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*This issue is dedicated to my mother, Phyllis Huddart,
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My Sixteen

This month's article is really a little test that will help you determine your dominant nationality. I tried it and here are the steps that I took:

1. List your 16 great-great-grandparents along with their birth and death years and locations.
2. Note the ethnicity or nationality of each one.
3. Calculate your ancestral ethnicity or nationality by adding them up for the 16 – 6.25% for each (obviously, this is approximate).
4. If you don't know all 16 of your great-great-grandparents then do it for the last full generation you have.

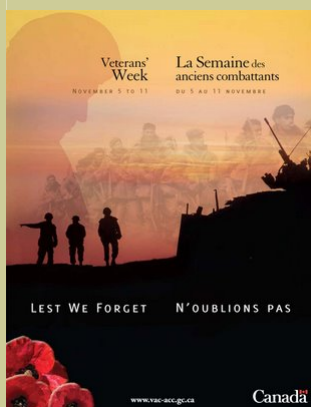
Here's mine:

- William Lindow Huddart – born 1842, England (died Canada)
- Mary Gibbs – born 1841, England (died Canada)
- William Crampsey – born 1813, Ireland (died Ireland)
- Hannah McGeoghan – born 1817, Ireland (died Ireland)
- John Roach – born 1839, Ireland (died USA)
- Catherine Murray – born 1842, Ireland (died USA)
- George Harvey – born 1840, in Ireland (died Ireland)
- Mary Gallagher – born 1840, in Ireland (died Ireland)
- Johann Dankert – born 1828, in Germany (died Canada)
- Dorothea Pampereen – born 1833, in Germany (died Canada)
- Karl Witthun – born 1840, in Germany (died Canada)
- Maria Weindorf – born 1840, in Germany (died Canada)
- Robert Gowanlock – born 1825, in Scotland (died Canada)
- Jane Armstrong – born 1831, in England (died Canada)
- Thomas Ellis – born 1833, in Ireland (died Canada)
- Jane Running – born 1842, in Ireland (died Canada)

It looks like I'm 50% Irish, 25% German, 18.75% English and 6.25% Scottish. All of my ancestors that came to Canada arrived well before Confederation and before passenger records were consistently kept.

It was an interesting exercise and a little surprising in that I would have said my dominant nationality was English. It makes me proud that so many of my ancestors chose Canada to be their home. Even the few of "my sixteen" that did not come to Canada, their children or grandchildren did. I owe my existence to the heartiness of these Canadian Pioneers.

Lest We Forget



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Christmas is fast approaching...give your children, parents or grandparents a gift that will be treasured for years to come.

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We Can't Chose Our Ancestors

We can't chose our ancestors and not all of our ancestors had the morals that we descendants sometimes wish they had. Whatever their weaknesses, though, they are our ancestors and we have to accept them for whatever they were. For many, genealogy is a quest to add as many names and dates as possible to their family tree database. But a family tree with just names and dates can be just plain boring. The black sheep in our family history are far more interesting.

In my own family history research I found an article in the Toronto Star written in the early 1900s about my great grandfather. It seems great grandpa wanted to go from Toronto to Detroit and thought the most expedient way to go about that was to hijack a street car! The article went on to say that he was given the option of a \$1 fine or three days in jail. He took the jail time. Based on stories I have heard great grandpa enjoyed a beer on occasion and I suspect that may have been at the root of this folly. Apparently he could be a bit ornery at times, as well and is known to have walked across Bloor Street, in what is now Bloor West Village, shaking his cane at on coming cars in order to make his way across.

Those family secrets we used to hide we now celebrate.

Canadian Military Records

With Remembrance Day fast approaching, perhaps your genealogy research will turn to your family members who served in our Armed Forces. Canada has a long and rich military history and there are several records and collections related to our veterans which can now be found online.

Several websites you will want to check out are:

[Canadian Air Aces and Heroes](#)

This is a site which provides biographies, airplane histories, medal details, and more for the Canadian pilots of World Wars I & II as well as the Korean conflict.

[The Canadian Army Overseas 1939-1945](#)

Maple Leaf Up, is a private Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the memory of the all-volunteer Canadian Army Overseas in World War II.

[Canadian Books of Remembrance](#)

This site is provided by Veterans Affairs of Canada and is comprised of six books that record the names of Canadians who fought and gave their lives in each of the six wars outside of Canada since the birth of our country in 1867.

[The Maple Leaf Legacy Project](#)

The Maple Leaf Legacy Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to photographing or obtaining a photograph of every Canadian War Grave of the 20th Century. Their aim is to create a virtual Canadian National War Cemetery for the families and friends of Canada's war dead to visit and remember.

[Canadian Soldiers of the First World War \(CEF\)](#)

This is a site maintained by Library and Archives Canada of the over 600,000 Canadians who enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the First World War. Over 800,000 images of Attestation papers have been scanned and made accessible through the database.

[The Canadian Merchant Navy War Dead](#)

This is an index provided by Veterans Affairs Canada and can be searched for the names of Canadian Merchant Seaman who died while serving Canada in her Merchant Navy.

[The Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)

This site contains information about the graves and memorials of more than 116,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who served valiantly and gave their lives for their country.

[Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#)

Maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this is free online database which provides personal, service, and burial location details for the 1.7 million members of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars.

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