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Announcements

The FHC will be closed for this weekend - May 21 to May 23 inclusive.

One World One Family Conference - September 17th 9am to 5pm at the Toronto FHC

The Toronto Ontario Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is pleased to announce a family history conference taking place in September at 24 Ferrand Drive. This day-long conference is being offered for a mere \$20, which includes a box lunch! But until May 31st the early-bird registration is **only \$15**. Over 20 different sessions will be offered during the day and there will be workshops for family history research in Latin America, the Philippines, China, Poland, British West Indies, Jamaica, Ontario, Native America, and Britain as well as general topics such as genetics, scrapbooking, and handwriting. The website is <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/> . If you wish to see the sessions being offered, please click on the **Learn More** button.

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

This week a new book has been added to our library.

Canadians at War 1914-1919 - A Research Guide to WWI Service Records by Glenn Wright

Over 500,000 men and women volunteered and tens of thousands more were conscripted to serve in the Canadian army or the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). In Canada, thousands volunteered to defend the home front. *Canadians at War 1914-1919* identifies which records survive for those who served during World War One, where those records are, how to access them, and Glenn Wright provides many tips on how to interpret them.

What's New

DeceasedOnline has added more than 54,000 burial records for 11 cemeteries in Wiltshire, Dorset and Devon. In Wiltshire over 36,000 burial records were added from seven cemeteries: Bradford-on-Avon, Hilperton (near Trowbridge), Holt (near Bradford-on-Avon), Melksham, Trowbridge (to be added shortly), Warminster and Westbury, with records back to 1856. In Devon, Cullompton, with 6,600 new records, and Salcombe with 3,000 records, are now available. The Blandford Forum cemetery in Dorset has 7,600 records, with register scans and grave details back to 1856. The cemetery for Rushden, Northamptonshire has 13,700 records, which were added earlier this month.

FamilySearch added a database of over one million Polish Roman Catholic Church records and two million images. The images of church books contain baptisms and births, marriages, burials and deaths for the parishes in the Częstochowa, Gliwice, Lublin, and Radom Roman Catholic Dioceses of Poland, starting around 1600. Births end in 1910 and marriages in 1935. FamilySearch also added some Argentinean Catholic Church records.

FindMyPast has improved its death records search and it will now search all its death indexes at once - England & Wales deaths 1837-2006, British Nationals Overseas 181-2005, British armed forces deaths 1796-2005 and British nationals at sea 1854-1890. This follows their earlier improvements to the birth and marriages searches. FindMyPast added over 24,000 Montgomeryshire records today - baptisms, marriages and burials for St. Gwynog, Llanwnnog and St. Nicholas, Montgomery. FindMyPast is available without charge through the Family History Portal at all Family History Centres.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/19/2011. United States.

I am looking for Hyman (aka Jack) Koloniel born about 1908 in either Ohio or New Jersey. Hyman was the son of Russian/Polish immigrants, Rebecca and Isaac Koloniel. In the 1910 US census, Hyman is living in an orphanage in Cleveland with his sisters, Sarah and Annie. His parents are also living in Cleveland, where Isaac runs a candy store. Isaac died later in 1910 and Rebecca remarried in 1919, to Harry Burdman. In the 1920 US census, the family are living together - Harry and Rebecca Burdman (Burgman) and Sarah, Annie, and Hyman Kolonial. In searching for Hyman, a family member advised me that he went by the name of Jack Burdman because he did not like his name. So I have been searching for Jack Burdman without success. Recently I found a prospect - a Jack H. Burdan, who, on the 1930 census, was a private in the Army at Fort Bliss, TX. Further searches revealed a January 3rd 1986 death of a Jack Herman Burden of El Paso, born on Oct. 4, 1907. I also found a marriage for Jack in Texas in 1957 and evidence of a daughter, Carol, in a newspaper article in 1976. I have been unable to find a Jack Burden/Burdan of an appropriate age in the 1910 or 1920 US Census, which would disprove my hypothesis that Jack Burdan is really Hyman Koloniel. My questions are: Could this be my Hyman Koloniel? How could I find a birth certificate for Jack Burden? How could I find an obituary or a will in Texas that might mention a sister? Jack Burdan served in the US military for 30 years - how could I access his military records for a birth certificate or other information? How could I go about finding his daughter, Carol Burdan?

