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Third Annual One World – One Family Conference – August 25th

This year's One World – One Family Conference will be held on August 25th from 9am to 4pm at the Kitchener LDS Church at 1250 Strasburg Road in Kitchener. Early registration including a box lunch is again a bargain at only \$15. After June 30th registration will still only be a nominal \$20. After the keynote address by Paul F. Smart at 9am, there will be five sessions, each with a choice of five presenters. For more information about the conference, please go to <http://goo.gl/jkJnr> and to see the workshop schedule, go to <http://goo.gl/jkJnr>.

OGS Toronto Meeting – Monday May 28th at 7:30pm

On Monday Gwyneth Pearce will give a presentation entitled: *Legal Research for Family Historians*. While caselaw and legislative documents are staples of traditional legal research, they can also provide valuable leads for family historians. This presentation will point out some of the key free on-line resources for legal research, demonstrate techniques for researching court and tribunal decisions as well as the Canada and Ontario Gazettes, and offer examples of genealogical finds in legal collections. The mini-presentation by Guylaine Petrin will be *The Importance of the Mother's Maiden Name*. Go to www.torontofamilyhistory.org/meetings.html for complete details.

What's New

FindMyPast has added three new collections this week. The first collection has 3.5 million digitized parish records for West Devon and Plymouth, including baptisms, marriages and burials from 1538 to 1911. The second collection is of 8,969 military nurses who were awarded the Royal Red Cross nursing award between 1883 and 1994. The Royal Red Cross was first awarded 'for special exertions in providing for the nursing, or for attending to, sick and wounded soldiers and sailors'. This is an addition to five other military nursing collections published by FindMyPast in November. The third collection contains new transcriptions of Suffolk and Kent parish records – an additional 118,000 Suffolk baptisms 1754-1905, 14,000 Suffolk marriages 1754-1812, and nearly 50,000 burials (1788-1983) for Northfleet, Dartford and Gravesend in Kent.

Ancestry updated the England and Wales National Probate Calendar this week and it now includes the Index of Wills and administrations of more than 12 million people between 1858 and 1966. This collection previously covered only 1861-1941; it is worth checking again. Don't forget that original wills probated between 1858 and 1925 are available to order on film from the FHL catalogue (see last week's Bulletin) for \$8. At <http://goo.gl/iAR0V> Ancestry explains how to order an original will from England that usually costs £6. A new collection for England are some Poll Books and Electoral Registers from 1538-1893. With nearly five million records this collection is far from complete and this morning I had trouble loading at any of the images. Naturalization records from Massachusetts and Maine from 1906-1929 have been added.

FamilySearch has indexed the 1825 census of Lower Canada. The index gives the name of the head of household, number of people in the household and the residence location. The population of Lower Canada was 479,288 in 1825. The collection of parish records for Cheshire, Yorkshire and, mainly, Lancashire has been updated and now includes nearly one million records. Some but not all of these records include the digital image, which can be accessed from home.

The Forum

Re suggestions for Q1/18/2012. Pennsylvania Marriage Records. The researcher sends her thanks to those who gave her such good suggestions to follow-up on.

Questions:

Q1/20/2012. Ukraine to Poland in 1947.

Polish individuals in 1947 were repatriated to Poland and dispersed and Ukrainians living in Poland were sent to Ukraine. This was apparently done to make the two populations more homogeneous. Because of privacy laws, I have been unable to obtain either their names or current addresses. Are there any suggestions on how this information might be unearthed?

Suggestions:

Q1/19/2012. Jewish Polish Records.

Polish records were mentioned in last week's newsletter. I would like to know if there are 19th century synagogue records. I think my gr gr grandfather may have come from Mława. I only know the surname he used in England - Marks - so I mightn't be able to identify him in Polish records in any case, but it would be nice to try.

Sheila Emblem suggests trying to locate the gr gr grandfather in a UK census first. "The JewishGen site (www.jewishgen.org/) does list the town called Mława 65 miles NNW of Warsaw. So if the person had found their relative in England they could search in Mława, Poland. I wonder if there are any shipping records available? They may well have come out of Hamburg." Ancestry.com has passenger lists from Hamburg but most of the ships listed appear to be going to North America, some via Southampton or Liverpool.

After searching the Family History Library Catalog for Mława, one finds three films (702504-6) covering the civil registration of Jewish congregation of births, marriages and deaths for the dates 1823-1865 in Mława, Warsaw, Poland. There are also films available for the church books of the Russian Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Evangelical churches in Mława.

Q2/19/2012. England to Argentina.

My grandmother's first husband - a cousin, Lawrence Nathan Lazarus - went to Argentina from England sometime after WW1. My grandmother (Nancy Lazarus) sailed to join him, but met my grandfather (Harry Richardson) on board the ship and struck up a relationship, which led her to leave her husband. I have found my grandmother and grandfather listed twice on ships' passenger lists (FindMyPast) dated 1922 and 1924, bound for Argentina (I haven't actually viewed the records yet, but assume that one of the entries is an error as I can't imagine why they'd have gone twice), but I haven't found any record of Lawrence Nathan Lazarus on a ship and his time in Argentina is a mystery. I was told by his niece that he was never heard from again by his family, yet I have just been contacted by his grandson, so he evidently formed another relationship, and his second "wife" (he and my grandmother were never divorced, I believe) ended up back in Britain, but apparently she never spoke of him. I'd love to find out more about him. Any ideas?

This researcher should have another look at FindMyPast for the outgoing passenger records and at Ancestry.com for the UK incoming passenger lists for Nancy Lazarus, Harry Richardson and Lawrence Lazarus. Nancy Lazarus must have been quite adventurous – she does indeed go to South America in 1922, returning in March 1923. She leaves again in 1924 on the same ship as Harry and returns to England in September 1924 with Harry, although they each have their distinct return address. (One address is probably of Lionel Lazarus, see below.) Nancy Lazarus also returns to England from Chile in 1920, although her outbound voyage has not yet been found. Lawrence seems to also have crossed the Atlantic several times; the first in 1914 when he lists his occupation as optician. On his return he says he is a clerk. In 1923 he goes to Chile, returning in 1926 as a surveyor working for Lowther & Latta. The researcher does not say where the grandson lives but checks should be made of the telephone directories and voter's registration lists on Ancestry for England. I did not find Lawrence in a quick search. There is another Lawrence Lazarus, born only two years earlier and care should be taken not to mix these two up. One interesting find was that Lawrence's father, Nathan, of Calcutta India, died at sea in 1909 but left a will which was probated to Lionel Lazarus, optician, in London.

Were You Aware ...

1911 England and Wales Census on Ancestry – New Viewer

The 1911 Census on Ancestry has a new look with, according to Ancestry, a cleaner look and interactive features using a *Flash* based experience. New features include yellow and green highlights over the person you are searching for and his or her household. The viewer also offers brief narratives to explain the data in each column (quite useful), deep zoom, and a transcribed name column on the left side of the image. If you do not have *Flash* installed, the look does not

change. If you wish to revert to your default viewer, that is possible by clicking on the Interactive Image link that appears in the top right side of the advanced viewer image.

Films received in the seven days ending on May 24, 2012 and due for return on July 19, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
CHE BE Oberwangen, Record of Members, 1869-1870	0128143
ENG DUR South Shields St Hildas PR Bapt 1653-1812	0091131
ENG DUR South Shields St Hildas PR Marr 1653-1812	0091132
POL PO 6 PRs 1588-1928	2119835
PRU POS Solec PRs 1871-1904	1194508

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.

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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 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Now closed Thursday mornings.

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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