



Family History For You  
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Hello Everyone,

Here's hoping you had a very enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

This newsletter goes out to hundreds maybe thousands of people, I know it is forwarded on to groups, yet it is only ever the faithful few 6-10 people who ever reply. Please I am not writing this newsletter for myself, I am writing it for YOU the reader and as such I do appreciate your feedback, along with an idea of things you want to read about.

If you have any ideas and or thoughts on how this newsletter could be improved I would love to hear from you. Remember I am doing this for you, not for me because I have already read, learnt and inwardly digusted [I hope] the information in this newsletter.

Hope you all enjoy this issue of the newsletter, and feel able to give me some feedback, where you are, your level of genealogical knowledge, what you would like to read in the newsletter, something you are happy to write about, several people ave promised to write a short article but sadly nothing has been forthcoming.

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The U3A Network Family History Study Day at Ash in Surrey on Thursday 23rd March 2017 has again proved to be extremely popular. Even though the programme and application forms were not sent out until the end of October 2016 not only was the event full before the end of November but also additional spaces made available. If you haven't sent in your application form, don't despair totally, by emailing Heather [heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com](mailto:heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com) with your details you can request to be added to the waiting list in case, but don't send any payment. In the event of someone cancelling and should you be lucky enough to be offered one of these spaces, delegates on the waiting list could be notified of a space as late as 8pm on Wednesday 22nd March.

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Are you aware of the Ellis Island records? Ellis Island a small island off the New Jersey coast, where between 1894 and 1954 more than 12 Million people travelled through to reach the United States. Now the New York Public Library has published an article about the 'Why family names were not changed at Ellis Island.

[www.nypl.org/blog/2013/07/02/name-changes-ellis-island#.V\\_6ZRRHho3k.facebook](http://www.nypl.org/blog/2013/07/02/name-changes-ellis-island#.V_6ZRRHho3k.facebook)

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According to the Library and Archives Canada blog, <https://thediscoverblog.com/2016/10/24/launch-of-first-world-war-personnel-records-database/> they have a new database "Service Files of the First World War, 1914-1918 - 'Canadian Expeditionary Force' aka 'CEF' " which has been renamed 'Personnel Records of the First World War' "

The new database is said to include records for the following groups:

Canadian Expeditionary Force  
Imperial War Service Gratuities recipients  
Non-Permanent Active Militia  
Rejected CEF volunteers  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment and Forestry Corps

Institute of Museum and Library Services have funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act grant as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, for the Massachusetts Historical Society to digitise 7 collections pertaining to women in the public sphere. The collections vary in size, you can read more here <http://www.masshist.org/blog/1407>

Here are the links for you:-

Juvenile Anti-Slavery Society records, 1837-1838

[www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0427](http://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0427)

Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women, 1895-1920

[www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0121](http://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0121)

New England Freedmen's Aid Society records, 1862-1878

[www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0423](http://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0423)

Rose Dabney Forbes papers, 1902-1932

[www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0212](http://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0212)

Society for the Employment of the Female Poor trustees' reports, 1827-1834

[www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0428](http://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0428)

Twentieth Century Medical Club records, 1897-1911

[www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0411](http://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0411)

Woman's Education Association [Boston, Mass.] records, 1871-1935

[www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0393](http://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0393)

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In October I had a email conversation with a reader who being a relative newbie to genealogical research wasn't aware of some of the research guides available free on various websites if you have come across any good free guides on websites if you could let me know that would be brilliant. Then in the May newsletter hopefully I will be able to put a good selection. My email address is [fh4u@roccoland.plus.com](mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com)

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Work to restore Netley chapel at Royal Victoria Country Park, near Southampton, Hampshire once part of the three storey hospital overlooking Southampton Water and cared for soldiers and navy personnel not just returning from War but later too, has come a halt. The building company contracted to do the work has gone into administration. The estimated £2.8m project which includes restoring the hand-painted glass windows and a new exhibition of the site's history, only started work on the chapel in August, with the project due for completion by summer 2017. The hospital had extensive damage following a fire in 1966 with the remainder of the hospital being demolished some years ago.

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Have you ever come across a slang word and not known its meaning? Maybe Green's Dictionary of Slang will help you with your problem. Green's is the largest historical dictionary of English slang, and has been written by Jonathon Green over 17 years from 1993. This website has so much I shall have to be really careful cos I could loose myself for hours <https://greensdictofslang.com/>

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The ScotlandsPeople website has had a big update and now much more is free to view including the LDS transcription of the Scotland 1881 census. You do still need to register, but you shouldn't be asked to share any payment details, previously registered users will be asked to provide a new password.

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Also now free is the ScotlandsPlaces website [www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk) or go to [www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/resources](http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/resources) , for a more detailed break down of what is available. Remember this is still a relatively new website so you need to check back regularly for updates.

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Our sincerest condolences to the family of Randy Winch who died on the 8th December, such a great great man who did so much for ALL of us family historians. Do I hear some of you asking who he is, what did he do? Randy worked at and for Rootsweb from the very earliest days, which I understand he created originally as a Mother's Day present for his mum. Randy gave us those wonderful Rootsweb mailing lists, Rootsweb World Connect. I didn't know Randy personally but I am reliably informed that he was lovely to work, easily going and very skilful.

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We all do our research differently, ideally in my mind we should all research using original records as much as is possible. That said sometimes for a reason we cannot view original records ourselves. What is available on the internet is fantastic but it is only a VERY small amount probably less than 10-15% of the records worldwide.

Personally, I love those eureka moments when you are out searching a cemetery and find the resting place of the person you are looking for along with a detailed monumental inscription aka MI.

What I find horrifying is those who criticise the research of those who for whatever reason, either cannot get out and about easily or due to slight loss rely on voice recognition software such as Jaws.

Remember it is extremely dangerous to assume anything when researching. This is a true story many many years ago, I am talking late 1980's early 1990's a series of emails were posted on a family history mailing list. The emails primarily took place between two posters, no names in order to protect the living. This story is put together from this series of emails that were posted on a family history mailing list many years ago.

"My Persian Parentage.

I became interested in my parentage, after my son was born with severe disabilities and the Doctor started asking questions. So I used my adoptive Mums computer to see if I find out how to start. I found a mailing list that seemed what I needed. One person seemed particularly knowledgeable, so I emailed the list asking for advice, hoping this gentleman would reply. I explained that I was a beginner to family history research and only knew what information my adoptive parents had been given. I'd been adopted at 8 weeks old, although I was born in England, my medical records recorded that my parents were probably Persian. Persia is now called Iran, but I don't consider myself Iranian. The gentleman was extremely helpful, explaining in detail, how record offices worked and which were the most likely to hold records that could assist me on my quest for information. Also pointing me to websites, which he felt would be very useful to me, oh if only it could be that easy!

In my emails I explained that the primary reason I wanted to trace my parents was to find out if my sons disabilities had been passed down from my side of the family, or from that low down copper/ginger haired boy friend, who did a runner as soon as he found out I was expecting. I felt, that to get the help I needed, I had to explain, to my embarrassment, my poor financial situation, the fact I had never learnt to drive [I still don't drive], and that my own stature [I'm particularly short], could at times also be a hindrance. The local public transport [buses], run only four times a day, one was really early for those going to work, one really late for those working to return home, leaving me little choice of bus to catch.

