



Family History For You
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Hello Everyone,

In my November newsletter I asked for feedback, which is always very useful, so that I know the sort of things you like to read about. Sadly I got virtually no response, I give [I get no funding whatsoever] my time to put this newsletter together, time that I could equally as well spend on another aspect of my family history.

One of the couple of responses I did get took me to task for having *néé* instead of *née* a typo, sorry but I am human I am not a robot. This gentleman also took issue that I did not direct those who use Microsoft Word to Character Map, my attitude was to try to keep things as open as possible, I didn't wish to be presumptuous and take it for granted that everyone had Microsoft word. He did say that he might be being a little pedantic!!! 'might be', I'll leave that up to you my readers.

I don't have to do the newsletter, I do it because I like sharing and helping others. If someone thinks there are too many errors or thinks they can do better, I can easily find myself something else to do with my time.

Moving on, I also asked in the November newsletter that if you had any queries or questions, if you do then please ask, some really interesting questions have been asked:-

What is meant by the term 'Conditional Confirmation'?

When the Catholic Church cannot prove through Church documents that a certain person was baptized and confirmed, it does a conditional baptism and/or confirmation. That means if the person was confirmed before, then the conditional confirmation is not valid. A person cannot be confirmed twice. But, if the person was never confirmed before, then the conditional confirmation becomes the official confirmation of the person.

A conditional confirmation is necessary, when a person decides to get married, he/she must supply proof that he/she was baptized and confirmed. When such proof cannot be found because the person does not remember the name of the Church where he/she was confirmed or the records were destroyed by fire, then the Church implements a conditional confirmation. The ceremony for the conditional baptism and confirmation is similar to the standard liturgical procedure. Its implementation is simple and fairly quick, without any public announcements, large ceremonies, etc... However, prior to proceeding with a conditional confirmation, the pastor must make the necessary arrangements with the Bishop or his delegate.

You might find www.catholicdoors.com/faq/ helpful

What is a good site to get information on Registration Districts In England And Wales?

This is a vast subject to cover and you all have different counties and areas of interest so I suggest www.ukbmd.org.uk/genuki/reg/ hopefully it will cover most of your queries.

When were the various census taken?

1801 Tuesday 10th March

1811 Monday 27th May

1821 Monday 28th May

1831 Sunday 29th May

1841 Sunday 6th June

1851 Sunday 30th March

1861 Sunday 7th April

1871 Sunday 2nd April

1881 Sunday 3rd April

1891 Sunday 5th April

1901 Sunday 31st March

1911 Sunday 2nd April

First UK Census where the Census Return for a particular household or institution written directly by the "Head of Household" was used as the primary census return.

1921 Sunday 19th June

Includes if a marriage has been dissolved by divorce.

1931 Sunday 26th April

England and Wales – destroyed in 1942 fire; Northern Ireland – no census.

1939 Friday 29th September National Registration Act 1939.

1941 No census due to the Second World War.

1951 Sunday 8th April

1961 Sunday 23rd April

The first time a computer was used. An IBM 705 at the Royal Army Pay Corps, Worthy Down, Winchester, England Qualifications, migration, household tenure.

1966 Sunday 24th April

Long-form/short-form census, trial an alternative method of enumeration. Car ownership, method of travel to work.

1971 Sunday 25th April

1981 Sunday 5th April

1991 Sunday 21st April

Ethnic group, long-term limiting illness, central heating, term-time address of students.

2001 Sunday 29th April

Size of workforce, supervisor status, first question on religion on the main census form (England, Wales, and Scotland).

2011 Sunday 27 March

An option to complete the form online. Also provided English, Northern Irish, Scottish, Welsh and British national identity option following criticism that English and Welsh were absent from 2001. Includes questions relevant to civil partnerships. Other new questions involved asking migrants their date of arrival and how long they intended to stay in the UK; respondents also required to disclose which passports they held. A rehearsal census was conducted on 11 October 2009.

In case you haven't picked up on this information, the following is from the gov.uk.

www.gov.uk/government/news/relatives-of-adopted-adults-now-able-to-trace-family-tree

Children, grandchildren and other relatives of adopted adults can now trace back through their ancestors' lives - helping them to unearth their family history, discover more about their medical background and reach out to long-lost relatives under new rules introduced recently. Previously, only the person adopted and their birth relatives were able to use specialised adoption agencies to help shed light on their family history and make contact with their biological family members. The new rules will extend this right to all relatives of adopted adults, from children and grandchildren to partners and adoptive relatives, allowing greater openness in adoption while ensuring adopted people have the right to a private, family life.

Did you know that Britain from Above, has over 86,000 high resolution aerial photos that you can view free www.britainfromabove.org.uk/ The collection covers roughly the period 1919 -1953.

I have been notified of a website about past Mayors of Bolton.

www.boltonsmayors.org.uk/ and www.boltonsmayors.org.uk/flitcroft-t-e.html

A collection of websites for you that readers have come across and they have found useful or informative.

Bradford Central Library have made available Roll of Honour for 1914-1918, it lists all who served, includes addresses, units, if died. www.flickr.com/photos/bradfordww1/sets/

The BBC has put past issues of Radio Times online, with loads of fantastic and very interesting items. <http://genome.ch.bbc.co.uk/>

The records of the East India Company, relating to the Middle East have recently been digitised, a project funded by the Qatari government. Did you have relatives in the East India Company, or who maybe travelled on their ships through the Middle East could these records be the ones you have been waiting for www.qdl.qa/en the BBC have an article that might interest you www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-29702694

www.hebrideanconnections.com is a website aimed to bring Hebrideans together. Hebridean Connections combines local and family tradition, clan histories, church records and legends, that are matched to provide the real stories behind a family tree.

Hampshire Museums and Winchester Museums have announced that they joined forces on the 1st November creating Hampshire Cultural Trust with a fantastic range of exhibitions and events in the coming months

Franklin Carter Smith and Emily Anne Croom have written 'A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors', published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore. Emily has already written several good genealogy books, Franklin is a graduate of the University of Houston Law Center, who has researched his slave ancestry back to 1760.

If you are planning a trip to America to do your research then you might be interested to know that the DAR Library is now free to all genealogical researchers. The library holds many super collections of American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy, cultural and historical manuscripts plus publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. Not to mention more than 225,000 books, 10,000 research files to name just a few of the wonderful items available. Further details may be found at: www.dar.org/national-society/media-center/news-releases/research-dar-library-now-free-public

Ancestry.com have agreed a contract with The Indiana Commission on Public Records to digitise more than 13 million birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage records. Mike Pence stated that the birth and death certificates date back to the early 1900s, and that the state's marriage records are from 1958 through to 2005. This partnership will save the State of Indiana over \$3million, the online records will slowly become available. There is a three-year embargo so Ancestry.com can recoup its costs, the governor's office said. However, the State Archives will be able to provide public access to the records at its Indianapolis location once the records are digitised.

The Guild of One-Name Studies aka GoONS have confirmed its charitable aims of promoting the public understanding of one-name studies and the preservation and accessibility of the resultant information. The Guild was founded in 1979 it has grown steadily, with approximately 2,700 members spread across the world, studying about 8,750 individual surnames. Their website is www.one-name.org which is well worth checking out as they are expanding the services offered.

MyHeritage Library Edition is now available at all FamilySearch Family History Centres and libraries around the world, Family Search and MyHeritage have announced. To help you find your nearest LDS [Latter Day Saints] family history centre please try this link <https://familysearch.org/locations/centerlocator?cid=hp2-1047>.

