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BRANCH BRIEFING
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*Tuesday 10th July 2012 at 7.45 p.m.
"Question Time"*



We sit in a big circle, as we are all equal, and try and answer each others questions. Often there is more than one answer to a question so you get a range of views on the subject.

We'll sit in silence if you don't bring a question, or two, with you. It can be on anything that touches genealogy e.g.

- Where to look next for lost families
- joining the army
- emigration
- contacting other researchers
- wills & probate
- 'brick walls'
- computers/internet

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The [International Genealogical Index](#) (IGI) mixes two types of records: community indexed records and community contributed records (formerly called patron submissions). There are about 461 million names in the former and 205 million names in the latter.

On the new website the two types of records are separated. (I'm very glad to see that) The evidential value of the two types is too different to leave together in one database.)

The community indexed records, also called extracted records, have been divided into 185 historical record collections and are available alongside the 1005 other historical record collections on FamilySearch.org.

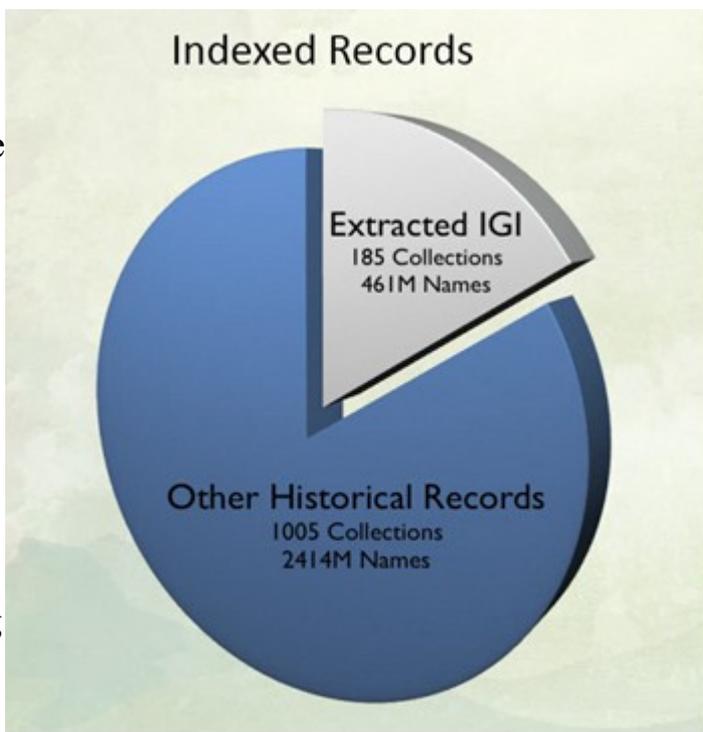
For compatibility with the old website, it is possible to search just the 185 extracted IGI collections.

In the record collection list, scroll down to the special "[International Genealogical Index](#)" collection.

Search all historical record collections from the FamilySearch.org home page.

In the transition to the new website (no animals were harmed and) no records were "lost in transition." (Actually, the community contributed records have been temporarily lost.) The community contributed records will be available shortly.

From [the special IGI collection page](#), it will soon be possible to search either the extracted IGI records or the community contributed IGI records.



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English sisters are the world's oldest siblings

Dorothy Richards (aged 108) and her sister Marjorie Ruddle (105) are the officially the oldest siblings according to Guinness World Records; Dorothy was born 2 days before the Wright brothers made their historic first flight.

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Barrow Hill Cemetery in Worcestershire

It is described in detail in "On Ancient British Roman and Saxon Antiquities and Folklore of Worcestershire" by Jabez Allies, published in 1852 (available to download from Google books - well worth a look as it includes lots of other finds from Worcestershire). Allies visited the site in 1840s and the book includes a plan of the hill. (from Megalithic Portal)

*Why do we do it ?
Mike Fisher*