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Announcements

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.

The List of All Resources available at the FHC will be updated later tonight with the new acquisitions of the previous six months and many films which we are keeping. We have more than 15,000 items in our library, including films, fiche, CDs and books. To download the report, please click on "List of All Resources" or "List of All Resources 2012 07 05" on the Resources page of our website: <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/>. You will also find a numerical list of all the films that we currently have.

What's New

FindMyPast has made a small update to its Plymouth and West Devon parish records collection.

Ancestry has updated the parish register collections for Warwickshire and it currently includes one million records before 1812, half a million marriages and banns from 1754 to 1910 and another half a million baptisms 1813-1910. A few additional records this week means that there are now nearly three million records of West Yorkshire parishes 1512-1812.

FamilySearch has added transcriptions of the 1881 and 1891 Scottish censuses; these do not include images. Over 136,000 volunteers are now helping with the indexing for the 1940 US census and the indexing and arbitration of all states is expected to be completed by the end of this month. Please remember that you cannot do a person name search for those states that have yet to be arbitrated, even if the indexing is almost complete.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Suggestions:

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?

This researcher should apply for her father's original **long form** birth certificate. As she believes that her father was born in a Home for Unwed Mothers, it is highly likely that a birth certificate will exist. She should apply to the Office of the Registrar of Ontario, giving the date of birth and the mother's (maiden) name. When applying for a birth certificate before 1930, it can take up to an extra 6-8 weeks as the certificate will have to be converted to electronic format before processing can be completed. The Archives of Ontario only have births on microfilm up until 1913, as does Ancestry. While the baby's name, birth date, and mother's name should be on the certificate, the father's name may not be listed.

News From the Trenches

Gwen Armstrong came across an interesting occupation on a marriage certificate in 1927 – body builder. This was Wesley Bayliss's occupation when he married Rose Mary Geddes in December of 1927. Gwen wondered if body builder meant the same thing then as it does now. Looking it up in Wikipedia, I found that modern Western body-building began in the late 1800s. The first large-scale bodybuilding competition in America took place at Madison Square Gardens in New York City in January 1904; so it is quite possible that Wesley Bayliss was a body-builder in the modern sense of the term, although it is hard to imagine what opportunities there were in Oshawa in 1927. Intrigued I looked to see if I could find if he described his job as body-builder in any other records. Disappointment: in 1925 he says he is a welder looking for work; in 1915 when he signs up for the Canadian Expeditionary Force for WWI, he is a taxidermist! He later became a postman.

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Hampshire; next week Gloucestershire

This week we have some suggestions for Hampshire. For next week please send the Bulletin any websites or items that you use for Hampshire and Gloucestershire.

[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.]

Hampshire

The Toronto Family History Centre has a number of CDs which can help one find ancestors in Hampshire: Baptism Indexes 1752-1812 & 1813-1841, Marriage Indexes 1538-1659, 1660-1753 & 1754-1837, Burial Index 1400-1837, and Bishop Transcripts for 290 parishes 1780-1812 by R. Hackman (nearly all the parishes in Hampshire). Some of these indexes containing 1.5 million records are also available on FindMyPast. Note that these CDs do not include parishes on the Isle of Wight.

The Isle of Wight Family History Society has transcribed birth, marriage and death registrations between 1837 and 2010 but it is not apparent if they are complete.

Barb Garrow writes: "This is a comprehensive website about Headley parish in the east part of Hampshire, that I've found very helpful. <http://www.johnowensmith.co.uk/headley/>

"Besides genealogical information, it has some references to Canadian soldiers stationed in the area during the Second World War. The author of the website, John Owen Smith wrote a book about them called All Tanked Up. Flora Thompson, the author of 'Lark Rise to Candleford' worked in Grayshott (then part of Headley parish) 1898-1900.

"On the site there is also a detailed description of the Selborne and Headley workhouse riots of 1830. I stayed in the Old Rectory which is now a B and B when I visited there in 2010."

CanadianHeadstones.com

Gwen Armstrong reminds us of this terrific website when looking for Canadian ancestors. The website at www.canadianheadstones.com has more than 430,000 pictures and transcriptions of headstones across Canada. She says that, as always, some provinces are better represented than others and that the Eastern provinces have more pictures than Western provinces. Perhaps you will be lucky and find an ancestor or perhaps you can upload photos that you have taken to help someone else. A similar website with a more world-wide focus (although predominately US) is www.findagrave.com/.

Films received in the seven days ending on July 5, 2012 and due for return on September 6, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
ENG LAN Probate records Original wills "H-O", 1786	0088863

ENG LAN Probate records Original wills "H-P", 1632	0089522
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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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