As a single parent, I am adamant that I was going to take full care of my severely disabled son. For some reason he found my attitude most admirable,

Don't all mum's look after their children?"

This generous email friend was so patient and helpful, answering all my questions and problems in the fullest way possible. Emails progressed to discussing Nationalisation papers at Kew, now known as The National Archives [TNA], Passenger lists, even the father of my son who had totally vanished into thin air.

Finally after discussing her parentage this message was sent about her:-]]]

"I am Kezia, Kez or Kezzie to my friends, my adoptive Mum is Heather, I went to live with her and the other uprights when I was an 8 week old kitten, I am not a pure Persian but certainly I have a high percentage of Persian in my parentage. One day I was naughty and whizzed out the door when I was supposed to be staying in, oophs, worse still I met this ginger gentleman. Then along came my son Muff, who has so many disabilities, he looks normal but inside things are in the wrong place like his heart all because his breast bone goes inwards instead of the correct outwards. The Doctor [Vets to you Uprights] believed that my sons deformities probably

stemmed back to a generic problem, and were asking questions around the time that Heather had the conversation mentioned in the text you have just read, so being very grateful I helped out.

Heather is into family history and the advent of computers into her hobby, caused a bit of fun to be had. Following a conversation between Heather and Xyz, my story was used in a series of emails to aforementioned gentleman, to see if we could fool him, we did, after sometime he was advised that I was Mrs Kezzie Katt, and that I lived with Heather his reply "Purrfect"

So the moral of this tail is 'do not assume'

For those who are interested Mrs Kezia Katt is on the left with the microfiche reader and Master Muffie Katt is on the right, sadly neither of them are still with us, they are very deeply missed



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There is a lot of genealogical news coming from America.

The Digital Library of Georgia have announced that they have expanded their North Georgia Historic Newspapers Archive at <http://ngnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/ngnewspapers-j2k/search>

A collection of New York City Directories, 1786 to 1922/3 are being digitised by the New York Public Library and should all be available on their website soon for more information [www.nypl.org/blog/2016/09/21/new-york-city-directories-free-online](http://www.nypl.org/blog/2016/09/21/new-york-city-directories-free-online)

The University of Kentucky have announced:-

"Over the summer of 2016, the Special Collections Research Centre <http://libraries.uky.edu/SC> at University of Kentucky Libraries and the Fayette County Clerk's Office developed a pilot project that will provide online access to the Coloured Marriage Indexes [https://exploreuk.uky.edu/?commit=search&f%5Bformat%5D%5B%5D=indexes+%28reference+sources%29&f%5Bsource\\_s%5D%5B%5D=Indices+to+Colored+Marriage+Registers%2C+Fayette+County&q=colored+marriage+indexes&search\\_field=all\\_fields](https://exploreuk.uky.edu/?commit=search&f%5Bformat%5D%5B%5D=indexes+%28reference+sources%29&f%5Bsource_s%5D%5B%5D=Indices+to+Colored+Marriage+Registers%2C+Fayette+County&q=colored+marriage+indexes&search_field=all_fields) dated 1866-1882 and 1958-1968. The purpose of the project is to provide researchers with greater online access to early primary documents pertaining to African Americans in Kentucky."

Please check the websites for more details.

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There are some wonderful records of quaker meetings in Birmingham at 'The Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2ND You will find their opening hours here <http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com/libraryarchivesopeninghours>

A collection of photographs showing the slums during in the war era of Leith [a district to the north of the city of Edinburgh], have been made available by local historian Fraser Parkinson. The collection focuses on addresses and streets in Leith that were later redeveloped, such as the Shore, Coburg Street, and Cables Wynd. To view the photographs or for more information go to <http://www.scotsman.com/heritage/people-places/fascinating-photographic-archive-of-1920s-leith-published-online-1-4267213>

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Deceased Online have added:-

Haycombe Crematorium 1961-1996

St James Cemetery [formerly Lyncombe, Widcombe and St James], from 1861 to 2011

Twerton / Bellots Road Cemetery, 1882 to 2003 cemeteries to their database with records

Records for the following Cemeteries are due to be added soon for the following:-

Bathwick Cemetery, 1862 to 1998

Harpree Cemetery, 1884 to 2011

Locksbrook Cemetery, 1864 to 2010

St Michael's Cemetery, 1851 to 2008

Haycombe Cemetery, 1937 to 1990

I believe Bath and North East Somerset Council manage all these cemeteries in southwest England.

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The State Library of America is to send two archivists around the state with digital scanners, making high-resolution copies of documents brought by residents. Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission will fund them. During their time roaming Virginia between 2010 and 2015, instead of scanning a few hundred items they scanned over 33,000 items varying from letters, documents, photograph and even diaries.

These have already started to be made available online [www.virginiamemory.com/collections/cw150](http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/cw150)

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The National Genealogical Society aka NGS have announced that the new editor of their magazine as Deb Cyprich, she comes has been editing genealogical magazines for over 20 years, winning many awards for her work.

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The recording of our family history research is slowly becoming more and more complicated, I am going to let you go to this website and read the article.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-37635703](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-37635703)

I look forward to hearing from everyone to read how you would record this if it happened in your family history tree.

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Alternatively how would you record, Lynlee the baby born in Texas twice, the first time for a life-saving operation to remove a massive tumour, the second several months later.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-37750038](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-37750038)

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For those who are new to research or those wishing to brush up on the basics you might find this website very helpfully [www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/getting-started](http://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/getting-started) there are some very useful guides on various subjects.

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Did you see on the BBC News the wonderful story of the couple who married in Derbyshire, they had been barred from marrying in 1951 because Helen Andre [now 82] because her parents didn't approve of Davy Moats [86] job as an artist. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-37962265>



An heir-tracing company is facing antitrust charges, Kemp & Associates a Salt Lake City company specializing in the business of tracking down heirs to unclaimed inheritances pleaded not guilty in court in late September in a federal antitrust case that's part of a wider U.S. Department of Justice probe into the industry. They are accused of conspiring with fellow heir-tracking companies for more than 14 years so the firms wouldn't have to compete with each other and driving up costs for heirs who are rightly entitled to the money. To read more go to [www.courthousenews.com/2016/08/22/heir-location-firm-charged-in-antitrust-probe.htm](http://www.courthousenews.com/2016/08/22/heir-location-firm-charged-in-antitrust-probe.htm) and [www.justice.gov/opa/pr/heir-location-services-company-and-co-owner-charged-customer-allocation-scheme](http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/heir-location-services-company-and-co-owner-charged-customer-allocation-scheme). They are just one of several such companies facing antitrust changes

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Don't forget WDYTYA aka Who Do You Think You Are Live at the NEC Birmingham, why should you go? This is the largest family history fair in the world, giving you the opportunity the visit hundreds of stands and chat with their representatives. You will also have the opportunity to talk with some of the bigger subscription companies, some even offer talks for free, do take the opportunity to attend a talk or two if you possibly can. The Society of Genealogist aka SOG will also have expert available to answer and hopefully help break down your brickwall.

Start preparing now so that you get to do all the things you want from your visit.

