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## Announcements

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## Additions to Our Permanent Collections

A number of new books have been added to our collection this week. We thought that these books would be of wide interest to patrons - I have rural, pauper, criminal and illegitimate ancestors in my line.

**Tracing Your Rural Ancestors** by Jonathan Brown

By describing the make-up of country and village society - the farmers, large and small, the farm-workers, the landowners and estate-owners, and the local business people, the tradesmen and merchants, the author identifies the relevant national and local records, indicates where they can be found, and offers essential advice on how this information can be used to piece together the lives of relatives.

**Tracing Your Pauper Ancestors** by Robert Burlison

The author identifies relevant records, indicates where they can be found, and offers essential advice on how this information can be used to piece together the lives of pauper relatives.

**Tracing Your Criminal Ancestors** by Stephen Wade

The author uses graphic case studies featuring each type of crime are included, dating from the Georgian period up until the present day. It will be very helpful for anyone who wishes to explore the criminal past and seeks to trace an ancestor who had a criminal record.

**Tracing Your Northern Ireland Ancestors** by Ian Maxwell

This is an informative guide to the comprehensive collections available at the PRO of Northern Ireland but coverage includes records in many libraries, museums and heritage centres, as well as online records. While some of the records are familiar, he lists many other, more obscure records.

**My Ancestor was in The British Army** by Michael and Christopher Watts

There is a wealth of records for the millions of British soldiers who have served their country and this is a practical guide to help family historians find their way to records in the archives and on the internet.

**Ancestral Trails** by Mark Herber - The Complete Guide to British Genealogy & Family History

This is a large comprehensive volume which will enable our researchers to form a coherent picture of past generations by describing virtually every class of record in every repository and library in Britain.

**My Ancestor Was A Bastard** by Ruth Paley - A guide to sources for illegitimacy in England and Wales

This is a small volume that one can browse through easily.

We have had two books donated to the FHC this week. Harry Van Bommel donated his book **Recording Your Life and Family Stories**. This book aims to encourage people to write about their family life to preserve it for future generations. It gives ideas to get creative juices flowing and suggests frameworks for writing. It is part of the Canada150 project - [www.Canada150.com](http://www.Canada150.com) .

Linda Reid has donated a new book called: **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa: Baptism, Marriage and Death Records 1829-1949** (I think that the title says it all).

## What's New

**Ancestry** has updated Ontario Civil Registration. Years covered now are: births 1869-1913, marriages 1801-1928 (not all marriages to 1869 are available), deaths 1869-1938, and deaths overseas, 1939-1947. Ancestry has added civil registration indexes for Ireland - births 1864-1958, marriages 1845-1958, and deaths 1864-1958. As with the civil

registration indexes on FamilySearch, only Protestant marriages from 1845 to 1863 are included and the indexes after 1921 do not include Northern Ireland [but we do have those at the Toronto FHC]. (For some years one can order a film from the FHL to get a copy of the original birth/marriage/death certificate - see Bulletin 34 for more details.) Ancestry also added some Irish Catholic parish records from 1742 to 1881 - not complete but worth a look. [Chris Paton's Scottish GENES blog for today indicates a spat between Ancestry and the National Library of Ireland over this Catholic set of records - <http://goo.gl/WlusN> . Have a look in case they disappear!] Another Irish collection has more than three million records of births or baptisms between 1620 and 1911 from a mixed bag of sources. More than five million records of German WWI casualty lists have been added; the ones I looked at included date of birth.

**FindMyPast** has launched a large collection of records for Manchester: Apprentices 1700-1849, Baptism/birth registers 1734-1920, Cemetery and death records 1750-1968, Marriage registers 1734-1808, Industrial school registers 1866-1912, Prison registers 1847-1881, School registers 1870-1916 and Workhouse registers 1859-1911. Like the London and Liverpool registers on Ancestry, this is an exciting development. Remember that FindMyPast is free at Family History Centres, including ours. FindMyPast also added a small number of burial records (1600) for Llanover, Monmouthshire dated 1661-1901.

**FamilySearch** has added a few large indexed Spanish collections - 8.5 million baptisms, 2 million marriages, and over one million Catholic Church records from the Dioceses of Avila and Albacete. There are now two million Polish Catholic church records available for the province of Województwo (including Katowice, Kielce, Lublin, Opole, Poznań, Warszawa, Wrocław, and Łódź). These are not yet complete.

**Deceased Online** has added 61,500 records (1996-2011) for Eltham Crematorium in Greenwich. The computerised data typically includes name, cremation number, date of burial, date of death, age, sex, marital status, denomination, (sometimes) occupation, and death registration details. Earlier records will be added soon.

## **The Forum**

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

We have not had any new questions in recent weeks. This section of the Bulletin aims to help people with ideas when they get stuck (not to do extensive family history). Questions can be general - where can I find .? or more specific, relating to a particular family member. It is hoped that one of our 850 readers, who have thousands of years experience among them, would write in with suggestions or answers to any questions posed.

## **Were You Aware .**

**One World One Family Conference - A Success - Written by Helen Warner**

Anyone who has done much family history research quickly learns about the connecting ties that bind us all together, and so it was at the One World One Family Conference held at the Toronto Stake Centre on Saturday, September 17.

