

October 2015 Features Update

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Global

There are no significant global changes this month.

Family Tree Enhancements

The nominal index page, a common entry point to the site, was becoming arthritic because its implementation required a linear search of the database, and as the number of individuals in the database grew the time to complete the search became several seconds. To speed this up the search is now done in little bite-sized chunks, each of which takes a fraction of a second, which are performed until 50 individuals have been accumulated or the end of the database is reached. This makes the page look even more responsive because you see the names start appearing almost immediately, rather than waiting until the entire query was completed.

When you cite as evidence for a marriage a marriage registration which has not yet been transcribed, an estimation of what the transcription should contain is created from the facts already recorded about the marriage.

Information on children and event citations is included in the XML document created by `getRecordXml.php?idmr=...`

Census Database Enhancements

There are no changes to census support.

Vital Statistics Enhancements

Support is added for original document images which are accessed using secure HTTP, indicated by a prefix of https: on the URL. This is to support the free image which are now available through FamilySearch.org. These images have been acquired by the Family History Library of the Church of Latter Day Saints through a new agreement with the Archives of Ontario, and are obtained by scanning the original paper documents rather than the microfilm created starting in the 1950s. They are therefore generally superior in legibility to the images available on Ancestry.ca which are also only available through a paid subscription.

The transcription progress summary displayed for Death registrations has been enhanced to include three additional columns.

Ontario: Death Registration Status 1883							
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County	Township	Done	Low	High	%Done	%Linked	View
Brant	Paris	1	1321	1321	100.00%	100.00%	View
Carleton	Nepean	1	2075	2075	100.00%	0.00%	View
Elgin	Aldborough	8	3805	3812	100.00%	12.50%	View
Elgin	St Thomas	1	3921	3921	100.00%	0.00%	View
Middlesex	Adelaide	31	10279	10309	100.00%	54.84%	View
Middlesex	Ailsa Craig	7	10250	10256	100.00%	0.00%	View
Middlesex	Caradoc	35	10504	10538	100.00%	88.57%	View
Middlesex	Dorchester North	8	10473	10493	38.10%	25.00%	View
Middlesex	Ekfrid	28	10203	10230	100.00%	75.00%	View
Middlesex	Lobo	22	10257	10278	100.00%	50.00%	View
Middlesex	London City	2	9716	9717	100.00%	0.00%	View
Middlesex	London Twp	143	10330	10472	100.00%	15.38%	View
Middlesex	Nissouri West	20	10310	10329	100.00%	5.00%	View
Middlesex	Williams West	19	10231	10249	100.00%	0.00%	View
Oxford	Blenheim	1	12600	12600	100.00%	0.00%	View
York	Toronto	1	20335	20335	100.00%	0.00%	View
	Total	328	1321	20335	1.72%	32.62%	

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 Illustration 1: Death Registration Status for a Year

The new columns are: the lowest registration number in the township, the highest registration number in the township, and the percentage completion of the transcription effort, which is the number of records transcribed in the township divided by the number of records between the lowest and highest

registration numbers. This last number may be misleading. For example the City of London in this example shows 100% completion, even though only 2 records have been transcribed. However in this year the City of London records actually extend from 9716 to 9996, for a total of 281 birth registrations.

The script for displaying information about a participant in a marriage record is slightly changed to compensate for changes made to the support in class `LegacyIndiv` for searching the table of individuals.

Bug Fixes

- There was a problem in the script for displaying the statistics of death registrations if the death registration did not have the name of the county or the name of the township filled in, and the user clicked on the button to see the details for the township.