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Announcements

The FHC will be closed for the July 1st weekend – July 1st to July 3rd inclusive.

Films ordered by patrons arrive by Canada Post – obviously the FHC will be receiving no new films until the postal strike is over.

TONIGHT – Irish Resources Online at 7:30pm

Noted genealogist Chris Paton will be speaking on the topic of "Irish Resources Online" tonight at 7:30 at North York Memorial Hall – registration will be accepted at the door if space permits. It will be a 2-part lecture with a short break in the middle. Cost will be \$20 for non-members of OGS. For details, see

www.torontofamilyhistory.org/Scottish2011.html#Irish.

Toronto OGS Fall Courses

The Toronto Branch of OGS has announced its fall 2011 line-up of courses:

- o Biographical Research for Ontario Genealogists (13 Sept - 4 Oct 2011)
- o Basic Genealogy and Family History (28 Sept - 16 Nov 2011)
- o Using the Results of the New Genetic Tests for Genealogy (23 Mar - 13 Apr 2011)
- o Maps and Mapping for Genealogists (3 Nov - 24 Nov 2011)

For full course details, speaker biographies and registration information, see www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html.

Finding Ontario Ancestors

Registration is now open for Finding Ontario Ancestors, a one-day summer workshop to be held at the North York Central Library Auditorium on Saturday 6 August 2011. For program details, speaker biographies and registration information, see www.torontofamilyhistory.org/Finding_Ontario_Ancestors_2011.html.

Audrey Collins – What's On at the TNA

The Branch is presenting a special evening for family historians with an interest in Britain on Monday 19 September - Audrey Collins, Family History Specialist at The National Archives, UK, will be presenting a two-part lecture, What's On at TNA. For details, see www.torontofamilyhistory.org/TNA2011Lecture.html.

One World – One Family Conference at the Toronto Stake – Toronto FHC's Home Base

This one-day conference will be held on September 17th from 9am to 5pm. Register now for a mere \$15, including lunch! See the conference schedule at: <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/Conference/Details/1> . Mail your registration to OWOF Conference, 24 Ferrand Drive, Toronto, M3C 3V4.

What's New

DeceasedOnline has added new records for Peterhead, Aberdeenshire. Over 15,000 burials dated from 1615 to 2005 for St Peter's Churchyard, West Links, Peterhead (also known as Peterhead Old Churchyard) have been added today. They are available as grave register scans. These show the Lair owner, owner's address or occupation, date of interment, age and address of the deceased. [Lair – ground for a grave in a cemetery]

RootsIreland or the Irish Family History Foundation (www.rootsireland.ie) has announced the availability of 95,000 church marriage records for both the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland in County Wicklow. These records are from the Wicklow Family History Centre. RootsIreland now has over 18 million records online.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Answers:

No suggestions for the person who was looking for ideas on finding which Canadian military units were stationed near Bath in December 1917. Does anyone have any ideas?

News from the Trenches

Susan Reid was delighted with the addition of burials in Romford, Essex to DeceasedOnline mentioned in last week's Bulletin. "I can't tell you how timely this bulletin information was for me. Today I was searching for information on my mother-in-law's much-loved aunt, found her death registration on the BMD in Romford, Essex, and found the date of her burial at DeceasedOnline." If you find a relative in these burial indexes, you may wish to have a look at photos of the church; these are available at the Essex Churches site (<http://www.essexchurches.info/>), which now has 6084 images for 438 churches with maps and locking status (whether or not the church is open and how to get in if it is not). The Essex Family History website (<http://www.essex-family-history.co.uk/>) has name indexes for ancestors who lived in Eastern Essex. Thanks to John Reid's Anglo-Celtic Connections blog of June 15th for these two website suggestions.

Were You Aware ...

Inheritance in Scotland - Testaments and Retours Podcast

The National Archives UK has a number of podcasts available to download and listen to on its website at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/podcasts/>. A recent one about inheritance in Scotland given by Dr Bruce Durie is very informative and presented in an approachable and amusing way. If you have Scottish ancestors I would highly recommend listening to this podcast.

The new Public Records Office in Northern Ireland (PRONI) and the National Archives at Kew

Nora Kerr has some interesting comments and very practical advice for people visiting the new PRONI and the National Archives (UK) at Kew:

"On a recent vacation in Belfast I made a very short visit to the new PRONI to update my card and have a quick look at the new facilities. The new facilities are very impressive and spacious.

"Everyone will now need a new reader's card. It is helpful to bring an old card as this speeds up getting the new one. The new cards open the doors to the reading room and public search room.

"One needs a £1 coin for the lockers.

"There are fewer printed catalogues on the shelves as some of the previous ones are now accessed on the computer. Specifically I was looking at landed estate records. The main catalogue was on the shelf but the detailed breakdown was only available on the computer catalogue.

"One gets a table number in the reading room after ordering on the computer in the public search room. One helpful new innovation is that there is a screen in both these rooms and the cafe which shows one's table number when the files are ready for pickup. So one can order, go to the cafe and wait for one's number to come up.

"The self service microfilms e.g. church records are now at one end of the public search room.

"There is a lot of construction going on in the vicinity including near the PRONI car park. The website has driving, parking and bus information but if driving there, follow the signs for the Odyssey (arena) but be careful to get into the proper lane or you can end up on the M3 motorway as I did. If so, get off at the first sign for the city centre and follow the Odyssey signs again.

"I also had a short visit to the National Archives at Kew after 2 years and there is a new system there too for registration for a new readers card. One now has to go to the 2nd floor to do this and register on the computer. One needs two pieces of ID one of which has to have a photo and one has to have the address. Drivers licence and credit card was OK."

Victorian Occupations

Susan Reid found this website on Victorian occupations - <http://www.census1891.com/occupations-a.htm> and found it very comprehensive. She writes: "I had a possible relative who was noted on his children's marriage records as a "pearl worker" so I googled it and found this list of *Victorian occupations*." Cyndi's List has many occupation sites listed at: <http://www.cyndislist.com/occupations/> . Another website (<http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/index.html>) has occupations and descriptions and links to several other websites with descriptions of occupations, including one on old French Occupations (<http://www.vieuxmetiers.org/>). The Toronto FHC also has a pamphlet of occupations called *What did they do?*

Films received in the 7 days ending 16 June 2011 and due for return 14 July 2011.

Film Content	Film No
ENG WIL PRs Various parishes	1526667
ENG YRK Leeds Bramley Lane Chapel Births 1825-1837	0816609

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 the July 1st weekend. If you do not have a booking, call before you come.

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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