Those of you awaiting the records for British volunteers in the First World War, well British Red Cross have started making the records available. They are slowly coming online, they so far A-D/E online, the rest are coming www.redcross.org.uk/About-us/Who-we-are/History-and-origin/First-World-War

Researching families before the start of parish registers isn't easy, but are you aware of the mediaeval soldier database? <http://www.medievalsoldier.org/search.php>

Seattle Genealogical Society have announced the availability of a huge database, the SGS King County Court Cases Index, 1881-1980, aka KC3I. The index contains about 1.7 million records, covering over 700,000 of the entries for divorces and other end-of marriage cases, as well as nearly 300,000 more probate and similar cases.

KC3I is an index only, so what sort of information could you find?

 Informs you if your ancestor was a party in one or more cases during this period;

 Lists the date and a few other details about each case (such as date of marriage or death, wife's maiden name, etc.); and

 Provides you with the case number and date of each case.

Once you have the case numbers, you can take your research further you can obtain the complete case records from the King County Court Clerk's office.

For more information, please visit <http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/kc3i> or email us at SGSkc3iLookups@gmail.com.

The book 'The Surnames of Wales' by John and Sheila Rowlands has been updated and expanded, this book was first published in 1996

Back in January 2014 the Library and Archives of Canada announced a project to digitise 640,000 Canadian Expeditionary Force personnel service files, this was part of the Canadian First World War commemoration activities organised by the Government of Canada. The first of these records have started to appear on <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/first-world-war-1914-1918-cef/Pages/canadian-expeditionary-force.aspx>

Cook County Cemetery in Dunning, Chicago, Illinois, was a potters field serving the poor and indigent of the county, with about 38,000 burials. Those buried at this cemetery, came from various places including County Poor house and farm that opened 1854, the Asylum for the insane which opened 1869, the infirmary opened later in 1882, the Consumptive hospital aka [TB] opened in 1899. Also resting at this cemetery I believe are about 120 who died during the Great Chicago Fire in October 1871. This project now has about 10,000 names in it, a long way from 38,000 people believed buried in Dunning, it is thought that not all records have survived. You will find the website here <http://cookcountycemetery.com> where you will also find more on the history of the cemetery.

GENP, a genealogy program from Cocolsoft Computer Solutions, has announced that it can import data from The Master Genealogist (TMG) which has now been discontinued.

However as the import is via a Gedcom file the same may well be said for many other genealogy programs, although some will produce better results than others as the Gedcom 'standard' is not supported or used in the same way by all.

Their website GENP www.genp.com.au gives more details and some images on the transferred data.

They do however offer a free demo version and discounts for people who already have licensed copies of several other genealogical programs, including TMG. I haven't used the program myself so cannot give any feedback on its performance or value for money.

The BBC have some brilliant projects, the Genome project, is a good excuse to take a trip down memory lane. BBC listings information that the BBC printed in Radio Times between about 1923 and 2009, can be searched for BBC programmes, people, dates and Radio Times editions. TV broadcasts began in 1937 but closed for the duration of the Second World War.

How we choose to remember others or to be remembered varies considerably, often in a creative way. I wonder if anyone can come up with a more creative way to what Mesoloft are offering? Mesoloft are a small team of people with an aerospace engineering and satellite background, who offer to honor the wishes of the departed loved one by lifting their cremated remains into space. Their web site www.mesoloft.com gives you more information and a video for you to watch by clicking on the link.

Then I was made aware of 'Eternal Reefs' who are creating permanent living legacies, offering a living memorial in the form of being part of a reef and also helping to rebuild the ocean reefs, adding and improving the habitat for marine life. To read more on this the website is <http://eternalreefs.com/>

Find A Grave has a new system allowing you to 'Upload and Transcribe' it is very much in its infancy but will allow you to share your visits to cemeteries, by uploading cemetery headstone photographs along with the monumental inscription.

The Wellcome Library will join with the Borthwick Institute for Archives, London Metropolitan Archives, Dumfries and Galloway Council Archives, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Archives, and the Royal College of Psychiatrists for their latest project. Which is to bring together documents from the York Retreat, St Luke's Hospital Woodside, Crichton Royal Hospital, Gartnavel Royal Hospital and Camberwell House Asylum.

I have mentioned before the benefits of listening to a podcast if you cannot get to a meeting to hear a speaker. The English Catholic History Association have released several via iTunes and <http://echa.org.uk/>

Carmarthenshire Archives, which was established in 1959, have to review the suitability of their premises at Parc Myrddin. Sadly they have identified active mould growth in the strong rooms and it has affected some of the collections. As a result family history enquiries have been transferred to the libraries of Carmarthen and Llanelli. For the latest information their Senior Cultural Services Manager, Jane Davies can be contacted by email janedavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk or phone on 01554 742180.

Maybe this would be a timely time to mention the Anzac database www.geraldineanzaccommemorations.co.nz/history/

On the 10th November, the founder members announced the launch of The Surname Society, an online society for those with an interest in studying surnames, irrespective of where in the world, you or the surname is general found, or your level of research experience. " The Surname Society's vision is to connect like-minded people by providing facilities which enable members to share knowledge, data and good practice with others." Have a look at their website <http://surname-society.org/>

Rootsireland.ie have the full list of what is available for the North Mayo centre here is the link. <http://mayo.rootsireland.ie/generic.php?filename=sources.tpl&selectedMenu=sources>

WW1 and WW2 websites are extremely popular at the moment, here are some WW1 related websites that may be of interest to you. The International Red Cross have made their WW1 Prisoners of War index cards available, <http://grandeguerre.icrc.org/> The Imperial War Museum are inviting people to add photos and information about their relatives who fought in WW1 to their database <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/> The diaries of Margaret Kelly of Kelly House near Tavistock are being put online day by day 100 years after the entry. <http://kelly-house.co.uk/margarets-ww1-diary-100-years/>

The Marine Corps Combat Recordings offer an amazing and vivid accounting of the war in the South Pacific during World War II. The website <http://blogs.loc.gov/now-see-hear/2014/11/earwitness-to-history-the-marine-corps-combat-recordings/> allows you to listen to actual recordings

Recently Jackie emailed to tell me all about project the U3A group she co-ordinates is doing. Jackie writes

" Over the last 2 years we have been researching the 1914 - 1919 War Memorial in a neighbouring village, called Bitteswell. We have been looking at the men behind the names on the memorial, and also the 49 that returned from the War. We have just produced a printed book of approximately 60 pages which is now available in the local area for people to purchase, for just £3. This is just to cover the printing costs, and there is no profit being made. The interest being shown in both Lutterworth and Bitteswell is quite amazing. The reason for 1919 is that one of the 18 on the War Memorial volunteered for an international force that went to Russia to help the White Russians against the Bolsheviks. He died in Murmansk, having survived the horrors of the Great War."

