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Announcements

The Toronto FHC is closed on Friday mornings until further notice. March Break is the week of March 10th to March 17th. Due to holidays of the volunteers, our hours will be shorter that week. We will be open Monday March 12th 9:30 to noon, Tuesday March 13th 9:30 to 2pm, Wednesday March 14th 9:30 to 4pm, Thursday March 15th 9:30 to noon and Saturday March 17th 9:30 to noon. We will be closed Saturday March 10, Friday morning and Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

OGS Toronto Meeting – February 27 at 7:30pm – *MS OneNote*

Jim Onyschuk will talk about Microsoft OneNote, a computer program for free-form information gathering and multi-user collaboration. It can gather user's notes (handwritten or typed), drawings, screen clippings, and audio commentaries and share them with other users of Microsoft OneNote over the Internet. The mini-presentation will be *The Flight of William Lyon Mackenzie* by Greg Marlatt. For more details, see <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/meetings.html>.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

One new fiche has been added to the collection:

6359026 Hampshire, Lasham Parish Registers 1785-1812

What's New

FindMyPast announced today a major update of their Merchant Navy Seamen records. They have added 359,000 records of Merchant Seamen for 1835-1857. From 1835 the central government started to monitor a potential reserve of Sailors for the Royal Navy, which created thousands of records for individual seamen. Information recorded usually includes name, age, place of birth, physical description, ship names and dates of voyages. In next week's Bulletin, James Thomson will summarize some of the most interesting British Merchant Navy records available online or in Toronto, including at our FHC. FindMyPast has added a transcription of the 1891 Scottish census to their collection of censuses – now 1841-1891 for Scotland.

FamilySearch had added or updated the Canadian 1831 census (probably only partially complete as yet) for Lower Canada (Quebec). The 1831 census lists heads of households, occupation, number of inhabitants and other info like number of livestock. FamilySearch added the Quebec 1842 census (partial) last week. It too lists only heads of households. There are now over 17 million birth indexes online for Texas 1903-1997. An addition to help German researchers is the index of Brandenburg and Posen Church Books 1794-1874. If your research interest is Italy, FamilySearch is adding browsable images every week as they digitize their huge collection of Italian films.

Ancestry has updated the indexes to Nova Scotia vital records. It now includes Births 1836-1910, Marriages 1763-1935 and Deaths 1864-1877, 1890-1960. They have updated the indexes for some of the British censuses – 1861, 1891 and 1911. A small number of US Civil War records have been added.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/07/2012. Canada. Census.

My ancestor, William M. Gorrie, is in the Toronto Directories in 1850-51 (Roswell's City of Toronto and County of York Directory) and in the Ontario Directory for 1851. Why can I not find him in the 1851 census living in Toronto?

News From the Trenches

Another success - one of our patrons has managed to extend his direct line back one generation using the new Nottinghamshire parish register CD we have just added to our collection. While one generation does not sound like much, when you have been looking for many years, it is a great success.

Were You Aware ...

Interesting UK Map Site

FindFreeMaps (www.findfreemaps.co.uk) is a new website which offers free access to a range of constantly updated maps from reputable sources such as the Ordnance Survey and Google. Using their toolkit you can draw on the maps and insert graphics and text. You can also print finished maps or save them as PDFs. One of the more interesting overlays of Google map images is parish boundaries.

Old Norfolk Pictures

The Norfolk County Council has put more than 16,000 images with associated information online at Picture Norfolk: www.picture.norfolk.gov.uk. There are pictures of people, places and events from the early days of photography to the present. There are also images of engravings, paintings and drawings. You can buy copies of the images as high quality prints or on CD for £10.

South Australia Records

The new Genealogy SA website has started putting some South Australian data online. In conjunction with the South Australian Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages, the BMD indexes are now online at <http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>. The indexes cover Births 1842-1928, Marriages 1842-1937 and Deaths 1842-1972. You may need to be creative in your searches as legibility was a problem. Additional databases are newspaper birth notice indexes from 1960 and death notice indexes from 1972; and a South Australia Cemeteries index.

Australian Newspapers

If you find someone of interest in the South Australia website above, have a look for them in the digitised Australian newspapers at Trove: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>. In South Australia there is quite a good run of *The Advertiser* (Adelaide). It may fill in a few blanks in your family history and add a few delightful details. I found the marriage of a second cousin twice removed – she married in 1940 and wore *a powder blue street frock with square scalloped neckline and a box-pleated skirt*. I also found out that her vacations were regularly reported in the society pages! Adelaide must have been a small town then. There are many digitised newspapers from all over Australia on this website, starting quite early in the 1800s.

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

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Belitz PRs 1768-1828	0068990
ENG BKM Aylesbury Bapt 1771-1877, Bur 1771-1812	0919409
ENG HAM Tadley, Whitsbury & Southwick PRs	1041288
ENG Lichfield Consis Court Wills C-G 1685	0095737
ENG Lichfield Consis Court Wills Chattlock-Cz 1710	0095852
ENG Lichfield Diocese Wills Brown-C 1708	0095835
ENG LIN Lincoln Diocese Registered wills v. 286 A - J 1803	0199095
ENG MDX Bethnal Green PRs Baptisms vol. 12-14 1819-1828	0855941
ENG PCC Probate Herschell, v. 1661. 1822 Folios, 451-500	0156253
ENG PCC Probate Marriott, v. 1397. 1803 Folios, 672-724	0155966
ENG PCC Probate Teignmouth, v. 1834. 1834 Folios, 401-450	0156427
ENG Prinxipal Registry Probate 1908 Aug. S-Z 1908 Sep. A-M	1894471
ENG SOM Wells (St Cuthbert's) PRs 1826-1900	1526763
ENG WOR Bromsgrove PRs 1719-1784 Ms 1719-1753, 1777-1784	0321124

Film Content	Film No
POL Gdańsk Nowa Wioska (Kwidzyn) Tote 1862-1875	1198280
POL TP Witków Nowy PRs V. 618-2/2321 1868-1899	2395696
POL TP Wyżniany PRs 1785-1896	2329225
POL TP Wyżniany PRs V. 618-2/2314-17 1867-1907	2395697
PRU WPRU Groß Tromnau PRs 1742-1815	0286030
PRU WPRU Marienwerder PRs Taufen 1825-1848 Land	0245634
PRU WPRU Neudörfchen PRs Heiraten 1818-1944	0245688

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 March 10th, and the evenings of March 13th and 15th.

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.

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