



Family History For You

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Hello Everyone,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful emails you have sent me, it is brilliant to hear that the newsletter has in it the things you are looking for. The newsletter is for anyone, readers do not need to be a member of a group, society or club. So do please forward the link to the website so people can download a copy of the newsletter for themselves <http://www.roccoland.plus.com/FH4U/index.html> .

Recently I was reminded of this lovely little ditty that I think was first sung by Lonzo and Oscar in 1947 and later by Homer and Jethro, since then many others have sung it. Apparently it was inspired by an anecdote that Mark Twain related in a book, proving how a person could become his own grandfather. 'I Am My Own Grandpa' is a bit of a mind-bender for any genealogist. Can your genealogy program properly display these relationships? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYIJH81dSiw>

Taking an educated guess I think it would be safe to assume that we either do, or have in the past, used abbreviations. What if you shared your research with another person, or even another researcher, would they interpret your abbreviation/s in the way you wrote them? Do you know about the OED [Oxford English Dictionary] abbreviations, the site is absolutely fascinating. <http://public.oed.com/how-to-use-the-oed/abbreviations/>

For those with Scottish heraldic interests. The Lord Lyon is the senior authority in Scotland on everything to do with heraldry.

The Scottish government have announced that Dr Joseph Morrow has been appointed as the new Lord Lyon King of Arms. Dr Morrow has been a student of heraldry for over 30 years and has degrees in Theology and law. Dr Morrow is currently the President of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland, President of the Additional Support Needs Tribunals and a First-Tier Tribunal Judge dealing with asylum and immigration issues.

In 2009 Dr Morrow was appointed as a Vice Lord Lieutenant for the City of Dundee and in that capacity regularly received members of the Royal Family to the City. He is also an Incumbent of the Chapel of Glamis Castle. Dr Morrow is especially interested in ecclesiastical history and more than 30 years' experience of the practical application of ceremonial within a variety of settings including State, Civil, Military and Ecclesiastical areas of Scottish life. The appointment was made by the Queen on the recommendation of the First Minister, Alex Salmond. The part-time appointment, made under section 3 of the Lyon King of Arms (Scotland) Act 1867, is based at Edinburgh's New Register House.



The Lord Lyon office dates from the 14th-Century. The duties of the Lord include the granting of armorial bearings and judicial rulings on who has the right to bear an existing coat of arms.

Did you know that a hundred years ago that there was a Hair Powder Tax? The Duty on Hair Powder Act 1795 was an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain levying a tax on hair powder, the act was repealed in 1869.

The Act stated that everyone wishing to use hair powder must, from 5 May 1795, visit a stamp office to enter their name and pay for an annual certificate costing one guinea. Certain exemptions were included: the Royal Family and their servants, clergymen with an income of under £100 a year, subalterns, non-commissioned officers, privates in the army, artillery, militia, mariners, engineers, fencibles, officers in the navy below commander, yeomanry and volunteers. A father with more than two unmarried daughters might buy two certificates, which would be valid for any number he stated at the stamp office. The master of a household might buy a certificate for a member of his servants which would also be valid for their successors within that year. The use of hair powder had been declining and the tax hastened its near death. In 1812 46,684 people still paid the tax, in 1855 only 997 did, and almost all of these were servants. By the time it was repealed in 1869 it yielded an annual revenue of £1000. The penalty for infringing the Act was £20.

Have you in the past used the Genlias site to research your Dutch ancestry? it was an excellent free site. Sadly Genlias is no longer available, but you can search the same records at www.wiewaswie.nl although currently the site is only in Dutch.

Sandra Goodwin's has started to produce new audio podcasts [in English] relating to French-Canadian research, called Maple Stars and Stripes. Podcasts are excellent resources, turn on your computer's speakers and go to <http://maplestarsandstripes.com>. You can also listen to them on an iPod, iPad, or iPhone by subscribing in iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/maple-stars-stripes-your-french/id793460330?mt=2>.

The BBC have introduced <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww1> which has many stories about life as it was during WW1, the range of information and the quality of their images is impressive.

Recently the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, called for the Low Pay Commission to agree on an above-inflation rise in the minimum wage. Some say that counter-intuitively, increasing the minimum wage could actually reduce government expenditure, because the increases are mostly paid by private employers, and many low-paid workers come from households which receive top-up benefits from the State.

There was a Radio 4 programme 'The Long View', if you heard the programme did you note similarities with the Speenhamland System? instituted by magistrates in Berkshire in 1795. They called for farmers and other employers in the county to increase the wages of their employees to take account of inflation in food prices, but provided a safety net of subsidies paid by the parish. Would you like to read more about the Speenhamland system try this site http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speenhamland_system The Speenhamland System didn't work, there wasn't a way to force employers to raise wages, in practice they cut wages rather than raising them, secure in the knowledge that the parish would make up the difference.

The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 created the Poor Law Commission, whose three commissioners were each paid £2,000 per annum, an enormous sum in those days, when many ordinary people laboured long hours for less than £20 a year.

There have been several mentions of the IGI aka International Genealogical Index and batch numbers. The Archer software website www.archersoftware.co.uk/sgi/ is the most up to date site I know of and it includes later batches than Hugh Wallis's which hasn't been updated since about 2002

The Hathi Trust is a partnership of academic & research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitised from libraries around the world. Amongst the collection are some interesting records depending on your area of research, their website is www.hathitrust.org

HistoryGeo.com, the historical-maps service operated by Arphax Publishing Co., has had a face lift. The site now has improved content and a new map-viewing tool. They have a video on youtube www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZAcMh-Q05U the First Landowners Project, Antique Maps Project can found here www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlGc0e2KgeA

Free family history programmes is another of the regular questions I get asked, normally I recommend Ancestral Quest [the follow on from PAF aka Personal Ancestral File] but my likes may not be yours. GRAMPS [Genealogical Research and Analysis Management Programming System] is a free genealogy program available for Windows, Macintosh OS X, and Linux. Recently there has been new update released that is said to contain numerous small enhancements and bug fixes. You can read more about GRAMPS at <https://gramps-project.org>. You can read about the changes made in version 4.0.3 at <https://gramps-project.org/2014/01/gramps-4-0-3-released>.

We, as family historians, I am sure all understand and appreciate the importance of recording family information, because if we don't record it, how will researchers in 100 years time find the answers, but do you record everything?

Some time ago, I started writing my memories, I am still writing them because I keep recalling snippets. The family history group I lead discussed this subject last year. Here are a few things, that were mentioned in that meeting.

Family Recipes, these can tell you all sorts of things, the standard of living, the type of foods they enjoyed, putting of 3d / 6d / 1s in the Christmas Pudding at Christmas, it changed depending on families and area you were living in. My Grandmother had a special recipe for apple pie, I discovered they had an apple tree in the garden.

Record those special memories, don't worry about how you write, there is no need for creative writing, a transcript of a chat with a relative is better than nothing. With the modern age of digital cameras, with the ability of videoing, these are all things that in time fellow researchers will rave about finding.

School memories, personally I hated those little bottles of milk we had to drink, but no one would know that if I didn't record it somewhere. Memories could all be put together in a memory box, you could add a variety of things, not just school records. Depending on the size of your box or boxes, school photos and reports, photos of pets, but don't forget to add the pets name, and details you would like remembered, age, place photo was taken, who took the photo etc. You could keep locks of hair, these are a super way of sharing DNA. Maybe you have a sampler, or something you or a loved one has sewn that you would like kept as a memory.

Some people like to remember others in a favourite place and sponsor seating, trees or even rose bushes in the grounds of crematoriums. It is up to you and will tell descendants about the sort of person you are by the way you record your family history. I guess what I am saying is, stop and think, if my great grand children were to be interested in what I did and who my family are, would they be able to find out?

Do you have family ties in Troy, New York? The police there are investigating a case where 108 headstones at a cemetery have been damaged at the historic Oakwood Cemetery. Cemetery workers found the headstones when they arrived to prepare for an interment. Why do vandals have to damage things? If this area is of interest you more information is here <http://goo.gl/5y14qb>

Have you heard of the Dusty Docs website? It is an online resource that covers the UK, including a few other places, providing links to free websites covering the British Isles that contain parish records. The parishes covered are listed alphabetically so you can easily see if your place of interest has any relevant links.

