

January 2015 Newsletter

The usability of the web-site is a major focus this month.

In the past whenever you requested a new service one of three things would happen:

1. The page displaying the results of the request completely replaced the requesting page. This is appropriate when the user no longer needs to see the requesting page, particularly when the original page is used simply to request the results of a report.
2. The page displaying the results of the request is opened as a new tab with the same dimensions as the requesting page. Both pages are still available, but only one of the pages can be seen at a time because they both occupy the same space on the screen.
3. The page displaying the results is opened as a new window with different dimensions and overlaying only part of the original page. This new window can be dragged around by the mouse and changed in size. There are two issues with these little windows: They can quickly clutter up the screen creating a messy desk, and they may only be displayed if you the user have permitted the browser to open such windows. Typically this permission is withheld because this sort of “popup” window is frequently used by advertising spammers.

This month the site attempts to reduce the clutter and confusion of your screen desk-top by replacing many of the instances of popup windows by explicitly managing the screen space which you have allocated to the web-site. This new implementation works particularly well when you have your browser window occupying the full screen.

This new support currently applies to the main page for displaying information about an individual and the associated page for editing the information about the individual. On the main page there are four buttons displayed to casual visitors, plus an Edit button displayed to authorized registered users. The “Descendant Tree”, “Ancestor Tree”, and “Relationship Calculator” buttons formerly opened new small windows, now they split the browser window horizontally, squeezing the original page information so it is all still visible in the left side of the window, while the report is displayed in the right side of the window. The display tree graphic button and the “Edit Individual” button are unchanged.

