March 31, 1932.

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I have been advised of proposed plans to abolish Marriage licensing in Alabama senate. This in itself will probably have a small implication to our research as genealogists. I understand that the federal courts are currently trying to get the state to issue marriage licenses for same sex marriages. You can find more information here <http://freedomoutpost.com/2015/05/alabama-senate-approves-bill-to-abolish-marriage-licensing/#vYLeCcxBIKUiJHxJ.99>

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I guess most of you have heard of Genuki and some will I am sure have used the site. Up until now the service have continued to use the original method of updating web page information from 20 years ago. However time has moved along and there are now new and better methods available so the site is slowly undergoing a revamp. With over 140,000 files and about 6045 Mbytes the plan is that the site will be upgraded slowly, I understand that the webmasters would like to keep the site as near to its original look as possible. However some of you might of noticed on the main page it now has a login facility, this is only for use by the webmasters. Access to GENUKI is and will remain as open and free as ever. If you haven't looked at the site before then you will need the web address [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)

The first fruits of the major task of upgrading the whole of GENUKI to use a "Content Management System" have just become visible.

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Always keep your ears and eyes open for unusual sources of possible information. Soon Navy divers from Hampton Roads are planning to join the salvage project to raise the Confederate ironclad CSS Georgia from the depths of the Savannah River. The ship now needs to be removed to allow for work to start on deepening the river channel which is part of ' Savannah Harbor Expansion Project'. This could unearth artefacts of interest to anyone who is either researching the ship and or its crew. You can read more about the project here <http://wtkr.com/2015/05/28/virginia-beach-navy-divers-prepare-to-raise-confederate-ironclad/>

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An article has been published in The *Journal of Economic Perspectives* that has been written by Claudia Goldin and Maria Shim. The article is interesting as it is all about how it is rare for women not to follow the custom of taking their husbands name on marriage. However over the last 30 years or there abouts this custom has started to change.

If you would like to read the article here it is for you

[http://scholar.harvard.edu/goldin/files/making\\_a\\_name\\_womens\\_surnames\\_at\\_marriage\\_and\\_beyond.pdf](http://scholar.harvard.edu/goldin/files/making_a_name_womens_surnames_at_marriage_and_beyond.pdf)

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The Waterloo 200 Descendants' book is now available online the website is

[www.nam.ac.uk/waterloo200/about/waterloo-200-descendants-book/?utm\\_source=IHGS+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=21c33b7f13-IHGS+Newsletter+1578+4+2014&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_fc6034c01e-21c33b7f13-7553313](http://www.nam.ac.uk/waterloo200/about/waterloo-200-descendants-book/?utm_source=IHGS+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm_campaign=21c33b7f13-IHGS+Newsletter+1578+4+2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fc6034c01e-21c33b7f13-7553313)

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I have been told that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission are planning to release WWII casualty records during August, the plan is that this will coincide with the 70th commemoration of VJ Day. I am sure these records will be helpful to many of us.

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Irish Ancestors hosted on the Irish Times website have updated the surname section, the update includes a mapping-by-surname facility which is linked to civil registration districts across the island.

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A British Home Children deaths database has been added to the BIFHSGO aka British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa [www.bifhsgo.ca/cpage.php?pt=4](http://www.bifhsgo.ca/cpage.php?pt=4) .

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Data Protection is something that we all need to be aware of, and sometimes reflects on what is or what isn't available to us as genealogists. Therefore this article in the European Observer maybe of interest to you. <https://euobserver.com/justice/128812>

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Calculating relationships is something that many historians struggle to unravel, however most family history computer programmes do have a calculator for working out relationships, making life easy for us.

So here is my attempt to explain relationships in fairly simple terms

Start by identify in your family tree the point where your lines meet, there will be an ancestor or a pair of ancestors who you both share. So if you and A Nother have a grandparent in common, you are first cousins.

If you and A Nother have the same great grandparent, then you are second cousins. Likewise if you and A Nother have the same great great grandparents, then you are third cousins.

Things become more complicated when cousins appear on different levels. The way of expressing cousinship in these cases is by the term 'removed'. If A Nother is on a different level to you, ie, they are closer or further away from the common ancestor, they are your '- cousin – removed'.

So if my grandparent was their great grandparent then the relationship is cousin one removed, if my grandparent was their great great grandparent then we would be cousins twice removed.

I know that it sounds complicated, but really it isn't that bad, it took me ages to understand it and I am not sure that I do fully even now. People all describe it differently and then someone described it to me and it just seemed to click better for me any way.

If you search the internet, you will find numerous other ways of describing how to work out relationships, along with images of charts and diagrams which you might find helpful.

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A new website has been launched so that family historians can share their finds. Twile [www.twile.com](http://www.twile.com) based in Sheffield and Manchester is unlike ancestry and other sites as it will focus on sharing information, Paul Brooks [co founder] , "There is a real danger that all of the family history that's been uncovered will be lost, unless it's shared and someone else continues the work. We're aiming to give genealogists a place to privately share their family history – a way that will make the younger generations want to explore the history and contribute to it."

The website is subscription free, however there is 'Twile Plus' which is a subscription available for £19.99 annually, giving a larger access to some records.

