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Announcements

The FHC will also be closed every Thursday morning during July & August. Don't forget 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.

OneWorldOneFamily Conference – September 17th at 24 Ferrand Drive

This year's OneWorldOneFamily Conference will be held on September 17th in the Toronto FHC building from 9am to 5pm. There is a diverse list of more than 30 workshops plus a keynote address: "Why We Do Family History" and the plenary session "Making choices: Have you got the right person?". Both new and seasoned researchers will find something interesting in workshops for Canada, Ontario, Quebec, Britain, British West Indies, China, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jewish, Philippines, Poland, and Spain. In addition, more general workshops (for example: genetic genealogy, scrapbooking and writing a family history blog) are offered. There really is something for everyone. The very modest registration fee of \$20 includes a box lunch. Please go to <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/> to register; to see the workshops offered and profiles of the presenters, click on the **Learn More** button.

BIFHSGO Fall Conference - September 16-18, 2011

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa is holding their 17th Annual Conference in September and this year they are featuring England & Wales, London & the Home Counties. It will be held at Library and Archives Canada with twelve speakers, including Audrey Collins, Lesley Anderson, Phil Jenkins, Helen Osborn, and Linda Reid. Audrey Collins is Family History Specialist at The UK National Archives and her TNA podcasts have been very helpful and entertaining. Lesley Anderson works for Ancestry.ca to acquire genealogy content. Brochures and registration forms are available online at <http://www.bifhsgo.ca/>. Early bird registration is until August 12th.

What's New

Ancestry has added a database of nearly two million indexed images of employment-related records from a number of historic railway companies in England, Scotland and Wales between the years 1833-1963. These railways were once private companies that were merged in 1947. Some of the companies included are the Great Western (50% of the records), the Great Central, six London and area railways, the Midland Railway and the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/3-/2011. Consanguinity.

In 1888 Mary Catherine Turner (aged 24) married Joseph Guilfoyle (aged 42) in Portsmouth. Mary was living in Chichester with her parent and Joseph was staying at the Drill Hall in Portsmouth. The problem is their relationship. Joseph was Mary's uncle. It is usual for the marriage to take place in the home town of the bride but here she travelled to Portsmouth, only a short distance but in another bishopric, possibly to ensure that the clergy would not know of the relationship and that her parents would not learn of the marriage .

There is no record of the parents attending, and a local Portsmouth couple were witnesses. However there does not appear to have been any break-up as they were living with Mary in 1901, and Mary Catherine was at her mother's side when she died in 1902. Not a shotgun wedding – the first child was born more than 9 months later.

Would the Portsmouth clergy have contacted the Chichester clergy to ensure that there were no legal barriers? Would not the banns have to be called in Chichester? What would happen if the relationship was later discovered? Were the consanguinity laws well known to the working class, and if so did they care? Were such marriages uncommon?

Answers:

Q1/29/2011. Somerset.

I have been looking at the parish registers for the parish church of Bridgewater in Somerset for the year 1817. I have found an entry that has been crossed out. It does not appear to be a correction or duplicate. Does anyone know why it would be crossed out?

It was helpful that the researcher left a copy of the page in question, and a close look at the entry, which was at the top of the page, showed that the date of the entry was February 20, 1814 and the next entry was Jan 1, 1817. Also the writing differed from the following entries. The researcher did identify that crossed out entries in parish registers are often duplicates and, looking back through the film, I did find the crossed out entry repeated in its correct place in 1814. Perhaps the clerk turned to the wrong place and, upon discovering his mistake, rewrote it in the right place. I have come across other crossed out entries where the clerk has written above – “left without registering names” or “left without paying”.

Q2/29/2011.

I have a birth certificate for Florence Eveline TURNER b 26 Feb 1888 at Emsworth, Hants. The mother is Fanny Eveline TURNER - no father named. In my wife's family we have a Fanny Eveline TURNER b 1872 Cosham, Hants. She would have been just short of 16 if she were the mother. The only relevant addresses that I have for her are with her parents in Chichester until her marriage to Frederick GOFF in 1895 by which time she and her parents had moved to Portsmouth. Emsworth and Chichester are about 12 km apart. I can find no Florence TURNER b Emsworth in the 1891 or any death in Free BMD and I can find no Florence living with Fanny now GOFF. How can I ascertain if this Florence is the daughter of my Fanny Eveline?

Mike Webber sent in this response very quickly: “The answer to the question shows how important it is to read all the available information and follow all potential leads!

In the 1881 Census, Fanny E. Turner born abt 1872 in Cosham, Hants is with her family in George Street in Chichester, Sussex. Her father John is in the Sussex Militia. The last person listed with the family is shown as “Mary Guilfoyle, Mother, Wid(ow), 62, Nurse Midwife, born in Ireland.

In the 1891 Census, Fanny Evlyn (sic) Turner born abt 1872 in Cosham is with her family in the Chichester Barracks; her father is shown as being a Drummer in the 3rd Royal Sussex Regiment. No Florence Eveline is shown.

