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Announcements

The FHC will be closed for Easter weekend (April 22 to April 25 inclusive).

OGS Toronto Meeting – Monday, April 25th at 7:30p.m., Burgundy Room, North York Memorial Hall

At this month's meeting, Dr. Andrew Ross will talk about "*High-performance Computing and Family History*", a project at the University of Guelph which aims to track thousands of Canadians from one census to another. Linda Reid will present the Mini-presentation - *Researching Friends and Family: A War Story*. There is a fee of \$5 for non-members.

OGS Toronto Seminar - NEW TESTS FOR GENETIC GENEALOGY, May 5th at 6:15p.m.

James Thomson and Elizabeth Kaegi will present a two-hour seminar to provide objective information about two new genetic tests that are now available to genealogists: "Family Finder" from FamilyTreeDNA and "Relative Finder" from 23andMe. These tests can help males and females to establish family relationships and enhance family trees, by comparing results with those of fellow testees, of either sex, found by DNA analysis to be "cousins". For more information, go to <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/DNA2011Seminar.html> .

Genealogy Summer Camp – June 5 to 10, 2011

The Summer Camp program brings family historians to Toronto for an intensive week of tutorials and hands-on research, with the guidance of local experts, at the many archives and reference libraries in Toronto. Applications should be postmarked by May 1. See <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/summercamp.html> for details.

English Family History Workshop – November 5th – Call for Speakers

The Toronto Branch of OGS is looking for additional speakers for this workshop, which will feature John D. Reid and Lesley Anderson from Ottawa. The deadline for proposals is 22 May 2011. The information is posted on the Toronto Branch website at <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/English2011.html> .

Additions to Our Permanent Collections – One New Fiche Set

6344281 ENG HAM Headbourn-Worthy Baptisms 1813-1951 (2 fiche)

What's New

Ancestry has added an amazing set of databases for those with ancestors in Liverpool, England – Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Banns, and Burials 1659-1900s and Roman Catholic Baptisms, Marriages and Banns, and Burial 1813-1900s.

FamilySearch.org now has the 1892 New York State census indexed with images, and indexes for 1861 Ontario census and for Indiana Marriages 1811-1959.

FindMyPast made a small addition this week of 99,000 baptism records for Wiltshire.

DeceasedOnline added 40,000 burial records from the Broxbourne Borough Council (Cheshunt Cemetery and Ware Road Cemetery, Hoddesdon) and 30,000 burial records from the Dacorum Borough Council (Heath Lane, Woodwells, Tring and Kingshill cemeteries. Almost 2,000 burial records for Sawston Cemetery, have been added to the 175,000 records available for Cambridge.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions were received this week.

Answers/Suggestions:

Q1/13/2001. Canada/USA.

I am researching John Busby born 1819 in Edinburgh and died 1899 in Ontario. The earliest record I have found was an 1862 Baptismal record for his son John Busby at St. Paul's R.C. Church in Toronto. He married Ellen Fitzgerald before 1862 in Toronto. The first census I located him was in 1871 in Toronto. In 1936 when his daughter died, an obituary appeared in the Toronto Star. It stated that John Busby was born the same day as Queen Victoria (24 May 1819) in Edinburgh Scotland and had been in California for the 1849 Gold Rush, where he was a sheriff. In 1927, his daughter wrote to the Washington State, USA looking for relatives, but nothing conclusive was found. I would like to find out how he got to California and how he made his way to Canada.

Barry Spinner had some thoughts about John Busby, prompted by the manifest of the Genesse, the ship which travelled to New Orleans from the Yucatan. He notes that the majority of the passengers are "Discharged Volunteers" and that the first entries are actually named as officers. Barry's scenario is that 'this John Busby was part of the returning force of the American army that fought in the Mexican War "liberating territories" from the Mexican / Spanish. There was no Panama Canal then (completed in 1914), so this group had used the overland route - through Mexico or just embarked from the Yucatan - where they won battles?? If this is the relative, John Busby, then he was returning from military service in 1849. This offers a possible means of further research, searching military records. Did he later apply for a military pension? This scenario still fits with being in California for an earlier part of the Gold rush.' Barry noted that there were many ships arriving in New Orleans from Liverpool and it may have been an established route to North America from Europe. Barry says that 'it is quite possible John Busby travelled from UK to New Orleans at some time and onwards to California overland crossing Mexico (see Wikipedia for routes). This is a possible route that 49ers may have followed.' [There are several US military records on the subscription website, FootNote, which is available at no charge through the FHC Portal at Family History Centres.]