<http://www.dustydocs.com>

The Library and Archives Canada web site has announced they are to digitise the Canadian Expeditionary Force Service Files. "More than 600,000 men and women were part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) as soldiers, nurses and chaplains serving their country during the First World War, between 1914 and 1918. This is a vast project, for further details www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/digitization-cef-service-files.aspx

Following a major refurbishment Manchester Central Library has reopened. The building's historic features have been sensitively restored, bringing the building up to the standards of today. Central Library now have much improved facilities, the restored reading room is a focal point for learning offering a quiet and comfortable space. The library is a unique place, with a brand new lending library, new cafes, a bigger and better children's library, performance, exhibition and creative spaces. You'll find a place to meet friends in a relaxing environment and much much more. For more information go to www.archivesplus.org

A non-commercial website about the history of Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester, Dorset, has recently been set up. Covering the period from the hospital's beginnings in the 1840s to the late 1940s when it became part of the National Health Service. The admission registers are slowly being transcribed, the site has no official connection with the modern Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The website address is www.historydch.com



TheGenealogist project is preserving our fast vanishing heritage with its latest project. Following the War Memorials Project [which maybe I'll discuss in more detail in the next

newsletter]. TheGenealogist have started on a project to help preserve the invaluable family history information that can be found on gravestones. The Headstone Image Database is the only collection of records and images available as part of a UK genealogy subscription. To help get this project started, they have acquired Last Resting Place LastRP.com which has a large collection of photographs covering many graveyards. This new searchable transcript database allows you to view photographs of the headstone and see photographs of the church and surrounds. Maps are also available for the latest additions to the records. Headstones nationwide are suffering from erosion, and burial grounds from closures for new developments. Often the stones are removed to create green spaces and then reused as paving or destroyed. UKIndexer.co.uk hosts the new volunteer side of the project, volunteers everywhere are now offered the chance to join the project. With every headstone photographed or transcribed, volunteers will earn credits towards subscriptions at TheGenealogist or products at Genealogy Supplies. The coverage is growing all the time with England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Isles and Cyprus already started. They are looking for further volunteers to join their headstone project, so if you're a keen family historian or photographer, please get in touch!" To sign up to the project please visit www.ukindexer.co.uk/headstone . With more records and images to be added throughout 2014, the project will prove a useful tool to family historians looking to discover more information about relatives in their family tree. In my humble opinion no other website provides the comprehensive service of researching the complete life history of an ancestor and then being able to discover their burial plot too in just a couple of mouse clicks.



Peter Bloomfield has started a very good site for those with railway interests, which I think you will find of interest www.railwaymen-nlr.org.uk

Joao Ventura has created a new web site that includes information about the 20+ district archive sites in Portugal. <http://tombo.pt/> Unfortunately the site is in Portuguese, [I don't understand Portuguese] but using Google translate I think I am right in saying it does not contain images of the actual records, but does provide information about the various records sets and tells where the records (on paper) are located

The National Archives have revealed that their project to digitise First World War Military Service Tribunal papers that are held in their MH 47 collection. The records mostly relate to the Middlesex Appeal Tribunal, they heard appeals for exemption from the Military Service Acts of 1916 and 1918. Quite fascinating reading but sometimes heart wrenching reading the reasons for appealing for exemption. The records are now searchable online, this collection mainly covers people residing or employed in Middlesex between 1916 and 1918 www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/middlesex-military-service-appeal-tribunal.htm

1921 census epetition - the details as I understand them.

It was the very first census that guaranteed closure for a specific period, i.e. 100 years. If this is to be altered, it will require parliamentary time to pass the necessary legislation, as there are so many other and more important issues, it is unlikely to happen. This issue was raised in parliament some time ago, then the decisive statement said the 100 year rule was enshrined in the legislation for the 1921 census and was not just "customary", as it had been before. Hence it is unlikely that any government is going to use parliamentary time to repeal a single paragraph of legislation just to satisfy a group of people with a particular hobby. Particularly if you take into consideration the number of people born in or before the 1921 who are still alive, changes are there'll be a campaign *against* the general release of the records

I always find it amazing the various ways people choose to be buried. Billy Standley of Mechanicsburg, Ohio started planning his burial about 18 years ago, as he wished to be buried astride his 1967 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Recently his family honoured his wish when he was buried in a plexiglas casket.

www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/local-man-to-be-buried-atop-motorcycle/nc7p6/

In January, several of the Sydney Australia museums & historic houses, announced a shared portal at:

<http://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/> others in the loop to my knowledge are:- Elizabeth Bay House,

Elizabeth Farm, Government House, Hyde Park Barracks Museum, Justice & Police Museum, Meroogal, The Mint, Museum of Sydney, Rose Seidler House, Rouse Hill House & Farm, Susannah Place Museum, Vaucluse House and Caroline Simpson Library & Research Collection,

There is a new term 'archaeobunnies', after rabbits helped archaeologists find previously unknown artefacts dating back 5,000 years at Land's End, the westernmost point of Great Britain. Land's End called in Big Heritage, to further investigate the items uncovered by the "archaeobunnies." Big Heritage found that the artefacts were flint tools, hide scrapers and arrowheads that dating back at least 5,000 years. Land's End have since commissioned a more detailed archaeological investigation which found a Neolithic passage grave, burial mounds dating to the Bronze Age, a hill fort and a series of field systems dating to the Iron Age. For more information have a look at this link. www.history.com/news/rabbits-unearth-ancient-treasures-at-english-landmark

No sooner had I read about the rabbits, when I came across archaeomoles [if there is such a word]. According to Dr Arthur Raistrick we have Mamalion archaeologists, aka moles, to thank for some Mesolithic finds in Yorkshire. Near Malham Tarn, very fine wonderfully made flint implements, sometimes called 'Pigmy flints', were found in mole-hills, the moles have been invaluable and indefatigable excavators.

Don't rule out local history resources, one of these is 'Southwark Local History Library'

www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200161/local_history_library/1129/visiting_the_local_history_library/1

An often forgotten resource is directories but of course it depends on what you are looking for, try

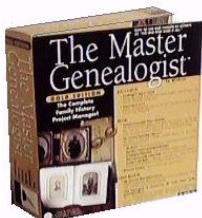
www.historicaldirectories.org/hd/ud/usingdir4.asp?

I wonder how many of us look at what our ancestors used as money? Maybe this is something those with meetings might like to discuss. <http://projects.exeter.ac.uk/RDavies/arian/amser/chrono.html> is an interesting site covering UK money and the history of it, or, if like me you have family down under, I have found this site helpful for Australian money and understanding the various values.

<http://www.coinworks.com.au/1813-Holey-Dollar-and-Dump.html> I am sure there will be sites for other countries, I just haven't searched for them and therefore not visited them.

Can't remember if this site in my last newsletter, www.gravestonephotos.com if not have a look.

The Master Genealogist have released version 9.00.



This major update includes a variety of new features that focus on making data entry faster and easier. There are updates to recording citations, adding people to your family tree, sharing event details [such as census]. Tag entry has also been updated to allow for what is hoped a more user friendly editing system. There are other numerous improvements so hopefully the feedback and reviews will be that all these improvements have enhanced the programme.

Origins.net have made available York Peculiars Original Probate Documents. A majority of the York Peculiars Probate records held at The Borthwick Institute for Archives are now digitised. I don't subscribe to this site so I am limited as checking out this information. National Wills Index, is a comprehensive index to over 25,000 wills and other probate documents proved in the 54 Peculiar Courts of the Province of York between 1383 and 1857.

www.origins.net/NationalWills/Search/yorkpeculiars/NWSearch_York_Peculiars.aspx

Their free search facility allows researchers to search collections without the initial need to register or subscribe. You can either search the whole site or specific collections and only need to pay if you want to view the records. Start your free searching at www.origins.net/Welcome.aspx

TreeDraw has reached its 20th Anniversary, this was I think the first family tree charting program and is still possibly the only one letting the user to fully customize their charts before printing them. It also has the additional capability to import data via the LDS's gedcom file facility. There is a version specifically for use with Legacy Family Tree which was first released about 2001. TreeDraw is still a popular family history programme, continuing to develop, the most recent version I think is 4.2.0. Details of TreeDraw can be found at treedraw.spansoft.org or treedrawlegacy.spansoft.org for the Legacy Edition.

