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Announcements

The FHC will be closed for the May weekend (May 21 to May 23 inclusive).

Brampton Stake Fireside – May 15 at 7pm

Rex Peterson, who will be speaking at the OGS conference in Hamilton, will give a fireside talk on “Historical Records at FamilySearch: Online Indexes and Images”. A question and answer session will follow.

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

This week we have added two new CDs to our collection. These CDs will be available to be used by the end of next week.

BR127 ENG, SCT, WLS Surname Atlas for 19th Century Britain

This CD displays maps showing the distributions of all the surnames and forenames in the 1881 censuses of England, Scotland and Wales. Data is shown by county or poor law union (very useful since they are fairly local). One can show comparative data on four maps (for several name variations). Maps can be printed or exported.

CA11 CAN Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada

This CD has information on 44,687 vessels, 79,682 ship owners, 265,000 seamen and 39,000 ship captains. See complete description in **Were You Aware ...** below.

What's New

FamilySearch has millions of records from the US Civil War Era in the following collections:

United States, Civil War Soldiers Index, 6.3 million records giving regiment and rank in and out

Arkansas Confederate Pensions, 1901-1929 (images, no index)

Civil War Pension Index Cards, nearly 3 million transcribed records

Louisiana Confederate Pensions, 1898-1950 (images, no index)

Missouri Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers Home Applications (images only)

South Carolina, Civil Confederate Service Records, 1861-1865 (1.2 million indexed images)

United States, 1890 Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War (images only)

United States, Index to General Correspondence of the Pension Office, 1889-1904 (images only)

United States, Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855-1891 (262,000 indexed images)

United States, Navy Widows' Certificates, 1861-1910 (1 million indexed images)

United States, Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914 (images only)

United States, Union Provost Marshal Files of Papers for Two or More Civilians, 1861-1866 (images)

United States, Union Provost Marshal's File of Papers for Individual Civilians, 1861-1866 (images)

United States, Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933 (images only)

Vermont Enrolled Militia, 1861-1867 (4,350 indexed images)

Arizona, Service Records of Confederate Soldiers of the Civil War, 1861-1863 (1,173 indexed images)

FamilySearch is always looking for volunteers to do indexing from their home computers. For this particular series of Civil War Era collections, the current indexing projects are: US, North Carolina - Freedmen Letters 1862-1870, Civil War Era Marriage Records, and US Registers of Enlistment in the US Army, 1798-1914.

FindMyPast added two more small data sets this week: 40,000 parish records for Gloucestershire – baptisms, marriages and burials for the 1700's for Cam, Coaley, Dursley, Nympsfield, Owlpen, Slimbridge, Stinchcombe, and Uley; and City of

London burials 1754-1812 for two parishes, St Botolph, Aldersgate with 10,797 records and St Giles, Cripplegate with 21,423.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions were received this week.

Were You Aware ...

Family Photos: Composition and Studio Setting

FindMyPast has published the fourth in its series of blogs by Jayne Shrimpton about how to understand and interpret your family photos. After looking at formats, photographers and mount styles, this blog looks at pictorial features to place them within a historical context. The composition and setting of the picture in a studio can often indicate a particular decade for the photo to have been taken. For example, in the late Victorian and Edwardian era, photos often include the ubiquitous aspidistra or plant. To read another in this interesting series, go to <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2011/05/family-photos-composition-and-studio-setting/>.

Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada CD

This CD is part of the Maritime History Archive created and maintained by Memorial University in St. Johns - <http://www.mun.ca/mha/>. The CD has information on the shipping industry of Atlantic Canada and includes three databases. The first is compiled from the Certificates of Registry from 1787-1936 for the ports of Miramichi, Richibucto, and St. John in New Brunswick; Halifax, Sydney, Pictou, Windsor and Yarmouth in Nova Scotia; Charlottetown PEI; and St John's, Newfoundland. It contains information on vessels and their owners. The second database is compiled from crew agreements of vessels registered in St John, Yarmouth, Windsor and Halifax for 1863-1914. This file contains information on 182,000 seamen and 20,000 masters of Atlantic Canada vessels. The third database contains a one percent random sample of crew agreements from non-Canadian vessels for comparative purposes. The data on the crew members is extensive and includes complete birth place information, rank on the ship, and literacy.

Bulletin contributor James Thomson notes that the new CD joins some other helpful resources at the Toronto FHC for researching merchant seamen in the latter part of the nineteenth century, such as:

1. The partial nominal index to 1861-1913 crew lists for British-registered vessels which is accessible at the Family History Centre through the FHC's subscription to FindMyPast (for more information about the database, see <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/clip-crew-lists-search-start.action>).
2. The nominal indexes to 1851 crew lists for vessels registered at ports in Scotland and Ireland, as described at <http://www.fhindexes.co.uk/seamen.htm>. These indexes are at the FHC on CD.

Films received in the 14 days ending 12 May 2011 and due for return 09 June 2011.

Film Content	Film No
CAN NB Westmorland CO Probate Court 1787-1842	0859903
CAN NB Westmorland CO Probate Files 1787-1830	1464495
CAN NB Westmorland CO Probate Files 1842(J-Z)-1849(A-G)	1464390
CAN NB Westmorland CO Probate Files 1849(K-Z)-1854(A-Ca)	1464391
HUN Bacs-Kiskun Szabadszallas BD1858-1895	0622889
HUN Bacs-Kiskun Szabadszallas BMD 1729-1841	0622887
HUN Bacs-Kiskun Szabadszallas BMD 1842-1857; B 1858-1895	0622888
HUN Gyor Gyorszentvian RC Bap 1761-1853	0630674
HUN Gyor Gyorszentvian RC Bap 1854-1895	0630675
HUN Gyor Gyorszentvian RC Marr 1788-1895	0630676
HUN Gyor-Sopron Tet Jewish BMD 1840-1895	0642806
HUN Sogomy Barcs Marr 1857-1895 Deaths 1843-1893	0699941
HUN VAS Gyanafalva Catholic BMD 1828-1860	0700669
HUN VAS Gyanafalva Catholic BMD 1860-1895	0700670
HUN Veszprem Devecser RC Bap 1866-1895	0699557

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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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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