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Announcements

Our Family History Centre is usually much quieter in the summer and our volunteers do not like to sit around with nothing to do. For this reason we usually cut down on our hours over the summer. Please check the schedule at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com> and ALWAYS call before you come if you have not made an appointment. The FHC is now closed on Thursday mornings until after Labour Day. Our last Saturday until after Labour Day will be June 9th.

Additions to our permanent Collections

Joan Challis has donated a large number of parish transcription fiche for parishes in Oxfordshire. These are particularly valuable as there are very few films in the FHL catalogue for Oxfordshire parishes.

OXF Abingdon St Helen PRs marr & bur 1837-1900 (8 fiche)
BRK Abingdon St Nicholas PRs 1538-1864 (approx) (4 fiche)
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OXF Banbury PRs bapt 1839-1935 (7 fiche)
OXF Banbury PRs marr 1837-1931 (7 fiche)
OXF Banbury PRs burr 1839-1920 (4 fiche)
OXF Bletchington PRs 1559-1993 (5 fiche)
OXF Charlton on Otmoor PRs 1562-1837 (approx) (4 fiche)
OXF Charlton on Otmoor PRs vol 2 1837-2001 (approx) and indices (4 fiche)
OXF Eynsham PRs 1653-1900 (approx) (8 fiche)
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OXF Headington St Andrew PRs 1678-1953 (12 fiche)
OXF Headington Quarry PRs 1849-1985+ (11 fiche)
OXF Oxford All Saints PRs 1559-1895 (approx) (7 fiche)
OXF Oxford Holy Trinity PRs 1845-1913 (approx) (8 fiche)
OXF Oxford Holywell PRs 1653-1900 (7 fiche)
OXF Oxford Holywell Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions (2 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Aldate PRs vol 1&2 1538-1890 (approx) (14 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Aldate PRs vol 3 1890-1950 (approx) & indices (6 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Clements PRs vol 1&2 1665-1921 (approx) & indices (14 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Clement Monumental Inscriptions (2 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Giles PRs vol 1&2 1576-1963 (approx) & indices (18 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Martin Monumental Inscriptions (1 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Mary Mag. PRs Vol 6 1852-1876 (4 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Mary Mag. PRs 1877-1994 (8 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Mary Mag. Monumental Inscriptions (1 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Peter East Monumental Inscriptions (1 fiche)
OXF Oxford St Thomas Monumental Inscriptions (1 fiche)
OXF Summertown PRs 1834-1925 extended transcript (10 fiche)

We also have received a new book to help those of you researching ancestors in Ireland – ***Researching Your Irish Ancestors at Home and Abroad*** by David R. Elliott. The first chapter is *Understanding Religion and Politics in Ireland* – a very helpful potted history to put those ancestors' actions in context.

What's New

Ancestry added indexes with links to Saskatchewan deaths 1889-1916, Manitoba marriages 1879-1931, Manitoba deaths 1881-1941, Quebec city and area marriage contracts 1761-1940 and Montreal Notre-Dame-des-Neiges cemetery.

FamilySearch has added the old IGI records (667 million of them) to the new FamilySearch website. As usual, more sets of images for browsing through have been added.

Irish Family History Foundation has announced that they have added 23,500 birth and burial records for County Antrim and 65,000 gravestone inscriptions for the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh. There are now over 19 million records online at www.rootsireland.ie/. After registration, searching is free but downloading the records can be expensive.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/21/2012. Gibraltar.

I have a problem and wonder if you could start me off on the right track. The name 'NOBLE FERGUSON' is very common among my family of Fergusons. However, I have one that I cannot actually fit in as he was born in Gibraltar according to 1901 and 1911 Irish census. His father was also NOBLE and was a clerk (from his marriage). From a CD recording births, death and marriages from the Londonderry Sentinel, which I saw in Derry last year, there is a death of a Letitia Ferguson 24 August 1855, "At Gibraltar on Sunday the 19th July, Letitia, the wife of Mr. N. Ferguson, clerk of works, Royal engineer Department, formerly of this city" . This would seem that the Noble Ferguson, born in Gibraltar would be a son of Mr. N and Mrs. Letitia Ferguson BUT he is born in 1864, according his marriage, in 1865 according to 1901 census, and in 1861 from the 1911 census. But Letitia had been dead at least 6 years before any of these dates. The other interesting thing about the family is that in the one part, which seems to have more Noble's than any other, there is a marriage of a William Ferguson, around 1886 (I cannot find the marriage) and the wife (Catherine SMYTH) who was born in Gibraltar around 1865. I met a grandson of William recently in Derry and he said that apparently, his grandfather used to tell the story of how he hadn't been well and had fallen in love with his nurse and married her.

