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Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed Saturday, 19 February and Monday 21 February for the Family Day long weekend. We will close at noon on Fridays beginning February 25th.

Please call the FHC if the weather is bad and you are planning a visit - we may not be open.

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

The following fiche have been added to our permanent collection:

6909594 ENG YKS Aldborough Comp Print Marr 1538-1611 1720-1829
6128075 ENG NTH Ashby-Mears PR Bap/Bur 1794-1812
6128076 ENG NTH Ashby-Mears PR Bap 1813-1869
6128079 ENG NTH Ashby-Mears PR Marr 1813-1839
6128080 ENG NTH Ashby-Mears PR Marr 1837-1930
6128081 ENG NTH Ashby-Mears PR Bur 1813-1911

The following books have been donated to our Family History Centre:

Vanished Villages of Middlesex [Ontario] by Jennifer Grainger
From Catherine to Khrushchev, the Story of Russia's Germans by Adam Giesinger
Homeland Book of the Bessarabian Germans by Albert Kern

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/06/2011. Canada / USA.

I must thank *familysearch.org* for finally putting to rest a nagging family issue that I discovered while doing my family history. In the 1881 Census I discovered a young child (age 6) living with my gg-grandparents. Her name was Aydelena Wilce. She had the family surname, but no one in the family ever mentioned this child being a daughter of Henry and Sarah Wilce. In 1891, she is found as a domestic servant for a household in the same township as Henry and Sarah are living and she is listed as Deleana Wilce. After 1891 I could find no record of this person and I searched diligently for almost two decades. This past weekend I decided to do another search on the LDS genealogy site and discovered a marriage of Chester F. Vernal to Agnes Deleana Wilce in 1904 Massachusetts. The marriage registration indicated that her father was Henry Wilce and her mother was Elizabeth Runnels. The registration stated that she was born in Castleton Ontario (which fits the earlier information I have for her). It would appear that the Census taker in 1881 believed her name to be Aydeleana but it should have read A. Deleana. Chester and Deleana are found on the 1910 Census in Laconia Ward 1, Belknap, New Hampshire. I do not have access to this document and do not know if there were any children from this union. In 1914, I find a marriage of Chester F Vernal to another women. He lists himself as being divorced. This marriage takes place in Massachusetts also. A month after the marriage, a son is born to Chester and his new wife.

My question is where do I go from here? Is it possible to get a copy of the divorce papers to determine any other information about Deleana. I would like to know what happened after, did she remarry, where did she go, where and when did she die. Any suggestions for how I should proceed is greatly appreciated.

Q2/06/2011. USA.

I am researching an ancestor born 1840 in the US, probably Virginia--what is now Nicholas County, West Virginia. He is always listed as the son of William and Mary Pyatt, but DNA tests prove William is not his father. Another child was born very close to this time which would make it seem Mary is not likely the mother. How and where could I find out more about this person and who his birth parents might be?

Q3/06/2011. Canada.

My granduncle Alfred Walker, his wife and daughter arrived in Canada from England on April 18, 1921 to visit my Grandfather in Montreal, which they did. On their passenger declarations is a notion on the side "Deported from Halifax on December 11, 1922 on SS Andania". This was confirmed on the ships manifest where they are listed as deportees. Does anyone know where I could find the reason for their deportation?

Answers:

Still working on last week's question about pilots for tall ships.

News From the Trenches

Did you find something unusual or amusing in the church record you were searching? Break through a brick wall? Discover a little used genealogy resource? We would love to hear your stories and discoveries.

Were You Aware...**FamilySearch Indexing**

Last year *FamilySearch* indexing began with a goal of completing 169 million records. When it looked like that goal would be reached before the end of the year, it was increased to 200 million. The final count is in and the number of records completed in 2010 was 185,900,667. Not quite 200 million but very impressive!

Where can you view these indexed records? www.familysearch.org If you are using the 'New' *FamilySearch* website click on tab labelled Historical records, scroll to the bottom of the page and choose your location. In the original version of *FamilySearch* click on the tab labelled Search Records and on the pull down menu click on Record Search Pilot.

Have you ever thought about indexing? There are projects for everyone from beginner to experienced genealogist. A record usually takes about 30 minutes to complete.

Films received in the 7 days ending 10 February 2011 and due for return on 10 March 2011.

Film Content	Film No
DEU HES Hofheim CRs 1650-1831	1270345
DEU MEC Laage PR Bapt/Burials 1847-1900	0069297
DEU MEC Neubukow Taufen, Heiraten, Tote 1861-1892	0069378
DEU OLD Ahrensböck PRs Heiraten 1742-1949	0362704
DEU OLD Ahrensböck PRs Taufen, Heiraten, Tote 1687-1741	0362699
ENG LAN Manchester Cathedral Church Baptisms 1826-1830	0438170
ENG WAR Birmingham Old Mtg Hse Presbyterian PR 1774-1838	0825424
ENG WAR Birmingham Unitarian Church PR 1836-1931	0919048
ENG WIL Various PRs	1279448
ENG WIL Various PRs	1279366
ENG YKS Alderborough CPO PRs & BTs Marrs 1538 - 1829	6909594
ENG YRK Various Independent and Catholic PRs	0828138
HUN Szatmár Mátészalka Reform Ch 1766-1895; Cath Ch 1867-1895	0623253
ITA CHIETI Rocca San Giovanni Civ Reg 1809-1814	1333281
ITA CHIETI Rocca San Giovanni Civ Reg 1809-1819	1333280
SCT ROX Various "C" parishes PRs	1067933
WLS CMN Various PRs Pre 1837	0828108

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another patron should check first with staff. The patron who ordered the film will always have priority. The description of the film given above may not be a full description. A film number search in the Family History Library Catalog will reveal the full content of the film. The geographical abbreviations used above are based on 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 12 noon and 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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