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Announcements

The FHC will be closed from May 19th to the 21st inclusive for the May long weekend.

Films Being Returned Due Date:

When films are ordered now from the FHL Catalogue to come to our FHC for your review for the Short Term loan, you are told that the film is on loan for 90 days. This 90 days includes the shipping time from Salt Lake City to Toronto and back. In the past this has been rather slow and we have allowed four weeks to ship in each direction. Shipping appears to be faster currently and we have decided to increase the length of time for you to review the films here to 8 weeks. This policy will be reviewed in a couple of months to ensure that we are meeting the return dates for the FHL. If you have any questions about this, please email or call us.

Additions and Subtractions from Our Permanent Collections

This week we have purchased a new book to help those patrons whose ancestors hail from Newfoundland. *Family Names of the Island of Newfoundland* is a list of nearly 3,000 surnames found in Newfoundland from the 1955 List of Electors. The author, E. R. Seary, attempts to trace each name to a geographical origin in Ireland, England, France, Scotland and the Channel Islands and through time in the Newfoundland censuses which started in 1675. The information on each name is referenced to original source documents.

We have removed four sets of CDs from our collections because the information is available elsewhere but offer them to anyone who would like them. Three FREE copies of the Canadian 1881 census and one FREE copy of the 1880 US census are on the table in the admin room for anyone to take.

What's New

Ancestry has updated the Ontario birth records 1869-1913 and now contains over two million records. A few small Tasmanian databases were added and their passenger data was updated.

FamilySearch has added a number of databases that are only available at Family History Centres or if you are a transcriber, transcribing a certain number of records per month. These databases include parish registers for Kent 1538-1911 and Cheshire Lancashire & Yorkshire 1603-1910. With over 1400 databases researchers must check the FamilySearch.org website to see what is available for their country of interest. Many databases are digitizations of actual parish or church records and they are available without charge, sometimes at home and sometimes at your local FHC.

The Forum

Questions with Answers:

We received two questions this week by email that we answered directly but we thought that others may find the answers useful.

Q1/17/2012. Personal Ancestral File (PAF) Program.

[The PAF program is the genealogy program created by the LDS Church and it is free to download here: <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/paf/pafonline.asp> .] I have the PAF program on my old computer, which needs replacing. I need to download PAF to my new computer but it will not do it because PAF won't download a new program to an existing e-mail address.

Gwen Armstrong offered the following advice:

"You will need to speak to someone at *FamilySearch*. They will probably need to go in and make changes to their system to allow you to download a new copy. I have had to do this in the past and it isn't a problem.

Their toll free number is: 1-866-406-1830 or you can contact them by email

1. go to www.familysearch.org and click on **Help** in the top right corner of the screen
2. click on the tab **Contact FamilySearch**
3. it will give you three options: **1)** telephone **2)** "talk" to someone live **3)** send an email."

Q2/17/2012. Records on FamilySearch.

I was looking for the marriage and death records of my husband's great-grandfather in Pennsylvania and found entries for both his marriage and death on www.familysearch.org. The marriage record was from Source Film #1765120 and it said that the original copy was available at FOLD3.com. The death record in 1902 had a digital folder number 4009546. I emailed FamilySearch and they said that the film could be ordered to come to my local Family History Centre.

Gwen Armstrong replied to the researcher: "It is possible to order the microfilms and view them here at the Toronto FHC. Another option you have is to come in and use **FOLD3**. In addition to this fine program we also have **Ancestry.com**, **FindMyPast** and a number of other subscriptions sites. These are all free to use - we only ask that you call and reserve a computer. If you bring in a thumb-drive/USB, you can save the images for no charge. If you do choose to make paper copies, they are 25c each." Using computers at the FHC, this researcher will be able to get the original images using FOLD3, Ancestry and FamilySearch. If you get a message from FamilySearch saying that digital images are available at any of the Subscription websites or at FamilySearch at your local FHC, please make at appointment and come in.

Suggestions:

Q1/17/2012. Italy to Canada.

