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Announcements

We are no longer open on Thursday mornings. We now close at 3:45pm on Wednesday. We will also be closed all Tuesday mornings in January for staff holidays.

OGS Toronto: CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS for the following day-long workshop:

DIGGING FOR GOLD IN TORONTO LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

This workshop will be held on 4 May 2013 at the North York Memorial Community Hall. It is so easy for genealogists to spend all their time immersed in online resources, that we sometimes forget about the wonderful archives and libraries available to us in Toronto and the GTA. OGS is seeking presentations that will inspire researchers to get out of their pyjamas and explore the wealth of information and special services in and around our city.

“We hope to receive proposals from genealogists and historians, as well as librarians and archivists who would like to showcase their facilities and collections. We are looking for a variety of presentations at various skill levels. Here are a few ideas, but we welcome all proposals that emphasize on-site research in Toronto: an overview of collections and services in a Toronto-area repository; how to use a collection, or how several collections can be used together; or a survey of the holdings of a particular type of resource at several repositories (like newspapers, for example).”

The hour-long presentations should be illustrated, and speakers will be expected to provide a handout of supporting material (up to four pages) in advance, which we will photocopy for all registrants. Speakers will be paid an honorarium of \$100 per lecture plus modest expenses.

Please submit your brief lecture proposals by e-mail to: courses@torontofamilyhistory.org and include your mailing address, phone number and a brief biography.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: Friday, 25 January 2013

What's New

FamilySearch has added or updated the following:

- Incoming Philadelphia passenger Lists 1800-1882 - 453,565 indexed
- Ohio County Naturalization Records 1800-1977 indexed 385,000 records
- Manchester miscellaneous records – 1700-1916 – 682,000 new indexed record collection
- Westminster Parish Registers 1538-1912 – 1,276,000 additional records
- Ireland Landed Estate Court Files 1850-1885 new indexed records and images collection
- US California County Marriages – 1850-1952 1,439,474 indexes and 1,962,000 digital images
- US WWII Army enlistment records 1938-1946 – over six million indexed records
- Additional US Passenger lists – 50,000 for Florida, 526,400 New York (1820-1908) & US Famine Irish Passenger Index 1846-1851 – 600,000 indexed records

Ancestry: The Ottawa Journal, a daily newspaper in Ottawa, can now be browsed on Ancestry; included are newspapers from 1885-1980, with a couple of small gaps. UK Outward Bound Passengers 1890-1960, a database with nearly 24 million records, has been added to Ancestry. This is the same database that has been available on FindMyPast for a couple of years. Pallot's Marriage index for England 1780-1837 has been updated and now includes 1,700,000 records.

[DeceasedOnline](#) has added about 39,000 more Scottish Memorial Inscriptions for 18 additional burial grounds in Fife, Scotland. There are also associated photographs of the headstones. There are now headstone collections from nearly 250 cemeteries or burial grounds across Scotland, featuring over 300,000 names. Of these 51 burial sites are in Fife; the full list can be viewed [here](#).

[Durham Records Online](#) currently has more than 3.8 million transcribed church records online for towns in Durham. In the last month, the following additions have been made: Stranton Grange Cemetery burials 1912-1919, Tynemouth baptisms 1818-1826, Earsdon marriages 1813-1836, Earsdon baptisms & burials 1813-1844, Chester-le-Street marriage index updated with full details for 1800-1851, Kelloe marriage witnesses 1837-1858 + new 1858 marriages, Sunderland marriage witnesses 1818-1819, Witnesses added to Lanchester marriages 1816-1836, Hartlepool West View Cemetery burials 1930-1997, and Durham St. Margaret's marriages 1765-1797 .

Anglican Church Records in Ireland

The Church of Ireland has placed more indexed Anglican records online. One can now search four churches in the Newtonbarry/Bunclody Union: Newtownbarry – St Mary's Church, BMBs 1799-1903; Barragh – St Paul's Church, BMBs 1799-1805 and 1831-1878; Clonegal – St Fiac's Church, BMBs 1792-1903; and Kilrush – St Brigid's Church, BMBs 1878-1903. Go to [Online Archives](#) to download a pdf of these records and for further details.

1906 Census of the Northwest Provinces

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has released a new version of the Census of the Northwest Provinces, 1906 database. Now 802,442 records for the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta can be searched by name [here](#).

The Forum:

Question:

Q1/01/2013. Newfoundland.

While searching Newfoundland Church Records 1793-1945 on the family search site I have found many marriages in the 1800s where the names of the bride's and groom's parents are not given. As these would be helpful in ensuring that we had the right family, I am wondering if there is another source that would show this information.

Q2/01/2013. Photo dating.

