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Announcements

The FHC is closed and will re-open on Tuesday, October 10th at 9:30am.

OGS Toronto English Family History Workshop – Saturday November 5th, 9am to 5pm

In four weeks, OGS Toronto is hosting two excellent out-of-town speakers, John Reid and Lesley Anderson, in addition to Paul Jones, Jane MacNamara and “our” Linda Reid. Parish records, probate records, newspapers, directories, manorial records, gazetteers, and new websites – have you used all these resources in your research? If not, come and find out why they are useful and how to do it. The program is online at <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/English2011.html>. I attended the BIFHSGO Conference in Ottawa (John Reid was one of the organizers) and found that it rejuvenated my family history spark Register by next Friday and you will save \$10!

The List of All Resources available at the FHC has been updated with the new acquisitions of the previous three months. We have more than 14,000 items in our library, including films, fiche, CDs and books. To download the report, please click on “**List of All Resources**” or “**List of All Resources 2011 10 05**” on the Resources page of our website: <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/>. You will also find a numerical list of all the films that we currently have.

One World One Family Conference

Those of you who attended the OWOFF Conference here will be pleased to know that conference organizers hope to get summaries of each workshop posted to their website by about the middle of October. Do check the website at <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/> after October 15th.

Additions to Our Permanent Collection

At the suggestion of one of our speakers at the One World One Family conference suggested that we acquire this book, and it makes a very useful addition to the more than 200 West Indian films, 50 of which have Jamaican content, that we have available at the FHC.

Jamaican Ancestry – How to Find Out More by Madeleine E. Mitchell - On FHC bookshelf 1, shelf 3

What's New

Ancestry updated its Australian Electoral Rolls index with images. It now has nearly 70 million records from 1903 to 1980 electoral rolls. Ancestry added an important French Canadian collection last week – the Tanguay collection, also called the Genealogical Dictionary of Canadian families 1608-1890. Father Tanguay collected archive and parochial records from Quebec, the Maritimes, Ontario and old French settlements in the US, to trace many early French-Canadian colonists back to France.

FindMyPast has added transcriptions of the 1841 and 1851 Scottish censuses to their records. They maintain that their transcription is 98% accurate but they are unable to offer digital images of the censuses. They are busy transcribing the other Scottish censuses; so check back here for others as they become available, if your ancestors hailed from Scotland. FindMyPast also added new parish records for Berkshire – nearly 650,000 burials 1538-1961 and nearly 100,000 marriages dating from 1528 to 1925. FindMyPast is available without charge at Family History Centres.

FamilySearch – Over 15 million Hungarian church records have now been indexed, and images of Hungarian funeral notices between 1840 and 1990 have been added. Brandenburg and Posen church book indexes between 1794 and 1874, numbering 1.6 million, are also available.

Deceased Online added 12,000 burial records with scans of the registers for Corby, Northamptonshire (a town with many Scots and people of Scottish ancestry). Detailed maps showing the exact locations of 64,000 graves (lairs) for cemeteries and burial grounds in the Scottish county of Angus are now available.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/38/2011. UK. Illegitimacy.

I knew that illegitimacy happens: but not in my family, I thought. But it did. My question is why would three of my illegitimate cousins (once removed) need to re-register their births in the same quarter of 1965 when they were all born before 1903? The situation is interesting but complicated.

I found that my great-aunt married Herbert Grover, widower, on 10 Sep 1902. In their 1911 census entry, Herbert's entry (not his wife's) showed 20 years in this marriage, 6 live births, all still living. The five children at home had ages ranging from 3 to 11 - only three had been born after this marriage. But then Herbert was a widower, so maybe they were step children of my great aunt.

I looked for more information on Herbert's first wife. He married Eleanor Singleton on 15 Jan 1883 (bachelor and spinster, both age 20). But the intervening censuses are not very traditional. In 1901 Herbert was living as a boarder with my great grandmother and siblings. Oddly, he was listed as "single" and the census did not include my great aunt or their children (who are not to be readily found in 1901). Eleanor was living with her mother, as a married visitor. She had no children there. Her 1891 census entry was much more interesting. She was head of household, with daughter Maud E., age 7 (born shortly after the 1883 marriage). She listed her "condition as to marriage" as "Separated", and her "profession or occupation" as "Supported by Husband". The latter had a line through it - apparently this was considered to be neither a profession nor an occupation. The next detail was the death of an Eleanor Grover, age 40, registered in the third quarter of 1902 in the relevant London district – the very same quarter Herbert married my great aunt. I thought that this could be explored further by ordering the birth certificates of the two older children of the 1911 census.

