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Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed Saturday, February 18th and Monday, February 20th for the Family Day weekend. We will also be closed on Friday mornings after tomorrow.

Finding Your Great War Ancestors Workshop

Register before February 22nd to get the early bird discount for this OGS Toronto workshop. Go to <http://torontofamilyhistory.org/GreatWarWorkshop2012.html> to read further details about the 20 interesting sessions.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

Three more books and three new CDs have been added to the FHC library this week. The CDs will be available by March 1. The books are:

England, Scotland & Wales - Victuallers' Licences, Third Edition by Jeremy Gibson

England & Wales – Polls Books 1696-1872: A Directory to Holdings in Great Britain, Fourth Edition by Jeremy Gibson

England, Scotland & Wales - Electoral Registers 1832-1948 and Burgess Rolls by Jeremy Gibson

The three CDs are:

BR151 - Wales - Seamen's Crewlists in 1851

BR152 - Royal Navy Marriage Certificates 1806-1866

BR153 - England – Lancashire Catholic Wills 1492-1894: This CD contains an index of nearly 50,000 testators, beneficiaries, family members and witnesses in more than 4,000 wills

What's New

FamilySearch continues to add indexes to state vital records. This week more than five million Florida death index records, nearly one million Wisconsin marriages and 400,000 Wisconsin deaths were added.

Ancestry has updated three large databases. The London England Electoral Registers 1847-1965 now contains 132 million records and the West Yorkshire Baptisms 1813-1919 and Marriages 1813-1935 each have more than 200,000 indexed records. Ancestry added some records to their small databases of Irish Catholic parish baptisms and marriages – only a few counties and parishes are included so far.

DeceasedOnline has added about 120,000 burial transcriptions for Cheshire and the Chester Council. Burial records for the following cemeteries/crematoria are included: Blacon, Neston, Overleigh, Overlea New, Overpool, and Wharton Cemeteries and Chester Crematorium. Check DeceasedOnline (www.deceasedonline.com) for details. Another 65,000 records will be added for this area in the coming months.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Suggestions:

Q1/05/2012. Canada/Ireland.

I am searching for this info for myself but more importantly for my Aunt Bessie who is turning 99 on April 2nd. I have been looking for John Robert McCullough, my 2x GreatGrandfather, who came over from Ireland. On Nov 27, 1844, he

married Lizetta Potter, of Port Hope, in the Newcastle district. I can trace him through the censuses from 1851 to 1891 with various spellings. In the 1851 census he has the occupation of Physician added but this was not mentioned (ie: doctor in his name) when he was married. He was licenced in Ontario by the Medical Board of Upper Canada on Oct. 25, 1851. He was erased (unlicenced in 1894 for advertising). He and Lizetta both have disappeared after 1891 but he must have been alive in 1894. His birth date (approximated using census data) is 1821. I cannot find when he came over nor when he died (hoping there would have been something said in his obituary about his family, birthplace, etc.) Irena Lewycka, who works in the Canadian Department at the North York Central Library, has found a number of interesting items using the resources that the Library has.

'I read the query in your bulletin and decided to see what I could come up with, as a challenge in using our genealogy resources in the Canadiana Department, and since there is this urgency to help out a 99 year old!

'Through searches of Ancestry and a microfiche format index we have [Local History Newspaper Index, Newcastle, Ontario], and cemetery transcriptions, this is what I pieced together. John Robert McCullough [b. 1821] and Lizette [b. 1820] had three children:

'Elias b. 1851 married Martha Little in Kingston on 11 Sep 1873. He died 3 Feb 1875 and is buried in Bowmanville Cemetery Section L [In memory of Elias Alexander son of Dr. McCullough and Lizetta his wife, died Feb. 3, 1875 aged 22 yrs 9 mon 7 d; "For I know that my redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth and though after my shipworms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God".

'Thomas b. 1859 married Annie Bennett on 1 Sep 1881 in Toronto. [Annie must have subsequently died because Thomas, widower, married Sarah Maud Sauvigny on September 28, 1887.]

'Agnes b. 1866 married Richard Beecher Gardiner in Toronto 4 Jul 1887. The local history newspaper index entry gave me a clue: McCullough, Agnes, daughter Dr. McCullough, Bowmanville, Gardiner, R.B. of Toronto Post Office Department, July 04 married.

'In Ancestry I then found a death certificate - and subsequently the birth certificate - for their daughter Alda Agnes Gardiner. The child was born 11 Jul 1892 in Toronto [father listed as a letter carrier] and the death certificate indicates she died 15 Aug 1892. The attending physician was J.R. McCullough. So we know where he was as of 1892, and it couldn't have been a pleasant duty, to care for a grandchild who ultimately passed away.

