



Family History For You

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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the May newsletter, I am so very grateful to those who responded to my comments in the last newsletter, a VERY BIG thank you. Hopefully readers will continue to send in snippets and articles I am not Mystic Meg and therefore don't know the things you would like to read about, I need your input.

I am externally grateful to Di the only person who responded to my request for unusual names that readers have come across. With two names Walter Drain and Cherry Pie, I checked the GRO aka General Register Office Birth index and found that between 1916 and 2005, two children were named Walter Drain in Dec Q 1939 and March Q 1952, in Apr 1984 there is a Jonathan Walter T Drain and in March Q 1917 there is a Walter B Drain

Also Di mentioned she went to school with a girl called Cherry Pie/Pye
Another reader Wendy said she had come a 'Holly Tree'.

Here are a few more names I have come across

Olive Branch is a very popular name in the birth indexes.

Thankful Joy there are two references in the birth indexes in 1862 Mar Q [Quarter] and 1878 Dec Q

Miles Long, although I didn't find a Miles Long in the birth indexes, I did find two deaths in 1847 Dec Q and 1934 Mar Q along with a marriage in 1884 Jun Q

Ida Down, there were so many that I am not going to list them all and there were some who had a second initial.

Sensitive Readhead, I was told about this person again ages ago but the name written as Sensitive Redhead. Double checking [as we all should] proved this was incorrect and the person is recorded in the birth index as Sensitive Readhead 1873 Jun and her death is recorded in 1967 Dec Q aged 94 years.

Pleasant Titty, I have been told of this name years ago but can not support it with from Birth index references so assuming it was a legitimate name then it must have been found in parish records.

Amorous Swan, this again is one of those proving the need to double check information shared. The gentleman died in 1843 Mar Q as Amorous Swain.

If you can to these wonderful names I would love to receive an email from you, I too like read interesting family history tales too.

Several people have asked do I ever hear about discounts? yes I do, but generally they only last for a few days or maybe a week or two. The timing of the discounts doesn't normally get released at a sensible time for me to publish them in this newsletter. If you are looking for any discount then try this website www.genealogydiscount.co.uk/.

Have you noted that Ancestry have released 'Ancestry Transparency Report', which covers law enforcement requests to Ancestry sites for member data in 2015. I think this is the first report from Ancestry of this nature, but they do acknowledge sharing data with the American law enforcement, seems we can not move without being watched.

In the Ancestry Blog it states, "As we continue to make our members' privacy a priority, our intent in issuing this report is to help explain to our members and the public the types of law enforcement requests Ancestry and its family of companies received, how we responded, and the nature of the investigations that sparked those requests. With each request, we continue to represent the rights of our members and always advocate strongly for their privacy."

Here is the link so you can read it in full, <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/01/25/ancestry-releases-transparency-report-updated-privacy-statement-and-guide-for-law-enforcement/> .

I doubt that a week goes by when I have don't have to remind a researcher the importance of verifying information shared by fellow researchers, or family members. A good family tree is one that has been fully researched, the facts having been proved using as many original records as possible. I know that sometimes this isn't always possible, but we need to do our very best. A few years ago I was told I was adopted by two different members of the family who I don't think have ever met, this was supported by the fact that my Mother referred to me "as her supposed daughter". I tracked down my hospital birth records, however because others on the page were probably still living I couldn't view the original and had to accept a transcription. Yes I was my Mothers' daughter but for some reason instead of putting her address as the marital home she had given the address of her parents which had a very unusual name.

As researchers we are extremely lucky that so much is available on the internet, with the number of original records being digitised increasing by the day. When I started researching, there was nothing online, in fact computers were still very much in their infancy.

Here I remember a regular saying of my Grandmother "If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing properly or your best" Always double check any information shared with you, irrespective of who shared it with you, check as many original records as possible, but remember, before 1900 spelling was more how it sounded and facts were often as they were remembered. Pens and paper were not in the abundance as they are today to jot things down that needed remembering.

Compiling our family tree takes hours of work, and sadly there are many trees with errors on the internet, let's try to irradicate the errors in the future by doing our bit by ensuring our research is the best it can be and not cutting corners. We are all human and therefore it is inevitable that we do on occasions make mistakes. I have been told about ' Family Tree Analyzer' a programme to find and identify a variety of problems in your family tree. I haven't used this programme so here are two web sites to help you make up your own mind www.softpedia.com/get/Internet/Servers/Database-Utils/Family-Tree-Analyzer.shtml or [https://ftanalyzer.codeplex.com/](http://ftanalyzer.codeplex.com/)

Have you noticed that the magazine 'Your Family Tree' has changed its name to 'Your Family History'

A fairly new researcher has asked if anything is available for Essex, so I thought I would take this opportunity to mention Essex Record Office. The catalogue of the Essex Record Office is available online at <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk>.

This website is a hive of wonderful information and all very informative. You do need to register for an Essex Archives Online [EAO] account if you don't already have one. Anyone can search for records on Essex Archives Online, that said some images are only available to subscribers and to subscribe you need to be a registered user.

For more information go to <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/>

Since the announcement in December 2015 that Family Tree Maker was being withdrawn from sale, there have been further developments.

Kendall Hulet of Ancestry, Inc. wrote the following which was published at the beginning of February:-
"New Family Tree Maker Options

Since our Family Tree Maker announcement last December, we have continued to actively explore ways to develop and support Family Tree Maker and ensure you have choices to preserve your work in ways that matter to you.

Today, I am pleased to announce two options for desktop software that will work with Ancestry.

Software MacKiev, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. Software MacKiev has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for more than six years and is thrilled at the opportunity to publish future versions of Family Tree Maker for Mac and Windows.

This new agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from Software MacKiev, and have the ability to purchase new versions of Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev as they are released. You will have continued access to Ancestry Hints, Ancestry searches, and be able to save your tree on Ancestry with Family Tree Maker moving forward.

RootsMagic

We have made an agreement with RootsMagic, a leading genealogy desktop software program publisher, to connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry.

We have heard your concerns and are working to provide the solutions you requested. These new agreements will make it possible to preserve your work on Ancestry and Family Tree Maker and enable future features and benefits to help you discover your family history. Be assured that Ancestry, in cooperation with Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, will continue to support you as you discover your family history.

We ask for your patience as we work diligently through all the details to make these solutions available. Be sure to check back on our blog as we share more information about Family Tree Maker in the next few months.

For more information on Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, click below:

Software MacKiev: <http://www.mackiev.com/>

RootsMagic: <http://www.rootsmagic.com/>

You can keep up to date with the situation here <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/02/02/good-news-for-users-of-family-tree-maker/#blogComments>

Then at the start of March the Software company 'MacKiev' who acquired Family Tree Maker, announced that they had begun shipping updated versions of Family Tree Maker Windows 2014 and Mac 3. To read more try this link http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/03/02/family-tree-maker-is-updated-and-ready-to-ship/#sflash_ZCzctyr8.dpuf

The National Archives removed its document ordering service provision from its website on Monday 1st February, replacing it on Tuesday 2nd with a new service integrated into its online hosted Discovery catalogue. New service fees will apply, as well as new service provisions, including a new page check fee of £8.24 prior to any order, although digital and paper copies are being reduced in price to compensate. Please check The National Archives website for further information.

Are you researching ancestors in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C? 'Colonial Roots' a company in I think in Delaware has acquired The Antient Press, publisher of Virginia genealogy books. Debbie Hooper, a board-certified genealogist and owner of Colonial Roots is recorded as saying. "The acquisition of The Antient Press is a perfect fit for our company. Colonial Roots specializes in genealogy books for the Mid-Atlantic area. Our heaviest concentration is in Virginia, so this just made sense for both Colonial Roots and The Antient Press". Have a look and see if there is anything that can assist your research <https://colonialroots.com/>

During RootsTech 2016 Findmypast announced a range of new global partnerships with leading technology providers. This will further strengthen its reach in the U. S. as well as U.K. markets. Findmypast statement said "The raft of new partnerships include deals with RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree, FamilySearch, Family-Historian, Puzzilla, Billion Graves and RootsCity. Findmypast will make its vast record collection of more than 8 billion records available to customers via these partners. The rollout of these partnerships will begin in 2016, with exact dates to be detailed later."

Ben Bennett, Executive Vice-President North America and International for Findmypast said: "2016 is going to see us expanding our partnerships across the U.S. Our aim is to provide our customers with more and more records and family history resources to aid them in their family history research. Regardless of where the customer is doing the research, Findmypast will bring the full benefit of the more than 8 billion records that Findmypast has in order to help them discover more about their family."

It will be very interesting to see how this strengthens the U.K. market.

More on this later in the newsletter.

Swapping and sharing details of websites always seems to be popular. So here are a few links to websites that I hope will help those researching in Australia,

www.friendsofbattyeibrary.org.au/BD%20WA.htm An interesting website with detail about people but a large number of images on some web pages means that pages can be slow to download

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/index.html> A useful site if you are searching for information on convicts.

www.historyaustralia.org.au/twconvic/tiki-index.php This is another site for those searching for convicts.

