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Announcements

The FHC will be closed on Monday September 10 and for Thanksgiving, October 6th to 8th inclusive. Please check the schedule at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com> and ALWAYS call before you come if you have not made an appointment.

OGS Toronto Courses and Irish Workshop

Two fall courses being offered by OGS Toronto will be starting in October and November respectively. **Basic Genealogy and Family History** will be taught by Jane MacNamara on eight Wednesday afternoons starting October 3 at North York Central Library. **Coming in Waves, British and Irish Emigration to Canada** will be taught by James Thomson on four Wednesday evenings at the Toronto Reference Library. For further information, go to

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

OGS Toronto is holding a full-day workshop on **Irish Family History** on November 17th at the North York Central Library. For more information, see the program at <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/Irish%20Workshop%202012.html> .

What's New

FamilySearch has added four collections this week but I cannot tell which of the 18 databases since last week have been updated and which are new. (Ancestry's website makes it very clear.) Some Belgian Civil Registration index records (1795-1910) have been added and the browsable Saskatchewan Provincial Records 1879-1987 have been updated. The Saskatchewan records include homesteads, voter lists, pioneer questionnaires, biographies, military and municipal records, teacher registries, township registers, and Henderson Directories and will be an amazing resource when they are complete.

FindMyPast announced an update to their Surrey parish records for St Mary's and St John's Rotherhithe – 5,000 new baptisms 1850-1900 and nearly 500 new marriages records 1870-1885. They have also recently added 23,000 new Warwickshire parish records for Rugby (Newbold upon Avon) and for Southam marriage "away" banns. Chris Paton's British GENES blog of August 30th noted that the UK FindmyPast site (www.findmypast.co.uk), in association with Radio Times, is offering £5 worth of free credits (40 PayAsYouGo credits) until October 2nd. To take part in the promotion visit www.findmypast.co.uk/content/radio-times/offer. You will need to register to claim the credits – easy to do. FindMyPast has very useful outgoing (from the UK) passenger lists for 1890-1960.

Hebrides People – Ian McLeod has suggested a new website to help you find your Hebrides roots, which has now opened at www.hebridespeople.com . The website includes a searchable database with information on over 22,000 emigrants who left the Outer Hebrides between 1780 and 1920. For emigrants before the 1820s, the database information is often incomplete, reflecting the limitations of the source material at that period, but after 1820 it generally has information on spouse, parents, village of origin in the Outer Hebrides, destination overseas, date of emigration (often approximate) and on occasion the name of the emigration ship. To use the website, you will need to purchase and use credits. Ian also sent some interesting notes about the problems of tracing families in the Western Isles – the scarcity and poor quality of written records. This can partly be accounted for because the people of the Islands were mostly Gaelic speaking, while the records were kept by English speakers. This continued even after civil registration started.

Irish Genealogy (www.irishgenealogy.ie) has new records available on its website. It now has Church of Ireland records for County Carlow, some Roman Catholic records for Cork and Ross, Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian records for Dublin, and Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland records for the diocese of Kerry. To see if your parish is included in the records transcribed so far, go to http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/record_list.html and click on the county of interest. A complete list with dates will be shown. This website shows the transcription with complete

details, and one can also get a digital image of the record. This is all without charge. Work is progressing on the completion of the County Monaghan Roman Catholic records (Diocese of Clogher).

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/35/2012. Scotland or elsewhere.

My great-grandfather, Peter Hendry, was born in Burnside Place, Dalry on December 15, 1863 to Charles and Catherine. On November 26, 1883 he married Mary McLean at Bonnytoll, Ochiltree. In the 1901 census he was living with his family in the parish of Galston, where he was a miner. Family lore suggests that he died on December 28, 1903 but I have found no evidence of that. Other stories are that he left Scotland to go to South Africa, America, or Australia. I have looked on outgoing passenger lists at FindMyPast but have not found anything definite. I would like to find a record of his death, whether it occurred in Scotland, South Africa, or America. Does anyone have any suggestions where to find his death record?