6-8 April 2017 at the NEC Birmingham, a 5/6-minute undercover walk from Birmingham International train Station

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Is this I wonder a technology step to far? The Kent and Sussex Crematorium and Cemetery, in Tunbridge Wells have decided to install cameras so that mourners who are unable to physically attend a funeral will be able to pay their respects by watching it from their laptops, tablets or smartphones.

To read more you will find the article in the Daily Express newspaper here.  
[www.express.co.uk/news/uk/734030/Mourning-through-smartphone-Mourners-set-to-attend-funerals-VIRTUALLY-from-2017?](http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/734030/Mourning-through-smartphone-Mourners-set-to-attend-funerals-VIRTUALLY-from-2017?)

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Are you aware that the Irish censuses for 1901 and 1911 are available online and free, via the National Archives of Ireland website <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> previous census have been destroyed in Ireland however a few fragments remain.

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The National Army Museum has released more records the resent announcement reads "We've recently made the enlistment books of the five disbanded Irish regiments available online, thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This exciting new resource allows users to explore information on soldiers serving in these regiments during 1920-22. Alastair Massie, our Head of Research & Academic Access, tells more."

[www.nam.ac.uk/new-museum/museum-news/collections/newly-digitised-irish-soldiers-records](http://www.nam.ac.uk/new-museum/museum-news/collections/newly-digitised-irish-soldiers-records)

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How lovely, when a 14 year was told she couldn't have children her Mum said she would carry the child for her when she was ready to have children. Ten years later she kept her word here is the heart warming story, I just love the way she described it "I was just a deluxe Easy-Bake Oven."  
[www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3959014/Woman-48-gives-birth-GRANDSON-daughter-diagnosed-cervical-condition-means-never-carry-children.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3959014/Woman-48-gives-birth-GRANDSON-daughter-diagnosed-cervical-condition-means-never-carry-children.html)

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I have noticed this book is receiving some very good reviews around the world, 'The Spyglass File' by Nathan Dylan Goodwin. It is a genealogical crime mystery, my husband gave me a copy of his first book 'Hiding the Past' a fantastic book, I have since ordered a copy of 'The Spyglass File' which is now waiting to be read.

Book reviews are always very welcome

Sue emailed, she had been researching using records from a Parish Chest, these can be so interesting as Sue's article below shows.

Sue writes "I find Parish Chest account books make very interesting reading so I thought you might like to see the following I found.

32	CONSTABLES' ACCOUNTS.	l	s	d
19.	p <sup>d</sup> Conduct mony with John Briggs to Lanc <sup>r</sup> for seditious words... ..	01	11	06
20.	to a soldiers wife and a Soldiers widow each 6 <sup>d</sup> ... ..	00	01	00
21.	to two soldiers wives and one Child	00	01	00
21.	Messeng <sup>r</sup> w <sup>th</sup> Coroners warr <sup>ts</sup> about Jo. Rowbothom, poison'd himself..	00	01	00
	*was dragg <sup>d</sup> & bury <sup>d</sup> [in] the highway at Barlow Cross, 2	00	15	04
	to Dep <sup>t</sup> as Coroner for the Inquisition, found Self Murder * ... ..	00	01	04
	to Manchester jurors each 4 <sup>d</sup> ...	00	06	06
	p <sup>d</sup> sundry Expences of burying him in the highway at Barlow Cross 2...	00	06	06
25.	Boonfire for Defeat of the Rebels at Culloden 3 ... ..	00	06	06
August 16.	rep <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Smith sundry Expences on Towns Acc <sup>t</sup> to this day p Bill ...	10	07	08
20.	p <sup>d</sup> the high Constable for Conveying Vagr <sup>ts</sup> relief of Prisoners &c ... warrants to Hamlets for their proportion of D <sup>o</sup> ... ..	06	09	04
		00	02	00

suicides were buried [suicides couldn't be buried in consecrated ground] and also these posts are believed to be the place where convicts were picked up to be transport to ports for transportation to the New World.]

Constables Accounts - [this includes who was paid, what they were paid and the reason they were paid]:

Messenger with Coroner's Warrant about John Rowbotham, Poisoned himself. ... 1s.

to Dep: as Coroner for the inquisition, found Self-Murder \* ... 15s. 4d. [The word suicide was too disgusting a word to use so the phrases self-murder or self-killing was used instead]

\*was dragged & buried in the highway at Barlow Cross. [There are a few red finger signposts left in the country

and it is thought that they might be the places where

to Manchester jurors each 4d. ... 1s. 4d.

pd. sundry Expenses for burying him in the highway at Barlow Cross. ... 6s. 6d.

To John Whipp for Cat with Nine Tails. ... 4s.4d. [I wonder if John's real surname was Whipp or was that a nickname that was given him because of his trade]

	To M <sup>r</sup> Jones Bill for Law... ..	11	17	6
	To M <sup>r</sup> Whitakers Bill for the same ...	15	10	2
	To Surgeon Drinkwaters <sup>2</sup> Bill attending at the request of the Coroner the body of Alex <sup>r</sup> Shepherd <sup>3</sup> when the Jury charged James Welsh with Manslaughter thereupon ... ..	1	1	
	To his Journey and attendance at Lancaster to give Evidences at the Assizes upon the same occasion ...	6	12	
	To Titus Leigh for watching and other Business done for the Constables ...	1	11	
Octob. 12.	To Joseph Harrops <sup>4</sup> Bill for printing Work ... ..	2	13	6
	To Tho <sup>s</sup> Walker for Business done for the Const[ables] &c. ... ..		10	
	To James Dawson for the same ...		19	5
	To John Whipp for Cat with nine tails <sup>5</sup> ... ..		4	4
	To M <sup>r</sup> Chippendall in full for Law Business ... ..	36	4	9

<sup>1</sup> See p. 169, note 4. It would be interesting to see these deeds, so as to get to the history of this old building. The passage still exists leading from St. Ann's Church to King Street, and is now an important thoroughfare.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. John Drinkwater was the surgeon whose verdict in the case of Elizabeth Sutton had been called in question (see p. 226, note 4), and for which he obtained a verdict with damages against Mr. Croyson at the autumn Lancaster Assizes.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 231, note 1.

<sup>4</sup> See p. 73, note 2.

<sup>5</sup> This instrument, for use on the unfortunate people condemned to be whipped, has been previously referred to. (See p. 64, note 2.)

24.	To a Pair of Figureight Handcuffs ...	5	
29.	To W <sup>m</sup> Smalley with sundry passengers to Stockport ... ..	1	6
May 3.	To writing Return of the Assessors of Landtax ... ..	1	
	To Bernard Shaw for sundry fees ...	6	
4.	To John Townly setting a Grate in the Guard Room ... ..	2	
	To summoning thirty Persons for Assessors of Window-duty <sup>3</sup> and attending the Commissioners when they were sworn ... ..	2	6
9.	To Paper for Billets ... ..	2	3
	To Miss Houghton for Hulmes Baggage lying two months in the Theatre <sup>4</sup>	1	11 6
14.	To whipping and maintaining Sarah Jones a Vagrant... ..	1	8
14.	To twenty nine Passengers since 8 <sup>th</sup> Ap <sup>l</sup> ... ..	10	10
29.	To Boonfire King Charles's Restoration	6	

<sup>1</sup> The "Sessions House" has not occurred before in these Accounts.

