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Digging For Gold in the Toronto's Libraries and Archives

OGS Toronto & Canadiana Department Workshop – Saturday, May 4th 10am to 4:30pm

This is a reminder that this upcoming workshop will give you great reasons to visit Toronto's wonderful cluster of archives and libraries in person. There will be presentations about the Archives Association of Ontario, the University of Toronto libraries, Catholic Archives, Loretto Abbey Archives and other private institutions, the Canadian Department, the Toronto Family History Centre (that's us!), the Archives of Ontario, Toronto's Map Collections (various archives/libraries), and the City of Toronto Archives.

Genealogy Summer Camp 2013 – Toronto Branch OGS

June 16th to 21st

Genealogy "Summer Camp" is a unique program that brings out-of-town family historians to Toronto for an intensive week of tutorials and hands-on research, with the guidance of local experts, at the many archives and reference libraries in Toronto. The groups are kept small to allow lots of help from local experts. The Summer Camp fee for 2013 is \$240 (Cdn), which covers approximately 7 hours of lectures and tutorials, 25 hours of hands-on instruction and all worksheets and handouts. For details, go to [Genealogy Summer Camp](#).

What's New

FindMyPast.co.uk has added a collection of WWI records called the Swansea Pals records. These are records of the 1,200 initial recruits of the Swansea Pals, a local battalion officially known as the 14th (Service) Battalion, The Welsh Regiment. The Mayor of Swansea recruited these men at the start of the First World War in response to Lord Kitchener's appeal for volunteers.

FamilySearch has updated its browsable image collections for Northumberland, Italy, and Austria. It also added new images to the UK WWI Service Records but these can only be looked at in Family History Centres. It added a browse-only collection of Tasmanian Civil Registration records: within minutes I was able to find the index entry and death registration, as well as the burial register, of my convict 4g-grandfather who died there in 1857.

Ancestry updated its collection of Swedish Church Records 1500-1941; this database now contains over twenty million records, and the related index of birth records 1880-1920 may help you locate ancestors in that date range. Ancestry has updated its 1911 census records for England, Wales, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands to include the infirmity column, which has previously been redacted.

Irish Family History Foundation has added another 50,000 Gravestone Inscription records for the counties Tyrone and Fermanagh. They now have records for nearly 270 cemeteries – practically all those available for these counties. These records cover cemeteries of all religious denominations, as well as those of municipal authorities. New users can acquire 100 free Search Page results. With these free searches you can search the indexes of birth, baptism, marriage, death, gravestone inscription, census and shipping manifest records, but you will need to purchase credits to view the full available details of a particular record. This website has nearly 20 million Irish records online now.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/15/2013. UK.

I'm wondering if you have any Hertfordshire information - marriages, deaths, births for the 1700s and back. Might you have this already on CD? or something else? Or should I order it online from the Family History Library? Here are the names of the ones I'm looking for: Sarah Woodland was born November 1751 - her baptism was 17/11/1751. Her parents were James Woodland and Katherine ??? I have no birth date for Katherine, but her burial date is 26/11/1751 - an indication that she died from complications from childbirth. I am looking for either a marriage record for this couple or a birth record for Katherine. The family comes from Brent-Pelham, Hertfordshire.

News From the Trenches

Singapore and Malaya Newspapers

The reader who sent us the picture of his young father in a magnificent car in Malaya did have some luck with this website after it was mentioned in last week's Bulletin. He found the birth announcement for his father in *The Singapore Free Press and Mercantile Advertiser* (1884-1942), 9 May 1916: "At Krian Estate, Nebong Tebal, on the 5th inst. to Mr & Mrs K.M. McLeod, a son". Another in *The Straits Times* in 1930 reports the retirement of his grandfather: "The staffs of Jawi Krian, Kampong Lima and Dorset estates met on Jawi estate to bid farewell to Mr and Mrs K M McLeod. Mr McLeod is the manager of four [rubber] estates and is retiring after over 20 years' service. Mr and Mrs McLeod leave for Home [sic] on Saturday by the Suwa Maru." Our correspondent writes: "'Home" in Grandpa's case was Guernsey because it was a tax-free haven. The Channel Islands attracted lots of "colonials" of his ilk." There are also reports of passengers leaving the colony, and the McLeods are mentioned in these.

