



Family History Newsletter

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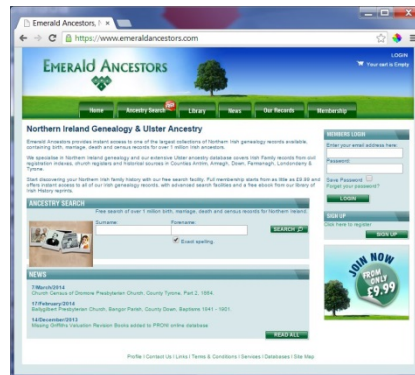
Subscriptions are a benefit of membership in the Maple Ridge Historical Society. Please send membership applications, with \$20 to the Maple Ridge Historical Society.

Family History Group Meetings

The November meeting will be November 5, 2014.

Emerald Ancestors did not Glitter

by Vicki Cathcart



With three days remaining on my first ever subscription to a genealogy website, I ponder my month with Emerald Ancestors, www.emeraldancestors.com, which specializes in Northern Ireland. I am fairly new to genealogy researching; my research began soon after my husband's grandfather past away. My main researching at the moment is the Cathcart family tree from Northern Ireland, Antrim. I'm sure a lot of genealogists first starting out comes to a similar conclusion that I did- they wish they had started their research sooner. I might have had a lot more answers if I had thought about talking to my husband's grandfather while he was alive.

I was so excited to start my subscription, so as I filled in the document to register, I found three options: a one month subscription for £9.99, six months

for £29.99 and a one year for £49.99; as the membership was a gift from my father in law, I went for the one month. Payment was made with a Visa, but there were other options as well; Visa Electron, MasterCard, UK Maestro, Solo and Visa Delta.

Emerald Ancestors has the same search method as other websites so, I typed in Cathcart and pressed "enter". Unfortunately, after many hours of searching, I didn't get very far.

I searched for Eliza Cathcart (nee Thompson), married to Matthew Cathcart. I knew that in the 1901 census, she was alive but in the 1911 census she had died. I wanted to find out what year she had died. I was able to find two Eliza Cathcarts, one died in 1903 and the other in 1909. Unfortunately, the database records only show the names and dates so without ordering both records from the General Register Office, Northern Ireland (GRONI) I still have no idea of which one of them was related.

Another result that looked promising was of a marriage that I knew of; the records told me the exact date, church, parish, district and county. At the bottom of the page were two website options: one to add the results to my favourites, the other option was to request a lookup. When I requested a lookup, there was unfortunately

another fee of £12 for that one action. There was another option for a census lookup, again with an additional charge of £8.

Though I didn't get very far with this particular website, the experience has not dampened my spirits and I look forward to trying out another website. I have been in touch with the General Inquires in Northern Ireland and hope to get some more records from them. If anyone out there is also looking for Cathcarts, I would be the first person to be interested.

Online Resources

Irish Archives Resource web portal

www.iar.ie/index.shtml

The Irish Archives Resource is an online database which contains searchable archival descriptions held in Irish Archive Services. It does not hold any archives or records but provides a means to search archival descriptions from various contributing institutions.

New at Ancestry

www.ancestry.co.uk

- Liverpool, England, Crew Lists 1861-1919
- The London Apprenticeship Abstracts 1442-1859

New at FamilySearch

<https://familysearch.org/>

FamilySearch has added 9.2 million indexed records and Images to Belgium, India, Slovakia, and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 2,694,665 images from the Slovakia, Church and

Synagogue Books, 1592-1910, collection; the 2,785,409 images from the US, New Jersey, State Census, 1915, collection; and the 2,155,570 indexed records from the US, Ohio, County Death Records, 1840-2001, collection.

New at FindMyPast

www.findmypast.co.uk

- The Surrey and City of London Livery Company Association Oath rolls, 1695-96
- London Consistory Court Depositions Index 1700-1713
- The London Apprenticeship Abstracts 1442-1859

New at LAC

www.bac-lac.gc.ca

Library and Archives Canada announced that they have uploaded 76,330 files with plans to increase this amount by 5,000 every two weeks until they have finished digitizing all 640,000 First World War Service Files.

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

www.abbygs.ca

- **The Lady in the Search**, with Andrea Lister, Thursday November 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm; presentation at 7:00 pm.
- **Annual Christmas Tea**, Thursday December 11, 2014, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm; Studio 2.

Cloverdale Library

5642 - 176A Street, Surrey, BC V3S 4G9, call 604-598-7327, or email familyhistory@surrey.ca

- **Family History Collection Orientations**: Saturdays,

10:00–10:50 am: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6. No charge.

- **Brick Walls, Part 2** in partnership with the BC Genealogical Society, Nov. 1, 2014. Fee: \$20.
- **6th Annual Family History Show & Tell!** Nov. 22 10:30 am. Will feature a "home movie" theme this year. No charge.

Finding Your Roots Tri-State Seminar

6270-126 St. Surrey, BC

<http://www.findingyourroots.ca/>

Schedule TBA.

Mission Genealogical Club

- **Women in Your Tree**, with Andrea Lister, October 23, 2014, 7:00 pm.

Nanaimo Family History Society

- **A Day with Cyndi** with Cyndi Ingle, owner / creator of Cyndi's List, Saturday October 11, 2014, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. www.members.shaw.ca/nfhs/DaYWithCyndi.html

Vancouver Public Library

Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street.

- **Genealogy: Trace your Ancestors with FamilySearch & Library and Archives Canada**, Sunday October 12 or Sunday October 26, 2014, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Free. Registration required.
- **Genealogy: Trace your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition**, Sunday October 19, 2014, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Free. Registration required.