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Announcements

Scotland and its People Workshop

Saturday, April 12th at the North York Central Library, 9am-5pm

Register before March 15th to get the early-bird discount for this workshop. It will be a full day of fascinating lectures on Scotland and the lives of Scots at home and in Canada. Choose from 11 sessions on Scottish history, patterns of migration, records and repositories, planning your research both here and in Scotland, and adding “flesh to the bones” of your Scottish ancestors. To register and see the list of lectures, click [here](#).

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

We have two new books on genetic genealogy this week.

Genetic Genealogy – The Basics and Beyond – by Emily D. Aulicino

This is an up-to-date book on genetic genealogy. The book guides genealogists in understanding various tests and determining what DNA segments came from which ancestor. The book explains how DNA testing helps when written records stop and discusses how testing proves or disproves oral family history. Learn which tests help adoptees; understand why you resemble your relatives and how testing can connect you with cousins you never knew. Discover how to encourage potential cousins to be tested and learn guidelines for becoming a project administrator.

Surnames, DNA and Family History - George Redmonds, Turi King and David Hey

Published in 2011, this book focuses on British names, tracing their origins to different parts of the British Isles and Europe and revealing how names often remain concentrated in the districts where they first became established centuries ago.

What's New

Ancestry has added a wonderful collection of probate records for Gloucestershire – wills and inventories 1541-1858. These are indexed images of the original wills and inventories. More about this collection can be found [here](#) or at the FamilySearch Wiki [here](#). There are two new small collections of birth and marriages for the Czech Republic, which will be added to. There is large collection of 3.6 million Western Australia passenger lists 1897-1963. Their New York naturalization petitions now number over one million.

The Forum:

Questions:

Q1/2014/09. Germany to Canada.

I am looking for a marriage record between Johann Lage and Henriette Ernst. John Lage was born 24 December 1818 in Passade, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, and Henriette was born 14 Apr 1826 in Dänischenhagen, Schleswig-Holstein. In the 1851 census they are living in Wilmot Township, Waterloo County along with their eldest daughter, Helena, born 1849, Wilmot Township. The parishes in Schleswig-Holstein have not produced the marriage and having spent 2 days at the Lutheran Archives in Waterloo, I can find no marriage of a John Lage anywhere. Question is if they were married 1848 in Canada would it have to be an Anglican marriage? Assuming they were married in Canada, where else should I look?

Q2/2014/09. Kent Probate.

I am trying to prove the link between Septimus Campbell and George Campbell, who immigrated to Canada from England in the early 1850s. I believe that Septimus is George's grandfather, son of Henry of Septimus. This was a family of blacksmiths and I believe that Septimus was comfortably off when he died in 1850 in Canterbury. I think that George's father had died before Septimus did. I have tried looking for probate records here: the Extracted Probate Records 1269-1975 on Ancestry, the [Kent Genealogy probate records](#), and the Kent Wills Index on Origins.net, which has the two courts in which I think any will of Septimus would be probated – the Archdeaconry and the Consistory Courts of Canterbury. I found a private family tree on Ancestry that indicated that Septimus made a bequest to George but I do not subscribe to Ancestry and, therefore, cannot contact them. What probate records have I failed to look at?

Were You Aware...

Pickering and Ajax Digital Archive (PADA)

The Pickering-Ajax Digital Archive contains 3,647 digital images that have been scanned by the Pickering and Ajax Libraries. These are mainly old photographs from their collections; they have names associated with them that are searchable. Click [here](#) to see what else they have; cemetery records; newspapers; births, marriages and deaths; and books can be found here in addition to the images. At last week's OGS Toronto meeting, Cathy McNamara, who made the mini-presentation, said that she always learned something at the monthly meetings, no matter what the topic. I did too. I had not previously heard of PADA.

More Maps

Mike Webber sent the following suggestion for old maps of London England that I neglected to mention last week. Another fascinating collection of maps is at Charles Booth Online Archive: <http://booth.lse.ac.uk/> Booth completed surveys into life and labour in London, dating from 1886 to 1903. Online offerings include:

Poverty maps of London: [Browse](#) or [Search](#)

[Inquiry into life and labour in London](#)

- [Search the catalogue of original survey notebooks](#)
- [Browse the digitised police notebooks](#)
- [Browse the Stepney Union casebooks and Jewish notebooks](#)

Genetic Genealogy

The FHC now has library resources for genetic genealogy; and one of our volunteers, Linda Reid (our Tuesday volunteer), is quite happy to help people interpret their Family Finder results and to advise on the choice of people who should be tested. As the field of genetic genealogy is changing quite quickly and costs have dropped dramatically, it may be time to suggest to readers who have relatives of an older generation to have those relatives tested. Yesterday afternoon three patrons, whose elderly mothers (each with rather interesting backgrounds) were still alive, were working in the FHC. I thought of the opportunities that I had missed because I had not collected a simple swab from my parents. Linda Reid comments: 'If people have ever had the thought "I wished I'd asked my mother (or grandmother or auntie) about that-- she would have known"-- the same thing applies to DNA. The records will always be there but the older people will not. I feel really strongly that if you don't test your older relatives now, you'll be sorry later. Comparing your matches against your mother's matches immediately identifies which of your matches are on your maternal side and by extension which are paternal. Your mother will have many distant matches that you don't share and that will enable you to make connections a generation further back in time.'

Films received in the week ending March 6th and due for return about the beginning of May.

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| DEU MEC Beidendorf 1834-1882 | 0068988 |
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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.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours:

(Always phone us if you do not have a booking to ensure that we are open.)

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](#).

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