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Hello Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who has responded to my request to confirm their wish to remain on this newsletter mailing list. A considerable number of people have declined to renew their wish to continue receiving notification of the publication of the next newsletter, which says one of two things, readers are not actually reading the newsletter, or don't find it worth receiving!

Welcome to the newsletter those who feared their source might not renew, and are now receiving notification independently now. If you have any queries please do ask and I'll answer emails as quickly as I can.

Please remember I am looking for your genealogical stories, which can be shared with fellow readers via the newsletters.

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The day after the February edition of this newsletter went to be put on the website, FamilySearch published this announcement.

"FamilySearch is a global leader in fun, online family history services with over 9 million users in 2017. In 2018 FamilySearch will be expanding its free site and services by adding new family discoveries, more online connections, expanded global reach, and millions of new sources to search.

1. Personalized Home Page

Refinements to the FamilySearch personalized home page will enable signed-in patrons to make many more new discoveries and easily engage with their family trees.

As new photos, stories, or documents are added by other members of the family, they will be shown on your personalized home page and prioritized based on relevance. You will also be able to see new additions as relatives add them.

Enjoy more adaptive, relevant FamilySearch Record Hints. As millions of new records are added to FamilySearch weekly, the search engine maps them with your family tree. FamilySearch will specifically begin looking for new ancestor record sources you don't already have in your tree. It will be easier than ever to add them.

Relevant ancestor event notifications, if you want, will be able to prompt you throughout the year regarding relevant dates in the lives of your ancestors. These can be great nudges to learn more about your forbears.

2. Historical Records

FamilySearch will digitally preserve over 400 million images in 2018 and publish the majority of them online. It will also add hundreds of millions of indexed, searchable names in historical records, thus making it easier and faster to find your ancestors.

New additions will include prominent international collections from Europe, Central and South America, and the United States. New images will first be accessible in the FamilySearch Catalog Viewer. Once they are indexed or have additional metadata, they'll be published in the FamilySearch Historical Record

Collections.

3. Online Discovery Experiences

FamilySearch will introduce fun, new personal “discovery” experiences online and in additional physical locations in 2018. The online experiences will be similar to the popular attractions currently found in select FamilySearch Family Discovery Centers.

4. Family Tree

Refinements to the FamilySearch Family Tree in 2018 will extend its reach globally to more devices through improved language support and making the service faster and easier to navigate in lower bandwidth regions of the world.

An underlying goal of the FamilySearch Family Tree is to ensure new developments regarding data are always converging towards more accuracy and completeness.

An upcoming feature will help improve collaboration while encouraging more sound edits and discouraging poor edits to good data.

5. Family Tree Mobile App

FamilySearch will continue to update its FamilySearch Family Tree app and mobile experiences, which extend the website’s functionality. Currently, the robust app has 90 percent of the functionality of the web feature.

The app will provide fun, location-based experiences for making family discoveries wherever you happen to be. The popular 2017 “Relatives Around Me” feature allowed crowds or groups to discover who in the crowd was related to them and how.

New experiences in 2018 will build upon this, allowing interaction based on your proximity to people or locations with which you have a personal ancestral relationship.

The app will also continue to enhance the research capabilities of the mobile experience, including a new Research Mode that will allow multiple windows to be opened simultaneously to facilitate multitasking and research from within the app.

6. Memories

Individuals are now uploading millions of family photos and documents for free permanent storage at FamilySearch. In 2018, patrons will be able to add multiple photos to a family story, rather than just one. The FamilySearch Tree Fan Chart will help patrons, at a glance, easily discover areas in their tree where memories and sources are attached to ancestors, and help them identify opportunities where they need to be added.

7. FamilySearch Web-Based Indexing

FamilySearch will end its desktop indexing software in 2018 as it continues to roll out more updates to its new web indexing platform. The new web tool is easy to use and works with any digital device (besides cell phones) with a web browser. It enables hundreds of thousands of volunteers worldwide to make millions of historical images easily and freely searchable by name so online family history researchers can quickly discover ancestors.

8. RootsTech

RootsTech, hosted by FamilySearch International, will continue to expand its support of community growth, personal development, and exciting industry innovation. This popular global family history conference will attract over 100,000 attendees (in-person and live online viewers).

Keynotes this year will include: Scott Hamilton, olympic figure skating champion, Brandon Stanton, Humans of New York photographer and writer, Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Finding Your Roots. and Natalia Fourcade, internationally renowned Mexican pop-rock singer.

The RootsTech Innovation Showcase will highlight exciting innovations related to family history. It will replace the Innovator Summit and Innovator Showdown.

9. Oral Histories

Family history in oral (no written documentation) cultures are kept in the minds of village elders—walking, human libraries. When they pass away, the library is lost forever. FamilySearch will increase the number of oral histories it captures from these tribal historians significantly throughout Africa.

FamilySearch appreciates its growing customer base (over 134 million visits in 2017!). When you visit FamilySearch in 2018, be sure to sign in to your free account to enjoy the most of what FamilySearch has to offer. Come back regularly to add your own family memories. Enjoy the new content added daily and the new features coming soon. Collaborate with your family to upload your favorite photos, documents, personal histories, or journals from previous years, and update your ancestors' stories.

About FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah."

Clearly they have a lot planned for us to look forward to.

We regularly hear of and read stories and tales of politicians, I am sure you are all aware of Mr Trumps feeling towards Immigrants and the American border security. Well now you can read how most of his White House team would have been affected had the laws he wishes to have in place had been in place earlier, according to American journalist Jennifer Mendelsohn.

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/01/18/donald-trump-immigration-chain-migration-dan-scavino-tomi-lahren-216332>

Geoff Hobbs the event organiser has asked me to put this message into FH4U

"The Name Event will be held on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th May 2018, between 10am - 4.30pm at ILEC Exhibition Centre, 47 Lillie Road, Earls Court, SW6 1UD

The venue is close to Earls Court & a 5 min walk from West Brompton Station, & is on a bus route too.

This is a Not for Profit event, any left over funds will either be kept towards a future event or donated to a suitable charity.

Both days promise to be packed with information from the numerous Societies already booked in, opportunities to buy a variety of goods & lectures to attend. Local History, Family History, Genealogy, Heritage, DNA & more will all feature.

There will also be something special for younger visitors (at additional cost) as the future lies with them

Tickets are £12.50 each, with groups of 9 or more able to buy theirs for £9.50 and can be purchased in advance only, from the website

www.thenameevent.co.uk or email admin@thenameevent.co.uk for more information"

If any of you are organising an event, or know of one, send me a short message, such as this, and I will try to put it in. It has to be family history related and not contain anything offensive. I will not change the message or make any comment.

Scotlandspeople have upgraded the way their 'Name Variants' search works you can find more on this here.

https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/article/news-article-forename-variants-improved?utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=Click%20here%20to%20discover%20more&utm_campaign=The%20ScotlandsPeople%20Winter%20Newsletter%202018&utm_source=Newsletters

Anthea is wondering, if by any chance, a fellow reader has any link to, no matter how distant, Alice Whittaker [bn in Manchester] who married Abraham Brammall on the 31st of January 1875, they were a prolific family. Alice is the daughter of Joseph and Mary née Winder. Alice had two brothers Nathaniel and Wilfred, there were also six half siblings as Joseph had been married earlier to an Ann Pye who died in 1843. If you believe you link to this family or the surnames in the Lancashire county please drop Anthea an email

whittaker1937@gmail.com .

Grateful thanks to all the folk at TheGenealogist, for sending press releases.



Their press release read:-

"News from the last decade of the nineteenth century

TheGenealogist has added over 500 further editions of the weekly publication The Illustrated London News to their Newspaper and Magazine collection. The latest collection is of newspapers that were published in the 1890s and offer a fascinating insight into your ancestor's lives.

The Illustrated London News is one of a number of newspapers and magazines that are fully searchable by name or keywords by Diamond subscribers of TheGenealogist. Not only can this extensive resource add context to your ancestors' lives and times, these newspapers can be used to find out more about people who were mentioned in reports from the time. As well as notices for baptisms, marriages and deaths, there are also wills, crimes and court cases, plus the political stories of the time.

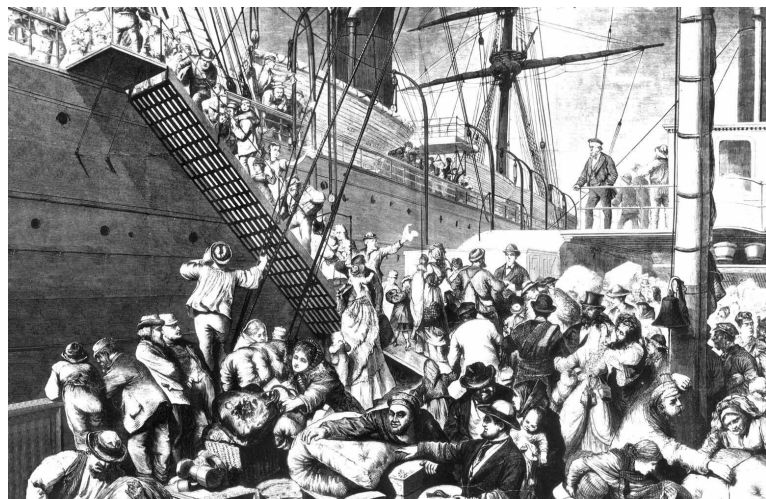
Read their article that looks at the news of 1890s and the world in which your ancestors lived:

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/our-ancestors-in-the-1890s-reported-by-the-illustrated-london-news-734/> "

Another press release received at the same time reads:-

"Over 5 Million U.S. records released

TheGenealogist has added over 5 Million passenger records to their US records, featuring people that migrated to the USA between 1834 to 1900. The mass movement of people from one country to another isn't a new thing. The motivation can be economic, political upheaval or religious persecution.



The data covers:

3,956,780 German passengers who arrived in the United States between 1850 and 1897

836,122 Italians immigrating into the USA between 1855 - 1900

522,638 Russians who emigrated to America from 1834 to 1897

Most were drawn to the U.S.A by the attractions of land and religious freedom, after being forced to leave Europe by shortages of land and religious or political oppression.

"From the Old to the New World" shows German emigrants boarding a steamer in Hamburg, Germany, to come to America. Image published in Harper's Weekly, (New York) November 7, 1874 (Public Domain).

