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Announcements

The FHC now closes at noon every Friday. The FHC will be closed Monday March 14, Tuesday evening March 15 and Thursday evening March 17. No Bulletin will be published on March 17. If the weather is bad and you had planned a visit, call first - we may not be open.

What's New

ScotlandsPeople has announced that the 1911 census will be released on Tuesday, April 5 and will include images. On January 1st, 1910 births, 1935 marriages and 1960 deaths were added to the BMD database. Starting April 1, any credits purchased will be valid for one year rather than 90 days; the cost of 30 credits will rise to £7; and the cost of an Extract will rise to £12. It will still cost 1 credit to view up to 25 indexes and 5 credits to view an image of the statutory or census records (including the forthcoming 1911 census).

Irish Family History Foundation <http://www.rootsireland.ie/> announced this week the availability of an additional 90,000 civil death records from Donegal Ancestry along with other corrections and updates including 6500 new birth records. IFHF now has 8 million birth records, 4M marriage records, and over 18M total images online. Look at the map to see which counties have records online: <http://ifhf.rootsireland.ie/map.php>. While access is free for the indexes, each record costs €5.00 and 20 records cost €100.00. Credits expire after one year.

DeceasedOnline is adding new Scottish monumental inscriptions for 150 cemeteries across Scotland. New data (some of which will not be available until mid-March) includes 19 cemeteries for Angus, 61 cemeteries for Fife, 14 for Inverness, 15 for Lanarkshire, 17 for Perthshire, and 16 for West Lothian. A number of English cemeteries are also on DeceasedOnline (<http://www.deceasedonline.com/>); to see what is available, click on the **Participating cemeteries and crematoria** link on the bottom right.

FamilySearch – It is becoming difficult to keep up with the records being released on www.familysearch.org. All these records can be accessed without charge from **any** computer. The Bulletin will usually mention only large data sets that are indexed. In the last couple of weeks, FamilySearch has added: the US Social Security Death Index, the US 1910 census (with images), the 1855 Illinois State census, New Hampshire Marriages 1637-1947 (with images), North Carolina Deaths 1931-1994, the 1901 England and Wales census (with images), Hungary Catholic Church records (9 million), the 1930 Mexico census (with images), WWII US 1942 Draft Registration Cards (with images), Vermont Vital Records 1760-1954 (with images), and the 1920 US census. **FamilySearch** currently has many censuses available, notably: transcriptions of the five Canadian censuses between 1851 and 1891; the six England & Wales censuses between 1841 and 1901 (only 1881 does not include images); and the US censuses between 1850 and 1930 (some with images); as well as many separate state and province images. As I understand these are FamilySearch transcriptions, it pays to search these records for those missing relatives.

Ancestry added the 1891 and 1901 News South Wales censuses today. Unfortunately these censuses only list the heads of the household (often only an initial for the first name), the numbers of male and female occupants, and the street name. But with the electoral rolls also available on Ancestry, these will be a very helpful addition to those with Australian connections. Ancestry's UK Incoming Passenger Lists have been updated.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions were received.

Answers or Suggestions:

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Ancestry.co.uk offers London England Death Notices from The Times 1982 – 1988. Sounded great and I keyed in the name of the person I was looking for and, bingo, I had a hit. This former RN officer was there with a death date of 2 Dec 1983 and a published date of 20 Dec 1983. I quickly searched around for the hot button that would open up his specific announcement but, alas, no luck. It would appear that to view the specific announcement one has to physically go to a library that is part of the interlibrary loan system and see it on microfiche. I called the Toronto Reference Library to see if perchance they happened to be members but not surprisingly they are not part of this UK network. Other than getting a plane, what do you suggest I do next?