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The Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland aka [APGI] have announced that they will now be known as Accredited Genealogists Ireland [AGI]. The website will be renamed soon, you can find out more about them here [www.apgi.ie](http://www.apgi.ie)

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Ancestry DNA have announced that they have expanded their DNA project into Australia and New Zealand you can read more here <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/05/27/ancestrydna-is-now-available-in-australia-and-new-zealand/> Then on June 9th a further announcement stated that they had expanded into Canada.

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I am not sure if any readers are researching their Cuban links, if so maybe these links will be of some help.

Enrique Hurtado de Mendoza Collection of Cuban Genealogy  
<http://specialcollections.fiu.edu/collections/hurtado> Digital Library of the Caribbean  
<http://dloc.com/iFiuHurtado>

If you would like to read more about these websites and the information

<http://news.fiu.edu/2015/06/cuban-equivalent-of-ancestry-com-a-boon-to-family-historians/88594>

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I am sure if we haven't come across 'Name Gatherers' then most of you will of read about them. The genealogical world is full of horror stories, the thing I do to prevent people stealing my family stories, is to have two versions, my own, the original and 100% correct version to the best of my knowledge and the one I share in which I have used particular words or spelt a word differently to the original records.

This method of sharing shows up those who are simply out there collecting names, had they of checked my research the errors would have shown up. What irritates me most is those who claim my family research as theirs. One of my cousins has so many errors in her family tree it is embarrassing, about 75% of the individuals in her tree have errors! Which are so glaring it is unbelievable, her mothers siblings [one of whom is my Grandfather], she attended my wedding but she has my name, my husbands name, my parents details wrong, the list is endless.

Take great care, and stay alert to the name gatherers who are only interested in how big their family tree is, not how accurate it is.

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I rarely write about Mac computers and the reason is simple, I don't have a Mac and I haven't used one. However I don't want people who use Mac's to be left out, so this is for you.

MacFamilyTree is a genealogy program for Mac's, and has a companion product called MobileFamilyTree for iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch devices. Both products have good reviews. According to the publisher's web site, "MacFamilyTree 7 helps you explore and visualize your family history in many ways – whether you want to display family relationships in reports, charts or our innovative 3D Virtual Tree, MacFamilyTree 7 is the right solution for you. Investigating and managing your genealogy data has never been easier – synchronize it with iCloud, create websites or do your online research using our gigantic database. Or install MobileFamilyTree on your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch and you're good to do your research on the go. You can even create family tree books with MacFamilyTree 7 and print them."

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The rules as to who can and cannot have access to adoption records changed, when the BBC also reported that the number of adoptions had dropped dramatically. Now it has been reported that 'special guardianship' has more than tripled in the past two years. I wonder what effects this will have not just on our research, but also those who are put into special care.

If you hear anything on this matter I would appreciate hearing from you.

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Rebecca Probert has written a really interesting book ' Marriage Law for Genealogists', she has now written ' Divorced, Bigamist, Bereaved?' Both books are well worth a read, the latter reminds readers that until 1999 when section 28A was added to the Marriage Act 1949, registrars had no powers to ask prospective new couples for proof of identity such as name, age, or marital status.

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Have you become stuck researching in New South Wales [NSW] Australia? if so this link maybe useful [www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/indexes-online) it gives you links to online record databases.

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I have been reminded of this very helpful website [www.royal-naval-reserve.co.uk/lost.htm](http://www.royal-naval-reserve.co.uk/lost.htm) where you will find information related to Admiralty trawlers lost during the second World War.

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I know a few of you have ancestral interests in Nova Scotia maybe the newly opened Black Loyalist Heritage Centre in Birchtown, near Shelburne will be of interest. There website is <http://blackloyalist.com>

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Hopefully this website maybe of interest to those researching their Polish, Prussian and Germany ancestors.

[www.many-roads.com/2015/06/06/why-are-so-many-records-missing/](http://www.many-roads.com/2015/06/06/why-are-so-many-records-missing/)

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In case you missed this snippet in the news, the lower house of parliament in Spain have approved a law making it easier for descendants of Jews who were forced to flee the country during the Inquisition centuries ago to seek citizenship, more information is available on this website.

[www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/11/spain-law-citizenship-jews](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/11/spain-law-citizenship-jews)

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I am sorry but my love of motor sport wouldn't allow me to leave this out of the newsletter. Dale Earnhardt Jr. announced after a race at Michigan International Speedway that he would be flying to Germany with his girlfriend to try and trace his family history, you can read more details here [www.usatoday.com/story/sports/nascar/2015/06/11/dale-earnhardt-jr-genealogy-ancestry-germany-trip/71080866/](http://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/nascar/2015/06/11/dale-earnhardt-jr-genealogy-ancestry-germany-trip/71080866/)

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Have you ever wondered what it was like for our ancestors in the early years of cars making their appearance. Roads were not tarmaced, have a look at this video to get an idea of what it was like. <http://safeshare.tv/w/ShbgvwazCZ> the video describes Henry Ford's Model T, OK it is Americanised but I still found it interesting.

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Synium Software GmbH has just launched version 7.5 of their popular Macintosh genealogy application.