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/convicts/con-wa7.html> A very popular and well liked website that has been around for some time and full of fantastic information.

www.convictrecords.com.au/ This website will let you search the British Convict transportation register, for convicts transported to Australia between 1787-1867

Twile is a relatively new company started in 2013 by Paul Brooks and Kelly Marsden. In 2016 they won third prize in the Judges choice at the RootsTech conference. The company have clearly impressed Findmypast as they [Findmypast] have announced "a strategic investment in Twile, creators of the visual family history timeline and winner of two innovation awards at the recent RootsTech 2016"

Annelies van den Belt, CEO of Findmypast is recorded as saying:-

"We are delighted with this partnership with such an innovative company as Twile. The RootsTech awards speak to the creativity of Twile and to win the People's Choice award shows clearly that this is a product that the public wants. We believe that our partnership offers great value to both companies' customers. At Findmypast we are committed to enhancing family history stories not just through new records but also through new technologies. Our aim is to make family history as easy and as rewarding as possible."

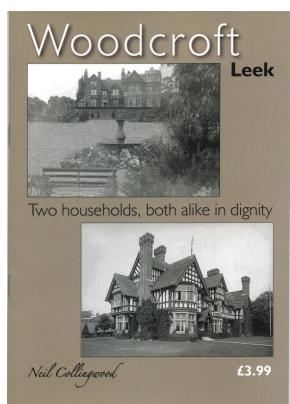
Whilst Paul Brooks of Twile is recorded to have said:-

"This is a huge opportunity for Twile and we are really pleased to be working with Findmypast. From our earliest conversations with them, it's been clear that they share our mission of making family history more engaging for the wider family, especially the younger generations. Our customers will see this relationship makes Twile better in every sense, while also adding a whole set of features that wouldn't have been possible otherwise."

One of the wonderful and most interesting emails that was sent to me following my request for emails telling me of events in other areas came from David, and subsequently his friends Neil and Martin.

Then I received the following from Neil.

Myself [Neil Collingwood], Martin Tomlinson and David Mitchell came together about a year ago due to our combined interests in two large adjacent houses that existed in an area of Leek to the West of the Newcastle Rd. My interest emanated from research into the Osborne/Davenport family, a branch of which lived in one of these houses known as 'Woodcroft' in the period between 1880 and 1910. Martin's interest came from research into the Prince family who he discovered lived in a property known as 'Woodcroft Grange' during a similar period. The Davenports and the Princes were well known silk manufacturers and the two mansions reflected their considerable wealth. Martin and I were keen to find out as much as we could about these two significant properties but apart from Census entries, it became evident that very little was known about either of them.



It was at this point that we made contact with Neil Collingwood, a well known author of historical books and discovered that he was also interested in the history of these two houses. Over the next few months between us we slowly unravelled the history of 'Woodcroft' and 'Woodcroft Grange' from their inception in the 1880s to their sad demise in the 1930s when they were demolished and a large housing estate developed. That estate that exists today removed almost all the evidence of the former houses to the extent that very few people currently know that they ever existed. The information that we gathered shows that both properties were large and of considerable architectural significance.

The research is still ongoing and Neil has published an illustrated booklet entitled 'Woodcroft Leek - Two households, both alike in dignity' that provides an interesting account of our research findings to date. Although mainly due to Neil's perseverance we managed to acquire a few photos some of which are included in the booklet, we have so far been unsuccessful in finding a good photo of the frontage of the house called 'Woodcroft'.

If any recipient of the newsletter has any information about either of the two Woodcroft properties or any photos we would love to hear from you. If you do have anything please contact either myself, David Mitchell, at d.rmitchell@btinternet.com or Neil Collingwood at neil.collingwood@btinternet.com.

Neil's booklet is also available directly from him at the above email address priced £3.99.

Many thanks to Liz who sent me a reminder about these two events in Sussex

May 21st 2016 Sussex Family History Group are organising a Family and Local History Fair, at Steyning Centre from 10.00-4.00 and its Free.

Sept 24th Sussex Family History Group are planning a Family History Open Day, at Littlehampton Museum.

Many thanks to Janet Bettger a U3A family history group leader, for a very interesting article, I am sure fellow readers will also enjoy this article.

Harry Edmund Florance and Lucy Ester Florance
The sad tale of Hollycombe School's first certificated Headmaster & Mistress

Harry Edmund Florance was born in 1844 in Chichester to Edmund Florance Jnr and Jane Read. He had an older sister Frances and another sister Emma Sophia who was born in 1846 in Little London, Chichester. To give you a little more background I have included the following information on Harry's early days.

The Florances were well established Brewers of The Lion Brewery St. Pancras Chichester beginning with Christopher Florance from 1773-1818 then Edmund Florance Snr 1818-1845 and continuing with his son William Adames Florance 1845-1869.

In 1841 Harry's father Edmund Jnr, Yoeman Farmer, lived in New Broyle Farm. He married Jane Read in May 1841 in Chichester and in August 1842 Frances was born in Broyle and Edmund Jnr's occupation was a Farmer. By 1844 when Harry was born Edmund had become an Inn Keeper, and by 1846 at daughter Emma's baptism, he was a Brewer in Little London, perhaps helping his brother William as their father had died in 1845 and his second son William Adames Florance took over the Brewery business. In 1849 both his sister Jane Draper Florance and his wife Jane died, leaving him with three small children to bring up, Frances, Harry & Emma. In the 1851 census Edmund is living at The White Horse Tavern, St George Hanover Square, Middlesex and is the Manager.

His children seemed to have been farmed out to relatives, Frances was with Uncle William and his wife Charlotte and their children, Harry is with his paternal grandmother Ann (nee Adames, 1791-1864) and Emma is in Arundel with her mother's family.

Edmund Jnr remains in Middlesex and marries again on 31 December 1854 to Eliza Ann Aird, whose father was a Brewer's Agent. Edmund and Eliza had three children, William 1857, Alice 1859 (died 1860) and Charles 1860 (died 1862). William, having lost his brother and sister, also lost both his parents in 1863. From later census records he later married and had 11 children.

So what had happened to Edmund's first family? Harry's sister Emma died in 1860 aged 14 and apparently left her effects (under £300) to her father in Middlesex. Frances married twice and had four children, she died in 1885.



Image is Hollycombe School Children

In June 1872 Harry and Lucy took up their duties as Headmaster and Headmistress at Hollycombe School. Until then the school had been 'conducted' by uncertified Masters and Mistresses. When it was built in 1869 by Sir John Hawkshaw of Hollycombe House, in memory of his children Ada, Oliver and Mary who died of Smallpox*, there were 2 classrooms and a lobby and just 32 pupils. When Harry and Lucy took over, the pupil numbers had risen to 87 (of the lower 44, 12 could read and write indifferently and 20 knew simply nothing, not even the alphabet).

The Florances had two further children Frederick Edmund b 1875 and William Ernest b 1876 and the baptism record shows Harry as Choir Master to Linch Church. The 1881 census shows them living in the School House and they had a general servant, 15 year old Isabella Jackson born in Trotton Parish.

The School's Log Book shows that on 21st February 1883 Mrs Florance and family are suffering from Diphtheria. The School was closed by Doctor's Orders for 3 weeks. The family and school came through this epidemic and in June 1883 there are 102 pupils on the books, 53 boys and 49 girls.

In July 1883 their daughter Margaret Elizabeth Florance became a Pupil Teacher of the 1st Year children.

The school seemed to run along smoothly until May 1885 when the logbook shows that Mr Harry Florance, who has for a long time been ailing, been compelled to resign his school duties for a few days. On the 17th May 'the doctor having pronounced the malady from which Mr Florence is suffering, to be Pleurisy with effusion'. The school was in the charge of his wife Lucy Florence.

Entries for 8th and 14th July 1885 show that the Doctor had decided that Mr Florance had Diphtheria. Consequently the school was closed until further notice. It was reopened on 4th August, after the school rooms and the house had been fumigated and Mr Florence resumed regular duties.

In March 1887 daughter Margaret obtained the First Prize in an open competition for best notes of lessons. Then as Pupil Teacher, she completed her apprenticeship and left the school on 20th June.

Hollycombe School Teachers



In September 1889 Mrs Lucy Florance was absent, suffering from peritonitis. Her condition became critical the following month and the school was closed from 21st to 25th October. She died the morning of 25th October 1889, at the age of 46, and was buried four days later at St Luke's Linch.

The school remained closed until 31st October, when Margaret Florance, Certificated teacher on probation, succeeded her mother as headmistress.

The school seems to have continued with Harry and daughter Margaret until October 1890 when Margaret was absent, suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. Miss Fanny Harrison an ex Pupil Teacher, entered on duty as "Supply" but her engagement was terminated when Margaret resumed her usual duties by 2 February 1891. However, a week later Miss Florance was incapacitated for a week owing to cerebral pyrexia (brain fever) and on 18th February 1891 Margaret died of tubercular meningitis. Margaret Elizabeth Florance, aged 23, was buried at St. Luke's Church, Linch on 21st February 1891.

The following month, Miss Emily Bradley, ex Pupil Teacher, entered her duties as Assistant Mistress, and Miss Fanny Harrison re-entered as Assistant Mistress.

In the 1891 census Harry Florance was shown as a widower. His son William was living with him and also living in the schoolhouse were two boarders/pupil school mistresses: Fanny L. Harrison (born in Petersfield) and Emily Bradley (born in Godalming) both aged 21. Also living with the family was Anne Oliver a 66 year old widow from Compton, as Housekeeper/domestic. Harry's son Frederick Edmund Florance is not with the family but recorded in Streatham as a visitor and his occupation shown as a Clerk with the Civil Service.

In the spring of 1892 Harry married the pupil teacher Miss Fanny Harrison.

Over the next few years there were various teachers in addition to Harry and Fanny and there were various epidemics: for example, in January 1898 it was reported that about 50 children are absent sick with influenza. In March & April 1899 attendance dropped because a large number of children were suffering sores on their faces and hands; several were sent home as it appeared to be contagious (probably ringworm). Also many of the children had very heavy colds.

