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Announcements

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Additions to Our Permanent Collections

New fiche - 6344353 ENG HAM Lyndhurst Baptisms 1879-1907 (2 fiche)

Mr. Bob Huggard has kindly donated a CD of his family history book entitled "*The Thomas HUGGARD Family of Essex County, Ontario*". It contains the genealogy of Thompson P JONES 1810-1850 of Kentucky, Thomas HUGGARD Family of Essex County, Ontario, James Isaac HENDERSON 1670-1737 of North Carolina, and William LACY 1632- of Virginia. This CD will be labelled CA08 and can be found in bookshelf 3.

News From the Trenches

Joan Challis was looking at film #0093722, burials in Low Hill Necropolis Cemetery in Liverpool from 1825 to 1845 and thought the following entry was pretty unusual for 1840. Margaret Wright, died October 10, buried October 14, of Burlington Street, age 66, female, cause of death - Childbirth! Margaret appears to be one of many people (possibly 20) buried in one grave, numbered 7424.

What's New

Irish Records

A number of new Irish records have come online recently as St Patrick's Day was celebrated. **Ancestry** added four Irish databases: **Tithe Applotment Books 1823-1857** - this is a land survey which lists the amount of tax payable by landowners to the Church of Ireland; **Griffith's Valuation 1848-1864** - used to determine taxes, this lists people who owned or leased land and may include a description of property, acreage and valuation; **Ordnance Survey Maps 1824-1846** - detailed maps on a six-inch to one-mile scale used to determine land valuations for tax purposes (these are interesting to look at if you know the townland, etc where your ancestors lived); and the Lawrence Collection of photographs 1870-1910 - 21,000 good quality photographs of every county in Ireland.

PRONI (Public Record Office of Northern Ireland) has updated its Name Search facility, which now includes pre-1858 wills, surviving fragments of the 1740 and 1766 religious census returns, 1775 dissenters' petitions, and coroners' inquest reports. (PRONI also has the Ulster Covenant, the Ulster Declaration [for women], an excellent selection of searchable directories, will calendars and Freeholders' [voters'] Records.) Go to

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives.htm to search these databases.

IFHF (Irish Family History Foundation) at <http://www.rootsireland.ie/> has more than 18 million records online and they have recently added 90,000 civil death records from Donegal and made 8500 corrections and birth updates. IFHF has made an Advanced Search facility available for all counties except Limerick and Sligo. Searching is free once one has registered but downloading a record costs ?5.00.

Belfast City Council has made available 360,000 burial records in three cemeteries via a search facility at <http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialrecords/> . The three cemeteries are Belfast City Cemetery records from 1869, Roselawn Cemetery records from 1954, and Dundonald Cemetery records from 1905. Records usually include name, age, last place of residence, date of death and date of burial. Burials up to the current time are included. There is no charge for access.

Guinness Brewery has 20,000 historical employee records online dating from the 1880s to the 1990s. They can be searched without charge at <http://www.guinness-storehouse.com/en/GenealogySearch.aspx> . Information given includes name, employee number, date joined, age at that time, date left, and department and occupation.

FindMyPast (www.findmypast.co.uk) has updated its search facility for its British overseas birth and marriage records (deaths should be available shortly). Previously the search for a particular name gave you many pages to look at but now only the index entries with the particular name will be shown. Marriage records include the index entry for the spouse's name as well. The updated collections are: British overseas births 1818-2005, Births at sea 1854-1887, British armed forces births 1761-2005, British overseas marriages 1818-2005, Marriages at sea 1854-1908, and British armed forces marriages 1796-2005. Certificates for these events can be ordered from the GRO at <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp> - the overseas events are available when one chooses the type of certificate (after registering).

FamilySearch continues to add indexed records at a fast and furious rate. In the last couple of weeks, they have added a large part of the 1930 US census, nearly 90 million records for the US Social Security Death Index, California County Marriages 1850-1952, England and Wales 1841 Census, Texas Birth Certificates 1903-1934, and Texas County Marriage Index 1837-1977. Don't forget that these records are all accessed without charge at www.familysearch.org.

The Forum

Questions:

No new questions were received this week.

Were You Aware .

Mocavo.com - A New Genealogical Website

The March 23rd Weekly Genealogist, the newsletter from the New England Historic Genealogical Society, notified readers of a new website "designed to take the best features of Google and make them easier to use for genealogical research". Michael Leclerc wrote: "Mocavo.com is the world's largest free genealogy search engine. It provides access to free genealogy content on the web. Mocavo indexes publicly accessible websites and sends searchers directly to the sites. It is a great way to do one-stop searching of websites like the Internet Archives, Find a Grave, state archives and historical societies, Ellis Island, and more. The best thing about Mocavo is that it specifically targets genealogical websites, automatically removing extraneous results (like Facebook pages, etc.) that appear in Google searches. This function is extremely helpful, especially when researching a very common name. . For the best results, put names in quotes. Mocavo will automatically search for instances of "firstname lastname," "lastname, firstname," and even "firstname middlename lastname." You can do "or" searches (looking for this "or" that) by utilizing the pipe symbol |. Similarly, you can omit certain words by using the minus sign (or dash). . The site is currently very centered on North American materials, but this is starting to change. Materials from GenUKI are available, and the Ire land Genealogy Project just announced that their materials will soon be indexed and available through Mocavo."

