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### **Announcements**

The FHC will be closed on Thursday evenings, September 20, 27 and October 4, Thursday morning October 4, and for Thanksgiving, October 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Please check the schedule at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com> and ALWAYS call before you come if you have not made an appointment. We will also be closed for the following Tuesdays: October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **What's New**

**Ancestry** added a large number of records collections for Britain last week. Many of them are digitized books and can only be browsed but have quite interesting information: for example an Index to Bristol Wills 1572-1792 (browse), Tithe Apportion and Maps for Dorset 1835-1850 (name indexed but can be browsed by place), 1818 Norwich Poll Book, Annals of Ayr, 1560-1692, etc. Masters and Mates Certificates 1850-1927 (Great Britain) is a new indexed database containing certificates issued to merchant seamen by the British Board of Trade. (more info in Were You Aware)

**FamilySearch** has updated their British Columbia indexed Birth, Marriage and Death registrations. They have updated a number of family history and genealogy books. The blog about it is available here - <http://goo.gl/8BUXF> - and links there take you to lists and links to US and Canadian books, British Isles books, International books and Compiled Genealogy books. These links are indispensable because FamilySearch has over 1200 databases and sometimes getting to the right one takes some time. A small collection of UK maritime births, marriages and deaths has been added – these images for this collection are on FindMyPast.

**DeceasedOnline** ([www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)) has added 76,000 cemetery records for the Royal Borough of Greenwich to its databases. Burial records are available for Greenwich Cemetery (from 1902 to 2000) and Eltham Cemetery, with associated burial register scans, grave details and cemetery maps. The remaining records for Greenwich Cemetery from 1856 to 1902 will also be available very shortly. The council has requested that the addresses of the deceased not be shown in burial register records for the last 15 years. Searching is free once you register and downloading the cemetery records can be done for a nominal fee.

### **The Forum**

#### **Questions:**

#### **Q1/36/2012. Ontario. Tax Returns.**

I am anxious to find more out about my one Canadian ancestor. I know when William Edmonds arrived in Canada, and the Concession numbers of the farms in East and West Flamboro he worked and those he owned in the period 1870-1910. One way I hope to flesh out his lifestyle is to look at the kind of farms he had. To this end I sought the Agricultural half of the Censuses from this time. He appears on all the Censuses, thus giving his family names and places of residence. However, I have been told that the Agricultural Censuses have been lost, so there are no details of this kind. I am therefore looking for Tax returns which might throw some light on this. Can anyone tell me where I should seek these? Would they be on line? [There is a delightful story in the family that this William Edmonds saved the life of an Indian and for this the Indian's Chief brought the man back to William to offer him as a bonds man. William, of course, refused but was ever after aided in his management of the land by this tribe. Does this sound possible in 1865 (when he arrived) and in the Hamilton area of Flamboro? I would have thought, looking at the maps, it was too well developed by that time. It sounds rather a "good story" to tell back home, to me!]

## Suggestions:

### 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?

A free search of ScotlandsPeople indicated that Peter Hendry did not die in Scotland in 1903. FreeBMD also did not have a death of Peter Hendry in England or Wales. There is a P. Hendry leaving for South Africa from Southampton and going to Natal, South Africa. The easiest way to search for deaths in South Africa is through NAAIRS (National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System) where you can search the online index or Death Notices, Estate Files, Wills and other useful documents - [http://www.national.archives.gov.za/naairs\\_content.htm](http://www.national.archives.gov.za/naairs_content.htm) . Read the Help Guidelines first ([http://www.national.archives.gov.za/naairs\\_help.htm](http://www.national.archives.gov.za/naairs_help.htm) ). Perhaps the Genealogical Society of South Africa - <http://www.eggssa.org/> - may be of some help.

Another Peter Hendry leaves Scotland in 1901 heading for New York. When he arrives, he says that he is bound for Lake of the Woods, Ontario and is a mechanic from Johnstone, Scotland. Not this Peter.

The most interesting thing found were several trees on Ancestry that had the same Peter Hendry in their tree. One had seemingly the same information about Peter as this researcher has. It may be worth this researcher's while to contact the tree owner to see if they can narrow down when Peter left and where he died.

