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### Announcements

**The FHC will be closed from May 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> inclusive for the May long weekend.**

#### OGS Conference – Kingston, June 1-3

The 2012 Ontario Genealogical Society Conference, *Borders and Bridges: 1812-2012*, will be held in Kingston, June 1-3, 2012 at St. Lawrence College, 100 Portsmouth Avenue. With 22 presenters, these three days are packed with interesting workshops and lectures. Go to <http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference2012/> to see the complete Conference details.

#### BIFHSFO Conference – Ottawa, September 14-16

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual family history conference of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa features **Scotland** this year. Friday offers four workshops and Saturday and Sunday have eight sessions, most with two different lectures to choose from. Go to <http://www.bifhsgo.ca/cpage.php?pt=22> for complete details.

### What's New

**Ancestry** has updated the Baltimore and Atlantic Ports Passenger lists and added the first airplane passenger lists (Seattle and Tacoma).

**FamilySearch** and its partners with the help of thousands of volunteers have finished the name indexing of six states: Delaware, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Virginia, and New Hampshire. The 1940 Census project is now one third complete – an amazing feat to accomplish in only five weeks. Updates for state birth and marriage indexes continues.

**DeceasedOnline** has added more burial records for Aberdeen – 33,000 new records for St. Peter's Churchyard.

**TheGenealogist** (a subscription available without charge at Family History Centres) has added 200,000 parish records for Worcestershire, Hertfordshire and Surrey. The Illustrated London News collection has further issues online and now covers 1842-1862. Other smaller additions include: List of Bedford Burgesses for 1875, Freeman of Norwich 1317-1603, East India Register and Directories for 1820 and 1834, Great Hampden Parish Registers 1557-1812, Poll for the Knights of the Shire (Berkshire) 1798 and Air Force List, April 1918.

### The Forum

#### Questions:

##### Q1/18/2012. Pennsylvania Marriage Records.

I found on FamilySearch.org a record under the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Marriage Indexes for 1885-1951. It is the reference information for the marriage of Annie Murphy to John McBride. The index from the Orphan's Court - Philadelphia 1885-1916 records is: John McBride married Annie Murphy in 1889, with licence number 27386.

1) Now that I have this information, how do I get a copy of this license from the Orphan's Court using this reference information? Where do I send to get it and how much would it cost me?

2) Does anyone know if there would also be a marriage certificate and where would that record be held or is the license the only record available?

I'm hoping it will give me information regarding Annie Murphy and John McBride, my great grandparents. I know that Annie and John were both Roman Catholic and that Annie McBride died in 1890 and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

## Were You Aware ...

### Records for Poland and Many Other Countries

We received a comment this week from a reader who was not aware that one could order films that covered Poland. The Family History Library (FHL) Catalog gives one access to billions of records that have been recorded on film or fiche by the LDS Church. There are more than 2.4 million rolls of microfilm and one million microfiche stored in Granite Mountain, near Salt Lake City. Copies of most of these can be borrowed from the FHL Catalog. The types of records that are available are church records on christenings, marriages and burials, civil registration, censuses, military records, wills and probates, land and property records, court records and family histories. A very small (but growing) fraction of these films have been digitized and are available to browse at the FamilySearch.org website. To view any other film, you can order it from the FHL Catalog for delivery to your local Family History Centre. The Toronto FHC has several thousand films ordered by patrons that are part of our permanent collection. To view these, go to the Resources page on the blog, <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/> and download the *List of All Resources*.

The LDS church is still actively capturing images of historical documents in forty-four countries. The greatest number of archival cameras are currently located (in descending order) in the United States, Italy, England, Ukraine, Brazil, Japan, Spain, Scotland, South Africa, Columbia, Hungary, Peru, Germany, Philippines, and Portugal. In 2010 FamilySearch cameras added over 52 million high-quality images of historical manuscripts for family history research.

When one clicks on the *Catalog* button on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), the drop-down menu under the Search button offers eight options; the most useful of these are Place Names, Keywords and Film Numbers. If one chooses Place Names and enters Littleport (Cambridgeshire, England), one finds that the records available include church records, court records, land and property records, school records, etc.

For countries like Poland, the first step may be to find out the town where your ancestors came from. For example, the town, Ostrów, gives a number of possible states/provinces and countries – Austria, Poland and Ukraine. There are both Greek Catholic and Roman Catholic church records for Ostrów, Lwów, Poland on five FHL films for dates 1784-1911. To read and understand records like this, it is helpful to have a grasp of the history of the country, and, in this difficult example, the genealogical terms in several languages – Latin, Russian, and Ukrainian.

If navigating the FHL Catalog seems difficult, please schedule a visit to your local FHC where volunteers will be happy to help you.

### Browsing Images at FamilySearch

Have you found yourself stumped when you are trying to view an image on FamilySearch and you get “**Sign in to see free image – Sign in**”. So you duly sign in with the user name and password you have set up to order films but that does not work. FamilySearch has decided to give access to these images for free, but only to computers of all Family History Centres, LDS church members, and transcribers who have transcribed a minimum number of records in each quarter of a year. This means that transcribers do get something for their hard work. If you choose to help index the billions of records, go to <https://www.familysearch.org/volunteer/indexing> to try it out. All work can be done from your home computer. An army of volunteers are needed and I believe that you get to choose the indexing project that you are most interested in.

### Free Access to Canadian Immigration Records

Over the May long weekend, Ancestry.ca will allow free access to Canadian passenger arrival records, naturalization records, border crossings, emigration records, passports, and convict transportation records.

### Films received in the seven days ending on May 10, 2012 and due for return on July 5, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
DEU Bayern Neuleiningen BMD 1654-1769	0400505

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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