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## Announcements

**The FHC** will be closed from **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** inclusive because new carpet is being installed, followed by Thanksgiving weekend.

## OGS Toronto Fall Courses

The Toronto Branch of OGS has added an extra course to its fall 2011 lineup: **Hands-on Early Ontario Land Records**, led by instructor Jane MacNamara, will provide an introduction to the province's early land records through hands-on practice at the Archives of Ontario. Tuesdays, October 18 to November 1, 5:30-7:30 pm. Fee: \$50 (\$45 for OGS members). Spaces are limited. See <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html> for details.

Our November course on **Maps and Mapping for Genealogists**, led by James Thomson, is now full.

Other Toronto Branch courses running this fall are: **Basic Genealogy and Family History**, led by Jane MacNamara (28 Sep – 16 Nov) and **Using the Results of the New Genetic Tests for Genealogy**, led by Elizabeth A.R. Kaegi and James Thomson (6-27 Oct).

## What's New

**Ancestry** has added a couple of small databases for Australia – medical records on convict transport ships and registers of police employment 1847-1885.

**FamilySearch** has added a couple of large sets of records for Germany: 7.2 million marriages and 3.5 million deaths; be aware that this is just a small selection of all those records. They also added US state record indexes – 1.3 million Indiana marriages for 1811-1959 and 2.7 million Georgia deaths. Two browsable image collections for two states in Mexico, Puebla and San Luis Potosi, were added.

## The Forum

### Questions:

#### Q1/37/2011. Canada, Ontario.

My ancestor was a farmer in West Flamborough, Wentworth County, Ontario in the period 1870-1901, and appears as such in the Censuses. I am interested in finding where he was living during this time. The Censuses all give very general descriptions, e.g., number of household. There are addresses given for the whole Census region and perhaps the Voting area. How do I find the address for an individual from what I see on the Census form? Do I need to do another kind of search? Is there a map of this area which might help me locate it on the ground now? Any suggestions would be highly acceptable.

## News From the Trenches

### London's population dominated in the 1800s

Alan Billing writes: "While enjoying stimulating presentations on different aspects of English family history at the BIFHSGO conference in Ottawa last weekend, there were many comments that illuminated little-known aspects of life in the past. One of these was a passing comment in responding to a question. The speaker opined that London's population in the southeast of England so dominated the country that she was surprised that corner remained above the surrounding water.

“Out of curiosity I searched for reliable and impeccable data on the populations of London and England over the last 400 years. This was found in Wikipedia ;- ) (at least they have cited their sources). In 1600 London’s population was only 5% of England’s total population. Between 1700 and 1800 the figure hovered around 11 or 12%. In 1850 London’s population was 14% but by 1900 it had ballooned to 22%. The 20<sup>th</sup> century showed a decline in London’s population back to 15% of England’s total. If London was important in the 17th century, even the Industrial Revolution’s growth of the northern mills and mining did not slow its relative growth. Only in the last century has the trend changed a little.

“Now I know why my London ancestors are so difficult to find.”

### **Were You Aware ...**

#### ***The Canada Gazette (1841-1997) Online***

Library and Archives Canada is commemorating the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canada Gazette on October 2<sup>nd</sup> by making **all** issues of the *Canada Gazette* before 1997 available online here: <http://goo.gl/V9X5N> . Often referred to as "the official newspaper of the Government of Canada", it has served to inform Canadians of the operations of government and to involve them and consult with them actively in the legislative process. The Canada Gazette includes civil service lists of promotions and transfers, including stenographers, postmasters, overseas trade commissioners, etc. It can be quite helpful if an ancestor was employed by the government in any capacity. All issues are searchable by keywords and are downloadable without charge in PDF or GIFF formats.

#### **Toronto and Ottawa Directories Online**

John Reid’s Anglo-Celtic Connections blogs of September 25 and 27 (<http://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/> ) mention new Toronto Directories available online at Internet Archive. A quick search of Internet Archive at <http://www.archive.org/> (search terms: *Toronto, directory, Might*) revealed that there are now 17 Toronto directories dated from 1900 to 1922 and 13 Ottawa directories between 1893 and 1916 online, searchable and downloadable. In the early 1900s these were not, of course, telephone directories but lists of head of households by alphabetical street name and number and heads of households listed alphabetically by name, with occupation.

These last two resources, The Gazette and Toronto Directories, were very helpful when tracking down a **George Leworthy** for a question posed in the Bulletin over a year ago.

#### **Canadian Gravestones and Cemetery Records**

John Reid’s blog of September 5<sup>th</sup> (<http://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/> ) mentioned two websites for finding gravestones of ancestors: CanadianHeadstones at [www.canadianheadstones.com](http://www.canadianheadstones.com) and the Canadian Gravemarker Gallery at <http://gravemarkers.ca/> . Canadian Headstones has nearly 280,000 pictures, more than 150,000 from Ontario with nearly 80,000 in Quebec and a few thousand more evenly distributed around the country. The Canadian Gravemarker Gallery has over 350,000 photographs in total, with more than 50,000 in Ontario. While both these websites have been mentioned before, they are worth repeating as more markers are photographed each year. Also worth noting again is the Ontario Vital Statistics Project which has a cemetery finding aid to help locate where ancestors are buried – no pictures, though. The Ontario Genealogical Society also has an ancestor index available at <http://www.ogs.on.ca/services/indexes.php> . The Canadian Genealogy & History Links website has a very useful set of links for cemeteries/obituaries at <http://goo.gl/syNO8> .

#### **Canada150 – Our Canada Our Stories**

It was with a shock when Canada150 drew my attention to the fact that in 2017, Canada will be 150 years old – I well remember our 100th birthday! Canada150 aims to encourage the creation and collection of the stories of Canadians, recognizing that the boomers and their children have rarely kept diaries, journals or letters. They hope that the collection will include a wide variety of personal stories, family histories, scrapbooks, photos, genealogies, histories of places, corporate histories, and histories of social and religious organizations. Many family historians have benefitted from town histories written at various points in the 19th and 20th centuries. This would be a great opportunity to encourage researchers to get their family histories and memories written out – too often have I heard “I never thought to ask Aunt ... about that”. On their website [www.canada150.com](http://www.canada150.com) one can download a copy of the book the FHC was given for its library, *Recording Your Life and Family Stories*. This explains the project in greater detail and helps set a framework for someone wishing to write their stories or interview others for their stories.

#### **Online Canadian Genealogical Survey**

The online Canadian Genealogy Survey, which was launched a few weeks ago, has been expanded in scope. The two Carleton U professors who are conducting the survey now hope to keep it live until sometime in November and are seeking participation from genealogists across Canada and in other countries who are interested in Canadian lines. The survey is available online at: [www.cusurveycentre.ca/gensurvey](http://www.cusurveycentre.ca/gensurvey) and updates on the research are being posted at <http://genealogyincanada.blogspot.com> . While over 1500 people have taken the survey, they would like to get

as broad a representation from across the country as possible. The purpose of the survey is to capture as much information as possible on the practice of genealogy as it is being transformed by the introduction of new media in Canada. I found that the survey took only about five minutes to complete and would encourage you to fill it in.

**Films received in the 14 days ending 29 September 2011 and due for return 27 October 2011.**

| <b>Film Content</b>                  | <b>Film No</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| DEU HES Zornheim Cath PR 1792-1908   | 0958771        |
| ENG GLS Temple Church BT's 1671-1818 | 1596178        |

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 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.

**Closures:** The FHC will be closed Oct 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive. 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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