

Many thanks to Gwen Armstrong who was editor for Bulletin 36 while I was away. Error - last week I mentioned new records available from the Irish Family History Foundation for the Counties of Laois and Offaly (misspelled Affaly).

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FHC Hours

Starting October 1, we will be open from 9:30am to 4pm on Friday and starting October 12th, we will be open on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. We will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend, October 9th to 11th, inclusive. Call before you come if you do not have a booking.

OGS Toronto Workshop - *The Women in Our Past* - November 6th

The Early Bird deadline (read cheaper) to register for *THE WOMEN IN OUR PAST: Strategies and Resources for Researching Female Ancestors* Workshop is fast approaching - your registration must be postmarked by September 30th. This full day workshop is packed with interesting speakers and topics and will be held at North York Central Library. For more detailed information, look at <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/women.html>.

What's New

FamilySearch Update

FamilySearch has put online a collection of about 425,000 civil records from Nicaragua covering the period 1879 to the present - it appears to be just over half complete. It has also added new records to their immigration passenger list collection for New Zealand, with over 450,000 new records added for the period 1871 to 1915. As well FamilySearch has added over 450,000 new birth records for Jamaica. The civil birth records cover the period 1878 to 1899 while the parish birth records cover the Clarendon and Trelawny parishes and span the years 1878 to 1930.

TheGenealogist.co.uk

TheGenealogist.co.uk has added parish register transcripts for 23 Warwickshire parishes to their databases. A number of 19th century directories have also been added. TheGenealogist also has parish register transcripts for many other counties as well as poll books, will indexes, occupational records, and the 2005 electoral roll for London, containing more than 3 million names. TheGenealogist is available to use without charge at Family History Centres through the FHC Portal.

New ScotlandsPeople Website

The revamped ScotlandsPeople service has new search features to make it easier and quicker for people to discover their family roots. This includes plotting search results on maps, helping those unfamiliar with Scottish geography understand more about Scotland and their ancestors. It now offers advanced search functions, providing quicker results, as well as additional information from Catholic Parish Registers. ScotlandsPeople now has nearly 80 million records - Old Parish Registers (remember FamilySearch offers these free at FamilySearch.org), Catholic Registers, Statutory Registers, Census Records and Wills and Registers. ScotlandsPeople charges for searches performed and for the records themselves.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

We have added two Irish Probate films to our collection:

0100916 IRL Probate - Diocesan Wills/Admons Indexes (Dioceses of Dromore, Elphin, Killawa & Achonry, Kilmore, Leighlin, and Limerick)

0100962 IRL Probate - Diocesan Wills/Admons Indexes (Dioceses of Dublin, Kildare, Elphin, Ferns, Killaloe & Kilfenora, and Kilmore)

These films can be found in cabinet B, drawer 4.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/38/2010. UKI, Canada. Bigamy.

My great Grandfather, John Best, was born in Kilderry, Londonderry, Ireland in 1870. He was still living in Belfast in 1911, according to the census, with my great grandmother and their four daughters. His occupation is given as shoe/boot maker in both Belfast and Canada. John Best married again - to Edith Ellen Carter on June 8th 1918 in Toronto. The marriage license was issued at 689 St Clair Ave (which looks to me like a Starbuck's now). I live in England and would like to know if there were children or descendants of this second marriage, who may still be living in Toronto.

The Canada 1911 census shows details of the Carter family, from Brighton, Sussex, England, living at 233 Oakwood Avenue. James, b 1850, England, was a night-watchman, Emily b 1849, wife, England, and daughter, Edith Ellen b Aug 1885. Edith's sister, Alice Hallett b Jan 1876, married to Walter J Hallet and a witness to Edith's marriage, was living at 231 Oakwood Avenue with Walter and their two children, Walter J. E. Hallett (b Feb 1900, England) and Hazel Ivy Hallett (b Jan 1911, Canada).

Edith's brother, Frank G Carter b Dec 1883, lived on Oakwood Ave. with his wife, Elizabeth (maiden name unknown), and son, Sydney, born Oct 1910. It is possible that Frank died in 1920 in Westminster, Middlesex, Ontario. On 27 January 1931, there is a death notice of a stillborn son of Sydney Carter and Charlotte Colgate. (Not certain whether this is the same Sydney C).

Edith's other brother, Harry William Carter b June 1877, was married to Ethel (maiden name unknown) and by 1911 they had 2 children: Walter b Jan 1902, England and Gladys b Sept 1906. It seems they also lived on Oakwood Ave.

John Best and Edith Ellen Carter lived at 1108 Dovercourt Road. John died on 6th April 1937 at his home. The undertakers were Nash Funerals. Place of burial is just given as "Toronto". There is something in the family folklore of his property being willed to "his secretary, Mrs Harrison". I don't think his daughters or his wife in Ireland knew of his remarriage. Emily, Edith's mother, died on 30 March 1924.

Q2/38/2010. Canada/USA. Divorce.

My great grandparents divorced about 1916 in either Canada or the United States. How do I find a record of this?

No answers or suggestions this week.

Were You Aware.

Bigamy

Malcolm Goddard writes from Australia: "Your request for articles on Bigamy reminded me of the story of my mother's grandfather I call *A Tale of Two Families*. My mother never wanted me to start researching her family, "what's past is past" she would always say. Here is why!