If you have an interest in the history and the people of Scotland and Ulster, you can find books free online at USCN at <http://ulster-scots.com/publications>. You might also want to check out the rest of the Ulster-Scots Community Network web site by starting at <http://ulster-scots.com/>. The Ulster-Scots Community Network (USCN) is a representative umbrella organisation with over 400 member groups that promotes awareness and understanding of the Ulster-Scots tradition in history, language and culture. They also have published a variety of books.

I hate hearing that records useful to fellow family historians have been dumped!! According to the Saint Louis Post-Dispatch, two workers at the National Personnel Records Centre in Saint Louis have admitted to dumping, destroying or misfiling at least 1,800 personnel records. It is claimed that amongst the records lost were 241 documents found in 2012, discarded in woods not far from the centre, just off interstate 270 in the Spanish Lake area. Interested in reading more go to www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/federal-records-workers-deliberately-dumped-destroyed-or-lost-documents/article_69f33526-d29c-55ce-902e-60628a414bb9.html sorry for the long web link

With all the military research information around you might find <http://grantsmilitaria.com> a useful site to study uniforms.

Are you interested in postal archives? I have come across two fascinating websites. With the onset of WW1, mail for the troops on the Western Front was sorted at the London Home Depot, this huge site covering five acres of Regents Park. It was said to be the biggest wooden structure of its kind, where more than 2,500 predominately female staff handling during the war a massive 2 billion letters and 114 million parcels. Have a look at the websites <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-25934407> the other site being <http://postalheritage.org.uk/page/firstworldwar>

For years the Scotland censuses were only available online at the pay-per-view Scotlandspeople website. As a result many have preferred to concentrate on their English and Welsh ancestry. It's now possible to access the census transcriptions free as part of an Ancestry or FindMyPast subscription, there's no reason why the Scottish branches of your tree shouldn't be as well-researched as your other lines.

Staying with Scotland are you aware of <http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/education-and-learning/libraries/local-and-family-history/family-history/intimat> it is a free site covering the Greenock area of Renfrewshire.

Another lovely site is www.ayrshire-roots.co.uk/index1.php

FindMyPast have announced a new app 'Capture for iPhone' to upload photos, add audio, and add notes to your stored information. This new app will allow you to add audio, meaning you'll be able to record your relatives telling their story and include their voices throughout your family tree, thus bringing a new aspect to your research. Details may be found at <http://www.findmypast.com/capture>.

Herefordshire Archive Service is closed to the public and will remain so for the whole of 2014 and into early 2015. This is to allow staff and volunteers to prepare the collection for a move to purpose-built new premises next year.

Ancestry.com have announced that they will be continuing to work with FamilySearch International, that will make more than 1 billion additional records from 67 countries available on Ancestry.com. These records are in addition to the agreement announced a few months ago that will help digitise, index and publish an expected 1 billion global historical records never before published online from the FamilySearch vault over the next five years

The National Archives are putting diaries of World War I British soldiers online. The diaries record life in the trenches for all British military units, which were required to keep official journals daily. The Archives hold about 1.5 million pages of these accounts.

Ireland's Memorial Records is a new online archive listing 49,000 soldiers from Ireland, who either died during the First World War, or as a result of wounds sustained during battle. This is a joint co-operative between Google, the In Flanders Fields Museum in Belgium and by Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs. imr.inflandersfields.be/search.html .

Consultation on a Proposal for the Centralisation of Staffordshire Archive Service and William Salt Library Collections. This will bring the William Salt Library and Lichfield Record Office collections under one roof at an extended Staffordshire Record Office site. Stoke on Trent City Archives is not affected by this proposal. Further details of this proposal, including draft plans are on the Staffordshire County Council's website.

Alice Herz-Sommer is known as the oldest-living Holocaust survivor, she was also the subject of the Oscar nominated short subject documentary, Lady in Number 6: How Music Saved My Life, has died in London. Alice survived a Nazi concentration camp using music to empower herself and others, as a concert pianist, who was mentored by her sister, Alice went on to study with the pianist Vaclav Stephan. More on Alice and her life is on this website http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Herz-Sommer

Balmain Cemetery, NSW, Australia have put their records online at www.balmaincemetery.org/

This I am sure will interest quite a few of you, Welsh newspapers starting to go online. Admittedly this is a new site so patience may be required if they meet a problem, but everything has to start somewhere <http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en/home> This wonderful new resource allows you to search and read more than 630,000 pages from almost 100 newspaper publications from the Welsh National Library's collection, and this will grow to over 1 million pages as more publications are added during 2014. Among these records are Y Negesydd, Caernarvon and Denbigh Herald, Glamorgan Gazette, Carmarthen Journal, Welshman, and Rhondda Leader, not forgetting Y Drych, the weekly newspaper for the Welsh diaspora in America. Also included are some publications that were digitised for The Welsh Experience of World War One project <http://cymru1914.org/>

Someone asked about 'Churching' so I thought I would share this site with you all.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Churching_of_women variations do appear in different areas

Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2014 also saw the official launch of the new FREE TreeView Mobile app from TheGenealogist, which is compatible with all iOS and Android Devices. The very highly regarded TreeView online family tree builder can be viewed, updated and taken to family gatherings on a phone and/or tablet. You'll still be able to access your family tree and saved details on your mobile device with the TreeView app, even when you don't have a connection to the internet!

TreeView is a powerful tool in online family tree building and the app now brings the ability to add, modify and view your family history via any mobile device. Complete with the popular option of a variety of tree styles, you have everything available at your fingertips on the move!



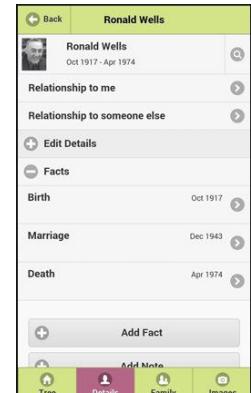
Features include: Dynamic and clear layout with a flexible number of tree designs, allowing you a choice of family tree style layouts- from Pedigree, Hourglass, Ancestors or Descendants

Privacy Options are flexible so users can keep their information just to themselves or share with family and friends

Adding and amending information is easily done from within the app. It's also easy to upload photos, add ancestors, alter dates and record other information you come across.

Access and download information easily from TheGenealogist and other family history research sources.

Build your family tree faster by connecting with Facebook.



Mark Bayley, Head of Online Content at TheGenealogist

comments: "With more people accessing the internet via mobile devices, we've designed an app that makes it possible for family historians to have their family history to hand at all times, in a format that is both easy to use and attractive to view. We've listened to our users' wishes and tailored an app to their full requirements, to give them the best app experience possible."

For more details and more information, go www.TheGenealogist.co.uk/app

Blacksmiths in your family then this website could help. <http://blacksmiths.mygenwebs.com/index.php>
Are you aware that The Borthwick Institute has a new website? www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/

FindMyPast findmypast.co.uk has changed subscription prices to create a more accessible service and provide even better value to both new and existing customers. You can now start using the site from £9.95 with the new monthly Britain subscription. They also offering a one month World subscription for only £12.95, which includes access to records from around the world, and the largest collection of Irish records online.