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For those of you with Hungarian interests there is a fairly new online collection of photographs <http://hungarytoday.hu/news/portrait-forgotten-hungary-lenegdary-photographers-1500-turn-century-pictures-made-public-60877> Although the site [www.fortepan.hu/](http://www.fortepan.hu/) is in Hungarian there is also a translated link [www.fortepan.hu/?lang=en&img=53824](http://www.fortepan.hu/?lang=en&img=53824) Enjoy

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ZoomPast, developed at the Imperial College London, allows you to view large family trees in detail by automatically generating a huge digital view of your family tree that you can then explore just by zooming in and out. You do have to upload your own genealogy as a GEDCOM, I am, however, always wary about sites where your own information is stored on someone else's computer as to what they might do with it. There does not seem to be any mention of this on their terms and conditions, so they could possibly do what they like.

ZoomPast is available free of charge and you can read more in the ZoomPast web site at [www.zoompast.org](http://www.zoompast.org)

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I know that many readers have interests in their German and Prussian ancestry, I wonder if you aware of this wonderful website [www.many-roads.com/](http://www.many-roads.com/) I have found that their address books especially helpful [www.many-roads.com/libraries/prussia-histories/adressbucher-address-books/](http://www.many-roads.com/libraries/prussia-histories/adressbucher-address-books/) here are the links to a few more of the website gems:-

German/ Prussian Mega-Search [www.many-roads.com/2015/04/29/german-prussian-mega-search-engine/](http://www.many-roads.com/2015/04/29/german-prussian-mega-search-engine/)

Jewish [Shoah] Mega-Search [www.many-roads.com/2015/05/17/jewish-mega-search-engine/](http://www.many-roads.com/2015/05/17/jewish-mega-search-engine/)

Mennonite-Amish Mega-Search [www.many-roads.com/2015/05/20/mennonite-amish-mega-search-engine/](http://www.many-roads.com/2015/05/20/mennonite-amish-mega-search-engine/)

Polish Mega-Search [www.many-roads.com/2015/04/27/polish-mega-search-engine/](http://www.many-roads.com/2015/04/27/polish-mega-search-engine/)

Quebec [French Canada] Mega-Search [www.many-roads.com/2015/05/16/quebec-french-canada-mega-search-engine/](http://www.many-roads.com/2015/05/16/quebec-french-canada-mega-search-engine/)

Semantic Search [SenseBot] [www.many-roads.com/2015/04/27/polish-mega-search-engine/](http://www.many-roads.com/2015/04/27/polish-mega-search-engine/)

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As many will tell you newspaper records are full of fantastic information. Recently I read that 'The National Archives of Australia' aka 'NAA' have started a massive \$3.4 million project to digitised WW1 records [www.psnews.com.au/aps/459/news/archives-digitises-world-war-1-vault](http://www.psnews.com.au/aps/459/news/archives-digitises-world-war-1-vault) This project will also include some information on New Zealanders.

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A little bit of light heartedness for you in the way of a poem, if you have any 'funnies' unusual finds in parish records or census, would you please share them with me so that others can also enjoy them by me sharing them in this newsletter.

I went searching for an ancestor, but I cannot find him still.  
He moved about from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned, he mended all his fences.  
He avoided every man who came to take a census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no frame  
And every twenty years or so the rascal changed his name  
His parents came Europe and should be on the list  
Of passengers from there to here but somehow they got missed.

And no-one else in all the world is searching for this man,  
So I play gene-solitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed,  
But bad weather the engraving off and vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records,  
No family bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it all, this ancestor who causes me many groans,  
Just to give me more pain...married a girl named Jones!

Author Anon

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The Library of Virginia in America have added more records of Birth, Marriages and Death, to check the latest information try this website [www.vdh.virginia.gov/Vital\\_Records/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Vital_Records/) . Fred Moss with help from Peter E. Broadbent Jr. have written this article [www.fgs.org/rpac/2015/06/14/virginia-vital-records-online/](http://www.fgs.org/rpac/2015/06/14/virginia-vital-records-online/)

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Sadly there is still no end in sight to the change of the regulations published last year and later withdrawn on a 'minor' technicality. An irregularity is still preventing the family of a deceased adopted person from obtaining the original birth certificate if the adoptee had not requested this information before death. Originally, government said the 'minor technicality would be attended to in January 2015', the date keeps changing now it is September! The Government are also now claiming that some 'new' issues have arisen!

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I don't know about you but I do enjoy reading about real life stories, and I am grateful to everyone for pointing them out to me in case I have missed them. If you find something that is family history related and it interests you then please do share in case I have missed it, I would rather be told loads of times than not at all.

Did you see this article in the Daily Mirror, [www.mirror.co.uk/news/real-life-stories/dustbin-baby-michelle-rooney-finally-5842719](http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/real-life-stories/dustbin-baby-michelle-rooney-finally-5842719) Michelle the baby found in a dustbin 46 years ago has been reunited with her Mother.

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This year the WSFHS [West Surrey Family History Society] Open Day is on Saturday 31st October 2015 at Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Rd, Woking, GU22 9BA. If you have never been to this fair, then you really are missing out [my personal opinion]. This is a fabulous opportunity to view books, CDs, and a variety of other things before you buy. You can also listen to the free talks on various subjects, there will also be experts available to answer your queries. For full details on the event visit their website [www.wsfhs.org/pages/openday.php](http://www.wsfhs.org/pages/openday.php) If you go please do say hello, I love meeting readers and hearing your thoughts on all thing genealogical.

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If you attended one of the 2015 Census Consultations around the country please would you share your thoughts? This is something that could widely affect our hobby in the future.