In the 1901 Census, Fanny's father appears to have died; her mother Mary A. is living with two of her sons, Alfred and William, in Portsmouth. Also living with them are Joseph E. Guilfoyle, son-in-law, age 53, and Joseph A. Guilfoyle, grandson, age 12.

So where were these Guilfoyles in 1891? Success!!

Joseph C Guilfoyle, age 42, Army Pensioner, is in Portsea with his family and a visitor, **Florence E Turner** (transcribed as Dorner), age 3, born in Emsworth.

It would therefore seem safe to say that Florence E Turner of Emsworth is indeed the daughter of Fanny E Turner of Cosham. I believe the above also opens the door for further research, including the movements and campaigns of the Royal Sussex. Interesting!”

The other sad bit of information is that that Florence Eveline probably died at age 6 as FreeBMD has a Florence Evelyn Turner death, age 6, in Portsea Registration District in 1894.

Were You Aware ...

Online Toronto Star and Globe and Mail in Brampton

Terry Chisholm writes that with a Brampton Library card Brampton residents can access the Toronto Star Archives on line free also. “We go onto the Brampton Public Library website and go either to online research or newspapers. We then click on the button that asks if we are accessing these records from home and enter the library card number from our Brampton Library card into the appropriate box and we have access.”

Paleography and other National Archives Tutorials

Sue Reid writes: “I just found a very helpful site on paleography on the UK National Archives site:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/default.htm> . I found the information on abbreviations (in the “where to start” section) very helpful. There are examples of 10 different “hands”, including Chancery hand, cursive hand, secretary hand, italic hand, legal hand, and a few “mixed”. They also have a Latin tutorial, which is very helpful for some of the old

parish register entries and pre-1733 wills. <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/latin/beginners/> " Although these are found on the National Archives UK website, they are definitely applicable to other countries.

Photographers in Edinburgh and Beyond

Alan Billing found a good website for Edinburgh photographers: "A list of Photographers after 1839, including addresses and date ranges, is to be found at http://www.edinphoto.org.uk/2/2_professional_photographers.htm

The website also includes a handy visual guide to postal rates and stamps for postcards within the UK (1890s to 1952 are at http://www.edinphoto.org.uk/0_PC_0/0_post_card_history_-_stamps_postage_rates_uk_1890s-1952.htm). This is one method of dating an old postcard, when the cancellation date is illegible."

These other websites have appeared in previous Bulletins:

Victorian & Edwardian photographs - <http://www.rogerco.freeserve.co.uk/> [excellent website].

PhotoLondon - <http://www.photolondon.org.uk/> has a database of 9000 photographers who worked in the London area, with short biographical notes that will help you date the photographs they took. No longer updated.

Early Photographers - <http://www.earlyphotographers.org.uk/> helps date postcards and cartes de visite

Great War Forum <http://1914-1918.invisionzone.com/forums/> for ancestors in uniform (under Uniforms, Arms, etc.)

Wedding Fashion <http://www.vam.ac.uk/things-to-do/wedding-fashion/home> has photographs of wedding dresses from the Victorian era onwards

The design on the back of the carte and the printer of the CDV may provide the date - see

<http://www.cartes.freeuk.com/time/time.htm> and <http://www.cartes.freeuk.com/dated/printers.htm> for further details. The National Archives has an old (February 2008) podcast at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/rss/podcasts.xml> - "Watch the Birdie and Say Cheese" about the invention and development of photography. It describes all the major photographic processes and explains how to identify different photographic types.

Metro Postcard Club of New York City - <http://www.metropostcard.com/guiderealphoto.html> for photos that are printed as postcards

National Archives UK – Free pdf Downloads

Margaret Taylor sent us this post at the National Genealogical Society of the US that TNA UK are offering downloads in PDF format of some of their records on microfilm. These are free. Looking at the list of films available, many are for soldiers' records, including Chelsea Pensioners. These are for browsing, no indexes. If you are really keen you could download a book and index it for the National Archives! <http://upfront.ngsgenealogy.org/2011/08/uk-digital-microfilm-online.html>

Historical Record of Coastal Floods in Britain

Have you found an ancestor who died in or was affected by a flood in Britain? Alan Billing sent this link to an academic paper that lists about one thousand floods from 1788 to the 1990s - <http://dro.dur.ac.uk/1072/1/1072.pdf>. Pages 17 to 22 list these floods in three sections: East Coast (Aberdeen to Ramsgate), South and Southwest Coasts (Dover to Milford Haven), and West Coast (Cardigan Bay to Glasgow).

Films received in the 7 days ending 4 August 2011 and due for return 1 September 2011.

Film Content	Film No
DEU HES Oberrod PR's 1649-1727	1269967
DEU HES Oberrod PR's 1726-1843	1269968
ENG DUR 3 'W' PRs	0091147
ENG SAL Shrewsbury St Marys Marrs 1818-1876	1702204
ENG SAL Shrewsbury St Marys PRs 1813-1904	1702196
ITA Genova Civil Reg Births 1866-1867	2015343
ITA Genova Civil Reg Births 1867-1868	2015344

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 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 Civic Holiday weekend – July 30th to August 1st. Closed Thursday mornings in July and August. If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed on Thursday, July 14th.

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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