The obituary for John Busby's daughter made mention of John Busby meeting Buffalo Bill, which I thought was highly unlikely. The researcher has pointed out that Buffalo Bill, William Frederick Cody, was baptised in the Dixie Union Chapel in Peel County in 1847. He was the son of Isaac and Mary Cody – the Cody family were originally Quakers. Who knew that Buffalo Bill was Canadian!

The researcher has provided the Bulletin with more information regarding letters written by John Busby's daughter, Bertha Downs, to other Busby's in the States. I have been unable to connect this John Busby

to the Busby's the daughter contacted in the States. The letters talked about a Thomas Brown Busby. Thomas Busby was born in Ireland and went to Scotland probably because of the 1847 potato famine. There he met and married an Irish lass, named Jane Harper, and they had three children while in Scotland – Ellen, John and Mary. In 1855 the family emigrated to the United States and they had eight more children. It was the children of Thomas that the researcher's relative contacted in the late 1920s. One letter mentions that Thomas had three brothers: John, Isaac and Andrew. It looks like Andrew also went to Scotland with his family during the famine, where he died. His wife and family subsequently emigrated to Utah and lived in Salt Lake City. The researcher should not give up on this line of research – the writer of the letters probably had a reason why she chose those particular Busby's.

News From the Trenches

Barry Spinner found the burial of his mother's half brother, William Knapp, on the new CD of St. John's Norway Cemetery and Crematorium at the FHC. The burial records also had William's wife, son and daughter-in-law. Barry was excited when his first cousins once removed contacted him this week. "They are the grandchildren of the Knapp son buried with his wife and his son in St. John's Norway. These families were alienated due to an ancestor's Will in 1926. The contact was not actually through the burial record but was from a Rootsweb post I made in 2005 regarding the specific Knapp family. Googling me allowed them to make contact. Advice to genealogists: **"Keep your address up to date in places like Ancestry and Rootsweb. Or even better NEVER change your address."** as we were advised by Elayne Lockhart in a recent OGS Toronto meeting."

Were You Aware ...

The latest LostCousins Newsletter is now available at: <http://lostcousins.com/newsletters/midapr11news.htm> . By the way, LostCousins will be free to link with relatives from now until May 2nd. Peter Calver says this will celebrate three things: Easter, the Royal Wedding and LostCousin 7th anniversary. Congratulations to Peter for that accomplishment. You will need to enter your relatives and their census information into LostCousins to take advantage of this offer. While time consuming, it may pay off in spades. Go to <http://www.lostcousins.com/> .

Films received in the 14 days ending 21 April 2011 and due for return 19 May 2011.

Film Content	Film No
CAN NL Estate Files 1915 Hy-Wh	2069491
DEU HES Selignstadt PRs 1590-1728	0948713
ENG HAM 4 Parishes PRs	1041307
ENG HAM Headbourn-Worthy PRs 1813-1951	6344281
ENG YKS Selby, Seaton-Ross PRs 1574-1785	1068397
ENG YKS Selby, Seaton-Ross PRs 1579-1925	1068397
ENG YKS Osmotherley PRs 1696-1893	0550545
HUN TOLNA 1828 Census Rác-Szécsány	0623153
HUN Veszprem Devecser RC Marr 1738-1895	0699558
ITA COS Population Registers 2 Parishes	1337929
JAM St Thomas Civ Reg 1894-1904	1389547
NLD Holland Land Company Records 1825-1846 +1855	1414984
OST Burgenland Kaisersteinbruch 1886	0700860
Various German Family History Books	1573208

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.

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

Also closed the May long weekend - May 21 to 23 inclusive.

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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