Were You Aware ...

UK County Resources – Surrey and Middlesex, next week London

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

[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.]

Alan Billing noted a few useful resources for Surrey and Middlesex: “The Old Bailey records at <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/> should be looked at for interests in any part of England. Any family may have a criminal – or a victim of crime, or a witness to a crime. But there are particularly good prospects for Surrey and Middlesex. Of the 200,000 plus trial items in the searchable database, 36,582 include the word “Middlesex”, which outnumbers “London”. There are numerous entries for locations that may not have been the more salubrious parts of the metropolis – 5,638 for “Whitechapel”, 5,739 for “Clerkenwell”, 4,024 for “Hackney”, 3,560 for “Lambeth” and 2,116 for “Newington”. Bermondsey is comparatively tame, referred to in only 1,349 items.

“Burial records may be found in searchable cemetery databases. The West Norwood Cemetery of Lambeth may be searched at <http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/cemetery/GravesSearch.aspx> . If you have ancestors around Richmond upon Thames, check the database at [http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/lbrburials/\(S\(h4prsvmls2ofgg45au4ksife\)\)/Search.aspx](http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/lbrburials/(S(h4prsvmls2ofgg45au4ksife))/Search.aspx) .”

This week I stumbled across new information on the FamilySearch Wiki. To celebrate the London Olympics they started new pages featuring detailed information on each individual parish in London that tells you where the records are located online and for which dates. They are currently expanding this useful resource to neighbouring areas, like Surrey and Middlesex. It also gives information topics listed on the left-hand side of the page. I thought it quite remarkable. For example in Surrey, clicking on the parish of St Mary Rotherhithe, you will find that Ancestry has partially indexed the parish registers from 1538-1813 and that marriages after 1753 are not included in this database. You will also find that this parish is indexed in the IGI (FamilySearch) with batch numbers C006252-6254. Clicking on these batch numbers takes you to the IGI directly and you can enter your ancestor’s name here. A third source would be ParishRegister.com which has Docklands Ancestors online; these are also available from FindMyPast. Other information given for just this one parish is an old photograph, a history of the church, and probate courts associated with it.

For Surrey: <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Surrey>

For Middlesex: <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Middlesex>

Celtic Guide

On August 29th John Reid mentioned *The Celtic Guide* in his Anglo-Celtic Connections blog. The September Issue, which is 44 pages, is now available free online at <http://celticguide.com/>. The October Edition will be a special Halloween edition with promises of Celtic Mysteries. It has been published monthly since January and has articles on Celtic history and culture.

Pictures/Images of New York City

Dick Eastman's Blog of August 27 mentioned that the New York City Department of Records has posted 870,000 photographs on-line, culled from the Municipal Archives collection of more than 2.2 million images going back to the mid-1800s. Go to his blog post at <http://goo.gl/57pum> to read more.

Salem Witch Trials of 1692 and Resources

This week I attended Soulpepper Theatre's production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* and it was excellent. While Miller was writing about trials that took place in the 17th century, it was also a reflection of the effects of the House Un-American Activities Committee (McCarthyism) on his life. Miller was called to appear, refused to name names, was sent to prison and blacklisted. The next day I received this week's New England Historic Genealogy Society eNews – *The Weekly Genealogist*, which had a number of very interesting links about the Salem Witch Trials. A remarkable (but obviously self-selecting) 25% of readers said they had ancestors who were tried for witchcraft in Salem and another 11% had ancestors who were tried for witchcraft elsewhere. This newsletter will be available this week at <http://www.americanancestors.org/enews-2012/>. Perhaps the most interesting link is <http://etext.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/>, which is a documentary archive and transcription project by the University of Virginia. It has court records, record books, letters, copies of painting, old maps, etc.

No films were received in the seven days ending on September 6, 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. Closed September 10th.

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 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon, 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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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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