'Agnes had two daughters who did survive: Alice Gardiner b. 15 May 1889 and Florence Lizetta Gardiner b. 24 July 1894. I found a death notice for Agnes Gardiner nee McCullough in the Toronto Star. She died February 20, 1945, in her 80th year, and she is listed as the widow of Richard Beecher Gardiner [couldn't find his death info]. She is the "dear mother of Mrs. William Bennett (Florence) and Mrs. Frederic I. Breit (Alice)". Interment Necropolis. "Bowmanville papers please copy".'

Susan Hampton had another excellent suggestion:

'I discovered a death record on Ancestry for a John **Mc Cullough**, physician, born in Ireland, aged 85. The death occurred July 12, 1900 at the Toronto General Hospital. Registration #002901, County of York.

'When searching for this on Ancestry, I left a space after the Mc. I have found that surnames starting with "Mc" or "Mac" can be indexed in a variety of ways, so I try to explore all possibilities.'

[This method worked brilliantly for O'Neill as well – 956 death entries for *oneill* and 52 for *o neill*.]

I was interested that Ancestry has indexed deaths for some 210 people as *mc cullough* and 752 as *mccullough*. I had never thought of putting a space in before. I did not find a death for Lizetta. But looking on the Ontario Vital Statistics project (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onvsr/>) I found the following in the 3,316,949 records in the database: McCULLOUGH, Lizetta in Bowmanville (Section L) Durham Darlington WO-150-3. Given what Irena found about Elias, it is likely that more information is available in the Canadiana Department or from the Durham Branch of OGS.

News From the Trenches

One of our volunteers was delighted when he checked the new Bristol parish records CDs. Joe Mounsey found the marriage of a direct ancestor for whom he had been searching for years! He had previously searched the FamilySearch Bristol PR data set without success (he can't find any way to determine its coverage). Hopefully Joe will find the bride's baptism. The new CDs for Bristol are transcriptions of most of the parish registers for baptisms, marriages and deaths from 1754 to 1837, and include non-conformist registers.

Were You Aware ...

Do You have a Seaman in your British Family?

Two of our new CDs add to the existing Seamen's Crewlists we have on CD for Ireland and Scotland. A third CD, **Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada** (CA11), created by Memorial University (MUN) in St Johns NL, contains data on the vessels, captains and crews of Great Britain and Atlantic Canada, 1787-1936. It has information on the shipping industry of Atlantic Canada, derived from two British record series: the Certificates of Registry for 10 major ports of Atlantic Canada and the crew agreements of vessels registered in the ports of Saint John, New Brunswick; Yarmouth, Windsor and Halifax, Nova Scotia for the period 1863-1914. This file contains information on the 20,000 masters and 182,000 seafarers who crewed the vessels, their ports of call and voyages. The CD has also a 10% sample of crew agreements from British vessels which contain 85,000 records of individual seamen and 19,000 records of masters (BT99).

Apparently MUN saved this 10% part from destruction by the National Archives in the 1960s. The National Archives UK has a recent podcast, *Nineteenth Century Merchant Seafarers and Their Records*, – which talks about these records and how useful they can be. The podcast can be downloaded or listened to from here:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/podcasts/ . There is an excellent associated website from Memorial University in St John, which has a lot of information about the Crew Agreements - www.mun.ca/mha/mlc/ .

Poll Books

One of our new booklets this week is a directory to all the poll book holdings in Great Britain. In 1711 an act was passed in Britain that a record of the poll or votes in county elections and that those records should be handed over to the Clerk of the Peace for permanent preservation. The records contain the residence and freehold of electors, often for whom the electors voted, and what qualified the voter. Don't neglect our local resources for these records. The Toronto Reference Library has a number of Poll Books (some on fiche) that you can consult there. Among these are: Yorkshire 1741, 1807, Westminster 1749, 1774, 1818 & 1841, Suffolk 1710 & 1790, West Yorkshire 1835, London 1768, Norfolk 1768, 1806 & 1817, Cambridgeshire 1722, Berkshire 1727, Nottinghamshire 1862-1862, Leicestershire 1741, Sussex 1734, Dorset 1807, and Buckinghamshire 1784.

Finding Old FamilySearch

If you have tried to get to the previous version of FamilySearch or the FS Catalogue, you may have noticed that the handy button for the old version has disappeared from the new website. Go to our blog site; under **Links** on the right hand side under **Hours**, you will find links to take you directly to the Old Family Search, the old FamilySearch catalogue and the old IGI search. <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/>

Films received in the seven days ending on February 16, 2012 and due for return on March 15, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
CAN ON HAS Belleville St M the Arch PRs 1829-1870	1298739
PRT AZR Bapt 1563-1638, 1626, 1667-1669, 1638-1667, 1669-1831	1546721
PRT AZR PRs Bapt 1541-1720	1547036
PRT AZR PRs Bapt 1720-1814	1547037
USA MN St Paul Death Records 1884-1908	1309043

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 Family History Library 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 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m. to noon; 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed Saturday, February 18 and Monday, February 20 for Family Day.

For a copy of a searchable listing of all the 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. Should you decide that you no longer wish to receive this bulletin, reply to this email with the word "Delete" in the subject line.

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