At one other period, when I was looking at this problem, I ordered the film #1707588, which gave births for Gibraltar, but they seemed to be native Gibraltarians rather than of Irish stock and I couldn't find either Noble Ferguson or Catherine Smyth. I cannot see in the Family search list any other films that would fit into that period of time i.e. early 1860's. I am quite willing to order any film or slog through lists of possible births, if I thought that they MIGHT give me some information.

Q2/21/2012. How do I get UK wills?

I have been searching the Probate Index on Ancestry that now covers the period 1858 to 1966. I have found three people of interest and would like to know how to get copies of their wills.

- Probate proved at LEWES on February 24 1887 – George Edward Osborne – died Jan 19, 1887
- Probate proved at LONDON on June 30 1925 – Edwin Charles Edmunds – died June 12, 1925
- Probate proved at BRISTOL on July 28 1931 – Albert John Rodd – died June 26, 1931

Suggestions:

No suggestions arrived for Q1/20/2012. Ukraine to Poland in 1947.

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources - Cornwall

Several years ago Peter Goddard started a series in "Were You Aware" to help researchers locate items to help find ancestors in particular UK counties as a majority of our FHC patrons are looking in the United Kingdom and Ireland. He requested that researchers send in their favourite resources and items of interest. So much has changed since 2007 I thought that it might be time to see what is different.

I have chosen to start in the southwest corner of England with Cornwall. For next week please send me any websites or items that you use for Cornwall and Devon.

If you have not tracked your Cornish ancestors (or any English or Welsh ancestors) back to the start of civil registration in 1837, you should start there by using the civil registration index at www.freebmd.org.uk/ and census information for 1841 to 1911. If you need some help to do this, please come to the Family History Centre where our volunteers will be happy to help.

Cornish researchers are lucky – there are four sets of transcriptions of parish registers now available online, each with different but overlapping coverage. The Online Parish Clerk project for Cornwall has transcribed many parish records and

they also are working on other areas like apprenticeship records, bastardy bonds, parish settlements and voters' lists. For these go to <http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/index.php> to do an ancestor search. TheGenealogist.co.uk has some parish register transcriptions of Cornwall parishes. The Cornwall Family History Society through the Federation of Family History Societies has provided transcriptions of parish records to FindMyPast and these can be checked as well. Ancestry has a database called Cornwall, Extracted Parish Registers with over 400,000 records. Ancestry, FindMyPast and TheGenealogist are available without charge at Family History Centres. The IGI, now on the new FamilySearch.org, has transcriptions of some Cornish records.

If you locate an ancestor on any of those indexes, you will want to see the original parish record. FamilySearch has over 200,000 images or parish records for Cornwall and you can browse through these images here: <http://goo.gl/O4b6g>. With the parish and date from the transcriptions, one can find the correct image without too much effort. Unfortunately less than 70% of Cornish parishes have been filmed by the LDS church so the other 30% will never appear on this website.

Films received in the seven days ending on May 31, 2012 and due for return on July 26, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
CA ON Bellville St. Michael the Archangel PRs 1871-1910	1298740
CA ON Bellville St. Michael the Archangel PRs 1888-1922	2032031
CA ON Bellville St. Michael the Archangel PRs 1888-1923	1298741
ENG Lichfield Wills Barston-Davies 1716	0095894
ENG STS Weston-under-Lizard PRs 1701-1877	1040890
USA NY New York City Death index 1918-1921	1324918

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The ordering patron will always have priority. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the Family History Library 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.)

Monday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Now closed Thursday mornings.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed Saturday mornings starting June 16th.

For a copy of a searchable listing of all the films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, go to the Toronto FHC Website at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/> and look for it under Resources.

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