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## GENUKI: Genealogy United Kingdom and Ireland

*Summarized by Louise Stack*

It was double Bob night again with the first presentation of the evening being from Bob Tatalovich on Genealogy of the United Kingdom and Ireland. You might wonder why our Polish history detective with no English or Irish ancestry would be giving this talk, but the answer was simple, his wife does have family roots in the United Kingdom. Bob started by giving a list of the English surnames that he is researching on his wife's side with one being COLLINS. Her family wants to prove that they are related to Phil Collins (no such luck yet though) so the ancestor Bob focused on for this presentation was William Collins.

Bob's handout had specific information on how to get started using GENUKI. His power point also took us right to the home page of the GENUKI website so we would know what to expect. The home page gave a number of choices for you to begin your search. Bob started with the Gazetteer choice and showed us how he did a search for the village of Cheadle in England. Lest you think this is too easy there was more than one Cheadle. Other examples Bob used were searches in churches, civil registrations and census records.

Back on the homepage, there are also choices for the different countries, England, Ireland, Scotland and so on. For an example, if you click on "England" the page you get will show a colored map with all of the counties within that country. Once you choose a county, that county page will give you other options plus a little history and facts about that county. Below the map you can click on towns and parishes. It might help to know what county your ancestor came from, but then again Bob pointed out that birth registrations could have been made in the county closest to where the family lived. Bob had been searching at FamilySearch for William in Nottingham County without success. After some years he finally discovered that William had been registered in Leicester County.

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**JANUARY 9, 2019**

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*Cyber Security*

*By*

*Bill Heck*

*Security Programs That You Should Use*

*By*

*Sam Colon*

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*Next Meeting is January 9, 2019*

*Klemmer's Banquet Center*

*10401 West Oklahoma Avenue*

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There are a few things you should know when doing your UK research. Census records are kept private for 100 years so currently are only available from before 1911. The information differs by year so you might not even get the first name, let alone the maiden name, of a wife/mother. Church records will show the baptism date but not always the actual birth date. Town names can change so, if you discover this, make sure you record both names. Some records for Ireland, 1861-1891 in particular, were actually destroyed by the government. In 1939 war was expected to come to England so there was a World War II registration. When Bob found a record for his wife's great uncle, he learned that one of the family's children was renamed. This was because children were being sent away to protect them during the war. A fun tidbit he also learned from that record was that the wife's occupation was listed as "Unpaid Domestic Duties." England did begin civil registrations in 1837 which was 70 years before the US did so you might find your ancestor there.

**Bob T's tip:** When searching census records, pay attention to the year and place of birth for your ancestor.

## Irish Records Online

*Summarized by Louise Stack*

Bob Heck was our second speaker with his presentation on Irish Church records. He started off with a daunting statement that if we thought Bob T's presentation challenging, this one was worse. The bad news came right away when he let us know that 1,000 years of Irish genealogy was destroyed during the Irish Civil War. Despite that, Bob did have quite a bit of information to share on how you would go about your research. He even gave a little history lesson about the Catholics and Anglicans with a tip that you use both sources when searching for your ancestors even if you know they were Catholic. The good news was that not all the records were destroyed in the 1922 bombing and fire because not all had been deposited in the Public Records Office. Bob says that Irish research can be very challenging but not impossible.

Remember that in Bob T's presentation he mentioned that civil registration in England began in 1837? Ireland began their civil registration in 1845. Bob H shared that he had an ancestor who emigrated to the US in 1834 so was not in the civil registration, but there are other resources to check as well. Online resources at Irishgenealogy.ie for instance, will have church records, civil records, soldiers' wills, tithe applotments (portions) and Bureau of Military History information, etc. You know that Bob always has fun examples of his family research so pointed out that his GGGF Peter McNulty skipped out on his tithe in 1834 as indicated in the applotment book. He also noticed that another man did

the same so he now has a clue to follow to see if the two traveled together.

Another good resource according to Bob is the National Library of Ireland which put Catholic Church records online for free starting in 2014. Today they have been updated and improved. When you go to their website you can start searching by parish or click on a map. If you choose to click on the map you will get counties, dioceses and ultimately parishes. Bob was able to find the parish of Warrenspoint where his GG grandfather departed for America. To his surprise when searching through microfilm online he found that the records were generally written in English although he had expected them to be in Latin.

In addition to free online resources there are of course some that will cost you such as Roots Ireland. Bob did give plenty of resource options in his handout including the usual FamilySearch and Ancestry. Bob did try those as well and at one point he got 23 million hits when he entered Ireland data under FamilySearch. Funny since the population of Ireland is about 8 million.

Bob also clued us in on a few codes to be aware of when searching records: C=Christening, B=Birth or baptism, M=Marriage, W=Witness and S=Sepulchre or the Latin version Sepultura, meaning death/burial.