<sup>2</sup> A troop of Sir Robert Rich's dragoons is mentioned in the account of the riots as expected in Manchester on November 21st. (See Appendix.)

<sup>3</sup> These "assessors of window duty" are those who had to inspect the number of windows in every house, so that they could be taxed. They have been called by their slang name "window peepers" in these Accounts before. (See p. 82, note 2.)

<sup>4</sup> This is an interesting entry relating to "the Theatre" in Manchester, and is the first time that it has been mentioned in these Accounts. It would seem to refer to the building in Marsden Street, which was opened on December 3rd, 1753, and was the only theatre in the town until a new one was built in 1775.

To whipping and maintaining Sarah Jones a vagrant. ... 1s. 6d. [poor Sarah Jones didn't choose to be a vagrant but she still got whipped for being one].

Many thanks Sue, for the reminder of these very informative records, which are often over looked.

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Do you ever take notice of the date statistics? According to the Office for National Statistics figures for 2015 the number of people surviving to be over 100 years old is increasing currently the latest data records the figure as 14,570. This is a rise over the past decade of 65%.

Interestingly those living to over 105 is also up by 850, another massive increase since 1985 when the figure was just 130.

According to the ONS they are recorded as saying "life expectancy had increased by 13 weeks a year since the 1980 to 1982 period for males and by 9.5 weeks a year on average for females".

There are half a million people aged 90 or over in the UK.

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FindMyPast have announced that they now have available on their subscription website, they are part of PERiodical Source Index.

"All Society journals from 1992 to 2016 including over 800 individual articles and all Society publications including extensive collections of gravestone inscriptions, historic records and surname studies."

I am advised that these publications include "a wide range of documents including transcripts of original records, memorial inscriptions, local and surname studies and collections of specialist sources and guides. The information dates back to 1798 and covers many counties in Ireland including Cavan, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Louth, Offaly and Wicklow."

I suspect that I don't have the full details so please check and sincere apologies for any inaccuracies.

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MyHeritage have updated their mobile apps for iPhone, iPad, and Androids. For more information try <http://blog.myheritage.com/2016/11/major-mobile-app-update>

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I don't often pick up on the additions of new newspapers to online resources. I have been advised that 'The Stark County District Library [Ohio] have added the following newspaper to their collection.

Canton Daily News  
Canton Morning News  
Canton Evening News  
Canton News Democrat  
Democratic Transcript  
News Democrat  
Stark County Democrat  
Stark County Republican

Their website is <http://starklibrary.advantage-preservation.com/>

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Another book that I noticed mentioned is 'A Lost England' full of wonderful black and white photographs

[www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3969174/A-Lost-England-Incredible-black-white-photos-reveal-life-like-people-19th-early-20th-centuries-issues-faced-not-different-ones-today.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3969174/A-Lost-England-Incredible-black-white-photos-reveal-life-like-people-19th-early-20th-centuries-issues-faced-not-different-ones-today.html)

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Thanks go again to my husband for these two links, found during a lunch break. [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38012731](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38012731) and [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38003201](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38003201)

I will leave you to read the articles yourselves, but briefly they talk about the origins surnames, over 45,000 more surnames have been revealed in the latest study. This Surname database is hoped to be available soon in some libraries.



According to the ABC news website <http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/france-holocaust-museums-digitize-wwii-archives-44056432> an accord has been signed by the French government which allows the Holocaust museums in Paris and Washington DC to digitise the French archives of WW2

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If you have never used ship's logs, then you have been missing out. Now the first logs of the East India Company are coming online. These logs cover miles of shelving, so patience will be needed before we see all the records online. The logs hold information such as crew and passenger listing their names, rank, destinations, and children. Also included are the day to day events, loading the ship, floggings, records of passing ships, weather, cleaning, disputes, sickness and even deaths.

Ship	Voyage	Contents	Dates
NORTHAMPTON	Voyage to Bombay and Bengal under Captain Barker	Log and Journal	12 Jul 1801 to 18 Apr 1803
HUDDART	Voyage to Bombay under Captain Thomas Gabriel Bayliff	Log and Journal	10 Mar 1806 to 6 Oct 1807
NORTHAMPTON	Voyage to Madras and Bengal under Captain Sanders	Log and Journal	4 Jul 1807 to 2 Feb 1809
LORD KEITH	Voyage to Calcutta under Captain Campbell	Log and Journal	29 Jan 1810 to 28 Oct 1811
JULIANA	Voyage to Batavia under Captain Rawes	Log , Journal and Ledger, Pay Book	12 Mar 1812 to 15 Sep 1813
WARREN HASTINGS	Voyage to China under Captain Rawes	Log and Journal	13 Mar 1815 to 11 Jul 1816
WARREN HASTINGS	Voyage to China under Captain Rawes	Log and Journal	25 Jan 1819 to 28 Jul 1820
WARREN HASTINGS	Voyage to China under Captain Rawes	Log and Journal	24 Feb 1823 to 13 Jul 1824
WARREN HASTINGS	Voyage to China under Captain Rawes	Log and Journal	4 Mar 1825 to 25 Jul 1826
VANSITTART	Voyage to China under Captain Dalrymple	Log and Journal	15 Dec 1826 to 11 Jul 1828

Here is the link to their website [www.heicshipslogs.co.uk/](http://www.heicshipslogs.co.uk/)

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Irish research isn't always as easy as we would like, but we really don't need the unhelpfulness of those who bin, [yes I do mean bin as in put in the rubbish bin] historical documents. You can read the story here it appeared in the Irish times newspaper. [www.irishtimes.com/culture/heritage/historic-papers-found-in-a-skip-to-be-donated-to-the-state-1.2901483](http://www.irishtimes.com/culture/heritage/historic-papers-found-in-a-skip-to-be-donated-to-the-state-1.2901483)

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## The 2017 Yorkshire and New London Family History Fairs!

Good Family History fairs and open days are getting fewer and fewer, so it is absolutely fabulous that the Yorkshire Family History Fair is going from strength to strength. The details for the next Yorkshire Fair is on 24th June 2017.

'Discover Your Ancestors' press release says:-

"Yorkshire Family History Fair

[YorkshireFamilyHistoryFair.com](http://YorkshireFamilyHistoryFair.com)

The 2016 Fair was a great success and the next year's event will be run by 'Discover Your Ancestors' under the guidance of the previous organisers. It will be held on the 24th June 2017.

The 2017 show will be bigger and include new attractions to increase attendance. We are planning to have the show opened by a local celebrity and feature a number of talks by professional guest speakers paid for by the show sponsors. We will also widen the appeal of the show by making an attractive subsidy for societies needing coaches to the event\* , when booking special packages [Please see the booking form for more details].

Order your tables and advanced tickets at discounted rates and learn about our coach offer. Make sure you book now as the show is quickly getting booked up!

Yorkshire Family History Fair

Saturday 24th June 2017

10am to 4.30pm

The Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, The Racecourse,  
York,

YO23 1EX

Admission: Adults £4.80, Children under 14 FREE"

'Discover Your Ancestors' will also be organising the new London Family History Show, this is what their press release says:-

"London Show at Sandown Park Racecourse

[TheFamilyHistoryShow.com](http://TheFamilyHistoryShow.com)

With the lack of an affordable Family History Show in the London area, we wanted to bring the benefits of our York racecourse event to London. This will be at Sandown Park Racecourse on 24th September 2017. There will be free talks throughout the day and the show will be promoted heavily to boost attendance. If you book your stand before the end of the year, you can take advantage of our special offers for exhibitors.