The Irish War Memorial Records listing the names of over 49,000 men who died in the first World War, are being updated. The Government is combining with Google and the In Flanders Fields museum in Ypres to update the records that were first created in 1922. The aim of the project is to give a more accurate picture of how Irishmen died in the war. For more information and the database

<http://imr.inflandersfields.be/>

WikiTree's Relationship Finder now lets you browse all your common ancestors, this is possible because WikiTree members are collaborating on a single tree for the entire human family. Genetic genealogist Dr. Tim Janzen is recorded as saying . "With smaller unlinked trees it's frequently impossible to see all of the true genealogical connections with the people who share autosomal DNA with us. We are finally getting to the point where this vision is becoming a reality at WikiTree." Have a look at the website for more information www.WikiTree.com

More Essex records go online, Essex Ancestors are aiming showcase their county. "Digital images of these historic documents – some of them over 500 years old – are now available so that people all around the world with connections to our county can research their family history and even learn where their family heirlooms originate from." Councillor Roger Hirst is recorded to have said. As a subscriber to Essex Ancestors you can access the records from the comfort of your own home, or for free in the searchroom at the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford. Don't forget there are Archive Access Points in Saffron Walden, Harlow and shortly Waltham Forest Archives. I think the best place to check for the latest information is Essex Records Office Blog at www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/where-theres-a-will-major-update-to-essex-ancestors.

Many children were sent to Australia without their parents under Child Migration Schemes, if you have or think a child in your family tree was sent out under these schemes, then maybe this link will be helpful to you www.naa.gov.au/collection/fact-sheets/fs147.aspx

This reminds me of a DVD 'Oranges and Sunshine' which I found very moving.

In my last newsletter I mentioned Paperchase as a supplier of acid free paper and folders. Recently I was shopping in Tescos when I spotted a sale area, always one for a bargain I checked it out. I picked up two packets of Pilot Acroball pens each had three pens. The pens looked good and as I do a fair amount of writing I like a good pen. However searching the internet I then found out that these pens are "archive safe" www.pilotpen.co.uk/en/must-have/acrobball/acrobball-begreen-medium-tip-c/acrobball-begreen-medium-tip.html A very good bargain as I paid just £2.50 for six pens [black, blue, red, purple, pink and turquoise] a saving of about £15 depending where you normally purchase your pens from.

Family Historian have released version 6, although I have Family Historian, I haven't updated to the latest version. There are so many programmes most are very good and which programme you use is solely down to your personnel choice. However you can download a demo version here www.family-historian.co.uk/downloads there is also the option to download an upgrade to the latest version if you already have Family Historian.

Synium Software has announced updates to both MacFamilyTree for Macintosh and MobileFamilyTree for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch systems.

MacFamilyTree version 7.3 is optimized for Apple's new operating system Yosemite.

MobileFamilyTree 7.3 has been updated to match the capabilities within MacFamilyTree version 7.3

Both are offered as free upgrades to existing customers with versions 7.0, 7.1 or 7.2 of the programs. For full details of the programs got to <http://www.syniumsoftware.com/macfamilytree> and <http://www.syniumsoftware.com/mobilefamilytree>.

North West Film Archive is available at the Manchester Central Library where there is free access to over 400 titles from the North West Film Archive collections. It is advisable to book time as the viewing pods which are located on the Ground Floor could be busy when you visit. A wide range of subjects are covered such as work, local industry, leisure, holiday-making, sport and entertainment and wartime experiences.

North West Film Archives have released a DVD 'Life on the Home Front in North West England' to mark the centenary of the First World War. The DVD costs £12 and is available from North East Film Archive; Lincolnshire Film Archives; Media Archive For Central England; South West Film and Television Archive and Scottish Screen Archives.

Did you know that the Chinese Community in Liverpool is the oldest in Europe? The first arrival of Chinese people dates back to the early 19th century when the first trade ship direct from China arrived in Liverpool's docks. Fighting along side the British in the First World War in the Chinese Labour Corps, the Corps formed the largest contingent of overseas labour deployed by the British during the First World War. Last August a video was launched to mark the 97th Anniversary of China declaring war on Germany. It is hoped it will also help to promote 'Ensuring We Remember' a campaign aimed to establish Britain's first memorial to the 96,000 volunteers of the Chinese Labour Corps.

The Colonial Nursing Association was formed in 1896 and later became known as the Overseas Nursing Association [ONA]. When it was formed skilled nurses were unknown in isolated places and British officials, settlers and their families were severely disadvantaged when they were ill.

The Association sent trained private nurses to Crown Colonies and small English Communities in foreign countries. These nurses were recruited from recognised training schools for nurses in the England and a committee based in London undertook the recruitment, a Scottish branch of the Association existed between 1909-1956. The UK branch finished in 1966 when all records were handed over to the Bodleian Library to form part of its African and Commonwealth collections.

Budget cuts have resulted in Denbighshire Archives, needing to modernise and reduce their opening hours. Sarah Winning, Archivist writes:-

"By reducing our opening hours, we will provide a reasonable level of public opening hours for visitors, whilst also allowing staff more time to spend on essential behind the scenes work, including: cataloguing, publishing our catalogue of holdings online, digitising collections and making them available online digital preservation.

We are proposing to reduce the opening hours from the current 28 hours a week, to 17 hours a week from January 2015.

The new opening hours will come into effect in January 2015.

Sarah Winning

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E-mail: archives@denbighshire.gov.uk Website: www.denbighshire.gov.uk/archives

In case you haven't registered the fact WDYT YA Live aka Who Do You Think You Are Live moves from February to 16th-18th April 2015 and from London Olympia to NEC Birmingham. For more detail their website is www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/news/next-stop-birmingham

Following my request for clues as to what you would like to read about, one person said they liked to read about the unusual.



I don't think I have seen or read about any similar burials but I found this so touching.

When a Catholic lady and her husband a Protestant died they couldn't be buried together.

J.W.C van Gorcum, colonel of the Dutch Cavalry and militia commissioner in Limburg, is buried in the protestant part of the cemetery.

Whilst his wife, lady J.C.P.H van Aefferden, is buried in the Catholic part.

They were married in 1842, the lady was 22 and the colonel was 33, but he was a protestant and didn't belong to the nobility.

After 38 years of marriage the colonel died in 1880,

Lady J.C.P.H van Aefferden died in 1888 and decided not to be buried in the family tomb but on the other side of the wall, which was the closest she could get to her husband.

Two clasped hands connect the graves across the wall.

The Museum of Liverpool has until 12 July 2015 an exhibition 'Reflecting on Liverpool's Home Front'. Exploring questions like "Was every woman empowered by her war-time experience?" or "Just how generous were Liverpool citizens?" Their website is www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol/exhibitions/first-world-war

A new family history programme has been launched 'Rootstrust' I know very little about it at the time of writing, so I will simply give you the website so you can make your own judgements www.rootstrust.com/

Following on the theme of different / unexpected / odd / weird etc. Did you know that the Co-operative Funeralcare did a survey of songs played at 30,000 funerals in the U.K.? Music played at funerals ranged from traditional hymns, football anthems and classic pop songs. The most popular song was Monty Python's *Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life*, a song from The Monty Python movie, *The Life of Brian*. If you are not aware of this piece of music YouTube has a video clip of the song from the movie *The Life of Brian* at <http://youtu.be/WIBiLNN1NhQ>.

TheGenealogist have added more than 22,000 records to their Headstone Project. Monumental Inscriptions can often reveal facts, not recorded elsewhere, such as dates and details of other family members. The records are linked to images of the stones and maps to locate the actual burial grounds, they are searchable by name, year of death and graveyard. In the latest release of this project are several famous names such as Jesse Boot who started Boots the Chemist aka the first Baron Trent of Nottingham and his wife Florence, and Sir William Edmond Heygate Colborne (Billy) Butlin, showman and holiday camp entrepreneur.