The researcher has the photograph below and would appreciate comments on whether it can be dated from the clothing. She thinks that it might be from 1948 as it was found in a box with other photographs from 1948. Is the photo consistent with a date of 1948?



Mairi MacKay, Donny MacKay, Nicky/Micky Cowieson, Jean, Mary MacKay, Robert Cowieson, Donald MacKay

Were You Aware ...

Isle of Man Online Records

Marcia Cuthbert wrote before Christmas to inform us about a new website for Manx Heritage. At www.iMuseum.im one can find transcriptions of baptisms, marriages, and burials; census records; photographs; registered deeds; etc. This is a work-in-progress, so check back regularly for new data. There is also a collection of 400,000 pages of newsprint of Manx Newspapers that can be searched by subscription.

Marcia has found it great for researching the Shipping Lists which mention the arrivals and departures of the ships (the William & Margaret and the Susanna) owned and captained by her Cuthbert ancestors from Ireland in the 1840's +/- for their coal importing business.

I sent the link to Joan Challis who has done a lot of research on the Isle of Man and she has reported that it has an amazing amount of information on it. She says that the newspaper collection is excellent. One example she cited was an article of nine pages, reporting the inquest of her mother's brother, who was killed at the age of 6 by a runaway horse and cart. Although she knew about it from the death certificate, the inquest had much more information. The newspapers also reported the drunk and disorderly behaviour of a great uncle in the 1800s.

Essex Ancestors

The Essex Record Office has now completed the digitization and indexing of all the registers of baptisms, marriages, burials or banns that they hold from Anglican or other churches, or from cemeteries, together with any transcripts of them (except the Waltham Forest district). They also show the formats in which the records are available: either as images, or as microfiches or microfilms, or - if no copy exists - as original documents. Digitized copies of original wills are also available online; currently only 20,000 of 70,000 are online. You can access these records without charge if you visit the Essex Record Office or you can subscribe for periods varying from one day (£5), one week (£15), one month (£25), etc. Go to EssexAncestors.

UK County Resources – Worcestershire, next week Herefordshire

This week we have a few suggestions for Worcestershire. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for Worcestershire or Herefordshire, please send it/them to the Bulletin.

[If you have not tracked any English or Welsh ancestors back to the start of civil registration in 1837, you should start by using the civil registration index at FreeBMD and census information for 1841 to 1911. If you need some help to do this, please come to any Family History Centre where volunteers will be happy to help.]

Birmingham is a large city in Warwickshire but very close to Staffordshire and Worcestershire. As it has grown, its boundaries have extended into Worcestershire. So any of the links in Bulletin 46/2012 should be checked to see if any of them are useful for your parishes in Worcestershire.

Ancestry has a few extracted records for Birmingham and West Midlands. These include some parishes in the county of Worcestershire. They also have Electoral registers for Birmingham and West Midlands.

The National Burial Index Third Edition has over 540,000 burial records for Worcestershire. This CD is available at the Toronto FHC. Another useful CD is Worcestershire Monumental Inscriptions, containing over 100,000 names from 175 graveyards and burial grounds.

The Worcestershire County Council has a few indexes on its website. One that can be downloaded is an Index of Absent Voters for Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Bewdley, Evesham and Bromsgrove in 1919. Most of these appear to be servicemen. Click [Absent Voters](#) to download a pdf version of this file. Look at the [Worcestershire Online Indexes](#) for other interesting items; examples are the Calendar of Prisoners 1839-1849, Carpenters and Wheelwrights records, and Marriage Licences with an index 1853-1916. Coming soon is the Calendar of Prisoners 1850-1858.

[West Midlands BMD](#) has birth, marriage and death indexes from local registration offices starting in 1837. It currently has nearly 1.4 million births, 450,000 marriages and 707,000 deaths indexed.

For pictures of churches in Worcestershire: [Worcestershire Churches](#).

Films received in the week ending January 10, 2013 and due for return by March 7, 2013.

Film Content	Film No
ENG LAN L'Pool St James Cem Burial registers 1843-1852	0093793
ENG Wills 1876 Aug. M-Z 1876 Sep. A-S	1850873
IRE CAV Kilmore Kinawley 1821 Census	0597157
POL WA 14 Parish PRs	2350946
USA IL Wills v. A-D Sept. 1847-Sept. 1876	1428800

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The ordering patron will always have priority. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the FamilySearch catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

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(Always phone us if you do not have a booking to ensure that we are open.)

Monday 9:30 am to 2 pm

Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (closed Jan 15th to 29th) and 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Saturday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come.

For a copy of a searchable listing of all films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, go to the Toronto FHC Website at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/> and look for it under Resources.

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