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Announcements

**OGS Toronto - *How to Plan a Fabulous Family Reunion*
September 23, 2013 at 7:30pm**

Cathy McNamara's presentation will take you through the ABC's of planning a reunion, big or small, from start to finish and how to have some fun along the way. Perhaps, you'll be inspired to get involved with planning your next Fabulous Family Reunion. The mini-presentation will be ***Determining how much confidence you should have in your genealogical inferences*** by Paul Jones. Click [here](#) for more information.

BIFHSGO Conference – Next weekend, September 20-22, 2013

Next weekend the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa will be holding its 19th annual conference. This year the three-day conference will emphasize Irish research. It looks like a very full three days; click [here](#) for the full information. One can register for one or two days of the conference and the seminars that happen on Friday.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

This week we have added a slim volume: *Tracing Your Eastern European Ancestors*.

What's New

Ancestry has added Birth, Marriage and Death indexes for Massachusetts 1901-1970. Several small new databases for Grevesmühlen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany have been added: a street directory of families (surname only); a collection of death records 1876-1950 and marriage records 1876-1920.

FamilySearch has added nearly 1.5 million transcribed Derbyshire parish records for 1538-1910. There are no images for this collection. Among the many browse-only collections released this week are census images from Fribourg, Switzerland 1830-1860.

TheGenealogist.co.uk has added over one million apprenticeship records in their Occupational Records section.

The records give names, addresses and trades of the masters, and the names of the apprentices, along with the sum the master received for the apprenticeship. Until 1752, it was also common to see the names of the apprentices' parents on the record. (Ancestry has half a million UK apprenticeship records – duties paid.)

OGS Toronto - Toronto School Memorials Database Update

There are now more than 32,000 names in Toronto school memorials database. The Toronto Branch has added more than 2,700 new names and eight more schools to its on-line database of school memorials commemorating Toronto students and staff who volunteered for active service in the two World Wars and other military conflicts. The newest schools in the For King and Country database include Essex Street, John English, Rose Avenue, Lambton Mills, Lansdowne, Humewood Public, Runnymede Collegiate Institute, and St. Michael's College School. The database also contains transcriptions and photographs of school war memorials, historical background, and links to other useful school and community websites. Explore this growing [collection](#) now.

News From the Trenches The Scarrow Family Reunion

As the OGS Toronto September meeting is about family reunions, I thought it might be appropriate to report on the family reunion I attended on Sunday (as an extremely distant cousin). The Scarrow family has met on the first Sunday after Labour Day since 1947 – a remarkable 67 reunions! It had the ingredients of a great get-together: family, family history, fun and food! Organization is also key – a committee of 15 ensured all went smoothly.



The reunion was held in Belwood Community Hall close to a park. While the adults mingled inside and outside the Hall, the kids played in the park. A speaker described an area in Suffolk, England where the Scarrows lived before they emigrated to Canada in the mid 1830s. There were displays about several branches of the family and the long centre table was loaded with books full of genealogy and photographs (all labelled) gathered by the two Scarrow family historians – Nancy Scarrow and Morna Scarrow Hoskins.



After we listened to the speaker it was time for the Scarrow Olympics – three legged races, sack races, water balloon toss, shoe kick, etc. While members of all ages participated, the most enthusiastic was a 2½ year old!

After a group photo of the 94 participants, we tramped into the Community Hall for a magnificent pot luck supper.



The Forum:
Questions: No new questions.

Suggestions:

Q1/2013/33. Immigration.

If a person immigrated to Canada via an ocean passenger ship in early 1900's they were required to fill out passenger lists on arrival. If they travelled on a cargo ship as a passenger, were the same requirements enforced? If so, where do you find those records?

Q2/2013/22. Passenger Lists Leaving Antwerp.

Did the port of Antwerp maintain lists of passengers embarking for North America? If so, how does one review those lists? It may be another method of examining information on Canadian passenger lists that may be illegible now.

