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### Announcements

We will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

### Additions to Our Permanent Collections

Thanks to Shirley Spilsbury for her donation to our library.

FICHE # 7000196 ENGLAND WORCESTERSHIRE Rock St Peters Church Monumental Inscriptions

### BOOKS:

*The Genealogical Gazetteer of England* by Frank Smith

An Alphabetical Dictionary of places with their location, ecclesiastical jurisdiction, population and the date of the earliest entry in the registers of every ancient parish in England

*Hearth Tax, Other Tax Lists & Association Oath Rolls* by J.S.W. Gibson

A great addition to the many Gibson Guides we have.

*The Dictionary of British Surnames* by P.H. Reaney

This book lists old sources of British surnames.

*Family Historian's Enquire Within* by F.C. Markwell & Pauline Saul

This book is a reference guide of definitions, explanations, dates, bibliographies, addresses and maps on many family history topics. It is also called (in hardback) *Tracing Your Ancestors: The A-Z Guide*.

*Village Records* by John West

Village Records shows the wide variety of records that are available about villages from very early Saxon documents to more familiar records like quarter session records, inventories and wills, Hearth Tax returns, enclosure maps, tithe records, etc.

*Scotland Inverness & Banffshire Speyside Pre-1855 Gravestone Inscriptions in Badenoch, Strathspey & Laigh of Moray* by Alison Mitchell

An Index to the Gravestones in Badenoch & Strathspey and part of the Laigh of Moray from the source of the Spey to the sea, comprising the lands of Clan Macpherson, Clan Grant, the Shaws, the Cummings and part of the lands of Clan Mackintosh and of the Dukes of Gordon

*The Evolution of Trenton* by Thomas Jarrett

This book tracks the evolution of Trenton from 1813 to 1913 and has lots of old pictures.

### What's New

**FamilySearch** has added and updated a number of databases for Belgium.

**Ancestry** has added nearly 600,000 records for Quaker birth, marriage and death registers dated 1578-1837. These events can be searched by name or the images can be browsed by county and Meeting.

**DeceasedOnline** has added approximately 27,500 burial records for the London Borough of Sutton. The database contains 25,900 burial records for Sutton Cemetery 1889-2011, and 1,625 burial records for Cuddington Cemetery 1902-2011.

**FindMyPast** has added details of British Royal Navy Ships destroyed during WWI. The records have the ship's name, date it was destroyed, number of officers killed or wounded, type of vessel and how and where it was destroyed. They suggest that with this information one can search the newspaper collection for details of the loss including the names of some of the men lost.

**The Forum:**

**Questions:**

**Q1/2013/43. Italy. Military WWII.**

Leopoldo Gigliotti was born in 1922 in Cosenza, Italy. He was conscripted in 1942 and apparently fought on the Russian Front. He did not return from the war and is presumed to have died. Where would I look for records of his military service? Where might I find a record of his death?

**Q2/2013/43. Devon, Toronto, US.**

I wonder if someone else might have more success than myself in locating one of my gr gr grandmother's brothers in a certain period. Nathan LAZARUS was born in Exeter, Devon, England c. 1826. He appears in the 1841 census for Exeter with his father and others. In Feb. 1853 he was married in Plymouth, Devon, to his cousin Fanny LAZARUS (sister of my gr gr grandfather Frank). Nathan, Fanny, Frank and Phoebe LAZARUS appear in the 1861 Toronto census. I can't find Nathan anywhere between the 1841 census and his marriage in 1853. A wedding announcement refers to him as "of the United States," and he and Fanny did move there after Toronto, before finally returning to England. He eventually used the surname LAWRENCE/LAURANCE, but not, I think, until he was back in England.

I want to find out where Nathan was in those years 1841-53 because I'm trying to find out how and where he learned to be an optician. Presumably, he apprenticed somewhere, but where? I've tried a number of different ways to find him, but with no success.

**Suggestions:**

**Q1/2013/42. Germany. Ships.**

I am looking for pictures of the ferry ships which took passengers from Hamburg, Germany to Liverpool, England before they started their emigration to Canada. Do you know where I might find these ship pictures? They do not appear to be listed on normal sites.

- 1846 Rio Grande later sold renamed Gellert 1856
- 1880-1883 Gainsborough
- 1872 German Empire

Adrian Hetherington again has some suggestions:

"Search each in Google just enter the word "ship" and its name (you'll need a "-inn" for the gainsborough) and you get information. As with any search less information gets most results, add detail to reduce the number of hits.

There is the wreck listing for two of the vessels, also look at the Miramar ship index [here](#). It is a pay per view sight but there is a free trial option. The information on this site is presented in many ways, I don't remember if it has photos but you'll be given all the info to track down your vessel and get at a photo. There appears to have only been one vessel with the name "German Empire", no obvious photo coming up.