Does your research take you to St. Botolph, Bradenham, in Buckinghamshire? if so are you aware that 'The Monumental Inscriptions within the Churchyard of St. Botolph, Bradenham, in the Hundred of Desborough (Dustenburgh) in the County of Buckingham, 1913' are online

<https://archive.org/details/registerofenglis00engl>

The fire at the National Archives in Kew, was in the disused water towers and did not spread to the main building. No harm has come to any of the incredible records, despite the fact the building was evacuated, this was just a precaution

'Who Do You Think You Are? Live' is going to Scotland for the First Time as part of the Year of Homecoming Celebrations. From beginner to experienced researcher, locals and visitors to Scotland will have the perfect opportunity to discover their family ancestry at major show Who Do You Think You Are? Live, which will take place at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow from Friday 29 to Sunday 31 August, 2014. Packed with genealogy experts, free workshops, a celebrity theatre and specialist exhibitors, the show's arrival in Scotland marks the first time the event has been held outside of London. Tickets for Who Do You Think You Are? Live Scotland will be available on the event's dedicated website, www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com, later in the year.

Interested in Australian War Memorial's do you have a question that need answering? Then may I suggest this website <http://awm.altarama.com/reft120.aspx>

14,023 names have been uploaded into the Harrogate people and places any extractions.

www.harrogatepeopleandplaces.info

Over 103,000 names of people applying for poor relief in Richmond Poor Law Union between 1870 and 1912 are now searchable, free of charge, on Surrey History Centre's website,

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/recreation-heritage-and-culture/archives-and-history/archives-and-history-research-guides/poor-law-records/richmond-poor-law-union-application-and-report-books>

This is part of an on-going project to index surviving Surrey Board of Guardian Poor Law records. A team of volunteers have given over hundreds of hours of their time to index the first 91 registers of the Richmond Board of Guardians Application and Report Books. The indexes can be searched by name and include the date of application and the age of applicant.

The free website iannounce has over 6 million family announcements published in the UK since 2008. Apart from announcements of births, marriages, and deaths you'll also find memorial notices, obituaries, anniversaries, engagements etc. www.iannounce.co.uk

1746 Map of London now available as a Google Map, the Centre for Metropolitan History and Museum of London Archaeology has digitised John Rocque's 1746 map of London, putting the 24 parts together, then georeferencing it. The result can be seen in Google Maps. You can travel through London as it was in 1746, as an added bonus, you can see the differences between then and now by moving the StreetView icon around. The map is incredibly detailed and you can zoom in anywhere. The map can be found here www.locatinglondon.org/.

Are you aware that The Borthwick Institute has a new website? www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/

This site is a little gem if you are searching for information on Suffolk parishes
www.suffolkfhs.co.uk/docs/parish_listing_A-Z_Jan_2014.pdf

The Essex Records Office (ERO) have added 473 new registers to the very popular Essex Ancestors subscription-based web site. The newly-added 67,000 images bring the total number of available images to more than 580,000. To see images of parish registers and wills online, you will need to register at the site and purchase a subscription. Prices vary between £5.00 for one day's access to £75.00 for a yearly subscription. You can access the images at <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/EssexAncestors.aspx>. An Essex Ancestors User Guide is available at <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/GetPage.aspx?ID=97>

During a banquet held near to the Who Do You Think You Are Live event at Olympia, Dick Eastman was awarded a "Certificate of Recognition", this was presented by Colin Chapman on behalf of the Society of Genealogists. Dick was virtually speechless with surprise. The award was in recognition of his newsletter which he started eighteen years ago on a whim and decided to keep writing and publishing it as long as it remained fun to do. Never dreaming that it would take him traveling around the world.

Dick said "To the Society of Genealogists: I cannot find the words to properly express myself. Until I do, all I can say is, "Thank you very much."

Ancestry LLC have released details of their last financial year the full details can be viewed here
<http://goo.gl/dSTu6r/>.

A few interesting facts:-

2013 Total Non-GAAP Revenue \$561.5 million, Up 15% Year-Over-Year

2013 Adjusted EBITDA \$211.6 million, Up 18% Year-Over-Year

PROVO, Utah, Feb. 20, 2014 - Ancestry.com LLC reported financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2013. Financial performance for the periods was consistent with the preliminary results reported by the Company on January 29, 2014. "2013 was a successful year for Ancestry.com. We delivered strong financial performance highlighted by improved profit margins and growth in cash flows," said Tim Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of Ancestry.com. "We have a busy 2014 planned as we position the company to capitalize on its long-term growth opportunities. Key areas of activity and investment include areas such as product development initiatives; international expansion; our exclusive agreement with FamilySearch; and the continued growth of our popular AncestryDNA product, among others. We enjoy a solid foundation from which to pursue these initiatives, with a total subscriber base of more than 2.7 million across all websites and a profitable and healthy business model."

The Company ended the year with approximately 12.7 billion records, having added more than 1.2 billion new records in 2013. New collections added in Q4 included:

West Yorkshire, England, Electoral Registers, 1840-1962 – 22.6 million records

Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1918-1945 – 10.5 million records

Ireland Census, 1901 & 1911 – 8.7 million records

Netherlands Death Records, 1779-2013 – 3.5 million records

Texas Birth and Death Certificates, 1903-1982 – 6.9 million records

U.S. School Catalogs, 1756-1935 – 5.3 million records

Associated Press Card Index, 1905-2001 – 2.6 million records

Part of the current government programme of cuts and cost savings, is that the National Railway Museum are having to make changes to the opening hours of its Search Engine archives and library service.

Unfortunately, economic necessity means that the museum can no longer afford to have a library and archive service open 7 days a week. From 17 March 2014, Search Engine will be open to the public 4 days a week, from Wednesday to Saturday. The essential mission of Search Engine, to provide access to the NRM's archive and library collections, hasn't changed, continuing to provide a full range of services. Their email address is search.engine@nrm.org.uk visit their website www.nrm.org.uk/ResearchAndArchive/about.aspx

First World War Centenary Quilt

A family history community project to commemorate in fabric and thread those who served with the Commonwealth forces during the First World War 1914-1918 and did not return home. The aim is to produce a quilt made up of squares embroidered with the names of your ancestors or those in your local community who gave their lives. You are invited to contribute to the project by stitching a square or squares with the name/s of the person/s you wish to commemorate. For a minimum donation of £3.50 [including P&P], you will be supplied with a pack containing the pre-cut square of fabric and thread and detailed instructions. All profits will be divided equally between Help For Heroes www.helpforheroes.org.uk/ and Q4IS www.q4is.co.uk/ [Quilts For Injured Servicemen]. The project will run throughout 2014. An order form is available on the [website](#) or send a cheque made payable to First World War Centenary Quilt to: Philippa McCray, 27 Coventry Road, Lutterworth, Leics. LE17 4RE.

If you would like further information on the project or would like to request multiple packs for your society or group please email Philippa McCray at ww1centenaryquilt@btinternet.com.

Have you lost a relative in Australia and can not find the funeral or death notice, then maybe this is the website you need www.west-australian-daily-funeral-and-death-notices.com.au/sa1.html

Those of you who already know me will know I have warped sense of humour and this I found amusing. www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sUSJE8pxsg

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All those backups seemed a waste of pay

Now my database has gone away

Oh I believe in yesterday

Suddenly,

There's not half the files there used to be

And there's a deadline

hanging over me

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I pushed something wrong

What it was I could not say

Now my data's gone

and I long for yesterday-ay-ay-ay.

Yesterday,

The need for back-ups seemed so far away.

Thought all my data was here to stay,

Now I believe in yesterday.

Data protection and privacy issues are my own little soap box area and I don't apologise for that. So I was more than pleased to see that I am not alone, James Tanner is an American genealogist with over 39 years experienced as a trial attorney. He has written an article which is well worth a read <http://goo.gl/2Lq3G9>.

Would your computer programme for recording your families history cope with the latest recordable changes? Della Wolf is the first child to have 3 parents, yes three that is not a typo, recorded on her birth certificate. Della's parents are lesbian and their male friend. British Columbia's new Family Law Act came into effect last year and allows for three or even more parents. British Columbia is the first province in Canada with legislation to allow three parents on a birth certificate, although it has been achieved through litigation elsewhere. To read the story in more detail www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/della-wolf-is-b-c-s-1st-child-with-3-parents-on-birth-certificate-1.2526584

I wonder if there is anyone who hasn't been to a Family History Fair, like WDYTYA last weekend.

