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## Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed for Easter Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> inclusive. We will reopen Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

The Toronto FHC will again be open on Friday mornings 9:30 to 12 noon beginning 13 April.

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and The Canadiana Department of the North York Central Library will be presenting a workshop this Saturday, 31 March. **Finding Your Great War Ancestors**. They have sent us the following announcement –

*“Special Bonus Lunchtime Lecture - **The Identity Hunters** - Janet Roy*

*Janet Roy is a forensic genealogist, the Genealogical Coordinator for funeral-services company MacKinnon & Bowes and a contractor for the Department of National Defence for which she helps identify the remains of missing soldiers by finding living relatives for DNA testing. She has participated in this process since the first breakthrough in 2007, the identification of the remains of Great War soldier, Private Herbert Peterson. Other successes have followed and Janet is currently working on eleven cases of remains recovered in France. Her 20-minute presentation describes the identification process and includes a basic explanation of DNA testing.*

**Second, we have been assured that the workshop will not be affected by any labour disruption involving library or city workers.**

*Finally, if you aren't signed up for “Finding Your Great War Ancestors”, and are now wishing you were, you're in luck. There are still spaces available! Pre-registration is preferred but we are also happy to accommodate walk-in registrants on the day of the event. For full program and registration details, visit the Toronto Branch website at [www.torontofamilyhistory.org](http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org).”*

## What's New

**Scotlands People** has published online the 1915-16 Valuation Rolls for Scotland. The rolls contain the names of owners, tenants and occupiers of every property. They are fully searchable both by name and address. They differ from the census because it is usually only the head of the household named. According to ScotlandsPeople, “*The Valuation Rolls were created so that the authorities could set local rates. The purpose was to assess property by its annual rental value. This was either the value of the rent paid by the tenant, or a notional rental value if the owner occupied their own property. The burgh and county assessors did not list properties individually that were worth below £4 annual rental value.*”

ScotlandsPeople is offering a special introductory rate for the Valuation Rolls. The cost of viewing an image is 2 credits when the introductory period is over the price will be 5 credits. Currently 7 British Pounds will buy you 30 credits. You will need to use 1 credit to search the index and each image you look at will be an additional 2 credits. I checked the exchange rate today and 7 Pounds will cost you just over 11 Canadian dollars. If my calculations are correct you will be able to get 10 images for your 7 Pounds and each image will cost about 1.10 Canadian. ScotlandsPeople have not said how long the introductory period will be, so I recommend you do your searching soon.

I had a look for some of my people today and am delighted with the information it contained. I learned what kind of a building it was, what floor they were living on, name and occupation of the tenant, who owned the building and how much rent was paid. For me it is valuable information as it places my families after the 1911 census and during the war years.

**Films received in the seven days ending on March 29, 2012 and due for return on April 26, 2012.**

Film Content	Film No
AUT GAI Pistryń PRs 1854-1944	2038892
CAN NS BMD of 7 areas of Province 1783-1929	1012328
CAN NS Shelburne PRs 1813-1920	1378310
POL OL Groß Plauth PRs 1685-1896	0208145
PRU WPRU M 1800-1858 D 1869-1916 1800-1855, 1869-1916	0208262
USA CA 1930 Cnsus	2339847
USA WA Seattle Death Cert 1928	2022480

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.

**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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