This release joins the millions of US census, death records, trade directories, wills and poll books already available on TheGenealogist".

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I have been asked to remind readers about the crew list website which has recently been updated.

<http://crewlist.org.uk/>

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According to an article in the Guardian newspaper <https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2018/jan/29/database-burial-grounds-england-wales-created> a national database of burial grounds in England and Wales is to be created.

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Oxfordshire Record Society aka ORS have published Records of Holton Park Girls' Grammar School [1948-1972], the institution where Theresa May was educated. Marilyn Yurdan, who was a previous pupil, has edited the records. You can visit the Oxford Record Society website here <http://www.oxfordshire-record-society.org.uk/index.htm>

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Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum have a special display 'Oxfordshire Remembers 1914-1918' which is on until December 2nd at their Museum in Woodstock, go to their website for more information <http://www.sofo.org.uk/>

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I have been advised that the Laurel Cemetery in Baltimore, America the resting place of many of Baltimore's Black Community has been built on and is now a shopping centre and car park. I am not sure how community members are now expected to visit the resting places of relatives. You can read more here <https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/grim-history-hidden-under-baltimore-parking-lot-cemetery-african-american>

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The General Register Office for England and Wales has extended its PDF pilot service for digitised birth and death certificates until 11th July 2018

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Rootsweb are continuing to improve their website and security, they apologise for the inconvenience.

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The University College Dublin's Digital Library have published the start of Dublin Metropolitan Police [DMP] register. You can read more here <http://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2018/01/personnel-register-of-dublin.html>

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The John Jay College of Criminal Justice located at the City University of New York have created the New York Slavery Index the records are available here <https://nyslavery.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>

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Reports on blogs have reported limitations on access to the French vital records, following legal issues. To the best of my knowledge, the following has been fact since 2008 [I think]

Birth registration - acte de naissance - 75 years
Marriage registration - acte de mariage - 75 years
Death registration - acte de décès - no restriction
Ten-year indices to the above three - tables décennales - no restriction
Census returns - recensements - 75 years
Notarial records - actes notariés - 75 years
Judicial records - archives judiciaires - 75 years
Personnel records - dossier de personnel - 50 years
Medical records - secret médical - 25 years after the death of the individual or 120 years after his or her birth

If you are able to read French the link for more information is <http://sosconso.blog.lemonde.fr/2017/10/26/on-peut-consulter-les-archives-detat-civil-mais-pas-forcement-en-divulguer-le-contenu/> alternatively try using google translate.

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From the 1st February 2018 The Swedish National Archives Digital Collection have free access. This change will be in two stages. First, the removal of the subscription fee from the digital research room, to access the data go to: <https://sok.riksarkivet.se/digitala-forskarsalen>

To read more go to: <https://sok.riksarkivet.se/om-soktjansten?infosida=fri-tillgang>

The links are in Swedish, I generally use google translate at <https://translate.google.com>

The National Archives in America have announced that due to a major theft of records by a private researcher in the College Park, Maryland research facility, they are ending the practice of team cards and sharing of record pulls by researchers. An update on that theft is available at: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/historian-pleads-guilty-theft-government-records-national-archives>

To read more please go to <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/notices/2018-02-05-end-team-cards-notice.pdf>

Are you struggling with your Irish research? The Irish Genealogical Research Society aka IGRS

Have released three videos that might aid your research, they are 'Church of Ireland parish records', 'Roman Catholic Parish records' and 'The Censuses of Ireland. To view the videos and read more about about them please go to www.irishancestors.ie/members/irish-genealogy-how-to-videos/

Changes in the UK to the registration of Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths bill, which had an unopposed second reading on Parliament on the 2nd February. To follow its progress try this link <https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/civilpartnerships marriages and deaths registration etc.html>

The bill if passed, will only affect England and Wales as Scotland and Northern Ireland already provide both parents' names on marriage records. Civil partnerships will also include both parents' names.

The modernization of marriage registration will also change from hard copy marriage registers (84,000) to a single electronic register. The bill also calls for heterosexual cohabiting partner to be allowed to form civil partnerships. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-42916294> also try this link for more information <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2017-2019/0011/18011.pdf>

There is also an article here <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-42919441>

Reunion 12 has just been released for Mac users. According to the program's web site at <http://www.leisterpro.com/doc/v12/newfeatures/newfeatures.php>

The museum of Childhood in Edinburgh has undergone a major refurbishment. It reopened 3rd March 2018. For more details the website www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/venue/museum-childhood

The massive project to digitise hundreds of thousands of New Zealand Probate Records has now been completed. The New Zealand probate records are available on familysearch www.familysearch.org To read more Ruby MacAndrew has an article here <https://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/capital-life/capital-day/100831656/ambitious-project-to-digitise-hundreds-of-thousands-of-probate-records-complete-after-nine-years>

For years and years family historians have moaned that Irish records are notoriously difficult to find or don't exist, therefore I am sure this digital project is going to be welcomed by many.

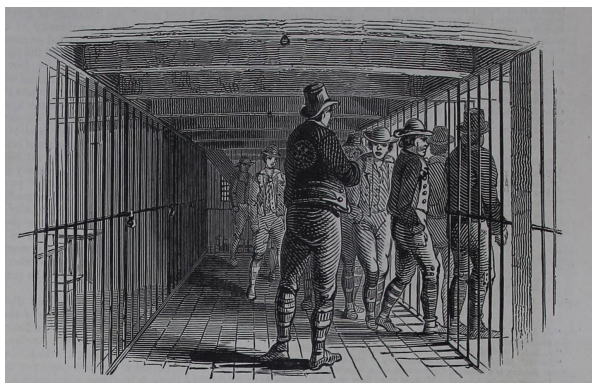
So what am I talking about, a project has started to digitally recreate the building and contents of the Public Record Office of Ireland, which were destroyed by an explosion and fire at Dublin's Four Courts in 1922. It is planned that the virtual reality project will be completed and available for the centenary of the Four Courts fire in 2022. Here two links <http://beyond2022.ie/> and this link goes to an article I found by Philip Bromwell <https://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2018/0207/939122-records-office/>

If you are planning to visit the National Archives at Kew, don't forget that they have altered the document ordering hours. Documents must now be ordered between 9.30am - 4pm, pre ordered documents will be available from 9am. The opening hours of the reading room have not changed.

The self-service printing facility and camera stations for public use are NO longer available.

From Nick Thorne a press release, thanks Nick.

"TheGenealogist has added 651,369 quarterly returns of convicts from The National Archives' HO 8 documents to their Court & Criminal Records collection. With this release researchers can find the details of ancestors that broke the law and were incarcerated in convict hulks and prisons in the 19th century.



The new data includes:-

*651,369 Records covering the years 1824 to 1854
Quarterly returns from Convict Hulks, Convict Prisons and
Criminal Lunatic Asylums.*

*These fully searchable records are from The Home Office:
Sworn lists of convicts on board the convict hulks and in the
convict prisons (HO 8). They give the family history researcher
fascinating facts that include the particulars of age,
convictions, sentences, health and behaviour of the convict, as*

*well as which court sentenced them and where they were serving their sentence. Read TheGenealogist's article
"Criminal records of convicts on the Hulks" at:*

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/criminal-records-of-convicts-on-the-hulks-739/>

About TheGenealogist

TheGenealogist is an award-winning online family history website, who put a wealth of information at the fingertips of family historians. Their approach is to bring hard to use physical records to life online with easy to use interfaces such as their Tithe and newly released Lloyd George Domesday collections.

TheGenealogist's innovative SmartSearch technology links records together to help you find your ancestors more easily. TheGenealogist is one of the leading providers of online family history records. Along with the standard Birth, Marriage, Death and Census records, they also have significant collections of Parish and Nonconformist records, PCC Will Records, Irish Records, Military records, Occupations, Newspaper record collections amongst many others.

TheGenealogist uses the latest technology to help you bring your family history to life. Use TheGenealogist to find your ancestors today!

About The National Archives

The National Archives is one of the world's most valuable resources for research and an independent research organisation in its own right. As the official archive and publisher for the UK government, and England and Wales they are the guardians of some of the UK's most iconic national documents, dating back over 1,000 years. Their role is to collect and secure the future of the government record, both digital and physical, to preserve it for generations to come, and to make it as accessible and available as possible. The National Archives brings together the skills and specialisms needed to conserve some of the oldest historic documents as well as leading digital archive practices to manage and preserve government information past, present and future.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/> "

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We all [well I hope we do] enjoy talking to our relatives about our ancestors, never knowing when that little snippet of information might be gained and is just enough to crumble that previously solid brick wall. Recently on one of my youtube searches I found this video of Helen Tovey talking on interviewing family.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQK4qNcQZfg&ccCt=oeSSI~2Hba10QJdZCZVhOU_Folx0EvNK34RPcEt8VIu~uaXO~Uiaze~gqpRqXqVn

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My apologies for having to repeat myself, but again I have heard of another family historian who has followed the wrong line and has had to go back to basics and start again. Why you ask, what did they do and how can you avoid it happening to you.

Very simply, record addresses in as much detail as possible, if someone else saw your research would they understand and know exactly what you are referring to? Say I wrote either 'B Farnborough' or 'b Farnborough' would the B/b refer to born, birth, baptism, buried? Then look at Farnborough, was the event in Farnborough in Hampshire, Farnborough in Berkshire [near Wantage], Farnborough in Warwickshire [just north of Banbury], Farnborough in Kent [near Bromley]. The best way is to write in full such as Farnborough, Hampshire, England.

Likewise London is equally as bad as there are places called London in Ontario, Canada, America has several places called London in Kentucky, Ohio, Arkansas, California, and Texas. So you do need to include the country.

Should you wish to read more on this and / or some of my other tips, then the handout for the talk I gave at WDYTYA Live 2017 is still available here.

<http://www.roccoland.plus.com/FH4U/HandoutWDYTYA2017Talk.pdf>

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Very grateful thanks to Dennis FLAVELL for another article,

"Nance (Ann) FLAVELL and Ann MARSH

18th century Female Convict Ship 'Lady Julian' Year 1789 -90

Ann, Nance FLAVELL was born c1755 possibly in Gloucestershire. She was sentenced at Gloucester to 7 years Transportation for stealing, and was aged 34 years old at the time.