Personally I find them a wealth of information, if you haven't been to a family history fair or an open day please drop me an email as I am intrigued as to why not.

Staying on the subject of Fairs

The Midlands History Fair

Worcester Rugby Club, Sixways Stadium, Warriors Way, Worcester, WR3 8ZE

Saturday 9 August 2014

Time: 10am-4pm

Entrance fee: £3.00 adults, Children free admission.

A number of Family History organisations are planning on attending, from across the UK.

There are also FREE talks from S&N GEnealogy Supplies

Family History Societies, Advice, Books, Storage binders, Acid free materials, Charts, Magnifiers, Maps, Postcards, Parish records on Cd. Plus much more.



Oxford Family History Fair

Saturday 4th October 2013 10am – 4pm

The Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock OX20 1LP

Family History Societies, Museum & Military stands

Oxfordshire History Centre, Genealogical Suppliers, Books, CDs and more on sale, also available Research help, Oxford FH society's range of transcripts and search

Free Admission - Free Parking and Fully Accessible

For further details please email open-day@ofhs.org.uk or phone 01235 799374

WDYTYA saw the launch of 'The National Collection of Tithe Records' on TheGenealogist. Now for the first time you can search over 11,000,000 records and view the original documents online. The Tithe Records provide a unique view into our ancestral heritage by providing details of ownership and occupancy of land throughout England and Wales, revealing a wealth of information about people, places and landmarks in the Victorian era. These pre-census records can allow you to further your research just by clicking a button. Tithe Records are the perfect accompaniment to Census and BMD records and offer that extra piece of information in the genealogical jigsaw to giving valuable social and geographical insight into the lives of our Victorian ancestors.

The introduction of the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 meant records were taken, as with the Domesday Book, of the land ownership and occupancy, land use and sizes, and the rents to be paid. This affected everyone - from aristocracy to peasantry, from politicians to labourers – all levels of the social hierarchy found their way into the Tithe Records to give us a fascinating snapshot of a period in English history.

This first phase reveals all tenants and landowners across England and Wales from over 11,000 parishes. Providing the opportunity to discover whether your ancestors were landowners and how their land was put to use, or if tenants, or occupiers, which plots of land they were living or working on. The second phase of the project will link images of microfilm maps with the plot references. The second is due Spring 2014. Whilst the third phase will digitise the large original maps in colour for each county at high resolution to enhance this fabulous resource, hopefully out 2015.

Mark Bayley, Head of Online Content at TheGenealogist concludes: "This has been an exciting, major project for us. The records touch upon the lives of every family so they really are a must-have for every family historian!"

A screenshot of the TheGenealogist.co.uk website. The top navigation bar includes links for Search, TreeView, Research Log, Forum, Community, DNA News, My Account, Help, News, and Log Out. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: Miscellaneous > Tithe Apportionments. The main search interface features fields for Forename, Surname, County, Parish, Keyword, Year, and Type, each with dropdown menus for selecting options. A 'Search' button is located at the bottom of the form.

Examples and images from the new online Tithe Records: With an easy to search feature on TheGenealogist, we find the records of major landowners of the time, including The Duke of Wellington, Benjamin Disraeli; Prime Minister and Conservative MP, Sir Percy and his mother Mary Shelley; the well known novelist who wrote 'Frankenstein':

Miscellaneous » Tithe Apportionments » Full

Landowner	Benjamin Disraeli Esquire M P
Occupier	Benjamin Disraeli Esquire M P
Parish	West Wycombe
County	Buckinghamshire
Date	7th April 1847
Plan Number	992
Reference	IR 29/3/130

copy of the original image is also available to download

Miscellaneous » Tithe Apportionments » Full

Landowner	Sir Percy Florence Shelley Baronet & Sir Mary Shelley Baronet
Occupier	John Comber
Parish	Nuthurst
County	Sussex
Date	24th June 1845
Plan Number	600a
Reference	IR 29/35/194

Fully transcribed details of Tithe Apportionment. Here we find Benjamin Disraeli

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Here we see the Tithe Apportionment records of Sir Percy and Mary Shelley

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Opposite is a copy of the image of the Duke of Wellington's Tithes Apportionment record. The record illustrates the amount of fields, arable lands and woodlands that the Duke owned and the areas that he occupied and those lands where he had tenants

These records have been reproduced from the IR 29 and IR 30 collections in conjunction with The National Archives, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

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For those of you looking for Births, Deaths, Marriages, Engagements, Anniversaries and Missing Persons notices in newspaper, try visiting www.familynotices.org

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The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is offering online webinars these are aimed for beginning and advanced genealogical researchers. The webinars introduce you to the USCIS History, Library, and Genealogy programs and services. For more detail please check
www.uscis.gov/historyandgenealogy

Many of us struggle reading old documents in Europe and in the British Isles which were written in Latin. The National Archives [of Great Britain] have an online tutorial providing lots of assistance. The tutorial covers Latin as used in England between 1086 and 1733, the then official language. After 1733, official documents were written in English. Try the Latin Online Tutorial for Beginners at <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/latin/beginners>. Other similar tutorials exist for example reading old handwriting in English. Palaeography: Reading Old Handwriting 1500 - 1800 can be found at <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography>.

Talking to representatives from the General Register Office for Northern Ireland, they confirmed that from April they will be offering online access to their registers. Sadly at WDYTYA they were not able to confirm prices but it is hoped they will be able to make an "enhanced transcription" available for just one credit [40p], however digital copies are likely to be 5 credits [£2] for a full entry, a lot cheaper than the current £15

From Peter J Eyre, Assistant County Archivist, Cumbria Archive Centre, County Offices, Kendal, LA9 4RQ Telephone 01539 713541 email peter.eyre@cumbria.gov.uk . Cumbria Archive Service have introduced revised opening hours for an interim period until a public consultation about future archive service delivery takes place. From 7 April 2014, their opening hours will be as follows:

Barrow:- Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday-Friday 9.30-13.00, 14.00 – 17.00 and Wednesday evening 17.00-19.00. Open the 1st Saturday every month 10.00 – 13.00, 14.00-16.00

Carlisle:- Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday- Friday 9.30-12.30, 13.30-17.00
Open the 2nd Saturday every month, 9.30-12.30, 13.00-16.00

Kendal:- Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday – Friday 9.30-17.00

Whitehaven:- Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday – Friday 9.30-12.30, 13.30-17.00 and Wednesday evening 17.00 – 19.00. Open every other Saturday 9.00-13.00.

RootsMagic also have an android app to show off your family history wherever you go. Like Treeview the RootsMagic app is also free!. The features of this app include the ability to access your records via iTunes or Dropbox.– RootsMagic for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch uses your actual RootsMagic files, no conversion is needed. You can copy as many files as you want right onto your device via iTunes or Dropbox. Users of other genealogy software such as PAF, Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, and others can convert their files into viewable RootsMagic files using their free desktop software. Easily search and explore your family tree, search for specific people by name or record number. The app is available on [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.rootsmagic) and the [Amazon appstore](https://www.amazon.com/gp/mas/amazon-appstore/). For more information www.rootsmagic.com/app . One very big disappoint is that this app does not have an edit ability.

The U.K. government have proposed regulations that would allow researchers to use new techniques that should prevent serious mitochondrial disease being passed from a mother to her children. They involve the use of disease free eggs or embryos from a donor. A change in the law is needed for these techniques to be used in treatment. Draft regulations amending the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Act 1990 to let such treatments be carried out have been published for comment. This effectively means that a child would have three parents (the mother, the man providing the sperm and the egg donor) although only a tiny percentage of the child's DNA would come from the egg donor. The dominant DNA in any child born from these new techniques would be the mother and the man providing the sperm [usually the father. Read more on the U.K. Department of Health web site at <http://goo.gl/oXZ3o3>.

Have you read Leah Beckman's article describing the things that could be used against you and identify you as a witch. The article can be found at www.mentalfloss.com/article/55276/17-signs-youd-qualify-witch-1692. The Salem Witch Trials of 1692 accused many of practicing witchcraft, almost all of them on evidence that today would be considered 'iffy'.

