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Announcements

We are delighted to announce that the Toronto Family History Centre has new directors – Don and Roberta Harris. Don and Roberta have been researching their family history for years and will bring a great deal of enthusiasm for their new jobs. Don and Roberta have travelled extensively and also worked in many countries for the charities: "*Sleeping Children Around the World*" and "*Rising Star Outreach*".

On the other hand, we are extremely sad to say goodbye to Gwen Armstrong and wish her well in her new ventures.

OGS Toronto Monthly Meeting – Monday, May 27th at 7:15pm

Inheritance in Ontario: Estate Files and Beyond by Jane MacNamara

Ontario researchers looking for records of inheritance usually stop once they've found the estate file. True, it is the richest single source, but the court register, minutes, and other documents that track the estate's progress through the court can add valuable family history clues and help tell the whole story. The presentation will review how to find an estate file and how it can lead to other sources both inside and outside the court system.

Mini-presentation: Jean McNulty: A Photographic Puzzle

The 2013 Toronto History Lecture – Call for Proposals

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is seeking proposals for the 2013 Toronto History Lecture, which will take place on Wednesday 7 August at the City of Toronto Archives. They are looking for an interesting, innovative and well-presented lecture on any aspect of Toronto's history. Submissions are requested by 15 June. For further details, please go to <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/torontohistorylecture.html>.

What's New

FindMyPast.com is offering **FREE** Military Records this Memorial Day Weekend May 24-27. FindMyPast.com has more than 34 million U.S. and International military records. They are offering free access to their military records and collection of veteran's gravesites for this coming weekend. This should include all the UK and Australian military records that they have. Anyone can access the records by registering for free at findmypast.com.

Ancestry has added new military US records in time for the Memorial Day weekend. They include New York State National Guard Enlistment Cards 1923-1947, New York State Military Service Cards 1816-1979, New York State Veterans Questionnaires 1861-1991, and Alien Draft Registrations 1940-1946 for selected states. Other military databases have been updated: US Burial Registers for Military Posts and National Cemeteries and New York State Military Service Cards 1816-1979.

DeceasedOnline has added the burial records for Peterborough Cathedral, the Cathedral Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Andrew. There are nearly 1,250 burial records available; while most date back to 1575, earlier interments for the cathedral abbots date back to the early 12th Century. Burial registers are included for most of these and there are also some photographs of monuments and plaques available. DeceasedOnline has added 55,000 burial registers for Brompton Cemetery in West London that were added today. Brompton Cemetery is a 39-acre (16 hectare) site that lies between Old Brompton and Fulham Roads in South West London, on the western border of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. There are over 200,000 burials in this cemetery; more burials will be added over the next few weeks.

The Forum:

Questions: No new questions this week. Please send the Bulletin your problems.

Suggestions:

Q1/15/2013. UK. Hertfordshire.

I'm wondering if you have any Hertfordshire information - marriages, deaths, births for the 1700s and back. 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 ? The family comes from Brent-Pelham, Hertfordshire.

Christine in Hertfordshire had some further suggestions for this question: "I couldn't spot anything about the right name combinations on this link, myself, but someone with a purpose might do so:

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/leisculture/heritage1/hals/indexes/> . I was actually looking at this specific section: https://www.hertsdirect.org/ufs/ufsmain?formid=HALS_INDEXES . Or they might simply find something else about the people in question. I'm not sure how flexible it is about name variants, either, or likely spelling/transcription errors. "James" can look like "Thomas" or "Samuel" in old script, for example, and there are individual letters and letter combinations in the surname which could give rise to transcription errors with a difficult handwriting to be read."

Q1/18/2013. Republic of Ireland Probate Calendar.

