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**Announcements**

On Monday we will resume more regular hours – please check our schedule below. Please call before you come even if you have a reservation.

**Fourth Annual One World One Family Conference – August 24<sup>th</sup> in Brampton**

Put August 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar today for the fourth One World One Family Conference. It is again an enormous bargain – the early bird registration is a mere \$15 for the entire day (Early Bird Registration) and a boxed lunch! Many of you will recognize the speakers; they include James Thomson, John Reid, Nualla Farrell-Griffin, Dorothy Kew, Grace Chan, and Shirley Ann Pyefinch, to name a few. More details can be gleaned from the [website](#) but the program has yet to be finalized.

**What's New**

**FindMyPast.com** has added a large collection of newspapers from the United States and beyond - nearly 120 million pages from newspapers in 6.53 million issues of newspapers published in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Panama, and the Virgin Islands. Titles include a variety of local papers, as well as national publications, including the New York Times and the Washington Post. Global historical newspapers from China, Denmark, France, Germany, Jamaica, and South Africa are also searchable within the collection. They also have added 8.7 million service records of personnel who served with the US army from 1938-1946. These collections are not available at FHCs.

**Ancestry** has updated their collection of British Army World War One Service Records 1914-1920, also known as the WO363 records and the Burnt Documents. It now contains more than 1.9 million records and complements their WWI Pension Record (WO364) and Medal Index Roll collections. They have added an indexed book, *The Scots in the USA and Canada* (1825-1875), written by David Dobson. It records details about Scottish immigrants who came to the U.S. and Canada during the middle part of the 19th century. Dobson extracted the information primarily from newspaper accounts, as well as archival documents such as passenger records; between 1835 and 1838 over 60,000 emigrants left Scotland bound for North America; from 1840 to 1853 nearly 30,000 emigrated there; and in 1881 alone 38,000 left for the USA and 3,000 left for Canada, mostly via Greenock.

**FamilySearch** – US WWI Draft Registration Cards database currently has over 23 million records with their associated images, available here. More browsable images have been added to the Quebec Notarial Records 1800-1900; it now has over 3.6 million images. They have added two WWI collections of soldiers records which can be browsed by last name in groups at Family History Centres. They are WO363, the Burnt Documents, and WO364, the Pension Claim Records.

**The Forum:**

**Questions:**

**Q1/2013/12. UK & US**

I am hoping someone will be able to find a Philip H MORRIS in a census record for me. The background is this: My gr grandfather, Frank Lazarus, left Plymouth, England, and by 1862 was, according to the city directory, living at 114 State Street, Hartford, Connecticut, with a Philip Morris. From 1864 to 1871 Philip H. Morris is listed at the same address as Frank. Frank Lazarus was a spectacle maker and had a business, Lazarus & Morris, presumably (but not necessarily) with Philip Morris. By 1874 both Frank and the business appear to have moved to New York, to Cortlandt. (He had married in 1864 and had several children by this time.)

I want to know who Philip H Morris is. I think he may be Pincas MORRIS, born in Plymouth in 1844, but I can find no proof. My reasoning is thus: I think Pincas Morris was probably a son of Henry and Brina MORRIS of Plymouth; his birth would fit with their other children, Philip would be a likely alternative English name for Pincas to use, and the initial H following his

first name is also used by Henry's son George (I think, in effect, "son of Henry"). Furthermore, among several Plymouth Jews who were in Hartford at the same time as Frank were Henry and Brina's sons, George H., Judah and Jacob, also all in the optical business. And Philip was twice president of the Hebrew Literary and Social Union, so Jewish.

Because I want to write up something on this conclave of Plymouth Jewish opticians, I want to settle Philip's origins. The problem is that I can't find either him or Pincas in any census anywhere. It's like he slipped on a cloak of invisibility every time a census taker appeared. I would be most grateful if someone could find him in some document that gives his year and place of birth.