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I have in the past mentioned fires at archives and record offices but this one for me is very close to home. The 19th century All Saints Church in Fleet went up in flames on Monday evening of the 22nd June, a very sad day for Fleet residents.



Personally my family have attended this Church from when it first consecrated in April 1862. In fact when the school I attended had services in the Church, I not only sang in the School Choir but was also a server on some of these occasions.

Yesterday the police reported that they had a 17 year old in custody, I am sorry, but I do not understand why anyone could want to cause such destruction. Today 24th June I heard that they believe they have rescued all or if not most of record books and numerous other memorabilia. Hopefully this Grade II listed building will be able to be rebuilt.

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Over the years I have written on many genealogical subjects, but last year I decided to try writing more of a storybook, which I have completed. I have no plans at the moment to publish the book but I wanted to finish it, and thus I opted to use a spring back folder as this means that should I wish to add or alter the book I can without very much trouble.



I got mine from S&N Genealogy Supplies, I'd like to share their description

*"Unlike ring binders, you don't have to punch any holes in the paper - you simply choose the sheets you want, fold the covers of the binder back, and place the paper into the spine. You can add or remove pages as many times as you like.*

*This binder has hardback covers with an acid-free lining, and has a 25mm capacity, which can hold up to 200 A4 pages.*

*We recommend leaving a 30mm margin on the binding edge for any pages that are going into the binder - this means that you won't have any text disappearing into the gutter.*

*We have two types of covers available - a plain hardback cover, or a leather effect cover. You can have them with plain covers or you can have them with 'Family History' in gold lettering on the front and spine." There are many other spring back folders so do have a look to see what is available*

[www.genealogysupplies.com/product/Springback-Binders/intro](http://www.genealogysupplies.com/product/Springback-Binders/intro)

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It has been announced that Findmypast.au have secured permission to publish online the never before microfilmed or indexed Historical Court Records and the collection of Victoria's Coastal Passenger Lists 1852-1924. It is hoped that original images will be included and not just transcripts.

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Do you ever wonder what is available at the local record office or archive? then have a look to see if they have a catalogue, here is the link for what is at Surrey History Centre

[http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/36486/Guide-to-Parish-Registers-held-at-Surrey-History-Centre-June-2012.pdf](http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/36486/Guide-to-Parish-Registers-held-at-Surrey-History-Centre-June-2012.pdf)

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Tama was the stationmaster at Kishi railway station in Japan, Tama was a calico cat and was appointed stationmaster in 2007. Wearing her custom made stationmaster's cap Tama would sit welcoming and seeing passengers depart the station. She became world famous and attracted tourists to the struggling railway station. Sadly she died of heart failure on 22 June, but was honoured with a Shinto-style funeral at the station where she served, and became a goddess. The Shinto religion, indigenous to Japan and practiced by many Japanese, has a variety of gods including animals.

Wakayama Electric Railway President Mitsunobu Kojima thanked the cat for her achievement, and said Tama will be enshrined at a nearby cat shrine during July. It is estimated that over 3,000 people attended the funeral, to read more search google Tama has a facebook page or visit this website

[www.thestar.com/news/world/2015/06/28/tama-the-japanese-station-master-cat-honoured-at-funeral.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2015/06/28/tama-the-japanese-station-master-cat-honoured-at-funeral.html)

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Recently I have been away on holiday during which time we [hubby & I ] visited Combe Martin in Devon, a lovely seaside village. The museum, which not only doubles as the village tourist information centre, it is also a family history centre with very helpful and friendly staff. So if you have local interests to them, it is well worth a visit, they also have ancestry available along with numerous other local records. If you cannot visit to do your own research then they do offer a service costing about £6 per hour. I don't have research in the area, so I couldn't do a test drive for you. I did notice a few very interesting looking books about local subjects.

Their address is Combe Martin Museum, Cross Street, Combe Martin, EX34 0DH, their email address is [combemartinmuseum@googlemail.com](mailto:combemartinmuseum@googlemail.com) and the website address is [www.combe-martin-museum.co.uk](http://www.combe-martin-museum.co.uk) should you wish to phone them then the number is 01271 889031



For lunch within a minute or two's walk is the 'Fo' c' s' le Inn' a delightful place with an extremely friendly lady behind the bar. The food was really lovely and service was very quick, they serve a good variety of food including sandwiches. If you are travelling to the area and need accommodation then the 'Fo' c' s' le Inn' could be your place for information ring 01271 883354 for more details. However please note that weather between November and March is generally bad with the sea regularly lapping the pub windows! As a result the pub closes during these months.

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If you were not able to listen to the Garret Hellenthals talk entitled " The Genetic History of the United Kingdom: the POBI project." at WDYTYA 2015 aka 'Who Do You Think You Are' this year then you might be interested to know that it is now available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ANNHMzmxII](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ANNHMzmxII)

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Do you use or are a subscriber to ancestry? if the answer is yes have you read, learnt and digested the latest privacy statement released on 26th June 2015 from ancestry if you haven't here is the link

[www.ancestry.co.uk/cs/legal/PrivacyStatement?o\\_xid=66452&o\\_lid=66452&o\\_sch=Email](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/cs/legal/PrivacyStatement?o_xid=66452&o_lid=66452&o_sch=Email)

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It has been announced by The FamilySearch International board of directors that Dennis Brimhall the current company president and chief executive officer is to retire. Stephen Rockwood has been elected to be the new company president and chief executive officer, he will take up this post I believe on the 1st October. Stephen Rockwood is currently working as director of the international division at FamilySearch.

