



## Toronto Family History Centre Bulletin 2013-41

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### Announcements

We will be closed for this evening for Halloween.

The list of all the holdings at the Toronto Family History Centre has been updated to include recent additions. To download a pdf version of this list, click [List of All Resources](#).

### What's New

**FamilySearch** has added several browsable image collections for Indonesia and civil registration for Trieste Italy 1924-1939. An index of over 5 million names for people married in Nevada 1956-2005 has been added.

**Ancestry** has updated with corrections or additions the 1920 Canadian Census records and the British Army WWI Pension Records. Volunteer, Leslie Dorschell, has alerted me to the fact that she has been able to search the 1921 Canadian Census without paying but there seems to be no indication of it being free or for how long that I can find.

**ScotlandsPeople** have released the 1920 Valuation Rolls (VR) which cover every kind of property that was assessed in 1920 as having a rateable value. There are over 2½ million indexed names of owners, tenants and occupiers of each property; sometimes occupations are also listed. The named person in the VR is usually the head of the household. The Rolls are fully searchable by name and/or address. ScotlandsPeople now has searchable valuation rolls online for 1895, 1905, 1915 and now 1920.

**DeceasedOnline** has completed its records for Redcar & Cleveland, **North Yorkshire**, adding four more cemeteries this week: Loftus (1875-2010), 8,651 records; Redcar (1874-2010), 16,936 records; Saltburn (1899-2010), 14,615 records and Skelton (1875 -2010), 9,739 records. The records available comprise scans of burial registers, details of each grave including other occupants, and cemetery maps. They have also added about 45,000 burial records from seven **Wiltshire Council** cemeteries: Bradford-on-Avon Cemetery, 8,000 records (1856-2010); Hilperton Cemetery, about 1,000 records (1907-2010); Holt Cemetery, 1,500 records (1894-2010); Melksham Cemetery, 1,500 records (1945-2010); Trowbridge Cemetery, 21,000 records (1856-2010), Warminster Cemetery (also known as Pine Lawns Cemetery), 1,200 records (1970-2009); and Westbury Cemetery, 7,000 records (1857-2010).

## News from the Trenches

For the past couple of weeks, regular patron, Joan Challis, has been reading a film of transcribed epitaphs for people buried in Liverpool and area cemeteries. She has found many epitaphs of people from other countries who have died on their way to England or other places and recommends that if your ancestor went missing and may have been travelling to or via England that you spend a few hours checking through the film. She has sent a few interesting epitaphs to the Bulletin:

Sacred to the memory of William Taylor Barry of Lexington Kentucky, Envoy extraordinaire and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America To the Court of Spain.

He was born at Lunenburg County Virginia on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1783 and Died in Liverpool on his way to Madrid about 52 years and 6 months.

Sacred to the memory of Flora McIvor  
The Beloved wife of Wm Mathie Esquire  
Of Ramsey, Isle of Man who died 20<sup>th</sup> April 1846 aged 57 years.

Here lieth the Remains of Wm Allison  
Formerly of the Island of Barbados who departed this life  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1850 aged 67 years

In memory of Christina Martin  
The beloved wife of Thomas Fauset of Demerera  
Who died 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1877 aged 27 years

There was also an epitaph to [Sarah Biffin](#), who was born without arms and short legs, and after being "apprenticed" (read sold) to a sideshow owner, became a mouth painter of some renown. She was mentioned in several of Charles Dickens' novels.

## The Forum:

### Questions:

#### Q1/2013/41. Canada. Grand Trunk Railway Records.

Do you have or know if there are records from the Grand Trunk Railway? The GTR was active in Canada, mostly eastern Ontario, in the 1800s. My great grandfather worked for them as a "section man". He died in 1886 at the age of 36. I have wondered if he was in a railway accident.

### Suggestions:

#### Q1/2013/40. Canada. Ontario Tax Assessment.

No suggestions were received about the column headings for tax assessment forms for Hamilton tax assessments 1870-1900. Can anyone enlighten us?

## Were You Aware...

### Projects of the Family History Department of Brigham Young University

The Family History Department is working with students, volunteers and researchers on a number of ongoing projects that they hope will help genealogists.

### [Immigrant Ancestors Project](#)

The Immigrant Ancestors Project uses emigration registers to locate information about the birthplaces and dates of birth or ages of immigrants in their native countries, which is not found in the port registers and naturalization documents in the destination countries. Students go to the countries looking for records that specifically mention towns for people applying for permission to leave the country. These records are copied digitally and sent to Utah where they are indexed. This is an index (name, town of origin and sometimes age and ship) only to where the resource is located; you will have to go to the country of origin for the complete record. This is a work in process but if you do not know where your ancestors came from, it could give you the breakthrough you need. There are currently nearly 500,000 records but, as with any project of this sort, check back regularly for new additions. These records are not available elsewhere as these are usually small record sets. So far records have been obtained from England, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain; Italy and Portugal will be started soon.

## [Nauvoo Project](#)

Family history students are working to identify the residents of Nauvoo, Illinois, from 1839 to 1846. Wherever possible, each resident will be documented from birth to death in the records of the time. Nauvoo was the city founded by the Mormons in 1839 after they had been expelled from Missouri.

## [English Marriages](#)

This database cross-references marriages in 190 Lancashire parishes and 139 Cheshire parishes with the information from the marriage licenses, allegations, or bonds and displays the two side-by-side. The index covers the dates from 1750 to 1836.

## [Script Tutorials](#)

English, German, Dutch, Italian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese tutorials are available to help decipher manuscripts and other old documents that were printed in old typefaces or written in old handwriting styles

## **Abbreviations in City Directories and Other Records – Occupations, Streets and Names**

The *Genealogy in Time Newsletter* is published weekly and they often have useful information in them. Last week they published a list of [Occupation Abbreviations](#) that may have been used in old city directories or census records. Click [here](#) to see if it helps solve a problem. Genealogy in Time has written two other useful articles about abbreviations: [Street Abbreviations](#) used in City Directories and [First Name Abbreviations](#) which one finds in many old documents. If you have run into a brickwall or a slow period in your genealogy research, have a look at their [Genealogy Articles](#); you may find an inspiring idea there.

## **Old Occupations**

A rather good list of old occupations (more than 2,000 entries) and what the person actually did is available [here](#).

## **DustyDocs**

Margaret Taylor emailed the Bulletin about a website that she had found useful: [DustyDocs](#). It contains links for England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the Channel Islands. At the home page there are some guides. There were a number of useful links and although I had seen many before, I found a link for locked churches in Buckinghamshire that I will definitely have another look at before my next trip to England. Check out the complete description of the medical condition, [Genealogy Pox](#). "The Incidence: Though it can strike at any age, this dread disease rarely affects children or young adults, and rarely becomes serious until after middle age. ... and The Cure: There is no known cure ... but it has never been know to be fatal."

## **Films received in the week ending October 31<sup>st</sup> and due for return about January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Film Content	Film No
ENG SSX Chichester Wills 1576-1583	0097236
ENG SSX Chichester Wills 1600-1609	0097239
ENG STS Stone St Michael & Fulford BTs	0421597
USA CT Probate packets Dummer, Lucy-Earle, O., 1683-1880	1023822

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 noon (Don & Roberta); 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (Don & Roberta)

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](#).

[FamilySearch - Search](#)

[FamilySearch - IGI](#)

[Hugh Wallis IGI Batch Numbers](#)

[FamilySearch Catalogue](#)

[FamilySearch OLD Catalogue](#)

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[Steve Archer IGI Batch Numbers](#)

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