# **February 2016 Features Update**

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### Global

It is not possible to view any of the information in the census transcription portion of the database as XML by using the command /database/getRecordXml.php with appropriate identification. This facilitates the use of the census information by  $3^{\rm rd}$  parties, for example by smart-phone apps, who can analyze the information or display it in another format.

A new class MethodistBaptism was created this month to encapsulate the information on baptisms, to provide an improved user interface to this table, and to permit making the information in this table exportable as XML.

### **Family Tree Enhancements**

If you cite a pre-Confederation marriage registration as evidence for a marriage, the pre-Confederation transcription record is updated to add links to the records in the family tree.

The handling of children within an invalid internal key within the Edit Marriages dialog is improved. They are now silently deleted from the family.

When editing dates of events for an individual a space is automatically inserted between numeric and no-numeric parts of the date. For example if you typed in '11Mar1915' it is now automatically changed to '11 Mar 1915'.

The order of the lines that are displayed for a report on the ancestors of an individual is changed so the display looks more like a tree:

Ancestor Tree for Donald Amos Cobban (8 Oct 1920—13 Oct 2006)	? Help
Maximum depth in generations: 4  Display locations?   Close	
Father's Father William Cobban (about 22 Feb 1789—1860)	
Father's Father Robert Cobban (1 Apr 1851—18 Aug 1930)	
Father's Father's Mother <u>Isabella McKenzie (about 8 Oct 1813—23 Mar 1863)</u>	
Father Robert Grant Cobban (5 Jun 1889—24 Aug 1963)	
Father's Mother's Father John Brodie (about 7 Jul 1813—26 Jul 1882)	
Father's Mother Margaret Brodie (7 Apr 1856—18 Jan 1924)	
Father's Mother Christena Campbell (25 Jun 1830—22 Mar 1931)	
Donald Amos Cobban (8 Oct 1920—13 Oct 2006)	
Mother's Father's Father John Wilton (22 May 1818—25 Mar 1904)	
Mother's Father Amos Perry Wilton (13 Dec 1849—5 Mar 1921)	
Mother's Father's Mother Hettybel Elizabeth "Hittybel" Crane (about Sep 1830—4 May 1900)	
Mother Ethel Clara Wilton (10 Aug 1889—20 Apr 1983)	
Mother's Mother's Father John "Jonathan" Bond (2 Mar 1831—27 Aug 1907)	
Mother's Mother Elizabeth Bond (15 Oct 1853—26 Apr 1910)	
Mother's Mother Jane Robinson (20 Oct 1831—22 Sep 1906)	
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Illustration 1: Ancestor Tree

#### **Census Database Enhancements**

The set of links in the top and bottom portion of the surname summary for an enumeration division is improved to contain all of the higher level stages of the hierarchy of pages.

The script /database/getRecordXml.php was added to permit access to all of the information in the census transcription database in the form of XML documents. This permits 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, such as smartphone app developers, to work with the information in a more direct way, rather than limiting them to the way that the information is presented on web-pages designed for human consumption.

The handling of the column in the 1901 census that contains the birth date is improved by automatically separating the numeric day of the month from the month abbreviation with a space if the transcriber omits it.

#### **Vital Statistics Enhancements**

The display of records from the Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms table was inconvenient, because each line of the display was much wider than a browser window. So the display is now divided into a summary report and a detail view:

### Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms Update

This tool is an alternate and unauthorized interface to the transcription © Ida Reed, 2001 and made <u>available on Rootsweb</u> by Bill Martin.

displaying rows 1 to 20 of 34

Volume	Page	Surname	Given Names	Birth Place	Birth Date	Details
3	330	Campbell	Archie John	Logan	9 Apr 1870	Details
1	696	Campbell	John	MacNab	18 June 1848	Details
1	53	Campbell	John	McKillop	17 Aug 1854	Details
1	753	Campbell	bell John		9 May 1852	Details
4	171	Campbell	John	Manvers	31 Oct 1864	Details
2	714	Campbell	John	McNab	18 June 1848	Details
2	560	Campbell	John A.	Tilbury	19 Sep 1862	Details
4	121	Campbell	John Albert	Vespra	10 Mar 1888	Details
3	571	Campbell	John Albert	Raleigh	25 July 1872	Details
3	780	Campbell	John Archibald	E.Williams	6 Nov 1873	Details
4	125	Campbell	John B.	Storrington	7 Jan 1880	Details
2	96	Campbell	John Christopher	Adelaide	28 Sep 1857	Details
2	51	Campbell	John Edw.	Tillbury	23 Mar 1863	Details
1	542	Campbell	John Ginty	Haldimand	22 Aug 1836	Details
2	495	Campbell	John Henry	Otonabee	20 Mar 1858	Details
2	673	Campbell	John Henry	Montague	13 Apr 1865	Details
2	714	Campbell	John Hugh	McNab	14 Mar 1859	Details
3	270	Campbell	John James	Glenelg	14 July 1866	Details
4	121	Campbell	John Macdonald	Barrie	11 Dec 1876	Details
2	675	Campbell	John Newbold	Colborne	5 Feb 1863	Details