Are you aware that West Yorkshire Archive Service has a wonderful collection of information guides?
www.archives.wyjs.org.uk/archives-collections-guides.asp

Has someone you are searching for gone missing? It might be worth checking the 1939 registration card index "census" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Registration_Act_1939 . The records are held by the National Archives and extracts are expensive and require a Freedom of Information request.

FamilySearch discontinued in December 2014 their Photo duplication Services. FamilySearch report "As more microfilm and books are digitized and added to FamilySearch.org, and more links are made available to partner sites that already have this information digitized, the need for photoduplication will decrease. FamilySearch is attempting to digitize as many resources as possible and make these available online. If the film or book has been digitized, you can print your own copies directly from the web site, if printing the image is not restricted by the copyright holder."

One of the queries I received was from a gentleman struggling to find details of his biological father, and has asked if I could cover in someway 'adoptions' before the 1st January 1927 when the Adoption Register started.

Finding and proving a biological parentage before January 1927 is extremely difficult and fairly rare but not impossible. They were generally informally conducted between the child's parent/s or guardian/s and the adoptive parents. Quite often the child being looked for would have been looked after / adopted / fostered by other family members, friends or neighbours. Sometimes the child would keep their original name, whilst others might take the family name of the adoptive parents. This was often determined by the age of the child, but not always. These informal 'Adoptions' rarely had any official records. Some pre 1927 adoptions were arranged by adoption societies such as the Church of England Children's Society, who maintained records of the adoptions that they arranged. www.childrenssociety.org.uk/

For pre 1927 'adoptions' you could also try searching the local newspapers for advertisements, try searching the following terms or variants of Baby Farms, Fosterers', Child sales, Professional Child Adopters, or even taken in my family. It was a hard life in the early 1900's and murderous institutions existed, when babies were handed over by the mother to what they believed to be a better life, it often wasn't. Children were turned out onto the streets, the lucky ones found themselves in Mission Schools, lodging homes, or the Waifs and Strays Society.

Gentleman's Clubs would rent a child for 15/- a child or if the child was under two years old the child might be purchased for £12. With more and more records coming online all the time do keep checking sites you have previously checked in case the record you are searching for has been added.

Don't rule out orphanages, foundling hospitals, or even Spurgeon Homes and Royal St Anne's School, as these were all part of the system. Other institutions worth checking are Barnados, Metropolitan & City Police Orphanage, Midland Railway Servant Orphanage, Quarriers Homes, The Roman Catholic Society, National Children's Home and Liverpool Sheltered Homes to name a few.

Some children were sent to Canada or Australia, a particularly poignant DVD on this subject is Oranges and Sunshine, it is deep and powerful and based on a true story. I got my copy from Amazon for about £7.00.

If the child was sent to Australia search for 'Ragged School' and 'Farm School Movement' records, you might just get lucky.

It is important to keep an open mind, check for Bastardy Bonds in the Parish Chest, sometimes you will find that a vicar has been particularly helpful by recording a snippet in the column beside a baptism in the parish records.

Search for hospital records although you may not be allowed to view the original because it is still covered by copyright, Archivists will generally transcribe a record if it is pertaining to yourself or you can prove a direct link to the person and or they have died.

Here are a couple of links to guides that you might find helpful:-

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/adoption.htm

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~boltongenealogy/edens_orphanage/edens_orphanage.html

www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2014/2696/pdfs/ukxi_20142696_en.pdf

www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk/search/questions/

If you search the internet using a search tool like google, subject to your search criteria your search will give you many sites full of interesting information which I hope will help you.

There was an article in the February 2015 edition of 'Your Family Tree' regarding post 1st January 1927 adoptions written I believe by Becky Bayley.

If you feel like reading a book 'The Unmarried Mother' by Sheila Tofield it is the true story of an unmarried mother's fight to keep her child in the 1950's. I regularly find true story books in Tesco's, Sainsburys and 'The Works' at reduced price sometimes for as little as 3 for £5 if the full price is £6.99 it is a brilliant saving, as well as being an eye opener to what life was like.

If you have read and can recommend a book to fellow historians, please do feel free to share with me so I can share with others via this newsletter.

I have been advised that the Federal Archives have a backlog of 98,000 boxes of undocumented government records, some dating back to 1890. Library and Archives Canada aka [LAC], the permanent repository for historically valuable government records has reportedly vowed to come up with a way of tackling this mountain of textual records, maps, microfiches, digital records and sound recordings.

I am always wondering what to mention in this newsletter because readers vary between beginners and very experienced, to those still learning what their computer is able to do and how to get it to do things. Therefore I thought I would mention WorldCat the world's largest library network with a vast content and range of services. This online library catalogue lets you look up items in libraries around the world, and it is free. WorldCat identifies the book's title, author, publisher, and more and then shows the participating libraries where the book is available. You can search distant libraries, The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has its collections catalogued on WorldCat as well as on its own web site. In addition, many other genealogy libraries also have their catalogs available in WorldCat, here are a few of them for you:-

Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research in Houston, Texas
Albany Regional Family History Society Inc. in Albany, Western Australia
Caribbean Genealogy Library in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
Harrison County Genealogy Library in Bethany, Missouri

Searches work in a similar way to Google: the first few "hits" are the most popular of the entries in the WorldCat database that match the search terms you specified. If you get too many irrelevant results from the basic search then you can always use the advanced search to fine tune the search to your needs.

WorldCat don't have all the answers you might be looking for but if you haven't tried it then it is worth a go www.worldcat.org

According to the National Library of Ireland this year they will be putting the Catholic Parish Registers online. www.nli.ie/ their are lots of Irish records which have been added to website over the past year, so if you haven't checked a site recently now is the time to revisit those websites.

Did you know that The Imperial War Museums [IWM] have added records for Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and Royal Air Force [RAF] to Lives of the First World War. Lives of the First World War was launched in May 2014 they would appreciate anyone's' help and contributions to this digital memorial, by uploading photographs, memories and linking official records to tell life stories.

Whilst talking about Imperial War Museums are you aware that there is a petition opposing the closure of the museum. www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-29966987?utm_source=IHGS+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm_campaign=a015426ba6-IHGS_Newsletter_1578_4_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fc6034c01e-a015426ba6-7984629

I have been told about 'The Interval' in San Francisco it is a bar, cafe, and museum. Apparently Jennifer Colliau the barmaid enjoys researching and reintroducing cocktails that have long been forgotten, using alcoholic archaeology, she uncovers lost cocktails and often recreates ingredients, such as pineapple gum syrup, that have been lost for some time in their original forms. It is quite possible that these are drinks that our ancestors enjoyed. The Interval may be found at 2 Marina Blvd Bldg A, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA 94123 as well as on the Web at <http://theinterval.org>.