On 13 November 1899, at the age of 55, Harry Florence died of tubercular phthisis, pulmonary tubercular meningitis. He was buried at St Luke's Linch.

In March 1900 the school was being conducted by Mrs (Fanny) Florence and Miss Grace Agnes Moules with the help of monitors 'as well as is possible in the circumstances' In April 1900, Kate Hopkins would take over as Headmistress.

In due course Harry's son Frederick married and had 3 children; he continued as a Clerk and died in 1936. His brother William was a draper, he married and had one child and was in WW1. He died in 1969. Fanny Florence (nee Harrison) remarried in 1904 to William Payne in New Fishborne.

*The smallpox theory seems to be a myth. I (Janet Bettger) discovered, in a book written by Ann Hawkshaw, that in fact Ada Hawkshaw, b.1840, died of hydrocephalus in 1845; Oliver, b. 1846, died in 1856 of typhoid fever and peritonitis contracted while the family were on holiday in Pitlochry, Scotland, and Mary, b.1838 died after childbirth in 1863 (her son Cecil was subsequently brought up by the Wedgwood family). One of their brothers was John Clarke Hawkshaw, who married Cicely Wedgwood and succeeded to the Hollycombe estate in 1891; he died in 1921. This has since been confirmed from death certificates.

The research for this article has come from several sources, including the School Log Book held at The Record Office in Chichester.

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How do you record an address or parish? Would a fellow researcher know what or where you meant? If I simply wrote 'Farnborough' would a fellow researcher know which Farnborough I was referring to? There are four Farnborough's in England and there is also a FarMborough! Did I make a typo?

What if I wrote London, which one?, there are numerous London's around the world. Despite how frustrating you feel it is to do, write an address in full.

So for Farnborough, I would write Farnborough, Hampshire, England to avoid as much confusion as is possible

Sometime ago the Red Cross started a project to digitise the index cards of WW1 volunteers, the digitisers have made wonderful process and you can now search A to W

www.redcross.org.uk/About-us/Who-we-are/History-and-origin/First-World-War/Card?pname=Harden&hosp=Kent&id=96087

Hope you like me make exciting finds.

Many people will tell you that Irish genealogy research is difficult, I admit it isn't as easy as some areas but it isn't impossible, in fact I feel it is getting easier. Recently I came across this website www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/ Irish Genealogy Toolkit is a free online guide. If you have searched in the past for parish records and not found them, then I suggest you try again, I used 'google' for a search and found what I was looking for.

Findmypast have released a collection of Irish Roman Catholic parish registers, you might also find additional help on the National Library of Ireland <http://registers.nli.ie> about July last year they uploaded unindexed images of the registers. These parish registers include baptisms and marriages covering all 32 historical counties of the Island. According to the official release " the records span from 1671 to 1900 but researchers should be aware that, other than a small number of exceptions, most start in the early 1800s" that said most would appear to end around 1880-1882

Ancestry have also announced that they have released 'Ireland Catholic Parish Registers' covering the time period 1740-1900 for Baptism, Marriage and Burial records. These records will bring the Irish records on Ancestry to I think over 44 million, making this the largest collection of Irish Catholic records.

Searching for maps is a problem that some researchers struggle with, I wonder if you have used this website
<http://maps.familysearch.org/>

If you are looking for access to the 1939 Register in the Oxford area, it has been announced that the 1939 register will be available on the Findmypast subscription that Oxfordshire libraries and Oxfordshire History Centre have.

I believe that Oxfordshire Family History Society Advisors will be available periodically to help visitors to the local studies library in Westgate, the Oxfordshire History Centre and the Abingdon library - for details of when & where see www.ofhs.org.uk/#meetus

Familysearch, you do need to sign in by creating an account which is free, from here you can go to the catalogue from the search menu, from here you can choose your county were it is possible to view original parish records for a large number of parishes. Once found the records are saveable to your computer. Wonderful and so easy to use, I could spend hours wandering the pages.

A problem we all face is attempting to date old photographs, I was lucky my grandmother was still alive and when I explained the possible future problem she did her best to name, date and place them albeit she actually wrote on the back of the photographs in biro.

Recently I have spent many many hours going thorough the hundreds of photographs that my mother had. Admittedly she had written on the back of some photos but putting 'Me' or referring to people by their nickname isn't helpful to future researchers. So I have written on acid free paper using an acid free pen a little history of the person/people in the photo.

Generally I wrote something along the lines of:-

Photograph of XXY the son/daughter of Y and his wife neé XXY, born and place or anything that I thought helpful. Sometimes it would seem that I was writing an essay but it is important that those in the photo are identifiable in the future.

Help future family researchers by leaving someway to identify those on photos or where/ when they were taken.

Earlier this year I was asked how I would describe Genealogy /Family history research? My reply was it is like doing a jig saw without any pieces and you have to find the right pieces to fit the family tree you are building.

Many people tell me that they refer to and use online family trees without double checking the information. This could be extremely dangerous in that you could risk your research by linking to the person. A common pitfall is that an error in one family tree is duplicated into other online family trees, simply because someone hasn't double checked a fellow researchers work.

Helping others with their brickwalls and building their trees is wonderful. Not only is it generally appreciated by the one I am helping, but I learn so much about genealogy, improving my knowledge of areas that I don't regularly deal with on my own tree. I am acutely aware of how much I have learned, and how much more there is to learn.

One family history group leader asked what is the best piece of information I could give? Take your time, don't rush your research and as much as possible always use original records.

Have you become stuck researching your Canadian relatives? Canada is not that easy as information is closed, Births for 100 years, Marriages for 75 years and deaths for 50 years. So how can you research? By using obituaries that family have had printed in newspapers. This link has obituaries and information on regiments, the link goes to page 1, but scan down to the bottom of the page where you can click on pages 2, 3 or 4 for further information including regimental information www.albertagenealogy-research.ca/

Regular readers will know that I am fascinated by the unusual, and my husband is brilliant at scanning the news and often finds things he forwards links to me.

What a headline "Icon buried in coffee pot that made his family famous", Renato Bialetti the gentleman responsible for making the aluminium 'Moka' espresso maker, died aged 93. One of his final requests was to be buried in one of his coffee pots.

Read more here www.itv.com/news/2016-02-20/icon-buried-in-coffee-pot-that-made-his-family-famous/

Staying with newspaper reports, something equally unusual as the previous article. Two of the UK's professional genealogists have met in court over claims of defamation and harassment. Daniel Curran has appeared on the BBC One programme 'Heir Hunter's' whilst Peter Turvey's company are consultants to the TV programme 'Who Do You Think You Are? You can read the story here www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/12169674/Two-leading-genealogists-clash-in-High-Court-defamation-battle.html

Not many of us are lucky enough to get back to be researching our Medieval ancestors, but if you do get back to them then I hope this website is of some help to you. Fountain for Medieval Genealogy <http://fmg.ac> covers numerous project including:-

Index to the Ancestry of Charles II, King of England

Index to Stammtafeln Westdeutscher Adelsgeschlechter im Mittelalter

(Pedigree tables of West German noble families in the Middle Ages)

Domesday Corrections

Landed Gentry of Southern Germany

The website also covers European countries. A quite fascinating website full of information.

The Catholic Family History Society have launched a newly designed website,

<http://catholicfhs.co.uk/index.shtml> . The website is now divided into three main sections, Services,

Publications and Research Pointers.

As regular readers know I do like a giggle. Hubby sent me this link to a Dutch company that is attempting to map all the battles in history using Wikipedia. Oh dear dear dear have they made some interesting mistakes or should that have been made some interesting finds.

Did you know that the last battle on mainland British soil happened in 2008? Some reports recorded the rioting that took place in Manchester as Glasgow Rangers played Zenit Saint Petersburg in the UEFA Cup final as the "Battle of Piccadilly"! This was enough for Nodegoat's algorithm, which is being used by the Dutch company for rioting in Manchester to be included on the map as a Battle!!

Another of the hiccups is the Antarctic exploration trip organised by Chile in 1990.

Do have a read as it is a prime example why we shouldn't believe all that we read and why we should do our own research using original documents. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-35685889>

Scotlandspeople have made the Valuation Rolls for 1930 available, they are searchable by name or address, which gives good clear idea of property and the social landscape of Scotland 1930. It shouldn't be long before the next batch of statutory indexes come online that I believe will cover up to and including birth, marriage and death entries in 2015

In previous newsletters I have been asked to highlight various websites here is another for you, <http://geneva.weald.org.uk/> GENEVA standing for GENealogical EVents and Activities.

It is always lovely to come across a new website or to be reminded of one. This is a French website and as I am not fluent in French, reliant on the translator, that said it looks to be building into a very good website if you have lost a French person in World War 1. I'll let decide about the website yourself.

<http://verdun2016.centenaire.org/fr/actualite/participez-a-lindexation-collaborative-de-memoire-des-hommes-et-decouvrez-les-poilus-morts>

Hampshire Record Office have announced that from 1 April 2016 they will no longer be open between 5pm and 7pm. Public opening hours will therefore be Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and every 1st and 3rd Saturday in the month, 9am - 4pm.