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Illustration 2: Summary of Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms Matching a Search

When you click on a Details button you see all of the information from the record in a compact form:

Wesleyan Methodist Baptism: Update	? Help
Previous New Query	
Waltimax D.	
Volume: 3 Page: 780	
Name: Given: John Archibald	
Family: Campbell	
Birth Date: 1873-11-06	
Birth Place: E.Williams	
Link: Search	
Alfred John Campbell (12 Apr 1874—1948)	
Archibald Campbell (5 Jan 1872—26 Jun 1946)	
Archibald Campbell (about 1873—)	
Archibald D. Campbell (26 Aug 1871—1937)	
Daniel John Campbell (about Jan 1871—1927)	
Johanna Campbell (12 May 1871—)	
John Campbell (about 1871—)	
John Campbell (30 Jun 1872—)	
John Duncan Campbell (about Aug 1871—)	
John Lamont Campbell (15 Aug 1873—1943)	
Joseph Henry Campbell (7 Sep 1873—)	
Baptism Date: 1875-03-29	
Baptism Place: Parkhill	
Father's Name: James	
Mother's Name: Jesse	
Minister: Ames, Rev. W.	
<u>Update</u> <u>Clear Form</u>	
Control Andron	

*Illustration 3: Detailed View of a Single Wesleyan Methodist Baptism Record* A list of potential matches in the family tree is presented as part of this response.

The summary display of information about marriage registrations transcribed for a particular year is now improved to contain the additional status information previously added to the same reports for birth and death registrations:

1891							
County	Township	Done	Low	High	%Done	%Linked	View
	Orillia	1	11327	11327	50.00%	0.00%	View
Brant	London West	2	7475	7475	100.00%	0.00%	View
Bruce	Kincardine	2	1603	1603	100.00%	100.00%	View
Bruce	Kinloss	2	1866	1866	100.00%	100.00%	View
Elgin	Dutton	2	2775	2775	100.00%	100.00%	View
Elgin	Southwold	2	2794	2794	100.00%	100.00%	View
Elgin	St Thomas	3	2948	3040	1.61%	66.67%	View
Kent	Thamesville	6	15514	15516	100.00%	0.00%	View
Lambton	Alvinston	6	6462	6464	100.00%	66.67%	View
Lambton	Dawn	6	6229	6231	100.00%	33.33%	View
Lambton	Enniskillen	8	6115	6181	5.97%	50.00%	View
Lambton	Euphemia	10	6180	6186	71.43%	40.00%	View
Lambton	Oil Spring	6	6093	6095	100.00%	33.33%	View
Lambton	Thedford	6	6234	6236	100.00%	33.33%	View
Lambton	Warwick	4	6450	6451	100.00%	0.00%	View
Middlesex	Adelaide	40	7713		100.00%		View
Middlesex	Biddulph	6	7531		100.00%	66.67%	View
Middlesex	Caradoc	58	7564	7654	31.87%	67.24%	View
Middlesex	Delaware	34	7445		100.00%	41.18%	View
Middlesex	Dorchester North	36	7585	7608	75.00%	52.78%	View
Middlesex	Ekfrid	10	7551	7556	83.33%	80.00%	View
Middlesex	Glencoe	20	7462		100.00%	30.00%	View
Middlesex		26	7655		100.00%		View
	London City	46	7790	8068	8.24%	52.17%	View
	London Twp	76	7668		100.00%	32.89%	View
	London West	38	7472	7493	86.36%	5.26%	View
Middlesex		14	7706		100.00%	28.57%	View
	McGillivray	30	7775		100.00%	16.67%	View
Middlesex	•	18	7542		100.00%	66.67%	View
Middlesex	Mosa	12	7609		100.00%	83.33%	View
Middlesex		6	7500		100.00%		View
Middlesex	•	18	7566	7583	50.00%		View
Middlesex	Parkhill	12	7615	7620	100.00%	0.00%	View
Middlesex		58	7743	7774	90.63%	70.69%	
	Strathroy						View
	Wastminster	20	7733 7503		100.00%		View
	Westminster	46					View
	Williams East	10	7526		100.00%		View
	Williams West	12	7494		100.00%	50.00%	View
Norfolk	Simcoe Town	6	8494		100.00%	33.33%	View
	Total	718	1603	15516	100.00%	50.70%	

Illustration 4: Summary of Marriage Registration Transcription and Linking Progress for a Year

# **Bug Fixes**

• The user information <div> was missing from dialogs.