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One World One Family Conference in Kitchener on August 25th

The third annual One World One Family Conference will be held in Kitchener on Saturday, August 25th from 9AM to 4PM. Early bird registration is available until June 30th and is a bargain \$15 for the day (including a box lunch). There are more than 20 different presentations in five time slots with an opening address and a plenary address as well. The conference takes place at the LDS church at 1250 Strasburg Road, Kitchener. Please go to <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/> for complete information or to register.

What's New

FindMyPast has added 70,000 new parish records for Sheffield, Yorkshire. The records include 13,102 baptisms 1858-1940, 24,772 marriages 1848-1986 and 31,470 burials 1767-1802 and are from the Sheffield and District Family History Society. They have added more than 25,000 new Royal Household records to their collection: Establishment Lists for Master of the Household's Department 1835-1924 (7,158 records) and Establishment Lists for the Royal Mews 1717-1924 (18,281 records).

Ancestry has added the 800,000 records of U.S. National Cemetery Interment Control Forms 1928-1962. While Ancestry says that most of the records are of veterans, I found a lot of infant children for the name I was searching. The Interment Control forms are quite informative, giving name, birth death and burial dates, and gravesite. The Oregon marriage and death indexes have been updated.

DeceasedOnline now has more than 248,000 burial records for the City of Aberdeen, Scotland online. A recent addition includes 92,963 burials in St Peter's Churchyard (Spital Churchyard), dated January 1767 to 29 December 1894

FamilySearch has added an index and images from BillionGraves.com to its databases (there are actually less than one million records). Each image has a GPS location as well as a picture and transcription. There are now updated Texas divorce and marriage records to check, if of interest.

ScotlandsPeople has announced a decrease in the cost of their online Wills and Testaments. These documents can now be viewed using 10 ScotlandsPeople credits or about £2.33 (less than \$4.00 CDN). This will give you a full colour, authentic facsimile of the original document, regardless of the number of pages. Images of wills and testaments from 1500 to 1901 are available at ScotlandsPeople and there is an index of 611,000 entries to the wills and testaments. For more information about Scottish wills and testaments, look at <http://goo.gl/PL386>.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week – it is too hot to think, perhaps.

Suggestons:

Q1/23/2012. England. Jewish ancestors?

A cousin of mine, when in Devon looking for information on our shared Stacey great-great-grandparents, was told that the Stacey family were originally tinsmiths or tinkers. In my gggrandfather's era, they were primarily agricultural labourers. The story (entirely oral) was that the Stacey family of Devon and Cornwall (our ancestors) were originally tinkers and were

Jewish or Turkish in origin, and I would love to find out if anyone has anything to add to this. I suspect it goes back a few centuries and it intrigues me...

Eve Richardson writes:

"I am writing in response to the forum question about the possibly Jewish Staceys of Devon and Cornwall. I'm not aware of Jews going into the tinkers' trade in particular, but many were pedlars and what were later to be called traveling salesmen, so may have sold pots and pans. The researcher might be interested in two sources that were posted in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago.

The first is the book *The Lost Jews of Devon and Cornwall: From the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century* by Keith Pearce and Helen Fry. The second is *The Jews of South-West England* by Rabbi Bernard Susser. Originally Rabbi Susser's thesis, it is available in book form, but can also be read (for free) at <http://goo.gl/P7vCd>. (This was the starting point in my search for my family's Jewish history.) I note that "tinker" doesn't appear in the index of this book, but the Stacey researcher may still find it interesting reading if curious about the general social history of Jews in Devon and Cornwall. For further genealogical questions about British Jews, both the moderators and members of the Rootsweb British-Jewry mailing list are extremely friendly and helpful: <http://goo.gl/pV4fq>."

Q2/23/2012. England. Illegitimacy.

In 1833 in England if a pregnant woman belonged to an independent church, would the bastardy bonds and/or any interrogation materials be located at her independent church or at the official Church of England local parish? Is there any place else a record might be found? What if she left England before the birth of the baby?

Bastardy Bonds (from the FamilySearch Wiki):

When an unmarried woman was expecting a child, parish officials pressured her to reveal the father's name so the father, not the parish, had financial responsibility for the child's care. A "bond of indemnification," also known as a "bastardy bond," was the father's guarantee of responsibility for the child. Bastardy bonds or records of the mother's examination may exist in the parish chest records or among quarter session records (court records). Churchwardens (church officials) sometimes bypassed the bond with a gentlemen's agreement, records of which are among churchwardens' accounts or vestry minutes.

The necessity of bastardy bonds was eliminated with the introduction of the Poor Law of 1834. This is an interesting question because even if the woman attended an independent church, it appears that the local Church of England parish would bear the responsibility of supporting the woman and her child. Then the independent church would not have the same responsibility (although they might accept it).

My (limited, of course) experience with bastardy examinations is that they took place shortly before the baby was born, when the woman was fairly obviously pregnant. I would think it unlikely that a bastardy examination would be carried out and then the woman left the country, as she would have been quite pregnant at the time. Your editor does not really know the answer and would be happy to receive further clarification or corrections.

A2A, part of the National Archives UK, has a number of indexes to bastardy bonds at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/.