The handy Find A Grave, released a free Find A Grave app for iOS7. More than 100 million graves in half a million cemeteries around the world are now at your fingertips with the new mobile app. Visit your ancestors resting place anywhere, anytime. You can request a headstone photo or snap one yourself and share it instantly. <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/03/03/find-a-grave-mobile-app-for-ios-now-available>

The National Archives increased their prices on 1 April 2014, the fees charges are controlled by Fees Regulations under the Public Records Act [1958], increases in fees are based on recovering the costs of providing the services, they last increased their charges in 2012. See all the price changes here:- www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/summary-of-costs-april-2014.pdf The consolation is the small reduction, to download digital images from the National Archives, which on the 1 April 2014 dropped to £3.30 from £3.36 and the cost of self-service copies remains at 25p for black and white copies up to A3, but the cost of other copies has gone up.

Report on WDYTYA Live 2014 from Andy Healy [Show Director]

"The 2014 show is now over and we're delighted it has proved a busy and successful show yet again! We drew in a total footfall of 13,128 and opening the show on a Thursday proved a very successful move with an equal spread of visitors across all three days.

Thursday 20 February	4,253	Thursday opened a little earlier than usual (9.30am rather than 10am) and saw a steady stream of visitors throughout the morning. This was repeated on Friday whilst Saturday saw a queue in the morning stretching right round to the Grand Theatre doors.
Friday 21 February	4,353	
Saturday 22 February	4,522	
Total	13,128	

With good weather and few problems with the transport networks, we saw a 32% increase in walk-up sales. The response to the new Military History Area on the gallery level was phenomenal, with queues all day reported by the Imperial War Museums and The National Archives. The dedicated stream of WWI workshops in SoG Studio 4 also proved popular and, yet again, we had incredibly positive feedback about the quality and variety of workshops on offer. Both the Photography Experts and Heirloom Detectives had queues all day and, as before, both the Military Memorabilia Checkpoint and Ask the Experts proved a wonderfully useful resource to visitors. We'd like to thank all our experts for their tireless hard work and unfailing good humour.

Our Celebrity Theatre played host to three celebrities from Who Do You Think You Are? Natasha Kaplinsky, Colin Jackson and Larry Lamb (alongside the series' producers) who happily shared their own family histories and entertained a packed theatre each time. We know that production of the 2015 television series is already underway and can't wait to see which celebrities will subsequently make it onto our stage.

The celebrities' roster continued with Dan Snow joining the Imperial War Museums on stage in our Keynote Workshop and Tony Robinson returning to regale the crowds in the Ancestry.co.uk Academy.

Thank you to all of our supporters, exhibitors, speakers, family history societies and, of course, visitors. I'd also like to thank our headline sponsor, Ancestry.co.uk, as well as our feature partners, The Genealogist.co.uk and FamilyTreeDNA. And not forgetting Else Churchill, Lori Weinstein and the Society of Genealogists for working with us to create a truly extraordinary and unique event. "

What the daily figures don't say, is if they have included those tickets given out for those manning the stalls in the figures.

Have you got a Polish ancestor/s? if so do you know about <http://szukajwarchiwach.pl> records are free online. More and more Polish records are becoming available. This site appears to be primarily around the WW2 time period, one of the drawbacks is the need to use a translation site unless you speak Polish, which could I guess transcribe something not exactly as we would wish. As far as I can see, the website represents the first stages of a project to digitise national archives held in regional offices in large towns. A great new site for those researching Polish ancestry.

As predicted for a while Ancestry.com have turned off the "old search" software at the beginning of March, what a fiasco they have created. The change has been controversial for a long time amongst Ancestry users to put it mildly. On the Ancestry.com Blog, Katharine Nester says "the "Old Search" functionality is fragile, as much of it is no longer supported, and it can no longer scale to meet the needs of the growing use of Ancestry across mobile devices, operating systems and browsers." Personally I think this is a massive disaster by ancestry. However, have you found the old search simulator? Go to your Site Preferences [found by clicking the icon where your Account info is] and click on Site Preferences. Then scan down to the very bottom you will find Search Preferences, then tick the box to simulate old search and then Update Preferences. It's not ideal but then it is Ancestry ;>) You can read Ancestry's full explanation of the recent changes in Katharine Nester's article at <http://goo.gl/NzyQxN> as to why they disregarded all that their customers have been saying.

Hence this newsletter has several mentions of the 'TheGenealogist', why it is a British Company, everything on the site is stored on servers in the UK, no storing on clouds in other countries. Above all they have YOU the family historian at heart. Brilliant.

St Peter's Drogheda Registers of Baptism, Burial and Marriage 1702-1900 - Indexes Online
To view Drogheda register indexes 1702-1900 see: <http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive>.

The National Library of Scotland have made available maps of England and Wales from 1842-1952 to add to its Scottish collection. A list by county can be found at <http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch-england-and-wales/counties.html>

Don't forget 'Old Maps Online', this is another good website for maps www.oldmapsonline.org

The National Family History Fair 2014, which was due to take place in Newcastle on Saturday 13th September, has been postponed, the new date has not yet been announced.

Anyone planning to visit Northallerton in the near future may be interested in the message about access currently on their website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23785/Record-office---plan-your-visit

The Spitalfields Life daily email, may find this article on the London Crypts of interest
<http://spitalfieldslife.com/2014/03/30/a-brief-history-of-london-crypts/>

Have you lost someone in NSW, Australia and think that the Newspapers might help you, then you could try www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/collections/newspapers.html

Are you aware that you can request a copy of original records from FamilySearch, as long they are not already available online. An email friend tells me the service is excellent with a turn around time of about 7 days. http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Photoduplication_Services at the bottom of the page you will, I understand, find the order form.

This is a fabulous find, have you got relatives who are linked to Manchester and served during the 1914-1918 this is a link to 'The National Roll of the Great War 1914-1918' it is alphabetical and full of information www.spinningtheweb.org.uk/bookbrowse.php?page=1&book=940.467+N1&size

This came to me in an email from Surrey History Centre, and sounds a fascinating talk.
Polish Refugees in post-war Surrey: A story of a displaced wartime community
A talk for Refugee Week by Wies Rogalski
Thursday 26 June 2014 7.30pm - 8.30pm
At Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 6ND
Tickets £5 each.

Wies Rogalski was born in Guildford to Polish parents who were displaced to Britain in 1947. For the first six years of his life he lived in a disused Canadian army base called Tweedsmuir Camp which stood near Thursley Village in Surrey. The camp, rather than being demolished after the war, was used to house Polish ex-service men and women who had been demobilised in Britain. This talk is an illustrated presentation about Wies' life at Tweedsmuir and his family's integration into British society. Wies and his brother Zen, have led an HLF project to capture the memories of those who lived at Tweedsmuir Camp. The project DVD and book will be available to purchase at the talk (correct money or cheques only please). The Polish Community in Tweedsmuir Camp in Surrey after World War Two is priced £12, and the DVD In Their Own Words - Members of Tweedsmuir Camp community talk about life in a Polish Resettlement Camp, is £9.99. All proceeds go to the maintenance of the Tweedsmuir Camp Exhibition at the Rural Life Centre, Tilford. Book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents or at Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 6ND Email shs@surreycc.gov.uk Tel 01483 518737

Recently findmypast.co.uk announced that in conjunction with the National Archives they are to digitise and publish the 1939 register. For full details go to <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/new-project-to-release-the-1939-register-for-the-first-time-online/> It will be a very useful database if it arrives.

I just hope it progresses better than the electoral rolls 1832-1928 they promised would be available in 2012 and the 2002-2012 electoral rolls they said would be available on the worldwide site "over the next few months", that was back in March 2013.

