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Announcements

The FHC will be closed every Thursday morning during 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 – New Speaker on Polish Jewish Records

The conference executive is delighted to announce a new speaker, Stanley Diamond, who will be speaking on "*Your Jewish Roots in Poland: The Records Survive, Now What?*". He is the Executive Director, *Jewish Records Indexing - Poland*, an international project to create an Internet-searchable index of all surviving Jewish vital records of Poland (www.jri-poland.org). This will be a good complement to Gord Meslin's presentation: *Interested in your Jewish Roots?*. Please go to <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/> and click on the **Learn More** button to view more details.

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

The Toronto FHC has acquired a new CD for patrons' use. The 1790 Census of the Parish of St. Cuthbert's or West Kirk, Edinburgh is a transcription of the 1790 census and is in pdf format. There is a people and place index to the census. I tried it by looking up the name I was interested in and then looking up the census page, which is the last number after the name. This detailed enumeration gives the surname and sometimes the first name of the head of the household, and within each family unit the number of parents, children, lodgers and servants. Each category is divided into numbers of males and females. It is similar to the remaining scraps of the 1811 and 1821 censuses for England.

BR127 SCT MLN Edinburgh 1790 Census St Cuthbert's (West Kirk)

What's New

As well as updating the Australian Cemetery Index to include 665,000 records, **Ancestry** has added three databases for Jewish records: New York, Hebrew Burial records (nearly 46,000 records), an index of nearly 30,000 Jews whose German nationality was annulled by the Nazis, and 2,789 records of displaced Jewish children at the Ulm Children's Home (includes relatives names).

FamilySearch has added indexes to 1.3 million US Civil War Widows and Other Dependents Pension files and linked them with images at FootNote.com. If you find a person of interest after searching this index at home, come in to use one of the computers at the FHC as we have free access to FootNote through the FHCPortal.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Suggestions:

Q1/30/2011. 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 she travelled to Portsmouth, only a short distance but in another bishopric, possibly to ensure that the clergy would not know of the relationship or to prevent her parents learning of the marriage. 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?

The Bulletin received no suggestions from readers regarding this question, so I will speculate. If the bride was living temporarily in Portsmouth, the banns would only need to be read there. It is unlikely that the Portsmouth clergy would have contacted the Chichester clergy. I would bet that consanguinity laws were known, particularly by persons who could read – banned marriages between relatives could have been listed in the Book of Common Prayer as they were in the 1900s. Did they care? Not likely. Many marriages occurred in the 1800s which we would look askance at today. Cousins often married each other – not banned unless they were “double” cousins. Bigamy was probably more likely than it is today because divorce was difficult and expensive. Just today someone was discussing her family in the early 1900s where a married couple each went on to marry someone else. A lot of couples stated they were married even when they were not, perhaps because one partner had a spouse who was still living – the case for one of my great-grandparents. I would further speculate that there are “irregular” marriages and illegitimate children in most families if you look hard enough.

Were You Aware ...

Scottish Post Office Directories

Chris Paton's Scottish GENES blog of July 15th at <http://scottishancestry.blogspot.com/2011/07/scottish-post-office-directories.html> talks about the remarkable collection of Scotland's Post Office Directories available digitally from the National Library of Scotland. (This was from another blog by Ruth Blair at <http://blog.familyhistorysearches.com/?p=1098>.) Go to the National Library of Scotland at <http://www.nls.uk/family-history/directories/post-office> and look for the area you are interested in. There are 128 directories for Edinburgh and 115 for Glasgow. As the earliest Edinburgh ones are before 1800, they can be used to tie in with our latest acquisition – the CD of *The Census of the Parish of St Cuthbert's or West Kirk*.

FootNote.com

FootNote has 125 sets of records, mainly concentrated in the United States. There are seven historical categories of records organized by year. For example the first category is titled *Colonies and Revolution: to 1815* and contains a lot of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 records. Other categories are: City Directories, Naturalizations, Photos, Vital Records and Newspapers. There are many US newspapers represented and organized by state but they also have the London Times from 1785 to 1919. This is a very valuable set of records for anyone with ancestors in the US and the London Times is a bonus for anyone with UK interests. Access to FootNote.com is free at any FHC through the FHC Portal.

ScotlandsPeople Credits for Overseas Residents

Thanks to Chris Paton's Scottish GENES blog of August 6th at <http://scottishancestry.blogspot.com/2011/08/overseas-scotlandspeople-promotion-free.html> for noting that Ancestral Scotland (www.ancestralscotland.com) is offering 30 free credits to overseas residents for ScotlandsPeople. A few credits may be all you need to decide whether the tantalizing match is your person of interest or not. If you have had credits in the past, you may need to use a different email address. Go to www.ancestralscotland.com and click on Newsletter Signup (you do not have to actually get the newsletter to get the credits).

Films received in the 7 days ending 11 August 2011 and due for return 8 September 2011.

Film Content	Film No
CAN QC Montreal Index Non-Cath M/B 1760-1899	1684035
CAN QC Montreal Various Presbyterian PR's	2027424
CAN QC Montreal Various Presbyterian PR's	1430807
CAN QC Montreal Various Presbyterian PR's	1527020
DEU WPR Groß Bellschwitz Births 1890-1927 Marr 1820-1865	0208137
ENG MDX St Pancras Bapt 1854-1855	0598172
ENG Wills 1898 Jun M-Z to 1898 Jul A-F	1885328
ENG YKS Kellington BTs 1600-1851	0990699

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.

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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 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 Labour Holiday weekend – Sept 3rd to Sept 5th. Closed Thursday mornings in 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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