It is lovely to hear good news, All Souls Church in Astley Street, Bolton was built in 1881 and then fell into disrepair with the decline of the cotton industry and congregations in the town. This derelict Grade II* listed church has reopened for the first time in 28 years after being redeveloped as a community centre in a £4.9m project, organised by the Churches Conservation Trust who has worked with the community to renovate the church for the last 10 years. It has been announced that this project has won Best Rescue award from English Heritage www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-30337560

If your have ancestors in the records of Hartshead-cum-Clifton then you might be interested to know that they now have a one place study which is online at www.hartshead.org.uk

Brookwood Cemetery, in Brookwood, Surrey, which is said to be the largest in the country, has been purchased by the local council [Woking Borough] following complaints that the cemetery had fallen into disrepair. The cemetery was founded in 1852 to provide resting places for bodies from London. Woking Borough Council said the cemetery had declined in quality since World War One due to a lack of investment. Council leader John Kingsbury is reported as saying "We decided we owed it to future generations to intervene now." The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the American Battle Monuments Commission independently manage the war graves at the cemetery. These are not included in the area now owned by the council. The council bought the shares from Diane Holliday, who was the previous owner operator of Brookwood. www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-surrey-30462932

With one of my own family history group vanishing off to South Africa to visit family and hopefully extend her family tree I wondered if others might be interested in this site. www.historicalpapers.wits.ac.za/ here you will find links South African parish registers. You will also find records on FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927115> A search of google for South Africa Family History brings up several sites which you might find helpful.

Another site that I find interesting is also has information on both the Fletcher Street Workhouse and the Goose Cote Workhouse at Turton. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~boltongenealogy/index.html>

On the subject of workhouse's you might find this book of interest 'A Paupers' Palace' by Betty Connor.

If you are planning on visiting the Battlefields you will find very helpful guides on the www.1914-1918.net/onthetrail/index.php/visit-the-battlefields/ website. Another useful part of the site covers abbreviations www.1914-1918.net/abbrev.htm hope you find this website as interesting as I do.

We often hear that Churchyards and Cemeteries are getting full, so I guess I shouldn't of been surprised to read that the Buddhist Temple, Meguro Anyoin, in Tokyo, has huge vaults containing over 7,000 urns of which are stored in a massive warehouse that was developed by the car manufacturers Toyota. Mourners simply put in a code and a small urn with a person's remains pops out of a slot. Just like a cashpoint or vending machine. Oh dear this feels so disrespectful to me, I hope it doesn't happen here. Read more here www.ozy.com/fast-forward/your-dearly-departed-in-a-vending-machine/37417.

Did you know you can now look up all post 1858 wills, for free, at www.gov.uk/search-will-probate. Once found you can order a copy of the will online. However at the time of writing this it isn't trouble free, there are inconsistencies between the pre-1996 and post-1996 systems, it is impossible to find wills where the person died before 1996, but probate was not granted until 1996 or later. I have also heard of problems if you are trying to use the site via an ipad or tablet. Another problem is that Probate Calendars are requested according to the date of probate, yet you need year of death for Wills! Don't forget you can search probate records on Ancestry until 1966, if you don't have a subscription to Ancestry see if the site is available at your local library, if so it could be free to use. Generally the website and search facilities are working well and it particularly helpful to look up probate dated after 1966 the last year available on the Ancestry website. Searching is free but you will have to pay £10 for a copy of the Will.

Over the many years of researching it is extremely easy to become complacent with our research, so I thought I would share one of my family history stories with you.

Having searched and searched I could not find the marriage of my cousin, maybe they didn't marry, I had searched all the original parish marriage records on microfiche for the surrounding area, nothing. I asked my immediate family, yes Marie definitely married, and yes it was definitely in Fleet, Hampshire. Could she have married anywhere else, adamantly NO I was told. So me, being me, I searching overseas and guess what she married on the 12th October 1946 in Karachi, India, why am I so sure, I have purchased the marriage certificate, which gives her correct age, fathers details and occupation.

They [Marie and her husband] were with the Gurkha's, he was recorded as a Lieut. in the 6th Gurkha rifles, however, although everything is correct on the marriage certificate. His age is given as 20, I am reliably informed by a trusted military historian that he shouldn't have been a Lieut. until he was much older.

Another story that I read recently was how a lady was watching a recorded television programme with her husband. It was about the Wild West, they were explaining the problems met by the "homesteaders" who journeyed over the plains to the west. Linda records:-

"One particular journey recalled of a woman died in childbirth in the middle of "nowhere", and they showed a memorial stone with her name - Charlotte Dansie. "Stop!" she shouted to husband, rewind please - Dansie is a family name. Reading the very detailed memorial inscription carefully - yes, born in Suffolk, married 8 Apr 1849. Turning to her family tree program to check - yes, dates agreed. She had no idea that they had emigrated."

Oh what a wonderful find. Do you have an interesting find you could share with readers of this newsletter please?

Did you see this article in the Mirror? www.mirror.co.uk/news/ampp3d/missed-out-new-years-honours-4897332 ? are you ledgeble for a Coat of Arms or do you have one? Maybe you would like to tell us about your Coat of Arms or the reason you are not ledgeble?

Have you come across Genscriber? it is a free program created by Les HArdy to work on Windows and Linux, the Mac version works as a Windows version packaged inside a wineskin wrapper, [an area I am not conversant with, sorry]. Genscriber is essentially a transcription editor for genealogical records such as Church records and census.

I haven't used it but it appears that Genscriber was designed to be helpful when transcribing digital images of old, handwritten documents. GenScriber is free for non-commercial use, have a look at the website <http://genscriber.com/genapps> there are also some videos showing how to get the best from GenScriber http://genscriber.com/genapps/genscriber/help/tips_and_tutorials/200_videos.

If you have used it, would you please contact me, as I am sure this is something which could be of great help to the visually impaired family Historians amongst us.

The 1871 British Army Index, did you just pass it by because you are not sure what information it contained to help you? You will find a much more detailed information about the records here www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/further-information-on-the-1871-worldwide-british-army-index?sourceID=13 The records include soldiers who would have been overseas at the time of the 1871 census, this could potentially help you to find soldiers that were based in Britain and not on the 1871 census or is one of those incorrectly transcribed. The Index has been compiled using the WO10, WO11, and WO12 series of War Office pay lists held at the National Archives.

Over the Christmas period I was made aware of this website for Colyton, Devon if you have ancestors there, the site might be very useful to you <http://colytonheritagecentre.org/family-history/>

For the history of the Foundation for Documentation of Jewish Cemeteries and full description of its activities, see: www.jri-poland.net/foundation-for-documentation-jewish-cemeteries.htm.

The Ash U3A Family History Group who announced details of their network study day to be held on 9th April 2015 at The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Surrey, GU12 5DP at end of October 2014, say it is now well booked.

A few spaces are still available, if you would like to attend or have any queries please email Heather heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com To confirm if they still have any spaces for this VERY popular event please call 07788941246

Registration from 9.30am with the opening welcome at 10am followed by the first speaker.

The speakers are:-

Jane Hurst 'Using Newspapers Records'

Mark Bayley 'Discovering your Ancestors in the First World War'

Mary Bennett 'Childhood in Surrey & Hampshire' 17th to 19th century – a study of childhood, poverty, foundlings, education, work & play, using original records for the period, although Surrey & Hampshire this talk is relevant UK wide

Heather Hicks 'Which Way' Various ways we could go about our research, with a few hints and tips. Closing words at 4.15pm

Delegates are requested to bring a packed lunch, the cost for the day is £10. If you are not a U3A member and would like to attend, any spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis, so get your self on the waiting list.

Dating photographs has for me never been the easiest of problems to solve, family members have a habit of looking similar! What they are wearing is often very useful, so when I was made aware of this website <http://mashable.com/2015/01/01/edwardian-fashion-photography> I thought I would share it with you.

Edward Linley Sambourne who was born in 1844 enjoyed his hobby of photography, he captured fashion in the early 20th century. Photographing friends, family and servants, this hobby slowly became more of an obsession. Edward was an illustrator and the chief cartoonist of the English magazine *Punch*.