Ann MARSH who made Samplers onboard was born 16th July 1767 in Buckland Brewer, Devon. She was sentenced at Exeter on 21st March 1789 to 7 Years Transportation for stealing a Bushel of Wheat. In the first week of July 1789 the convict ship 'Lady Julian' left her moorings at Galleons Reach and sailed down the Thames with the tide. She was making for Australia via Plymouth Sound, with a 'cargo' of 240 female only criminals (plus four children born on the Holks), included were both Nance FLAVELL and Ann MARSH friends and possibly related.

Some considered that these women were lucky, They could at that time been put to death by burning at the stake outside Newgate Gaol or by hanging in their county town.

Transportation to the Colonies, sentences usually 7 years or 14 years was for crimes such as stealing a loaf of bread, a piece of muslin, a pair of shoes, an apron, passing counterfeit coin, picking pockets, as well as crimes involving assault, prostitution, and manslaughter.

The 'Lady Julian' eventually departed Plymouth Sound on 29th July 1789 sailing out of Cowsand Bay under topsail for Australia via Cape Verde and Canairry Islands, Brasil, and Cape Town.

After the initial shock of being cooped up at sea, those of the women who who were habitually abusive and troublesome, found their feet and reverted to their old habits. The seamen particularly were subject to running commentry on their mothers, their physiques and sexual activity; from a group of the women convicts. This group of women, often the first to fight and disobey ship's rules, were led by Ann FLAVELL alias Nance FLAVELL.

The Captain found that the best method of dealing with Nance and her friends when they were disobedient or abusive was to send them below where the movement and lack of air would soon have them retching and begging to come back on deck and be good.

The crew became perplexed when Nance, then one after another of her little group became 'in turn outrageous on purpose to be confined.

After a while the ships steward and cooper, John NICHOL, discovered two of his casks of port wine, stored near the womens quarters, had been broken into. One entire hogshead of port wine had been drunk. The ladies had been holding drinking parties when confined below deck.

The order was given that next time Nance and her girls swore at the men they were to be ignored. Several times Nance tried to provoke the officers and men, each time they were ignored. Eventually Nance began insulting the Captain. At this point Nance was

tied up and an empty wooden barrel with holes in top and sides was forced over her head with her head out at the top, legs through the bottom and arms out of the side holes. For the seamen and officers this was a great joke. At first Nance made the best of her audience, pretending not to care, she had someone light a cigar and smoked it as she strutted around dancing and joking. The wooden barrel was heavy and its whole weight rested on her shoulders and she could not sit. Eventually she begged to be released, promising good behaviour and the barrel jacket was removed.

Nance's good behaviour didn't last long. There was no taming her wrote John Nichol, within a week she was as bad as before, This time the officers were not as lenient as the captain ordered her to be tied up like a man and given one dozen lashes with the cat o'nine tails. This alone reduced her to any kind of order.

On the first muster roll in Australia after arriving in Botony Bay in July 1790 Nance was shown as a single woman but married a Thomas BAKER on 30th December 1804 at St.Phillips, Paramatta, Sydney. She died and was buried on 16th January 1816 at St. Phillips, Sydney.

Ann MARSH whilst on the 'Lady Julian' had a different life. She took up with the ship's surgeon/ doctor Richard Alley (4462). After arrival in Botony Bay she lived with another surgeon / doctor a John IRVIN (621) and the first convict to obtain absolute pardon; he had been tried at Lincoln for stealing in 1784. Ann then went on to marry a Robert FLANNIGAN (4211) of the 1st Fleet , at St.Johns, Paramatter on 27th November 1796 , he born 1767 in Ireland.

In 1799 Ann MARSH was co-habiting with a William CHAPMAN (2229 ?)

Under the new name of Ann CHAPMAN she operated businesses from the Kings Head Tavern, later hotel and Tavern. She also owned and operated the Ferry Service, Sydney to Paramatta with her the husband William Chapman. She had numerous children, at least 10, and died 7th March 1823 buried St.Philips. She had been a friend and possibly relation of Nance FLAVELL.

N.B. A replica of Ann MARSH / CHAPMAN's hotel tavern, The Kings Arms, re built in the old town, displays a plaque commemorating the couples involvement in the original hotel.

In mid 1798 the Robert FLANNIGAN was sentenced whilst in Australia for assault and was jailed. He disappears from search records after this."

I really would appreciate it if other readers could write an article please, it could be about your ancestors, how you have researched a particular problem, or anything else that is genealogically related. My email address is fh4u@roccoland.plus.com

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Cyber security and hacking, if you are interested in some of the reports about this subject the site

<http://www.darkreading.com/> has many reports, one article there is <https://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/2017-smashed-worlds-records-for-most-data-breaches-exposed-information/d/d-id/1330987> . There is a lot more for those interested.

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Are you having a struggle with the boundaries of states in America, then may I suggest you try 'The Atlas of Historical County Boundaries' <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/usingatlas.html>

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Have you noticed that the magazine 'Your Family History' is no more? The last edition was issue 192 which came out in the middle of February. The magazine was at the forefront of genealogical magazine market for 15 years.

Another very sad loss.

I appreciate that magazines are expensive, however if you have a family history friend and or are part of a family history group swap and share. If you don't support the services, then they will disappear.

If you are researching your Turkish ancestry, then this maybe a hiccup in the speed of your research. Due to the Turkish population registry online genealogy service being overloaded with inquires after just one day, it shut down, according to a report from the Turkish state-run news agency Anadolu. You can read the report here <https://ahvalnews.com/population/turkey-shuts-down-genealogy-service-after-overload-inquiries> Hopefully, it will not be to long before they are able to open up their search service again, clearly a very popular resource.

Are you researching in America? if so this might affect your research.

The California Assembly has introduced a new California regulatory agency, the California Data Protection Authority [CDPA] to regulate Californians' personal data on the internet. The inspiration of this legislation came from the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation. You read more here legislation, AB 2182, http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2182

The newspaper 'Mercury News' has an article here:-

www.mercurynews.com/2018/02/12/california-assemblymember-introduces-bill-to-regulate-silicon-valleys-data/

Have you heard of 'IAJGS Records Access Alert'? IAJGS stands for 'The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies' and they regularly publish information about legislation that could affect access to genealogical source materials. <http://www.iajgs.org/blog/legislation/>

It is intended to ensure that changes to the law, often to do with trying to improve privacy, do not affect our [as family historians] research. The items not only appear to cover America but numerous other countries around the world.

For example see the report from the alerts

<http://www.dailypress.com/news/newport-news/dp-nws-politics-court-database-bills-pass-20180209-story.html> about a bill in Virginia <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+HB780EH1+pdf>.

To access the previous postings on the IAJGS Records Access Alert see: the IAJGS Records Access Alert archives at: <http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/private/records-access-alerts>. You must be registered to access the archives. To register for the IAJGS Records Access Alert go to: <http://lists.iajgs.org/mailman/listinfo/records-access-alerts>. You will receive an email response that you have to reply to or the subscription will not be finalized. It is required to include your organization affiliation [genealogy organization, etc.]

Coloured Tithe Maps for Buckinghamshire have been added to their National Tithe Records collection. The maps show great detail including, plots owned or occupied by ancestors that lived in this 'home county' at the time of the survey in the 19th century. The Genealogist say:-

"These tagged colour maps and their fully searchable tithe schedule records have been digitised in partnership with The National Archives. The collection gives the family history researcher the ability to search by name and keyword (for example parish or county) to look for all levels of society, from large estate owners to occupiers of tiny plots such as a cottage or a cowshed."

Youtube can be a very informative source of information, here is just one of many items I found

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBWE9saXOD0&feature=youtu.be> This is the video of MyHeritage's Founder and CEO, Gilad Japhet, when he visited the BBC's London studio to speak to Aaron Heslehurst and *Talking Business*, BBC World News' flagship business show.

Hobbies are to me an important part of giving ourselves quality time, I have to admit that mine are varied from showing my classic car, and crafting to probably unsurprisingly writing to my pen friends. The next article I heard about from one of my penfriends.

Thank you Andy for giving permission to share your experience of working in the goldmines of South Africa.

The Surprise

It was a real culture shock moving to South Africa, a surprise would perhaps not completely cover a vast array of assaults to the senses that accompanied those first few months.

As a single person I was allocated a room in the single quarters, a 3m by 2.5m room with a washbasin and wardrobe. The open sided walkway led to the toilets and shower block where all manner of livestock tended to congregate with the lights on throughout the night. It was the first time I had come across moths the size of my hand, very disconcerting being dive bombed when going to the loo or having a shower.

Feeding for the thirty inmates was provided from the canteen situated a hundred yards from the rooms a dirt path leading through the grass scrub.

Breakfast was served from 05h 00 to get those going underground at 06h 00 fed and ready for action. Oh for some oat porridge something alien to the South African palate. It had to be maize meal porridge (mealie meal) or a particularly disgusting derivative called maltabella that had a malted chocolate flavor, which did not disguise its maize roots. Toast was invariably stone cold and most unappetising however it was better than the sandwiches that were provided for our packed lunch. We honestly believed they applied the margarine, if that is what it was with a spray gun, it hardly discoloured the bread. To this a slight colouration would be added faintly smelling of peanut butter or apricot jam although at times it was difficult to differentiate between the two.

With breakfast tucked away and sandwiches under the arm it was off towards the shaft. The air cool as the sun was just coming up, the final gasps of a slight haze anticipating the heat to come that would burn off the moisture lingering on the grass. The path through the grass had obviously been well used over the years being single file, the slope to the centreline ensuring you could not comfortably stand with feet together.

It was getting into this routine of disgusting food, early mornings and the steaming underground environment that generates an almost robotic motion to the start of the day. It was a normal morning two weeks after starting work, I was halfway to the shaft, the sun beginning to cast rays onto the dirt path. I was about to put my foot down when a sixth sense told me to look down. It was like some idiotic cartoon with me trying to move forward without placing my foot on the ground. My legs frantically cycling in mid-air as I flung myself forward. There was this lazy fat snake lying in the centre of the path sunning itself right under my foot. I managed to skip over the offending animal taking note of what it looked like so I could relate my story to the locals.

