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Dive into dates

It is a 3-day weekend in my state (don't you LOVE long weekends!). The Labour Day public holiday is observed on the first Monday in May and this year it also happens to be my wedding anniversary. Labour Day is a tribute to the achievements of workers, marking the progress made in working conditions, wages, and workers' rights. The first march and strike for an 8-hour day took place in Melbourne, Australia, in 1856, and its successful outcome led to similar marches across the world in the following years.

Celebrating special days always reminds me of the resilience and collective spirit that drives historical and personal changes such as better working conditions and, in my case, a marriage that has spanned four decades.

As we reflect on the significant events that have shaped our societies, this is also a moment for us to think about the pivotal events in our own lives and the lives of our ancestors. Whether it's a wedding, a family gathering and reunion, or even the impact of societal changes like those celebrated on

Labour Day, documenting these events helps preserve our personal and collective histories. So, this long weekend, I will take a moment to consider the milestones that have shaped my family's story and how they connect to the larger narrative of my history.

Why not join me?

Cathie

Trivia Time

We all know how crucial dates like anniversaries are in our family history research, but how many can we recall off the top of our heads? Give this quiz a go—answers are at the end of the newsletter, but no peeking! Let's see how many you know without turning to a search engine.

1. In what year did the United States, the United Kingdom and its colonies, switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar?
2. The Domesday Book is a critical source for family historians researching England. In what year was it compiled?
3. In what year did the United States conduct its first federal census, an essential resource for genealogists?
4. In what year did the Republic of Ireland gain independence from the United Kingdom?
5. The French civil registration system, which is vital for genealogical research in France, was established in what year?
6. In which year did Australia become a federation, uniting its individual colonies into one nation?
7. What year marks the Confederation of Canada, when the first four provinces were united under the Constitution Act?

8. The Qing Dynasty, the last imperial dynasty of China, ended in what year?

9. Ellis Island was the gateway for millions of immigrants to the United States. In which year did it first open?

10. When did civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths begin in England and Wales, providing crucial data for family historians?

Featured Course

The ABCs of
Numbering
Your Genealogy

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Live Editing
&
Discussion

5 and 12 June 2024, 7.30PM (Eastern US)

Course Title: The ABCs of Numbering Your Genealogy

Course Overview:

- In-depth exploration of numerical systems used to structure and organize family histories.
- Ideal for anyone delving into genealogy, focusing on creating clear

and coherent family history compilations.

- Numbers reflect family relationships and guide sequencing within compilations, connecting generations and individuals.

Course Structure:

Week 1: 1.5-hour lecture with examples and an exercise to introduce and apply numbering systems.

Week 2: 1.5-hour 'live editing' and discussion session led by Tom, focusing on reviewing and refining attendee-produced material based on learnings from Week 1.

If you want to enhance your ability to document and analyze complex family relationships and histories systematically, come and join **Tom Jones!**

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Coming Up



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1. Decoding Records: Using the Law

There are only a **couple of places** left in this course taught by Judy Russell. The course goes beyond traditional record analysis and you can read more about it at Judy's website, [The Legal Genealogist](#).

2. DNA: Chromosome Mapping

In this workshop, **Michelle Leonard** will explain all you need to know to be successful with chromosome mapping - from understanding DNA

segment data, to populating your chromosome map and using it to help make family history breakthroughs.



[Find Out More](#)

3. Professional genealogists: Explore new income avenues

Find out more and how to go about it in [Professional Genealogy: Diversifying for Income Growth](#) with Melissa Barker.

4. Take a leap into artificial intelligence

Enrol in one or [two workshops](#) offered by Fiona Brooker and Andrew Redfern. Discover how you can unlock the potential of AI in your genealogical research.

5. Develop your brand aesthetics

Whether you want to develop captivating workbooks, syllabus and handouts, or refine your overall brand aesthetics, this [Canva workshop](#) with Cathie Sherwood is designed to propel your professional image to new heights.

In the News

[Card Buddy App](#)

I have colleagues who use mind maps for all sorts of tasks— from developing a presentation or course structure to visualising the structures of small communities. I've been playing around with the [Card Buddy App](#) which is easy to use and minimalist. You can try it for free without saving or make a one-time payment of \$USD20. I am a fan of anything that does not require an ongoing subscription!

[Using Contrast to Improve Visual Accessibility in eLearning](#)

I know that I am not as conscious as I should be about visual accessibility. This post from Connie Malamed is worth a read. Inclusive design benefits everyone.

[Wally the emotional support alligator...](#)

Many of us own pets because we know how beneficial pet ownership is for our health and well-being. What I would like to know is how many of you have an alligator or crocodile as an emotional support animal and how do you replace it when it dies or goes missing?

[Irish Genealogy News](#)

Check out Claire Saintry's excellent website for the latest Irish news on new and updated collections. One of my Irish ancestral lines is from County Carlow so I was pleased to see that headstone images have been added from St Lazerian's Cemetery, Kildavin.

QUIZ Answers

1. 1752
2. 1086
3. 1790
4. 1922 (Note: The Irish Free State was established in 1922 as a dominion of the British Empire, and it became a fully independent republic in 1949.)
5. 1792
6. 1901
7. 1867
8. 1912 (Note: The abdication of the emperor took place in early 1912.)
9. 1892
10. 1837

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