Special offers for exhibitors

Tables are normally £52 but if you book before the end of this year, the Early Bird offer means you'll only pay £45 a table. Tickets on the door are £4.80 to both the Yorkshire and London events.

The Family History Show, London

Saturday 24th September 2017

10am to 4.30pm

Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Road, Esher, KT10 9AJ

Admission: Adults £4.80, Children under 14 FREE

Get a free copy of the latest Discover Your Ancestors [www.discoveryyourancestors.co.uk/](http://www.discoveryyourancestors.co.uk/) Bookazine and a 50% discount on additional copies with free shipping, when ordered at the time of booking tables."

Please note that the coach offer for Societies offered in relationship to the Yorkshire Fair, is **NOT** available to Societies attending the London Fair.

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Have you been struggling to find those Hampshire ancestors? Millions of new Parish Records have been added to the [TheGenealogist](#).

The press release reads:-

"Released in partnership with the Hampshire Genealogical Society there are over 2.1 million new fully searchable records of individuals released online for the first time.

With these records those searching for ancestors from Hampshire can discover almost 1.8 million people recorded within the baptisms from this area in the south of England as far back as 1538 up to 1751. Family researchers can also discover the details of over 212,000 individuals from marriages between 1538 and 1753 and nearly 143,800 people listed in the burials of Hampshire from 1838 to 1865. Hampshire Genealogical Society worked with TheGenealogist to publish their records online, making 2,135,878 individuals from baptism, marriage and burial records fully searchable. Dolina Clarke, Chairman of Hampshire Genealogical Society said:-

"The Hampshire Genealogical Society have decided to put the remaining data from their parish register indexes for Hampshire, which are not already on line, with FHS-Online and TheGenealogist [S & N]. We looked at various different online sites and felt that S & N were able to offer us a very fair deal. Furthermore they are a British company with whom we have had a very good relationship for over 20 years."

Dolina Clarke, Chairman HGS [www.hgs-familyhistory.com](http://www.hgs-familyhistory.com)

Mark Bayley, Head of Online Development at TheGenealogist, welcomed Hampshire Genealogical Society to the growing number family history societies on both TheGenealogist and FHS-Online saying: "We're delighted that HGS chose to publish their records through TheGenealogist and FHS-Online. This release adds to the ever expanding collection of parish records on both websites. These partnerships help societies boost their funds whilst bringing their records to a much wider audience, through online publication."

This release joins TheGenealogist's already published Hampshire parish records, sourced from the Phillimore Registers, and soon we will also be adding further transcriptions that will fill in any gaps to provide an even more comprehensive coverage of this important county.

If your society is interested in publishing records online, please contact Mark Bayley on 01722 717002 or see <http://fhs-online.co.uk/about.php> "

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Papers from The Archbishop's Registers held at the Borthwick Institute for Archives at the University of York have recently been made available in digital format online. Thanks to funding by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Marc Fitch Fund. The new records cover registers spanning 1225 to 1646. These resources record the formal acts of the Archbishop of York.

To read more information and browse the images or search the indexed entries on the Archbishops' Registers please go to <https://archbishopsregisters.york.ac.uk/>

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Now for a story found in the New York times, with quite a strange twist therefore I will leave you to read the story for yourselves. [www.nytimes.com/2016/12/20/nyregion/a-christmas-request-answered-a-century-later.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/20/nyregion/a-christmas-request-answered-a-century-later.html?_r=1)

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If you have been having trouble locating someone on the 1939 Register, than you might just be lucky to find that person now. Over 2 million entries have been updated or improved, releasing more fantastic information, brilliant.

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Did you read about the amateur detective who reunites soldiers with their medals, this is a warming story do have a read it really is a fascinating read <http://bbc.in/2i60KBa> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/1dt-5c1940d8-5f8f-4fd4-ac12-e216184a9a72>

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Some of you might remember that back in 2014 as part of the 40th anniversary celebration they sponsored the "Lancashire Crew List Project". Towards the end of 2016 the federation posted this announcement:-

"As part of its 40th anniversary celebrations in 2014, the FFHS sponsored some small projects initiated by its member societies. The feedback from that was very positive so earlier this year the FFHS sponsored a local project at Gloucestershire Archives – the cataloguing of an uncatalogued solicitor's collection from the Forest of Dean. Following the completion of this pilot project in Gloucestershire the FFHS invited bids for another sponsored project, and the successful application was recently adjudged to be Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society. In partnership with Lancashire Archives, they will be producing a name index to two important series of Lancashire Crew Lists [1863–1914] containing about 82,000 entries, which give details of seamen not just from Lancashire but from across the United Kingdom and occasionally beyond. When complete the index will be made available in a suitably searchable way, free of charge."

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A recent query I received was about Burials at Sea, a few days later the BBC posted this report on their website, so I am sharing the link in case any readers are interested. [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38210497](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-38210497)  
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I have received the following press release from S&N Genealogy Supplies.

*"Leading family history publisher S&N Genealogy Supplies have just released TreeView 2, the next version of their popular family history software package specially designed for U.K. family historians.*

*TreeView stores your family tree on your PC or Mac with the option to easily sync your tree with TreeView.co.uk and its free iOS and Android app, allowing you to keep your family history at your fingertips. Privacy options for your online tree allow you to retain complete control over your research.*

*TreeView has many powerful features including:*

*Sync your tree between the software and all of your mobile devices.*

*Display your tree in a variety of different ways including pedigree, family, ancestors, descendants, hourglass, fan and even a full tree view.*

*Create beautiful charts and detailed reports in seconds.*

*Attach facts, notes, images, addresses, sources and citations to your ancestors.*

*View your entire tree on screen, or zoom in to a single ancestor.*

*Quickly discover how people in your tree are related using the relationship calculator.*

*Identify anomalies in your data with the problem finder.*

*Map out your ancestors lives with map view.*

*Import or export your family tree using the GEDCOM standard.*

*Powerful New Features in Version 2*

*Linked charting*

*Click to focus*

*Extra charting features*

*5 new customisable reports types*

*Enhanced individual report*

*Drag and drop mapping*

*Improved search*

*The new linked charting feature is a great time saver - when you reopen a chart you will be given the option to update it to include any new changes that you have made, such as date or place changes to events. Whilst using the Tree Views you can click to focus on any person to shift the emphasis on the tree displayed. The person chosen will then become the main focal point of the page.*

*As well as customising the types of charts, text size, background colours and images, extra charting features have been added so you can now customise the font and colour of the text, along with the colour of the boxes, borders and connections.*

*Adding to the original report facilities [Individual, Family & Narrative reports], TreeView now comes with a range of new customisable report types, including Address List, Birthday/Anniversary List, Missing Information Report, Descendant Report, printer-friendly Pedigree Chart and a handy blank Pedigree Chart to fill in when out and about researching. All of these reports can be exported in PDF or RTF formats.*

*The individual report [Which outputs all the details about a person] now supports multiple individuals, so you can select one person and add ancestors, descendants, both or even select your own list of people to include.*