I arrived at the shaft still shaking and I relayed my tale to my fellow workers. It was no surprise to my colleagues. I had encountered a puff adder, they are lazy snake that like to sun themselves on paths. What was surprising to the locals was that I had not been bitten as they are one of the fastest striking snakes their venom being particularly nasty as it tends to cause tissue necrosis. This encounter ensured that I was fully awake for my early morning walks to the shaft.

Apart from surprises on surface the underground environment provided a surfeit of extraordinary learning experiences. Having worked for a few months both in Canada and Cornwall I had encountered both hot wet working in Cornwall and dry cold workplaces in Canada. These however could only provide the starter for what was to become my daily life for the coming years.

Gold mines in South Africa are the deepest in the world with shafts more than two kilometres deep and workings many miles from the shaft so it could take more than an hour of travelling to get to your working place. Just getting into a cage, which is, the name given to the hoisting conveyance can be exciting? With three

decks each taking thirty persons the weight of everyone stretches the hoisting rope by over a metre as people enter the cage. The single wire cable used for hoisting from two thousand five hundred metres at some three inches in diameter did an amazing job and this technology was around over forty years ago.

Arriving at the working place required putting on a set of "safety" equipment to enable you to travel throughout the workplaces without getting too damaged. Knees pads for each leg were supplemented with a large rubber seat protector that allowed you to slide through the one metre high working area. Gloves and elbow guards completed the regalia. In hindsight it was a wonder that any work got done, it was so difficult to move around the working place.

As temperatures hovered around thirty degrees saturated by the end of the shift the overall could be wrung out. To prevent getting chills when leaving the workings at the end of a shift a spare overall would be changed into to travel to surface. This would be supplemented with a leather "pneumonia" jacket to protect the wearer from the strong ventilation airflow when returning to surface. The contrast in the underground and surface environments has to be experienced to really get a feel for both which interestingly may both be at a temperature of thirty degrees. It is the different moisture levels that cause all the problems.

On surface the high veldt around Johannesburg does not have the lush greenness we are accustomed to here in the UK. There is a brown dusty feel even during summer which turns to ochre over the winter months both spring and autumn being very short transitory periods that can hardly be classified as seasons. The first full year was a bucketful of surprises.

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Welshman and genealogist Richard Hopkins was appalled by the sale of former Babell Chapel cemetery in Cwmbwrla, also the resting place for five generations of his family. So to avoid it being 'repurposed' by developers, Richard purchased it when it come up for sale at auction. You can read more of this remarkable story here <https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/919760/Graveyard-Babell-Chapel-cemetery-Richard-Hopkins>

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China's Ministry of Culture have announced they are launching a new campaign to put a stop to the Chinese custom of hiring performers to do their thing during funerals. The Chinese government first started conducting operations against what they to as "obscene, pornographic and vulgar performances" back in 2015 [I believe]. To read more <http://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2018/02/27/apparently-funeral-strippers-are-a-thingin-china.html>

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Have you lost someone who has passed in Birmingham? then maybe the Birmingham City Council website can help here is the link. www.birminghamburialrecords.co.uk

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Digital Panopticon has information on about 90,000 people convicted at the Old Bailey between 1780-1925, who were transported to Australia. Have a look at the website as there is a other useful information.

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The International Bomber Command Centre is worth book marking if you are researching someone who has served in Bomber Command <http://internationalbcc.co.uk/>

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Have come across MyhouseMyStreet it is a community based project here is the website <http://www.mhms.org.uk/>

If you have used this website or been part of the project in anyway, please get in touch my email address is FH4U@roccoland.plus.com

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For those researching in Sweden, have you registered that since February the digital collections at the Swedish National Archives are free to search and view? The website address is <https://sok.riksarkivet.se/om-soktjansten?infosida=fri-tillgang>.



A few years ago I found out about this wonderful and astounding Subterranean Salt Cathedral, at the Wieliczka Salt Mine. The mine from the outside doesn't look anything different than a looked after salt mine, but this salt mine is very different. For Centuries salt was mined here, though salt hasn't been mined here for many years now, but it holds an astonishing secret. The miners have left behind something very startling and unique. Over 200 metres below the surface, is not just an Art Gallery, with an underground lake but a cathedral.

Wieliczka is a town of about 20,000 people, not far from Krakow, Poland. Found in around the 12th Century, salt was mined here, until the mine closed in 1996, however the miners left behind an amazing record of their time here.

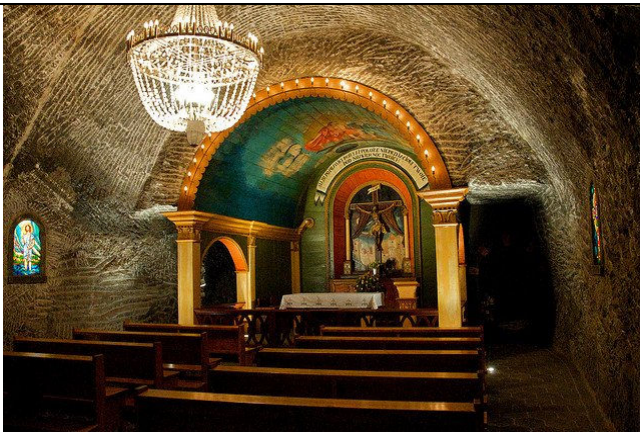


The miners had created Chapels to pray in, including an underground cathedral, and many other historical, religious and mythic figures, all carved in the salt deposits, by the generations of miners. One of the most amazing facts to me is that even the chandeliers are made from the salt deposits, the Polish folk are primarily devoted Catholics, so this was not just a hobby or something to pass the time, it was an act of worship.



It is the wonderful religious carvings that bring many of the visitors, who are generally Eastern European, as this mine still isn't widely known about across the world. One of the most fascinating of the carvings, is the miners take on 'The Last Supper' and shows the great patience that must have gone into the creation of these sculptures and the extraordinary workmanship.

Don't think that all the statues and carving have a religious or symbolic status to them. One such carving shows the humour of the miners in a their depiction of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. The dwarves are carved with great intricacy, showing the skills and craftsmanship of the miners.



One can only reflect the considerable time that the carvings, would have taken to sculpt. The patience and the artistic skills of the miners, which could only have been made harder because of the confines of the mine, the miners living conditions, the long hours the miners were underground and the machinery and tools available to them over the years that this must have taken. Some of these are I am told available to view.



As if this wasn't enough there is an underground lake, complete with subdued electric lighting and candles. I'm told "this is where the old legends of lakes to the underworld with Catholic imagery of the saints, work best to leave an everlasting memory", a special place for a few minutes reflecting away from the noise, and bustle of the daily workings of the mine.

Since the flood in 1992, the mine is only a tourist attraction, that said, brine is still extracted on a very small scale and then evaporated to produce some salt, if this wasn't done then the mine would be lost to flooding.

For safety only a portion [I understand just 1 or 2%] of the mine is open to the general public, however this is still nearly 4 kilometres in length. It is hardly surprising to find that the mine is on the original list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

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FindMyPast announced at the RootsTech Innovation awards in America that they have acquisitioned Twile another British company, I have written about these two companies working together in partnership previously in newsletters 015 [page 5] and 011 [page 4].

One report I read stated " *The Twile team will continue to develop and maintain Twile and there are no plans to change the features and services Twile users currently enjoy. Twile co-founder, Paul Brooks, will be overseeing all future integration work and regular updates will be shared with Twile subscribers.*"

Paul Brooks, co-founder of Twile is reported to have said " *This is a really exciting development for Twile. We've worked closely with Findmypast over the last two years in our mission to help families share their history. I'm looking forward to working even more closely as we develop Twile into the future.*"

Tamsin Todd, CEO of Findmypast is reported to have said " *We're excited to bring the innovative experiences that Twile has created to even more customers, making it easier and more engaging to create and share your family history.*"

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In a ground breaking move Findmypast have released the historical records the Catholic Church in North America, Britain and Ireland. This includes baptism and marriage records for the boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island in New York City, as well as the Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. The records span over 130 years and date back to 1785.

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I have written in previous newsletters about Nick Thorne aka 'The Nosey Genealogist'. In 2013 Nick launched his English/Welsh family history course online to help people with ancestors from this part of the world find their family in the records. He saw that many family history researchers would benefit from a set of accessible guides that would show them how to master the many record collections and the various resources available. With this knowledge they would be better equipped to discover their English/Welsh ancestors more easily. Nick, has researched ancestors for private clients, worked on various projects for one of the leading British genealogical research websites and is also a regular writer in Discover Your Ancestors Bookazine and its sister monthly online periodical. He writes case-study articles, published in several of the monthly British family history magazines, which reveal the best way to make the most of the records sets on a top data subscription site. Nick also has his own 'Help Me With My Family Tree' blog at www.NoseyGenealogist.com/blog

Some of the topics that have been covered are:-

<i>Apprentices</i>	<i>Black sheep</i>	<i>Genetics and DNA</i>
<i>Census substitutes</i>	<i>Bankrupts</i>	<i>Manorial records</i>
<i>City and Town Directories</i>	<i>Rural ancestors</i>	<i>Passports</i>
<i>Clandestine marriages</i>	<i>Wills</i>	<i>Family Search Centres</i>
<i>Dade Registers</i>	<i>Burial</i>	<i>Illegitimacy</i>
<i>Nonconformist</i>	<i>Professionals</i>	<i>Occupations</i>
<i>Religious records</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Maps and Charts</i>
<i>The census collections</i>	<i>The Workhouse</i>	<i>Royal Navy</i>
<i>The National Archives</i>	<i>Other depositories</i>	<i>Newspapers</i>
<i>The Parish Chest</i>	<i>Death records</i>	<i>Merchant Navy</i>
<i>The Parish records</i>	<i>Poor Law</i>	<i>RAF</i>

The Family History Researcher Academy is offering a Special Offer Trial of just £1 for a month. Receive 4 modules plus bonus content by going to: <http://www.familyhistoryresearcher.com/FH4U>



Nick also has cd's which might be of interest Breaking down brick walls and Researching before 1837. These cd's are also very reasonably priced at just £12.47 click the links for more information about these cd's

<http://www.noseygenealogist.com/blog/fh4u-breaking-down-brick-walls>

<http://www.noseygenealogist.com/blog/fh4u-before1837>



Now Nick has introduced a new 'In Brief crib sheet' via 'The Family History Researcher Academy' <https://familyhistoryresearcher.com/fhrmembers/> The press release reads:-

"The Family History Researcher Academy has added a new In-brief crib-sheet report to its website, to compliment its more in-depth online English & Welsh family history course.