"The Gainsborough could be one, two or more vessels. One option shows the image of a ship of a size that one would expect to be making the North Sea crossing but not necessarily a passage to New Zealand as there is a newspaper account of a vessel of the same name being inspected by Immigration off Nelson.

"Searching "Rio Grande" produces an image that is too young for a vessel launched in 1846. But a search on "Gellert" does have an appropriate photo for a vessel of that age. The listing suggests an emigrant vessel between Europe and the New World or Australia. That does not mean that your relatives did not take passage on the vessel if it sailed from Bremen and called at Liverpool on the way.

"There seems to be more than one vessel with the name Gellert, one is too young for the dates given but they both seem to be 'Holland America' line.

"Passengers from mainland Europe to Great Britain are not recorded. I'm not sure if this is applicable to a vessel on a deep sea voyage calling at a UK port outbound from Europe but don't be too surprised if they don't appear in a passenger list before the departure from Liverpool. Remember as you search that your ancestor may have arrived in Canada from the USA. The time frame you are suggesting aligns with the Irish Famine, more vessels went to Boston and New York than to Halifax, Québec or Montréal."

Adrian suggests that more information would be helpful in tracking down pictures of the ships. Specifically where the dates and names of the vessels came from and how they were found.

#### **Q2/2013/42. UK. Manchester, 1891.**

I have been unable to track down my 2X grandfather – James Hand and family in the 1891 Census. Records show that on in 1881 they lived at 63 Warwick St, in 1883 at 21 Heelis Street, in 1885 at 8 Heelis Street, in 1887 at 42 Collyhurst Road, in 1889 at 7 Heelis Street, in 1892 at 14 Heelis Street, and in 1901 at 4 George St. I searched the 1891 Census by address and looked at those who lived on Heelis Street. The family no longer lived at 7 Heelis Street and it indicated that 14 and 16 Heelis Street were uninhabited.

The Bulletin had another go at looking for the Hand family. The census was searched by entering only the child's first name, birth date and approximate birth date with the father's first name. This was to see if the surname had been really badly mangled and was illegible. No child. A search was conducted using only the child's first name, age and the enumeration district and other close EDs. No luck. Examining the census for the uninhabited houses at 14 and 16 Heelis Street, it was noticed that the entry was not done correctly. Each house should have been given a separate line to indicate that it was uninhabited; but the enumerator had written a note in the address area for #12. Perhaps the enumerator was not very thorough and had actually missed the families living in these two houses. I have not run across this before. Leslie Dorschell suggested searching historical directories at the Leicester University [website](#). There is a Manchester directory for 1895 on this website but it did not have James Hand.

The researcher should establish where the family went to church to find baptismal records. The FHC has three Roman Catholic parish records on CD but the dates are not late enough for these births. The Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society may be worth contacting as they are slowly transcribing Roman Catholic records. I am presuming that the family is Roman Catholic as Ancestry has a good collection of Protestant records online and they do not appear to be there.

#### **Q3/2013/42. Greece.**

Can you tell me where someone might go to search ancestry records from Greece (other than going to Greece)?

I have not done Greek research so I followed the steps that I would take when someone comes into the FHC needing help for a country that I am unfamiliar with. I first check what records are available on Ancestry. There was nothing. I next went to FamilySearch.org and scrolled down to the map. I clicked on Continental Europe to see what was available for Greece and it was not mentioned. Next I turned to the Catalog on FS. Typing Greece into the Place search, I found a few items that have been filmed for the whole country of Greece but at the top of the page is Blue Script that says Places within Greece and a number of counties (I think) that can be clicked on to see what further films are available.

Not knowing anything about the place the person is researching, I then clicked on WIKI in Family Search and looked for information on the country Greece. This [page](#) was pulled up and it has a number of web pages to explore. Finally I did a Google search for *Greece Genealogy* and a number of hits were produced that may be of use to the researcher. There appear to be many records for Armenians in Greece. The researcher will need to become familiar with Greek letters as a basic, of course.

#### **Were You Aware...**

##### **Bletchley Park Website Updated**

The Bletchley Park Roll of Honour, listing those who worked at the code breaking facility in the Second World War, has been updated and is now online site [here](#). The Bletchley Park Roll of Honour lists all those believed to have worked in signals intelligence during World War Two, at Bletchley Park and other locations. It is compiled from information in official sources, publications and provided by veterans, friends and families. My mother is on this Roll of Honour. Much of the information that they have was probably supplied by the veterans when they applied to receive the [Bletchley Park Commemorative Badge](#).

##### **Mendelssohn, The Nazis and Me**

Barbara Carter recommended this hour-long video that it available on YouTube. It discusses the genealogical trees that Germans had to produce to prove that they were either Aryan or Jew. It is horrifying to remember that our family history hobby can be used for such nefarious purposes. To view the video, click [here](#).

**No films were received in the week ending November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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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**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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