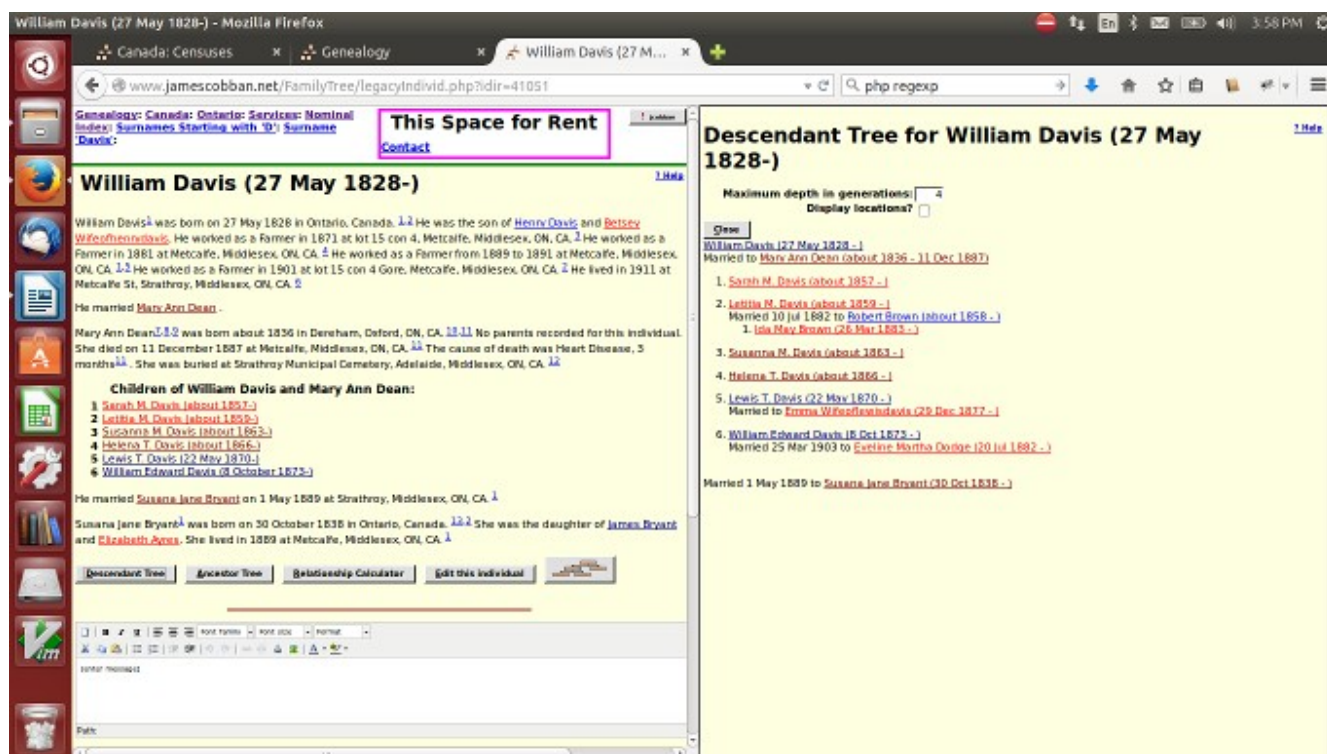


Illustration 1: Individual Page with Descendant Tree in Split Screen

On the Edit Individual page all of the “Details” and “Edit” buttons, as well as the “Merge” and “Grant Access” buttons now split the screen in the same way instead of opening new window. In addition there is a new “Search” button which pops down a list of searches which can be performed for matches in the supporting databases or in Ancestry.ca. These also split the screen. For example clicking on a “Details” button for an event appears as:

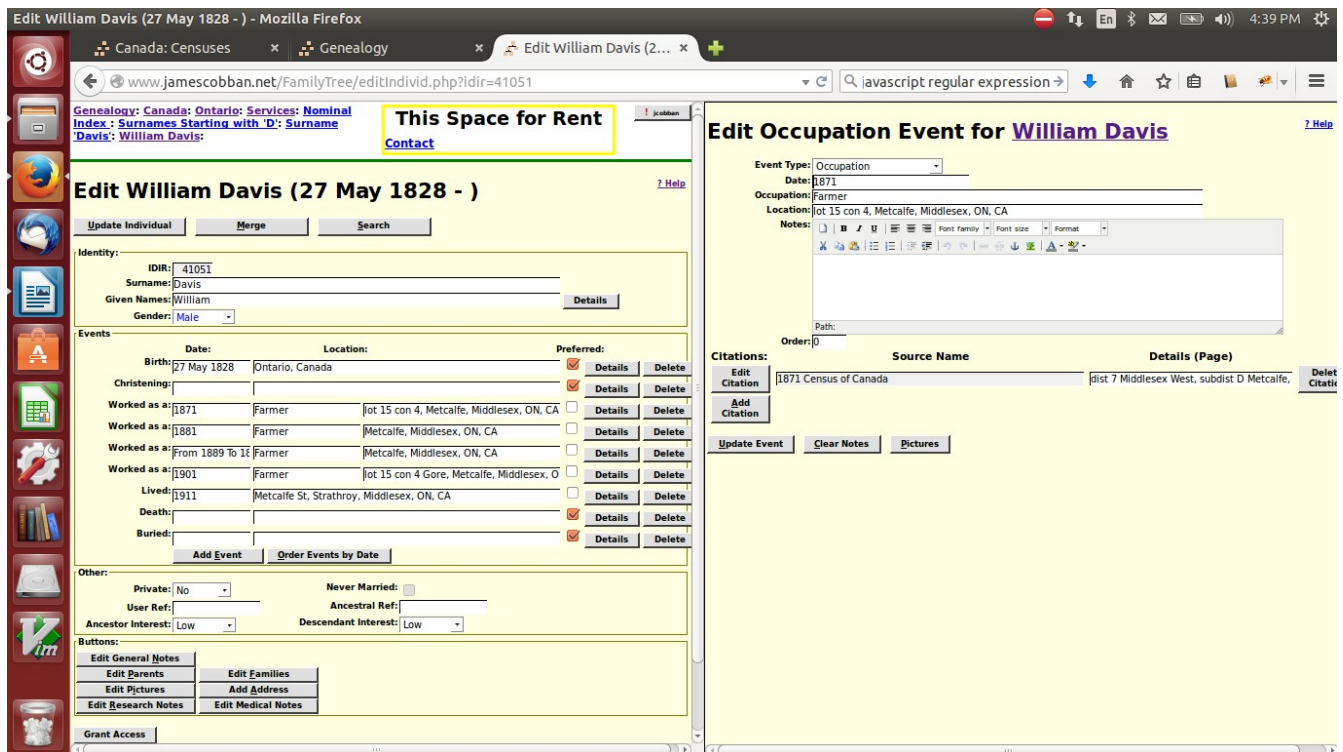


Illustration 2: Edit Dialog with Edit Event in Split Screen

Similarly clicking on the “Edit Families” button displays the Edit Families dialog in the right side of the window.

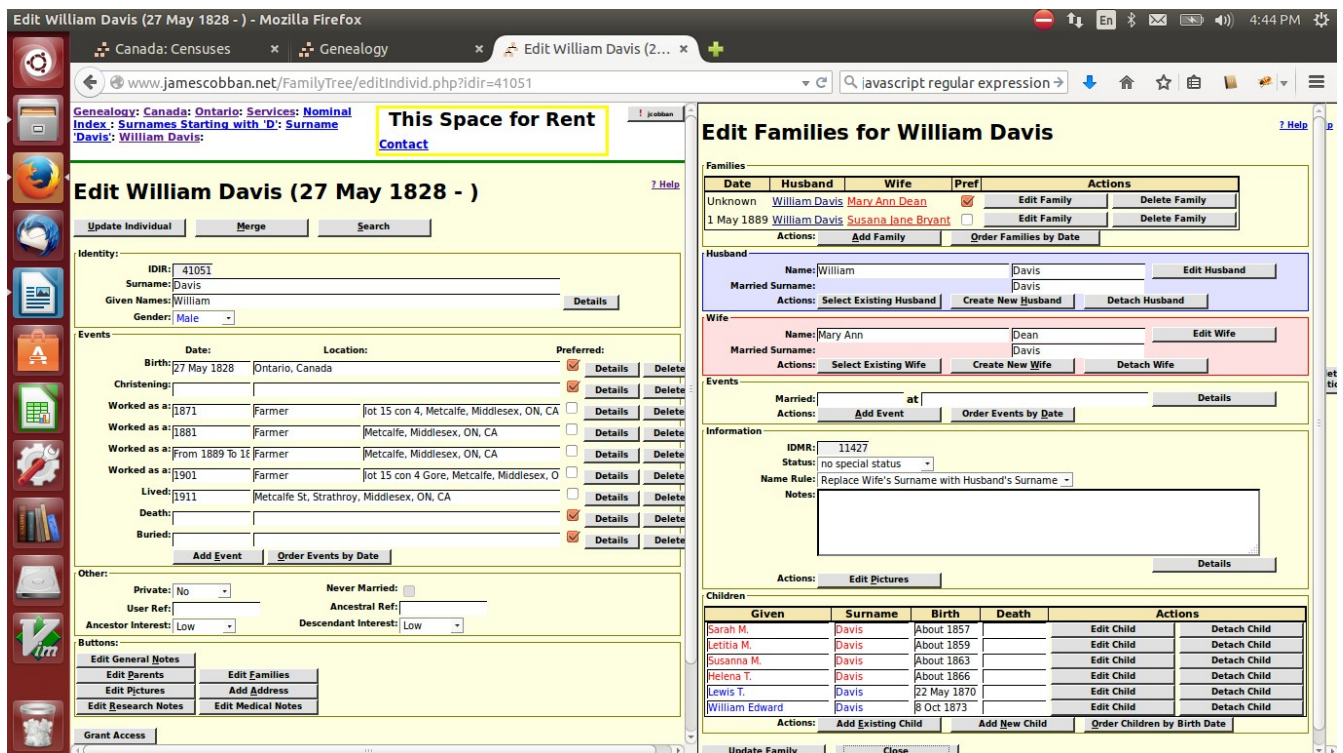


Illustration 3: Edit Individual with Edit Families Dialog in Split Screen

Clicking on the “Grant Access” button to authorize another user to contribute to your family tree also opens in the split screen:

