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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.

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

### **OGS Toronto Fall Courses**

The Toronto Branch of OGS is offering two courses in October and November 2012:

o **Basic Genealogy and Family History** (3 Oct – 21 Nov 2012) – Jane MacNamara

o **Coming in Waves: British and Irish Emigration to Canada** (7-28 Nov 2012) – James F.S. Thomson

Full course details, speaker biographies and registration information are available at:

<http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html>.

### **Additions to Our Permanent Collection**

Many thanks to Nancy Conn, who has donated a number of books to the Family History Centre. They are listed below.

England - Guide to Pre-1858 English Probate Jurisdictions for the County of Surrey

A Guide to Surrey Genealogy and Records by Cliff Webb

Scotland - Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry by Kathleen B. Cory

Scottish Roots – From Gravestone to Website by Alwyn James

Banffshire – Parish of Boharm Marriage Proclamations by Bruce B Bishop

Strathclyde Sources – A Guide for Family Historians by Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS

Scottish Ancestry Research - A Brief Guide by Donald Whyte

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors by The National Archives of Scotland

Your Scottish Ancestry - A Guide for North Americans by Sherry Irvine

Canada – Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation – Volume 1 by Donald Whyte

Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation – Volume 2 by Donald Whyte

City of Woodstock – Presbyterian Cemetery Memorial Inscriptions by Ontario Genealogical Society

City of Guelph – Woodlawn Cemetery – Index to Memorial Inscriptions – by Ontario Genealogical Society

County of Oxford Sources – The Route to Oxford Roots – by Anne Houthuyzen-Zomer (OGS)

General – The Conceptual Approach to Genealogy – Essential Methodology for Organizing and Compiling Genealogical Records by David C. Chamberlin

A Book of One's Own - Turning your family history into a book – by Susan Yates & Greg Ioannou

Writing Your Family History – The Complete Idiot's Guide by Lynda Rutledge Stephenson

### **What's New**

**Ancestry** has added a database, Articles of Clerkship 1756-1874, which contains records associated with articles of clerkship for young men apprenticed to attorneys for those years. These records were contracts between an apprentice clerk, who wanted to become an attorney or solicitor, and an attorney who agreed to train the clerk for the profession.

The contracts were often entered into by fathers (or other sponsors) on their sons' behalf, with terms typically lasting 5–7 years. The names of the parties and date of the affidavit are given, but I was excited to find the actual signature of my relative in 1816. Some of the pages are not downloading correctly yet. Hint: If you find a record of interest but the digital image does not download, write down the details and go to the browse feature and choose the year and page number. This sometimes does not work either. The Canada to US Border Crossings 1895-1954 database has been updated and now includes nearly five million records.

**FamilySearch** has updated its Texas Deaths (1890-1976) collection of 4½ million records with a new index and new images. They have updated a huge collection of New Zealand probate records which now includes nearly 800,000 pages.

**FindMyPast** has published the nominal roll for 181,000 Royal Air Force servicemen who were with the service when it was formed on 1 April 1918. The men included in these records originally joined either the Royal Flying Corps or the Royal Naval Air Service. These organisations were merged to form the RAF in 1918. The information may include trade classification, rank, date & terms of enlistment and rate of pay.

## The Forum

### Questions:

#### Q1/32/2012. Scotland.

I am researching John Hart Sangster born Sept. 30, 1893 to Andrew Sangster & Margaret Sangster maiden name Cobban. I have his birth certificate and 1901 census from Scotlands People but they have no census record for him in 1911 or marriage or death certificates available. One brother, William, emigrated to Canada in 1909/10 and another brother, Andrew, emigrated to the U.S.A on January 28, 1911 but I don't know if John did. Two other brothers died in Scotland – Henry George in 1915 and Charles Frederick in 1915. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

### Answers and Suggestions:

#### Q1/31/2012. Ontario. Galt.

How does one find city directories on-line? I am looking for Galt (Cambridge) in particular, about 1925-35. My Grandfather had a shoe store there, Neil's Shoe Store, and we'd like to find the correct address.