Here is the announcement for you

www3.hants.gov.uk/archives/visiting-hals/archives-news-open.htm?dm_i=EFR,40IYN,4GEIMX,EIC4S,1

Since I started researching my family back in the very early 1970's how we approach our research has changed time and again. I didn't have a computer then, and when I did start using one, programs were generally written in MS-DOS [Microsoft Disc Operating System]. This has since progressed to windows, first 3.1, then 95, 98 etc., now I am using Windows 8 but I still have a second computer running windows 95 so that I can still use my DOS based cd's. Now we are lucky that loads and loads of records are online, giving us the luxury of researching from home at a time to suit us. Some websites are free to use, but others charge a subscription fee, many people have complained about the expense, but are they really expensive. Personally I don't think so, let me explain. If I went to London for a day's research it would cost me about £35.00 off peak on the train, for 5/6 hours of research time. Assuming you use one of the many discounts which ancestry announce you can get a world membership for under £145, that equates to a little over 4 days research in London compared to all day every day at home. I know that Ancestry doesn't have everything, but even if you have a couple of subscriptions it is still very much worth it. Added to that, more and more digital copies of original records are being made available on subscription sites. Having said that all, you don't get the thrill of seeing and handing old documents, meeting fellow researchers and sharing those eureka moments.

Being honest, my first introduction to MyHeritage wasn't good and memorable for all the wrong reasons. That said over the years it appears to be improving and I am hearing positive things. They announced the release of Record Detective II which according to their announcement is "a powerful new technology that significantly builds on the original Record Detective™, adding over 2.2 billion new matches to historical records."

The announcement continues " With the Record Detective™, records found in MyHeritage SuperSearch™ automatically point to additional records and family tree profiles relating to the same person. For example, if you're viewing a birth certificate you found in SuperSearch™, Record Detective™ may point you to a census record containing information about the child's grandmother, a marriage license for their parents, a family tree profile of a connected ancestor, and so on, giving you new leads for your research. However, the Record Detective™ was only able to find information when there was at least one family tree profile on MyHeritage matching the record.

The new Record Detective™ II adds direct record-to-record matches, even for records that have no matching family tree profiles on MyHeritage, and has yielded a staggering 2.2 billion additional highly-accurate matching documents.

Record Detective™ II provides new information and clues to take your family history research to newer heights."

You can read more here <http://blog.myheritage.com/2016/02/introducing-record-detective-ii/>

Here another of those rare marvels for those researchers who have got their research back to pre 1650. The York's Archbishops' Registers from 1225 to 1650 are now online. 21,647 high quality images of 45 Archbishops' Registers, held at the Borthwick Institute, more on these recently digitised records can be found here www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/projects/archbishops-registers/ I understand the records are available free.

After the last newsletter was sent out I received an email from Gillian

"Just recently I was asked to research a cousin's family name of 'Jones'. The 1939 Register is proving invaluable, but when it came to an ancestor who put Montreal, Canada as place of birth and date as 1840, I thought about leaving it at that.

Then I remembered Heather's newsletter 'Family History For You' as being an amazing archive of websites. I put "Canada" into the search box of one after another of them until I found - Canada, Quebec Vital church records (Drouin Collection) 1621 – 1968.

When at the National Archives recently I was absolutely delighted to find the baptism I'd wanted with the added bonus of date of birth, father's name and occupation, also mothers, including her maiden name. That made my day!

Since then, I have found, again through Heather's FH4U newsletters, a connection that I'd searched for 12 years ago. My x2 great grandfather trained to be a vet in Edinburgh. I had hoped that he had been a student of William Dick, the first professor of the first veterinary school in Scotland. Until 1844 Dick was the sole lecturer.

He was! His name and that of his brother came up on my search. I now have evidence."

Very many thanks, Heather!"

Gillian adds "Although William Dick founded his college in 1823, the earliest register of students within the archives of the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College begin in 1863. Included in Dick's Occasional Papers however was a list of the students who graduated during his time there."

It is emails like this that make it worthwhile me writing the newsletter

Are you researching Yorkshire, if so these links might be helpful to you? Ancestry have released three new datasets from West Yorkshire Archive Service.

West Yorkshire Quarter Session Records 1637-1914 <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=6065>

West Yorkshire Roman Catholic Oath Records 1714 – 1787, 1829

<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=8632>

Peculiar of Knaresborough & Archdeaconry of Richmond Wills 1521-1858

<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=5246>

At the end of December 2015, Register for Qualified Genealogists was incorporated at Companies House London as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. Then in February the register was launched online www.qualifiedgenealogists.org. Details of the Objects of the Company, Professional Code, the nature of appropriate, acceptable qualifications and the full Articles of Association of the Company are on their website. Earlier this year I made enquires to do my Masters in Genealogy, deciding that I had far better things I could spend the £30,000+ required, and this was as an online course.

Around the world family history groups and societies are recording monumental inscriptions on gravestones, many of you will be aware of the National Burial Index published by the FFHS [Federation of Family History Societies].

The Lewes Historical Society in Sussex County, Delaware, America are going one step further. Over the last few years it appears that volunteers have been building a database which includes GPS [Global Positioning Satellite] to pinpoint resting places. To find out more go to www.historiclewes.org/

TheGenealogist have added over 150,000 World War II Prisoner of War records to their already significant military records collection. These new records detail Officers & other ranks from the British Army, Royal Navy, RAF & those members of the British Empire land forces that were held as Prisoners of War in Germany & German Occupied territories. These records will allow researchers to discover servicemen held by the Germans between 1939-1945 & includes many of the brave escapees whose stories of breaking out & dashing to freedom have captured the imagination for decades.

These records allow us to:

Research POWs who served in Armies & other land forces of Britain & the Empire 1939-45 along with the Naval & Air Forces of Great Britain & the Empire 1939-1945

Find names & details of men who were captured & incarcerated in German POW camps in Europe

Check the details such as names, service numbers, & regiments of ancestors that were German POWs

Search for daring escapees from within the camp lists

Research where your military ancestors were held, revealing their camp number & location

Discover the ranks, POW numbers, Service numbers & Regiments of those held

Covering the Nazi German camps in Europe, these lists are taken from official alphabetical nominal registers & reveal names & other particulars of:

94,608 British POWs in Germany, including Officers & other ranks

39,805 POWs from Empire Land Forces

19,250 Naval & Air Force POWs from Britain & its Empire

Overall the military records on the TheGenealogist span from 1661 to the 1940s.

Military » Prisoner of War Lists » Full	
Forename	D R S
Surname	Bader
Rank	Acting Wing Commander
Service Number	26151
POW Number	3797
Location	Type: Oflag Camp Number: O4c Location: Saalhaus Colditz, Germany
Category	Royal Air Force: Officers
Source	WW2 Prisoners of War

This example is the famous WW2 Air Ace with no legs - Douglas Bader

From the RAF Officers listed in the recently released Second World War Prisoner of War lists on TheGenealogist, we can find Acting Wing Commander Douglas Bader, whose story was immortalized in the book & film Reach for the Sky.

On 9th August 1941, Bader, a formidable air ace, was flying a Spitfire on patrol over France when he was forced to bail out over German-occupied

territory. He had jettisoned the spitfire's cockpit canopy, released his harness pin, & the air rushing past the open cockpit started to suck him out. Unfortunately, for Bader, his prosthetic leg was trapped in the plane & he was part way out of the cockpit but still attached to his aircraft. Bader & his aircraft fell for some time before he released his parachute, at which point the leg's retaining strap snapped under the strain & so he managed to get free of the plane. Captured, the Germans treated him with respect & even gave the British free passage to drop off a replacement leg for Bader over a German occupied French airfield.

Bader didn't appreciate being a prisoner of war & made a number of escape attempts. Because he was considered likely to break out again by his captors, he was eventually sent to the infamous Colditz Castle - as we can see from the record on TheGenealogist, it shows he was incarcerated in Camp No: O4C which relates to Oflag 4C Saalhaus Colditz. It was here that Douglas Bader remained for the rest of the war until April 1945 when the camp was eventually liberated by the United States Army.

His name can be seen on the Battle of Britain War Memorial on the Victoria Embankment. A record, & image of this memorial, is amongst our other military records that also include mentions of Douglas Bader in the various Air Lists.

Back in February Calico Pie announced the release of Family Historian 6.1 – a free upgrade for version 6 users, and the largest free upgrade of the program for more than 10 years.

Calico Pie's CEO Simon Orde explained that many of the changes are in response to requests from users, some seemingly small but often those make significant improvements in the usability and additions that those migrating from other programs liked in their previous programs. For example, improved sentence-generation for narrative reports in response to requests and improved handling of source citation media [this I believe was in response to requests from Family Tree Maker users], but there are new features such as Snapshot Manager. There is also better import of data from other programs, some direct and not relying on gedcoms. A new Tool to automatically find, and fix links to missing pictures and other media files and the program can now automatically take and store daily snapshots of your entire data file, normally the last 8 days but more records can be configured if there is space on the computer.

For full details of new features and enhancements, please see <http://www.family-historian.co.uk/features/whats-new-in-version-6-1>.

Version 6.1 is free for version 6 users only. Version 6 is available for purchase as a download or boxed. There are also lower-priced upgrade options for version 5 and version 4 users. Please see <http://www.family-historian.co.uk/store> for purchase options.

Proposals have been made by the Ministry of Defence regarding the preservation of military service personnel records from 1920-1963. It has been suggested that these will be managed by the National Archives, however I have read a report that suggests there are funding issues relating to the proposed digitising and storing of these records. It is hoped that these proposals will see increased access to Military records which will be of great benefit to those with genealogical and historical interests.

These proposals could see significant access granted to military records for genealogical purposes, including for veterans who served in the army beyond the First World War, and as such, views are sought concerning such proposals from interested genealogical and historical communities.

