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Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed for our Christmas Break from December 19th to January 8th inclusive.

Request for Help – Vise Photographic Studio - Toronto

Cory Lemos is conducting local history research into a Toronto photographic studio. He would like to hear from anyone who has “carte-de-visite” photographs that indicate “Vise Photographer” or “Vise Studio”, with an address on King Street East or Queen Street West. He is interested in viewing photographs taken by this photographer and speaking to family members who may have some recollection of their family history. Please email the Bulletin and we will put you in contact with Cory.

What's New

Ancestry has added a new database for London, England: Freedom of the City Admission Papers, 1681-1925. This database contains papers associated with application for “Freemen” status. *Freemen* means: “a man who did not have to pay trade taxes and shared in the profits of his borough, a person free of feudal service who had served their apprenticeship and could trade in their own right, and anyone who was a member of a City Guild. “Freedom of the Company” meant that a person had earned freemen status within the company or guild and could then apply for Freedom of the City.” Each record contains more than one image. The London England Wills and Probate 1507-1858 database now includes more than 125,000 entries. A number of small databases of French-Canadian records were added this week.

FindMyPast has added a transcription of the 1861 Scottish Census 1861 (no images). FindMyPast also has the Scottish 1841 and 1851 census transcriptions, which it published in October. This week they added transcriptions of 10,000 records of the Manchester Police Index 1812-1941 and nearly 23,000 records of Prestwich Asylum Admissions 1851-1901.

Irish Family History Foundation at <http://www.rootsireland.ie/> added 35,000 birth, marriage and death records for County Monaghan in November. They currently have nearly 19 million records on their website. They will shortly be adding records for County Wexford.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/46/2011. Canada.

In the 1851 census I have an ancestor who is shown as “not members” under the “residents” heading. Any suggestions of possible meanings of this type of entry - does it just mean they were absent at the time of the census? I am referring to two different entries in the 1851 census for Waterloo Township of Waterloo County. One is for a John Freeman age 51 and under the heading “Residents” shows “not members”. The other is also a John Freeman with no age shown and marked in the column “members absent”.

Q2/46/2011. Canada.

Is there any way to find a more specific location of a person from their Canadian census record (i.e. village or Lot and County). I know that for some years for some counties there are agricultural censuses that have Lot and Consession, but what about when that is not available?

News from the Trenches

A Visit to the Colindale Newspaper Library – cont'd

While at the Colindale Library a week ago on Saturday, I requested pdf copies of a few pages of the paper I was interested in. Copies are not made at the time but done later and mailed on a CD. I am delighted to report that I received the CD with very good copies on Tuesday, only just over a week after I had requested them. Great service, considering it came by mail.

Were You Aware ...

British Newspaper Archive Launch

The British Library has officially launched its British Newspaper Archive with its partner, *brightsolid*. At this site - <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/> - you can search nearly 180 different newspapers with more than three million pages already available. They hope that the archive will include more than 40 million pages within 10 years. The archive includes papers from Scotland and Ireland as well as England and Wales. A successful search produces results that give a few lines of text as well as the newspaper and date details. An example of a little clip for my criminal ancestor is:

Cambridge Chronicle and Journal - Fri 21 Jun 1816

“found Aaron Chevell guilty, and William Beamis not guilty. The Court adjourned at six o'clock till the ue*t morning.— Sentence had not been passed upon any of the prisoners.”

This snippet is usually enough to decide whether it is worth paying to download the image. To download images, one needs a subscription - £79.95 for unlimited credits for a year, £29.95 for 3000 credits within 30 days or £6.95 for 300 credits in 2 days. The credits needed to download one page, varies between 5 and 10 for papers before 1904 and 15 credits per page after that. This website includes much of the *19th Century Newspaper Collection* that is available without charge at Family History Centres.

Historical Online Newspapers in Canada

Elizabeth LaPointe's Genealogy Canada blog on November 29th has a list of digitized Canadian newspapers that are online with no charge. Go to <http://goo.gl/YfUXM> to see what is available. This Ontario website is also mentioned in the comments: <http://www.ourontario.ca/demo/News.html>.

Your Search Returned No Matches on Ancestry

I was looking at the London records of births, marriages and burials for 1538-1812 recently and I kept getting the above reply – No matches. I widened my search to include names I had found before with the same result. I wrote to Ancestry asking if they had a problem. No, it was my problem. But they did recommend reading an article entitled *Optimizing Your Ancestry Experience* at <http://goo.gl/8dCr0>. One line jumped out at me: *As Ancestry is a dynamic site that is updated frequently to improve the experience of our users, it is important to clear your temporary Internet files (cache and cookies) regularly and allocate enough space for storing these files.* I cleared my cookies (sounds a bit disgusting, doesn't it) and I was able to do productive searches again. If you have an Ancestry subscription, you may wish to follow their instructions for clearing temporary Internet files in the article referenced so that you do not run into the problem I had.

FamilySearch Indexing Statistics

FamilySearch has indexed more than 683,258,700 records. Up to now in 2011, 144,233,700 records have been indexed by 159,600 contributors. Of the 158 current projects, six are Canadian and this includes the 1861 Canada census and Ontario civil registration births and deaths.

FindMyPast Subscription Discount

By entering SUB10 in the promotional code, you can get a 10% discount on a FindMyPast subscription. Alternatively, you can visit any Family History Centre, where FindMyPast and other subscription websites are available without charge and where volunteers will be happy to help you.

Films received in the 7 days ending 01 December 2011 and due for return on 12 January 2012.

Film Content	Film No
DEU MEC Grand Ticino PRs 1787-1934	0069179
DEU MEC Lüdershagen PRs 1779-1896	0069321
DEU MEC Schorrentin PRs 1787-1885	0069603

Film Content	Film No
PRU WPRU Garnsee PRs Taufen 1848-1867	0208110
PRU WPRU Nieder Zehren PRs 1829-1857	0286047

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: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed from December 19th to January 8th inclusive.

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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