*The new drag and drop mapping feature allows you to pinpoint an exact place on a map where an event occurred. Co-ordinates for the places you tag are saved and can be exported in GEDCOM files. The improved search enables you to look for common attributes among your ancestors. You can now search your entire database using keywords, for example "Baker" would find the word in a name, fact, note, etc.*

*TreeView 2 is a powerful and easy to use family tree program. You can sync to the cloud and your mobile devices. TreeView's privacy options allow you to keep full control of your data when storing your tree in the cloud.*

*TreeView 2 Premium Edition [£39.95] - Includes:*

*Full TreeView 2 program*

*Quick Start Guide*

*4 Month Diamond Subscription to TheGenealogist.co.uk [Worth £59.95!]*

*Cassell's Gazetteer of Great Britain & Ireland 1893 [Worth £16.95!]*

*Imperial Dictionary of Universal Biography [Worth £16.95!]*

*English, Welsh & Scottish Landowners 1873 [Worth £36.90!]*

*Irish Landowners 1876 [Worth £12.95!]*

*Upgrade to TreeView 2 today for only £14.95*

*Go to <http://treeview.co.uk/> to find out more."*

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What a find and so very very lucky. A Frenchman who inherited a large house in Normandy, France from a relative has found an astonishing haul of gold hidden under the furniture. The coins and gold bars only came to light when the house's new owner started moving things around. First, a tin box of coins screwed to the underside of some furniture, was found. According to certificates found in the deceased's estate, the gold was legally purchased in the 1950s and 1960s. To read more about this story [www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38072135](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38072135) and a tells of a possible sting to this tale.  
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The busy folk at 'Troy [New York] Irish Genealogy Society' have added new information  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nytigs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nytigs/)

If you come along any updates to websites, new websites or interesting websites please do let me know it is possible the information hasn't reached me, I would rather be told about something two or three times than not at all.  
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Gramps the FREE genealogy program available for Linux, UNIX, Windows and Macintosh operating systems, have released version 4.2.5. It is what some call a maintenance release, meaning that it has fixes for bugs. These links should be able to answer most of your queries <https://gramps-project.org>  
<https://gramps-project.org/2016/12/gramps-4-2-5-released> and the manual for users is here [https://gramps-project.org/wiki/index.php?title=Main\\_page](https://gramps-project.org/wiki/index.php?title=Main_page)  
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Incline Software have announced a new version [15] of ancestral quest. It has new functions TreeTips and Memories Manager as well as enhancements to several existing functions, go to [www.ancquest.com/pressreleases/pr161215aq.htm](http://www.ancquest.com/pressreleases/pr161215aq.htm) for the press release and [www.ancquest.com/AQ15Features.htm](http://www.ancquest.com/AQ15Features.htm) for a description of the new features. TreeTips research assistant automatically searches on-line databases of MyHeritage, FamilySearch and Findmypast then prompts if there are any records related to the entry in Ancestral Quest. It does not mean that the information it finds is freely available as it may require a subscription to access it. I don't know how accurate it is with its suggestions. If any of you out there can give any feedback, I would appreciate being able to share it with readers in a future edition.

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MyHeritage has announced that over 6 million records from the New York City Marriages collection, are now online. The records have the full names of the bride and groom, the year and the license number for over 3 million marriage licenses filed at the New York City Clerk Offices in the five boroughs from 1950 to 1995. This collection has been indexed by the non-for-profit organization Reclaim the Records. See <https://blog.myheritage.com/2016/12/now-online-new-york-city-marriages-1950-1995/> for the full details.

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Recently I received details pertaining to an Australian lady who found out by research that her fiancé was in fact her half brother but was he?

*This what I received, "An Australian woman found out her fiancé, the man she describes as her "soulmate", is actually her half brother. She said the pair "had an instant connection" upon meeting and soon fell head over heels for each other. "After a year of dating, we got engaged. We finally moved in with one another a month ago and our wedding is in six weeks. Beyond the normal little domestic nagging, things have been perfect. He's my soulmate. I don't know what I'd do without him." While working on wedding invitations, the future mother-in-law casually mentioned the future groom's father is actually his step-father. The soon-to-be bride asked to see a picture of the real father and nearly passed out when she saw it, it was a picture of her father."*

However this newspaper report suggests it was all a hoax,  
<http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/relationships/woman-finds-out-her-fiance-is-her-halfbrother-according-to-reddit-thread/news-story/a4a68aad9c6ed576cff508e126df031d> I will let you make your own minds up.

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Leeds General Cemetery Burial Registers Index have gone online via the Special Collections of the University of Leeds' Special Collections. The cemetery opened I believe in 1835, for more information and to search the records please go to <https://blog.library.leeds.ac.uk/blog/special-collections/post/484>

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The 1940s adoption records in New Jersey, America have been sealed without a court order and locked in a room in Trenton, America. Parents who gave their babies away expected privacy. However since 1st Jan 2017 the records of approximately 300,000 adoptees have been unsealed. Those who wished to stay anonymous had to file paperwork to the New Jersey Health Department by 31st December 2016. You can read more here <http://6abc.com/news/new-nj-law-eases-privacy-rules-on-adoptions/1678324/>

The residents of Cerezales del Condado, a tiny village in the northwestern Spanish province of Leon was in for a life-changing surprise when the founder of Corona beer left each of them with almost \$2.5 million each in his will. Antonino Fernández, former Chairman of the Grupo Modelo group, died at the age of 99 in August last year. The billionaire remained close to his roots in Spain and after his death, left \$210 million to the residents of Cerezales, with each villager inheriting over \$2 million. You can read the story here [www.thesun.co.uk/news/2258226/billionaire-founder-of-corona-beer-brewery-makes-everyone-in-his-village-a-millionaire-in-his-will/](http://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2258226/billionaire-founder-of-corona-beer-brewery-makes-everyone-in-his-village-a-millionaire-in-his-will/)

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Grateful thanks to Nick Thorne from TheGenealogist for this update on what we can look forward to in 2017. He writes:-

*"In the New Year you'll see even more New Data Sets coming to TheGenealogist*

*Millions of new and unique Parish Records*

*Bishops' Transcripts are being added for many more counties.*

*A new and unique record set covering detailed records of our ancestors houses, which will be searchable by name, address and area, with high resolution maps showing the property.*

*Our ongoing project with The National Archives is set to release yet more detailed Colour County and Tithe Maps with tags to show where your ancestors lived.*

*1921 census substitute, using a wide variety of records including Trade and Residential Directories of the time.*

*New decades of BT27 Passenger Lists and Emigration Records*

*Expanded International Headstone Project to cover Commonwealth cemeteries.*

*More worldwide War Memorials added to our comprehensive database.*

*Following on from our release of over 230 million U.S. records in 2016, we will be launching more U.S. records.*

*Updated high resolution image sets."*

Oh wow what a great list.

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Census, they are not all online but the number and quality of the scanned image is slowly growing. Every so often we get a lovely surprise when something thought to have been lost, is found.

This is the case with the 250 year old census of St Kilda, which was found whilst cataloguing by the National Register of Archives for Scotland [NRAS]. The census listing 90 people living archipelago recorded 15th June 1764, stating 38 males and 52 females, making up 19 families with 9 individuals. Historically a very important find because previously no one alive is believed to have known of the existence of any census prior to 1822 for St Kilda.

