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Announcements

We are closed on Monday, February 18th for Family Day. We are now open again on Tuesdays, 9:30 – 2pm.

What's New

[FamilySearch](#) added nearly one million indexed Ohio County birth records 1841-2003 to that collection, which now has well over three million births. Their indexed Texas birth certificates 1903-1935 now number over two million. One can now search over 21 million US WWI draft registration cards and see the images without charge. (They are also available on Ancestry.)

[ScotlandsPeople](#) has added valuation rolls for every building, structure or property in Scotland in 1905. The rolls have recorded more than 2.4 million names of owners, tenants or occupiers of each property; the named person is usually the head of the household. These rolls recorded every building from tenements to palaces. On the record of each address, you will find the name, whether they owned or rented, the rent paid for the property and the rateable value of the property (in Ontario this would be the Market Value Assessment). As the rolls are in 1905 (1915 Valuation Rolls were put online in 2012), they offer a look at Scotland in between the 1901 and 1911 censuses. ScotlandsPeople is a pay website.

[Library and Archives Canada](#) (LAC) has added a name index to the [1916 Prairie Provinces census](#) and it is now possible to search by information such as name, given name(s) and age for an individual. Previously users could search only by geographical information such as province, district and sub-district. LAC has updated its website and this nominal search is only available on the updated website.

[Hebrides People](#) has added a new database for families connected with the Point area of the Isle of Lewis. Entering a name will show all persons of that name on the database, their date of birth and parish of birth, and you can find access directly to place of birth, parents, date and place of marriage and death, together with a note of where that person appears in the census records from 1841 to 1901. Dates are shown as years so that exact dates and certificates can be accessed from [ScotlandsPeople](#). The database also has family notes (a family history summary) and family sheets (hand-written work-sheets showing male descent lines). HebridesPeople is a pay-per-view website.

The Forum:

Questions :

Q1/04/2013. Australia.

This question is regarding an ancestor of mine from Denmark named Mogens Elmer Guldager Jensen. Aage Thorkild Jensen, born March 6, 1902, in Faxe, Denmark and his wife Dagmar Elisabeth (born Christensen) Jensen had a son named Mogens Elmer Guldager Jensen, born January 29, 1931 in Hjørring, Denmark. Mogens Elmer Guldager Jensen lived in or around the city of Hjørring up until 1957, when he moved to Australia on August 20, 1957. How can I find out where he first arrived in Australia? How can I find out where he lives/lived in Australia? Are there immigration records that I can search? Are there marriage records/death records/ newspaper obituaries available for Australia?

Suggestions:

Q1/02/2013. Malaya. Antique Car Question.

I have always been interested in finding out the make of this car or failing that, some suggestions as to whom I should contact for help in its identification. Based on the apparent ages of my father and aunt shown here with my grandmother I would estimate this photograph to have been taken in 1917 or 1918 in Malaya.

Leslie Dorschell has suggested that the car in question is a **1914 Sunbeam**. She says that several different views of the car can be seen [here](#). There are five photos of this khaki-coloured car, each taken from a different angle. It is very close to the picture of the researcher's, that shows his father and grandmother.

Were You Aware ...

The Person is "too" young

I have just had a look at Michael J Leclerc's latest blog for [Mocavo](#), a specialized genealogical search engine. The blog is entitled "[5 Reasons Why You Can't Find Your Person Online](#)". When I read the first item "*The Person is Too Young*", I realized that I had not helped a couple of patrons who had come into the FHC this week as much as I could have. Each of them was looking for a person who, they hoped, would be still alive. The blog points out that there are many more records over 80 years old than current records online. This has a lot to do with privacy laws but, as the blog points out, there are other records available to find living people. The person searching for her niece in Toronto could look through online newspapers, like the Globe and Mail and the Toronto Star, for birth, marriage and death notices. These can be searched at home using one's library card or at your local library. Telephone directories can also be used; some are available at the Toronto Reference library or the North York Central Library (check what they have before you go). The person searching for her relative in London England could look at the London Electoral Registers 1832-1965, available on Ancestry. Ancestry also has a collection of 1780 British Phone Books, which may provide further leads.

A Few Online Cemetery Records – Some with Pictures

Find-a-Grave, Billion Graves Index, Canadian Headstones, Interment.net, Northern Ontario Gravemarker Gallery, and Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid are just a few. If you have a favourite, let the Bulletin know about them. [Find-a-Grave](#) boasts 93 million burial records worldwide; some have biographical details and pictures. Many of the US state records can be searched on Ancestry. [BillionGraves](#) has pictures and GPS locations of headstones around the globe (but primarily in the US) and is aiming for that "billion graves" number (it currently has less than three million records). BillionGraves is free for the month of February and has partnered with FamilySearch and Ancestry to make searching easier. [Interment.net](#) has transcriptions of cemetery burial records, and I suggest you read the Advanced Search Tips, as they are very helpful in reducing useless results. The [Canadian Headstones](#) project now has 568,000 pictures of headstones across Canada; the vast majority are in Ontario (325,200) and Quebec (139,100). The [Northern Ontario Gravemarker Gallery](#) has, as its name suggests, pictures of gravestones, showing the inscriptions. The search engine works but is not as easy as we have come to expect. The [Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid](#) is part of the [Ontario Vital Statistics Project](#) and is a pointer database consisting of the surnames, cemetery name and location of over 3 million interments across Ontario.

UK County Resources – Staffordshire, next week Leicestershire

This week we have a few suggestions for Staffordshire. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for Staffordshire or Leicestershire, please send it/them to the Bulletin.

[If you have not tracked any English or Welsh ancestors back to the start of civil registration in 1837, you should start by using the civil registration index at [FreeBMD](#) and census information for 1841 to 1911. If you need some help to do this, please come to any Family History Centre where volunteers will be happy to help.]

[Staffordshire BMD](#) has indexes of birth, marriage and death registrations that took place in local Staffordshire records offices after 1837. They currently have 1.3 million births, 800,000 marriages and 600,000 deaths. Many of the marriages before 1912 have the spouse's complete name; many of the births before 1912 have the mother's maiden name; and some of the death records before 1866 include the age at death. This can be very helpful in finding "your" person and to help get the correct certificate. The volunteers at [UKBMD](#), of which Staffordshire BMD is a member, continue to update their BMD indexes with additional information. [West Midlands BMD](#) has 1.4 million birth, 441,000 marriage and 700,000 death registrations that took place in the West Midlands registration offices. (West Midlands was not a county in the 1800s but you may find your Staffordshire relatives here.)

[Staffordshire Monumental Inscriptions](#) has very good coverage, especially the northern parts of the county. The Toronto FHC has a CD with 141,000 Monumental Inscriptions as part of its Staffordshire collection. The National Burial Index 3 has indexed 800,000 Staffordshire burials.

Church photographs or postcards of Staffordshire churches are available [here](#).

The [IGI](#) (International Genealogical Index at FamilySearch.org) has reasonable coverage of baptisms and marriages for Staffordshire and they can be searched by parish [here](#). Ancestry has a small collection of 400,000 extracted parish records for Staffordshire.

Films received in the week ending January 31, 2013 and due for return by March 28, 2013.

Film Content	Film No
ENG NFK Oxborough, Cockley Cley, Hellesdon PRs	2262496

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 FamilySearch 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 am to 2 pm

Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm and 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Saturday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed Family Day, February 18th.

For a copy of a searchable listing of all 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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