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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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evening August 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday August 17<sup>th</sup>, Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evening August 21<sup>st</sup>, and Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Additions to Our Permanent Collection

We have two new CDs for our collection this week.

**FTM61** is a collection of miscellaneous parish records: Falmouth, Cornwall Burials 1664-1714; Doncaster, Yorkshire Marriages 1557-1699; Caerwent Wales PRs 1568-1710; Conway, Wales PRs 1541-1630; LND Bishopsgate St Nicholas Acons Bapt 1539-1653; Marriages in Leicestershire - Barkston (Barkestone) 1574-1837, Plungar 1695-1837, Knipton 1563-1837 and Croxton Kerrial 1558-1837; Marriages in Gloucestershire - Frocester 1559-1837, Maisemors 1579-1813, and Tirley 1655-1812; Marriages in Lincolnshire - Sedgebrook, East Allington and West Allington; Marriages in Northamptonshire - Broughton Sulney, Colston Bassett, Cotgrave and Cropwell Bishop; and Plymouth, Devon - St. Andrew's Marriages 1581-1654.

**FTM62** contains miscellaneous directories – Samuel Lewis's 1839 Dictionary of Ireland (A-C & D-K); 1844 Directory of North & South Wales; 1931 Post Office Directory of London; 1835 Pigot's Directory of Leicestershire; 1906 Kelly's Directory of Gloucestershire; 1885 Kelly's Directory of Lincoln; 1912 Kelly's Directory of Nottinghamshire; and 1844 Pigot's Directory of Devon.

### What's New

**FindMyPast** announced that if you have expired credits on their Pay-as-You-Go system, you will get them back when you renew and buy more credits. [Family History Centre patrons can access FindMyPast without charge.]

**Ancestry** added several large databases for Lancashire England – Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1538-1812, Marriages & Banns 1754-1936, Births & Baptisms 1813-1911, and Deaths & Burials 1813-1986. There are nearly three million new records for Lancashire. West Yorkshire Baptisms, Marriages & Burials to 1812 collection has been updated and now contains over three million records.

### The Forum

#### Questions:

#### Q1/30/2012. Canada.

My grandfather, Samuel Courtney, married Bella or Isabella McIntyre (?) in Toronto and my father was born here in 1916. I have been unable to trace either grandparent. Can you give me suggestions as to where to look?

### Were You Aware ...

**Archive of Amsterdam Update**

Christina Scott reports that the Archive of Amsterdam has recently added several databases. "All the databases are searchable and this is the English link: [stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl/english/archives\\_database/genealogy/index.en.html](http://stadsarchief.amsterdam.nl/english/archives_database/genealogy/index.en.html). However under the Dutch link much more is available including banns under "ondertrouw": <http://goo.gl/WJvdk>."

### **ScotlandsPeople**

Having done very little searching in Scottish records, I asked Gwen for some help to answer this week's question. She gave me some hints that perhaps might help others.

Gwen wrote: "ScotlandsPeople has digitized Scottish civil registration records (called Statutory Registers in Scotland) and these records can be downloaded. Also online there you can get digital images of all the Scottish censuses 1841-1911 and the Old Parish Registers (OPRs). At Scotland's People, (<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>), you need to 1) register; 2) buy credits - 35 credits for £7; and 3) search. Each search of the index will cost 1 credit and it costs another 5 credits to see the registration. As £7 will buy you 35 credits, that works out to .20p per credit or £1.20 per registration/census image/OPR image, or \$1.88 CAD at today's rates. Statutory Registers start in 1855.

"Scottish birth and death civil registration records give time of the event usually to the quarter hour.

"Birth records give date and place of marriage of parents. This is very valuable, especially for the Irish immigrants. Sometimes, though not often in my experience, the dates were fudged if the baby came before 9 months. In that case the day and month are correct, but year is off. I have only seen one where it was completely made up, where parents never actually married and there was a different date given on the birth record for each child.

"A death record lists any current or past spouse and said spouse occupation if applicable, as well as both parents' names including the mother's maiden name. Always check to see who registered the death. I have found that the document is more likely to be correct if it was registered by a daughter or female sibling, and less accurate if registered by a son or male sibling. I am very cautious when I see the words son-in-law or anything indicating an official like the administrator of the poor house.