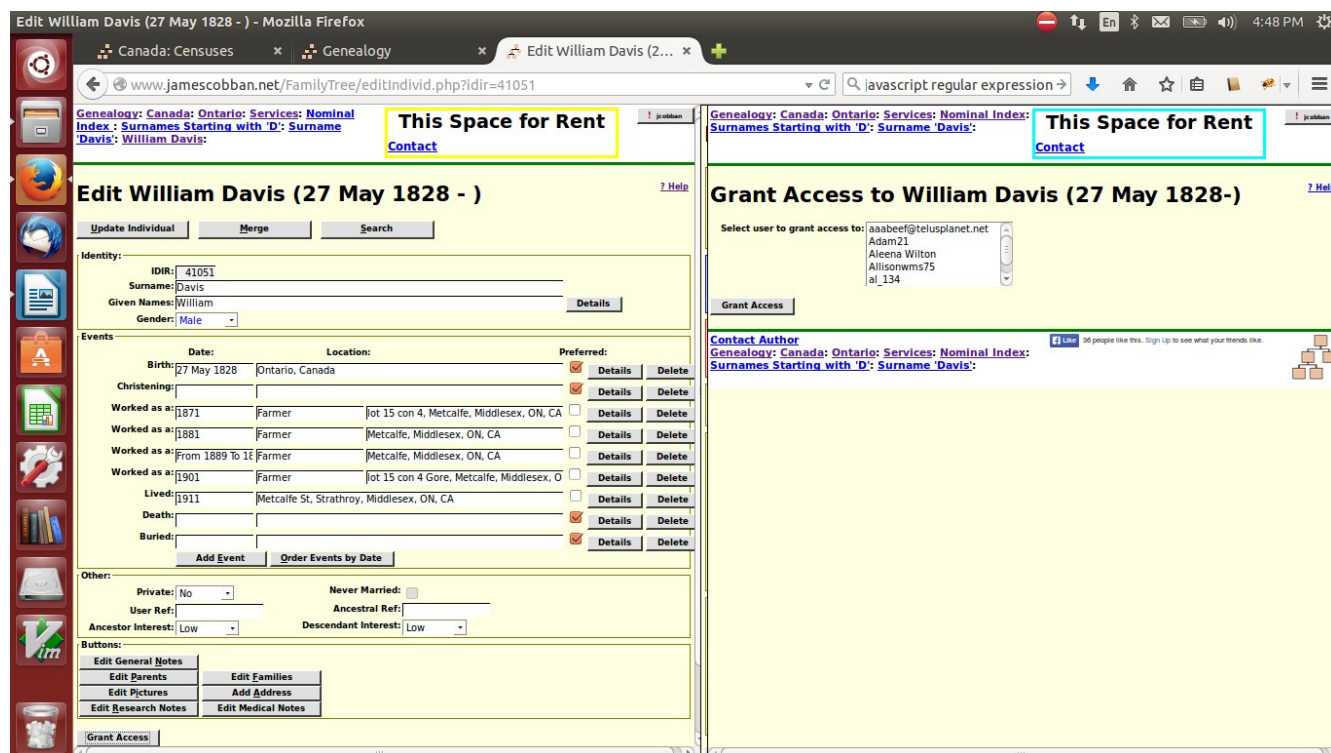


Illustration 4: Edit Individual with Grant Access in Split Screen

The new “Search” button simplifies performing a quick search of either the supporting documents tables on the site itself or of Ancestry.ca, for records which match the individual. When you click on this button three new buttons appear in a drop-down menu.