Gwen Armstrong was asked to prepare a family history for Toronto City Councillor, John Parker, to be presented to him in the opening session. She discovered that he had deep Canadian roots, and she was able to trace his family back 13 generations to Somerset and Dorset in England. She found many old family photos and even one of an ancestral home which is now a country inn.

The Bemisters, another branch of the family, came to Newfoundland in the early 1800s and became prominent businessmen. A 2nd great-grand uncle ran for political office and became the Member for Conception Bay. When Gwen researched the Locke branch of the family who came to Nova Scotia from Massachusetts in 1761, she found that Mr. Parker's first Locke ancestor in America was Capt. John Locke who came from England between 1638 and 1644. Now here's where the story gets interesting. Capt. Locke married Elizabeth, the daughter of William Berry who was Gwen's 9th great-grandfather. That makes William Berry the 9th great-grandfather of John Parker too. The highlight of the whole conference for many of us was the big hug Gwen got from Mr. Parker when he realized they were tenth cousins!

And if that wasn't enough, Dusty Rhoades, our keynote speaker from Salt Lake City, revealed his first ancestor to America came as a stowaway on one of Capt. John Locke's ships. Then Richard Coatsworth learned that his first school principal at Toronto's Winchester Street School was Mr. Parker's great-grandfather, Thomas Parker.

We really are one world, one family.

## **BIFHSGO Conference**

Along with a number of Toronto area residents, I attended last weekend's BIFHSGO Conference. Our Tuesday FHC volunteer, Linda Reid, was one of the honoured out-of-area presenters. The presentations that I attended were very interesting and have sparked me to look again at some information I already had with surprising results. It reminded us

that going the extra mile or perhaps even a kilometre will make your genealogy become a family history. Another coincidence occurred here: one of the presenters from England grew up in the same small town, Datchworth, where Peter Goddard (whom many of you will remember as a volunteer at the Toronto FHC) had a home.

### ***My Ancestor was A Bastard -The Book*** by Ruth Paley

I found the statistics in this book very interesting and I suspect that most of us have cases of illegitimacy in our family tree (but, not any, of course, in our direct line). Last year statistics that 10% of children were not the offspring of the mother's husband were bandied about in the press. Ms Paley says that while illegitimacy ran around 2% during the mid-seventeenth century (the Puritan era), by 1860 in the Victorian era it was 6.5%. In the first half of the twentieth century, illegitimacy was a fairly steady 4%, although there were considerable bulges during the war years. Although 7% of children born in the middle of the 1800s were illegitimate, 20-30% of brides were pregnant during that same period. In 1945, 40% of babies born had been conceived before their parents were married. The book presents records which may name the father, such as bastardy examinations or wills, and also a search strategy for finding the parents.

In some parts of Britain, courtship in the lower classes may have been associated with the curious practice of "bundling". [Courtesy of Wiki: Bundling was the traditional practice of wrapping one person in a bed accompanied by another, as a part of courting behaviour, with the aim to allow intimacy without sexual intercourse! Traditionally, participants were adolescents, with a boy staying at the residence of a girl. They were given separate blankets by the girl's parents and expected to talk to one another through the night. Sometimes the use of a bundling board, placed between the boy and girl, ensured that no sexual conduct would take place. Bundling also occurred for travellers when there was a bed shortage!] This definitely increased the possibility of an illegitimate child or a "premature" baby.

Having just written about this book, a sentence of an article in today's Globe & Mail about Lieutenant-Colonel William Barker leapt off the page for me: "They are the daughters of William Barker Ede, who is thought to have been the product of a brief relationship Mr. Barker enjoyed during a furlough in England in 1917."

### **FindMyPast Blog - Family photos: the family album**

The ninth in FindMyPast's series of blogs about how to interpret your old family photos concentrates on the actual album and what the albums may tell you about their contents. Perhaps because I have many old 19<sup>th</sup> century photographs but no albums from that period, I found this the least interesting of the family photo blogs.

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2011/09/family-photos-the-family-photo-album/> )

### **Films received in the 14 days ending 22 September 2011 and due for return 20 October 2011.**

| <b>Film Content</b>                                  | <b>Film No</b> |
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| AUT GAI RC Church PRs 1776-1944                      | 2037097        |
| CAN ON Brudenell Our Lady Of Angels RC PRs 1862-1910 | 1304905        |
| CAN ON Delayed Registrations 1001-8317 (v.1-3) 1912  | 2434981        |
| CAN ON Renfrew St Patrick RC PRs 1836-1908           | 1304825        |
| ENG BRK BTs for 9 Parishes most 1607-1836            | 1279453        |
| ENG BRK PRs for 3 Parishes 1559-1979                 | 1040521        |
| ENG Wills 1879 Nov S-Z, 1879 Dec A-V                 | 1866608        |
| ENG YKS Darfield PRTRs 1598-1854                     | 0098532        |
| HUN Békéscsaba Jewish Recs Births 1820-1885          | 0642743        |
| HUN Cinkota Jewish Recs Births/Deaths 1878-1882      | 0642851        |
| HUN Tiszafüred Jewish Recs Births/Deaths 1840-1895   | 0642824        |
| IRL Wills Index to alliances                         | 0100113        |
| IRL Wills Ms. nos. 223-226 Vols. I-IV                | 0100103        |
| USA NY Albany Indv Inter Recs - Stover-Wetherspoon   | 0415539        |

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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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 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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