Here is the link for more information [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-38450471](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-38450471)

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York's Archbishops Registers Revealed a wonderful source of information, often under used, <https://archbishopsregisters.york.ac.uk/> to take a look you might be surprised by what you find.

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I have been asked about researching overseas which has reminded me of Early Canadiana Online <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/databases/search-all>

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Sponsored by Boston College's Irish Studies Program and produced by Office of Marketing Communications, the Boston Pilot's Missing Friends has been digitised [www.olivetreegenealogy.com/MissingFriends/](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/MissingFriends/) a wonderful source for those wishing to search information regarding their friends or family members who left Ireland for North America.

The Charles Booth's London has a new website with a search facility for the catalogue, to investigate digitised notebooks, and Poverty maps of London the website is <https://booth.lse.ac.uk>

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Jack Minsky, President of Software MacKiev, has issued announcement of an update for Family Tree Maker  
The new upgrade [I believe] includes:-  
The ability to add password-protection to the tree files you export  
Improved stability  
Increased speed and responsiveness

The announcement recommends you read the following so I have copied and pasted

"READ THIS FIRST – BEFORE YOU UPDATE

Please read this carefully before you update:

1. Do a manual backup with media. While the updater is perfectly safe, it's always a good idea to back up your files. After a last sync [if you sync your tree files], we recommend compacting them [Tools>Compact File] and then manually backing up [File>Backup, making sure the Media and Sync boxes are checked]. Then put your backups on an external drive or load into cloud storage.
2. Make sure your old version is installed. The updater will be looking for an installed edition of FTM 2014 or Mac 3 or later. If you don't have a copy installed, then go get one at the Replacement Center [see instructions below].
3. Do NOT unlink your tree! If you have a linked tree on Ancestry.com, the link will magically move to the new build when you install it — whether you are updating from an Ancestry version or an earlier one of ours. It will copy your preferences too, and will not touch your tree files.

OK, if you've read all that [you have, right?], and you are ready to get your free update, please click here.

Enjoy!

YES, YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU

Here's the situation. You're upgrading to our new edition of Family Tree Maker and you have your tree still linked to your old edition. Well there's one thing you should NOT do - and that's to break that link and redownload your tree. Because now you can take your link with you. When you open your tree in our edition, the link will move [somewhat magically if you ask me] right along with the tree. No need to break links or redownload. It just works.

WILL SYNC STILL WORK ON NEW YEARS DAY?

Relax. TreeSync® won't stop working at the stroke of midnight on New Years Eve. It will still be retired at some point in the not too distant future, but before that happens, new syncing technology will be available to replace it. And that means syncing as we know it for FTM is going to live on into 2017 and beyond. So stop worrying about what happens at the end of the year. As long as you've purchased a MacKiev edition, syncing, search, and Ancestry's shaky leaf hints are all here to stay.

THE DOCTOR IS IN, MORE OFTEN

If you're an early bird in the US, you'll be pleased to know that we've added three more morning hours to our live chat support service, now open from 6am-6pm, 7 days a week. We still offer email support and you'll find hundreds of useful articles in our Support Centre. But when your research can't wait, there's nothing like a live agent to walk you through the steps."

Also check out their See Getting Technical Support section.

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A new research tool for genealogists called AncestorSearch has been created by Randy Majors for more detailed information go to Randy's blog [www.randymajors.com/2016/12/history-buffs-with-one-click-see.html](http://www.randymajors.com/2016/12/history-buffs-with-one-click-see.html)  
Enjoy.

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The newspapers on the British Newspaper Archives aka BNA website didn't use to be on their sister company website FindMyPast aka FMP. Earlier this month [January] I rang FindMyPast and asked about the newspaper coverage on FMP as I was thinking of subscribing to BNA if the difference warranted an additional subscription. I was advised that there is effectively no difference, although new updates to BNA might take up to a month or six weeks before they appear on the FMP website. So personally I don't consider the additional £79.95 subscription to worth it to me.

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The best and the worst of 2016, this makes for some quite interesting reading.

[www.tamurajones.net/GeneAwards2016.xhtml](http://www.tamurajones.net/GeneAwards2016.xhtml)

Two things really stood out for me Ancestry.com got two mentions, an honourable mention in the Best Genealogy Organisation of 2016 section which was won by MyHeritage for introducing Family Tree Builder 8, which uses a real database engine, making it a solid foundation for future versions.

The honourable mention reads:-

*"Ancestry.com raked in record number of negative awards this year, but one positive development deserves to be highlighted as well. Ever since they introduced TreeSync in Family Tree Maker 2012, Ancestry.com kept the TreeSync API secret. This year, Ancestry.com announced that they will replace TreeSync with something new, and are sharing the API with both Software MacKiev, the new owner of Family Tree Maker and RootsMagic."*

The other mention for Ancestry.com came in the Worst Genealogy Organisation of 2016, which they won.

The report reads:-

*"Ancestry.com discontinued Family Tree Maker by selling it Software MacKiev, and they opened up syncing with Ancestry Member Trees to not only Software MacKiev, but to RootsMagic as well.*

*Then again, New Family Tree Maker users continue to suffer problems caused from a decade of poor programming practices and product mismanagement, and Ancestry.com decided to add insult to injury with the release of the We're Related app.*

*Ancestry.com did not even bother with adequate regular backups, and that is plain unprofessional.*

*Ancestry.com makes such poor software that they won both Worst Genealogy Product and Worst New Genealogy Product, and they did not deliver the TreeSync replacement as promised. All that is disappointing for sure, but what truly makes Ancestry.com the worst genealogy company of the year is the prolonged RootsWeb outage and significant user data loss.*

*In February, a RootsWeb outage started that lasted more than a month. RootsWeb is owned by Ancestry.com, and you may recall that the Ancestry.com site itself went down in 2014. Back then, Ancestry.com claimed that was because of a DDoS attack. You would expect the company to have put measures in place to prevent repetition and this massive failure makes it seem they did not those measures. In fact, Ancestry.com did not even bother with adequate regular backups, and that is plain unprofessional.*

*This time, Ancestry.com did not even communicate about this major outage on their blog, and when they finally sent an email to registered RootsWeb users, it was to tell that they had lost data, specifically content from FreePages added after the summer of 2015 - that is practically an entire year of data."*

This I also found interesting in the Worst Genealogy Organisation of 2016 section.

"dishonourable mention: findmypast

Findmypast wasted money on Twile, a hopelessly unimaginative me-too timeline webapp, best known for their continual annoying you have 5 questions to answer spam. After a few somewhat disappointing years, which included several bad investment decisions, most notably grossly overpaying for Mocavo, the company let CEO Annelies van de Belt go, only to appoint as interim CEO Jay Verkler, the very guy who, as the same official message tells us, had been giving her advice these past few years..."

I have written in a previous newsletter about the financial reports on FindMyPast, but I haven't checked recently to see if their situation has improved.

I will leave you to read the report and make up your own minds.

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Does your research go to Oklahoma? then hopefully you are aware of this very helpful website

<https://ok2explore.health.ok.gov> . It is a free searchable site covering births and deaths that occurred in the state of Oklahoma.

