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Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed Saturday, February 18th and Monday, February 20th for the Family Day weekend.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

We have two new fiche sets for Northamptonshire:

ENG NTH Tansor Bapt & bur 1639-1812; Marr 1639-1768 (9 fiche)

ENG NTH Thorpe-Achurch Bapt 1670-1807; Marr 1670-1754; Bur 1670-1678 (2 fiches)

We have a new burial CD for Central Scotland, which will be available to view next week:

CD BR132 - SCT Central Scotland - Pre-1855 Burial Records for Central Scotland. This CD covers all burials before 1855 in the parishes of the old counties of Stirlingshire, Clackmannanshire, and West Perthshire, well as Bo'ness & Carriden, which were in West Lothian.

What's New

FamilySearch has added or updated marriage indexes for Minnesota (1958-2001), Indiana (1811-1959), Tennessee (1780-2002), District of Columbia (1811-1950), and New Jersey (1682-1956). There are now over one million index entries for Roman Catholic Diocese Church books for Tarnow, Poland. A selection of New Zealand probate records are now available to browse through.

Ancestry has added a large (139 million) indexed database of London England Electoral Registers 1835-1965. Not all years are available as yet; currently this database contains electoral registers from 1860 and most years between 1898 and 1965. (Thanks to John Reid's Anglo-Celtic Connections blog of January 11th for this nugget of clarifying information.) Also new are Michigan state census records from 1827-1894. The Australia cemetery index and the 1920 US census have both been updated.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/02/2012. FamilySearch IGI.

I have a question about the records on the IGI LDS Church site (available at <http://goo.gl/HibY>). The person I am looking for is John Price and on the IGI it states he was born about 1774 of Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan. (I have not found any record of this in the Merthyr Parish records). The record also states that he married Elizabeth Jones on July 6th 1799 at Merthyr Tydfil. I know that the information about the marriage is correct because it is on the Merthyr Tydfill parish film (0104886) - John Price married Elizabeth Jones on July 6, 1799 by banns, both of this parish. The IGI record is a member-submitted record and has a film number of 456920. I would like to find who has submitted some information to see if they are studying the same family branch as me. How do I get the information of the submitter?

Q2/02/2012. Scotland.

Mr brick wall is my great grandfather John Harvey, named as father on my grandfather's birth certificate. My great grandmother's name was Jane Coutts, born Strachan, Kincardine July 27, 1848. As far as I know they never married. My grandfather, born in 1875, went by the double barrelled name of John Harvey Coutts at least until 1903 when he was married to Anne Eliza Smith in Glasgow. Their marriage certificate states that his father was deceased at that time. He

seems to have been raised by his grandparents in Strachan, Kincardine, according to the 1881 census. The 1881 census in Strachan has John Harvey (mistranscribed as Henry) living with John Coutts age 73, Elizabeth Stewart age 64, James Copland age 10, John age 5, William Findlay age 2 and Elizabeth Duncan age 2. William and Elizabeth are also children of Jane's by unknown fathers. Any help to find John's father would be greatly appreciated.

Were You Aware .

More on 1911 England and Wales Census

A reader has pointed out that the 1911 census on Ancestry does not yet include all counties and has sent the list of counties that are currently indexed by Ancestry: Channel Islands, Cheshire, Cornwall, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Devon, Durham, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, London, Norfolk, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Royal Navy, Rutland, Wales, Warwickshire, Westmorland, Worcestershire, Yorkshire - East Riding, Yorkshire - North Riding, and Yorkshire - West Riding.

The reader also sent a FindMyPast article by Amy Sell which talks about the 'infirmities' column of the 1911 census which can now be seen at FindMyPast. The infirmity column details wide-ranging descriptions of peoples' health conditions as perceived and hand-written by the head of the household on the night of Sunday 2 April 1911. The article reports that the five most common 'infirmities' recorded in 1911 were: Lunatic, Feeble-minded, Imbecile, Deaf & dumb, and Blind. It continues with: "The 1911 records also reflect the humour and curious family dynamics from a century ago. One record details a Mr John Underwood from Hastings recording his children as 'quarrelsome', 'stubborn', 'greedy', 'vain' and 'noisy'. He even records himself as 'bad-tempered' and his wife as suffering from a 'long tongue'. Another unusual entry is from Thomas Wallace Young, who was described as being 'bald and toothless'. William Robert Arnold from Yorkshire commented on his financial status in 1911 by recording his infirmity as being 'short of cash'. A suffragette labels herself 'voteless' as her infirmity. In another example, four women living in the same household recorded their infirmities as 'voteless, therefore classed with idiots and children'.

"A correlation between infirmity and occupation can also be identified in some cases. The biggest source of employment for blind men and women was basket-weaving. Other trades for blind men were musicians or musical instrument makers. Women who were 'deaf and dumb' were often employed within the textile or garment trades, or in domestic service, while men were most likely to be labourers."

The complete article can be read at Chris Paton's *British GENES* blog of January 6th at <http://goo.gl/snSDP> .

