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Announcements

The FHC will be closed for the July 1st weekend – July 1st to July 3rd inclusive. We again remind patrons that many people have a break from researching their family during the summer. If no patrons are booked, the volunteer on duty may go home and if you phone in later, we will not be here to answer your call. Our apologies if that happens to you.

OGS Toronto Meeting – Monday, June 27th at 7:30pm in the Burgundy Room, North York Centre

***Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Your Heritage* - Kennis Kim**

Artefacts offer glimpses into the past. Professional conservator, Kennis Kim, will tell us how to maintain documents, photographs, books, or clothing. Topics discussed will include: creating an accession list; the nature of conservation, restoration, and preservation; deciding on display, storage, or using the artefact; common threats such as light, humidity, insects, and rodents; and when to call in a professional. The mini-presentation will be *Using the databases on the TPL web site* by Marian Press. \$5 charge for non-members.

Additions to our Permanent Collections

We now have access to the following records. Please ask our volunteers for help to access them.

ENG DEV East Budleigh Salem Chapel Burials - 1832-1837

ENG DEV East Budleigh Burials - 1813-1837

ENG CON Lanlivery Marriages - Pre-1837

ENG CON St. Winnow Marriages - Pre 1837

What's New

Ancestry added West Yorkshire Church of England parish records this week. They include baptisms, marriages and burials from 1512-1812, births and baptisms from 1813-1906, marriages and banns from 1813-1921, deaths and burials 1813-1985, and confirmations from 1859-1915.

DeceasedOnline has announced that, as of tomorrow, more than 300,000 records for Edinburgh's Seafield Cemetery and Crematorium (1888+) and for Warriston Crematorium (1929+) will be available.

FamilySearch added three large indexed sets of records this week. Ontario Births, Civil Registration Indexes 1869-1912 gives parents' names and exact date of birth but there are no images (Ancestry has births to 1911 with images). The collection - Canada Births and Baptisms 1661-1959 – contains 1.5 million records; I suggest you click on the *Learn More* button to find out what is included. Bristol C of E church records (PRs and BTs) 1538-1900 currently has nearly 700,000 entries dating from 1813. This is the first set to be released – expect a wider date range and linked images in the future.

FindMyPast added UK Militia Service Records 1806-1915 to their collection of military records yesterday. These are digitized attestation papers from WO96. The Militia was a voluntary county-based part-time force for home defence. Apparently many men served in the militia before entering the British Army. The records often contain next of kin and addresses and a physical description.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions or answers this week.

News from the Trenches

Chris Paton's blog (SGNE) on June 11th talked about the earnings and expenditures of agricultural labourers in the late 1700s. Having many ag labs in my ancestry I followed the link to his other blog – *Walking in Eternity* (<http://walkinginetyernity.blogspot.com/2011/06/balancing-books.html>). I thought that it was quite fascinating.

“Balancing the books

“Ever wondered what our ancestors earned? The following is an example of an agricultural labourer's income and expenditure, as recorded in the First Statistical Account for Auchterarder in Perthshire, 1790s. The family consists of a husband and wife, and seven children:

“INCOME

Man - 1s. per day for 8 months, and 8d for remainder.....	£13 17 0
Mother and eldest girl by spinning, 1s 6d per week.....	£3 18 0
Eldest boy herding cattle.....	£0 18 0
Produce of his acre of ground-	
6 firlots of oats, at 13s 6d.....	£1 0 3
4 bolls of barley, at 14s.....	£2 16 0
6 bolls of potatoes, at 6s 6d.....	£1 6 0
Sold a calf.....	£0 7 0
TOTAL INCOME.....	£24 2s 3d

“EXPENDITURE

Rent of house and land, seed & management.....	£4 5 0
Cow's grass in summer, 10s; straw in winter 6s.....	£0 16 0
Fuel, £1 5s; 8 lbs soap, 4s 8d.....	£1 9 8
8 1/2 bolls of oatmeal.....	£6 3 3
4 bolls of barley meal.....	£1 17 4
Butcher meat, 18s; 4 pks salt 3s 4d.....	£1 1 4
3 pints lamp oil, 3s 6d; candles 2s 2d.....	£0 5 8

2 stones cheese (cow yielded milk and butter).....	£0 8 0
Molasses for beer, 4s 6d; groats & barley 7s.....	£0 11 6
Potatoes produced and consumed.....	£1 6 0
Whisky, small beer, & wheaten bread at New Year.....	£0 3 4
Needles, pins, and thread.....	£0 0 10
Expenses in sickness.....	£0 15 0
Father's clothes 10s; 2 shirts, 7s; shoes 10s.....	£1 7 0
2 pairs stockings 4s 6d; wear of bonnet & kerchief.....	£0 5 6
Mother's clothes 4s; 1 shift, 2s 6d; 2 aprons 2s 3d.....	£0 8 9
Shoes and stockings 4s; kerchief, cap, etc 3s.....	£0 7 0
Pair of shoes to each of 7 children.....	£0 14 2
Clothes to 3 youngest, 9s; to 2 next 8s; to 2 eldest 10s.....	£1 7 0
Shirts to youngest 2s; to 2 next 2s 6d; to 2 eldest 3s 4d.....	£0 7 10
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	£24 0s 2d

“The Statistical Accounts of Scotland from the 1790s and 1830s/40s provide all sorts of useful information on the environments where our ancestors lived, and can be viewed freely at <http://stat-acc-scot.edina.ac.uk/sas/sas.asp?action=public&passback> .”

There is a great deal of descriptive information about each parish. The 'Old' or 'First' Statistical Account of Scotland was undertaken in the late 18th century under the direction of Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster. He asked parish ministers all over Scotland to reply to a set of planned questions dealing with subjects such as the geography, climate, natural resources, and social customs of each parish. The returns from the parishes were published in a series of twenty-one volumes between 1791 and 1799. A 'New' or 'Second' Statistical account was done in the 1830s and published in 1854. They are searchable by county and parish on this website.

I thought that this agricultural labourer had done quite well in balancing his accounts and it brought to mind a quote from Charles Dickens' David Copperfield: “My other piece of advice, Copperfield, said Mr. Micawber, you know. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.”

Were You Aware ...

Finding record collections In FamilySearch

I have found it very difficult to find specific record collections at FamilySearch, even after I have made mention of them in the Bulletin. At the moment the new FamilySearch website has 41 collections for Canada and while Ontario births, marriages and deaths are under *Ontario* (logical), the Toronto Trust Cemeteries project is listed under *Canada, Ontario*. There are 654 collections in all available at FamilySearch if you click on **All Record Collections** on the main page or go to: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list> . Perhaps the easiest way to find a particular one is to use the FIND function – type *Ctrl F*; an empty box appears on your tool bar; type your country or city there and the FIND function will highlight the first time that word appears. Typing *Toronto*, immediately finds the Toronto Trust Cemeteries project.

The FIND (*Ctrl F*) function is useful on many websites and in pdf documents. I use it often when I wish to find whether there is a resource at the FHC for a particular town – I open the pdf of the All Resources Listing, hit Ctrl F, type the town name or part of it, hit enter, and the resource is found (or not).

No films received in the 7 days ending 23 June 2011 because of the postal strike

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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