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We are no longer open on Saturday mornings. We will be closed for Victoria Day, May 20th.

At the bottom of each newsletter, there are several new links. These links allow users to download our List of All Resources or to go to various parts of the Family Search website. With the new FamilySearch design, you may find the links quicker to use.

Upcoming Conferences

[OGS Annual Conference 2013](#) – Pulling Up Stakes; Putting Down Roots

May 31st to June 2nd in Oshawa

This is a large three-day conference with in-depth workshops on Friday and shorter lectures on Saturday and Sunday. There is an excellent choice of five or six lectures at each time slot with many well-known lecturers. One can register for one, two or three days and there is a discount for couples. There are several lectures on Eastern European research.

[Eastern European Genealogical Society Seminar](#) on June 1st in Winnipeg

Research in the Former Russian Empire and FHL Resources - 8:30am to 8:30pm

Eastern European expert, Kahlile Mehr, from Utah will be the presenter at this seminar.

[One World One Family conference](#) August 24, 2013 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Brampton

This is the fourth annual One World One Family conference and the program looks even more interesting this year. Register before May 31st for the Early Bird discount - \$15 for the whole day including the lunch!

[BIFHSGO Conference](#) – Celebrate Your Anglo-Celtic Roots: Featuring Ireland (But Something for Everyone)

September 20th to 22nd in Ottawa

This 19th annual British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa Conference is a three-day event with in-depth seminars on Friday and 1¼ hour long presentations on Saturday and Sunday.

Genealogy “Summer Camp” - June 16-21 in Toronto

Details as to program, accommodation and application can be found [here](#), and questions should be directed to Jane MacNamara at info@torontofamilyhistory.org. **Space is limited and applications should be received as soon as possible.**

Online registration is available for all these conferences and workshops.

What's New

I have found very little has been added to major online databases this week.

FamilySearch has added to its indexed New York County marriages 1908-1935 and naturalization records 1791-1908, and Brazil immigration cards 1900-1965. The new Michigan death certificates 1921-1952 database has over 1.6 million records, indexed with images. The Philadelphia Passenger List Index Cards 1883-1948 was updated and now includes over one million records.

DeceasedOnline has added more records to its Trafford Council burial and cremation data. There are now over 200,000 records available – 84,000 for Altrincham crematorium (1959-2013) and 120,000 for the five cemeteries: Dunham Lawn

(4,341 burials 1963-1996), Hale (24,706 burials 1894-1999), Sale or Sale Brooklands (38,586 burials 1862-1999), Stretford (36,294 burials 1885-1999), and Urmston (13,822 burials 1892-1999).

The **National Archives UK** has added [Naturalisation case papers](#) 1801-1871. This collection can be searched by name and the records downloaded at cost of £3.36. The records include: all 7,000 naturalisation applications to the Secretary of State 1844-1871, some naturalisations by private Act of Parliament 1801-1868 and some letters applying for denization 1801-1840. (Denization entitled people to certain rights, but not the full rights of a British citizen.) Before the 1844 Naturalization Act, naturalization was an expensive procedure which few people could afford.

National Archives of Ireland has put the Calendars of Wills and Administrations 1858-1920 [online](#). These Calendars give the name, address, occupation and financial effects, death date, date and place of probate, and the names and addresses of executors. For Probate Calendars after 1922, Chris Paton has created a wonderful set of links to the Calendars in PDF format from 1923 to 1982 on his British GENES blog [here](#). The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) has Will Calendars [online](#) from 1858-1918 and 1922-1943. Part of 1921 is also available with the remaining 1919-1921 Calendars coming soon. Even better is that digitised images of entries from the copy will books covering the period 1858-1900 are now available online, allowing users to view the full content of a will. 93,388 will images are now available to view FREE!

The Forum:

Questions:

No new questions this week.

Suggestions:

Q1/16/2013. A Death in Suez.

I found a death for Nathan Lazarus in the Malaysian and Singapore online newspapers. It occurred on board ship, the P.& O. Malwa, on April 24, 1909 at Suez. What would have been done with the body? What was the practice at that time and where I might find a record? The ship, the P&O Malwa, was headed for England, I assume.

Nathan Lazarus was a British subject and the marine deaths of British subjects were registered in the GRO Death Indices. FindMyPast has these indexes between 1837 and 1965. A search for a Lazarus death in 1909 found this entry in the GRO Marine Death indexes: N Lazarus, age 60, vessel Malwa and page 85. A death certificate for Nathan Lazarus can be ordered from the GRO [here](#). There is a special section for overseas births, marriages and deaths. How would the body have been disposed of? Perhaps a reader has a suggestion.

