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Announcements

We will be closed from December 20th to January 6th.

OGS Toronto Meeting – Monday November 25th at 7:30pm, North York Memorial Hall

Great Moments in Genealogy

On Monday the Toronto Branch of OGS has their monthly meeting. Eleven members will give five minute presentations on "Great Moments" in their genealogy research. These are usually entertaining and inspiring. For further information about the speakers and their topics, go to [Branch Meeting](#).

OGS Toronto Winter Courses

For more information, go to [Toronto Branch OGS](#).

The Social History of Medicine in 19th Century Canada

February 4th & 11th, 2-4pm; Instructor - Dr. Marianne Fedunkiwi

This course looks at life and death and the role of medicine in Canada in the nineteenth century, and then examines the revolution in Canadian medical education from 1875 to 1920 that extended life span and professionalized medicine and medical training.

Making the Internet Work for Genealogy

February 12 – March 5, 6:15-8:15pm; Instructor - Marian Press

This course is for those who have experience with using the Internet for genealogy, but who are interested in learning how to fine tune their search abilities and how to take advantage of the social networking opportunities the Internet provides. The course is hands-on.

The Social History of Dress in 19th Century Canada

February 18th & 25th, 2-4pm; Instructor - Ingrid Mida

This course is intended as a primer on the social history of dress seen in 19th century photographs from the Victorian age to the Edwardian age, with a special emphasis on Canadian history. This may help you identify the dates of old photographs.

Introduction to Genealogy and Family History

February 22nd, 10am-3pm; Instructor – Linda Reid

A fast-paced one-day course that introduces some of the types of records and techniques needed for researching your family tree. It highlights vital records (civil and church), census records and probates (wills), showing how to extract and evaluate data. Secondary sources are touched on in the course and examples are shown of how to use online newspaper indexes as finding aids and how to use newspaper accounts of events to flesh out other data.

What's New

FamilySearch has added or updated Canadian Passenger Lists (nearly four million records 1881-1922), New York Passenger and Crew Lists (nearly 27 million records 1909-1957) and New York Passenger Lists (3.4 million records 1820-1891). These records are indexed and the images can be downloaded. Some may have previously been available on Ancestry. More civil registration and church images are available to browse for Brazil, Portugal and Italy.

Ancestry has added Texas death certificates (4.6 million records 1903-1982) and Texas birth certificates (2.3 million records 1903-1932) as well as some Associated Press records (0.5 million records about 1905-1990). Recent updates can be found to Hamburg Passenger Lists (half a million records 1850-1934), New South Wales certificates of freedom and New South Wales certificates of naturalization.

The Forum:

Suggestions:

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?

Nuccia Salvati has sent this comprehensive answer to the Bulletin: "On the Italian Military of Defense website they have a search engine for those who died in WW1 and WW2 [here](#). A search for Leopoldo returned this:

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| Nome: | LEOPOLDO | |
| Cognome: | GIGLIOTTI | |
| Data di Nascita: | 12/4/1922 | Birth Date |
| Luogo di Nascita: | COLOSIMI | Place of birth |
| Luogo Sepoltura: | Sconosciuto | Unknown burial place |
| Data Decesso: | 31/1/1943 | Death date |
| Luogo Decesso: | RUSSO | Russia |

"With this info you can order the Birth Act from Colosimi, Cosenza, the death act from there as well (since they would send the info to his hometown) and his military papers.

"[For only WW1 deaths you could look up deaths here: <http://www.cadutigrandeguerra.it/Default.aspx>]

"It is possible that the Cosenza State Archives hold the records - it's unclear though since they may only have them up to 1940 (then I am unsure if they would be held at the Catanzaro State Archives. In any case an email and request can be emailed to Cosenza to start and see their reply - they will direct you. There may be a small charge for these documents payable in Euros which can be purchased at any airport or bank. They do not accept any other forms of payments that I am aware of.

"Write an email to Cosenza State Archive to get military record and request "la copia integrale del foglio matricolare" [a full copy of the sheet of military service] - as-cs@beniculturali.it

"[This site](#) will also help in finding Italian Army Documentation Centers.

"Other addresses:

Il Centro Documentale di Catanzaro
Via Luigi Pascali 40/44
88100, Catanzaro
Italy
cedoc_catanzaro@esercito.difesa.it

"As for the birth and death records for the individual - you can also request these requests directly through the Cosenza Archive site for a small fee or you may write to the Comune in Colosimi (the town hall) which do not charge for the documents but they do not always send them either. The Archives is a better bet."

Italian researchers should check out Nuccia's websites: [Calabria Exchange](#) and [Gente di Mare Genealogy](#).

Leopoldo's death at the end of January 1943 fits with the timing of Operation Little Saturn and Stalingrad (see [Wiki](#)) and it sounds dreadful for the Italians. Escapees were "frostbitten, critically ill, and deeply demoralized" and "when the survivors were evacuated to Italy, the Fascist regime tried to hide them from the populace, so appalling was their appearance after surviving the 'Russian Front.'."

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

I am trying to locate 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. 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.

This is a difficult question as this researcher has done quite intensive research into this family. Optician was a relatively new occupation at the time and it would have grown from other occupations. Other Lazarus families in Devon are in what were probably related occupations – watchmakers and jewellers. I suspect that there was not a proper “apprenticeship” with records to be found. Nathan’s father-in-law was an optician in 1836 (according to a death record on JewishGen). The Lazarus families were fairly prominent members of society with many mentions in newspapers in the UK and the States. While the Bulletin found no mention of Nathan in that time period (except his marriage), newspapers are constantly being added to newspaper archives and these should be checked every so often.

There are two search engines that the researcher and others may wish to try: Mocavo.com and Genealogy-in-Time.

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.

George Tuck has written to say that he believes the Hamburg ferries operated between Hamburg and West Hartlepool, where migrants were then transferred by train to Liverpool to continue journeys westward. This certainly makes sense when one looks at a map.

Films received in the week ending November 14th .and due for return about the middle of February.

| Film Content | Film No |
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| DEU MEC PRs Friedland 1838-1893 | 0069743 |
| PRU WPRU Freystadt PRs 1768-1802 | 0208091 |

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. Closed December 20th to January 6th.

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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