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Announcements

As of October 15th (after Thanksgiving), we will be switching to our fall hours and the FHC will not be open on Thursday afternoons after 12 noon. Other hours will remain the same.

Bulletin Links: One of our patrons was having trouble with the links when the Bulletin was sent to his gmail account. When he chose to have the Bulletin sent to another account, he was pleased to find that the links worked and that the link to the Blog was clickable - torontofhc.blogspot.ca/. He thought that other gmail users might be having the same problem and that this information would be useful.

Tracing Forward – Searching for Relatives in Recent Times – October 26th

The Early-Bird price for this interesting event is only effective until Monday, September 30th. The Toronto Branch of OGS is holding this day-long event to help you trace forward to find living relatives and those who may be recently deceased. Please go to [Tracing Forward](#) to see the complete details and to register.

What's New

Ancestry has added a database of nearly 190,000 passenger records of people transported between Montreal and Quebec by the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company 1819-1835. You will usually find the name of the passenger, abbreviations for ports of embarkation and destination, fare, amount paid, and remarks; those travelling with a wife and children are noted. Ancestry suggests that you may also be able to spot clues by noting the names of fellow passengers. The Canadian 1911 census has been updated. Another new database with 160,000 records is the Foreign and Overseas Registers of British Subjects 1627-1965, which is a collection of birth, baptism, marriage, death, and burial records of (mostly) British subjects from more than 30 countries and territories around the world

FamilySearch has started to add Catholic Church Records for Columbia 1600-2012; this database currently has 55,554 indexed records with images. FamilySearch has updated the US Public Records Index and it now has nearly 200 million records; this is an index only. They have added a browse-only collection for Wales - Court and Miscellaneous Records 1542-1911 with over 200,000 images; it contains Court Records and Marriage Bonds from the National Library of Wales.

FindMyPast.co.uk (and FindMyPast.com) have launched a new collection of Irish newspapers; there are nearly two million pages from six newspapers with years ranging from 1820-1926, although the bulk of the newspaper pages are between 1850 and 1899. Some small runs of British newspapers have also been added. To see the newspapers that have been added, check out the news release [here](#).

DeceasedOnline will be upgrading its website on October 9th and will be unavailable from 8am GMT to 4pm GMT.

The Forum:

No new questions or suggestions this week.

Were You Aware...

Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery, Montreal

The New England Historic Genealogical Society's weekly newsletter, *The Weekly Genealogist*, highlighted a Canadian resource this week – the Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery in Montreal. If you go to [Locate a Deceased Person](#), you can search the cemetery records by name. The results give the full name, date of burial, and lot and section number; if the deceased was a married woman, her husband's full name is also given. Clicking on the **Find on Map** button gives you directions to the lot and section. Opened in 1854, Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery is the largest cemetery in Canada and the third-largest in North America. You may wish to close the cemetery video by clicking on the X.

More on Occupations and Corn

The example used in last week's News from the Trenches prompted several responses.

John Reynolds	Usen	M.	54	W. W. Newway	own	X
John H. Ogburn	Head	M.	38	Corn Dealer	Carman	X
Aunie M. Do.	Wife	M.	54			
Minnie Do.	Daughter	F.	X	Scholar		
Elizabeth F. Do.	Daughter	F.	X	Do.		
Roberta G. Do.	Daughter	F.	X	Do.		
Robert Hawckner	Lodger	F.	47	Corn Dealer	Warehouseman	X

John Pepper correctly noted that the entry does not say *Corn Dealer – Carman* but *Corn Dealers – Carman*. “In both cases the first words in the Occupation space say not “Corn Dealer” but “Corn Dealers” – a small point, but in my mind this expression removes any confusion as to whether either of these men was actually a corn dealer, as distinct from working for one.”

Eve Richardson took issue with the statement: “The type of grain [corn] depended on where one lived: corn in England referred to wheat, whereas corn in Scotland and Ireland meant oats.” This assertion was from a short paper from Iowa State University, department of agronomy, on the internet and given to me by a patron. This is a common usage but actually corn in Britain refers to any grain. Eve says: “To the best of my knowledge, corn (in Britain) refers to any grain, be it wheat, rye, oats, barley etc. My book on word origins gives 'corn' as OE (Old English) meaning "small seed", and particularly "cereal grain." My OED doesn't mention the root of 'corn,' but the *Arcade Dictionary of Word Origins* says: “The underlying sense of 'corn' is of grinding down to small particles. The word ultimately comes from the Indo-European base *ger-*, which meant 'wear away.'” The dictionary goes on to explain that 'grain' is also derived from this root, via Latin (*granum*).” The *Oxford English dictionary* has, as its second definition on the first of three pages for corn, “corn, the small hard seed of a fruit or plant; the seed of one of the cereals, like wheat, rye, barley, etc.”

Mary Ann Tate wrote to say that she had found this website is a great resource which is useful for understanding what various job titles meant in the census: <http://www.census1891.com/occupations.htm>. The Toronto FHC has a couple of helpful booklets on the definition of occupations as well.

Tithe Maps – England & Wales – 1836~1850

The Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 asked that payments of tithe (to the local church) in the form of farm produce should be replaced by a money payment. Traditionally people gave one tenth of whatever they produced to the church. To establish a process to convert tithes to money payments required the drawing of accurate maps showing all the land in the parish. These maps were produced by surveyors, who were given specific instructions by the Tithe Commission, and they vary a lot in quality. The maps are a very interesting look at the land before the Ordnance Survey maps of 1851 (the latter are available at [maps/familysearch.org](http://maps.familysearch.org) for each parish). They are in colour: houses in red (occupied) or black (not), roads in brown, water in blue, and trees and hedges in pictures. The parish copies of the tithe maps are usually found in the local county record office and the original copies are found at the National Archives at Kew or, for Wales, the National Library of

Wales. Some counties have put these maps online: the Cheshire Tithe Maps are [here](#); the Norfolk Tithe Maps are [here](#) along with other fascinating maps; and some tithe maps of Leeds and area can be found [here](#).

[GenMaps](#) has many old maps on its website, although I have not found any that have the detail that I have found on the Tithe Maps for Norfolk. It is worth a look, though.

Films which were received in the week ending September 26th and due for return about November 21st.

Film Content	Film No
CAN NL Esatate Files 1886 Bre-Wa	2057237
DEU MEC Lubz PRs 1673-1794	0069316
DEU PRU POM Labes Church Records	1273100
ENG LAN Epitaph Transcripts	1655641
ENG Probate - Wills 1907 Mar. B-M	1885928
IND Goa Panaji Batismos 1926-1937 etc.	1357977
IND Goa Panaji Óbitos 1913-1934	1493640
PRU WPRU Riesenkirch Index 1725-1920	0208089
ZAF Cape Province, Cape Town, Maitland Cemeteries, Index	1259124

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 (Helen)

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

Closures: As of October 15th (after Thanksgiving), we close at noon on Thursdays. 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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