Ship Passenger Lists - Quebec Arrivals

Diane Marcotte came across a site of incoming Passenger Lists to Canada. The index covers Quebec Ports (including Montreal) for the periods 11 Jun 1904 to 13 Oct 1910 and comprises 707,702 listings from 1,311 ship arrivals. The index can be found here: <http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/indexY.html> . This has been a project of the Nanaimo Family History Society and they hope to continue it back to 1900. Most of these records have been indexed by Ancestry and one can download the actual ship's passenger list but their source material for Quebec Ports does not appear to include any indexes between June 1908 and April 1919. The Nanaimo FHS index has two additional years. Does anyone know of a website where indexes for the years 1910 to 1919 can be found? (The Toronto FHC has a collection of ship arrival films but it includes Quebec Ports only up to 1907.)

Goddard Association of Europe

Malcolm Goddard of the GAE has announced that the second major project in 2 years for the Goddard Association of Europe Website "Members Only" section is now complete; the first being adding 25 years of newsletters to the website. He has posted the complete "**Raw Research File Collection**" to the website. There are now 323 original files online. This new addition is the collected work of many Goddard Association of Europe members over more than 25 years from 1985. They are scans of letters, research, family trees and data that members amassed in their search for their own family lines. There is also a great deal of communication with the former research coordinators of the GAE as they assisted members with their research. The place names of the files relate to the places discussed in the documents, and not necessarily to the origins of the individuals named or researched there in. To access the files go to www.goddard-association.org.uk and look for the "**Members Only**" link on the menu, if you have registered, use your email and GAE membership number to log in to the database page. If you have a Goddard connection, you may wish to visit their website and join.

London, England Electoral Registers

These new records on Ancestry have a number of abbreviations, which may be helpful to researchers having a quick look at the records. From 1928 description, the index letters in the column 2a (parliamentary column) and 2b (local government column) show the nature of the qualification of an elector:

- R = Residence qualification
- BP = Business premises qualification
- O = Occupation qualification
- HO = Qualification through husband's qualification
- NM = Naval or military voter

A small "w" after one of the above capital letters indicates a woman voter's qualification.

Perhaps as interesting as who is registered as a voter is who is not there. My grandmother is not registered as a voter, despite her husband and her landlady being registered. I have enjoyed tracking my family's addresses as they move around London after 1911.

The Ancestry description of the data includes a general historical background. "Registration for voters in England has been required since 1832, and registers were typically published annually, though some years had two. Registers were not published during the latter years of World War 1 (1916-1917) or World War 2 (1940-1944). Restrictive property requirements denied the vote to much of the population for years, though these were eased somewhat in 1867 and 1884 through the Second and Third Reform Acts. They were finally removed, for men, in 1918, when most males age 21 and older were allowed to vote. The franchise was extended to some women over the age of 30 in 1918, but it was not until 1928 that the voting age was made 21 for both men and women." My grandmother had moved out of London before the voting age was dropped to 21 years; hence she does not appear in this database.

Films received since December 15 2011 and due for return on February 10 2012.

Film Content	Film No
CAN ON District RC Marrs 1801-1948	1030066
DEU MEC Alt Gaarz BMD 1787-1865 Conf 1815-1865	0068948
DEU MEC Alt Kalen PRs 1801-1858	0068951
DEU MEC Barkow Taufen, Heiraten, Tote 1841-1871	0068978
DEU MEC Dargun PRs 1804-1861	0069060
DEU MEC Hohen Mistorf PRs 1786-1891	0069209
DEU MEC Neukalen PRs 1704-1854	0069383
DEU OLD Eutin Births 1766-1797	0247506
DEU OLD Eutin Taufen 1633-1765	0247505
DEU WUE Schnetzenhausen PRs 1700-1900	1044439
DEU WUE Laimnau PRs 1867-1900	1044275
DEU WUE Oberteuringen PRs 1709-1848	1045978
DEU WUE PRs 1627-1829	1044273
DEU WUE PRs 1808-1900	1044274
DEU WUE PRs Family Records from 1812	1044276
ENG BKM Aylesbury BMB 1565-1737, marr 1754, BB 1754-1762	0919220
ENG NTH Tansor 1639-1812	6129021
ENG NTH Thorpe-Achurch PRs 1670-1807	6129051
ITA COS 5 San Parish Civil Reg 1770-1910	1642060
POL Gdańsk Jegłownik Births 1830-1874	0251165
POL Kielce Opatów Akta małżeństw 1868-1883 Akta zgonów 1862-1874	1808846
POL Kielce Opatów Akta urodzeń 1872-1884	1808845
POL PO 2 PRs 1695-1941	1194659
POL PO 3 PRs 1636-1920	1194660
POL PO 3 PRs 1782-1940	1201255
POL WPRU Groß Tromnau Marienwerder Births 1816-1846	0286031
POL WPRU Groß Tromnau Marienwerder Births 1847-1902	0286032

Film Content	Film No
USA NY Rochester 3 Parishes PRs 1836-1910	1432394
USA NY Rochester 6 Parishes PRs 1836-1910	1432393

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 9:30 a.m. to 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.

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed Saturday, February 18 and Monday, February 20 for Family Day.

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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