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Announcements

The FHC will be closed Saturday, April 16 and Easter weekend (April 22 to April 25 inclusive).

The **List of All Resources** available at the FHC has been updated with the new acquisitions of the previous three months. We have more than 14,000 items in our library, including films, fiche, CDs and books. To download the report, please click on "List of All Resources" or "List of All Resources 2011 03 31" on the Resources page of our website: <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/>.

OGS Annual Conference – Early Bird Special Ends Today – Register Online!

The 2011 OGS Conference is being held in the Hamilton Conference Centre from May 13 to May 15. Friday May 13th offers a full day of workshops and lectures and on Saturday and Sunday there are over 40 sessions covering six streams of information: German/Palatine, Eastern European, Ireland, UK, and Beginner/Basics. Go to <http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference2011/> to see the full conference details and save \$20 by registering today.

Scottish Family History Workshop – Nearly Full!

The Scottish Family History Workshop being presented by the OGS Toronto Branch on Saturday June 18 has nearly reached maximum capacity. Chris Paton, James Thomson and Marian Press will be the speakers. To see the complete details of the seven sessions offered and the registration form, go to <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/Scottish2011.html>.

Irish Resources Online - Thursday, June 16, 7:30 pm

In the evening of June 16th, noted genealogist Chris Paton, author of the new publication *Tracing Your Family History on the Internet*, will present a two-part lecture on the topic of "Irish Resources Online" in the Gold Room, North York Memorial Hall (Concourse level, opposite the Burgundy Room). Please pre-register your interest in attending by emailing the Education Committee at courses@torontofamilyhistory.org with the subject line "Irish lecture". Cost for pre-registered non-members is \$15.

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

We now have the latest publication of the OGS Toronto Branch. This new CD (TRN-009) has some 55,000 burials at **St. John's Norway Cemetery and Crematorium** in Toronto (Kingston Road at Woodbine). This massive work has been published after 20 years of labour under chief organizer, Jack Tyson, who led a large team of transcribers, inputters, indexers, a video maker, a photographer, and a proof-reader. Toronto researchers owe a great deal to these hard working volunteers who painstakingly uncovered each grave marker and transcribed it. The location of each marker is given, and detailed maps showing the location are extremely useful.

Barry Spinner has already had a quick look at the CD at the FHC. He was looking for his mother's older half brother who seemed to have vanished from Toronto directories in the 1950s. He found a possible grave marker with the correct name and birth date. The marker also had the maiden name of the wife and two other individuals who are quite likely the son and daughter-in-law. Barry subsequently proved that this was the uncle for whom he had been searching for many years and he is planning to search for grandchildren/descendants of his uncle and place flowers on the grave. Another search found Barry's grandfather and step-grandmother.

The St. John's Norway Cemetery CD will be CA09 and can be found on shelf one of bookcase three.

What's New

FindMyPast (www.findmypast.co.uk) Over 1.4 million new baptism, marriage and burial records for Hampshire records have been published on FindMyPast this week. There are 574,192 baptisms from 1752-1851, 153,011 marriages 1754-1837, and 720,468 burials from 1400-1841 from the Hampshire Genealogical Society. Nearly 15,000 baptism records from St. Dunstan, Stepney (1629-1641 & 1652-1656) have been added to the London Docklands parish records database.

FamilySearch - The largest sets of records released by FamilySearch this week are the 1881 England & Wales census – nearly 6 million records with images; Belgium Civil Registration 1795-1910 – 328,000 records; Vermont Vital Records 1760-1954 – nearly one million records; Chile Concepcion Civil Registration 1885-1903 – 70,000 records; and South Africa Cape Province Dutch Reformed Church Registers 1660-1970 – 70,000 records. These records are accessible without charge at www.familysearch.org. While I appreciate how quickly these records are coming online, I wish the search engine was better with more defining fields.

Irish Family History Foundation has announced that the Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, has provided over 227,000 names of Ship Passengers at <http://cms.rootsireland.ie>. The records are of passengers, mostly of Irish origin, on ships travelling from Irish and British ports to ports in North America (United States and Canada) from 1791 to 1897. The 1901 Census of County Leitrim is now also available, adding a further 69,000 records to their online database. Go to <http://leitrim.rootsireland.ie>. Searching at IFHF is free but you have to register first. Downloading records is not free!

The Forum

Questions:

Can you give me a suggestion that would help me locate a record for Eveline Jennette McBrady's birth or death. The following record was recorded in my grandmother's Clara McBrady's bible – "Eveline Jennette McBrady, born Sept. 3, 1905, died at 13 months". The problem is I cannot find any birth or death record for Eveline Jennette. Eveline would have been born and died in the Goderich – Clinton area. Clara Higgins (Carter) (1873 – 1946) was Eveline Jennette's mother. At the time of Eveline Jennette's birth, Clara Higgins was a widow with three sons. Joseph Edward McBrady (1873 -1946) was the unmarried father of Eveline Jennette. I used all three last names – Higgins, Carter & McBrady when looking for Eveline's records, with no luck. I used the cemetery finding tool also with no luck. Joseph & Clara went on to have four more children. No record of Clara's marriage to Edward McBrady can be found. She kept her marriage certificate from her first marriage to Samuel Higgins (1872 - 1902).

News From the Trenches

Rick Fitches writes: "I just read the latest issue of the FHC news bulletin and saw the interesting website regarding burial records for the City of Belfast [<http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialrecords/>]. A quick search found the burial records of my mother's paternal grandparents. Although they were living in what is now the Republic of Ireland, their remains were buried in the City Cemetery, Belfast, within 48 hours of their respective deaths."

Were You Aware ...

ScotlandsPeople – Price Increase Tonight and 1911 Census to be Released on Tuesday!

Today is the last day to buy credits on ScotlandsPeople at £6 for 30 credits; at 7pm tonight (March 31) the cost will rise to £7 for 30 credits. It will still cost 1 credit to view up to 25 index entries and 5 credits to view an image of the statutory or census records. Credits bought after April 1 will be valid for one year rather than 90 days. The 1911 Scottish census will be available on ScotlandsPeople by 11:00 BST (6am EST) on Tuesday 5 April. The images of the enumeration books will be in full colour and the enumeration includes the particulars of the marriage, the number of children born from the marriage, the industry or service connected to the occupation and the nationality of the person enumerated. It will cost 5 credits to view images of the 1911 census.

Films received in the 14 days ending 31 March 2011 and due for return 28 April 2011.

Film Content	Film No

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CAN ON 2 PRs 1858-1910	1305890
CAN ON Douro PRs 1846-1906	1304895
CAN ON Douro PRs 1883-1910	1304896
CAN ON Douro PRs 1919-1920	2030840
DEU OLD Ahrensböck Bapt 1862-1892	0362702
ENG SFK Hadleigh PRs 1754-1877	0919575
ENG YKS 4 PRs 1653-1850	1658087
IRE GRO Baptisms 1864-1868	0101766
IRE TYR/FER/DON Various PRs 1835-1882	0979704

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 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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