My Great Grandparents emigrated from Italy to the US in 1902. They lived in Pittsburgh and Chicago and had five children before attempting to come to Canada in 1915. The immigration record I found on Ancestry for Sam and Nancy Amodeo & family shows that they were rejected at the port of Sarnia. The reason is recorded simply as "OC-23", which I believe stands for Order in Council 23. A quick Google search suggested that OC-23 was a highly contentious Canadian immigration regulation that said people wanting to settle in Canada had to arrive on a ship that came directly from their home country. The effect of this was to prevent certain ethnic groups from immigrating because there was no direct connecting ship line. In the case of the Amodeo family, their children, being US born were probably eligible, but their parents would have had to go back to Italy then directly to a Canadian Port. I wonder if any readers could confirm my suspicions or have encountered this regulation before? I never did find any later emigration records, nor do any of my relatives know exactly when the family arrived.

There are a several places to look to find when the family arrived. I would check Toronto Directories online at InternetArchive or at the Toronto Reference Library. There are two Samuels in the 1922 edition: one Saml (Amodeo Bros) at 2994 Dundas W. and the other, Saml, fruit, 3616 Dundas. Check earlier editions to determine when he arrived. The second place to look is the Naturalization records on the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) website. Sam and Nancy were rejected in 1915 at Sarnia, along with their children Lena, Leo, Sam, Mary and Gusty. The Naturalization records for Cosimo Amodeo, a merchant in Toronto, with children, Cosimo, Lena, Leo, and Maria, were issued on November 6, 1923. The researcher can order copies of the full naturalization records from Citizenship and Immigration for \$5, as long as he knows that the Cosimo (Sam) has been dead for more than 20 years. By the way, wives didn't count; they got their naturalization through their husbands, I believe.

A third place for detailed information is the 1940 National Registration available for \$45 from Statistics Canada. This will give you name, address, age, DOB, marital status, dependents, place & country of birth and his/her parents, nationality, year of entry into Canada, etc. Again the individual must have been dead for more than 20 years. LAC has further details for ordering these two items.

The border crossing records are not complete. Many of these records, as is the case here, are of people arriving by train, but also boat. They probably tried again and were accepted.

Were You Aware .

Are You Aware of the Cutbacks at Library and Archives Canada?

In the question above reference was made to searching the LAC website. The cutbacks announced this week for LAC and the closing of the National Archival Development Program puts any new development and our access to the facilities at LAC at risk. I would urge you all to read John Reid's blogs of today, <http://goo.gl/HzDI>, and yesterday, <http://goo.gl/ar134>, to get a taste of how the cuts will affect the genealogical community in Canada. The University of Toronto (UTFA) Librarians Committee blog has expressed similar concerns in their blog yesterday at: <http://goo.gl/RJU9o>. John Reid has also despaired at the lack of leadership shown by LAC in the digitization of our country's newspapers, among many other things. What treasures are we going to lose under this government? *HB*

Newfoundland Resources

Gwen Armstrong suggests the following for those of you who are researching ancestors in Newfoundland:

Newfoundland & Labrador GenWeb: <http://nl.canadagenweb.org/>

Newfoundland's Grand Banks: <http://ngb.chebucto.org/>

This is the direct link for the Newfoundland course on FamilySearch: <http://goo.gl/Z0SGE>

But you can get to it from the main page

- 1) click on learn at the top of the screen
- 2) click on Research Courses
- 3) click on Canada
- 4) click on Researching Your Newfoundland Ancestors part 1.

Also come into the Family History Centre to have a look at our new book, *Family Names of the Island of Newfoundland* by E. R. Seary.

Films received in the seven days ending on May 3, 2012 and due for return on June 28, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
ENG STS WAR various records	0599275
POL PO BMD 1818-1860	0811094
POL PO BMD 1861-1865	0811095
POL PO Stęszew BMDs 1833-1934	1194509
PRT Coimbra Vilarinho Baptism 1548-1845	1461962
PRT Coimbra Vilarinho PRs 1547-1850	1461963
PRU POS 8 PRs 1639-1960	2120665
PRU POS Solec PRs 1747-1883	1194506
PRU POS Solec PRs 1780-1856	1194507
PRU POS Solec PRs 1843-1887	1194955
USA NY Buffalo Our Lady of Lourdes PRs 1850-1924	1292741
USA NY Buffalo St Francis Xavier Parish Baptisms 1850-1938	0928711
USA NY New York City Death index 1914-1917	1324917

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.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed May 19th to the 21st inclusive.

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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