What a really interesting and fascinating story, Joanna lives by the 1939 rules which must be quite challenging in this ever changing world to read more about what Joanna's life is like try this link.

www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/desperately-seeking-wartime-husband-for-woman-who-lives-like-it-s-permanently-1939-1-7744800

Did you like to use the LDSGenealogy.com website, well thankfully it has been relaunched. This is the relaunch article I found.

"LDSGenealogy.com is pleased to announce a complete site relaunch, including the addition of an extensive U.S. genealogy records directory with more than 579,000 record sources from 930 websites and archives. The directory includes detailed information from online sources such as FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, American Ancestors, FindMyPast, Newspapers.com, Fold3, Find a Grave, US Gen Web, Genealogy Bank, Newspaper Archive, Archives.com, Chronicling America, Elephind, Distant Cousin, Billion Graves, and hundreds of smaller and local sites. Records from offline sources are also included such as the Family History Library, the U.S. Newspaper Directory from the Library of Congress, the New York State Library, the Boston Public Library, and several others.

The records directory has been under development for several years and is now newly available all on one site. One of the challenges to doing genealogy research, particularly for the United States, is that the relevant records are scattered across many websites and archives, and it can be time consuming to locate them. The directory has detailed information down to the county and town/city level for the entire United States for both online and archival sources. So you can come to one place, find the location, and easily and quickly find the relevant records for your research. New record sources for the United States will continue to be added, and listings for other countries are under development. Submissions to the directory are welcome. Helpful articles for learning genealogy are also available on the site."

Go to <http://ldsgenealogy.com/> for free helpful and very useful information

The U3A Network Family History Study Day held on the 10th March in Ash, Surrey was again very popular, with delegates travelling hundreds of miles in both directions.



To the right is a part of the CAB Search stand that was very popular with some delegates saying they wished they had come with more money to spend on goodies.

Other speakers included Jane Morgan 'The Hunt for Daisy' and Lady Teviot who spoken on 'Establishing The General Register Office'.

The photo to the left is of Elizabeth Owen giving her talk 'Make the most of Libraries, Archives and Record Offices'.



To the left is a photograph taken during John Avery's talk on 'Quakers Businesses in Britain'.

Delegates paid just £10 for the whole day, which included refreshments throughout the day.

If the organisers decide to do another study day then I hope the details will be published here well in advance.

I have said several times before that it is always worth checking the online news websites, here is another of those amazing finds.

Recently a letter was found in Australia, Emmanuel Hamel decided to research the letter and the story is quite fascinating. The letter written by A Mesnier to his mother in December 1870, when Paris was under seige. At this time, the Prussians had surrounded the capital, food was running out and temperatures had dropped below freezing. I understand that the letter was flown out of Paris in a "ballon monté", a hot air balloon, the only way to communicate with the rest of France. I wonder is this the first 'air mail' letter, or do you know of another similr case?

To read Clea Caulcutt interesting article go to www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-35749545

The National Archives in partnership with FFHS aka Federation of Family History Societies have a new resource. The WW1 Conscription Appeals Project was developed as a finding aid to help locate applications made by people seeking an exemption from conscription into the Army during WW1.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Military-Service-Tribunal-survey-Dec-2015-copy.pdf

For those using GEDmatch are you aware of the controversy between them and FTDNA [FamilyTreeDNA.com]? GEDmatch have posted this announcement

“We regret we had to make the decision to stop accepting FTDNA [FamilyTreeDNA.com] DNA uploads. FTDNA has threatened to sue GEDmatch over claimed privacy issues. We have been asked not to discuss the details, because it would be to FTDNA’s disadvantage. Suffice it to say that FTDNA’s own site seems to currently violate these same issues.

“We would prefer to work closely with FTDNA in solving this problem to everybody’s benefit, but we have not received a response to any of our suggested compromise solutions. The technical obstacles to satisfying FTDNA current demands are significant. It appears that our only alternative may be to remove all FTDNA DNA match results from GEDmatch. The issues raised by FTDNA do not apply to kits from other testing companies.”

On the Family Tree DNA web site you will find this announcement

“We have reached out to GEDMatch expressing our concern that their website could potentially lead to a breach in privacy of our customers. Given this, we proposed to discuss the subject with them, but in parallel we suggested that until further clarification and assurances that the privacy of our customers’ records are protected, Family Tree DNA uploads should be suspended. We hope that with the cooperation of GEDMatch we can reestablish the uploads in the near future.”

As a result this has created numerous discussions here is the link to the Family Tree DNA customer forum

<http://forums.familytreedna.com/showthread.php?t=39354>

It has been queried as to whether or not the newsletter could be used for sharing surnames, places of interest and dates in the hope of connecting to others researching, of course that is fine.

Boyce	Prestwich	Lancashire	1780-1955	Heather fh4u@roccoland.plus.com
Boyce	Tiverton	Devon	1650 -1800	Heather fh4u@roccoland.plus.com
Harden	Rolvenden	Kent	All	Heather fh4u@roccoland.plus.com
Hicks	Bolton / Salford / Manchester	Lancashire	1700-1950	Heather fh4u@roccoland.plus.com
Sheather	Any	Anywhere	Any	Heather fh4u@roccoland.plus.com
Stevens	Crondall / Crookham / Fleet	Hampshire	1600-1970	Heather fh4u@roccoland.plus.com

Simply drop me an email with the details and the email you wish me to use to contact you and your interests will appear in the next news letter. If you have a variation on this please send your request.

I have been asked to mention problems with the 1939 Register, lots of problems have been reported since the register went live in November 2015, here are some that either I have come across or have heard about. Early on it was reported some of the links didn't work, I believe these have all been resolved.

Incorrect transcription due to the enumerator's handwriting.

Problems searching due to transcription errors.

Dates of birth changed, possibly to get into the army or to avoid the army.

Some individuals gave false or inaccurate details

Some individuals were not where they are expected to be [possible reason was evacuation]

Don't forget that road names and county borders change over time.

Try changing your search criteria,

Such as just date of birth and first name

Try searching for an address, or a Borough/District rather than an area, another variation would be to try searching using a street address.

Keep your search criteria open, and be flexible.

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales will be moving later this year to The National Library of Wales [NLW]. As part of the changes the library's former Manuscript Room is to become a new public search room for the National Monuments Record of Wales. I will try to keep you updated but at the moment no dates, sorry.

The Salford Local History Library has an amazing collection of Salford photos. If you can't get to the library, Digital Salford website is worth a visit www.salford.photos/

Are you searching for information relating to Tuscola County? well the Caro Area Library are putting information online, hopefully you will find these links useful <http://caro.ploud.net> and then you can click on Research and then Genealogy, or to visit database try <http://caro.ploud.net/eshelf-research/digital-collection>

Some readers will I am sure have noticed that RootsWeb/USGenWeb/WorldConnect web pages went off line unexpectedly this was in February, the result of what I was advised was a DDos attack. It took weeks to rebuild the web pages primarily from backups, sadly they haven't managed to repair everything.

Ancestry contacted many of its customers saying:-

"As you may know, the RootsWeb site was recently unavailable as the result of a hardware failure in our datacenter. Our development and web operations teams worked diligently and carefully to address the issues, and as a result, the site is now available again. Regrettably, despite their best efforts, our teams were not able to retrieve all of the data associated with the site. Specifically, we were unable to retrieve content from FreePages added after the summer of 2015. We understand these pages are important to you and are very sorry that we are not able to recover the data that was lost as a result of the hardware failure. Going forward, we are adding additional technical resources to support the site and ensure such an issue does not occur again. If you have a backup of your own please upload it to the site so that you have the most current version of your pages. If you have any concerns, please contact our Member Services through our support form.

The RootsWeb Team"

If you are or have had problems accessing 'The National Records of Scotland Genealogy service, in Edinburgh, this is likely to be related to the discovery of 'ransomware' in a admin file. You can find all the details on the BBC website www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-35928037

Some time ago I wrote about how I had received an email from a lady complaining that she didn't like the fact that I only share this newsletter as a secure .pdf file. She further explained that she wanted to copy and paste articles I had written and claim them as her own!! This is Plagiarism, the Oxford Dictionary says:- The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/plagiarism

Over the years I have seen numerous articles were plagiarism has taken place in genealogical publications. Unfortunately some appear to be repeat offenders as this blog on Ancestry suggests www.ancestryinsider.org/2016/03/more-accusations-of-plagiarism-leveled.html

I think it was May 2015 that I spotted that Ancestry was up for sale on Reuters, this link is very interesting www.reuters.com/article/us-ancestry-m-a-silverlake-idUSKCN0WY4ZI The website says that Silver Lake Partners has agreed to acquire a minority stake in Ancestry.com in a deal that values the privately held genealogy website at \$2.6 billion.

I believe that Permira Advisers Ltd www.permira.com/, GIC www.gic.com.sg/ and Spectrum Equity Management LP www.spectrumequity.com/ are still the majority owners.