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FreeReg have updated their website, so if you have lost someone it is worth checking to see if any of the new records hold the answer to cracking you brickwall. [http://freereg2.freereg.org.uk/search\\_queries](http://freereg2.freereg.org.uk/search_queries)

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The Society of Genealogists aka SOG was founded in 1911, and they would like your feedback, it doesn't matter if you are not a Society member they would still like your feedback. If you would like to fill in the survey you will find it here [www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=nnfZp96kAWnjjfVSaP6xKw%3d%3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=nnfZp96kAWnjjfVSaP6xKw%3d%3d)

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The University of Strathclyde, starting from October this year, will be offering an 8-week on line course entitled "Introduction to Heraldry". The course will run twice each academic year maybe more if there is enough interest, the course tutor I am advised is Dr Bruce Durie, the cost I believe is £153 for more details please check the website [www.strath.ac.uk/courses/yourfamilyhistory/#d.en.975313](http://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/yourfamilyhistory/#d.en.975313)

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The non-profit making company Ireland Reaching out aka XO, who try to track down descendants who have travelled overseas to Australia and many other countries. It has volunteers working worldwide who are now trying to trace people with Irish roots, trying to connect researchers with their ancestors home parish. The company is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Heritage Council of Ireland, it also has strong links to the National Library of Ireland, and many other organisations that might be able to help and support them in their efforts. Their website is [www.irelandxo.com](http://www.irelandxo.com)

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Did you see Nicola Davis article in 'The Guardian', about the mammoth task 'The British Library' is facing to digitise newspapers before they turn into dust [www.theguardian.com/books/2015/jul/05/british-library-digitising-newspapers-boston-spa](http://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/jul/05/british-library-digitising-newspapers-boston-spa)

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The National Archives have been working with The National Maritime Museum and the Crew List Index Project to digitise the surviving First World War Merchant Navy crew lists from 1915. These are now available to search at

[http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/results/r?\\_q=Sheather&\\_ed=1915&\\_sd=1915&discoveryCustomSearch=true&\\_ser=BT+99&\\_ser=BT+100&\\_ser=BT+400](http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/results/r?_q=Sheather&_ed=1915&_sd=1915&discoveryCustomSearch=true&_ser=BT+99&_ser=BT+100&_ser=BT+400) You can search an individual's name, sometimes full names were not recorded, that said it is possible to search using first names, it is also possible to search by the name of the ship, but the National Archives advise not to use abbreviations such as SS, RMS or MV.

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It's been announced that Nick Barratt is moving from 'The National Archives' to 'University of London' where he is to work at the Senate House Library - the central library for the University of London.

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The website [www.1901censusonline.com](http://www.1901censusonline.com) closed at the end of July, the site opened in 2002 when the 1901 census became available. The 1901 census will continue to be available on many other websites such as TheGenealogist, Ancestry and FindMyPast.

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Have you lost a relative? I have asked to remind readers of the FamilySearch maps. A very useful site especially if you are not sure of the geography of the area you are looking at, although I don't think every village is included in the map. <http://maps.familysearch.org/>

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Are you aware that UCL aka University College London have unveiled two projects under the umbrella 'Legacies of British Slave-ownership' tracing the impact of slave-ownership on the formation of modern Britain. If you think you might have ancestors who could of been Slave Owners then you might like to search the database or find out more [www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/)

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I am sure we have all used census records and if you are like me you are itching for the release of the 1921 census, well 2022 is getting ever closer. If you are not aware the 1931 census was destroyed during WW2. However later this year FindMyPast in partnership with TNA aka The National Archives will be releasing the 1939 Register, this register was taken quickly when Britain declared war on Germany and the Government needed details of the population. The 1939 Register hopefully will be useful to family historians. Because of legal restrictions the details of living people cannot be published therefore those born in the last 100 years will have their details blacked out, but will be revealed gradually as time passes.

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The Commonwealth Graves Commission aka CWGC have announced that they will be revealing about 1.7 million World War 2 records during August. [www.cwgc.org/](http://www.cwgc.org/) These records I believe will include personal headstone inscriptions, date of death, rank, regiment and possibly some documents showing other valuable information.

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Another set of records that you might find interesting are the Japanese Index Cards of Allied Prisoners of War <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C14549> Hopefully you will find these of interest.

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The Surrey Fire Museum Trust are researching Surrey Firemen who served in the armed forces and were sadly 'killed in action'. Do you have a former Surrey fireman in your family tree who served in WW1? If so the Surrey Fire Museum Trust located at the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters in Reigate would appreciate hearing from you, their email address is [surreyinthegreatwar@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surreyinthegreatwar@surreycc.gov.uk)

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Here are a few events that might interest you around the country. If you know of any event that would be of interest to fellow family historians please do let me know, so that I can include details in this newsletter.