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Oh flip what a problem to try and enter into your genealogy database. A surrogate mother gave birth to twins boys in California. The twin boys were the sons of a gay Italian couple who had used in vitro fertilization to have children. However when the gentleman returned to Milan with the young twin boys they met problems. A clerk at the registry office refused to transcribe the babies' birth certificates, barring the men from registering the boys as their legal children. That really isn't the main problem, it is the Italian court ruling stating that although the court acknowledges the boys as being twins, the court said, the two boys aren't brothers!

To read the full story the link is [www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/01/08/these-two-baby-boys-are-twins-but-an-italian-court-says-they-arent-brothers/?utm\\_term=.6adf5b944cb0](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/01/08/these-two-baby-boys-are-twins-but-an-italian-court-says-they-arent-brothers/?utm_term=.6adf5b944cb0)

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It is unlikely that the changes pertaining to the information available from the General Register Office have escaped you. What are they you ask? major changes affecting our access to records of births and deaths in England & Wales from the General Register Office. There have been some major changes in both the ways to search, the information available and the purchasing of copies of birth and death certificates on the UK GRO [General Registry Office]. The General Register Office initiated phase 1 of what I believe to be a three phase course of action in November 2016 and currently [mid January 2017] we are waiting for more information on phase two starting.

For general help try

[http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/most\\_customers\\_want\\_to\\_know.asp#OnlineIndex1](http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/most_customers_want_to_know.asp#OnlineIndex1)

Even thou the General Register Office's phase 1 trail ended last year, the enhanced birth and death indexes, which were launched in November 2016, are still online. I believe the plan is they will be available permanently, I am not sure thou if they will continue with PDF copies of register entries.

The additional information in the indexes is fantastic and the indexes are free. It is now much easier to find those so far unfound children to marriages, don't forget that census can be very helpful in resolving which children belong to which family. That said do remember that information is only ever as good as the informant.

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Now to a warning, and I guess some of you might say 'Heather's soapbox'.

Several sites have been reported by Snopes.com [Family Tree Now, Spokeo, Intellius, BeenVerified.com and perhaps a dozen others similar sites] as making personal information openly available. One site FamilyTreeNow.com is mentioned in this report [www.snopes.com/sensitive-personal-information-police-officers/](http://www.snopes.com/sensitive-personal-information-police-officers/) reading the article it becomes obvious that whilst it appears to be a family history site it is only a way to make personal information freely available on line. The FamilyTreeNow.com site claims to have "*...billions of historical records including census [1790-1940] records, birth records, death records, marriage & divorce records, living people records, and military records*" Searching for common names, all I saw displayed was twentieth and twenty-first century records with the majority of the displayed records showing names, addresses, and relatives of living people. While this is causing a buzz on many social media sites, nobody should be surprised at the information being displayed. All of it appears to be public domain information, whether the folks listed like it or not.

I'll leave you to read and make up your own minds, but as I have said many times before you should NEVER put any information out about yourself unless you either want it available to all or have read the terms and conditions and are sure that your details will be safe. The Snopes website [www.snopes.com/sensitive-personal-information-police-officers/](http://www.snopes.com/sensitive-personal-information-police-officers/) is just one reminder of many to not register on a site unless you are sure what the site is going to do with your details.

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It has come to my notice that some people appear to be struggling to find local history information. My main source to find information is to search 'Google' it is amazing the number of towns and villages who have fairly recently started a website.

I have connections to St John's Church, Hale, Farnham, Surrey and whilst checking out their website



<https://badshotleaandhale.org/our-history/st-johns/> I noticed a sub link under 'Funerals' was entitled "Who's in St John's Churchyard" clicking the link I was taken here  
<http://captain-canary-80647.bitballoon.com/> you will notice down the right hand side of the screen the option to scroll and search names. For example I clicked on Stevens Harold and up came a details of the monumental inscription a this link [www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=100006890](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=100006890)

I am not saying every Church has this amount of information because they don't but what I am suggesting is that you do search websites regularly and thoroughly.

There are many more stories, blogs and local histories published online, do also check the Society for One-Place Studies <http://one-place-studies.org/> .

There is a massive selection of books relating not just to local history in general, but specific villages and towns. Family History societies covering your area of interest are a good place to start

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Talking about Family History societies a good place to see what they have to offer is family history events. WDYTYA Live aka Who Do You Think You Are Live is the said to be worlds largest and luckily for us is here in the UK. This a fabulous event and well worth visiting, you will be hard pushed to visit all the stand in one day, and certainly will not manage to attend all the talks you would like.

For further details go to <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/>

If you decide to visit do let me know, maybe we can meet for a few minutes.

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Staying with Who Do You Think You Are aka WDYTYA if you are looking for some assistance with your research, maybe Merlin Genealogy Solutions is the answer to your prayer. I received this from Elizabeth

"Merlin Genealogy Solutions can be found at stand 194 at the Who Do You Think You Are Exhibition at the NEC Birmingham on Thursday 6 April to Saturday 8 April 2017. We work with individuals like you, to complete family history puzzles, as well as provide guidance if you are conducting your own research.

Individuals – Merlin does the legwork to compile a complete family history, from sourcing official documents, to establishing medical heritage and obtaining photographs of locations significant to the family.

DIY research – individuals frustrated with brick walls or dead ends in their own search are helped by Merlin to complete their story, through purchased guides, advice on the next path to take, or assistance on specific elements of the search.

Visitors to the show can pick the brain of genealogist, Elizabeth Owen, for all-important nuggets which could unlock their family history. Alternatively, they can purchase hard-copy guides to help with their own research, book Elizabeth for a talk at an event, or secure an appointment post-show to discuss how Elizabeth can solve their genealogy challenges."

Contact Elizabeth Owen via her website [www.merlingenealogysolutions.com](http://www.merlingenealogysolutions.com) her email address is [info@merlinegenealogysolutions.com](mailto:info@merlinegenealogysolutions.com) or phone number 01372 279381

For those attending the U3A Network Family History Study Day on the 23rd March you will be able to speak to Elizabeth there too.

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With so much sad news or should I say news which could be better, a little good news. The new extension to the Plymouth Central Library, which is also the home to a vast amount of material from the Plymouth & West Devon Record Office, South West Film & Television Archive and South West Image Bank, has started. This project will also join together the existing Museum and Library buildings and convert accommodation at St

Luke's church into a high quality exhibition and events space. I understand this project hoped to be completed by summer 2019 with the site opening by Spring 2020 in time for the Plymouth's Mayflower celebrations.

More details available here on the Federation of Family History Societies' website [www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news170117.php](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news170117.php) or on the Plymouth Arts & Heritage website <https://plymhearts.org/2017/01/16/ground-breaking-moment/>

Finally there is a short recording on here [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxfWuZ4mB6s&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxfWuZ4mB6s&feature=youtu.be)

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As always thank you for reading this newsletter I hope you have enjoyed reading it, my very grateful thanks to those who have emailed me since the last newsletter. Please remember I really do need your input, be that in the form of an article, or just sharing thoughts and ideas. Without your feedback and articles this newsletter would not exist. I have struggled with this newsletter, and my apologies for any hiccups but my mind has been tangled in a family matter.

Please keep your emails coming, all the more the merrier, if it was interesting to you or news to you, then it will benefit another reader so do please email me about it. I really do appreciate your feedback.

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

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Boyle No. 2	1864-1939	372
Carney No. 1	1864-1938	1134
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