For the gadget minded Ancestry have updated their app for android machines, for more information have a look here <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ancestry.android.apps.ancestry&hl=en>

Researchers looking for information in Scotland, may have come across Chapbooks, if not I'll explain in a minute. The National Library of Scotland's online Digital Gallery have put out some online <http://blog.nls.uk/scottish-chapbooks-now-online/> you will also find information here www.nls.uk/catalogues/online/snpc/detail.cfm?id=291&subjectid=102&collection=291&keyword=&passedsubject=102&passedcollection=291&passedkeyword=&origin=browse

So what are Chapbooks, they were published during the 18th and 19th century ranging in size from 8 to 24 pages. They filled the need for ch[e]apbooks covering the topics of interest which have been travel, politics, religion, social customs and much more, these booklets disappeared when alternative reading became available such as newspapers and magazines. Try this link for more information <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chapbook>

With all the recent floods, storms and generally vile weather it is heart warming to read that historians in America are acting following hurricane Katrina, hopefully this will prompt archivist here to act. You can read the newspaper report which has much more information here http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2016/03/sampling_history_local_library_1.html

Quite often I get asked if I know of any online facility and or guide to help with understanding various aspects of genealogical research. Have a look at www.thefhguide.com/ it could be exactly what you are looking for.

We send our sincere condolences to the family and wife [Pat] of Professor David George Hey, MA, PhD, who died on 14 February 2016. David was a fantastic family historian, well-known author on family & local history books. David served as President of the British Association for Local History and as Chairman of the Council of the British Record Society. In 2005 David was awarded the Bickersteth Medal in recognition for his contributions to family history. A great loss to the genealogical world.

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island who won the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Outstanding Publication Award in 2015 for a YouTube video "How to Read a Hebrew Headstone.". The videos can be viewed via www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed or could use the link <http://jgsli.org>.

A search of the Guild of One-Name Studies website <http://one-name.org/the-members-website-project/> has news on their new project which states:-

"The Guild of One-Name Studies has implemented a major new project.— The Guild's Members' Website Project. The main purpose of the Members' Websites Project is to enable the website of each participating member to continue indefinitely as a publicly accessible website after the member has died or ceased to be a member of the Guild. This is a ground-breaking project for the Guild and goes to the heart of the objectives of the Guild's Constitution which are "to advance the education of the public in one-name studies, and, to promote the preservation and publication of the resultant data, and to maximize its accessibility to interested members of the public. The project and its infrastructure have been through some extensive pilot running and have been thoroughly and successfully tested."

I had thought that I had highlighted the free online courses at Future Learn, previously but sadly I hadn't. So here you are with my apologies. The genealogy course is via Strathclyde University. The feedback is very good even if you have been doing genealogy for a while. www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy

The Scottish Catholic Historical Association have updated their website at www.scha.scot.

Ash U3A have confirmed that they are planning another of their wonderful network study days. The study day will continue to be Ash Parish Centre and is being planned for **Thursday 23rd March 2017**. Look out for more information on this study in a future newsletter or request to be added to the mailing list by emailing Heather heather.u3a@roccoland.plus.com

Did you go to WDYTYA Live held at the NEC Birmingham? The world's largest family history fair, a fantastic 3 day event, jam packed with everything the family historian could wish for. In past years I have covered the actual event so this year I thought I would enlighten you to some of the work that goes on before the event opens to the public.



One of the first stands to be completed was the Spitfire, although someone at the show did say it was a model I can not comment on this.

The stand positions are marked out and stall holders are starting to bring in their goodies.



Continuously cleaners and large rubbish bins pulled by mini tractors move around the hall collecting and clearing rubbish. Whilst stallholders start arranging their stands.

The carpets are starting to be laid around the stands.



Everyone is working hard.

Managers of TheGenealogist show that they are not just very good genealogists but carpenters and handymen too.



A stack of boxes awaiting the completion of the storage room but first the projectors need to be sited in order for the videos to be screened during the show opening times.

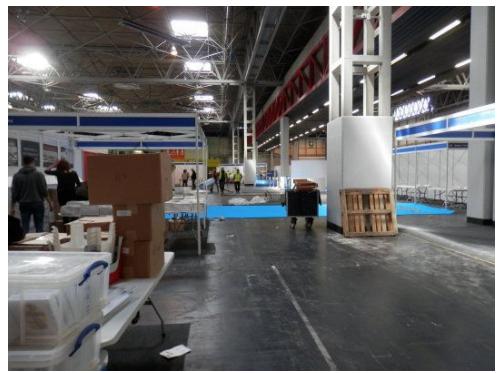
Carpet layers continue to lay carpet around the hall.



S&N Genealogy Supplies stand starts to be set up.

Nearly finished setting up.

It's SHOW TIME



The sun pours into the hall via a skylight whilst members of the public rush to make their first purchases.



Take down, the last photograph shows the Genealogical Tutorials theatre being taken down, during the event they gave over 20 free talks a majority of which were full with people standing in the corridors to hear the talks.



If you found one day tiring, and hard on your feet, then give a thought to the 100's of stallholders who helped with setting up, who were on their feet during the three show days and then the break down afterward. Not to mention the long journey home, many not reaching their home until the early hours of Sunday morning.

I certainly had a very enjoyable time and was even able to meet some newsletter readers, putting names to faces, wonderful.

Thank you to everyone involved with organising, putting on and going to the event.

At the start of the show TheGenealogist launched 4 new record sets at Who Do You Think you Are? Live This includes over one million new parish records.

TheGenealogist now has over 2.5 million Essex Parish Records making TheGenealogist the place to go for Essex Research. The launch of 900,000 new Essex Parish Records transcripts brings the total coverage for that county to over 2.5 million individuals. Spanning the period from 1512 to 2005. These records with BMDs and Census allow family historians to research ancestors from this eastern part of England with ease.



Also released over 158,000 Worcestershire Parish Records, bringing Worcestershire's coverage to over 2 million individuals.

TheGenealogist.co.uk in conjunction with the Surrey Heritage Centre, has launched the Surrey Colour Tithe Maps.

Westmorland Colour Tithe Maps have been published in partnership with The National Archives and is just one of the many counties to be conserved and digitised by TheGenealogist. Many more are, I am assured, to be published soon.

These releases bring the addition of wonderfully detailed colour tithe maps to complement the online collection of tithe schedules and greyscale maps that have already been so well received by family historians.

This rich store of land occupation and usage records were created in a massive survey of England and Wales from between 1836 and the early 1850s.

In these early years of the Victorian period, at a time when people were moving from the countryside to the towns, many of the urban areas that we see today as part of cities and towns can be found mapped out as titheable plots. This includes some parts of London and other big cities where cottages and gardens are plotted in

the same way as fields and woods are in the countryside.



These records are made available online by TheGenealogist in a partnership with The National Archives and several County Record Offices.

Brief History of Tithes.

Tithes were an amount of produce given to the church, originally a tenth, then finally it became a tax on the income from the land. This was paid to the Church of England and to some lay people who owned the rights that had previously been due to the dissolved monasteries. In 1866 the majority of England and Wales was still paying what the government recognised was a

discredited tax. Before they could legislate, however, they first had to collect details of what people paid – and so all the owners and occupiers of land subject to tithes were recorded and thus this fantastic resource was created.

Are you struggling to find missing relatives? Maybe this website could help www.locateancestors.com

In March this year the wonderful GENUKI service celebrated 21 years of service. As part of its coming of age, GENUKI – the UK & Ireland Genealogical Information Service – is being given an extensive makeover, to provide a better experience for its users and to make it easier for page maintainers to maintain and develop. In particular it should help them to recruit additional people to help maintain and develop GENUKI as it is being changed to a Content Management System [CMS] based on Drupal from the previous HTML page structure. Hopefully then they will be able to bring on board further people who know more about family history than computing as the new format will need less computer knowledge to support. During the changeover it is hoped that there will not be any change to users access to the site but there are many pages of data to transfer to the new format and that will take time. The page www.genuki.org.uk/news/drupal/implementation/status gives both the current status of the changes and details of where anyone interested could help now and in the future.

Genuki was initially created by Phil Stringer the first UK genealogy web page, Brian Randell noticed it and mentioned that he and a couple of others were thinking along the same lines, so together they set up a few pages which became Genuki. It has now grown from just a few pages into what is currently more than 90,000 and requiring a group of people to maintain. It does however remain a totally non-commercial site organized as a charitable trust. For more details on the organization and those involved go to www.genuki.org.uk/contactus and www.genuki.org.uk/org/#About.

If anyone is interested in a genealogical study day in Limerick you will find the details here
www.rootsireland.ie/2016/04/the-genealogy-event-limerick-fri-2nd-sat-3rd-september-2016/

Are you aware of the Oxford Surname Interest list? if you are researching for ancestors in Oxfordshire then it would be worth looking see if anyone else is researching the same surnames. www.oxsil.org.uk/

FindMyPast have released over 911,000 records British Royal Navy pensions, these records are released in association with The National Archives.

This collection includes:-

- Registers of Greenwich Hospital out-pensioners and candidates
- Service records of both officers' & ratings' between 1802 and 1919
- Indexes of Greenwich Hospital pensioners and out-pensioners
- Royal Hospital Chelsea payment returns for England, Scotland, Wales and Jersey
- Royal Hospital Chelsea admission books, registers and papers

FindMyPast have also announced the release of over 1.2m Irish Quaker records these being the first stage to digitise all the surviving Quaker records of Ireland.

My extremely wonderful husband has again made a unique find 'Graces Guide' the website links to a selection of very useful pages www.gracesguide.co.uk/Main_Page

Here are a few pages to give you a start

- www.gracesguide.co.uk/View_by_Archives
- www.gracesguide.co.uk/Iron_and_Steel_Institute:_Proceedings
- www.gracesguide.co.uk/Institution_of_Automobile_Engineers:_Proceedings
- www.gracesguide.co.uk/Institution_of_Mechanical_Engineers:_Proceedings
- [www.gracesguide.co.uk/Engineering_\(Bound_Volumes\)](http://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Engineering_(Bound_Volumes))
- www.gracesguide.co.uk/The_Engineer_1856_Jan-Jun

There are also some interesting things on www.gracesguide.co.uk/What%27s_On

Recently Calico Pie producers of Family Historian announced the release of a new version of Family Historian. Simon Orde CEO of Calico Pie is recorded as saying "Automatic record matching is a very popular feature of Family Historian. It makes the process of finding historical records for the people in your family tree considerably more enjoyable and easier. Now Family Historian users can use this same feature to automatically find matching records in Findmypast databases. We are delighted to be working with Findmypast, one of the leading data providers for genealogists. It's great news for Family Historian users."