**Bob H's tip:** Don't be surprised by spelling variations in records.

## Upcoming Programs

### NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

#### January 9, 2019

Cyber Security (Bill Heck)  
Security Programs that You Should Use (Sam Colon)

#### February 13, 2019

Photo Magic: An Update (Bob Heck)  
7 Deadly Sins (Bob Tatalovich)

#### March 13, 2019

TBA  
TBA

#### April 10, 2019

A Full Night of Member Show and Tell

**If you would like to make a presentation or have a suggestion for a topic for a meeting, please contact Bob Heck**

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## Meeting Bits and Bytes

Our last meeting of 2018 started at the usual time of 7:00PM at Klemmer's Banquet Hall. There were 90 members in attendance including 8 new members/guests which has to be a record of some kind. Since Veterans Day had been just a few days earlier, Bob Heck had prepared a tribute to begin this meeting. An email prior to the meeting had alerted members who would be attending to wear a hat that signified their branch of service. Unfortunately, a computer glitch precluded the use of a video Bob had, but the music portion was still available so the Armed Forces Medley was played. Members were asked to stand when their service song came on. There were 6 who stood for the Army song, 5 for the Air Force, 4 for the Navy and 2 for the Marines. No one represented the Coast Guard. One member stood 3 times; once to represent family who served in the Army, once for family who served in the Navy and once for her daughter who is in the Air Force. Another member represented her husband who had served in the Army during WWII. Bob thanked everyone for their service. Bob gets a thank you too as he served in the Air Force. **Note from Bob Heck:** *You had to be there to see our Editor, Louise Stack standing during the playing of the Army song. She was wearing a replica MP (Military Police) helmet representing what she wore while proudly serving in the US Army. Thanks Louise for your service.*

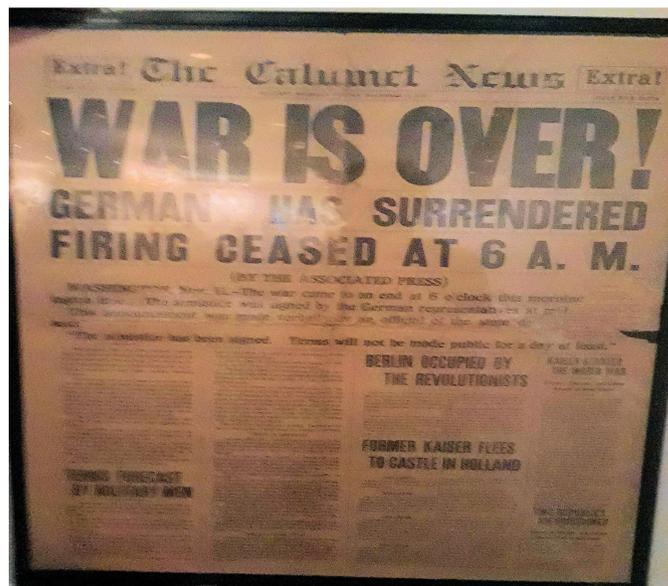
You know Bob Heck always has a story and it is always entertaining. This night's story was about Veterans Day last year. He had heard that veterans could get a free lunch at Potawatomi Casino, however when he got there the line was 3 miles long. If you have been in the military you know there was always a line for something

so after your service you really don't want to wait in another line, ever. Bob then decided to go to Applebee's where he found another unbearable line. So, because he had promised Gloria lunch, they went to the Pancake House in Greendale where there was no line and no free lunch either. While there a gentleman approached Bob and thanked him for his service. When Bob later asked for his bill, he learned that the man had already paid it so in the end he did get a free lunch.

A brief history lesson: Veterans Day had its beginnings following the First World War. It was originally called Armistice Day with the first observance being held on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of the war. The holiday as we know it today began in 1938. Veterans Day honors all who have served their country, living or dead. It differs from Memorial Day which honors only those who died while serving in the military.

Still in the spirit of Veterans Day, member Carol Koty brought in an original newspaper, The Calumet News from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, with a headline declaring the end of World War I. The framed newspaper was on display during the meeting.

Bob also gave a reminder to pay your membership dues before the end of the year.



## NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

As you know Bob regularly sends out emails between meetings. Bob sent out Thanksgiving greetings on November 18<sup>th</sup> and gave a history of our MPAFUG organization which will begin its 28<sup>th</sup> year in January 2019. Bob received a couple of responses we'd like to share.