The Australian newspaper archive, [Trove](#), has a couple of articles about this trip of the P&O Malwa. The voyage Nathan was on was its maiden return to England, and the Malwa left Adelaide on April 1st, 1909. "The total on board when the steamer left was 470, of whom 57 joined at the Outer Harbour. Included in the South Australian cargo were 1,332 cases of apples for London."

News From the Trenches

A Surprise on FreeBMD

Linda Reid writes: "An Australian third cousin agreed to take the Family Finder test on Family Tree DNA. Happily it confirmed that we are indeed related so my great-grandmother and his great-grandfather would be siblings as the paper trail in Ireland indicates. He isn't a genealogist so I offered to load data from my genealogy database program to the Family Tree DNA site so that the display of his "matches" would include his pedigree chart. Naturally the resultant pedigree was very one-sided. He gave me some names of ancestors on the unrelated side of his family and I tried to fill out the information.

"In looking for a marriage for his ancestor Alfred Geden Venner who was born in Dover, England and married Ellen Ellis, I found a Free BMD entry in the 4th quarter of 1871 for Arthur G. Venner in Thanet. There was a "postem" on the entry, the image of an envelope. When I clicked on that, I got:

Alfred Geden, Railway Porter, son of Barton, a painter, marr Ellen ELLIS, a servant of Margate, & dau of Daniel Spillets, a coachman, at the Wesleyan Meth Ch, Margate.
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'It looks as if a keen genealogist has transcribed some of the certificate information (but not the date of the ceremony!) Perhaps I've found a Kiwi cousin for my Aussie reliee."

Please let the Bulletin know of your successes or items which you have found that others may find interesting.

Were You Aware...

British Overseas Birth, Marriage and Death Indexes

In the suggestions for this week's question, reference was made to the GRO Marine Death index. This is only one of the 53 GRO indexes to BMDs registered overseas that are searchable at **FindMyPast** (free at FHCs). With the index entry one can order the certificate from the GRO. There are indexes to Army births and deaths between 1796 and 1965/55. [I have found births in Canada of British army personnel in the early 1800s for which birth certificates were ordered.] There are Consular births, marriages and deaths between 1849 and 1965 and High Commission deaths up to 1965. Another collection of indexes is those for the Ionian Islands. These have births, marriages and deaths in chaplain returns, civil registration and military records. The Marine Births and Deaths index is complete from 1837 to 1965. The War Deaths indexes cover the periods 1914 to 1921 and 1939 to 1948. There are a few more smaller indexes. If you have someone you cannot find in the regular birth, marriage and death indexes, it may be worthwhile checking these. The parents of my step-mother-in-law were married in Tehran and their marriage certificate was very interesting. It led to finding out that her father had been born in Germany of British parents and her mother was born in Persia of German or Belgian parents.

Go to a Conference and Meet Fellow Genealogists



On Saturday Gwen Armstrong made a presentation on the resources available at the Toronto Family History Centre to people at the OGS Toronto "Digging for Gold in Toronto's Libraries & Archives" workshop. I was there as a participant and found the four sessions I attended very interesting and useful. It reminded me how helpful it is to get out and meet other like-minded genealogists. If you are greeted by bored stares when describing your latest find to a friend, family member or spouse, it is great to find other people who get excited by finding a "lost" relative. It gives you renewed energy to look for new sources of family information when you next turn your attention to family history. The workshop also reinforced that **NOT ALL RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND ONLINE!**

I urge all of you to look for conferences, workshops or evening presentations in your area and attend them. You will feel invigorated afterwards - ready for another year of research. I have attended the Annual OGS Conference and the BIFHSGO conferences in the past and came away with many new ideas. Please check out those conferences listed above in Announcements.

New films received in the week ending May 9th, 2013 and due for return June 27th.

Film Content	Film No
CAN ON Sarnia Our Lady Mercy PR 1856-1901	1310856
CAN ON Sarnia Our Lady Mercy PR 1856-1910	1311921
CAN ON Sarnia Our Lady of Mercy PR 1882-1901 (v. 4)	1310857
Descendants of Abraham Musick and Sarah Lewis	1440738
USA MA Suffolk, Deeds v. 105-106 1765	0494600
USA MA Suffolk, Deeds v. 26-27 1711-1713	0493940
USA MA Suffolk, Deeds v. 33-34 1718-1720	0493943

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. 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

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, click [here](#).

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