

Many thanks to Gwen Armstrong for the excellent Remembrance Day Bulletin she wrote last week.

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What's New

OriginsNetwork has added a new database of Oxfordshire wills indexes that has all the surviving probate records of the bishop and archdeacon of Oxford for 1733 to 1857, and of the Oxfordshire Peculiars for 1547 to 1856. These records currently housed in the Oxfordshire Record Office are being digitised, and the digitised images will be available within the National Wills Index in early 2011. Oxfordshire Wills Index is well worth checking for anyone who lived in or adjacent to the county - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. OriginsNetwork is available for use by patrons at the Toronto FHC.

FindMyPast has added records of a quarter of a million burials in the Rookwood Cemetery in Sydney, Australia. The data usually includes name, date of death, age at death, and inscription. Your results will also show any associated records, which may give you other family members or connections. FindMyPast has also added a small number of memorial inscriptions (about 14,000) for Middlesex, covering the period 1399 to 1992. FindMyPast is available without charge at all Family History Centres through the FHL Portal. Family History Centres may need to contact Salt Lake FHL for a login code, if FindMyPast on the FHL Portal does not work.

FindMyPast has changed the name of one of its most frequently accessed databases – the **Chelsea Pensioners' Records** are now called the **British Army Service Records 1760-1913**. This caused me some confusion; but perhaps I am easily confused! At the National Archives, its full title is actually **WO 97: Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers Service Documents - 1760-1913**.

Additions to Our Permanent Collections

Fiche – ENG HAMPSHIRE Soberton PRs 1813-1870 (4 fiche) - #6359054

ENG HAMPSHIRE Bramshaw Baptisms 1870-1909 (2 fiche) - #6343375

Eleven books have been donated to the Toronto FHC; the first two were donated by Judy Bizley.

Pre-1841 Censuses & Population Listings in the British Isles by Colin Chapman

Local Census Listings 1522-1930, Holdings in the British Isles by Jeremy Gibson & Mervyn Medlycott

CAN ON Carp Presbyterian Cemetery, Huntley Township

CAN ON Huntley United Cemetery, West Huntley Township

CAN ON Huntley - Pioneer families & Early Settlers of Huntley Township - Volumes 2-5

CAN ON Carp St James' Anglican Cemetery, Huntley Township

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The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Answers:

Q2/44/2010. Denmark/USA/Canada.

My great great great grandparents on my mother's side of the family were:

Jens Frederikson father born 1801 or 1802 in Denmark
Anna Pedersen mother born 1810 or 1811 in Denmark

They had 7 children that I know of and 6 of them came to live in Ontario. I have been unable to find which sister married a Christopherson.

Cindy suggests that the researcher look at the Betasearch for FamilySearch - <https://beta.familysearch.org/> . She says that there is a lot of Danish information there, including Danish baptisms, marriages and burials from about 1640 to about 1916. Cindy found a Lars **Christophersen** marrying **Karen Marie Jensen** on April 17, 1864 in København, København, Denmark. This is different from the record on Ancestry in last week's Bulletin. As both Jensen and Christophersen are common Danish names; the researcher should look at the US censuses for likely connections and matching birth dates. Cindy also found a Lars Christopherson from Illinois, serving in the army in the Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900.

Gwen Armstrong did a very quick check on Ancestry and found an Anna Christafferson b. 1840 in the 1910 Minnesota census. She suggests looking at the Minnesota death index on Ancestry – 1908-2002; the 1905 state census; and the Naturalization index (husbands only). Gwen also recommends checking the passenger lists at Ellis Island, <http://www.ellisland.org/>, and the Minnesota Historical Society, <http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/> .

News From the Trenches - Do you have an interesting story to share?

In response to Gwen's Remembrance Day Bulletin, Linda Reid, one of our volunteers, wrote to say that she had visited the Brooding Soldier Memorial in St. Juliaan, Belgium last summer and found it very moving. The plaque at the site states: *"THIS COLUMN MARKS THE BATTLEFIELD WHERE 18,000 CANADIANS ON THE BRITISH LEFT WITHSTOOD THE FIRST GERMAN GAS ATTACKS THE 22-24 APRIL 1915. 2,000 FELL AND LIE BURIED NEARBY"*.



Were You Aware...

OGS Toronto Launches Database of War Memorials

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has launched **For King and Country**, a new on-line database of war memorials in Toronto schools. Many Toronto schools display lists of former students and teachers who volunteered for active service during the two world wars. A much smaller number of memorials exist for other conflicts. Some name only those who died, but most include all who enlisted. OGS Toronto has taken on the ambitious project of transcribing and indexing these memorials. The product of this work is a searchable database, **For King and Country**, which will be a valuable resource for students of local, social, military, educational and family history. The Toronto school memorials take a wide variety of forms, including books of remembrance, bronze plaques, photo displays, sculptures, stained glass, bronze bells and special plantings, but most are hand-lettered lists, framed under glass. Many of these lists were designed by Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson and are headed "**For King and Country**". This heading inspired the title

of the Toronto Branch project. While other records exist to document military service, school memorials connect the young men and women who volunteered to their family and friends, and show us the impact of war on their communities. **For King and Country** now includes just over 20,000 names, drawn from memorials in 50 elementary and secondary schools, and those numbers will continue to grow. Users can search the database by surname, forename, school and/or keywords and access a full transcription for each entry. To explore this new database, visit www.torontofamilyhistory.org/kingandcountry/ .

Films received in the 7 days ending 18 November 2010 and due for return on 16 December 2010.

Film Content	Film No
BHS Probate Records 1700-1806	0223469
DEU HES Dieburg Tote 1705-1849	0938994
DEU HES Nieder Morlen Taufen 1734-1851	0948084
DEU PRU Alt Sarnow, Tonin Church Books	1273179
DEU PRU Batwitz Church Books	1334625
DEU PRU Batwitz, Witznitz, Plathe Church Books	1334629
ENG HAM Binstead, Boarhunt, Southwick, Boldre PRs	1041228
ENG KEN Cuxton Church records	1469180
ENG SSX Brighton PRs 1558-1891	1067105
ENG SSX Ewhurst PR 1558-1894	1067149
ENG WIL Downton, Foxley, Bremilham PRs	1279375
FRA BAS Eschau Bapt 1686-1792	0757147
ITA Chieti Rocca San Giovanni Civ Reg 1832-33	1333288
ITA Chieti Rocca San Giovanni Civ Reg 1832-33	1333287
ITA Chieti Rocca San Giovanni Civ Reg 1834-36	1333289
ITA Chieti, Rocca San Giovanni Civ Reg 1829-1831	1333286

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.

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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 4pm

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Closures: Christmas, Dec 18th to January 2 inclusive. Saturday, January 15th.

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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