If you are a Family Historian user, version 6.2 is a free update for all version 6 users. To learn more about automatic record matching try this link www.family-historian.co.uk/aidm.

A few days later a new Family Historian book "Getting the most from Family Historian 6" was launched. Written with both beginners and the more experienced user in mind, I am sure users will find this a wonderful reference manual.

Can anyone help a fellow reader of this newsletter with information on the history of Trow Rocks Quarry, South Shields, the people that worked there, where any records that have survived can be viewed, maybe they are online. Jenny would appreciate any information however small. Please email myself so that I can forward on your email and contact details to Jenny.

Maybe you were able to attend WDYTYA at Birmingham NEC, or maybe you did but for some reason couldn't attend a talk that you wanted to hear. Hopefully this link will be of some help to you as it is the link to be able to read and download handouts by some of the speakers.

<http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/>

Some great news received from Maureen Selley of Devon FHS that the North Devon Record Office has been saved from closure, more information can be found here

www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/North-Devon-Record-Office-saved-closure/story-29130614-detail/story.html

Reclaim The Records, have announced that the 1908-1929 New York City marriage index has gone online for free public use. Apparently it took one Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request, a modification of that FOIL request, a FOIL Appeal, one Advisory Opinion issued by the New York State Committee on Open Government, an “Article 78” legal petition filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and a legal settlement with the City of New York. Not to mention an enormous amount of copying microfilms, generosity from non-profit organizations and much much more. This is the link

<https://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex> so far included:-

Manhattan 1908-1929, Brooklyn 1908-1929, Bronx 1914-1917

To follow as soon as possible

Bronx 1918-1929, Queens 1908-1930, Staten Island 1908-1938

Increasingly people are being advised by some family members to switch from a Windows computer to a Mac suggesting that this would improve their computer usage. Firstly [from those who I have spoken] it hasn't been explained clearly that Windows and Mac computers work differently and use different software. Unfortunately in many cases it appears that the poor availability of family history programmes for Mac's have not been considered.

Yes it is possible to run some programmes on a Mac in windows mode, but remember that when you do, you are always running a program designed and tested to run under windows, but running it on something intended to behave like windows. **You may well find that there is little technical support from the software company if you do it that way as that is not the way it was designed to work.** If you run the program under windows, it is much more likely to work correctly and with the proper technical support. All else said, there are a good selection of data CDs that will run just as well on a Mac as a PC. But in the end, think of it as if you go out and buy a car then spend time and money making it behave like a different car that you could have bought for the same price. There would have to be some very specific advantage to do this, I haven't seen any such advantages in using a MAC for family history, but that is my personal opinion.

I hope you have all enjoyed reading this newsletter, and again I would like to voice my gratitude to readers who either emailed articles to me or who shared thoughts, please do keep them flowing. I have again asked for your input though out the newsletter and I really would appreciate your feedback.

Finally very special thanks to the readers who came to say hello to me at WDYTYA it was lovely to meet you.

Heather

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

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- Alabama, Select Marriages, 1816-1942 [Updated]
- Argentina, Select Baptisms Index, 1642-1912 [Updated]
- Argentina, Select Marriages, 1722-1911 [Updated]
- Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2015 [Updated]
- Australia, Birth Index, 1788-1922 [Updated]
- Australia, City Directories, 1845-1948 [Updated]
- Australia, Commonwealth Public Service Lists, 1904, 1920
- Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980 [Updated]
- Australia, Johns's Notable Australians, 1906
- Australia, New South Wales, Government Gazettes, 1853-1899 [Updated]
- Australia, Queensland and Victoria, Australian Directories, 1859-1947
- Australia, Queensland, Australia, Hospital Indexes, 1872-1908
- Australia, Queensland, Australia, Immigration Indexes, 1848-1972
- Australia, Queensland, Australia, Naturalisation Index, 1851-1904
- Australia, Queensland, Australia, Police Gazette Index, 1881-1945
- Australia, Queensland, Death Inquest Index, 1859-1897
- Australia, Queensland, Index to Aliens, 1913
- Australia, Queensland, Occupational Indexes, 1857-1922
- Australia, Queensland, Police Gazette Index, 1881-1945
- Australia, Queensland, Prison and Reformatory Indexes, 1824-1936
- Australia, Queensland, Property Indexes, 1842-1895
- Australia, Queensland, Will Index, 1857-1900 (all Districts), 1901-1940 (Southern District)
- Australia, Sydney, Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions, 1867-2002
- Australia, Tasmania, Deeds of Land Grants, 1804-1935
- Australia, Tasmania, Police Gazettes, 1884-1933
- Australia, Victoria, Police Gazettes, 1914-1924
- Australia, Western Australia, Convict Records, 1846-1930
- Australia, Wonthaggi, Victoria, Employee Records, 1909-1969
- Australia, World War II Military Service Records, 1939-1945
- Austria Upper Austria, Catholic Church Records Index, 1601-1855 [Updated]
- Canada Alberta, Homestead Records, 1870-1930
- Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-2015 [Updated]
- Canada, WWII Service Files of War Dead, 1939-1947 [Updated]
- Caribbean, Obituary Index, 2003-2009 [Updated]
- Czech Republic, Church Books, 1552-1948 [Updated]
- Czechoslovakia, Prague, Selected Holocaust Records, 1939-1945 (USHMM)
- Czechoslovakia, Selected Jewish Holocaust Records, 1938-1945 (USHMM) [Updated]
- District of Columbia, Select Deaths and Burials Index, 1769-1960 [Updated]
- Eastern Prussian Provinces, Germany [Poland], Selected Civil Vitals, 1874-1945
- El Salvador, Civil Registration Index, 1756-1921 [Updated]
- England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers, 1800-2014 [Updated]
- England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index, 1837-1915 [Updated]
- England & Wales, Marriage Index, 1916-2005 [Updated]
- England, Beddington, Surrey, Royal Female Orphanage List of Children, 1890-1913
- England, Bristol, Select Church of England Parish Registers, 1720-1933 [Updated]
- England, Cornwall Bodmin Gaol Records, 1821-1899
- England, Cornwall Bodmin Inmates at St. Lawrence's Asylum, 1840-1900
- England, Cornwall Falmouth, Congregational and Baptist Church Registers 1763-1923
- England, Cornwall Militia and Sea Fencibles Index, 1780 - 1831
- England, Cornwall Penzance Dispensary Admissions 1828-1841

England, Cornwall Truro Police Charge Books 1846-1896
England, Cornwall Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1839-187
England, Cornwall, Bodmin Gaol Records, 1821-1899
England, Cornwall, Bodmin, Inmates at St. Lawrence's Asylum, 1840-1900
England, Cornwall, Congregational and Baptist Church Registers, 1763-1923
England, Cornwall, Militia and Sea Fencibles Index, 1780 - 1831
England, Cornwall, Penzance Dispensary Admissions, 1828-1841
England, Cornwall, Truro, Police Charge Books, 1846-1896
England, Cornwall, Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1839-1872
England, Derbyshire, Select Church of England Parish Registers, 1538-1910 [Updated]
England, Essex, Select Church of England Parish Registers, 1518-1960 [Updated]
England, Ireland, Courts Martial Files, 1916-1922 and Ireland, Intelligence Profiles, 1914-1922 [from TNA]
England, London Lives 1690-1800
England, London Lives Index, 1690-1832 [Updated]
England, London, Proceedings of the Old Bailey and Ordinary's Accounts Index, 1674-1913
England, Norfolk, Bishop's Transcripts, 1685-1941
England, Northamptonshire parish registers
England, Peculiar of Knaresborough and the Archdeaconry of Richmond
England, Select Dorset Church of England Parish Registers, 1538-1910 [Updated]
England, Sutton, Surrey, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812
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England, Sutton, Surrey, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1940
England, Sutton, Surrey, Electoral Registers, 1931-1970
England, Sutton, Surrey, Tax Collection Rate Books, 1783-1914
England, West Yorkshire, Quarter Session Records, 1637-1914
England, West Yorkshire, Roman Catholic Oath Records, 1714-1787, 1829
England, West Yorkshire, Roman Catholic Oath Records, 1714-1787, 1829
England, Yorkshire, Probate Records, 1521-1858
England, Yorkshire, Quarter Session Records, 1637-1914
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Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 [Updated]
Germany, Baden, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1502-1985
Germany, Delmenhorst, Deaths, 1876-1950 [Updated]
Germany, Dresden, Weekly Church Reports of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1685-1879
Germany, Elbe-Weser Triangle, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1621-1879
Germany, Hamburg, Selected Births, 1874-1899 [Updated]
Germany, Hamburg, Selected Deaths, 1874-1950 [Updated]
Germany, Hamburg, Selected Marriages, 1874-1920 [Updated]
Germany, Ludwigslust, Birth Records, 1876-1902
Germany, Ludwigslust, Death Records, 1876-1949
Germany, Ludwigslust, Marriage Records, 1876-1924
Germany, Mainz, Birth Records, 1872-1900 [Updated]
Germany, Mannheim, Death Records, 1870-1950 [Updated]
Germany, Mönchengladbach, Births, 1798-1903
Germany, Oldenburg, Birth Records, 1876-1900
Germany, Oldenburg, Death Records, 1876-1950
Germany, Oldenburg, Marriage Records, 1876-1920
Germany, Ostholstein, Selected Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1597-1959
Germany, Regen County, Births, 1876-1904 [Updated]
Germany, Regen County, Death Records, 1876-1983 [Updated]
Germany, Regen County, Marriage Records, 1876-1934 [Updated]
Germany, Saalfeld, Births, 1876-1904
Germany, Saalfeld, Deaths, 1876-1951

