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Announcements

The FHC is now closed on Thursday and Saturday mornings until after Labour Day. We are closed for the Civic Holiday on August 6th. Please check the schedule at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com> and ALWAYS call before you come if you have not made an appointment.

Because our volunteers will be taking advantage of the summer weather while they can, we have reduced August hours even further for two weeks. We will be closed Friday August 10th, Monday August 13th, Tuesday evening August 14th, Friday August 17th, Monday August 20th, Tuesday evening August 21st, and Friday August 24th.

One World One Family Conference – August 25th in Kitchener

The third annual One World One Family Conference is being held in Kitchener at 1250 Strasburg Road on August 25th from 9am to 4pm. Registration is only \$20 and includes a box lunch. There are 20 different workshops, as well as the keynote address and the final plenary address. For more details, please go to the <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/>.

What's New

FindMyPast has added a new collection – records of 2,328 men who received facial plastic surgery from Dr Harold Gillies between 1917 and 1925. They contain the following: name, regiment, rank, the injuries they sustained, plus the dates they joined the army, arrived overseas, were wounded and then admitted and discharged from hospital; but do not include sensitive information. They have also updated the Docklands Ancestors records with more than 13,000 new baptism records.

Ancestry has added Canadian Border Entries and Passenger Lists 1894-1905 for British Columbia and a collection of Trade Directories for the Midlands (UK) 1770-1941 with more than 8.5 million names. They have also updated a few collections: the Drouin Collection (now more than 14.5 million names), London England School Admissions and Discharges 1840-1911 (1.7 million names), West Yorkshire Marriages and Banns (2.5 million names), Swedish Church Records (nearly 20 million names), and Texas, Indiana and Tennessee marriage records.

FamilySearch has updated or added only a few collections this week. The Slovakian Church and Synagogue Books database now contains over five million names. Utah marriage databases, both state and county, have been updated.

DeceasedOnline has added about 58,700 burial records from seven cemeteries managed by the Harrow County Council, a London Borough. The cemeteries and approximate date range covered are: Eastcote 1922-2012, Harrow 1888-2012, Harrow Weald 1937-2012, Paines Lane 1860-2009, Pinner New 1933-2012, Roxeth Hill 1902-1977, and Wealdstone 1902-2011. You can search without charge at www.deceasedonline.com but downloading the images requires a small payment.

National Archives (UK) has indexed by name the records of 320,000 WWI airmen, which includes the Royal Air Force, the Royal Flying and the Royal Naval Air service. This index can be searched on their catalogue and using the reference information obtained, the records can be ordered at Kew in person. The new catalogue at the National Archives, now called Discovery, is in a Beta test and I am finding it confusing to navigate. The old Catalogue at

<http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue/search.asp> seems simple: put the person's name in the *Word or Phrase* box and AIR 79 in the *Department or Series* box.

The Irish Family History Foundation at www.rootsireland.ie has added 242,000 church marriage records for Romal Catholic and Church of Ireland parishes in County Waterford. They now have near 19.5 million records online.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Answers:

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?

The Poll Books were lists of voters and the candidate they voted for in county elections. Most voters were land holders and others who met property requirements and the poll books only contain those who actually voted. Secret ballots were not introduced until 1872.

Thomas Fitches voted for B and D. To find out who the candidates were you must find the beginning of the poll book, where they are listed. The three Suffolk candidates in the 1727 election were Sir Jermyn Davers, Sir William Barker, and John Holt, who respectively received 3079, 2963, and 2365 votes on August 30. So Mr. Fitches voted for Barker and Davers. While the Whigs dominated the British government between 1715 and 1760, Suffolk was a Tory stronghold of the nobility, gentry and freeholders there. Suffolk usually chose two Tories without opposition but in 1727 the local Whigs put a candidate (Holt) against the sitting Tory members. As you can see from the votes previously mentioned, the Whig was defeated. Thomas voted Tory.

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Oxfordshire, next week Berkshire

This week we have some suggestions for Oxfordshire – no new suggestions for Hampshire were received. For next week please send the Bulletin any websites or items that you use for Berkshire.

[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.]

Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire is bounded by five counties - Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Warwickshire, and Northamptonshire – and, if my family is anything to go by, you will find quite a lot of movement between them. Research has been more difficult here because the FHL Catalog does not have many parish register films. The Toronto FHC has a CD of Oxfordshire marriages from 1538-1837 which can be very helpful. A number of patrons have purchased fiche for various parishes and donated them – please check our resources for these items. The Society of Genealogists in London has a good collection of printed transcripts but it is a long way to go. Online records appear to be scarce for Oxford before 1837 and the Bulletin would appreciate hearing from anyone who has good ideas for finding those elusive ancestors. The Oxfordshire Family History Society (<http://www.ofhs.org.uk/>) has transcribed a lot of parish records and some monumental inscriptions, and have made them available for purchase on CD. They also have online transcribed wills that have been donated by the transcriber. The Oxfordshire Record Office has put abstracts of some items online at *Access to Archives (A2A)* (www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/) but many of these have to do with land transfers.

Newspapers – Britain, Australia, Canada

Many of you will recognize these websites but with new information online regularly and the fun of perusing old newspapers, they are worth repeating.