Many of you I am sure will remember 'Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness' aka RAOGK, an online website which was originally created by Bridgett and Doc Schneider. Volunteers agreed to do at least one free look up each month giving their research time free, but they could charge for expenses such as postage, parking fees, any printing charges etc.etc. Very sadly Bridgett Schneider died in November 2011, and the site went offline.

Now it is back www.raogk.org obviously they will need to build up their volunteer researchers again, but it is wonderful to have this facility back online. As the RAOGK website says " Our volunteers take time to do everything from looking up courthouse records to taking pictures of tombstones. All they ask in return is reimbursement for their expenses (never their time) and a thank you."

One thing I have noticed though, is when you click on the "free genealogy forms" you can not see the forms and the link takes you to a webpage where if you are not VERY careful you could find yourself downloading unwanted programmes to your computer.

Roots magic and Family historian have now both added a linked internet search using the MyHeritage web databases so that it is no longer needed to run a search on a separate web based program then copy the data into your database. This means that the techniques of Myheritage, Smart Matching™ and Record Matching, can now, I believe, be linked to your own database to offer possible matches to people missing from your tree. Viewing the matches is free but accessing actual matching records to view documents and full indexes will require a separate subscription from MyHeritage!!.

Sounds good, at least at first look, but it must mean that your database would be linked to an internet site, with no, or little, control over what is passed from your information onto the web site database. Very risky I would suspect. Also, as I have seen it said that the accuracy is 95-98% accurate, what about the other 2-5% that are not obvious and seem to be eliminated from the offered matches. Any one relatively new, or not careful enough, is likely to just trust such an accurate and restricted offering and accept seemingly good suggestions for the other 2-5%.

If we are going to act as true genealogists, I think we should choose what questions, using our own experience and intelligence, and then select a result from a wide range of possibilities and not just the neat group as this suggests. We can then use whichever databases we wish, choosing the one most suitable for the area and period being searched.

I openly admit that I am not a fan of MyHeritage because when ever I have tried to use it was a nightmare not to attempt what they saw was the answer to my search request. Added to that it kept on wanting to install programmes I that didn't want and had not requested.

If you like MyHeritage and have positive feedback I am more than happy to include your positive comments, however at the moment it is all negative.

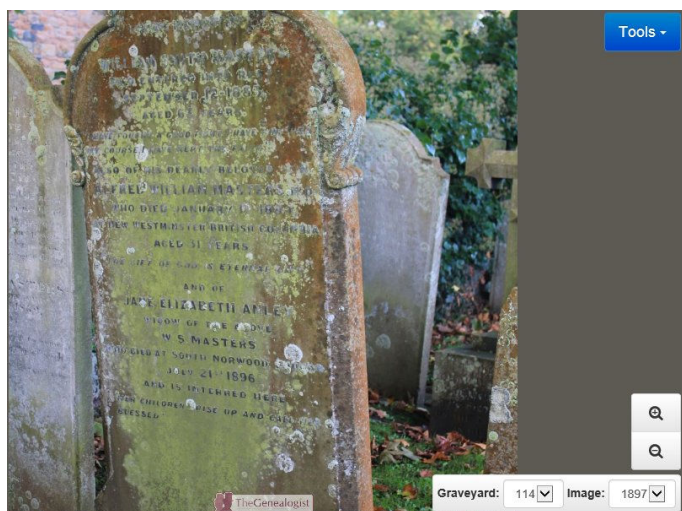
Mapping the Freedmen's Bureau www.mappingthefreedmensbureau.com is a new website which aims to help to give a historical landscape background to where your ancestors lived. The website cover the civil war times period and includes some information on enslaved people and contraband camps

TheGenealogist, the UK's largest genealogical website which is also part of S&N Genealogical Supplies has added to their Headstone project. You can search by First name and or Surname but you must include one of these, there is also the option to choose which of the cemeteries you would like to search, but you can search all if you like.

I searched on Jane Masters,

The screenshot shows the search results for Jane Elizabeth Masters. The search criteria are: Forename: Jane, Surname: Masters, Date of Death: 21st July 1896, Graveyard: St Saviour's Cemetery and Churchyard, St Saviour, Jersey. The results table shows one result: Jane Elizabeth Masters, 21st July 1896, St Saviour's Cemetery and Churchyard, St Saviour, Jersey. There are icons for transcript, photo, and other actions.

The second will take you to a photograph of the grave stone itself



The fourth icon, is for you to report any errors, staff at TheGenealogist are very keen to keep their very high level of accuracy.

Here is a list of the cemeteries covered so far in the on going project

Cyprus

Dhekelia British Cemetery, Larnaca
Famagusta British Cemetery, Ammochostos
Polemidoa British Cemetery, Limassol
The Old British Cemetery (İngiliz Mezarlığı), Kyrenia
Troodos Military Cemetery, Troodos
Waynes Keep Military Cemetery, Nicosia

Buckinghamshire

St George the Martyr, Wolverton
St James the Great, Hanslope

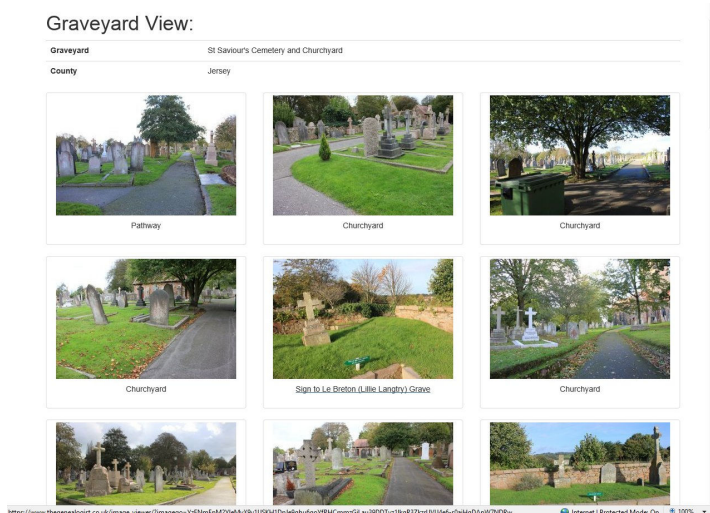
Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Central Province

British Garrison Cemetery, Kandy

To the right of Jersey [the very righthand side] there are four clickable icons, the first will take you to the transcript of the entry,

The screenshot shows the full entry details for Jane Elizabeth Masters. The details include: Forename: Jane Elizabeth, Surname: Masters, Date of Death: 21st July 1896, Relation: Wife, Maiden Name: Anley, Notes: Widow of the Above W.S. Masters Who Died At South Norwood, London and Is Interred Here., Others on Stone: William Smith Masters (Head), Alfred William Masters (Son), Graveyard: St Saviour's Cemetery and Churchyard, Street: La Ruelle De Sacrement, Town: St Saviour, County: Jersey, Country: Channel Islands. There are icons for transcript, photo, and other actions.

The third icon will take you to more photographs taken around the cemetery concerned.