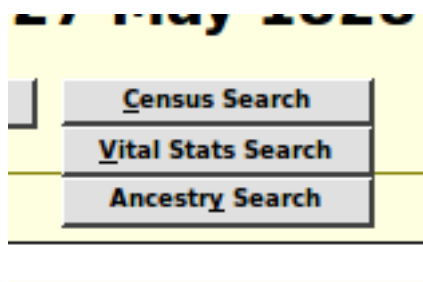


Illustration 5: Search Popdown Menu

The “Census Search” button performs a consolidated search of the 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, and 1921 Census of Canada transcription tables for individuals with similar names and birth years. There is also a new option at the top of the Censuses of Canada page to permit you to manually enter such a query. The “Vital Stats Search” button will eventually perform a consolidated search of the Birth, Marriage, and Death registration tables. At the moment it searches only the Birth registration tables while I add additional information to the other two tables to permit them to be searched in a similar manner. The “Ancestry Search” button requests a search of Ancestry.ca. If you

are not a subscriber to Ancestry this will only show you what types of information is available.

Canada: Censuses

Genealogy

Edit William Davis (2...

www.jamescobb.net/FamilyTree/editIndivid.php?idir=41051

javascript regular expression

5:04 PM

Genealogy: Canada: Ontario: Services: Nominal Index : Surnames Starting with 'D': Surname 'Davis': William Davis:

This Space for Rent

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Update Individual

Merge

Search

Identity:

IDIR: 41051

Surname: Davis

Given Names: William

Gender: Male

Details

Events

Birth: 27 May 1828 Ontario, Canada

Preferred: Details Delete

Christening: Details Delete

Worked as a: 1871 Farmer lot 15 con 4, Metcalfe, Middlesex, ON, CA Details Delete

Worked as a: 1881 Farmer Metcalfe, Middlesex, ON, CA Details Delete

Worked as a: From 1889 To 18 Farmer Metcalfe, Middlesex, ON, CA Details Delete

Worked as a: 1901 Farmer lot 15 con 4 Gore, Metcalfe, Middlesex, O Details Delete

Lived: 1911 Metcalfe St, Strathroy, Middlesex, ON, CA Details Delete

Death: Details Delete

Buried: Details Delete

Add Event

Order Events by Date

Other:

Private: No

Never Married:

User Ref:

Ancestral Ref:

Ancestor Interest: Low

Descendant Interest: Low

Buttons:

Edit General Notes

Edit Parents

Edit Pictures

Edit Research Notes

Edit Families

Add Address

Edit Medical Notes

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All Census of Canada Query Response

returned rows 1 to 15 of 999

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Action	Census	Province	Name	B.Year	Birth Place	Occupation	Sub-District
Details	CA1881	ON	Davis, William	1824	Ontario	Carpenter	Yarmouth
Details	CA1901	ON	Davis, William	1824	England	retired Farmer	Biddulph
Details	CA1871	ON	Davis, William	1825	Ontario	Frame Carpenter	London Twp
Details	CA1891	ON	Davis, William	1825	Ontario	Farmer	Metcalfe
Details	CA1871	ON	Davis, William	1825	Scotland	Farmer	Mosa
Details	CA1871	ON	Davis, William	1825	Ontario	Farmer	Yarmouth
Details	CA1871	ON	Davis, William	1827	Ontario	Farmer	Metcalfe
Details	CA1901	ON	Davis, William	1827	Ontario	Farmer	Metcalfe
Details	CA1871	ON	Davis, William	1828	Ireland	Farmer	Biddulph
Details	CA1881	ON	Davis, William	1828	Ireland	Laborer	Lucan Village
Details	CA1881	ON	Davis, William	1828	Ontario	Farmer	Metcalfe
Details	CA1891	ON	Davis, William	1830	Ireland	retired Farmer	Lucan
Details	CA1871	ON	Davis, William	1830	Ireland	Farmer	London Twp
Details	CA1851	CW	Davis, William A.	1825	Canada West		Yarmouth
Details	CA1901	ON	Davis, William B.	1831	Ontario	Farmer	Yarmouth

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Genealogy: Canada: Censuses: New All Census Query:

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Illustration 6: Edit Individual with Census Search in Split Screen