Adrian Hetherington has some excellent suggestions:

"Immigration and Antwerp: Some details might help with both questions. While one may be sure that the person ended up in Canada, and one can be fairly sure that they came by sea, is the name of the vessel known and the route? Take your family stories apart and look at individual events rather than the whole it is surprising what appears when one is not constrained by "yes, but Granny said". Granny, God bless her, is no better or worse at Chinese whispers than the rest of us.

"Have you searched on the name of the vessel? This is a pay per view site but it is a fairly complete list of the world's shipping: <http://www.miramarshipindex.org.nz>. It show what kind of vessel it was and suggest leads.

"Have you considered that if the relative was male that they actually worked their passage? They won't necessarily be on a passenger list but a crew list as part of the log book.

"Did they embark in the UK on a ship going to the USA and then travel overland? Many people arrived this way but the family story gets truncated so that it eventually gets told as though they arrived in Halifax or Québec when in reality it was New York or Boston and arriving in Canada via Maine or Vermont.

"So, if these people don't come out of the searches done so far, consider a UK departure rather than Hamburg, Antwerp or Cherbourg (there were/are no passenger lists kept for the sea crossing UK to mainland Europe or GB to Ireland). Consider if they were crew and signed off this side of the Atlantic. Also, consider a US point of arrival. Good luck."

Q1/2013/32. FindMyPast Subscriptions

Please help me to differentiate between what each of: "findmypast.uk" and "findmypast.com" provide to the subscriber

Adrian also wrote with a further suggestion for last week's question: "Try here for an explanation of what is on offer, plus a subscription deal to the end of September: <http://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters/aug13xtra.htm#FMP>. You should take the "World Subscription" if you need the UK plus the places the family emigrated to."

Were You Aware...

Vermont Vital Records

The New England Historic Genealogical Society mentioned in their newsletter that Vermont Vital Records 1909-2008 were now included in their online record collection called *American Ancestors*. As I had to pay to view any records there, I had a look to see if I could get them elsewhere. Ancestry has the same set of records and they can be accessed without charge at family history libraries and some public libraries. When I had a look at a birth record, I was amazed to find the amount of detail including mother's maiden name and age and the number of children the mother had had including this one. What wonderful information that would be to have for all birth registrations. The marriage registrations included the names of all four parents and where they were born as well as the birthplaces of the bride and groom.

Lost Cousins Website and Newsletter

Adrian Hetherington suggested as an addendum to his response about FindMyPast Subscriptions that LostCousins is a "good site to be part of". Certainly the cousin matches made by Peter Calver at LostCousins are excellent, perhaps because there is always a citation for every person entered on one's "tree" – a census entry. One has to do a bit more work to enter an ancestor but the matches are incomparably better than those on Ancestry or FamilySearch, etc. LostCousins also publishes a very good newsletter that is free. Do click [here](#) to read the latest newsletter. The LostCousins website can be found [here](#). One can be an unpaid member and enter all your data. Then only paid subscribers (£10/year) can contact you. You can only contact other matches if you take the several opportunities throughout the year when Peter offers full access for the weekend.

Ancestry and FamilySearch Agreement

Ancestry.com and FamilySearch have announced a collaboration to make approximately "1 billion global historical records available online and more easily accessible to the public for the first time. With this long-term strategic agreement, the two services will work together with the archive community over the next five years to digitize, index and publish these records from the FamilySearch vault".

Films which were received in the week ending September 12th and due for return November 7th.

Film Content	Film No
PRU WPRU Deutsch Eylau PRs 1833-1859	0208058
PRU WPRU Finkenstein PRs 1826-1910	0208082
PRU WPRU Rauden PRs 1820-1871	0208318
PRU WPRU Raudnitz PRs 1832-1856	0208283
PRU WPRU Sommerau PRs 1824-1843	0208367
USA CT Probate indexes Downs, Joshua (cont.) -	0166016
USA CT Probate indexesKabel, Albert A. -	0166031

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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Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (Linda)

Wednesday 9:30 am to 3:45 pm (Ann, Joe am, Helen & Leslie 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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