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Announcements

Please check our scheduled hours below. Please call before you come even if you have a reservation.

OGS Toronto Monthly Meeting – Monday April 22nd at 7:30pm, Burgundy Room

A Brickwall Chisel - The Cluster Research Project

Ruth Blair will be presenting this lecture which will describe how to organize and start a cluster research project to help you breakdown a brickwall in your family history. A cluster project may help when you want to distinguish between two people with the same name and age or if you cannot find someone you know should be in a particular parish. The mini-presentation will be *My DNA - the Genealogical Gift that Keeps on Giving*, given by Elayne Lockhart. For more information, click [here](#).

OGS Toronto Spring Course - *Using Ancestry.ca Effectively: Records and Family Trees*

Mondays: 6 and 13 May, 2013, 6:30-8:30 pm

This two-session course will investigate the extensive records found online at Ancestry and we will learn how to use that information to construct family trees. The course is designed for people starting to investigate the resources at Ancestry.ca. For more details, click [here](#).

What's New

FindMyPast.co.uk has added 600,000 more Kent records. These new records have been provided by the Kent Family History Society and are transcriptions. There are now nearly half a million baptisms, more than 170,000 marriages and over 350,000 burials available. To see if a parish and date of interest is included, click [here](#).

FamilySearch has revamped their website again. The new enhancements will allow visitors to “collaboratively build their family tree online, preserve and share precious family photos and stories, and receive personal research assistance - all without charge”. The new look for the old search for records or the catalogue can be found at [FamilySearch Search](#). You can also get there from the main page by choosing **Family Records**, and then clicking **Start Searching**. [The new world map seems to blank north of France. This seems odd – I know that the United Kingdom and Ireland are small but ...] The complete news release can be read [here](#). One must register to use the family tree/photos/stories function; one can use the same user name and password as you use to order films. FamilySearch has added a number of new collections of records to search. There are indexes with no images of over eight million Spanish baptisms and over two million Spanish marriages. A number of browsable record collections for Italy, Germany/Prussia and Spain have been updated.

DeceasedOnline has added records for two more cemeteries in the south Greater Manchester area, under the jurisdiction of Trafford Council, to their website. Hale (aka Altrincham) Cemetery has recorded 24,706 burials from December 1894 to October 1999 and Stretford Cemetery has 36,294 burials recorded from February 1885 to November 1999. Records for the remaining three cemeteries, Dunham Lawn Cemetery, Sale Cemetery and Urmston Cemetery, plus Altrincham Crematorium, will be added over the next few weeks.

Ancestry added a couple of small London England collections of records this week. The Selected Poor Law Removal and Settlement Records 1828-1930 collection contains over 200,000 records and the Overseer Returns 1863-1894 collection contains nearly 300,000 records. The overseers' returns of electors collection lists people who have claimed the right to vote in a parish, often based on property ownership. Ancestry has also added or updated a number of US Civil War record collections.

Singapore and Malaya Newspapers – Chris Paton's British Genes blog of April 12th mentioned that the National Library of Singapore has a digital archive of newspapers from 1831 to 2009 that can be searched online [here](#). The site can be searched in English, Chinese or Malay. The newspapers include the British Straits Settlements on the Malay Peninsula.

Remembering the reader who sent in the picture of his young father in a rather magnificent car in Malaya about 1918, I thought that that reader and perhaps some others might be interested in having a look at these newspapers.

The Forum:

Questions: No new questions or suggestions this week.

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Cumberland, next week Northumberland

This week we have a very few suggestions for Cumberland. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for Cumberland or Northumberland, 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.]

The changes to county boundaries in 1974 meant that Cumberland no longer exists. I have found very few resources online for Cumberland.

There are 12 historical directories for Cumberland available [here](#) from the University of Leicester Historical Directories project.

The Toronto Family History Centre has four films of probate index records covering the period 1564 to 1858 for the Consistory Court of Carlisle and a CD of wills proved at the Carlisle Consistory Court between 1727 and 1778.

No new films were received in the week ending April 18th, 2013.

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

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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