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### Announcements

We are closed next Tuesday morning, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

An updated List of All Toronto FHC Resources is available on our website at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.ca/>. You can download it as a pdf file by looking on the Resources page and clicking on the link "**List of All FHC Resources 2013 01 23**" or "**List of All Resources**". If you wish to know if we have a particular film at the Toronto FHC, please check this list. It contains every film, fiche, CD, etc that we hold. Do a search (*Ctrl F*) for the film or fiche number you are looking for.

### OGS Toronto Monthly Meeting – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm in the Gold Room, North York Memorial Hall

Ed Zapletal, the editor and publisher of *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy*, will speak about *Writing for Publication: Tips On How to Get Your Family History Research Published*. The mini-presentation will be Donna Di Lello on *How to Index old books for Genealogical Societies*. Cost is \$5 for non-members of OGS.

### Additions to Our Permanent Collections

Book - ***The Wills of Our Ancestors – A Guide for Family & Local Historians*** by Stuart A. Raymond

This book covers wills and probate records for England and Wales but also has a chapter to help those with ancestors in Scotland, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. It has an excellent appendix with a list of pre-1858 probate courts in England and Wales and where to look for their records.

Book – ***Atlas of the Great Irish Famine*** by John Crowley, William J. Smyth and Mike Murphy

This book was the winner of the Best Irish Published Book of the year for 2012. During the Great Famine, between 1845 and 1852, over a million Irish people died and nearly one and a half million fled the country, most to North America. As well as examining the effects on the country, it includes case studies of emigrants who went to Toronto, Liverpool, Glasgow & New York; and more than 50 essays as well as maps, period illustrations, and archival documents

Four booklets with Presbyterian Church Records for Renfrew County, Ontario (to be found on our Ontario bookshelf):

Renfrew County Presbyterian Marriages 1858-1865

MacNab & Horton Presbyterian Births 1841-1885 Marriages 1841-1880

Renfrew St Andrews - Births 1900-1954; Marriages 1896-1922; Burials 1923-1966

Renfrew County, MacNab Township Goshan Cemetery records c1900 – 2001

CDs – Note that these CDs will not be available to view until February 1<sup>st</sup>.

CA12 - ***Index to Upper Canada Land Books*** Feb 1787 to Feb 1841 (Edited by Susan Smart)

Three CDs to help with Irish Research

BR159 – ***Returning Home: Transatlantic Migration from North America to Britain and Ireland 1858-1870***. This CD contains over 42,000 names and details of passengers who returned to Britain and Ireland in this period. The passengers were 30% Scottish, 27% Irish, 27% English, and 16% other.

BR160 – ***Memorials of the Dead for the counties of Galway and Mayo***. This CD has full transcripts of surviving memorials found in the 128 graveyards and includes over 8,000 names. If the memorials were erected by American relatives, their details are also included.

BR161 – **Ireland – The 1848 Petitions** William Smith O'Brien was a leader in the 1848 Irish rebellion. He was sentenced to death and this petition was organized to gain clemency for him. As a result, he was "only" transported to Australia. Over 80,000 people from every part of Ireland and from Liverpool, Manchester and other parts of England signed this petition. This CD contains the names addresses and occupations of 70,000 names from Ireland and 10,000 names from England.

### What's New

**FamilySearch** has added an index and images for the 1842 census of Upper Canada (Ontario) with heads of households listed (see *Were You Aware...* below). Another new database is the 1871 Canadian Mortality Schedules, which includes Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, PEI and New Brunswick. These schedules list anyone who died in the 12 months before the 1871 census was taken and gives the deceased's name, age, religion, place of birth, month and cause of death, marital status and occupation.

**Ancestry** has updated its database of border crossings from Canada to the US and it now contains 4.8 million records. The database of records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada, 1922-1954 has been updated. Ancestry has added new naturalization records for the states of Kentucky, Louisiana, Kansas, North Carolina and Mississippi. The Australian database of convict registers for pardons has been updated.

