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Announcements

The FHC will be closed for the July 1st weekend – July 1st to July 3rd inclusive. The FHC will also be closed every Thursday morning during July & August. We remind you that 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 - St. James Cemetery Gravestone Project

Now that summer is officially here, the OGS Toronto Branch project to record gravestones in the St. James Cemetery (Parliament just south of Bloor) is again in full swing. Volunteers will be out transcribing inscriptions on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to noon. To find out more about the project and how you can get involved, see <http://torontofamilyhistory.org/projects/archives/475>.

What's New

Ancestry added 250,000 records yesterday to celebrate Independence Day, that are Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications from 1889 -1970. The UK National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills) was updated and a new database of Wills and Probate for London, England 1538-1858 was added. This last set of records includes scanned images of the wills and make fascinating browsing. The WWI Personnel Rosters for Bavaria, Germany have been updated and now include over 400,000 records.

FamilySearch added a lot of unindexed collections of digitized images this week. There are several collections of Mexican Catholic Church records, quite a few collections for states of the USA, and parish records for Cornwall (mainly marriages and births for the 1800s, so far). The database of Polish Catholic Church Records has been updated and is searchable; it now has over 2 million images and over 1 million indexed records. Indexes for over 300,000 Belgium - Civil Registration records between 1795 and 1910 have been added.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/25/2011. Western Australia.

My paternal grandfather and his brother took part in the Western Australia gold rush, in the Coolgardie area in the late 1890s and into the 1900s. They were more successful as printers (the family's traditional trade) than in finding much gold. My grandfather had some connection to photography, as we have inherited a number of fascinating photographs of Coolgardie. While a few are group photographs in which they appear, many show the buildings and people of the town - including the "Afghans" and the camels they used.

It seems to me that these images would be of interest to someone having a wider interest in the history of that time and place, and wonder if anyone can suggest people or groups who may be interested.

News from the Trenches

Do you have any interesting tidbits for this section?

Were You Aware ...

Many of you will have seen the full page advertisement in today's papers for Ancestry, offering free access to more than 6 million UK probate records (in honour of the Royal visit) from today until July 8th. These records dating from 1861 to 1941 are the National Probate Calendar – each record has the deceased's name, address, date of death, approximate value of the estate, and the grantor with their address, but not images of the will. The Toronto FHC has these calendars on film and fiche with a larger date range – 1858-1957, plus many more earlier probate records from the county courts and an excellent collection of Scottish probate records.

Films received in the 7 days ending 30 June 2011 and due for return 28 July 2011.

Film Content	Film No
DEU HES Darmstadt PRs D 1871-1883 Taufindex 1650-1790	1190538
ENG DBY Many Genealogical Records	1559433
ENG ESS 3 'H' Parish PRs	1472364
USA PA Wash Co Will books v. 6-7 1841-1857	0863627

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 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. Closed Thursday mornings in July and August. 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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