Do other readers have any nuggets like this to contribute?

Were You Aware

Lancashire Catholic Records Online

The Catholic Family History Society has posted a blog about Roman Catholic parish records that have been put online by the [Lancashire Online Parish Clerks](#) project. A number of these records complement our recently-acquired CDs containing Catholic parish records for three churches in Manchester. The blog lists the churches and dates of the parish records available online; for the blog, click [here](#).

Regina and Neepawa Cemeteries

The New England Historic Genealogical Society eNews this week mentioned a couple of Canadian cemeteries with online databases: [Regina Cemetery](#) and [Neepawa Manitoba Cemetery](#).

UK County Resources – Cumberland, Northumberland

This week we have some more 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.]

Mary Ann Tate sent some websites for the Cumberland area this week. She says: "My husband's family originated in the Cumberland area....Kirkandrews and Longtown. The resources for Cumberland are very few and far between unfortunately." Some of these websites are also useful for Northumberland.

Here are the sites she sent the Bulletin:

19th Century Longtown - <http://longtown19.magix.net/#19th%20Century%20Longtown>

Borders Family History Society - <http://www.bordersfhs.org.uk/Index.asp>

Cumberland & Westmoreland Newspapers - <http://www.cultrans.com/>

Cumberland Document Transcriptions - <https://sites.google.com/a/cumberland-document.com/cumberland-document-transcriptions/home>

Cumbria BMD - <http://www.cumbriabmd.org.uk/>

Cumbrian Family History Society - <http://cumbriafhs.com/cgi-bin/site/main.pl>

Dumfries and Galloway Family History Society - <http://www.dgfh.org.uk/>

The Border Reivers - <http://www.nwlink.com/~scotlass/border.htm#BORDER%20NAMES>

Further Pictures of Longtown - <http://home.clara.net/jnoblaylock/blayclocks/misc/Longtown2.html>

Jollies Guide to Cumbria - http://www.stevebulman.f9.co.uk/cumbria/jollieguide_f.html

Longtown in the 1760's - <http://home.clara.net/jnoblaylock/blayclocks/misc/longtown.html>

Longtown Today - <http://www.visitcumbria.com/car/longtown/>

Old Cumbria Maps -
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genmaps/genfiles/COU_Pages/ENG_pages/cul.htm

The Border Reivers..More Maps and History - <http://robertpotts.co.uk/familyhistory/borderreivers.htm>

The Border Reivers Website - http://www.borderreivers.co.uk/Index/master_index%20with%20books.htm

The Reiver Trail - <http://www.thereivertrail.com/index.php>

Ordnance Maps - <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/mapsheet.aspx?compid=55112&sheetid=2021&ox=2577&oy=1945&zm=1&czm=1&x=321&y=205>

Northumberland – The Toronto FHC has very few resources for Northumberland in its library. A few films for particular parshes and a film of genealogy and biographical collections relating to families in Northumberland are just about it.

FamilySearch.org/search has recently uploaded a large collection of miscellaneous Northumberland records. There are currently 250,000 images including Parish Registers, Electoral Registers, Nonconformist Records, and Parish Chest. The records are from towns and parishes throughout Northumberland and will be updated as records become available. The records are from the Northumberland Archives Service. **FindMyPast** has a large number of transcribed parish records (750,000 baptisms, 750,000 marriages and 600,000 burials) for Northumberland and Durham. If you are lucky, you will be able to find the transcription of the record you are interested in and then go the FamilySearch to download the image.

The North Tyneside Council has a [marriage index](#) for civil registration from 1837 to the present which identifies the spouse, as well. The South Tyneside Council has birth, marriage and death indexes online [here](#) but they are far from complete; so check the areas and dates covered before you search. A little more information can be garnered from the Genuki [Northumberland](#) website.

New films received in the week ending April 24th, 2013 and due for return June 13th.

Film Content	Film No
British West Indies Miscellaneous	1162485
PRU WPRU Riesenbunq Marr 1676-1722 Stadt Marr 1790-1896 Land	0208303

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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