Christine in England wrote that the researcher should check out his local library to see if they give free access to the Times Digital Archive and to ask for it if they do not. She has found that they sometimes get useful subscriptions after being asked. The Toronto Public Library does not appear to offer the Times Archive access. But Marian Press emailed to say that the Robarts Library at the University of Toronto has full access to the Times Digital Archive. "There is a facility on the ground floor of the library for getting an authentication that allows logging into what are known as LIRA computers." These computers are available for research to anyone having a driver's licence or credit card.

I had a look at the Times Archive (1785-1985) at <http://archive.timesonline.co.uk/tol/archive/> and found the following clip: "Commander J.E.G. McKee OBE, RN (ret'd) died suddenly at his home in Plymouth on December 2. Educated at...". While not the whole article, it may be enough for the researcher's needs. To get these types of small clips, you do not need to pay; you only need to pay to download the whole article. One can access the whole site for the modest daily fee of £4.95 (or \$8.95) or for a month - £14.95. This will allow you to download the complete article or page of the newspaper from home. Alternatively Historic Newspapers at <http://www.historic-newspapers.co.uk/> will send you a complete paper in a gift package for one day for £40 – this could celebrate a historic occasion like a birth or marriage. All these suggestions are cheaper than hopping on a plane.

If you have never searched newspapers for your ancestors, do try it. Mine seem to turn up in the bankruptcy listings! The FHC Portal, available at all Family History Centres, has the 19th Century British Library Newspapers as one of its Premium Subscriptions.

Were You Aware...

Have you become frustrated with trying to use the new FamilySearch website at www.familysearch.org. While I would encourage you to keep trying, you can go to the old familiar search page by clicking on the **Go To The Previous Site** button on the lower right hand side of home page. One aspect I really like on the new FamilySearch website is the ability to look for record collections by category: Census & Lists; Births, Marriages and Deaths; Probate & Court; Military; Migration & Naturalization and Other. If one first filters for North America (306 record collections) and then chooses Census & Lists, you will get 54 record collections for censuses for all of North America, nearly all censuses. If you do the same thing for Europe, you will get 12 record collections - 7 for England & Wales, two for Germany, one each for the Netherlands, Norway and Spain. Another hint is to limit the search to one collection only, do an Advanced Search, and check the boxes for exact matches to start. Are you looking for the old English IGI birth records? Go to **England Births and Christenings 1538-1975** which includes nearly 68 million records and you will find the old IGI records complete with their batch numbers; this record collection does include other records as well as the IGI ones. I have found the more I play around with the new site the better I like it but it is hard to change.

Films received in the 7 days ending 03 March 2011 and due for return on 31 March 2011.

Film Content	Film No
BHS NP Nassau Birth Reg 1900-1902	0222953
BHS NP Nassau Death Reg 1921-1925	0223053
CHE BE Courtelary Baptisms 1844-1875	2005913
CHE BE Oberwangen, Record of Members, 1869-1870	0128143
CHE NE Dombresson PR 1729-1875	1733899
CHE NE Dombresson PR 1824-1875	1733898
DEU Alsace Various Catholic PR's	2083941
DEU ELS Buschborn Cath PR 1692-1737	0637129
DEU HES Birknau PR 1636-1832	1340344
DEU HES Birknau PR 1756-1807	1340361
DEU HES Birknau PR Bapt/Marr 1808-1876	1340345

Film Content	Film No
ENG BRK W.Woodhay / Yattendon PRs 1558-1914	0088482
ENG LAN Manchester Collegiate Church Bapt & bur1832 marr 1833	1545568
ENG LAN Manchester Collegiate Church Bur & marr 1827 bapt1828	1545562
ENG YKS Brompton PRs 1593-1869	0894238
ENG YKS Brompton PRs 1754-1869	0894239
Genealogy of the Tso Family of T'ung-ch'eng V.13-27	1087228
Genealogy of the Tso Family of T'ung-ch'eng V.18-24	1087229
ITA CHIETI Rocca San Giovanni Civ Reg 1858-1862	1333298
POL WR Jelenia Gora Kirchenbuch 1709-1886	2271959

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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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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