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Announcements

Helen is away this week and believe me no one misses her more than I. You will notice a considerably smaller edition and it probably won't be as interesting. Do not fear she will be back next week!

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/36/2010. England. Death Certificates

A story that has come down the family has it that one of my Grandfather's generation (born 1888) threw himself in front of a Northern Line Tube Train at Tottenham Court Road Station in the mid 1920's. His reasons were perfectly understandable within the context of the times. He had been gassed in WW1 and like so many of his generation suffered terribly from what we would call nowadays post traumatic stress disorder. I assume that given the public manner of his suicide there would had to have been an inquest in a Coroners Court and a likely verdict reached that he "*took his own life while the balance of this mind was disturbed*" I have looked for him in the BMD's but I have never found him. Are the death certificates for suicides treated differently to those that die of natural causes and are held back from release with the rest of the BMD's?

Answers:

No answers this week.

Were You Aware... *FamilySearch*

If you are like me, you probably use the *FamilySearch* website as a first step. We make a brief search for the name of our ancestor in the online indexes such as IGI and then move on to the Family History Library Catalog for microfilm numbers of original records. Lately I have been taking a second look beyond the IGI. Let me share two finds with you:

Prototype for searching millions of records

From the main page www.familysearch.org click on See prototype for searching millions of records under What's New. This will take you to the Record Search Pilot. If you have not taken the opportunity to search yet, I urge you to go ahead and try it now. This data base is the work of volunteers around the world indexing directly from the records that are being digitized. But I digress. At the top of the screen you will see a link for beta.familysearch. Click on it and it will take you to the prototype. Or you can use this handy link <http://beta.familysearch.org/> and go directly there. This is the future of *FamilySearch*. Eventually all databases will be linked together and available to all. Give it a try and let me know what you think. Even better, let Salt Lake know what you think. Click on the Feedback tab to the left of your screen. What did you like? What didn't you like? What would you change?

Records Custodians

In the Family History Centre the volunteers are often asked questions about the availability of records in countries other than the ones we are personally familiar with. If you go to the main page of *FamilySearch*

www.familysearch.org and scroll all the way to the bottom. You will see, in tiny letters, a link for Records Custodians <http://www.gensocietyofutah.org/> On the left of the page you will see a link for Worldwide Activities <http://www.gensocietyofutah.org/activities.asp> "Local representatives in all parts of the world can provide information on the Genealogical Society of Utah's services and activities. Collection statistics, brief histories of the Society's activities, and the events and information of cooperating organizations are available for many countries, U.S. states and Canadian provinces."

Films received in the 8 days ending 09 September 2010 and due for return on 07 October 2010.

Film Content	Film No
CAN ON Kingston St Marys Cath Ch PRs 1816-	1298764
ENG District Probate Wills T-W	1595735
ENG HAM Stockbridge PR 1663-1876	1041367
ENG YKS Cawood PR 1591-1886	1068351
FRA MMS Xeramenil Civil BMD 1793-1873	1135282
IRL Card Index of Names Bradshaw-Bouy, James	1565765
IRL Probate Diocesan Wills/Admons - 6 Dioces	0100962
IRL Probate Diocesan Wills/Admons - 6 Dioces	0100916
IRL WAT Cappoquin Court Recs.1851-1863	2419583
IRL WAT Lismore Court Recs. 1892-1895	2419610
IRL WAT Lismore Court Recs. 1895-1899	2419611
IRL WAT Lismore Court Recs. 1899-1904	2419612
IRL WAT Lismore/Mocollop Court Recs.1888-1916	2436665
ITA Chieta Roca San Giovanni CR 1848-50	1333294
ITA Chieta Roca San Giovanni CR 1850-53	1333295
ITA Chieta Roca San Giovanni CR 1854-56	1333296
ITA Ciano BMDs 1817	1642169
POL Boberrohrsrdorf Civil Reg 1878-87 Births	2385848
POL Boberrohrsrdorf PRs 1855-1882	1201479
POL Oleska Church Recs BMDs 1857, 1859-65	2267592
POL Poreba Radina RC PR BMD 1790-1906	2062557
POL Szuparka Gk Cath Church Recs 1784-1910	2346293

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another patron should check first with staff. The patron who ordered the film will always have priority. Any patron may renew a film ordered by another patron although the original patron's name will continue to appear on the label. The description of the film given above may not be a full description. A film number search in the Family History Library Catalog will reveal the full content of the film. The geographical abbreviations used above are based on the 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.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 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.
Summer Closures:

You can request, by email, a copy of a searchable listing of all the films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre. These will be sent to you as a pdf file attachment to an email but are about 2Mb in size and so high-speed internet connection is desirable.

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