Devon

St Paul's Church, Starcross

Durham

All Saints, Great Stainton
All Saints, Lanchester
Auckland St Helen, Bishop Auckland
Binchester Cemetery, Bishop Auckland
Bishop Auckland Town Cemetery, Bishop Auckland
Brandon Cemetery, Brandon Village, Brandon
Crook Churchyard, Crook
Croxdale Cemetery, Croxdale
Evenwood Cemetery, Evenwood
Holy Innocents Churchyard, Spennymoor
Holy Trinity, Darlington
Metal Bridge Cemetery (Cornforth Roman Catholic Cemetery), Cornforth
Newfield Cemetery, Newfield
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning
Quarrington Hill Cemetery, Quarrington Hill
St Andrew, Sadberge
St Andrew Auckland, South Church, Bishop Auckland
St Andrews, Newton Aycliffe
St Bartholomews, Croxdale
St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth
St Charles Roman Catholic Church, Spennymoor
St Edmund, Sedgefield
St Edwin, High Conniscliffe
St Helens, Kelloe
St Hilda's Parish Church, Hartlepool
St James, Coundon
St John, Shildon

Gloucestershire

St James Church, Colesbourne
St John the Baptist, Cirencester

Jersey

Almorah Cemetery, St Helier
Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation and the Martyrs of Japan (St Martins Roman Catholic Church), St Martin
Cimetiere A L'usage De Tous Les Cultes, St Peter
Cimetiere De L'union, Maufant, Trinity
Cimetiere Macpela (Nonconformist Cemetery), Sion
Green Street Cemetery, St Helier
Grouville Parish Church and Graveyard
Extension, Grouville
La Croix Grouville, Grouville

St John the Evangelist, Kirk Merrington
St John the Evangelist, Seaham
St Margaret of Antioch, Durham
St Mark, Eldon, Bishop Auckland
St Mary, Barnard Castle
St Mary, Coxhoe
St Mary, Rokeby, Barnard Castle
St Mary and St Cuthbert, Chester Le Street
St Mary Magdalene, Trimdon Village, Trimdon
St Mary the Less, Durham
St Mary the Virgin, Middleton-In-Teesdale
St Mary the Virgin, Shincliffe
St Mary the Virgin, Staindrop
St Mary the Virgin Old Seaham, Seaham
St Michael and All Angels, Heighington
St Michael's Church, Bishop Middleham
St Oswald's, Durham
St Oswald's Institute, Durham
St Oswalds Burial Ground, Durham
St Pauls, Trimdon Colliery, Trimdon
St Pauls Church, Spennymoor
St Peters Church, Bishopton
St Peters Church, Byers Green
St Stephens Church, Willington
Trimdon Grange Cemetery, Trimdon
Ushaw Moor Cemetery, Ushaw Moor
West Cemetery, Darlington
Whitworth Church, Whitworth
York Hill Cemetery (Tudhoe), Spennymoor

St Peters, Rodmarton

Mont à L'abbé Cemetery (New), St Helier
Mont à L'abbé Cemetery (Old), St Helier
St Brelade's Churchyard
St Brelade's New Cemetery, St Brelade's
St Clements Parish Church, St Clement
St Helier Parish Church, St Helier
St Helier War Cemetery, St Helier
St John's Cemetery, St John
St John's Churchyard, St John
St Lawrence Churchyard, St Lawrence
St Martin Le Vieux, St Martin
St Mary's Parish Church, St Mary's Village
St Mathew's Roman Catholic Church, St Peter

St Ouens Church With St George, St Ouens
St Peters Churchyard, St Peters

St Saviour's Cemetery and Churchyard, St
Saviour
Trinity Churchyard, Trinity

Leicestershire

St Mary and St Hardulph Churchyard, Breedon On the Hill

North Yorkshire

St Mary, Richmond

St Michael and All Angels, Downholme

Northamptonshire

St Bartholomews, Furtho

Somerset

Saint Andrew, Burnham-On-Sea

Saint Bridget's Anglican Church, Brean

Tyne and Wear

St Marys Heritage Church, Gateshead

West Midlands

St Bartholomews, Wednesbury

Wood Green Cemetery, Wednesbury

Wiltshire

Eysey Old Cemetery, Near Cricklade

Following on from the Headstone project, the latest release will be even more interesting to many. During the First World War a lot of servicemen were reported as 'Missing' or 'Killed in Action' but now you can for the first time search a comprehensive list online using TheGenealogist website.

Usefully this includes the changing status of soldiers as the facts became clearer over time, as many assumed dead were found alive and those reported missing had their status updated.

This latest release from TheGenealogist has over 800,000 records, which included 575,000 Killed in Action records, 226,000 Missing-in-Action records and 14,000 Status Updates.

Over 100,000 people previously reported as missing had further status updates:

59,500 were later reported as killed

47,400 were later reported as PoW

2,000 were later reported as rejoined

4,200 were later reported as "not missing"

8,400 were later reported as wounded

Mark Bayley, Head of Online Content at
TheGenealogist said :

"The telegrams and published lists of Dead and Missing must have had a huge impact on the lives of our ancestors. These records give an insight into what must have been an emotional roller coaster. They also give new avenues of research into what some researchers may have assumed were dead ends."



Unfortunately I don't have room in this newsletter to expand on ways to search the records, but do go and have a look at The Genealogist

The refurbished Explore York Library and Archive <https://www.exploreYork.org.uk> has reopened after a £2 million pound revamp which now has a wonderful new state-of-the-art store and reading room for the archives, as well as a refurbished Local History library and Family History centre. For the very latest

update please visit

[http://m.yorkpress.co.uk/news/11701623.Explore York Library and Archive reopens following 2m revamp/](http://m.yorkpress.co.uk/news/11701623.Explore_York_Library_and_Archive_reopens_following_2m_revamp/)

North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Have produced some Mining history resource guides

www.mininginstitute.org.uk/about-us/42-resource-guides2

MyHeritage has announced the release of Family Tree Builder, a family history programme for Macintosh owners. The programme is based on Family Tree Builder for Windows, it is said that the programme is easy to use, but as I am not a fan of MyHeritage following an experience of trying to solve a persons problem and the persistent requests to download unwanted programmes admittedly sometime ago. Maybe MyHertitage has improved now but I am not brave enough to go there.

I would like to think that you have enjoyed reading this newsletter and have in someway found something interesting. Please do tell your friends and family about it, it is totally free and you do not need to be a member of a group, club or even a society to download the newsletter.

However, readers would like to hear from other readers and if you the reader don't send me a few words about something, then you will not be able to read about the finds, brick walls or discoveries of other readers. 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 move forward.

Heather

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

Gosh haven't they all been so very busy.