The In-brief report shows researchers where to find the on and offline resources, for discovering ancestors in England and Wales, and looks at which top records to use.

The succinct 6 page document reveals which websites can be useful for finding ancestors, in this part of the world, and covers the free sites as well as the commercial ones along with those of The National Archives, The National Library of Wales, County Record Offices, the Society of Genealogists and more.

This In-brief introduces:

- *Civil registration (vital records) in England and Wales*
- *Census records*
- *Researching back before 1837 with parish records.*
- *Where to look for the records of Nonconformist, Roman Catholic and Church of England ancestors*

The Family History Researcher Academy's In-brief report is available now at:
<https://familyhistoryresearcher.com/fhrmembers/in-brief-crib-sheet-report/> "

Did you know that on March 6th 2018 New Zealand held their first digital census? New Zealand has a census every five years, however if an earthquake happens it is postponed. It is hoped that over 70% will take up the online completion, those who don't will receive two reminders, and a paper form can be requested. Under the New Zealand Statistics Act of 1975 it is mandatory and a legal requirement to complete the census.

For more information try these websites

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/manukau-courier/101232898/digital-census-feared-to-worsen-undercount-of-under-pressure-south-aucklanders>

To read a news article on "What Happens if I Don't Fill in the Census?"

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/102003606/what-happens-if-i-dont-fill-in-the-census>

To read more about the process see: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/reports/2018-census-a-modernised-digital-first-census>

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I spotted the following inscriptions along the coastal path between Milford on Sea and Downton, if anyone would like a photograph of the inscription please ask, I will send the photo/s by email attachment my email address is fh4u@roccoland.plus.com

01	In Loving Memory of / Geoffrey and Yvonne Marsh / 1970 - 2003 / who loved this view
02	In Memory of Allen Henly who loved this view / we miss you and will love you always / we do not remember days, we remember moments
03	Jo & Bill Higgs / they loved the view and the ice cream
04	In Loving Memory of / Freda Doe 1916-2001 / her favourite view
05	As we sit here for awhile memories / we recall. We hear your laugh and / see your smile and feel your love for us all / Dear husband, Dad, Grand Dad and Great Grand Dad / Robert M Hine 1931-2014 Norah Capel Woods / 1905-2003 / Mum loved to sit here
06	Precious memories of a dear / Mother and Grandmother / Vickie Ambrose / called to rest 1st March 2013 / always in our hearts and thoughts Dearest Marie / we will always remember you / Marie Lilian Dowdney [1914-2006] In memory dearest Kathleen / who loved this view from the cliff top / Kathleen Sarah Dowdney [1911-1998]
07	In Loving Memory of my Dear husband Harry Andrews / 1910-1986 / a faithful servant of Jesus Christ
08	In Memory of Susan Hooper [Sue] / 1946-2011 / who never tired of this view
09	In Loving Memory of / Joy Bowers / who so much enjoyed this view
10	Dick & Sue's bench / sit a while and enjoy / the view and sea air
11	In Loving Memory of / Peggy Freeman Betty & Peter Slater / together forever
12	In Memory of / Ivan and Doreen Hainsworth / who enjoyed this view / from 1980-1996
13	In Loving Memory of / Roland [1921-2004] / and / Diana [1922-2015] Widdows / who loved to watch and sail the sea
14	In Loving Memory of Conor B Mahon / 1955-1998 / always travelling- travelling still
15	Bill Alexander / Happy Memories
16	In Loving memory of / June Wright 1926-2003 / who always enjoyed / the island view Together again / Donald Wright / 1924-2012
17	In Loving Memory of / Colonel Robert George / Harrington Allen / 1920-2007 / who enjoyed walking / and sailing / along this coastline

18	In Loving Memory of / Mrs Olga Mary Allen 1916-1988 / who travelled the world / and chose this view
19	In Memory of / John E.F. Williams / 1928-2001 Christopher John Dunford Smith / 1943-2016 / He walked the path many times a day / so sit and remember him when you pass this way
20	In Loving Memory of / Doreen Mary Maynard / 6th February 1931-19th May 2006 / who loved this scenic view
21	The Golledge Family / Memorial seat Life isn't measured by the breaths you take / but by the moments that take your breath away / Richard John / 1st April 1960-6th December 2013
22	In Loving Memory of Pat Green / M.P.G. - Mummy Pat, Graham / 14 October 1924 to 17 May 2017 / I must go down to the seas again Ron Green / 4 September 1923 - 3 March 1989 / ~ and all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing rover / and quiet sleep and a sweet dream / when the trick's over
23	Celebrating the lives of George & Jean Rolfe / www.jeanandgeorge.co.uk Lorna Martin / 1951-2017 / in memory of our dear sister "Loons" / for ever in sight of the Isle of Wight
24	Jackie Turner / 30th March 1922 Dawn love is silver, wait for the west / old love is gold love, old love is best Bernard Turner / old love is gold love / I have missed you my love
25	Vera & Ernie Clapham / 1901-1996 1901-1987 / Happy Memories
26	In Memory of / Lavinia Ambrose - 1939-2003 / A View to bring a smile
27	Derek England / 1930-2000 / who loved this view
28	Katie [Kay] Ayliffe / 1903-1992 / A warm and sociable lady who loved to talk / while she enjoyed this view of the needles
29	Stephen's Favourite view
30	Loving memories of / John Michael Beasley / loving husband / devoted Dad & Bamp / family - friends - colleagues From out of the shadows there / came a soft call and without / a goodbye you left us all / Forever in our hearts / 1937-2002
31	"Sit here and reflect a while / with a sea view to make you smile" / Vic Smith / 1931-2005 / missed by family & friends
32	In Loving Memory of / Margaret June Walden / 17th January 1944 - 11th March 2016 / Don't be sad for what you lost / smile for what you had
33	Ever loving & Happy Memories / Susan & Reg Thomas / & / Angharad Cookson
34	Ted and June Morris / A life well lived
35	Dedicated to / the memory of / Dr Greta Jellicoe / [Docolo]
36	In memory of / Eric and Dorie / Matthews In loving memory of / Lawrence [Laurie] Toomey / 1943-2016 / "smell the sea and feel the sky / let your soul and spirit fly"
37	Len's Bench Treasured Memories: Snorkelling by day; Dhonies on / the ocean at sunset / forever in our hearts / Love Jude and families
38	In Loving Memory of / Jack Leslie Gordon / he loved this place
39	In Loving memory of Barbara Gibbs / a little bit of heaven
40	Brian Millner / 1923-2002 / Postmaster ~ Milford-on-Sea [1960-1989] / much loved husband, father

	and grandfather
41	In Memory of / David Louis Rump / and daughter / Helen Louise / A quiet sleep and a sweet dream
42	Joan & Tony Pinkham / loving couple, Mum, Dad, / Nanny & Grandad / forever in our hearts
43	In Memory of / Reg Webber / June 1914 ~ October 2004 / stay awhile and enjoy the view he loved
44	In Memory of / Doris Daisy Clarke / 29th December 1916~ 24th March 2004 / who loved this view
45	In Memory of / Brian Leggett / a good friend to a lot of people
46	In Loving memory of our grandparents / Laurence & Marcella Morgan / who spent many happy times here In fond memory of / Jack [1921-2010] and Barbara [1922-2015] Coleman / who enjoyed many hours looking at / this view of the Isle of Wright during their / frequent visits to Milford-on-sea
47	Sidney & Ethel Lock / dearly loved by all the family / wonderful memories of marvellous parcnis
48	In Memory of / Bob and Elena Burgess
49	Elsie & Geoff Stevenson / 1926~2017 1916~1983 / "Semper fidelis"
50	Rupert Arthur Metcalf / 1919-1994 / "The wind beneath our wings"
51	In Loving memory of / Kelly Ann Bryant 3.3.85-10.6.07 / sadly missed by all / her family and many friends / forever in our hearts
52	In Memory of / Peter W Martin / 1923-2001 / many happy hours spent here
53	In Memory of / Roger Allen / 24.6.51~22.6.04 / a special person, a special place
54	In loving memory of Fred Morris / 1915 - 2005 / Happy Memories
55	In Memory of / Kevin Hipkin / 3rd December 1956 ~ 18th January 2004 / "Happy times spent here are treasured memories" In Loving memory of a beautiful / wife, Mum and Nana / Joyce Florence Peach / 67 years old
56	Brian F Taylor / 9.8.1924 - 15.2.2005 / Daphne I Taylor 22.5.1921 ~ 16.5.2012 / We are a thousand winds that blow
57	Monica Mapes / 1947-2012 / Mike, Sara, Lee, Louise, Sarah and all the grand children / we love you
58	In Loving Memory of / Josephine Joysey / March 1940- February 1997
59	In Loving Memory of Gordon Pickles / 11th Feb 1950 - 5th September 2015 / sit and share the view he enjoyed for 5 minutes or the full half hour In Memory of / Pete Stanley
60	Pete's Bench / Happy Memories never forgotten / 1946-2015
61	1915 Remembering Norman John Dowell 2002
62	Nick Butcher and Bruce / beloved boys always together, may the sun shine on you forever / the best husband, brother, Uncle and friend, so greatly missed / "We love you" - Your family x x x Rest a while, have a cup of tea / Enjoy the view and remember me / Always and forever, our darling Brian / Brian Robert Park / 15.06.38 - 23.06.07
63	In Loving Memory of / Jim Privett 1920-2005 / and his wife / Barbara 1928-2010

If you are away and spot an inscription, please if you can record it / them, they don't just exist in cemeteries and your taking the time to share could mean someone's brick wall crumbles.

If you love books then this website might be of interest to you. <https://www.goodreads.com/>

Oxford College Archives have a new website <https://oac.web.ox.ac.uk/> check it out for all the their latest news.

If you believe that the '1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory' will help you with your research that you will find it is now online at <http://sites.fas.harvard.edu/~hsb41/masstax/masstax.cgi> and it appears to be free. Additionally an interactive map is also available which will hopefully be an extra benefit to you.