Marion Wilburn writes: "Since very few directories are online, I have had good success by emailing the relevant library reference staff and asking if they would do a lookup for me. Naturally I supply them with as much information as I have and specify a limited date range. Generally within two days I have my answer. So far I haven't asked for a digital or photocopy of the page, but I am sure the library would offer that service for a reasonable fee. Hope this helps our colleague."

Looking at the website for the Cambridge Libraries, a search for Galt Directories yields a list of eight microfilms with copies of "Vernon's city directory" for Galt with dates 1912 to 1972. The Toronto Reference Library has copies of Vernon's Galt Directory for the years 1924, 1928 and 1930. The Internet Archive (<http://archive.org/>) has some Vernon's Directories for Ontario towns like Stratford and St. Thomas but unfortunately not Galt. Not everything is online (yet)!

#### Q1/30/2012. Canada. Cont'd.

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?

Last week many suggestions were offered to the researcher. To fill in the background of the individuals, the researcher may wish to look at information about the towns they came from.

For example, Samuel Courtney grew up in Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and he is listed as a Church of Ireland member in the censuses. The local Anglican (Church of Ireland) community was relatively substantial until independence from the UK, when the majority left for Britain and Northern Ireland. The local Anglican Church on Main St. was abandoned until the late 1980s, when the church building and grounds were renovated and now serve as a heritage centre. (Emerald Isles website and Wikipedia) There is a picture of Main St. about 1905 at <http://goo.gl/9mn6x> .

Carrick-on-Suir is in South Tipperary county and a look at the coverage of parish records online at [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie) indicates that the Church of Ireland parish, where Samuel would have been baptised, is not covered. The FHL Catalog also does not have a film covering the C of I parish. Also the Irish Family History Foundation at [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie) does not have online records for County Clare, where William Thomas was born.

## Were You Aware ...

### UK County Resources – Hertfordshire, next week Essex

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

[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.]

The Hertfordshire Family History Society has transcribed all the burial data (137,000 entries) for the 138 parishes in Hertfordshire from 1800 to 1837. It is part of the National Burial Index CD set which the Family History Centre has as part of its CD collection. The NBI includes the following information (where available): forename(s) and surname of the deceased; date of burial; age (if available); and details of the place where this was recorded.

Genealogy in Hertfordshire - <http://www.hertfordshire-genealogy.co.uk/index.htm>

Hertfordshire old maps - <http://goo.gl/kVUyi>

Pictures of Olde Tring - <http://www.oldtring.co.uk/>

Hemel Hempstead War Memorial - <http://goo.gl/smMe8>

Hertfordshire Family History Society - <http://goo.gl/UOSLi>

FreeREG has transcribed portions of a few parish registers (see [www.freereg.org.uk/parishes/hrt.htm](http://www.freereg.org.uk/parishes/hrt.htm) ) and these can be searched at [www.freereg.org.uk/](http://www.freereg.org.uk/) .

Marriage Index - <http://joiner-marriage-index.co.uk/marriage-records/Hertfordshire/> - In Hertfordshire the Joiner Marriage Index currently has 111,028 marriage records to search in 133 parishes between 1516 and 1837. Paul Joiner has now indexed 2,279,587 marriage records from 3372 parishes in 27 counties around England. The resource is always growing as more data is transferred. No payment is required to make a basic search of the marriage records, but the details of each search are about \$4.

### International Genealogical Index (IGI)

The IGI is now complete on the FamilySearch.org website. It contains two collections: vital and church records indexed by the community (reliable) and personal family information submitted to the LDS church (less reliable). One can search by name or batch number or film number. The easiest way to find it is to go to [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); click on the *Record Collections* button; and type "IGI" into the Search Collections box.

### Films received in the seven days ending on August 16, 2012 and due for return on October 18, 2012.

| Film Content  | Film No |
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| UKR Ivano-Frankivs'k Horodenka Greek Cath CRs BMDs 1900         | 2193631 |
| UKR Ivano-Frankivs'k Horodenka Greek Cath CRs Deaths start 1894 | 2193632 |

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 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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