Chesterfield & District Family History Society Fair, 15 August 2015, Chesterfield  
[www.cadfhhs.org.uk/2015Fair.html](http://www.cadfhhs.org.uk/2015Fair.html)

Lanarkshire Family History Society Fair, 22 August 2015, Motherwell [www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk/](http://www.lanarkshirefhs.org.uk/)

Dyfed Family History Society Fair, 19 September 2015, Carmarthen [www.dyfedfhs.org.uk/index.php](http://www.dyfedfhs.org.uk/index.php)

Society of Genealogists Open Day, 12 September 2015, London [www.sog.org.uk/books-courses/events-courses/calendar-day/2015/09/12/](http://www.sog.org.uk/books-courses/events-courses/calendar-day/2015/09/12/)

Doncaster & District Family History Society Fair, 26 September 2015, Doncaster  
[www.doncasterfhs.co.uk/node/1648](http://www.doncasterfhs.co.uk/node/1648)

Hampshire Genealogical Society Open Day 11th October 2015 Everest Community Centre, Oxford Way, Basingstoke 10am - 4pm, [www.hgs-familyhistory.com/hampshire-family-history-open-day-2015/](http://www.hgs-familyhistory.com/hampshire-family-history-open-day-2015/)

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Do you have an inventor in the family? Have you ever thought about researching if they ever patented their invention? If the patent was pre 1890 then you will need visit and search the British Library's paper index, if you cannot visit then you could request a search but a fee will be requested. However after 1890 luck is with you as you can search [www.epo.org/searching/free/espacenet.html](http://www.epo.org/searching/free/espacenet.html) to see if an application was made to patent the invention.

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I hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter, and that everyone has found something of interest. I'd like to remind everyone that this newsletter is free and you do not need to be a member of a group, club or even a society to download the newsletter.

All I ask is that you share those eureka moments, the story of the unexpected, or something that you feel would be of interest to fellow family historians, remember if it was interesting or exciting to you, then it will be interesting to other readers.

Your input is important for this newsletter to exist, move forward and continue.

Heather

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What is new on the websites? this isn't intended to be complete.

## Ancestry

Agana, Guam, U.S., Passenger and Crew Lists of Arriving Vessels and Airplanes, 1948-1963 [Updated]  
Argentina, Select Baptisms, 1645-1930 [in Spanish] [Updated]  
Army muster books and pay lists covering the period from 1812 to 1817  
Australia Newspaper Vital Notices, 1851-1997  
Australia, NSW, St. John's Parramatta, vital Records  
Australia, Victoria, Deserter, Discharged, and Prisoner Crew Lists, 1852-1925  
Australia, Victoria, Index to Naturalisation Certificates, 1851-1928  
Belfast baptism registers Sacred Heart 1890 to 1929  
Belfast baptism registers St Mary's 1901 to 1930  
Belfast baptism registers St Vincent de Paul 1869 to 1929  
Canada 1891 census  
Canada, Imperial War Service Gratuities, 1919-1921  
England, Gloucestershire, Gaol Registers, 1815-1879  
England, Lancashire, Quarter Session Records and Petitions, 1648-1908  
England, Surrey, Calendar of Prisoners, 1848-1902  
England, Surrey, Mental Hospital Admissions, 1867-1900  
England, West Yorkshire Apprenticeship records and Alehouse licences and occupational records  
England, West Yorkshire, Alehouse Licences, 1771-1962  
England, West Yorkshire, Bastardy Records, 1690-1914  
England, West Yorkshire, Bastardy Records, 1690-1914 [Updated]  
England, West Yorkshire, Occupation Records, 1793-1930  
England, West Yorkshire, Select Apprenticeship Records, 1627-1894  
England, West Yorkshire, Select Rate Books, Accounts and Censuses, 1705-1893  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Records, 1875-1940  
Germany, Hamburg, Selected Deaths, 1876-1932  
Germany, Mainz, Family Registers 1760-1900 [in German] [Updated]  
Germany, Prenzlau Marriages, Births and Deaths 1874-  
Germany, Speyer, Domestic Help, 1875-1914  
Index to Alien Arrivals at Canadian Atlantic and Pacific Seaports, 1904-1944  
Jersey Occupation Registration Cards, 1940-1945  
Jersey Wills and Testaments, 1663-1948  
Missouri, Passenger Lists, 1958-1963  
New York, Veterans' Home Resident Case Files, 1897-1963  
New Zealand, Sheep Returns, Owners and Officers, 1879-1889  
New Zealand, Teacher and Civil Service Examinations and Licenses, 1880-1920  
Ohio, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1952-1963  
Oregon, Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1911-1946  
Pennsylvania, Civil War Muster Rolls, 1860-1869  
Peru, Amazonas, Civil Registration, 1935-1997 [in Spanish] [Updated]  
Poland, Łódź Ghetto ID Card Registrations, 1939-1944 [USHMM] [in German]  
Popular Edition Maps, 1919-1926 [New]  
Romania, Vital Records from Selected Regions, 1607-1914  
Royal Naval Officers' Service Records Index, 1756-1931  
Sweden, Selected Indexed Death Records, 1899-1941 [these are in Swedish]  
U.S. Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961  
U.S. Navy Cruise Books, 1918-2009 [Updated]  
U.S. Northern Pacific Railway Company Personnel Files, 1890-1963 [Updated]  
U.S. Virgin Islands, Passenger Lists, 1885-1962  
U.S., Passenger and Crew Lists for U.S.-Bound Vessels Arriving in Canada, 1912-1939 1953-1962  
UK and Ireland, Find A Grave Index, 1300s-Current [Updated]

