

RESEARCH – Two items in the redesigned FamilySearch.org Web Site worth looking at

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There are a couple of new features in FamilySearch.org that CBGHSA members may find useful.

FamilySearch.org <http://www.familysearch.org/>: The web site has been redesigned to allow non-Mormons to see more. First, non-Mormons must register to see the "stuff". The new features include a Family Tree/Search feature that I have been using extensively for researching my wife Ellen's Galway families (Connolly, Conneely, and Nee). I need to look at her Geoghegan and Malley (Melia) Galway families. I have not even looked at her Cork or Waterford families yet. The data is principally from Pedigree Charts entered by Mormon Church members. I also will check my parents families who came to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia in the 18th and 19th Centuries. (I did check Petrie and was interested to find Xavier MacGillivray's date submitted by a cousin with Cape Breton misspelled.)

FamilySearch Collections List <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list/>: The Collections List allows the user to see the collections that have been added and whether images are available. I looked at the 7 Irish collections for Ellen's families with great results.

The 17 Canadian Collections are:

Canada Census Mortality Schedules, 1871	45,371	24-Jan-13
Canada Census, 1851	1,487,802	3-Mar-13
Canada Census, 1871	2,320,856	28-Feb-13
Canada Census, 1881	851,225	15-Mar-13
Canada Census, 1891	4,787,225	28-Feb-13
Canada Census, 1901	1,118,734	7-Sep-12
Canada Census, 1906	191,329	10-Sep-12
Canada Census, 1916	522,339	3-Jul-12
Canada Deaths and Burials, 1664-1955	101,189	2-Mar-13
Canada, Births and Baptisms, 1661-1959	1,534,515	22-Mar-12
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825	74,323	30-Aug-12
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1831	91,908	18-Feb-12
Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1842	46,467	16-Feb-12
Canada, Marriages, 1661-1949	225,322	5-May-12
Canada, Merchant Marine Agreements and Accounts of Crews, 1890-1920	Browse Images	9-Jan-13
Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police obituary card index and notices, 1876-2007	Browse Images	14-Oct-12
Canada, Upper Canada Census, 1842	20,851	22-Jan-13

I was curious about the 1916 Census. It contains Census records for 3 western provinces.

I have an individual genealogy session scheduled in a few weeks with an Italian gentleman, Professional genealogists often complain about the paucity of Italian data. Surprise! There are 115 Italian items in the collection. Kudos to the members of LDS who are involved.

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