It has been reported by 'The National Archives of Australia' that they are reducing staff due to "budgetary pressures." The Director-General of the archives, David Fricker is recorded as saying "is only because of the budget being reduced that they must look constantly across the services we provide and ask how we can do 'less with less'".

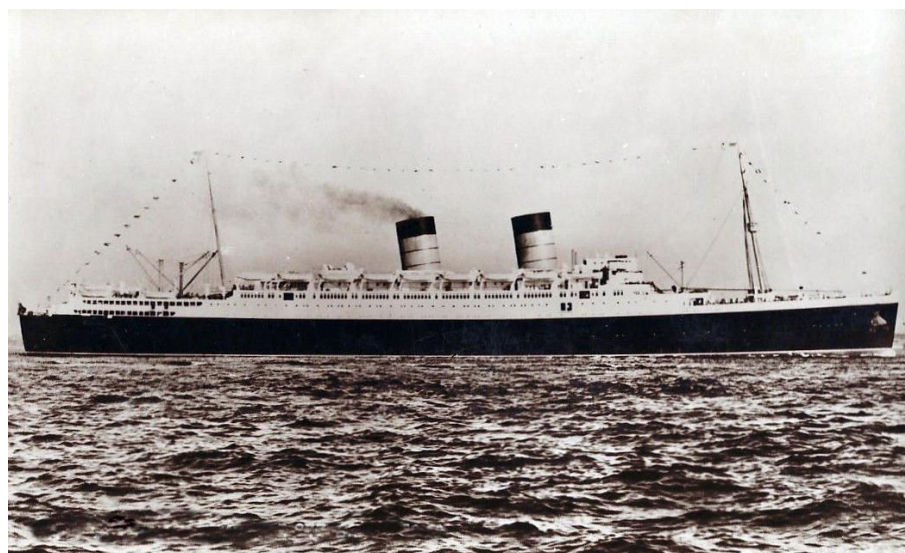
The Australian Bureau of the Census will also face a staff reduction of 100 or more positions. For more information <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/national-archives-of-australia-to-cut-40-jobs-in-two-years-as-budget-tightens-20180221-h0wfew.html>

To access the National Archives of Australia go to: <http://www.naa.gov.au/>

Grateful thanks as always to the folks at TheGenealogist.

The latest is the following press release on 'Outgoing UK Passenger Lists for the 1940's'

"TheGenealogist releases Outgoing UK Passenger Lists for the 1940s decade



RMS Mauretania; from
TheGenealogist's Image Archive

TheGenealogist has just released 1.4 million Passenger Records covering the 1940s. This expands our Outbound Passenger Lists to over 25 million and form part of our larger immigration and emigration collection on TheGenealogist. The new records feature passengers who sailed out of United Kingdom in the years between 1940 and 1949 these

newly transcribed BT27 images are from The National Archives. The passenger lists released today will allow researchers to:

Discover potential family members travelling together using TheGenealogist's SmartSearch

Find ancestors sailing to Africa, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and other destinations

View images of the original passenger list documents

See the ages, last address and intended permanent residence

Fully indexed records allow family historians to search by name, year, country of departure, country of arrival, port of embarkation and port of destination

Researchers who had ancestors that travelled abroad from Britain in the 1940's will find these records a fascinating addition to the vast collection of records on TheGenealogist.

Read our article on the new records here:- <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/1940s-passenger-lists-reveal-evacuated-children-war-brides-and-service-personel-crossing-the-atlantic-758/> "

Did you spot the article on the BBC News about a 27 year wanting to be adopted? You can read Nathan Sparling's story and why he wanted to be adopted here

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-43285610>

I am sure you will of read or heard about the children sent to Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Southern Rhodesia during the period 1945-1970's. Well now they are being considered for compensation you can read the story here. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43242786>

You might be pleased to read of a new website, still very much in its infancy, so it doesn't have a great deal of information at the moment, but over time and given support it could grow into a very useful resource for genealogists <http://housestry.com/>

Here is another new website for you <https://www.timepix.uk/#/map> I believe it was launched in Manchester, you can read more about it here www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/about/news/2018/post-war-images-unveiled-manchester.html

The website allows you to research areas of how streets used to look, most of the pictures appear to be from between 1940 and 1950

Irish Family history research is often said to be 'difficult', 'impossible', 'trying', 'exasperating' the list is endless but is it?

Renown Irish family historian John Grenham has published a fantastic beginners' guide to Irish Genealogy, you can find the guide here:-

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/abroad/how-to-trace-your-irish-family-history-a-step-by-step-guide-1.3423973>

'Oxford Ancestors' is closing down, if you visit the website you will find the announcement by the Chairman Bryan Sykes, which I have copied below for you in case the site has already disappeared before you read this

"Oxford Ancestors is closing down after 18 years. I have enjoyed those years immensely and it has been a rare privilege to have you send me your DNA from all over the world. We started because I wanted people to be able to share in the excitement of the research being done in university laboratories like my own in Oxford but rarely reaching beyond the halls of academe. That has all changed now and cheap DNA tests are widely available, even if their meaning is sometimes dubious. The popularity of 'ethnic testing' is a case in point, where even religious persuasion is given a genetic foundation by some companies. Have they never heard of the outrages of 'racial purity' and the eugenics movement or is it just one more business opportunity?

But I digress. Than you all for your patronage over the years. I am leaving Oxford this Summer to live abroad and write more books and I did not feel the company could be run well like that. In practical terms, all outstanding orders will be fulfilled in accordance with our Terms and Conditions and the databases will operate as usual for a few more months.

*Bryan Sykes MA PhD DSc
Chairman"*

The website is / was http://www.oxfordancestors.com/component/option.com_frontpage/Itemid,1/

Swedish National Archives are now free online <https://sok.riksarkivet.se/?Sprak=Engelska>

Have you seen the website <https://www.maps.thehunthouse.com/index.htm> . For those interested in the historical maps and books, especially about the London area but other places as well, it is well worth a look. There are many e-books, some free and also maps, examples of free maps are:

Bartholomew's Pocket Atlas and Guide to London from 1929
Map and Guide to Epping Forest c. 1910
Street map of Cambridge c. 1912
Street map of Manchester c. 1890
Street maps of Rome c. 1885 and Paris c. 1879

Regular readers will be aware that I really love to read about family, adopted children, parents of adopted children being reunited this is one fabulous story <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-43420678>

I have received the following press release from TheGenealogist:-

"Meritorious Service Medals now available online at TheGenealogist



TheGenealogist has released the records of 29,000 individuals who were decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM). The roll of names for those who were awarded this British honour in the First World War have been released by TheGenealogist. Researchers can now look for holders of this medal up to 1920 from within their ever growing military records collection.

See a copy of the image of the Medal Card with the theatre of war where the medal was won
Details the name, rank, regiment and service number
Unique "SmartSearch" links to the comprehensive military

records on TheGenealogist.co.uk

These new records cover British servicemen from The First World War

The medal was first awarded in 1845 to non-commissioned officers in the British Army who had a record of long service in the forces. Given originally for long service of at least 20 years to servicemen who were of irreproachable character and already held the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of their service, the First World War saw it awarded to those who performed acts of non-combatant gallantry in the performance of their military duty. In the second case the bravery was not necessarily while the serviceman was on active service and may have been in the saving or attempted saving of the life of an officer or an enlisted soldier.

Family history researchers searching for ancestors who had been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in the First World War will be able to find their forebears in this new addition to the military collection of records on TheGenealogist.

Read our article on a First World War NCO awarded his medal '*For exceptionally good work*' operating night and day to keep the RFC's aeroplanes at El Hammam flying.

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/finding-ancestors-awarded-the-meritorious-service-medal-768/>"

The Family History Researcher Academy, have a Spring Offer 20% off their popular English/Welsh Family History Course. Learn where to look for records and resources to find your ancestors You can read more here:-

<http://www.noseygenealogist.com/blog/5465/learn-how-to-find-your-english-or-welsh-ancestors>

Has anyone used the new app 'Tropy'? if so I would appreciate your feedback. Tropy is a free app, for desktops and reports say it is Windows, Macintosh, and Linux friendly, that it is designed to help researchers organise photographs with a description. Tropy only allows the importation of photographs as JPEGs, PNGs, and SVGs. However, it does not import PDF files. For more information their website is <https://tropy.org/>

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Did you know that on 1st April 1918 it was exactly 100 years ago that the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps merged? This merger resulted in the world's first independent air force, 'The Royal Air Force'.

If you have research in these fields you might find these links useful.

The National Archives www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

Commonwealth War Graves Commission www.cwgc.org

Imperial War Museum www.iwm.org.uk/

RAF www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/visit-our-reading-room.aspx

Alternatively you can write to the RAF Museum, their email address is research@rafmuseum.org or their snail address is RAF Disclosures Section, Room 221b, Trenchard Hall, RAF Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 8HB.

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It has come to my notice that some people have missed the reason why I am not organising a Family History Study day in 2018. I am no longer a member of U3A, I was less than impressed to be advised that missing two meetings [Group leaders and a Monthly meeting] the first because I was registering my Mother's death and the second because I was at my Mother's funeral, was considered in their words "in other words you have pretty poor excuses". In my 8/9 years as a U3A member I missed a total of 4/5 meetings including those mentioned here.

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The observant amongst you will have noticed that Ancestry has updated their Civil Registration Birth Index 1916-2007, their ordering certificates also includes Canada, Australia and USA but no price given. However certificates are expensive, certificate ordering service for only £22.99 for 16 day UK delivery [6 day £39.99] with an optional £2.50 for an image. Personally I prefer the GRO .pdf version from the .gov website <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/#0> at just £6.00

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It is now possible to search the sealed adoption records of the Canadian Province of New Brunswick, but only to adult adoptees, birth parents of adoptee, adult children of deceased adult adoptee and adult children of a deceased birth parent whose child was placed for adoption. For this information, adult adoptees and birth parents need to fill in a form and submit it to Post Adoption Disclosure Services. You will find the forms and more information here

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/social_development/promos/adoption.html

This follows a period of time [since 01 May 2017] to allow birth parents and adoptees aged 18 years or over to file a disclosure veto if they did not want their identifying information to be released. Disclosure vetos can be removed at any time by the person who placed it and will expire one year after the death of the person to whom it concerns.