The British Newspaper Archive at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/ continues to add new material and currently has more than five million scanned pages. It includes papers from England, Wales (in Welsh), Scotland and Ireland. While one must pay to download complete articles, a search usually produces enough information to identify whether you have found the right individual. If you find some really interesting information, you can take out a two-day membership for £6.95 or about \$10 and download up to 100 pages. One could search for a long time without charge and after accumulating 100 interesting pages, just download them over two days. There are now more than five million pages that have been digitized.

The 19th Century British Newspapers (which has some overlapping material, I believe) is available without charge at Family History Centres. One can search the *London Gazette*, the *Edinburgh Gazette* or the *Belfast Gazette* for bankruptcies, partnerships, etc. and get a pdf of the page without charge at www.london-gazette.co.uk/. The Times Digital Archive now contains copies of *The Times* between 1785 and 2006 at <http://gale.cengage.co.uk/times.aspx/> but this is only available at institutions with subscriptions. Check your local library to see if you can get access there. TheGenealogist has the *Illustrated London News* and the monthly *Harper's Magazine* online and these can be searched without charge at Family History Centres.

The National Library of Australia continues to digitize Australian newspapers which are free to search and download [it would really be nice to have the same in Canada]. Currently they have more than 7 million pages and more than 70 million articles available. They also have 300 million images of books, maps, music, archives, pictures, and more. Go to <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>.

Don't forget that if you have a Toronto Public Library card you can search and download pages from the Globe and Mail from 1844 to 2009 and the Toronto Star from 1894 to 2009 from home. Other local libraries have similar search facilities.

Canadian Pictures

The (UK) National Archives [not Library and Archives Canada!] have posted a collection of Canadian photographs on Flickr. There are almost 1,000 pictures including some early pictures of Toronto. There is a large collection of pictures of the 1905 CNE (Canadian National Exhibition). The collection includes 98 photos of Ontario, 28 of Alberta, 51 of British Columbia, 35 of Manitoba, 201 of Newfoundland and Labrador, 112 of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and 27 of Quebec, as well as a few other collections.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/nationalarchives/collections/72157630315300544/?dm_i=MAN,VAPA,3BNDCI,2L4GH,1

One of the pictures of Toronto is "**Facts about the City of Toronto**", transcribed below.

Toronto is the capital of the Province of Ontario, the largest and most populous province in the Dominion of Canada. It is the leading educational centre of Canada.

It has a population, including suburbs, of over 300,000.

It has an annual revenue of \$4,091,193.

Its total assessment value is \$155,000,000.

It has 266 miles of streets and covers an area of 18 square miles.

It has 95 miles of street railroad.

The city owns property to the value of \$15,000,000.

It has 59 free public schools, with an average attendance of 35,000 children; school books are supplied free.

It has four high schools. One Technical high school, McMaster University, and the Provincial University of Toronto, with its six affiliated University Colleges.

It is one of the healthiest cities on the American continent, having a death rate of only 13.22 per thousand.

It is a favorite summer resort for the southern half of the United States. Splendid hotels, excellent boating, fishing, yachting and excursions.

It is the most favourably situated city in Canada for easy and speedy transportation by either rail or water, situated as it is on the great course of navigable Canadian Lakes and on the main line of three transcontinental railways.

It is the most desirable location for Manufacturers in the Dominion of Canada, controlling the home market and advantageously situated for foreign trade, a large skilled and unskilled labor market, a cheap city to live in, an abundant supply of pure water which is owned and controlled by the municipality and furnished to manufacturers at less than cost, and a low tax rate.

It has over 1,200 manufacturers, 60,000 employees, the second largest manufacturing centre in Canada, annual output of manufactures \$90,000,000.

Toronto offers special inducements for Manufacturers to locate. For particulars apply to J. Forman, Assessment Commissioner.

Italian Civil Records and FamilySearch

In December 2011 FamilySearch launched a historic partnership with the National Archives of Italy to digitally preserve and index its civil registration records (birth, marriage, and death) for all states from 1802 to 1940. Since the project launch, more than 24 million images have been published, and 4 million names have been made searchable on FamilySearch.org. But there are **115 million historic Italian documents with over 500 million names** remaining to index and publish. Tens of thousands of volunteers are needed. FamilySearch is requesting help from indexers and

arbitrators who speak or read Italian or a closely related language, such as Spanish, or who are willing to learn a handful of simple Italian words and phrases to help facilitate the initiative.

Descendants of Italians and Italy historic and genealogy societies are especially invited to participate to help accelerate the publication of this valuable record set. Interested individuals, societies, or groups should visit <http://www.familysearch.org/italian-ancestors> to learn more. To search the completed Italian records online and to learn more about reading Italian records, visit <http://familysearch.org/italy>.

Films received in the seven days ending on July 19, 2012 and due for return on September 20, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
DEU HAM Geesthacht Births 1847-1875; Grabow BMBs 1865-1922 Index	1196458
DEU MEC Beidendorf PRs	0068987
ENG WIL 3 Parish PRs 1682-1940 - ordered 2x???	1279371
ENG YKS Aislaby, Baldersby, Bilsdale PRs	0573985
Gibraltar Census Recs 4th Div 1868	1729532
Gibraltar Census Recs 4th Div 1868 & 1871	1729533
PRU RHE Heimersheim PRs	0462741
PRU RHE Heimersheim PRs	0585850
PRU RHE Various PRs	0585967

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. Closed Friday August 10th, Monday August 13th, Tuesday evening August 14th, Friday August 17th, Monday August 20th, Tuesday evening August 21st, and Friday August 24th.

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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