But they have curious GRO index entries:

1899/4, Phyllis M. Grover, Christchurch 2b see D65, & 1899/4 Phyllis M G Clark Christchurch 656

1902/1, Herbert J. Grover, Brentford 5e see D65, & 1902/1 Herbert John G Clark Brentford 3a 84

The first entry of each of these indicates a late birth registration and another sibling is also registered in December 1965.

Has anyone a suggestion why these cousins all registered their births very late?

Answers:

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?

It appears that there were no street addresses on Canadian censuses until 1911 but there are other resources like directories to help one find where one's ancestor lived. This researcher is looking for a farmer and her best resource is most likely online at *The Canadian County Atlas Project* by McGill University at <http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/aboutatlases.html>.

Between 1874 and 1881, approximately forty county atlases were published in Canada, covering counties in the Maritimes, Ontario and Quebec. In total, 40 Ontario counties were covered by 32 of these atlases. Each of the county atlases contained a historical text, township and town maps, portraits, views and patrons' directory/business cards. But more importantly, names of residents were marked on the lots of the township maps in these county atlases. The County Atlas Digital Project includes a searchable database of the property owners' names which appear on the township maps in the county atlases. Township maps, portraits and properties have been scanned, with links from the property owners' names in the database.

From the *HOME* page, go to *SEARCH*; choose *MAPS*; select the county you are interested in; then choose the township by just clicking on the map of the county. If you "*Click here to generate a list of people*", you can then find your person in

the alphabetical list. From there, clicking on "GO" will give one the Atlas date and the Concession and Lot numbers. Next to these numbers is a *LOCATE ON MAP* button; if you click it, up pops a small map of the lot itself and a larger map locating it within the county. This website is amazing. If you would like to see the book which contains text and or pictures of your ancestors in these County Atlases, you may wish to look at the *List of All Resources* for the Toronto FHC as we have a good number of the atlases which were reprinted in the 1970s.

News From the Trenches

Harold Lane, one of our volunteers, followed up on the availability of Toronto Directories on the Internet Archive (www.archive.org – in last week's Bulletin) and found a number of interesting entries for his grandfather. "I knew that my grandfather and his family lived on Glenham Street in the 1911 census and so I first went to the 1912 Might's Directory and looked at Glenham Avenue (now called Ellsworth Ave). There he was, although his name was Harry A, not Henry M. I then started looking at some of the other directories online and found a few interesting items. Although he was a joiner/carpenter, in the listing by name he was a carpenter but in the street listing he was a contractor. I had known that he was a joiner. I found a few addresses where he lived between the time he arrived in Canada (1904), and the 1911 census that I did not know about. I also found my grandfather, on my Mother's side, in the 1921 directory, and the street that I grew up on, except there were no houses built at the time of the 1922 directory. By the way, if you want to look at the 1922 directory, you will have to use the DjVu, and not the Read Online option." If you have problems using the DjVu format, download a wonderful free program, called IrfanView from <http://www.irfanview.ca/>.

Were You Aware ...

Access Newspaper Archive

One of the databases that are available at Family History Centres through the FHC Portal is this one – *Access Newspaper Archive*. I had never had a look at it and was quite interested in some of the old papers there. I did not look at all the newspapers from the United States on this website but found a number of others from around the world. In the Canada section, the newspaper with the largest date span was the *Winnipeg Free Press* – 1874 to 2011. Another paper with a long run is the Kingston Jamaican paper, *The Gleaner*, with dates from 1834 to 2008 (although only a few of the earlier papers are there). English newspapers include the *London Gazette* 1665-1951, *London Spy* 1699-1900, *Lloyds Evening Post* 1763-1800, and *London Poes Occurrences* 1746-1848. I was surprised to see a paper from China but it turned out to be the *North China Herald*, a paper in English with lists of foreign residents, which could be quite useful if your ancestor was in China between the years 1850 and 1926. The Paris paper, *L'Humanité* with dates from 1825-1929, and a Danish paper, *Politiken Copenhagen* 1884-2002, are also available from this website. Old newspapers are fascinating and well worth looking at for ancestors, for information about the area they lived, and even the trivia. Winnipeg was quite different in 1874!

No films were received in the 7 days ending 06 October 2011.

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.

(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.

Closures: The FHC will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend – Oct 6th to 10th 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. 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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