"I remember going to my first meeting when it was held at the Greendale Public Library. I don't know where I heard about the group. I had been collecting bits and pieces of family history for maybe fifteen or twenty years. I was always interested in hearing about aunts, uncles, cousins, and especially my grandparents. But the only grandparent that I had was my mother's father who lived five hundred miles away. My daughter had given me her old word processor when she got something newer. When I heard about the newly formed group, I was more than interested. I think maybe I heard about it on Beulah Donahue's TV Show. That is the only place that I can think of where it might have been discussed. I expected that the people that I would see at the meeting would be a few computer geeks who would make me feel very out of place. I was very surprised to find a roomful of people very much like myself. So, I have been a faithful, never miss a meeting member, until it has become more difficult for me to get around and hear. My "brick wall" has always been Ireland and so no matter what I knew I would be there last month to hear your two excellent programs. Thanks for those two wonderful programs and all the other programs over these many years. Genealogy is a terrific hobby. My searches have taken me to many interesting places where I have met many interesting people. I love the history, the travel and the surprises. MPAFUG has been high on my list of things to be thankful for, for many years and still is. Thank you. Thank you."

MPAFUG member **Jean Rinka**

"Happy Thanksgiving to you all and for the terrific job you all do".

**Mary and Tom Flaherty**

"I got an envelope ready over the weekend to send my dues in. I was happy to see your email with the renewal form this morning. You make things so easy for us! I enjoyed the club re-cap you wrote. I was one of those first attendees in 1992. I have enjoyed the meetings (when I lived in Wisconsin) and the emails and newsletters. I think MPAFUG is a wonderful organization. The programming has always been great and such a big help to all of us. I remember when beginning computer classes were offered, DOS was the king! Here's to another 28 years of genealogy hunting and fun! You are the best group!"

**Laurel Ingram**  
Grand Rapids, Michigan



## TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In the United States we wish you a **Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays** or **Seasons Greetings**.

You would also be wished a **Merry Christmas** in Canada, Christmas Island, Jamaica, Fiji and Antarctica.

In the United Kingdom the traditional greeting is **Happy Christmas** with the traditional Irish (Gaelic) being **Nollaig Shona Dhuit**. **Merry Christmas** is also used.

Spanish speaking countries will wish you **Feliz Navidad!**

France, Canada and some African nations will wish you **Joyeux Noël!**

Dutch speaking countries will wish you **Zalig Kerstfeest!**

Germany and Liechtenstein will wish you **Fröhliche Weihnachten**. German speaking Switzerland will wish you **Fröhlich Wienact** while Austria will wish you **Fröhe Weihnachten!**

Poland will wish you **Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia!**

Czechoslovakia will wish you **Vesele Vanoce!**

Italy will wish you **Buon Natale!**

Norway and Sweden will wish you **God Jul** while Denmark will say **Glaedelig Jul!**

Greece will wish you **Kala Christougenna!**

Israel will wish you **Mo'adim Lesimkha**. Christians in the middle east will wish you **Milad Mubarak** and India will offer a similar greeting with **Natal Mubarak!** Pakistan will wish you **Bara Din Mubarrak Ho!**

For those of the Jewish faith the greeting is **Happy Hanukkah**.

Can you imagine what your ancestors said or is it still a tradition for your family today? For those of you who have Russian ancestors, they are not forgotten, but your reporter could not type the Cyrillic letters. Whatever your tradition your MPAFUG Steering Committee wishes you a **Very Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!**

## Help with PAF

Call us if you need assistance in using PAF, or if you have question about MPAFUG  
We're here to help!

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## MPAFUG Key Information

### The Steering Committee

Steering committee meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month except December. The meetings start at 7:00 pm at the Family History Center 9600 W. Grange Avenue, Hales Corners, WI. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan the general agendas for future meetings. All MPAFUG members are welcome to attend and participate in the meetings.

### Our Web Page: <http://mpafug.org>

We invite you to visit our web page and even print a copy of this and the previous month's newsletter. We also have a surname section where you can see who is working on your family line. Members of MPAFUG have access to a members-only web page which contains past newsletters and handouts from our meetings.

### Resources Available:

In addition to our monthly meetings and website, we offer 3 CD's that are available to members for purchase. CD's are \$5 each if picked up at a meeting, or an additional \$2.50 for shipping/handling. Contact Lynn Thrasher - MPAFUG Treasurer, PO Box 14222, West Allis, WI 53214-0222.

- ◆ MPAFUG Newsletters – December 1991 thru December 2013
- ◆ MPAFUG Handouts – 1999 thru 2013
- ◆ MPAFUG Utilities CD – contains 16 useful programs including PAF, Picasa, GenViewer, Open Office, Adobe Reader, PDA to Palm OS, FastStone, IRFAN Viewer/Plugins, FamilySearcher and more

### Membership Information

Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy. Membership is \$12 per calendar year for an individual or family. Dues are \$6 for the balance of a year if you join after June 30<sup>th</sup>. To join, send a check made payable to "MPAFUG" to: Lynn Thrasher – MPAFUG Treasurer, PO Box 14222, West Allis, WI 53214-0222.

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