## Were You Aware ...

### Trellis – Family Charts

Madeleine Gill sent the Bulletin an interesting notice about a different way to display your family tree. The *Trellis* can show all the people in your family tree, even those who are not direct ancestors. It is rather neat – it would show me, my parents and their siblings, and my grandparents and their siblings. The example given on Progeny Genealogy website is quite funny – three generations of Homer Simpson! Go to <http://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-tree-charts/trellis.aspx> to see the example and the five family tree programs it can be added to.

### UK Masters and Mates Certificates and Crew Lists

Careers can really help paint a picture of how people lived their lives, and what sort of people they were. Each record of the new Ancestry collection of about 250,000 records was created when each merchant sailor qualified as a master or a mate. Each match is actually a bundle of related papers; so if you find a match click the forward and back arrows in the top-right corner to make sure that you view all the pertinent records. They may include certificate number, birth date and place, issue port and date, address, and history of service. Perhaps your ancestor never became a mate. Then you will want to explore the online archives at Memorial University, Newfoundland. They have crew lists and logbooks for more than 80% of the shipping and seamen records for British Empire Vessels from 1861 to 1913. Go to <http://www.mun.ca/mha/holdings/crewlist.php> for a description of what is available. Then you can search the CD at the FHC called *Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada* which contains data on the vessels, captains and crews of Great Britain and Atlantic Canada, 1787-1936. The Toronto FHC has other CDs containing crew lists in Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the time of the 1851 census. We also have a couple of books that may help in your search for maritime ancestors. The National Archives UK has other records for merchant seamen and online guides are easily available at [www.nationalarchives.co.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.co.uk).

### Durham Records Online

Durham Records Online (<http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/>) is a private company offering transcriptions of parish records and censuses for the county of Durham. They have transcribed all the marriages in Durham between 1813 and 1837 and are busy adding witness names to this data. They have transcribed extracts of many parish registers for County Durham including a few parishes in Northumberland and Yorkshire that border Durham. You can search the indexes for free. If you find something you register and pay about \$2.25 for each record. The data includes nearly 9 million baptisms, 187,000 marriages, over 700,000 burials and 325,000 cemetery records. A complete list of the parishes covered and the date range is available here: <http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/PRInfo.php> .

## UK County Resources – London

This week we have some suggestions for London. If you have a resource that you find particularly useful for London, please send it/them to the Bulletin.

[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.]

A lot of parish registers for London have been put online on Ancestry and FindMyPast since I began looking for my London ancestors ten years ago. Back then it was a guess as to which parish they lived in and I spent many hours turning the crank of microfilm readers to try to find them. Some remained elusive until these records were put online and, of course, the tricky ones are still nowhere to be found. [I still cannot find my great-grandmother, Ada Johnson, born about 1865, who says when she married that her father was Robert, a shoemaker.] Ancestry is digitising records from the London Metropolitan Archives, which includes many Church of England parishes, and FindMyPast is digitising the City of Westminster (now in London) records. TheGenealogist has non-conformist register transcriptions which include the London area. Roman Catholic records are not found here but the Toronto FHC has a CD which has an index of some Catholic marriages between 1750 and 1870. DeceaseOnline is slowly adding burial records for London and its boroughs but these records only start after the local churchyard was full and municipal graveyards were started, around the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The Toronto FHC has two recently published reference books – *Tracing Your London Ancestors* and *Tracing Your East End Ancestors*. Another place to look for help and ideas is: <https://familysearch.org/blog/free-guide-london-ancestors/> .

Like the Wikis for Surrey and Middlesex, there is a FamilySearch Wiki for London: <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/London> .

Don't forget newspapers: the British Newspaper Archive (<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>) with more than 5.6 million pages, free searching and reasonable download charges; the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Newspaper Collection (free at Family History Centres); or The London Gazette (<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/>) for bankruptcies or war despatches.

For old maps, go to this RootsWeb pages – it appears to have thousands: <http://goo.gl/eFViR> . They are mostly “clickable” links. The Booth's Poverty Maps of 1889 are quite fascinating. Each London block is rated from the lowest class (also called vicious and semi criminal) to Upper-Middle and Upper class (wealthy). Being close to the 1891 census date, you can find where your ancestor lived and what kind of a neighbourhood it was (mine lived in mostly blue areas).

British History Online (<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/>) has a large section about London.

#### Films received in the seven days ending on September 13, 2012 and due for return November 15, 2012.

Film Content	Film No
POL TP BMD 1718-1945	2039933

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.

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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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