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Announcements

The FHC is now closed on Thursday and Saturday mornings until after Labour Day, and we will be closed Monday August 6. Please check the schedule at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com> and ALWAYS call before you come if you have not made an appointment.

OGS Toronto Fall Courses

The Ontario Branch of OGS is offering two courses in the fall for genealogists (a third – a full-day Ancestry Day course is already full). **Basic Genealogy and Family History** will be taught by Jane MacNamara at the North York Central Library on eight Wednesday afternoons in October and November. **Coming in Waves: British and Irish Emigration to Canada** will be taught by James Thomson on four Wednesday evenings in November at the Toronto Reference Library. For more detailed information or to register, go to: <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html>.

What's New

FindMyPast has added a new set of images called the Canterbury Collection to its website. One can browse approximately 128,000 images of Church of England parish baptisms, marriages and burials for churches in the historic Archdeaconry of Canterbury, covering the period 1538-2005. Currently one can only browse these images by parish, event and year range and while there is a goodly number of parishes, the date range and available images may not cover all births, marriages, banns and burials as yet. They are working on indexing these images. Also added this past week are: 49,000 Lincolnshire parish marriage records; 16,000 parish records for Llanymawddwy, Mallwyd, Wales; 13,000 burials in Greenwich Kent 1748-1793; and two small sets of North Yorkshire records – 22,000 baptisms near Whitby and 5,000 baptisms and marriages in St Luke, Hollis Croft.

Ancestry in partnership with JewishGen has added the following databases: Galicia Ukraine, Births Marriages & Deaths 1789-1905 and Belarus, Census & Family Lists from Various Districts 1795-1890, and has updated the following Polish indexing records: Births 1550-1993, Marriages 1798-1939 and Deaths 1808-1942.

FamilySearch has added a new browsable image collection of British Columbia Wills 1861-1981 and added new images to the Saskatchewan Probate Estate Files 1887-1931. There are over three million records of Irish Prison Registers 1790-1924 and their images are available. This is a compilation of most of the surviving prison records of the 26 counties in the Republic of Ireland from collections held in the National Archives of Ireland. WWII US Army Enlistment Records 1938-1946 is another new indexed collection. There are now 14 collections of church records from Portugal available to browse through.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/27/2012. England

I have found my ancestor, Thomas Fitches, in the Poll Books and Electoral Registers for the UK in 1727, found on Ancestry. He is registered as a voter in Moulton, Suffolk and the letters **B** and **D** are shown after his name. What do they mean?

News From the Trenches – Body Builder

Last week Gwen Armstrong came across an interesting occupation on an Oshawa marriage certificate in 1927 – body builder - and she wondered if body builder meant the same thing then as it does now. It was possible but Marie Heard wrote to the Bulletin with a much more likely explanation – “he could have worked at General Motors on the body assembly lines. They had a Body Plant where the bare metal bodies were welded before assembly hence "body builder".” The City of Oshawa has a brief history on their website. “In 1876, Robert McLaughlin established a carriage works business in Oshawa, drawn by its flourishing rail and harbour facilities. With the help of a \$50,000 interest-free loan from the Town of Oshawa, the McLaughlin Carriage Company quickly developed into the largest carriage works in the British Empire. In the 1900s with the automobile fast gaining popularity, the McLaughlins decided to enter the business by contracting with the Buick Motor Car Company of Michigan for use of the Buick engine in the McLaughlin car. Automobile production began in 1907 when 198 McLaughlin automobiles were built. In 1915, the McLaughlins acquired the rights to build Chevrolets and the Chevrolet Motor Car Company of Canada was formed. Three years later, the McLaughlin Motor Car Company and Chevrolet Motor Car Company of Canada were merged to create General Motors of Canada, Limited, a wholly-owned unit of the General Motors Corporation, with Robert Samuel McLaughlin as President.” As Wesley was a welder looking for work in 1925, I am sure that Wesley built car bodies as Marie suggests, and he probably had not competed in body-building competitions!

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Hampshire, Gloucestershire; next week Oxfordshire

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

[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

Christine in Herts. sent a number of good links to add for Hampshire:

www.knightroots.co.uk/ (Hampshire Online Parish Clerk)

www.stpetersfarnborough.org.uk/

www.isle-of-wight-fhs.co.uk/

www3.hants.gov.uk/archives.htm ~ <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/archives/catalog.htm>

www.portsmouthrecordsoffice.co.uk/

www.hgs-online.org.uk/

Gloucestershire

The Toronto FHS has a lot of helpful CDs for patrons with Gloucestershire ancestors. Covering all of Gloucestershire we have: Baptism index 1813-1837, Burial index 1813-1851, Marriage index 1800-1837 and Monumental Inscriptions. We have nine CDs dealing with Bristol Diocese (South Gloucestershire) parish registers: Baptism index and transcripts 1754-1837, Marriage index and transcripts 1754-1901, Burial index and transcripts 1754-1837, and Nonconformist Baptisms 1754-1837. Another CD is a miscellaneous collection of Gloucestershire Prisoners Index 1579-1879, Owners of Land 1873, Poor Law Index, and the Electoral Roll 1831. Miscellaneous collections that are easy to search are great fun because, even though you will likely find nothing, you may actually find a gem of information. The Soldiers of Gloucestershire website - <http://www.glost.org.uk/> - has a Soldier database with 10,000 19th century soldiers and 40,000 WWI soldiers. Its museum portrays the history of the *Glorious Glosters* and its antecedents the 28th and 61st *Regiments of Foot* and the *Royal Gloucestershire Hussars*.

There are two family history societies for Gloucestershire – the Bristol and Avon FHS (www.bafhs.org.uk/) which covers the southern part of Gloucestershire and, of course, the Gloucestershire FHS (www.gfhs.org.uk/). Do check these out for helpful links.

The Gloucestershire County council has a searchable database online that includes indexes for canal boat inspectors, gaol registers, non-conformist registers, overseers records, and wills 1541-1858. The Wishful Thinking website has a memorial inscription collection at places.wishful-thinking.org.uk/GLS/index.html .

Scottish Post Office Directories 1773-1911

Madeleine Gill sent us an email from GenaNet which mentioned the Scottish Post Office Directories available on the National Library of Scotland website: <http://digital.nls.uk/directories/index.html> . There are over 700 digitised directories covering most of Scotland and dating from 1773 to 1911. With their alphabetical list of a location's inhabitants and

information on their professions and addresses, the directories enable you easily to find out where people lived at a certain time and how they earned their living. Most of the directories were published annually and this makes them a valuable resource, especially for the years not covered by the census. In each directory you can: browse and search by place, year and resident's name; view page by page; view a PDF of the complete book; search the full PDF text; and download files for free

Manhattan Industrial Trade School for Girls Records

This week's New England Genealogical Society eNews mentions a blog about the discovery of some report cards from this school and I thought it might be interesting. Actually I found it fascinating that a young man had discovered these cards in 1996 at a party and had taken some of them to save them from being destroyed. Paul Lukas is now a journalist and historian living in Brooklyn. With the advent of the internet and diverse ways of tracking people down, he has found descendants of some of the girls who attended the school in the early 1900s and is writing a blog about some of the girls and their families. You may find the blog interesting too: <http://goo.gl/pEJvT>.

Films received in the seven days ending on July 12, 2012 and due for return on September 13, 2012.

| Film Content | Film No |
|---|----------------|
| ENG YKS Cockayne, Kirby-Moorside, Gillamoor BTs | 0990901 |
| ENG YKS Kirkdale PRS | 0990902 |
| ENG YKS PRs Various Parishes | 0919064 |

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, August 6th. 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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