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Announcements

The FHC will be closed this weekend for Labour Day and next Thursday evening. 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.

You may not receive a Bulletin next week because I will be away.

Gwen Armstrong writes to those of you who visit our family history centre. "Two of our volunteers, Alan and Sheila, have been there to help with your questions for fifteen years and they have told us of the many, many cruises they have been on. It is with a sad heart that I have to inform you that Alan and Sheila are embarking on a permanent cruise and will no longer be docking at our family history center. They have helped us in so many ways, and their assistance will be greatly missed. The cruise begins after Labour Day. If you wish to send them a Bon Voyage message, please send it to the newsletter and we will pass it on to them. Hopefully, they will make us a port of call once in a while and let us know the many adventures they will continue to have. All the best, Alan and Sheila!"

OGS Toronto Announcements

Finding Your Great War Ancestors, March 31, 2012 – Call for Speakers

There is a call for speakers this week from the Toronto Branch for a one-day Branch workshop on *Finding Your Great War Ancestors*, to be held on March 31, 2012. The deadline for proposals is 18 September 2011. More information is available at <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org>.

What's On at TNA – Audrey Collins – September 19th at 7:30pm

Our two-part lecture, *What's On at TNA*, featuring Audrey Collins, Family History Specialist at the National Archives in the UK, is coming up on the evening of Monday 19 September. Register in advance to ensure the best rate: <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/TNA2011Lecture.html>.

Toronto Branch Fall Courses

Toronto Branch fall courses will begin in September; advance registration is required. Topics this season include: "*Biographical Research for Ontario Genealogists*" (13 Sep – 4 Oct); "*Basic Genealogy and Family History*" (28 Sep – 16 Nov); "*Using the Results of the New Genetic Tests for Genealogy*" (6 Oct – 27 Oct); and "*Maps and Mapping for Genealogists*" (3 Nov – 24 Nov). For more information, go to <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html>.

English Family History Workshop – Saturday, November 5th

Registration is now open for this one-day workshop, co-sponsored by the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and the Canadiana Department of North York Central Library. It will feature speakers John D. Reid and Lesley Anderson from Ottawa, with Paul Jones, Jane E. MacNamara and Linda Reid from Toronto. Early bird rates apply until 14 October 2011. For program and registration details, see <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/English2011.html>.

What's New

Ancestry has updated and added a number of US Naturalization records, including the states of Delaware, Florida and Utah.

FindMyPast has added 18,000 Thames and Medway records for parishes of Christchurch in Rotherhithe and St Alphege in Greenwich. These records are transcriptions only with no images. Images may perhaps be found on Ancestry.

JewishGen recently published its 2011 update, highlighting what thousands of JewishGen volunteers throughout the world have accomplished. By going to http://issuu.com/jewishgen/docs/2011_update/1 and pressing the "Click to read" button, you will be able to read the document. A list of really useful resources and databases starts on page 7 and the list of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) starts on page 12.

FootNote Becomes Fold3

On August 18th, Footnote announced it will focus on offering the most comprehensive collection of U.S. Military records available on the internet. As part of this new focus, the name of the site has changed from Footnote to Fold3. The Fold3 name is derived from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold in the ceremony honours and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world. They have recently added WWII "Old Man's Draft" Cards, War of 1812 Pension Files, Mexican War Service Records, WWI Officer Experience Reports, and Confederate Casualty Reports. Fold3 is one of the premium subscription websites available at no charge at family history centres.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions or suggestions this week.

News From the Trenches

Last week Joan Challis came across George and Henry Jenner inoculating 309 people in Berkeley, Gloucestershire with small pox in 1795 and wondered who George and Henry were. The new register of duties for apprentices may provide a clue. In 1786 a George C Jenner is apprenticed to Robert Pinckney, Surgeon and Apothecary, for a sum of £105 for five years (a lot of money) in Wiltshire. Perhaps this is the George who did the inoculating. The register of duties for each person are on two pages – be sure to look at the second page for the cost of the apprenticeship.