It is estimated that, once the collection is digitised it will comprise almost 1.2 million scanned full-colour images of documents covering the entire civilian population of England & Wales at the outbreak of WWII. The 1939 register was taken on 29 September 1939 by the British Government and recorded personal details of individuals in order to issue identity cards and ration books. Later it formed the basis of the National Health Service's records. When complete, the 1939 register will be fully searchable online for the first time, opening up the past to a new generation of family and social historians, just as the 1911 census did on its release in 2009. The records contain the address, full name, date of birth, sex, marital status and occupation of individuals, as well as changes of name. However, information about living individuals will be kept closed for 100 years from their year of birth, or until proof of death has been authenticated.

Those interested in being kept informed about the project can register at www.1939register.co.uk.

GRONI [General Register Office for Northern Ireland] have released civil registration birth, marriage, and death records online. Searches are free and images can be viewed for a small fee [however they cannot be downloaded]. GRONI charges to view the images of the original records. "Credits" can be purchased in advance of making a search. Anyone may purchase a minimum of one credit, up to a maximum of 200. A credit costs £0.40. Payment for credits or certificates can be made using a credit or debit card. The search is rather limited and will give only basic information and will not display images of the original records. These links should be helpful to get you started www.nidirect.gov.uk/family-history whilst the records can be searched here <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk>. So what is available, birth records over 100 years old, marriage records over 75 years old and death records (including World War II death records) over 50 years old

findmypast are phasing in their new search engine. However feed back suggests problems with the new search facility.

Would you like to know more about the asylums in Australia, then this wonderful .pdf file is for you
www.shaunahicks.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/Asylum-Records-Darwin.pdf

Following a public consultation, Shropshire Archives have confirmed new opening hours which started on Wednesday 16th April.

Sundays to Tuesdays: closed

Wednesdays: 10am to 4pm

Thursday: 10am to 4pm

Fridays: 10am to 4pm

Saturdays (every other): 10am to 2pm, the first Saturday opening will be on 26 April 2014

For further details please check their website

New opening hours <http://shropshire.gov.uk/news/2014/04/new-opening-hours-for-shropshire-archives/>

Website home page www.shropshire.gov.uk/archives/visiting-shropshire-archives/

From FFHS - Federation of Family History Societies. The current home for Cheshire's archives, the Cheshire Record Office in Chester, has been deemed inadequate by the National Archives and by elected members within Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils. 6 locations within Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East have been identified as potential homes for a new facility. You can have your say at http://archives.cheshire.gov.uk/latest_news_and_events/relocation_consultation.aspx

Paul Newman, Archives and Local Studies Manager, Cheshire Archives and Local Studies, Cheshire Record Office, Duke Street, Chester, CH1 1RL Their phone number is 01244 972574 or you can email recordoffice@cheshiresharedservices.gov.uk this consultation runs out 30th June 2014

Did you go to WDYTYA, and miss a talk or forget to pick up one of the handouts, you haven't missed out simply go to <http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/> and download a copy.

Nottinghamshire Archives have announced that work to extend the strong rooms and refurbish the public areas commenced on 31st March 2014 when they closed the car park for about 12 months. They will try to keep any disruption to a minimum; however, there may be times when selected collections are temporarily unavailable. On 20th October the service will close completely for approximately three months. Check www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives for progress and more information.

For those U3A members reading this, rumour has it that Ash U3A Family History Group are planning another study day in April 2015, it will be open to any U3A member, watch this space.

Finally, I said I would try to help with discounts, TheGenealogist has so much to offer, the discount is for a diamond subscription reducing the cost from £119.95 to just £98.95 the added bonus is 12 free copies of Discover Your Ancestors Online Periodical, giving you a total saving of £32. To take advantage of this offer the password/code is FH4U14 and expires at the end of December 2014.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter, 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.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch, it really is brilliant to hear from you, this is how I know the sort of things you would like me to include in the newsletter. I'd really would appreciate receiving stories about your research that I can share, as this is something I am asked for but can only share if I receive from you.

Heather

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Website Updates -what's new

Ancestry

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858
Canada Nova Scotia Census 1827, Tax Records 1770-1795
U.S. Dutch Reformed Church Records from Selected States, 1660-1926.
New York, New York, Birth Index, 1878-1909:
New York, New York, Death Index, 1862-1948:
New York, New York, Marriage Indexes 1866-1937:
New York, State Census, 1875
New York, State Census, 1855
New Zealand Directories
West Yorkshire Tax Valuation 1910
Canada, Seafarers of the Atlantic Provinces, 1860-1899
California Marriages from Select Counties, 1850-1941
Newfoundland births, Deaths and Marriages in Newspapers, 1810-1890
Gloucestershire, England, Wills and Inventories, 1541-1858
Bethnal Green: Examinations for 1839-1903, Orders of Removal for 1837-1853 - 1916, Settlement Papers for 1889-1894-1917.
Hackney: Orders of Removal for 1867-1868, 1900, 1903-1907, 1913-1914, 1920-1921; Settlement Papers 1850-1870, 1892-1915.
Poplar: Examinations for 1885-1897, Orders of Removal for 1874-1892-1893; Settlement Papers 1885-1886, 1889-1890, 1893-1894, 1904
Shoreditch: Examinations 1808-1918; Orders for Removal for 1869, 1878-1920, Settlement Papers 1882-1897.
Stepney: Orders of Removal for 1826-1836
Irish Roman Catholic records
Argentina Cenus 1865 and Buenos Aires 1855
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825 and 1842
Massachusetts State Censuses, 1855 and 1865.

British Newspaper Archive

Aberdeen Journal – 1892, 1893, 1896
Arbroath Herald and Advertiser for the Montrose Burghs – 1890
Ayr Advertiser, or, West Country Journal – 1879, 1891
Birmingham Gazette – 1877
Birmingham Journal – 1839, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1859
Bolton Evening News – 1869
Burnley Express – 1920, 1922, 1934, 1935
Burnley Gazette – 1896, 1912
Burnley News, The – 1914, 1916, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1925, 1926
Cambridge Chronicle and Journal – 1877
Cambridge Independent Press – 1877
Carlisle Patriot – 1887, 1895
Cheltenham Chronicle – 1887
Coventry Herald – 1863
Coventry Standard – 1879
Coventry Times – 1877
Daily Herald, The – 1917
Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald – 1940, 1941
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette – 1887
Dublin Evening Mail – 1841

Dundee Advertiser – 1863
Dunfermline Saturday Press – 1888
Durham County Advertiser, The – 1831, 1854, 1856, 1860, 1861
Edinburgh Evening News – 1917
Evening Telegraph – 1881
Falkirk Herald – 1868
Fife Herald – 1880
Grantham Journal – 1937, 1940, 1941, 1957, 1958
Hastings and St Leonards Observer – 1921, 1924, 1953
Leamington Spa Courier – 1840, 1841, 1842, 1874
Leeds Intelligencer – 1834
Lichfield Mercury – 1889
Middlesex Chronicle – 1876, 1877
Norfolk Chronicle – 1883, 1887, 1893, 1921
North & South Shields Gazette and Northumberland and Durham Advertiser – 1858
Paisley Herald and Renfrewshire Advertiser – 1871, 1872, 1874, 1875, 1877
Portsmouth Evening News – 1938
Sligo Champion – 1948, 1951
Southern Reporter – 1890
Stamford Mercury – 1926
Surrey Comet, and General Advertiser, The – 1878
Sussex Agricultural Express, The – 1918
Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle – 1874, 1875, 1877, 1880, 1882, 1885, 1889, 1891, 1926, 1931, 1935, 1936
Wells Journal – 1894, 1896
Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald – 1923
Worcester Journal – 1879, 1896, 1941
Yorkshire Evening Post – 1909, 1911, 1912, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1932, 1933, 1938, 1940, 1946, 1947, 1951, 1953
Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, The – 1879, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952
Y Goleuad – 1900
Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 1801, 1804 - 1806, 1810, 1812, 1816, 1818 - 1819, 1889
Belfast Morning News 1858
Birmingham Daily Mail, The 1881 - 1883, 1887, 1891, 1906, 1915
Cheltenham Chronicle 1873, 1889 - 1890, 1892, 1894 - 1895
Coventry Herald 1916
Derby Daily Telegraph 1889
Dover Express 1894 - 1896, 1899
Dublin Evening Mail 1827 - 1828
Edinburgh Evening News 1905 - 1906
Evening Telegraph 1882, 1884, 1886, 1890 - 1892
Gloucester Citizen 1934, 1937, 1941
Kendal Mercury 1870
Liverpool Daily Post 1875 - 1876, 1906
Newcastle Journal 1875, 1893
Nottingham Evening Post 1904, 1906 - 1908, 1911 - 1912, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1938 - 1939
Reading Mercury 1873
Salisbury and Winchester Journal 1789
Sports Argus, The 1917 - 1918
Stamford Mercury 1827, 1832, 1846
Sussex Agricultural Express, The 1954
Western Gazette 1907, 1909

Yorkshire Evening Post 1915, 1929 - 1930, 1936 - 1937, 1939

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, The 1870, 1891, 1896, 1901, 1905, 1907 - 1908, 1916 - 1918, 1924, 1928 - 1930, 1937.