## Were You Aware

### A Research Project about Convicts Transported to Tasmania, Australia

[Founders & Survivors](#) is a partnership between historians, genealogists, demographers and population health researchers. It seeks to record and study the founding population of 73,000 men women and children who were transported to Tasmania. Many survived their convict experience and went on to help build a new society. By examining birth, death and marriage records and other historical sources, the project will produce the means of analyzing the health and welfare of Australians over the past 200 years and it will study the effect that punishment, nutrition and other environmental circumstances had on life expectancy for convicts and their children.

By linking information about transported convicts to birth, death and marriage records for 19th century Tasmania, the project can create one of the richest pre-20th century sources of information for a population that can be followed from cradle to grave.

I thought that I would check out my 4g grandfather, Aaron Chevell, who was transported for stealing in the Littleport riots of 1817. I found a record that I had not seen before and I was distressed. He was not the man I had hoped he was. I had thought that his criminal activity had been precipitated by a going-along-with-the-gang mentality abetted by booze. Perhaps it was worse than that. On April 19, 1822 he neglected to attend Muster! On June 29, 1822 he was convicted of stealing 11 sheep within the last three months and was sent to Macquarrie Harbor for the remainder of his sentence. On May 22, 1827 he did not attend the muster at the church. In 1836 he was drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to six days solitary confinement. Despite all this he was given a conditional pardon on December 16, 1838 and he died in Tasmania in 1857. His poor wife and children were left in Littleport, barely able to make ends meet.

Please be aware that the *Founders and Survivors* website does not work in Internet Explorer and I have used Google Chrome to access the records.

## Canada WWI Records

The [Genealogy Canada](#) blog alerts readers that Ancestry.ca will be offering FREE access to their collection of First World War historical records between April 9th and 12<sup>th</sup>, recognizing Canada's part in the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

## UK County Resources – Durham, next week Westmorland

This week we have a few suggestions for Durham. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for Durham or Westmorland, 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.]

[Durham Records Online](#) has nearly four million transcriptions of records, including extracts from many parish registers including some Northumberland and Yorkshire parishes that border County Durham and all marriages in Church of England churches from 1813 to 1837. Searching is free but downloading the transcriptions is not terribly expensive.

An 1806 map of Durham is available [here](#); an 1840 map can be found [here](#); and a map of railways and waggonways (sic) can be found [here](#).

Durham University has put online a database of [pre-1858 probate](#) records (wills and related documents) from Northumberland and County Durham. When a search is done, you will get a brief description of the records available (date, name, place of residence, the records available). The list of records for Jane or Jahne Smith in 1677 includes a will, an inventory and a bond. The probate document reference is given and from that you will be able to order a copy of the record. The cost is variable.

FamilySearch.org has two browsable record collections for Durham: Marriage Bonds and Allegations 1692-1900 and the Calendar of Marriage Bonds and Allegations 1594-1815. FindMyPast has two small collections of Durham Baptisms.

**Films received in the week ending April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and due for return May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.**

Film Content	Film No
DEU WPRU Berlin und Brandenburg Kirchenbauch Taufen 1852-1868	0208135
DEU WPRU Berlin und Brandenburg Kirchenbauch Tote 1866-1887	0208139
DEU WPRU Bischofswerder Tauf-index 1800-1885	0208011
DEU WPRU Riesenburg Church books Taufen 1835-1905 Land	0208297
DEU WPRU Rosenberg Church books Taufen 1788-1855	0208258
ENG BKM Chalfont-St. Peter BT 1724-1830	1999160
ENG BKM Farnham-Royal BT 1801-1841	1999201
ENG GLS Bristol BT 1819-1844	1596296
POL LU Janow Lubelski Akta małżeństw, zgonów 1654-1825	0957128
POL LU Janow Lubelski Akta urodzeń 1757-1820	0957127
PRU WPRU Groß Bellschwitz PRs 1750-1900	0208132
USA MA Suffolk Deeds Index-Grantee Ca-Gy v. 3-6, 1639-1799	0580662
USA MA Suffolk Deeds Index-Grantor Ea-Gy v. 8-9, 1639-1799	0579924
USA Various family histories	1035540
Various books in Chinese	1609620

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.

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 Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 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.

**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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