Other information on adoption records by Canadian provinces is available here

<https://www.originscanada.org/adoption-records/by-province/>

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The Imperial War Museum [IWM] has launched a new online War Memorials Register, it appears to be fully searchable by name and place. The web site address is <https://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials>

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Norfolk Family History Society has a big new online record search system, which is receiving very positive feedback. The Norfolk Online Record Search aka NORS www.norfolkonlinerecordsearch.co.uk

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Now a snippet especially for the Americans and Canadians who receive this newsletter.
Here is another press release from TheGenealogist

"TheGenealogist releases Air Force lists and Flight Magazines to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Air Force



To mark the centenary of the establishment of the RAF on 1st April 1918, TheGenealogist has released thousands of records of individuals who were recorded in a number of Air Force Lists from 1921 to 1944. Also released at this time are copies of the Flight Magazine for 1909, 1910 and 1911, plus an important collection of historic reference books.

In order to commemorate the formation of the world's first air force independent of an army or a navy, TheGenealogist has added these new records to its ever growing military collection for researchers with RAF ancestors to make use of.

Read the details of RAF officers in Air Force Lists including name, rank and service number
Find names of early aviators in the Flight Magazine
Get background information on aviation from a collection of reference books
Use TheGenealogist's unique "SmartSearch" to link to other military records

Air Force Lists recorded the details of officers that served in the Royal Air Force and include information on the order of seniority, retired officer lists, and alphabetical indexes.

Flight Magazine was founded in 1909 as a journal concerned with air transport and all things to do with flying.

Of particular note are the following historic reference books that have been added in this release: The Air Annual of the British Empire 1930, Book of the Air 1931, Aviation - An Introduction to the Elements of Flying, and The Wonder Book of Aircraft 1930.

Family history researchers looking for ancestors who had been in the Royal Air Force will be able to search for their forebears in this new addition to the military collection of records on TheGenealogist.

Read our article on the birth of the RAF:

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/celebrating-the-centenary-of-the-raf-with-the-genealogists-records-778/> "

NextGen Genealogy Network aka NGGN and the Ontario Genealogical Society aka OGS have announced a new partnership. Ontario Genealogical Society will provide NextGen Genealogy Network with financial support, and release promotional support via their weekly online newsletter. NextGen Genealogy Network, a United States based Charitable Organisation that was founded in 2013 primarily for young genealogists. For more information please visit their websites for NextGen Genealogy Network it is <http://www.tnggn.org/> and for Ontario Genealogical Society its <https://ogs.on.ca/>

The gender on US birth certificates can be changed in most states, currently only Ohio Kansas and Tennessee do not allow it and Idaho has just been instructed by federal court to allow it. However litigation has been started to attempt to force Ohio to allow it. See

http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2018/03/lawsuit_seeks_to_allow_gender.html.

The National Archives have from 3rd April 2018 introduced parking charges, which are controlled by automatic number plate recognition system, visitors should pay before departure at a pay point located inside The National Archives building. Parking costs are £2.50 for up to two hours, £4.50 for up to four hours and £7 for over four hours. 'Blue Badge' holders will continue to be able to park without charge, in designated parking bays

You should all be aware of the new data protection legislation, if so you will not be surprised that some records may be going off line. The latest at the time of writing is Dutch records covering the time period 1921-1940 <https://www.wiewaswie.nl/> wiewaswie translates as 'Who Was Who', you will find some records for the Netherlands on Ancestry.

Do you have missing ancestors in Dorset? Then this new website site might be able to help you or maybe you can help them and therefore other researchers. <https://dorsetdci.com/donate/>

I read that Mark [whose project this is] says, " If you have any Dorset death certificates for 1837-75 please send me a scan [email them to dorsetdead@aol.com] and I will publish the information. I'm including everything on the certificate apart from the name of the registrar and the date of registration. The search facility means you can search for the name of the deceased, the occupation, place of death, cause of death and details of the "informant" (the person who reported the death). If you use the site and don't find anything, then do re-visit from time to time and look at the "Updates" page: that will tell you if anything has been added to the site since your last visit."

US access to private data has changed now the 'Clarifying Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act' has been signed. It give US law enforcement the right to compel a service provider, eg Google, face book etc. to hand over a user's personal information and any stored on line data, even if the data is stored in another country, irrespective of that countries own data protection laws. It is yet to be determined how those in the European Union, and other countries, with their own data privacy sharing regulations will react to this new law. The new law also permits the US executive branch to create agreements with foreign countries to provide direct access to personal data stored within the United States. See <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/s2383/BILLS-115s2383is.pdf> for the bill itself.

The naughty do get caught, thankfully, you might have read about the private researcher Mr Antonin DeHays who stole items from the U.S. National Archives. Well, Mr Antonin DeHays has been sentenced to "364 days in prison and three years of probation, of which eight months are to be served in home confinement. In addition, Mr. DeHays was sentenced to 100 hours of community and also ordered to pay \$43,456.06 restitution to those who unknowingly purchased stolen goods." It was reported that Mr DeHays stole 291 dog tags, 134 military records including identification cards, personal letters, photos, a bible and a piece of a downed U.S. aircraft. It is said that he sold a majority of the items on eBay, however some he kept to give away as gifts. It is sickening as these items are said to be from files of American servicemen whose planes were downed in Europe during World War II. Other reports also suggest he stole other original records from Archives in Greenbelt Maryland.

You can read more on the archives website www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2018/nr-18-43

For years and years even the very poorest of families have had to pay to bury a child, many contributed weekly to a burial club, rather than their child being buried in an unmarked grave. Earlier this year the burial fee to bury a child was waved, you can read more here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-43609657>

Family History Fairs are a wonderful way, of attending some different talks, speak to society volunteers and even purchase goodies.

The Family History Show

York, Saturday 23rd June

The York Show exhibitor space is now fully booked, with over 100 exhibitor tables covering family history societies, archives and genealogy suppliers. This is the biggest family history show in the North.

You can meet the experts from the Ministry of Defence medals and records office, learn more about the Imperial War Museum's Lives of the First World War project, and visit Family History Societies from around Great Britain and even further a field. Free talks will be held throughout the day by Social Historians, Military Historians and other experts. Both venues offer large free car parks and easy transport links.

Pre-book your tickets for only £5, or get two tickets for £7.50 when you use the special link below. You will also get a free goodie bag on entry worth over £8. For tickets the website link is

<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/york/tickets/>

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Just look at the queue and before you ask, yes it is worth me driving up from the South of England and pay to stay in a Hotel.



For more details, list of exhibitors and a list of the free talks please go to the website.

<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/york/>

If you cannot make it to York, then a similar fair is coming to Sandown Park Racecourse

The Family History Show **London, Saturday 22nd September**

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You can meet the experts from the Ministry of Defence medals and records office, learn more about the Imperial War Museum's Lives of the First World War project, and visit Family History Societies from around Great Britain and even further afield. Free talks will be held throughout the day by Social Historians, Military Historians and other experts. Both venues offer large free car parks and easy transport links.

The Family History Show London is proud to announce Dick Eastman as the Keynote speaker. Due to the sell out success of the last London show, this year there will be twice the space as we take over Sandown Park's Surrey Hall, with its large catering areas and separate lecture area. Over 100 tables have already been booked! If you are interested in exhibiting please contact bookings@thefamilyhistoryshow.com For images of last years event <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/london/gallery/>

As well as plenty of free on site parking, we will be running a shuttle bus from the local train station, making The Family History Show London an affordable event to attend. Book your tickets with our buy one, get one half price offer now to avoid disappointment. For tickets, Buy One Get One Half Price please go to <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/london/tickets/>



Here is the latest news from TheGenealogist

"TheGenealogist adds another 64,920 War Memorial records & 13,487 new headstone records.

This week TheGenealogist has expanded its growing headstone & war memorial record collections with some interesting new additions to both. The headstone records cover 53 new cemeteries & the various war memorials are from Australia, Britain, Canada & the USA.

The International Headstone collection is an ongoing project where every stone photographed or transcribed earns volunteers credits, which they can spend on subscriptions at TheGenealogist.co.uk or products from GenealogySupplies.com. If you would like to join, you can find out more about the scheme at: <https://ukindexer.co.uk/headstone/>



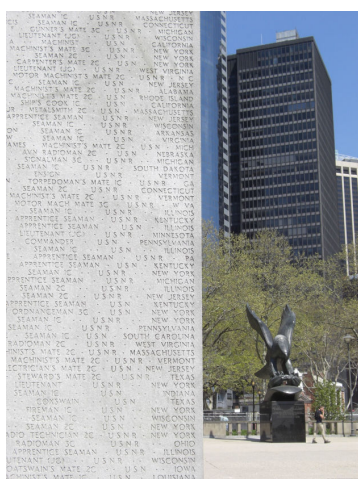
The headstone for the Earl of Avon, Anthony Eden, is included in this release. This politician served three periods as British Foreign Secretary & then succeeded Winston Churchill as Prime Minister from 1955 to



1957. He is laid to rest at Alvediston in Wiltshire.

Also published online this week [editor comment week ending 20th April] are an additional 64,920 War Memorial records which include a complete roll of honour for both WW1 & WW2 for Shetland, with men's units & the Shetland village in which they had resided. There are other war memorials in this release that cover the country including the Abercarn Tinplaters Memorial Institute in Wales. There are plaques & monuments in Bedford, Bolton, Lancashire, London, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Warwickshire & even further afield in Canada, Western Australia & the USA. One of the Canadian memorials is a fascinating, but sadly very worn, WW2 memorial from Calgary in Canada that names 227 aircrew from Australia & New Zealand who died while training in Calgary, revealing just how dangerous WW2 aviation was.

From the USA TheGenealogist has uploaded some WW1 & WW2 war memorials from New York, including a fine one in Battery Park. This is a roll of those men & women who lost their lives in the Atlantic coastal waters in WW2 & had no known grave as a result of U-boat action. The war memorial gives researchers the ranks, units & the US state from which they had come, & the shockingly large number of Americans included is a salutary lesson when in Britain we are often only aware of our own countrymen/women who died at sea from enemy action against the convoys.