I tried www.Mocavo.com with one of my more unusual names and had three hits. Two I already had but the third directed me to a book on the Internet Archive (<http://www.archive.org/> - a site which has digitised many books and audio files). Unfortunately the link did not work properly but I was able to use the book title to search online at the Toronto Public Library and found a copy of the book there in the stacks. The snippet of information I received has probably confirmed a crucial link for me so I will be most interested in taking a trip downtown.

Lincolnshire Bastardy Reports

Margaret Taylor had a suggestion for people with Lincolnshire ancestors. The GenUKI Lincolnshire website now has the Bastardy reports from the Lincoln, Rutland & Stamford Mercury newspaper from 1840 to 1855. While the name of the child rarely appears in these reports, the name of the mother and the reputed father usually do. This can help when the birth certificate lists no father. Find them at <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LIN/bastardycases.html> but do read the first page on "Bastardy cases" first, so you understand how the law changed over time. Not many cases appear before 1844. An example from 1848 is: "*Alford Petty Sessions 18 January - Eliza BROWNE, singlewoman, of Mablethorpe, applied for an order in bastardy on Wm. BURNELL, of Scamblesby, groom to Mr. W. MARTIN: ordered to pay 2s. per week from the date of application*".

Niagara Falls Newspapers and Owen Sound - Greenwood Cemetery

The March 9th Weekly Genealogist, the newsletter from the New England Historic Genealogical Society, had a couple of Ontario research recommendations worth repeating here. The Niagara Falls Public Library at <http://www.nflibrary.ca/nfplindex/> has a number of "Historic Niagara Digital Collections", including an images database and a newspaper index. The Newspaper Index database is an index to birth, marriage and anniversary announcements, death notices, and news articles related to the city of Niagara Falls that can be found in the Daily Record, the Evening Review, and the Review. The index covers births, deaths and marriages for various periods between January 1908 and the present, with a few gaps. News articles have been indexed for various years from January 1908 to January 2004. The Images Database contains an index to the collection of images in the holdings of the Niagara Falls Public Library's Local History Collection, including photographs, postcards, negatives, daguerreotypes and digital images of selected print material. The subject areas include portraits; the city of Niagara Falls; businesses and stores; the Niagara River; Niagara Falls; construction; streets; sports, recreation and leisure; buildings; factories and industries; churches; aerial views; ships; events; and historic buildings.

The City of Owen Sound has created an online index to the approximately 20,000 interments in **Greenwood Cemetery** and St. Mary's Cemetery available on its website - <http://www.owensound.ca/cemetery/> . The index is in PDF format. The data in the database includes lot ID, grave number, name of the interred, person's title, age, burial date, and date of death.

RootsTech Conference - Select Presentations Available

In February a conference, RootsTech 2011, was held in Salt Lake City for attendees to learn more about how technology is enhancing the world of family history. The sponsors ranged from FamilySearch, Ancestry, Dell, Microsoft, Oracle, Sprint, to brightsolid among others, and attendees ranged from programmers and technical users to family historians and bloggers. By all accounts it was a great success and plans are underway to make it an annual event. Now six of the presentations have been made available online at <http://rootstech.familysearch.org/video.php> . I have watched Barry Ewell's presentation called ***Digitally Preserving Your Family History*** and found it very interesting and helpful. I will be requesting the slides and other information from the presentation that he has made available.

Wrexham County Borough Council and North Wales BMD

Wrexham, the "largest town" in North Wales, has transcribed its BMD indexes in collaboration with the Clwyd Family History Society. Go to http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/heritage/archives/family_history.htm and choose the index you wish to search. From the same page one can also search the Wrexham Cemetery for burials between 1876 and 1989. The information given includes name, age at death, place of death and date of burial. Don't forget that if one is interested in Wrexham, UKBMD has a North Wales section at <http://www.northwalesbmd.org.uk/> , which has 1.2 million births, 370 thousand marriages and 728 thousand deaths online. While this is likely to be the same transcription as the one at Wrexham County Council site, it includes bordering areas.

Films received in the 14 days ending 24 March 2011 and due for return four weeks later.

Film Content	Film No
DEU HES Several PRs 1330-1910	2150511
DEU MEC Mulsow PRs 1654 - 1787	0069289
DEU WUE Kirchensall Baptisms 1596-1684	1340214
ENG LAN Manchester PRs Marr 1834-1835	0438197
ENG YKS Leake PRs 1570-1898	0550536
ENG YKS Leake PRs 1818-1875	0550537
HUN TOLNA 1828 Census Nagy-Ó-Bessenyő	0623151
IND Madras PRs 1855-1856	0463298
IND Madras PRs 1857	0463299
IND Madras PRs 1858-1859	0521850

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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