UK, British Army Muster Books and Pay Lists, 1812-1817  
UK, Popular Edition Maps, 1919-1926  
UK, Select Cemetery Registers, 1873-2014 [*Updated*]  
USA, Applications for Authorization for Inter-Island Travel, 1947-1952  
USA, Lawrence County, Alabama, Burial Index, 1835-2014  
USA, Nevada, Naturalization Petitions, 1956-1991  
USA, Virginia vital and divorce records  
Utah, Select Union Pacific Railroad Personnel Records, 1890-1965  
Virginia, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1904-1963  
Web: Northern Ireland, Will Calendar Index, 1839-1943 [*Updated*]

### **British Newspaper Archive**

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 1863, 1868 – 1870  
Ayrshire Express 1863  
Bedfordshire Times and Independent 1873, 1942, 1945-1949, 1952-1954  
Berwickshire Advertiser, The 1830, 1834, 1838, 1863, 1871, 1873, 1875 – 1876, 1878, 1880, 1915, 1931 – 1949, 1951 – 1955  
Berwickshire News and General Advertiser 1954  
Birmingham Daily Gazette 1863 – 1864  
Brighton Gazette 1835  
Buckingham Advertiser and Free Press 1948 – 19555  
Bucks Herald 1933  
Burnley Express 1887 – 1888  
Burton Daily Mail 1915, 1917  
Bury Free Press 1872, 1874-1896, 1898-1901, 1911-1935, 1950-1955  
Cambridge Daily News 1889, 1917-1920  
Clerkenwell News 1869-1871  
Cork Advertising Gazette 1855-1859  
Cornish Times  
County Courts Chronicle 1849, 1851, 1857, 1859, 1864, 1866-1867  
Coventry Standard 1837-1839, 1844, 1868-1870  
Cumberland and Westmorland Advertiser, and Penrith Literary Chronicle 1855-1856, 1858-1859, 1861-1871  
Cumberland Pacquet, and Ware's Whitehaven Advertiser 1777, 1780, 1785, 1787, 1789-1808, 1812-1836, 1838-1842, 1844-1849, 1854-1856, 1866-1869  
Daily Record 1917  
Daily Telegraph & Courier [London] 1871  
Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal  
Derbyshire Courier 1888-1889, 1894, 1900-1911  
Derry Journal 1825, 1835 – 1878, 1891 – 1903, 1916 – 1924, 1926 – 1929, 1937 – 1942  
Doncaster Gazette 1870  
Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser 1893, 1895  
Driffield Times 1869-1888, 1890-1937, 1945-1949  
Drogheda Journal, or Meath & Louth Advertiser 1837  
Dublin Correspondent 1823-1825  
Dublin Courier 1762  
Dublin Evening Post 1778-1779, 1789-1790, 1869-1870  
Dublin Medical Press 1847  
Dublin Monitor 1845  
Dundee, Perth, Forfar, and Fife's People's Journal 1885, 1930  
East Suffolk Mercury and Lowestoft Weekly News 1858  
Edinburgh Evening Courant 1869  
Express and Echo 1939-1940  
Falkirk Herald 1932

Farmer's Gazette and Journal of Practical Horticulture 1867  
Fife Free Press, & Kirkcaldy Guardian 1894-1945  
Galway Vindicator, and Connaught Advertiser 1862  
General Advertiser for Grimstone  
Glasgow Courant 1746  
Glasgow Sentinel 1850 – 1854  
Glossop Record 1859-1871  
Gloucester Journal 1862, 1871-1873, 1883-1886, 1893  
Gloucestershire Chronicle 1839, 1841, 1843-1844, 1846-1847, 1927  
Gloucestershire Echo 1897, 1900, 1916  
Greenock Advertiser 1871  
Grimsby Daily Telegraph 1900  
Halifax Courier 1868-1869, 1877, 1899  
Hartlepool Mail 1878, 1892  
Hawick News and Border Chronicle 1889, 1904, 1909, 1914-1924, 1930-1936, 1938-1942  
Hemel Hempstead Gazette and West Herts Advertiser 1872, 1874-1876, 1879, 1881-1882, 1886, 1891  
Holborn Journal 1864-1865, 1868-1869  
Isle of Wight Observer 1869  
Jersey Independent and Daily Telegraph 1855, 1857-1862  
Journal of the Chemico-Agricultural Society of Ulster and Record of Agriculture and Industry 1850-1851  
Lanarkshire Upper Ward Examiner 1863  
Lancashire Evening Post 1898  
Lancaster Gazette 1803  
Leamington Spa Courier 1932, 1944  
Leek Post & Times and Cheadle News & Times and Moorland Advertiser 1898  
Leicester Chronicle 1819-1820  
Leicester Daily Mercury 1877  
Leicester Mail 1865 – 1870  
Leighton Buzzard Observer and Linslade Gazette 1863 – 1889  
Lincolnshire Chronicle 1850  
Lincolnshire Free Press 1850, 1876-1877, 1881, 1889, 1895 – 1899, 1911  
Liverpool Daily Post 1871  
Luton Times and Advertiser 1855  
Market Rasen Weekly Mail, and Lincolnshire Advertiser 1879  
Marylebone Mercury 1863  
Motherwell Times 1914, 1923  
Newcastle Chronicle 1764-1768  
Newcastle Journal 1868 – 1870  
Newry Examiner and Louth Advertiser 1856, 1861  
Newry Herald and Down, Armagh, and Louth Journal 1864  
Northern Whig 1857, 1862  
Nottingham Gazette, and Political, Literary, Agricultural & Commercial Register for the Midland Counties 1813-1815  
Nottingham Review and General Advertiser for the Midland Counties 1825, 1827 – 1852  
Nottinghamshire Guardian 1847  
Oxford Chronicle and Reading Gazette 1870  
Portsmouth Evening News 1952, 1954  
Prescot Reporter, and St. Helens General Advertiser 1875  
Pue's Occurrences 1719, 1749  
Rochdale Observer 1857, 1860-1861, 1863, 1865, 1867-1870  
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 1751  
Saunders's Newsletter 1773-1787, 1789, 1792-1797, 1799, 1808 – 1811, 1860  
Scottish Banner 1859  
Scottish Guardian, Glasgow 1856