"The Old Parish Registers and the censuses 1841-1901 are there too, but transcriptions of these can be searched at FamilySearch for free. When you wish to verify that you have the correct person/family, you may then wish to pay for the record at ScotlandsPeople.

"Just as a side note, as long as you have active time and/or credits, the registrations you viewed can be viewed again at no charge. Unless you delete them they are always available. I can still view and print ones I did in 2002. Likewise with unused credits. If time runs out before they are all used, they will be there when you log in again. The only drawback is you must buy another 35 credits to begin another session. Credits are good for 364 days."

### **Batch Numbers for the FamilySearch IGI**

This week the Norfolk Rootsweb mailing list had an interesting post. A new website at <http://www.archersoftware.co.uk/igi/index.htm> lists British batch numbers similar to the Hugh WALLIS site (<http://goo.gl/HDrOm>). It lists many entries not found on Hugh's site. It is free and fast, as long as your Internet browser is not Internet Explorer. When using Internet Explorer, you may need to use "Compatibility Mode" – this involves clicking on the "broken box" next to the website address. (You could always download and use FireFox which does have fewer problems.) These websites list the Extracted batches for the British Isles that form part of the IGI (International Genealogical Index), the on-line database created by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). The IGI contains nearly 700 million records extracted and indexed by the community and should be one of the first places to look for British ancestors. I have found these records to be very accurate when I compare them to the church records that I have seen. The IGI can be found at [www.familysearch.org/search/collection/igi](http://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/igi). Batch numbers are useful for finding siblings baptised in the same place, among other things. The entry will also indicate the FHL film number from which the record was extracted. By the way, the IGI contain mostly births, baptisms, and marriages; a few infant deaths are included, but by and large burials and deaths are not.

### **UK County Resources – Buckinghamshire, next week Bedfordshire**

This week we have some suggestions for Buckinghamshire. **Please** send the Bulletin any websites or items that you use for Buckinghamshire or Bedfordshire.

[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/](http://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.]

## Buckinghamshire

The Buckinghamshire County Council has an online database of prisoners entering the County Gaol in Aylesbury in the 1870s. Some entries just include basic details of the inmate's crime and their punishment, while others are more detailed and include photographs. I think that the photos are invaluable to show the kind of apparel that my poor ancestors would have worn - <http://goo.gl/530jd>. The Bucks County Council also has 35,000 wills dated 1483-1858 that can be ordered online for £4.20 plus postage. They will also do a lookup in a parish register (if they have it) for £5 per lookup.

The Buckinghamshire Family History Society - They have an online store where you can purchase parish records for some parishes, on fiche, paper or CDs which are easy to use and great aids for research. They also have other records available. They have a data base of birth, marriage and burial records for many parishes and offer searches of these for a reasonable fee. - <http://www.bucksfhs.org.uk/>

Transcription of Parish Register for Bledlow Ridge - <http://www.lanchbury.id.au/genealogy/bledlow1500.html>

The Lanchbury site - <http://www.lanchbury.id.au/genealogy/sitemap.html> - has links to marriage transcriptions for Great and Little Marlow as well as some 1841 census transcriptions for local towns.

A one place study of Wing, Buckinghamshire - <http://www.wing-ops.org.uk/index.html> - has directory transcriptions, Poll books, Posse Comitatus records and land tax records, as well as many pictures, etc.

County Photos Buckinghamshire/Bedfordshire - <http://www.countyviews.com/>

Buckinghamshire Poll Book Transcription 1784 - <http://goo.gl/BGOG6>

Beautiful pictures and some local history for the area around Lacey Green - <http://goo.gl/OAotN>

The People of Tingewick - <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tingewick/> A very comprehensive look at the inhabitants of Tingewick, complete with family trees, pictures, census transcriptions, etc.

Pigots's Trade Directory 1830 - <http://goo.gl/DsnGt> An index of the trades people of Bucks giving their location and the page number of the original publication.

Bucks Family Websites - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~engbkm/websites.html> A list of the families of Bucks who have their own website.

There is a small collection of Bucks extracted PRs on Ancestry.

## Films received in the seven days ending on August 1, 2012 and due for return on October 4, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
ENG DUR Coniscliffe BMD 1590-1812	1894196
ENG DUR South Shields St Hilda's BMB 1653-1805	1894142
ENG Principal Probate 1925 June B-K	1912243
ENG Probate District Registries 1887 M, N, O	1472157

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.

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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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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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