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### Announcements

#### **CONFERENCE GOERS - IMPORTANT – DVP will be closed on Saturday!!**

If you are coming to the **One World One Family conference** at the FHC on Saturday, be warned – **the Don Valley Parkway Southbound will be closed the whole weekend for regular scheduled maintenance**. This is likely to result in traffic chaos and you may wish to leave a little earlier. For those of you coming along the 401 from the west, I recommend exiting at Leslie Street (alternatively you could exit at Bayview) and going south to Eglinton. Turn left onto Eglinton and exit right on the first little street past Don Mills (labelled “*To Ferrand Drive*”), where you will see the church. For those coming south on 404, exit at Finch Avenue (there will be chaos at Sheppard) and go west to Don Mills. Turn south (left) and continue to the first street south of Eglinton (Rochefort) where you turn left, and take the next left onto Ferrand Drive. If you are approaching from the east via the 401, exit at Victoria Park and go south to Eglinton. After going west on Eglinton, turn left onto Don Mills, turn left at the first street south (Rochefort), and left at Ferrand Drive. (Alternatively people coming from the east may want to continue past the DVP to Leslie and follow the directions above.) Street parking is available.

**FHC Closures**– The FHC will be closed on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. It will also be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend – October 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

#### **Audrey Collins' Presentation for British Family Historians on Monday Evening**

OGS Toronto has a special evening for British family historians on Monday at 7:30pm. Audrey Collins will be presenting “**What's On at TNA**” in North York Memorial Hall. Ms. Collins is an excellent speaker and I am sure the presentation will be very entertaining and informative. Space is still available and the entry fee can be paid at the door. For more information, go to: <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/TNA2011Lecture.html>.

#### **Additions to Our Permanent Collections**

A new fiche has been added to our fiche collection this week:

6343569        ENG SAL Shrewsbury St Mary's Memorial Inscriptions 1644-1824 (1 fiche)

A duplicate fiche was also received:

6035573        IRL - Thrift abstracts 1821, 1841, 1851 Census Fragments for Ireland

#### **What's New**

**Ancestry** has added a database with index and images to the 1930 census of Mexico (nearly 13 million records); for Lübeck, Germany: a database with index and images to personal index cards (800,000) dated 1300s to 1850 and censuses from 1862 to 1880; and records of Returns of the Colony 1822-1857 for New South Wales, Australia (this is a collection of the colony's records of the civil, economic, judicial, police, penal, medical, ecclesiastical, and educational establishments). Ancestry has updated a number of its passenger lists: Hamburg 1850-1934, Baltimore 1820-1958, UK incoming passengers 1878-1960; and North American Atlantic ports 1820-1873 and 1893-1959.

**FamilySearch** has added or updated many databases in the last two weeks (well over 100!). It is impossible to know whether these databases are new or updates to ones previously available. It is also frustrating to find that those databases with little camera icons beside them link to images on paid websites, although most of those are available through the FHL Portal on computers at Family History Centres. A large number of indexes have been added for soldiers of the US Civil War and images of these can be downloaded at FHC computers, through Fold3 (formerly FootNote). Other interesting additions or updates include Massachusetts Births and Deaths 1841-1915, Indiana Marriages 1811-1959, and indexes to Hungarian Catholic Church records (15 million records).

**FindMyPast** has added two significant databases. The first is a census substitute for ship crews comprising indexes to Crew lists for 1881 (70,000 individuals & 2,000 vessels) and 1891 (70,000 persons & 1500 vessels) The Crew Lists 1861-1913 now contain indexes to around 33,500 lists of crew members on board British merchant vessels and around 413,500 records of individual crewmen. The lists are indexes to original documents, which hold the employment details of individuals. Lists were created every six months for each ship. Their second database is one million 20<sup>th</sup> century merchant navy records. These records are index cards which the Registrar General of Shipping and Seaman used between the two world wars to produce a centralised index of merchant seamen serving on British merchant navy vessels between 1918 and 1941. The merchant navy consists of all seagoing UK vessels with commercial interests and their crews. The front of a card gives the basic biographical information about each seaman - their name, their year and place of birth and their rank or rating. Sometimes a physical description and photograph is provided. Seamen came from the UK, the **maritime provinces of Canada**, the West Indies, Sierra Leone, Scandinavia, Somaliland, China and Japan.