Sevenoaks Chronicle & Kentish Advertiser 1850-1999  
Sheffield Independent 1911  
Sheffield Iris 1841 – 1843  
South Eastern Gazette 1852-1854, 1856-1865  
Sportsman, The 1871  
Tadcaster Post  
Teesdale Mercury 1856, 1870  
The Derbyshire Advertiser & North Staffordshire Journal 1800-1899  
Tipperary Vindicator 1869-1870  
Tiverton Gazette [Mid-Devon Gazette] 1865, 1876, 1879, 1889, 1900  
Ulster Gazette 1844  
Volunteer Service Gazette and Military Dispatch 1859-1863  
Walsall Advertiser 1879-1896, 1898-1915  
Waterford Chronicle 1850  
Weekly Vindicator 1847, 1849  
Wetherby News, and Central Yorkshire Journal 1877, 1879  
Whitby Gazette 1854-1892, 1895, 1897-1918  
Yorkshire Early Bird 1910  
Yorkshire Evening Post 1950  
Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer 1955

### **Deceased Online**

Bandon Hill Cemetery, Plough Lane, Wallington, SM6 8JQ  
Nunhead Cemetery, Linden Grove, Southwark, London, SE15 3LP  
Fallings Heath Cemetery in Wednesbury  
Heath Lane Cemetery, West Bromwich  
Rowley Regis Cemetery and Crematorium  
Sandwell Valley Crematorium  
Tipton Cemetery, [comes under Sandwell Metropolitan Borough]

### **Dublin City Libraries**

Dublin Electoral Lists from 1938 to 1964.

### **DurhamOnline**

Birtley St. Joseph Roman Catholic Mar 1846-1901  
Bishopwearmouth Cemetery burials 1915-1924  
Durham St. Nicholas burials 1540-1731  
Escomb Baps 1546-1764  
Escomb Bur 1543-1764  
Escomb Marriages 1543-1812  
Lamesley Baps 1730-1765  
Lamesley Bur 1730-1765  
Lamesley Mar 1689-1764  
Longhorsley Bap 1769-1837  
Longhorsley Bur 1769-1837  
Longhorsley Mar 1791-1837  
Marriage licence allegations [bonds] 1831-1837  
Ovingham Baps 1769-1789 1805-1840  
Ovingham Bur 1762-1797  
Winston Mar 1574-1797

### **FamilySearch**

Australia, New South Wales, 1828 Census [*New image collection*]  
Australia, Tasmania, Civil Registration of Births, 1899–1912 [*New image collection*]

Australia, Tasmania, Correspondence of the Immigration Office Concerning the Nomination, Arrival, and Settlement of Migrants, 1920–1943 [*Images added*]

Australia, Tasmania, Government Gazette, 1833–1925

Australia, Tasmania, Miscellaneous Records, 1829–1961 [*Images added*]

Australia, Victoria, Assisted Immigrant Arrivals at Victorian Ports, 1839–1871 [*New image collection*]

Belgium, Hainaut, Civil Registration, 1600–1913 [*Images added*]

Belgium, Liège, Civil Registration, 1621–1914 [*Images added*]

Belgium, West Flanders, Civil Registration, 1582–1910 [*Images added*]

Canada Passenger Lists, 1881–1922 [*Images added to existing collection*]

Canada, Newfoundland Census, 1935 [*Index added*]

Canada, Newfoundland Census, 1945 [*Index added*]

Canada, Newfoundland, Vital Statistics, 1753–1893 [*New indexed records*]

Canada, Nova Scotia Deaths, 1890–1955 [*Index & Images added*]

Canada, Nova Scotia Deaths, 1956–1957 [*Index & Images added*]

Canada, Saskatchewan Cemetery Transcripts, ca. 1850–1994 [*Additional records added to index*]

Canada, Saskatchewan, Catholic Church Records, 1846–1957 [*Additional records added to index*]

Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865–1922

China Collection of Genealogies, 1239–2014 [*Images added*]

Cornwall Parish Registers [*various*]

Costa Rica Civil Registration, 1860–1975 [*Additional records added to index*]

Croatia, Church Books, 1516–1994 [*Additional records added to index*]

Czech Republic Censuses, 1800–1945 [*Images added*]

Derbyshire, Parish Registers, 1537–1918

England, London Electoral Registers, 1847–1913 [*Images added*]

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