DeceasedOnline

Kensal Green and West London Crematorium
Aberdeenshire Records

Durham Records Online

South Shields St. Hilda burials 1798-1812

Blaydon Cemetery burials 1873-1998

Gateshead baptisms 1828-1840, burials 1825-1840, marriage witnesses 1827-1834

Hurworth baptisms & burials 1841-1885

Durham Wesleyan Methodist Circuit baptisms 1841-1856, 1860-1870

Embleton baptisms, burials, marriages 1651-1760

Hartlepool Methodist baptisms

Hartlepool St Luke Marriages 1934-1937

West Hartlepool St. Matthew baptisms 1902-1945

Hartlepool St. Paul marriages 1906-1935

Norton baptisms & burials 1792-1812

South Shields St. John Presbyterian baptisms 1742-1857

Stella burials 1852-1956

Tanfield burials 1852-1960

West Hartlepool Hebrew Congregation Cemetery burials 1858-2011

FamilySearch.org

Bristol Parish Registers

Dorset parish registers from 1538-1936

England, births, marriages and deaths 1800-1920

U.S., Michigan, Eastern District, Naturalization Index, 1907-1995

U.S., Montana Naturalization Records, 1868-1999

U.S., Montana, Teton County Records, 1881-2012

U.S., New England, Seamen's Identification Cards, 1918-1940

U.S., Ohio, Hamilton County Records, 1791-1994

United States, Passport Applications, 1795-1925

United States Revolutionary War, Virginia Pension Application Files, 1830-1875

U.S., Wisconsin, Milwaukee Petitions to Naturalization, 1848-1991

World War I Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Records, 1917-1920

Cornwall parish registers

Durham Diocese, Calendar of Marriage Bonds & Allegations, 1594-1815

Kent, Register of Electors, 1570-1907

Canadian 1916 Census

FindMyPast

British India Office birth and baptism records 1698-1947

British India Office deaths and burials 1749-1947

Indian Office wills and probate records 1749-1957

India Office East India Company and Civil Service pensions 1749-1947

East India Company cadet papers

Applications for the civil service

Convict Transportation Registers 1787-1870

New South Wales and Tasmania: Settlers and Convicts 1787-1859

PERSI Periodical Source Index

Australian Convict Records
British Garrison Deserters In South Australia
South Australia Cemetery Inscriptions
South Australia Destitute Women 1855-1860
South Australia Landowners 1835-1841
South Australia Naturalisations 1849-1903
South Australian Ex-Convicts
Baltimore Passenger Lists 1846-1851
Boston Passenger Lists 1846-1851
New Orleans Passenger Lists 1846-1851
New York Passenger Lists 1846-1890
Philadelphia Passenger Lists 1846-1851

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archive

Cavan MI Glasleck Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Donegal List of Marriage Lines (Dispensations) St. Eunan's Letterkenny 1857
Dublin Deansgrange Cemetery – St. Brigid's Section, pt 6
Fermanagh Tenants from Mullynaskea and Cavancarragh
Monaghan MI Corvally Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Tipperary Clonmel: Directories 1788-1930, Property Valuations 1837, Voters 1837, Freemen 1832-37
Tyrone MI St. Lawrence's Church Cemetery (R.C.), Fintona: Deaths Records at Kilskeery Church of Ireland 1796 – 1897, MI Kilskeery Parish Church (CoI) (partial)

Military Archives Ireland www.militaryarchives.ie

pension records for the Old IRA 1916-1923.

MyHeritage

815 million US Public Records added to their SuperSearch.
British Newspaper Archive
Birmingham Daily Gazette 1865 - 1889
Birmingham Daily Mail, The 1884 - 1900
Birmingham Gazette 1880
Birmingham Journal 1837
Bolton Evening News 1869
Bradford Daily Telegraph 1875
Bucks Free Press 1947
Burnley News, The 1924, 1932
Coventry Standard 1856 - 1889
Daily Herald, The 1914 - 1926
Dublin Evening Mail 1824, 1826
Dumfries and Galloway Standard 1875, 1892
Gloucester Journal 1794, 1797 - 1802
Luton News and Bedfordshire Chronicle, The 1950 - 1953
North & South Shields Gazette and Northumberland and Durham Advertiser 1852
Northants Evening Telegraph 1904
Sports Argus, The 1914 - 1915
Surrey Comet, and General Advertiser, The 1878 - 1879
Yorkshire Evening Post 1910, 1917 - 1920, 1934, 1954
Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, The 1866, 1871, 1883, 1887, 1894, 1902, 1904, 1912 - 1913, 1919 - 1922, 1927, 1938 - 19??

Origins

Images of Yorkshire Peculiar Courts Wills

PRONI

Wills 1918 – 1921, 1944 – 1965 which were proved in Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry District Registries

rootsireland.ie

Church of Ireland baptisms Killinchy 1820-77
Church of Ireland baptisms Blaris 1661-1720
Church of Ireland baptisms Magheralin 1783-1870
Church of Ireland baptisms Bangor 1803-43
Church of Ireland baptisms Ballywalter 1845-75
Church of Ireland baptisms Ardkeen 1746-1871
Roman Catholic baptisms St Patrick's Belfast 1924-1931
Roman Catholic baptisms St Joseph's Belfast 1900-1933
English Church of Ireland 1804-1845 (M)
Ahorey Presbyterian 1850-1865 (B)
Clare Presbyterian 1824-1865 (B)
Drumminis Presbyterian 1859-1872 (B)
Keady 1st Presbyterian 1838-1865 (B)
Newry 1st Presbyterian 1830-1845 (M)
Redrock Presbyterian 1808-1864 1812-1845 (B, M)
Tyrone Ditches Presbyterian 1835-1838 (M)
Grange / Charlemont Quaker 1653-1870 1678-1848 (B, M)
Lurgan Quaker 1660-1770 1671-1715 (B, M)
Richill / Grange Quaker 1813-1848 (M)
Waterford death records
Roman Catholic Baptisms, Clare:

Cratloe	1802 - 1901
Crusheen	1860 - 1900
Ennis	1841 - 1900
Feakle	1860 - 1900
Mountshannon	1846 - 1900
Parteen	1831 - 1902
Scariff	1852 - 1900

Church of Ireland Baptisms, Down:

Ballywalter 1845-1875
Bangor 1803-1843
Comber 1684-1877
Donaghadee 1771-1845
Down 1749-1857
Drumballyroney 1838-1871
Kilcoo 1786-1829
Killinchy 1820-1877
Kilmore 1823-1856
Magheralin 1783-1870

Church of Ireland Baptisms, Antrim

Antrim 1828-1844
Ardkeen 1746-1871
Blaris 1661-1720
Carrickfergus 1740-1875

ScotlandsPeople
1885 Valuation Rolls

ScotlandsPlaces

Inhabited House Tax Rolls from 1778 to 1798

The Genealogist

Tithe Records

The National Archives

Congscription appeal records from the Middlesex Appeal Tribunal 1916 and 1918

Ulster Historical Foundation

Birth, Marriage and Death announcements published from 1839 to 1847 in The Northern Standard newspaper