Germany, Saalfeld, Marriages, 1876-1921
Germany, Select Deaths and Burials, 1582-1958 [Updated]
Germany, Württemberg, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1500-1985
Grant County, Indiana, Marion Public Library Birth Index, 1882-1981 [Updated]
Hungary, Civil Registration, 1895-1978 [Updated]
Hungary, Nyíregyháza, Deportations, 1943-1945
Indiana, Select Marriages Index, 1748-1993 [Updated]
Indiana, United Methodist Church Records, 1837-1970
Ireland, Belfast and Down Roman Catholic registers [Updated]
Ireland, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920
Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915
Ireland, Civil Registration Births Index, 1825-1998 [Updated]
Ireland, Civil Registration Births Index, 1864-1958 [Updated]
Ireland, Courts Martial Files, 1916-1922
Ireland, Crusheen, County Clare, Catholic Parish Registers, 1860-2014
Ireland, Crusheen, County Clare, Catholic School Records, 1862-1919
Ireland, Intelligence Profiles, 1914-1922
Ireland, Military Service Pension Index, 1916-1923
Ireland, National Army Census, 1922
Isle of Man, Baptism Index, 1600-1981 [Updated]
Isle of Man, Burial Index, 1598-2003 [Updated]
Isle of Man, Marriage Index, 1606-1984 [Updated]
Isle of Man, Select Parish Registers, 1598-1936 [Updated]
Jamaica, Civil Registration Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1878-1930 [Updated]
Lithuania, Holocaust Database, 1940-1945
Mercer County, Kentucky Marriage Records, 1800-1830 [Updated]
Mexico, Aguascalientes, Civil Registration Deaths, 1859-1961 [Updated]
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Mexico, Baja California Sur, Civil Registration Deaths, 1883-1987 [Updated]
Mexico, Baja California Sur, Civil Registration Marriages, 1860-1950 [Updated]
Mexico, Chihuahua, Civil Registration Births, 1861-1947 [Updated]
Mexico, Chihuahua, Civil Registration Deaths, 1861-1987 [Updated]
Mexico, Chihuahua, Civil Registration Marriages, 1861-1967 [Updated]
Mexico, Select Church Records, 1537-1966
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Mexico, Select Marriages Index, 1556-1989 [Updated]
Netherlands, Dutch Police Lists of Foreigners, 1930-1954
Netherlands, Genlias Baptism Index, 1612-1852 [Updated]
Netherlands, Genlias Death Index, 1796-1960 [Updated]
Netherlands, Genlias Marriage Index, 1795-1944 [Updated]
New Hampshire, Wills and Probate Records, 1643-1982 [Updated]
New Jersey, Morris County, Cemetery Inscriptions, 1718-1893 [Updated]
New Jersey, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1956-1964
New Jersey, United Methodist Church Records, 1800-1970
New Jersey, Wills and Probate Records, 1739-1991 [Updated]
Poland, Roman Catholic Church Books Index, 1742-1964 [Updated]
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Romania, Sibiu, Citizenship Registration, 1709-1857
Romania, Vital Records from Selected Regions, 1595-1914 [Updated]
Russia, Lutheran Church Book Duplicates Index, 1750-1891 [Updated]
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Slovakia, Church and Synagogue Books, 1592-1910 [Updated]
Spain, Select Marriage Index, 1565-1950 [Updated]
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Tasmania, Australia, Railway Employment Records, 1903-1977
Tasmania, Australia, Teacher Employment History Cards, 1886-1945
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UK, British Army and Navy Birth, Marriage and Death Records, 1730-1960
UK, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960 [Updated]
UK, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths at Sea, 1844-1890
UK, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths From British Consulates, 1810-1968
UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1853-1928 [Updated]
UK, Shipping and Seamen WWI and WWII Rolls of Honour, 1914-1945
USA, Alabama, Civil Appointments, 1818-1939
USA, Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999 [Updated]
USA, Alabama, WWI Gold Star Index, 1917-1918
USA, Arizona, School Census Records, 1910-1917
USA, Arizona, State Court Naturalization Records, 1869-1976
USA, Arizona, Voter Registrations, 1874-1932
USA, Arkansas, Wills and Probate Records, 1818-1998 [Updated]
USA, Biographical Cyclopedias of American Women [Updated]
USA, California, Mortuary Records of Chinese Decedents, 1870-1933
USA, California, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882-1959 [Updated]
USA, California, Railroad Employment Records, 1862-1950 [Updated]
USA, California, Wills and Probate Records, 1850-1953 [Updated]
USA, Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-2015 [Updated]
USA, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Birth Index, 1852 - 1855, 1893 - 1907
USA, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Tax Discount Index, 1740-1865
USA, Chicago and North Western Railroad Employment Records, 1935-1970 [Updated]
USA, Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999 [Updated]
USA, Cross Creek, Pennsylvania, Cemetery Index, 1780-1893 [Updated]
USA, Daviess County, Missouri, Marriage Index, 1836-1856 [Updated]
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USA, Definitive List of Slaves and Property, 1827-1828
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USA, Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1914-1962
USA, Dutch Reformed Church Records in Selected States, 1639-1989 [Updated]
USA, German Immigrants, 1712-1933
USA, Hancock County, Maine, Cemetery Index, 1825-1970 [Updated]
USA, Hancock County, Maine, Cemetery Index, 1825-1970 [Updated]
USA, Hibbing, Minnesota, High School Indexes, 1919-2001
USA, Homestead Records, 1861-1936 [Updated]
USA, Hopewell, Virginia, Friends Memberships, 1759-1776 [Updated]
USA, Illinois, Compiled Records from Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society, 1811-1990
USA, Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999 [Updated]
USA, Indiana, Marion Public Library Death Index, 1812-2015 [Updated]
USA, Iowa, Deaths and Burials, 1850-1990 [Updated]
USA, Iowa, Select Marriages Index, 1758-1996 [Updated]
USA, Iowa, Select Marriages Index, 1758-1996 [Updated]
USA, Iowa, Wills and Probate Records, 1758-1997 [Updated]
USA, Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961 [Updated]
USA, Kentucky, Death Records, 1852-1963 [Updated]
USA, Kentucky, Wills and Probate Records, 1774-1989 [Updated]
USA, Lehigh and Berks Counties, Pennsylvania: Helffrich Pastoral Records [Updated]

USA, Loudon County, Tennessee, Cemetery Inscription Index, 1814-1998 [Updated]
USA, Louisiana, Wills and Probate Records, 1756-1984 [Updated]
USA, Maine, Military Index, 1917-1920 [Updated]
USA, Maine, Passenger Lists, 1894-1962 [Updated]
USA, Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950 [Updated]
USA, Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950 [Updated]
USA, Michigan, Divorce Records, 1897-1952 [Updated]
USA, Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952 [Updated]
USA, Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952 [Updated]
USA, Missouri, Methodist Church Records, 1856-1970
USA, Missouri, Wills and Probate Records, 1766-1988 [Updated]
USA, Nevada, Naturalization Petitions, 1956-1991 [Updated]
USA, New York, Military Equipment Claims, War of 1812 [Updated]
USA, New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 [Updated]
USA, New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999 [Updated]
USA, Newspaper Birth Index, 2005-2015 [Updated]
USA, North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000
USA, North Carolina, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1958-1963
USA, North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998 [Updated]
USA, North Dakota and South Dakota, Wills and Probate Records, 1878-1928 [Updated]
USA, North Dakota Military Men, 1917-1918 [Updated]
USA, North Dakota, Select Funeral Home Indexes, 1903-1997
USA, Obituary Collection, 1930-2015 [Updated]
USA, Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, 1786-1998 [Updated]
USA, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963 [Updated]
USA, Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad, 1835-1974 [Updated]
USA, Rhode Island Census, 1774 [Updated]
USA, Select Crew Lists and Manifests, 1890-1963 [Updated]
USA, Selected States Dutch Reformed Church Membership Records, 1701-1995
USA, South Dakota, Death Index, 1879-1955 [Updated]
USA, South Dakota, Marriages, 1905-2013 [Updated]
USA, South Dakota, State Census, 1945 [Updated]
USA, Tacoma, Washington, Obituary Index, 1882-2014 [Updated]
USA, Tacoma, Washington, Obituary Index, 1882-2015 [Updated]
USA, Tennessee, Wills and Probate Records, 1779-2008 [Updated]
USA, Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1846-1910 [Updated]
USA, Texas, Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965 [Updated]
USA, U.S., Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1914-1962
USA, Utah, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Companies Index, 1846-1868 [Updated]
USA, Utah, Wills and Probate Records, 1800-1985 [Updated]
USA, Vermont, Wills and Probate Records, 1749-1999 [Updated]
USA, Washington, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882-1961 [Updated]
USA, Washington, Wills and Probate Records, 1851-1970 [Updated]
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Cambridge Daily News 1899 - 1903
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