**The GenealogyInTime Magazine Newsletter** (<http://www.genealogyintime.com/>) of September 10 mentions new Irish burial records: The **Kerry County Council** has put online the burial records from 140 cemeteries in the district that the council either owns or controls. There are some 70,000 records in the database, dating back to 1898. A typical entry lists the name, age, marital status, occupation and cause of death. Name searches can only be done on individual cemeteries, so you need to know the name of the cemetery where your ancestor was buried or individually search through many different cemeteries. Access is free. Go to <http://www.kerrylaburials.ie/en/Index.aspx>

**Deceased Online** has added 67,000 more Scottish burial and cremation records. Over 22,000 burial records dating back to 1824 are from three Aberdeen City cemeteries: Nigg, Trinity and St Nicholas Kirkyard. The records are in the form of scans of burial registers, dues registers and burial indexes. Register scans for a further 45,000 cremations from Warriston Crematorium in Edinburgh are also now available, covering the period 1991 to 2009. The total number of records for Warriston Crematorium is now nearly 225,000, covering 1937 to 2009.

## The Forum

**Questions: No new questions or suggestions this week.**

## Were You Aware ...

### Genealogy Site Rankings

Madeleine Gill sent us an email regarding Genealogy Site Rankings from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. This article referred to John Reid's Anglo-Celtic Connections blog of September 3: <http://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/2011/09/genealogy-site-rankings.html>. Mr. Reid has ranked nearly 50 genealogy-related websites among the thousands that Alexa.com has ranked. As well as being interesting for the rankings, it may be a useful list to look at for other websites one does not normally go to. Anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/ ranked in position 1,407,276 on September 3.

### US Online County and Town Histories

Madeleine Gill sent in another very useful link of free online town and county histories for the USA.

Online County and Town Histories <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/countyhistories1.htm#gen>

This site provides over 3,000 links to free county and town histories published from 1850 to the early 1920s. These histories often contain detailed biographies of their citizens.

### FamilySearch – Batch Number Search Now Available

Frances Radford sent us information from the Devon Rootsweb mailing list that reports it is now possible to search the new version of familysearch.org using batch numbers. Click on "Advanced Search" (beside the green SEARCH button on the Home page – [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)) and a search field labelled "Batch Number" will appear. If you have never used batch numbers, go to Hugh Wallis' excellent website:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm> for a description and instructions. If I wished to find my ancestors named Mansfield who I knew lived in Woolwich in Kent, England, I would click on the England button, then on the Kent Button and then on the "W" button. There I would find various Woolwich churches and the dates for which they have been indexed on the IGI. Knowing that some Mansfields were buried in the churchyard of St Mary Magdelene, I can use the batch number C055941 and a surname Mansfield in the New FamilySearch Advanced Search to find who was christened there.

**Films received in the 14 days ending 15 September 2011 and due for return 13 October 2011.**

Film Content	Film No
ENG BRK Hinton-Waldrist PR 1559-1812	0088272
ENG SAL Shrewsbury St Michael Mon Inscr 1800-1899	6343569
ENG SAL&HEF Various Church Records	0992632
HUN Békéscsaba Jewish Recs Births 1835-1895	0642744
HUN Békéscsaba Jewish Recs Births 1850-1895	0642745
USA NY Bronx Death certificates, no. 184-1793, 5 Jan-17 Feb 1941	2195623
WLS MON Llanwenarth Baptist Chap CRs 1655-1861	0829076
WLS MON Llanwenarth Baptist Chap PRTRs 1650-1860	0428837
ZAF Civ Reg - Deaths Johannesburg 4001-end 1957	1925638
ZAF Civ Reg - Deaths George-Heidelberg 1957	1925619
ZAF Civ Reg - Deaths Heilbron-Johannesburg 1957	1925620
ZAF Civ Reg - Deaths Johannesburg 800-4001 1957	1925621
ZAF Civ Reg - Deaths Port Eliz - Pretoria 1957	1925653
ZAF Civ Reg - Deaths Pretoria - Roodepoort 1957	1925654
ZAF Civ Reg - Deaths Roodepoort - Stellenbosch 1957	1925655

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.

TorontoFamily 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 noon; 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.

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**For a copy of a searchable listing of all the films, fiche, CDs and books held at the TorontoFamily 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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