In last week's Bulletin, I found interesting links for finding wills in Ireland. Following one of them, for will and probate calendars for the Republic of Ireland between 1923 and 1982 on Chris Paton's blog available [here](#), and I found a person of interest. Ellen Cronin died on September 11 1959 but probate was not registered until 1965. This is the complete entry:

Ellen Cronin Churchtown Beaufort, Co. Kerry; Died 11 Sep 1959 P (not I)
Grant and date of application 9 Aug 1965; Date of grant Aug 11
Grantee John Foley fp or pp handwritten; Assets £126
No & register: Cork - No number following

I would like to get the will, if there is one. Can anyone advise me how to get it?

Thanks to James Thomson, Nuala Farrell-Griffin, Linda Reid, Ann Behan and Joe Mounsey for their contributions to these suggestions. Joe suggests that the researcher read the information provided by the National Archives of Ireland (NAI) [here](#). Nuala says that Chris Paton also supplied link to the NAI website and they have a form to fill out for ordering copies of the Wills etc. One can get the form here: [Order form](#). All agreed that obtaining a copy of the will is expensive - €15. Linda Reid adds: "I would want the grant as well as the will but an additional €15 is very steep!"

James Thomson writes: "A digital copy of The Calendar of grants of probate of wills and letters of administration made in the Probate Office and its district registries, 1965 (National Archives of Ireland Reference Code CS/HC/PO/4/118) is on the National Archives of Ireland (NAI) website (www.nationalarchives.ie), and Chris Paton (through the link noted above) very helpfully provides simplified access to it. As the relevant entry seems to indicate that the grant was obtained through the Cork district registry, perhaps it may be useful to contact that registry, as well as making an e-mail enquiry of the NAI, for any interpretation and suggestions which they may be able to provide. I haven't ever contacted that office, but on the website <http://www.courts.ie> the e-mail address <CorkCC@Courts.ie> is given."

News From the Trenches

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

Were You Aware...

Maps of Bristol

Fred Ewins writes: "One of the best resources I have found for Bristol, England is a site with maps where you can change the year and see how the area looked then. It has been very valuable in helping me find streets that no longer exist or have changed. Here is the URL: <http://maps.bristol.gov.uk/knowyourplace>." Maps are incredibly useful in helping understand the areas our ancestors lived in.

FamilySearch - Behind the Scenes of Image Capturing

From last week's indexing update newsletter from FamilySearch:

"Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes of indexing and image capturing? There are more than 1.5 million images captured each week. Who makes this possible? Records preservation missionaries, contractors, FamilySearch employees, archive employees, and many volunteers are responsible for capturing millions of images each year. These historical records are captured so that they may be indexed, preserved, and published on FamilySearch.org.

"There are about 222 cameras located all over the world; 92 cameras in the Western Hemisphere, and 130 in the Eastern Hemisphere. These industrial cameras can each take millions of images ranging from 16 to 50 megapixels. Computer software is used to calibrate the camera, capture the image, manage the project, and capture metadata or information about the records. Clamps and foam wedges are used to keep the book level and the image in focus. All images are saved on an external hard drive at the end of each week, placed in a protective case, and sent to Salt Lake City, Utah. Once the hard drive arrives in Salt Lake, it is sent through an auditing process where rejected images are sent back for rework and

approved images are processed and published. Once these images are captured, they need to be indexed to be searchable on FamilySearch.org. Volunteer to index these images today!" Go to [VOLUNTEER](#) to help.

Connecticut Cemeteries

The Godfrey Memorial Library is one of the subscription websites that is available at no charge at Family History Centres. Their database now contains listings from 770 Connecticut cemeteries and includes a photograph of every tombstone, information from every tombstone, and information from missing tombstones. The database is name searchable. Volunteers add to this database weekly and hope to have completed one third of all Connecticut cemeteries by the end of the year.

Films received in the week ending May 23rd and due for return July 11th.

Film Content	Film No
ENG OXF Ardley, Ambroseden, etc PRs	0095203
PRU WPRU Riesenkirch BMD&C 1822-1899	0208270

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.

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(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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