I had a look at the apprenticeship records for women and found that many were apprenticed to mantua makers. Why so many and what are mantua makers? Apparently a mantua was a fancy robe worn over a simple dress. The mantua was fitted to the lady's body and was made with luxury fabrics like brocade. Because the mantuas were expensive, they were not discarded but remade to fit new bodies. Has any reader found an ancestor leaving a mantua to someone in a will?

Were You Aware ...

Canada Census Records Online Free

Maureen Potts wrote to tell the Bulletin that she had found a website that has a searchable index for the 1901 and 1911 Canadian census - <http://automatedgenealogy.com/> . They have also done a transcription of the 1906 census for the prairie provinces and are well on their way to completing a transcription of the 1851/2 census. These transcriptions are extremely useful as it enables you to find a digital image of the actual census page on the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) website - <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/census/index-e.html> . Then you can choose the census you wish to look at. LAC has images of the 1851, 1901 and 1911 censuses which can be downloaded by location only. It has free indexes and images for the **1871 (new)**, 1881 and 1891 Canadian censuses. FamilySearch also has indexes to the censuses of 1851, 1871, 1881, and 1891. For 1861 (before Canada was a country), there are indexes to the 1861 census in New Brunswick, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

Irish Census Records Online Free

This is a reminder that the National Archives of Ireland (<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>) has both the 1901 and 1911 census online for all 32 counties of Ireland as it existed then. It is indexed and is searchable by all information categories. Digital images are just a click away.

Clarifying (perhaps) Irish Civil Registration on FamilySearch

FamilySearch has transcribed all the indexes to Irish civil registration from 1864 to 1921 (from 1845 for non-Catholic marriages) and for Eire Civil Registration from 1922 to 1958. Civil registration indexes for Northern Ireland (1922 on) are not yet transcribed but the index films are all available at the Toronto FHC and they are easy to search. When one finds the event for which you were searching in the indexes, press the arrow on the right to expand the entry. Make note of the year, quarter, volume, and page number. The film number listed if one clicks on the person's name is the index film number – this is the film from which the index information was transcribed.

The original records were microfilmed and can be ordered into FamilySearch Centers. To locate the number of the film you would like to order, click on the Catalog link on the FamilySearch website - <http://www.familysearch.org> . Enter 'Ireland' in the Place-name search field. Scroll down the list until you come to "*Ireland - Civil Registration - Indexes (5)*"

and click on it. Next, click on "Quarterly returns of births in Ireland, 1864-1955, with index to births, 1864-1921". Do not click on the red text that says "Ireland civil registration indexes are available online in Record Search" as this link will take you back to Civil Registration Index in FamilySearch. Scroll past the indexes to the births, looking for the matching event, year, quarter, and volume found in the FamilySearch index. The corresponding film number for the original record will be displayed; use this number when you order the film. When you are viewing the film, use the page number that you found on the FamilySearch record to scroll quickly through the microfilm to locate the original record. Films containing original birth records are available from 1864 to part of 1881 and from 1900 to 1955. Films of original death records are only available from 1864 to 1870 and films of original marriage records are available from 1845 (non-Catholic) or 1864 (including Catholic) to 1870.

The film numbers for the original records of births, marriages and deaths in Northern Ireland can be found by scrolling further down to "*Ireland – Civil Registration (15)*". Films of original birth, marriage and death records are available from 1922 to 1959. If you need help figuring out the correct film, our volunteers would be happy to assist.

Films received in the 7 days ending 01 September 2011 and due for return 29 September 2011.

Film Content	Film No
DEU PRU Klein Tromnau PR Deaths 1827-1898	0208181
DEU PRU Klein Tromnau PR Deaths 1882-1924	0208182
IRL Quarterly Births V.1 1874	0255893
IRL Quarterly Births V.1 1876	0255944
IRL Quarterly Births V.1 1878	0256008
IRL Quarterly Births V.12 1872	0257857

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 Labour Day weekend – Sept. 3rd to 5th inclusive. Closed Thursday evening September 8th. 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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