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Devon, Somerset, Dorset; next week Wiltshire

This week we have more suggestions for Devon but no-one appears to have suggestions for Dorset and Somerset. For next week please send me any websites or items that you use for Dorset and Wiltshire.

[If you have not tracked 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 any Family History Centre where volunteers will be happy to help.]

Devon

Jerri Grimley finds these website useful for Devon:

Devon Heritage

<http://www.devonheritage.org/index.htm>

Friends of Devon Archives

<http://www.foda.org.uk/main/transcripts.htm>

Neil's OPC site for Bridestowe, Bradstone, Sydenham Damerel, Kelly and Sourton, index

<http://www.opcdev.co.uk/>

Hugh Wallis' Stoke Damerel OPC site

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hughwallis/stokedamerelopc/index.htm>

Genuki - Milton Abbot Transcripts parish records

<http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/MiltonAbbot/>

Rootschat Forum , the Devon section seems pretty active and very helpful

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/board,10.0.html>

Somerset – no new ideas received

Dorset

Ancestry released nine sets of records for Dorset last week. The two largest were 646,000 Land Tax Returns 1780-1832 and 350,000 Jury Lists 1825-1921. They also have 31,000 Dorset Wills and Probates 1565-1858. The Toronto Family History Centre has a few directories and the 1918-1919 Absent Voters' List on CD or fiche. FindMyPast has databases containing 79,664 marriages from the registers of 259 parishes in Dorset and 243,000 baptisms from 286 parishes. The National Burial Index Version 3 has 330,000 burials indexed for Dorset. GENUKI has transcriptions of the Dorset Poll Book of 1807 online if you go the bottom of the page at <http://www.uk-genealogy.org.uk/genuki/DOR/> . The Dorset Online Parish Clerks website has over 1.5 million names transcribed as well as pictures and descriptions of many of the churches - www.opcdorset.org/index.htm .

Scottish Council on Archives e-Magazines

Issue 15 of the free Scottish Council on Archives e-magazine, its Family History Edition, is now available online in PDF format. Go to <http://www.scoarch.org.uk/notice-board/broadsheet> to download it or any of the other Broadsheets which contain features, interviews and articles from the archives and records management sector across Scotland.

Lanark County Genealogical Society (LCGS), Ontario, Canada by Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor From The Weekly Genealogist Vol 15, No 25 of the New England Genealogical Society

"Lanark County is located in eastern Ontario. Its county seat is Perth. The Lanark County Genealogical Society has made a number of resources available on its website - <http://www.globalgenealogy.com/LCGS/>. Click on the Documents link at the top of the home page to access them.

On the left side of the Documents main page you will find links to the resources that have been made available:

Articles - This section of the website contains articles from the LCGS newsletter, Lanark Log, and some submissions from website users. They are organized by place. There are articles about Almonte, Bathurst Township, Darling Township, Lanark County General, Town of Perth, and so on.

Family Bibles - This section contains genealogical information transcribed from family registers within Bibles. The families lived in or had some relation to Lanark County or Eastern Ontario. Most of the Bible owners are identified, and many of the Bibles are in the Perth Museum collection.

Family Histories - There are twenty-five family history-related documents in this section. They range from memoirs to transcribed obituaries to specific family history articles.

Personal Letters - In this section you will find transcriptions of personal letters. The letters date from the 1820s to the mid-1930s. The surnames mentioned in the correspondence are listed.

Mostly Names - This section contains information about people who lived in or had some relationship to Lanark County. The topics vary. The sources include funeral cards, broadsides in the Perth Museum, lists from gossip columns in local newspapers, transcribed land patent indexes, a published list of teachers, a church membership list, wedding guest logs, names found in a World War I autograph book, and much more.

1905 Old Home Week - The transcribed articles in this section, originally published in the Perth Courier between September 1904 and August 1905, report on activities related to the 1905 Perth Old Home Week. Among them is a special edition of the newspaper with sixteen pages devoted to Old Home Week. This is a great resource for family history researchers whose families lived in the Perth area.

Mostly Photographs - This section contains twenty-five historical photographs of Lanark County residents, submitted by various individuals. Most include information about the people pictured. There is also a collection of twenty photographs taken by Robert J. Stead, a local photographer, who died in 1919.

Voter's Lists — Directories - More than ten voter's lists and city directories for area cities and towns, dating from 1875 to 1940, are available."

Films received in the seven days ending on June 21, 2012 and due for return on August 17, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
DEU Goliheim Church recs 1700-1860	0400418
ENG LAN Probate records Original wills "H-O", 1757	0088769
ENG LAN Probate records Original wills "H-Y", 1731	0088705
ENG Misc parishes - mostly Shropshire	1235339
ENG YKS Bilsdale/Harome BTs	0990789
ENG YKS Hawnby BTs	0990786
ENG YKS Helmsley BTs	0990787
ENG YRK misc parishes	1836438
PRU Königsberg Inventory of BMDs	0584091
PRU WPRU Klein Tromnau Bapt 1863-1903	0208179
USA LA New Orleans Licenses, 5th Justice 1857-1859	0903943

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.

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Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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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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