Ancestry

Africa [South] Eastern Cape, Estate Files, 1962-1971
British WW1 Service Medal and Award Roll Books 1914–1920
Caernarfonshire, Lleyn and Eifionydd Church Registers and Gravestone Inscriptions, 1600-1902
Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1700-1950
Darlington West Cemetery Index, 1770-2012
Dorset, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 Updated
Dorset, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1906 Updated
Dorset, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-2010 Updated
Dorset, England, Marriages and Banns, 1813-1921 Updated
England & Wales, Criminal Lunacy Warrant and Entry Books, 1882-1898 New
England & Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1970 Updated
England, Criminal Lunatic Asylum Registers, 1820-1843 New
England, Select Marriages, 1538–1973 Updated
Georgia, Control Register of Convicts, 1817-1976
German civil registration records of birth, marriages and death from 1874-1950.
Gloucestershire, England, Overseers Index, 1615-1888
Indiana, WWII Servicemen Database Index, 1941-1946
Italy - Caltagirone, Catania, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1861-1943 (in Italian)
Italy - Messina, Messina, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1939 (in Italian)
Italy - Trieste, Trieste, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1924-1939 (in Italian)
Jamaica Civil Birth Registration 1878-1930
Liverpool Crew Lists 1861-1919
London Workhouse Admissions and Discharges 1738-1930
Lunacy Admissions Registers 1846-1912
New South Wales Land Grants, 1788-1963
New South Wales, Australia, Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788-1856
New South Wales, Australia, Court Records, 1830-1945
New Zealand, Cemetery Records, 1800-2007
New Zealand, Cemetery Records, 1800-2007
New Zealand, Who's Who in New Zealand and the Western Pacific, 1908, 1925, 1938
Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1963
Perth, Scotland, Burgh Burial Index, 1794-1855 New
Scotland Prison Records Index, 1828-1878
Summit County, Ohio, Coroner's, Hospital and Cemetery Records, 1882-1947
Sweden, Selected Indexed Household Clerical Surveys, 1880-1893
UK and Ireland, Masters and Mates Certificates, 1850-1927 Updated
UK, City and County Directories, 1766-1946 Updated
UK, Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947 Updated
UK, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960 Updated
UK, Lunacy Patients Admission Registers, 1846-1912 New
UK, Methodist Ministers Death Index, 1800-1963 New
UK, WWI Service Medal and Award Rolls, 1914-1920 New
West Yorkshire, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1512-1812 Updated
West Yorkshire, England, Bastardy Records, 1690-1914 New
West Yorkshire, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1910 Updated
West Yorkshire, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 Updated
West Yorkshire, England, Select Land Tax Records, 1704-1932 Updated
West Yorkshire, England, Select Rate Books, Accounts and Censuses, 1705–1893 Updated
West Yorkshire, England, Wakefield Charities Coroners Notebooks, 1852-1909 NEW

Wigan area parish registers
Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Index, 1917-1920
Women's Royal Air Force Index, 1918-1920
Women's Royal Naval Service Index, 1917-1919
York, Yorkshire, England, St. Michael le Belfrey Parish Register, 1565-1653 New

British Newspaper Archive

Aberdeen Journal:- 1880, 1884, 1891, 1892, 1899, 1901-1903
Aberdeen People's Journal:- 1878, 1880, 1885, 1891, 1894, 1896-1908
Aberdeen Weekly Journal – 1915 – 1919, 1939 – 1945
Advocate: or Irish Industrial Journal – 1856 – 1860
Alnwick Mercury:- 1909
Arbroath Herald and Advertiser for the Montrose Burghs:- 1907, 1922-1940
Aris's Birmingham Gazette:- 1741, 1746, 1761, 1772, 1791, 1798, 1800-1801, 1803-1804, 1808-1809, 1813-1814, 1817, 1824-1862, 1864-1867
Athlone Sentinel – 1834
Bedfordshire Times and Independent:- 1887-1888, 1891-1892, 1893, 1894-1897, 1899-1905, 1911-1926, 1928-1929, 1930 -1934, 1936-1940, 1944, 1951
Belfast Mercantile Register and Weekly Advertiser:- 1840-1842, 1844, 1845, 1847, 1848, 1849
Belfast Mercury:- 1851-1861
Biggleswade Chronicle:- 1898-1911, 1913-1918, 1920, 1942 – 1943, 1947, 1949, 1952
Birmingham Daily Gazette:- 1862, 1868
Blackburn Standard:- 1835, 1836, 1839, 1845-1849
Bradford Daily Telegraph:- 1869
Bradford Observer:- 1835, 1836
Bucks Herald:- 1901, 1910-1929, 1934, 1938-1946, 1950-1953
Bury and Norwich Post:- 1845-1846, 1848
Cambridge Chronicle and Journal:- 1836, 1889
Catholic Telegraph – 1856 – 1857, 1860, 1862
Cheltenham Chronicle:- 1820, 1821, 1827-1835, 1837-1849, 1863, 1870, 1884
Cheltenham Looker-On:- 1858, 1878, 1880
Chester Chronicle:- 1914, 1915, 1916-1918
Clonmel Herald – 1828 – 1831, 1833 – 1836, 1840
Cobbett's Weekly Political Register:- 1808
County Chronicle, Surrey Herald and Weekly Advertiser for Kent – 1837
Coventry Herald:- 1830, 1878, 1909, 1912
Coventry Standard – 1914 – 1918
Coventry Times:- 1862, 1880
Daily Herald:- 1915
Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald:- 1950
Dorset County Chronicle – 1824, 1828 – 1829
Downshire Protestant:- 1855 – 1856, 1858-1862
Drogheda Conservative Journal – 1837 – 1848
Drogheda Journal, or Meath & Louth Advertiser:- 1828-1836, 1838, 1839-1840
Drogheda News Letter:- 1813
Dublin Builder, The:- 1859-1866
Dublin Evening Mail:- 1838, 1845-1848, 1851, 1853, 1856-1860
Dublin Evening Packet and Correspondent – 1841 – 1843, 1846 – 1850
Dublin Medical Press – 1846, 1848, 1850 – 1859, 1865
Dublin Mercantile Advertiser, and Weekly Price Current:- 1850
Dublin Monitor:- 1838, 1839, 1840-1844
Dublin Weekly Register:- 1839 – 1840, 1842 – 1846
Dumfries and Galloway Standard:- 1865, 1917
Dundee Advertiser:- 1886, 1893-1894, 1896

Dundee Evening Telegraph:- 1877-1950
 Dundee, Perth, Forfar, and Fife's People's Journal:- 1858-1861, 1887-1888, 1890, 1914 – 1918
 Durham County Advertiser:- 1830, 1833, 1838-1839
 East London Observer – 1863 – 1868
 Edinburgh Evening News:- 1914, 1924
 Enniskillen Chronicle and Erne Packet – 1813, 1824 – 1826, 1828 – 1838, 1840 – 1841, 1844
 Exeter and Plymouth Gazette:- 1900
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Entire collection of local Trades & Streets Directories uploaded to website

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Waterford Urban 2	1864--1912
Ballymacarberry	1864--1912
Cappoquin	1864--1911
Clashmore	1864--1911
Rathgormack	1864--1912
Ringville	1864--1912
Seskinane	1864--1912
St Mary's	1864--1912
Templemichael	1864--1911
Whitechurch	1864--1911
Kilsheelan	1864--1916
Kilmeaden	1864--1912
Ballyduff	1864--1912
Dungarvan	1864--1911
Woodstown	1864--1912
Portlaw	1864--1912
Tramore	1864--1911
Ardmore	1864--1911
Lismore	1864--1911
Tallow	1864--1911
Bonmahon	1864--1911
Kilmacthomas	1864--1912

ScotlandsPeople

Valuation Roll 1925

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23 cemeteries from the Island of Jersey

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Burial registers of Milltown Cemetery and buyers of burial plots in Milltown Cemetery 1924-1931

Petition by residents of the parishes of Kilrea and Tamlaght O'Crilly in County Londonderry that declared the signatories to be opposed to the Jacobite rebellion in Scotland in 1745

Restored to their estates in Ireland by King Charles II in 1660

Transplanters' certificates for 1653 and 1654 to move to Connaught.

1803 Agricultural Census for County Down

Members of First Derry Presbyterian Church by pew number from the year 1883

Forfeiting Proprietors in Ireland, under the Cromwellian Settlement, 1657