Were You Aware .

Friendly societies in Britain

Most of the following information was taken from historyshelf.org - <http://www.historyshelf.org/> .

The original Friendly Society was a successful fire insurance association in London. Its name was adopted throughout the UK to describe every kind of mutual aid organisation. At its very simplest, a friendly society was a club where the members shared an agreed risk by each paying a fee. The club could last for as little as one year or in perpetuity. The agreed risk could take many forms - the death of a cow or the cost of a funeral, or periodic sickness payments, an annuity or even a regular old age pension. The club could be a few villagers or neighbours in a street up to a membership of millions spread through the United Kingdom. The fee might be a once-and-only entry payment or a regular weekly, monthly or quarterly subscription. It might be pennies or pounds and might vary according to the age or sex of the member.

At the end of the nineteenth century friendly societies provided most insurance, benefits and pensions in the UK. Their members could be counted in the millions. Thousands of different societies were spread right though the land. Today there are only a few survivors because the Welfare State took away the reason for most friendly societies.

The National Archives UK has an amusing podcast called *Burial clubs - the unfriendly societies* uploaded in June of 2009. "Friendly Societies were popular in the 19th Century, and were regulated by law. Surprisingly, burial clubs, which offered a form of life insurance, didn't always fall into this category, and provided many incentives to commit fraud - and even murder!"

Trade Unions in Britain

The University of Warwick, Modern Records Centre, holds records concentrating on the national history of industrial relations, industrial politics and labour history. It holds a collection of UK trade union, employers' and trade association archives which can be used to explore more about the working lives of various individuals. The Centre has produced an occupational guide to its sources, although family historians should note that many of the unions listed have not deposited membership records at the Centre. They also have genealogical guides for a number of occupations covered by trade unions. - see http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc/subject_guides/family_history/ .

A couple of these trades have very useful family history information on them. Susan Reid found an index to obituaries for **Stonemasons and Quarrymen** on this site at http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc/subject_guides/family_history/stone/ , and the link to the obits is on the left-hand side, under "Subject Guides, Family History". The index contains nearly 20,000 entries and each index entry has name, location, age, relationship to member, cause and date of death, benefits and document reference number. Susan also notes that "One of my stonemason ancestors went to India to work on railway bridges. As a result, I found out about FIBIS [Families in British India Society] at <http://www.new.fibis.org/> ."

Another useful website about stonemasons can be found at <http://www.unionancestors.co.uk/Stonemasons.htm> - the Friendly Society of Operative Stonemasons of England, Ireland and Wales (aka The Operative Stonemasons' Union or OSM).

Another area of the University of Warwick website with useful family history data is on the page for the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servant [ASRS] of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, which was founded in 1872. In 1892 it absorbed the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of Scotland. Warwick University has an excellent description of

the records they hold and how to find your railway ancestor in them. They have recently started indexing the first of the ASRS membership registers from 1872-1887 and an Excel spreadsheet of 6,049 records is now available to download and search. The information indexed is really useful - name, date of admission, age, grade (e.g. brakesman) branch admitting and document reference.

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/library/mrc/subject_guides/family_history/rail/asrs/#ASRS

Canadian Railway Records -In our library we have a book entitled Canadian Railway Records, A guide for Genealogists. As well as historical information about Canadian railways, it has two chapters on the records that are available and where they can be found.

Films received in the 07 days ending 19 May 2011 and due for return 16 June 2011.

Film Content	Film No
ENG BED Bedford St Pauls Chr 1810-1892	0952397
ENG HAM Portsea St Marys PRs 1750-1789	0919736
ENG HAM Portsmouth PRs 1710-1769	0919725
ENG LAN Heywood	1545473
ENG SFK 5 Parish PRs +	0993228
ENG SFK Sudbury BTs 1791-1792	0887398
ENG SFK Sudbury BTs 1813	0951459
ENG YKS Ainderby-Steeple 1667-1869	0467726
ENG YKS Various PRs	1850149
HUN BAN Homolic PRs 1766-1835	1190303
IRL General Valuation Vs 17-50	2299561
IRL LDY Drumachose PRs	0496750

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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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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