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Announcements

Happy Canada Day! We will be closed on Monday for the holiday.

The FHC is now closed on Thursday and Saturday mornings until after Labour Day. Please check the schedule at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com> and ALWAYS call before you come if you have not made an appointment.

Ancestry.ca is free from now until July 2nd in celebration of Canada's 145th birthday! Check for your ancestors in more than 40 million Canadian records such as censuses, birth, marriage and death records, passenger lists, military records and many more.

The "old" **FamilySearch** no longer exists. That link (Old FamilySearch) on our BlogSpot page took you directly to the new site; that link has been removed. However the "old" Catalog search link still works (the "new" catalogue is still in its BETA phase) and the IGI search button will take you directly to search the IGI on the "new" site. The good news is that this link separates out the community indexed records (which are very accurate) from the community contributed records, which are of varying reliability, similar to the accuracy of some family trees on Ancestry or GenesReunited.

BIFSGO Conference 2012 - September 14-16, Ottawa

BIFSGO (British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa) is holding its 18th conference in September and this year they are featuring Scotland. The keynote speaker will be Chris Paton who writes the daily British GENES blog. For complete details, go to <http://www.bifhsgo.ca/cpage.php?pt=22>. Last year's conference was excellent.

What's New

FindMyPast has just published 2 million new Welsh parish registers. With this addition to the records released earlier this year, the complete Welsh parish baptism, marriage and death records are available online. You can now search 5,924,611 records of Church in Wales parish registers (2,083,430 baptisms, 1,266,650 marriages, 557,078 banns and 2,057,453 burials). If you go to FindMyPast.co.uk and click on the NEWS button, the news release gives access to PDFs of the exact coverage of each parish. A small number of parish register transcripts for Yorkshire from the Ryedale Family History Society were added today. Do check them out if your ancestors were from the Ryedale area. FindMyPast is available without charge at Family History Centres.

Ancestry has added 12 million London England tax records 1692-1932. Although they are not very detailed, land tax records list both property owners (proprietors) and tenants, placing them in both a parish and a year.

FamilySearch has added or updated more than 40 databases in the last week. We encourage you to check for new information on your geographic area regularly. Bulletin readers may be most interested in these three: the indexed lists of prison records 1792-1924 from Ireland (images should be available at Family History Centres- please check first), New Zealand immigration Passenger Lists 1855-1973 that is indexed with images, and a browsable collection of Bishop's Transcripts from the Diocese of Durham 1700-1900. Free coverage of the 1940 US census continues to grow with 30 states now searchable; New York should be coming soon.

The Genealogist.co.uk has digitized the Illustrated London News from 1842 to 1869. Each article in the more than 1,000 issues is bookmarked by article and is easily searchable. They contain many announcements of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Obituaries, Wills & Bequests.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/25/2012. Illegitimacy.

My father was born in Bermuda in 1930; his mother was married, but not to his father. (His mother had been married in England.) If my father was legally the child of his mother's husband, what, if anything, would that have meant? And if he was legally illegitimate, what did that mean? [Are there any lawyers out there with an opinion on this?]

Q2/25/2012. Illegitimacy. Canada.

My father, Bertram French, was born in Toronto on March 11, 1924 in a Home for Unwed Mothers. The birth certificate that he had, was sworn in by his mother when he went to join the army but it is doubtful that it is all true. He was not told until he was 40 that his father, Arthur French, was not his true father. It was his father that told us about Nana, Grace Morris, being at a home for unwed mothers when he married her. Dad was named after Grandpa's brother who died in WW1 so his name may not even be his birth name. My grandmother did not meet my grandfather until after the birth of my father, so I know that the child was not his. How can I find the name he was registered with at birth and the name of his real father?

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Dorset and Wiltshire; next week Hampshire

This week we have more suggestions for Dorset and Wiltshire. For next week please send me any websites or items that you use for Wiltshire and Hampshire.

[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.]

Dorset

The Genelaogist.co.uk has transcriptions of marriages in some parishes in Dorset from 1538 to 1839.

Wiltshire

FindMyPast has a large collection of parish register transcriptions obtained from the Wiltshire Family History Centre and this should be your first place to look. Access to Archives (A2A) at the National Archives UK has many documents with a short catalogue entry. Entering BASTARDY and Wiltshire and Swindon Archives resulted in more than 2,000 entries with many people named in the Catalogue. [e.g. Mother: Catherine Tinson, Father: Thomas Ellison; 1781] Mandy and Duncan Ball have photographed many of the north Wiltshire churches, both inside and outside. Go to <http://www.oodwooc.co.uk/> to see the churches photographed and also see a name index for the memorials and gravestones at each location. The National Burial Index 3 CD contains more than over 300,000 burials in Wiltshire.

Looking Ahead – Surrey Records Online in 2013

Margaret Taylor sent this tidbit of information. Ancestry and the Surrey County Council are working together to put indexed Surrey records online as early as 2013. Among the records to be digitised are Church of England baptism, marriage and burial registers going back to the 1500s; 18th century tax lists; electoral registers listing all those allowed to vote in elections from 1832 to 1945; admission registers for some of the huge Victorian mental hospitals in the county; and lists of all the men who joined the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment in the years between the two World Wars.

Films received in the seven days ending on June 28, 2012 and due for return on August 30, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
ENG LAN Liverpool BTs various parishes	1068892
ENG LAN Probate records Original wills "H-P", 1752	0088755

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.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed Monday, July 2. Closed Thursday and Saturday mornings.

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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