Lastly there are a number of Boer War memorials - for example the tribute within Blackpool Town Hall that commemorates the 74 Blackpool men who volunteered to join various units for service in South Africa.

War Memorial at Battery Park, New York, USA, on TheGenealogist

These new records are all available as part of the Diamond Subscription at TheGenealogist <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

To find out more about the UKIndexer volunteer project, you can read the following article: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/family-history-can-be-a-rewarding-hobby-790/>



I am often asked about where I buy my supplies from, a majority come from S&N Genealogy Supplies, they are based at Chilmark in Wiltshire website is <https://genealogysupplies.com/> or you can telephone them 01722 716121. I have used them since 1992, and the product quality, service and customer support are all top notch. In there latest newsletter if you buy a pack of 100 Sleeves you get a FREE binder! They say "We are offering a free binder worth up to £19.95 when you purchase a pack of 100 sleeves - you also save £9.55 on our packs of 100 sleeves!"

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FreeBMD have updated their website, if you haven't used the website then I suggest you acquaint yourself. This charity run website aims to transcribe English and Welsh birth, marriage and death records. Website address is www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl

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We are in my view a throw away country, in other words if we don't think we need it we bin it, without considering if someone else might need it.

Now we have further proof!

The Home Office have admitted destroying thousands of landing card slips recording the legitimate arrival in this country of thousands of Caribbean's. They are being called 'Windrush immigrants' a term coined from the ship 'MV Empire Windrush' the first to bring people from various islands in the Caribbean to help with the shortage of labour after the war. 'Windrush' now refers to the Caribbean immigrants arriving in the UK between 1948 and 1971.

It is recorded that a former Home Office employee has said " the records, stored in the basement of a government tower block, were a vital resource for case workers when they were asked to find information about someone's arrival date in the UK, usually when the individual was struggling to resolve immigration status problems." It is thought that no other records can act as a substitute.

What a mess.

To read more try <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-43818860>

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After months waiting and speculation Ancestry's Board of Directors have announced that Margo Georgiadis is to be their new Chief Executive Officer. She will take over from the interim CEO Howard Hochhauser on 10th May 2018. Mr Hochhauser will return to his previous posts as CFO and COO.

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DNA testing in France for genealogical purposes has since 1994 under "the law of bioethics" been illegal but a petition has been put to the French parliament to change this. Currently the only way to do it in France is to use the loophole of sending the test to an address outside France to get the test done. See <https://www.change.org/p/aux-d%C3%A9put%C3%A9s-et-aux-s%C3%A9nateurs-autorisez-l-adn-g%C3%A9n%C3%A9alogique> for it, you may need to run a translation using <https://translate.google.com/> or similar as it is in French.

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Library and Archives Canada [LAC] has announced Co-Lab a tool to allow people to collaborate on historical records. It is where the public can transcribe, add keywords, image tags, translate content from an image or document and add descriptions to digitized images. To learn more about Co-Lab and how you can participate see

<https://thediscoverblog.com/2018/04/17/introducing-co-lab-your-tool-to-collaborate-on-historical-records/>

The National Technical Information Service [NTIS] of US Department of Commerce that administers the three-year old program regarding access to the Death Master File [DMF] whose commercial name is the Social Security Death Index [SSDI] shared a message from the Social Security Administration [SSA] about historical records that are being added to the DMF.

"As you may recall per our prior communications, for the last few years, SSA has been actively engaged in an initiative to improve our death data. As a part of this initiative, in fiscal year 2018, SSA will add over 8 million [older] death records to the full and publicly available Death Master File (DMF) over the course of several months. These records are deaths currently maintained in our records that we determined should be included in the DMF. This effort to update the DMF with these records may result in an increase to the volume of the death reports that you receive. Additionally, these historical records may reflect a higher volume of zeroes in the date of death field. This generally occurs on older records because SSA's prior death reporting process did not require a valid date of death. As a result, the zeroes could have been present in the death information SSA received. The zeroes also could have been used to indicate information that was missing in the death report or, in the case of paper records, was simply illegible when we keyed them into our electronic database. Sharing these deaths will increase the accuracy, integrity, and completeness of our records as well as the DMF."

See <https://www.ssdmf.com/> for the DMF site.

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If anyone hasn't received an email from me notifying you that the May issue is available it is because I haven't received an email from you requesting to stay on the list in accordance with the new data protection regulations known as GDPR. To join or reactivate your email reminders of when an issue is published please drop me an email to FH4U@roccoland.plus.com stating you wish to join or rejoin the mailing list.

Heather

fh4u@roccoland.plus.com

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

Ancestry

Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current [Updated]
Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current [Updated]
Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2017 [Updated]
Australia, Casino, New South Wales, Hospital Admissions and Burial Records, 1913-1997
Australia, Convict Records Index, 1787-1867
Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices, 1841-2001 [Updated]
Australia, Victoria, Asylum Records, 1853-1940
Brazil, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current [Updated]
Canada, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current [Updated]
Canada, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current [Updated]
Canada, Nova Scotia, Book of Negroes, 1783
Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-2017 [Updated]
Canada, Quebec, Notarial Records, 1637-1935 [Updated]
Canada, Quebec, Vital and Church Records [Drouin Collection], 1621-1968
Canada, Selected School Yearbooks, 1901-2010 [Updated]
Canada, WWI CEF Personnel Files, 1914-1918 [Updated]
Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1947 [Updated]
Czechoslovakia, Selected Jewish Holocaust Records, 1938-1945 [USHMM] [Updated]
Eastern Prussian Provinces, Germany [Poland], Selected Civil Vitals, 1874-1945 [Updated]
England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers, 1800-2016 [Updated]
England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1916-2007 [Updated]
England, Buckinghamshire, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1535-1812
England, Essex County, Massachusetts Probate Records Supplement, 1644-1691 [Updated]
England, Gloucestershire, Church of England Burials, 1813-1988 [Updated]
England, Gloucestershire, Electoral Registers, 1832-1974 [Updated]
England, Kent, Extracted Parish Records, 1539-1876
England, Liverpool, Electoral Registers, 1832-1970
England, London, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 [Updated]
England, London, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1917 [Updated]
England, London, Church of England Confirmation Records, 1838-1923 [Updated]
England, London, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-2003 [Updated]
England, London, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1932 [Updated]
England, London, England, City Directories, 1736-1943
England, London, Poor Law and Board of Guardian Records, 1738-1930 [Updated]
England, London, Poor Law School District Registers, 1852-1918 [Updated]
England, London, Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1764-1930 [Updated]
England, Medway, Kent, England, Methodist Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1798-1932 [Updated]
England, Wiltshire wills indexes and images 1530-1858
England, Worcestershire, Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1541-1812
England, Yorkshire, Church of England Parish Records, 1538-1873
Estonia, Census, Tax and House Lists, 1784-1944
Germany and Surrounding Areas, Address Books, 1815-1974 [Updated]
Germany, Berlin, Births, 1874-1899 [Updated]
Germany, Berlin, Deaths, 1874-1920 [Updated]
Germany, Erfurt, Deaths, 1874-1935
Germany, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current [Updated]
Germany, Hesse, Births, 1851-1901 [Updated]
Germany, Hesse, Deaths, 1851-1958 [Updated]
Germany, Hesse, Marriages, 1849-1930 [Updated]
Germany, Meinersen, Births, 1874-1904

Germany, Meinersen, Deaths, 1874-1974
 Germany, Meinersen, Marriages, 1874-1935
 Germany, Ostprignitz-Ruppin, Births, 1874-1905
 Germany, Ostprignitz-Ruppin, Deaths, 1874-1971
 Germany, Ostprignitz-Ruppin, Marriages, 1874-1935
 Germany, Saaldorf-Surheim, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1876-1983
 Germany, Zschopau, Births, 1876-1907 [Updated]
 Gibraltar, WWII Evacuee Embarkation Records, 1940
 Global, Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current [Updated]
 Holland, North Brabant, Netherlands, Markiezenhof Baptism Index, 1597-1810 [Updated]
 Ireland, Clare, Church of Ireland Baptisms 1744-1991
 Ireland, Clare, Church of Ireland Burials 1744-1991
 Ireland, Clare, Church of Ireland Marriages 1744-1991
 Ireland, Index to the Prerogative Wills, 1536-1810
 Ireland, Select Catholic Birth and Baptism Registers, 1763-1917 [Updated]
 Ireland, Select Catholic Confirmation Registers, 1775-1923 [Updated]
 Ireland, Select Catholic Death and Burial Registers, 1767-1992 [Updated]
 Ireland, Select Catholic Marriage Registers, 1775-1942 [Updated]
 Ireland, Sustainability Loan Fund, 1812-1868 [Updated]
 Italy, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current [Updated]
 Jersey, Hospital and Poor House Admissions, 1879-1916
 Mexico, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current [Updated]
 New York State, Marriage Index, 1881-1967
 New Zealand, Police Gazettes, 1878-1945
 New Zealand, World War I Service Records, 1914-1920
 Norway, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current [Updated]
 Poland, Jewish Holocaust Survivors Registered in Warsaw, 1945-1946
 Poland, Kraków, Police Registration Cards for Jews and Poles, 1940-1941 [USHMM] [Updated]
 Poland, Łódź Ghetto Transportation Lists, 1939-1944 [USHMM]
 Poland, Modliborzyce Ghetto Register Books, 1939-1944 [USHMM]
 Scotland, Burntisland, Fife, Scotland, Directory and Yearbook, 1892
 Scotland, Edinburgh, Electoral Registers, 1832-1966
 Scotland, Fife, School Admissions and Discharges, 1867-1916
 Scotland, Kirkcaldy, Fife, War Albums, 1899-1916
 Scotland, Rosyth, Fife, Dockyard Employee Books, 1892-1967
 Scotland, Sheriff Court Paternity Decrees, 1792-1922
 Sweden, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current [Updated]
 U.S. Army Indian Campaign Service Records Index, 1815-1858
 U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947 [Updated]
 U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939 [Updated]
 U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-2018 [Updated]
 U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current [Updated]
 U.S., Homestead Records, 1863-1908 [Updated]
 U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-2018 [Updated]
 UK and Ireland, Find A Grave Index, 1300s-Current [Updated]
 UK and Ireland, Find A Grave Index, 1300s-Current [Updated]
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