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Announcements

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OGS Toronto Irish Family History Workshop - November 17, 2012

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is hosting an all-day workshop especially for those with Irish research interests. The tentative session titles are: *Advances in Irish Research* (in the last 5 years), *Understanding Religion and Politics in Ireland*; *Irish Research at Toronto Repositories – Parts I and II*; *Around the Brick Wall: Tracing Back through Collateral Lines*; *Irish Church Records; Catholic and Protestant*; *Making the Most of Irish Sources Online*; *Irish Estate Records*; *A Practical Tour of various Irish Archives and Record Repositories*; and *Irish Sources you may never have considered*. Speakers include Kyle J. Betit, David R. Elliott, Marian Press, Linda Reid, and James F.S. Thomson. For complete details and registration, see <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/Irish%20Workshop%202012.html>.

One World - One Family Conference on Saturday in Kitchener starting at 9am

Don't forget the One World - One Family Conference running all day on Saturday. Please visit the website for all the details: <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/>.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

Three CDs will be added to our permanent collections next week for Berkshire. They are:

Berkshire Marriage Transcriptions – 140,000 Marriages for 120 places, mainly covering 1538 to 1837

Berkshire Burial Transcriptions – 10th Edition – more than 770,000 records dating 1538-1974

Berkshire Probate Index 1480-1857 – 38,000 people and wills, administrations, inventories, etc.

What's New (Not much! Summer seems to be a slow time for new collections.)

The 1840 US Census on **FamilySearch** is now completely searchable.

Ancestry has announced FREE immigration and emigration records from 23rd-26th August. "You can search and view records from the UK, North America, Australia, Europe and several other popular destinations – without paying a penny. Follow your ancestors' journeys with millions of passenger lists, naturalisation records, immigrant registers and convict transportation lists." Go to <http://www.ancestry.co.uk/immigration>.

Free Swedish records are available at **ArchivDigital** this weekend, August 25 to 26. ArchivDigital's 36 million records are available at <http://www.arkivdigital.net/news-item/arkivdigital-for-free-this-weekend>.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/33/2012. Australia.

I need some guidance on Australian Records. I am searching for information on Morris/Maurice Marrington, born 1904 son of Robert and Esther in Staines, England. He emigrated to Australia and joined the A.I.F. 2/9 Bn on 28 Jul 1940 with whom he fought in North Africa (Tobruk) and the Pacific (Port Moresby) where he was killed. He was promoted to the rank of corporal, was mentioned in dispatches, and "Escaped Singapore/Later served in another sphere of warfare".

I would like to access

1. Immigration detail
2. Pre-service employment
3. Enlistment details
4. Service Record hopefully to include the MIM and the Singapore episode
5. Regimental History/War Diaries hopefully to include the MIM and the Singapore episode

Any help would be appreciated.

Q2/33/2012. United States. Photographs.

I have an album of old photos of relatives in New Hampshire that I have no idea who they are. Is there an American website on which I can post the old photos for identification? How else can I narrow down the list of possible relatives?

Answers and Suggestions:

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.

Mike Webber writes from Manitoba: "Ancestry comes up with John H Sangster born about 1894 arriving in St. John, NB on the Saturnia on March 8, 1911. He made it to Toronto by the time of the 1911 Census around June 1st, and was apparently working in a dental laboratory. It looks as though brother Henry (born Nov 1891) was in the same lodgings, 417 Church St, having come to Canada in 1908, possibly on the Grampian. John Hart, a soldier living in Pembroke ON, (father Andrew and mother, Margaret Robb) married Regina Lusignan (daughter of Louis Lusignan and Melina Leblanc) on 30th Sept 1918 (his birthday!) in Toronto." [There is a Henry G Sangster of the right age for Henry George, his brother, in the National Sanatorium, King Edward Hospital, as well.]

This is another case where directories may prove to be useful. But a quick look at Toronto Directories at www.internetarchive.org did not find a John H Sangster and wife, Regina, living in Toronto. As both came from Pembroke they perhaps settled there or were moved around Canada with the army. The Drouin Collection has many Roman Catholic baptisms, marriages and burials and so a quick search was done for Regina Lusignan. She was baptised in the Pembroke Cathedral on July 22, 1894 and a notation regarding her marriage to John Hart Sangster had been written into the parish records. No children appear to have been recorded in these records.

A search in Library and Archives Canada (<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/anc>) results in finding his WWI attestation paper, giving his mother M Sangster living in Edinburgh as next-of-kin. His regimental number is 4025049.

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Hertfordshire and Essex, next week Surrey

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

[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.]

Christine from Hertfordshire wrote to the Bulletin, suggesting a couple of websites that may be of help to those researching Herts. <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/leisculture/heritage1/hals/> and https://www.hertsdirect.org/ufs/ufsmain?formid=HALS_INDEXES

Christine also suggested "the Essex Record Office site, SEAX (Essex Archives Online): <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/>. They have images - but you have to pay for them... still, that's cheaper than travelling there, even from many places in the UK!"

One of our volunteers, Joe Mounsey, had a number of suggestions based on his research:

"When I was researching some of my Essex ancestors, the standard place to look for Christenings outside the parish you were looking at was the Essex Baptism Index 1780-1840. It's still held by Peter.Nutt@btinternet.com (email); there is a fee per lookup (and you've got to send a GBP cheque or IMO). Jack Baxter has compiled innumerable PR records of Marriages and burials (<http://www.nivek-systems.co.uk/genuki/ESS/ESS.marriages.html>), many of which I've looked at in the Society of Genealogists.

"The Essex Record Office has an excellent online catalogue at <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/>, I've found a number of early wills of not very affluent people and been able to have copies sent to me at a reasonable price. They also now have a subscription site, Essex Ancestors <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/EssexAncestors.asp>, which I've not yet used but it appears to have digitised PRs (without indexes) for most parishes.

"FamilySearch has a database for Essex; it seems to be mostly for Colchester."

<http://www.villagesonline.com/essex/villages.aspx> Links to Essex villages, some of which have transcribed useful information like will indexes or indexes of Feet Fines. Many have pictures both new and old.

<http://www.essexchurches.com/> - Photographs of Essex Churches

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.aspx?pubid=277> - British History Online – County of Essex

Essex Surname List - <http://freespace.virgin.net/annemarie.shuttle/>

London, Essex & Kent Pubs, Inns, Taverns & Beer Houses History & Trade Directory - <http://pubshistory.com/EssexPubs/indexlan.shtml> (For those with publican ancestors)

A recent addition to the Online Parish Clerks: - <http://essex-opc.org.uk/> - Not much here, I suspect

The FHC has a CD that has a partial index of Catholic Marriages in Essex between 1750-1870 (BR085).

No films were received in the seven days ending on August 23, 2012.

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 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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