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Announcements

TRACING FORWARD - Searching for Relatives in Recent Times

Saturday, October 26th, 9am-5pm at the North York Central Library

Toronto Branch of OGS is organizing an event called *Tracing Forward* to find living relatives and those who may be recently deceased. The Toronto Branch is devoting a full day (six hours) of lectures to this important topic – whether you are just testing the waters or looking for innovative ways to track down elusive cousins, this will be an event you won't want to miss. Click [here](#) for program and registration information.

One World One Family Conference

August 24th, 9am - 4:30pm at 10062 Bramalea Road, Brampton

Just a quick reminder for this upcoming conference. One can still register for \$20 which includes a box lunch [here](#).

What's New

1921 Canadian Census Released

The 1921 Canadian Census has been released on Ancestry but one does not have to subscribe to Ancestry to access it. Just go to [1921 Census](#) and follow the instructions. Canadian residents should be able to access the census directly; others will have to give their name and email address.

This census has not yet been name-indexed and so it will be helpful to know where your ancestors lived. For Toronto one can download a city directory from the [Internet Archive](#) – 1921 Toronto City Directory is [here](#) and the 1922 edition is [here](#). Many other cities have directories online at [Internet Archive](#) – typing “*city name* CITY DIRECTORY” in the search box should find any directories that have been digitized here. They may also include surrounding towns.

Ancestry is working on creating a name index for the census and it should be ready in a few months. To access the census using a name search will require an Ancestry subscription; family history centres and libraries allow Ancestry access without charge.

Ancestry has added four new collections of Saskatchewan records. The largest of these is the Residents Index 1800-2012, which has nearly three million indexed names. The records have been indexed by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society from names found in cemeteries, local history books, Cummins Maps (landowner maps held at the Saskatchewan Archives Board), voter lists, and other books that list Saskatchewan residents. More Jewish records from the WWII era have been added from JewishGen. The London clandestine marriages 1667-1754 database contains nearly 900,000 marriages and a few baptisms. It is surprising how many early marriages were irregular and this is a valuable resource to check if you cannot find a marriage in the early parish registers. This collection includes the “Fleet Street” registers. If you are interested in Idaho & Nevada state records, a few more have been added.

FindMyPast has added 125 million new newspaper articles covering the period 1753-2012 from around the world, with more than four million articles from Canadian newspapers, 1872-2012 and nearly 120 million American newspaper articles, 1753-2012. "Newspapers are a great way to learn more about your ancestors and find the stories that ordinary records don't contain." The newspapers include *The China Herald*, *The Pacific Stars and Stripes*, *The European Stars and Stripes*, *The Jamaica Guardian* and *The Kingston Gleaner*, as well as a few Danish and French newspapers. These newspapers are available on both FindMyPast.co.uk and FindMyPast.com.

FamilySearch has added an index to the New Zealand Immigration Passenger lists 1855-1973; this database contains 3.5 million records with associated images. The tithe applotment books for Ireland 1814-1855 list occupiers of Irish land and the church tithe owed to support the established church (Church of Ireland). These books are arranged by parish for the Republic of Ireland. There are 750,000 records here. There are also some Sussex parish records (half a million) dating between 1538 and 1910.

DeceasedOnline has completed its collection of 30,000 military burial records from the National Archives.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2013/30.

I am writing to ask how do we figure out which one of the many soldiers running around in WWI is our chap? I am working on Alexander Jarvie born October 1897 in Dalziel, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He did join up in Scotland and served in France, where he was gassed. He recovered in France and then in Ireland. I don't have his numbers and I don't even know which kind of military type he was in - Highlanders, Riflers, etc.

Q2/2013/30. UK Birth Registration.

My English born third cousin is puzzled by his late mother's procrastination in getting his birth registered. He was born in December 1948 but his birth was not registered until October 1950. Adding to the confusion is the fact that his date of birth is shown on the certificate as December 1949 when there is prima face evidence that he was born in December 1948. I note that under current UK law 42 days following a birth is the time allowed for registration to take place. My surmise is that that there would have been some similar length of time allowed in 1948. Obviously late registration then and now would result in some serious trouble for those who are late registering their offspring. My third cousin's surmise is that his mother may have mitigated her late filing penalty by declaring December 1949 as the dob rather than December 1948? Which begs the question as to what were the penalties then and now?

Were You Aware...

More on the 1921 Canadian Census

Brian Amesbury passed on the link to a clear image of the [column headings](#) for the 1921 census and a link to the [instructions](#) given to the census enumerators.

1921 Newfoundland Census

As Newfoundland was not part of Canada in 1921, it is not part of the 1921 Canada Census. There is a transcription of it at the great genealogy website, Newfoundland's Grand Banks [here](#). Microfilms of this census can be found at Library and Archives Canada.

Digital Books on FamilySearch

Have you explored the digital books available on FamilySearch? Over 100,000 books have now been scanned by the partnership of the Family History Library, Allen County Public Library, and several other important family history libraries. Follow this [link](#) to search the collection. The majority of the books online are family histories, with a smaller portion made up of cemetery records, local and county histories, genealogy magazines, and how-to-books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. While not of much interest to those not living in Utah, you can get your books of genealogical interest scanned at the Allen County Public Library for free during the week of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference and your books will then be added to the online digital book collection Family History Books at FamilySearch.org. Photos will also be scanned at no charge. The books of most interest are: autobiographies and biographies containing genealogical material, family histories with genealogical information, indexes to records, local and county histories, and yearbooks.

National Library of Australia – Trove

[Trove](#) hosts the National Library of Australia's online resources, which are all available free. There are over 360,249,727 resources, which include books, images, historic newspapers, maps, music, and archives. [Trove](#) currently has more than ten million pages of newspapers with nearly 110 million articles available to search online without charge. Would that every government make digitizing newspapers a priority! A very useful graph of the lists of newspapers and magazines available can be viewed [here](#).

More on Rationing in the UK – 1940-1954

Sheila Emblem writes: "Your article on rationing in England during the war reminded me that there is a fine series of programs on this very topic Monday nights at 7 p.m. on TVO."

Archives of Calais, France

A recent posting on the Norfolk RootsWeb mailing list had a link to the [Archives of Calais](#). A person on the list was looking for the birth of a James Underwood and the respondent found this information: "The civil register of the town of Calais shows James UNDERWOOD being born at 8pm on the evening of 31st July 1847 in a house at n° 278 rue de la Poissonnerie. His mother was Sarah UNDERWOOD, age 33 years, born in Norwich, but living in Calais at the time. She is described as a "fille de confiance" - a phrase which normally means someone trustworthy, but here I assume to mean a housekeeper or in a similar occupation. The birth is registered as an "enfant naturel" and no father is mentioned." The Calais Archives has 2.5 million images covering the period 1553 to 1882 and the images include births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials. Calais may have included many other events for people, other than the French, because of the boat traffic between France and England. I wonder how many other small town archives would be as useful as this.

Films which were received in the week ending August 14th and due for return October 10th.

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Kavelstorf PRs	0069244
ENG STS Bradley BTs	0417173
ENG Wills 1884 Dec M-Z 1885 Jan A-Q	1866938
ENG Wills 1898 March A-O	1885310
PRU WFA Riesenwalde PRs 1671-1942	0208268
PRU WPRU Mewe PRs 1808-1864	0208211

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.)

Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (Linda)

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm (Ann, Joe am, Helen pm); 6:30pm to 9:30pm (Don & Roberta)

Thursday 9:30am to 3:45 pm (Don & Roberta); 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (Helen)

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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