Emanuel Anderson (her grandfather) was born in Vanersborg, Sweden in 1859 and landed in Wellington, New Zealand in about 1890. He went to work on a farm in the Wairarapa district, 80km north of Wellington, and a few years later met my Great Grandmother, Ethel Maud Allaway. They had three children (then got married in 1908) then had 4 more children (7 children in 12 years) and Emanuel by now owned a small hotel and seemed to be successful, but never had a lot of money.

Towards the end of 1918 he died in Greytown, and about 6 months later a letter arrived from Sweden (in Swedish) which Ethel had no way of reading (but thinking it was in German) took it to the local Lutheran minister, who was able to read it and explained it was from a woman in Sweden who wanted to know where her quarterly bank draft was.

Ethel got the minister to write back and ask who this woman was and tell her that Emanuel had died. The exchange of letters took about 9 months but a letter came back which shocked the family. "I'm his wife, who are you?" was the basic premise.

It turns out that Emanuel had a wife and 4 kids in Sweden when he left in 1890 intending to bring them to New Zealand. Either she didn't want to come to NZ or they never quite had enough money for the passage, but he just married again anyway. The interesting part is that he kept supporting his first family as best he could and so was actually looking after two families on opposite sides of the world at the same time.

My mother says no-one in the family talks about this, but I think it's a great story of love."

This week's question about bigamy was submitted by someone who does not receive the Bulletin and I was quite surprised when I received it. There were 160 mentions in British A2A (Access to Archives). A search of the Old Bailey Online was much more profitable; it revealed 775 court cases for bigamy from 1674 to 1913, when the records end. Some of the sentences for bigamy were quite harsh.

As divorce was expensive and uncommon and bigamy was illegal, I have a number of couples on my tree who were living together without being married because one, or both, of them were already married, even up to the 1950s. To my grandfather's shame, his parents never married because his mother had been previously married. Her husband was an alcoholic pub owner who seems to have abandoned her with four very young children.

FamilySearch Indexing

FamilySearch has sent out some interesting statistics about their indexing efforts. More than 370 million records have been indexed, nearly 120 million of them so far in 2010. There are now nearly 370,000 registered indexers who indexed 21 million records in March. Members of Toronto OGS are currently indexing Toronto cemetery records in cooperation with FamilySearch. If you wish to help, go to http://www.familysearch.org/eng/indexing/frameset_indexing.asp. You are able to choose a particular project to work on or language to transcribe.

Films received in the 8 days ending 23 September 2010 and due for return on 21 October 2010.

Toronto FHC received the first films placed under the new ordering system this week. There still seems to be a few kinks in the system and you may not have received an email notifying you that they have arrived. Please check the following list carefully for your films.

Film Content	FilmNo
CAN ON Middlesex Co. Deeds North Dorchester Township and Caradoc Twpp	0105819
CAN ON Huron Co. Deeds Abstract index of Morris Township, v. 1-2 ca. 1853-1958	0171453
CAN ON Dufferin Co Deeds Melancthon Township (indexed) 1847-1864	0171709
IND British India - Presidency of Bengal Bapts., marrs., burs. v. 89-90, 1856	0498994
IND British India - Presidency of Bengal Bapts., marrs., burs. v. 95 Jan-Jun 1859	0498999
IND British India - Presidency of Madras Bapts, marrs, burs v. 58 1877	0521865
IRL LIM Various PR Books on Film incl St John's	0874438
ENG DEV Exeter St Mary Major PR Transcripts	0917103
SCT INV Croy & Dalcross, Daviot & DunlichityPRs	0990664
SCT MOR Knockando PRs 1757-1854	0990806
SCT BNF Kirkmichael PRs 1725-1854	0991064
SCT PER Dull OPRs 1703-1863	1040063
SCT PER Dron OPRs 1682-1854, Dull 1703-1863	1040079
SCT PER OPRs Tulliallan 1673-1854, Weem 1692-1863	1040193
ENG HAM Andover PRs 1798-1875	1041199
POL Kielce Jewish records - Akta urodzeń, małżeństw, zgonów 1874-1877	1192418
ENG WIL Calne, Blackland, Heddington, Calstone-Wellington, Yatesbury, Baydon PRs	1279349
ENG HAM BTs Parishes Hamble-le-Rice to Hartley-M	1596135
ENG HAM BTs Parishes Lyndhurst to Micheldever	1596209

Film Content	FilmNo
ENG LAN Walton-on-the-Hill St Marys PRs 1792-1878	1647560
ENG LAN Walton-on-the-Hill St Marys PRs 1877-1903	1655761
ITA Piacenza Rivergaro Civil Reg 1866-1875	1800753
ITA Piacenza Rivergaro Civil Reg 1876-1891	1800754
POL Kielce Jewish records - Akta urodzeń, małżeństw, zgonów 1878-1879	1808864
POL Kielce Jewish records - 1880-1884	1808865

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. 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 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. (Starting October 12th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 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. (Starting October 1st open until 4pm)

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: Thanksgiving, October 9th to 11th. Christmas, Dec 18th to January 2.

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.

Should you decide that you no longer wish to receive this bulletin, reply to this email with the word "Delete" in the subject line.

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