**DeceasedOnline** has added another 23,000 records for 12 more burial grounds in Fife Scotland. There are photographs and transcripts of headstones and memorials now available for Pittenweem Cemetery, Rosyth Old Churchyard, Saline Old Churchyard and Cemetery, Scoonie Cemetery, St Adrians West Wemyss, St Andrews Eastern Cemetery, St Marys on the Sea Churchyard, East Wemyss, St Monans Cemetery, St Monans Churchyard, Strathmiglo Churchyard and Cemetery, Tulliallan Churchyard, and Vicarsford Cemetery.

**FindMyPast.com** and **FindMyPast.co.uk** have announced the addition of 21 million Irish birth, marriage and death records but these records are the indexes to civil registration that have been available without charge on FamilySearch for nearly three years ([here](#)) and at the Toronto FHC on film for over ten years. More useful is the free 14 day trial offered on its homepage ([www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com)) or the offer to celebrate today – Irish Family History Day – with 50 credits to view any records from around the world, using the code **FMPIEBMD** until January 31. To claim the credits, enter the code at [www.findmypast.com/voucher](http://www.findmypast.com/voucher). I have found FindMyPast.com very frustrating to search but have now found an easy way to limit my search to a database that I want to look at. From the home page ([www.FindMyPast.com](http://www.FindMyPast.com)) click on **Search Records**. This is a drop-down menu and if you go to the bottom, you will find a **List of All Records** and you can click on the particular database or group of records you wish to search. You may choose to search all **UK Armed Forces & Conflict** or you may choose **British Army Service Records 1760-1915**.

**Irish Family History Foundation** has announced new records for North Tipperary County - 109,082 Roman Catholic Baptisms and Marriages, and 116,700 new Census Substitute Records (Tithe Applotment Books, Poor Law Rate Books, Hearth Money Rolls and street directories). Go to <http://tipperarynorth.rootsireland.ie/> to search the records.

### The Forum:

#### Suggestions:

#### Q1/02/2013. Malaya. Antique Car Question.

I have always been interested in finding out the make of this car or failing that, some suggestions as to whom I should contact for help in its identification. Based on the apparent ages of my father and aunt shown here with my grandmother I would estimate this photograph to have been taken in 1917 or 1918 in Malaya.

The car in question looks remarkably similar but not identical to a picture of a British WWI staff car found [here](#) or [here](#). These are D type Vauxhalls made in Britain. This is consistent with the use of a British-made vehicle since the Straits Settlements, Malaya was under British sovereignty at the time. In addition the car is right-hand drive. The researcher may be able to find better photographs with a more thorough search of the internet.



## UK County Resources – Shropshire, next week Staffordshire

This week we have a few suggestions for Shropshire. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for Shropshire or Staffordshire, 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.]

The FamilySearch IGI collection has reasonable coverage of parishes in Shropshire. Go to [Shropshire parishes](#) to see what is online and to search individual parishes.

The Toronto FHC has three CDs which are of interest to Shropshire researchers: Burials index 1538-1837, Marriage Index 1538-1837, and Quarter Sessions Index 1831-1920. There are also a couple of CDs with directories: 1828-9 Pigot's and 1917 Kelly's. The National Burial Index 3 has 176,000 burials in Shropshire, nicely indexed.

Ancestry has a collection of extracted parish records for Shropshire that contains 667,000 records.

Mel Lockie has published some out-of-copyright parish registers and they are available [here](#).

Chris Potter has put together a list of Wills and Administrations – 28,000 for the Hereford Diocese and 31,000 for the Lichfield Diocese and will search them for a fee. His website is at <http://www.shropshirefamilyhistory.co.uk/>.

## Films received in the week ending January 24, 2013 and due for return by March 21, 2013.

Film Content	Film No
USA NY Erie County Deeds 1808-1927; Index 1808-1964	0590017

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.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours:

**(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 29<sup>th</sup>) 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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