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Announcements

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

Toronto OGS Winter Courses

The Toronto branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has announced their winter courses:

Family History Writing – Gayle Dzis, four Tuesday evenings in February

Sharing Networks for Genealogists – Marian Press – February 25th

Creating a Family History Blog – For Genealogists – three Thursday evenings in March

Exploring the Baldwin Room's Manuscript Collection – Jane McNamara – March 20th and 27th

For more complete information about these courses, go to <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html> .

What's New

Ancestry has completed its indexing of the 1911 England census and linked the images – over 20 million records are now available. Ancestry also updated its 1880 US census records.

FamilySearch is continuing to index state birth, marriage and death records; this week they have added or updated the state records of Indiana, Wisconsin, California, Minnesota, Texas, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. They have also started to index Jamaican birth, marriage and death records from 90 films of parish registers from 1664-1880 (civil registration started in 1880). Excellent images from this set are free to download.

FindMyPast reminds us that, starting January 4, 2012, their 1911 census images will include the sensitive information that has been redacted up to now. On January 4th, you will be able to see information in the "infirmary" column and whether any of your ancestors were blind, deaf, mentally incompetent, etc.

The Forum

Questions: No new questions this week.

Suggestions:

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".

Kudos to this researcher for looking at every column in the census over several pages. Ross Parry suggested: "My answer to this question re the 1851 Census of Waterloo Township of Waterloo County would be this is the same John Freeman absent from his usual residence but spending the night where he is not a regular member of the family. Perhaps on a visit, working in for that household temporarily etc or just a welcome guest that particular night." Gay King speculates that the designation 'not members' means that he (and perhaps others with him) were not members of the family with whom they were living. In the 2nd census entry, 'members absent' could mean some family members of that John Freeman's family were not present at the time of enumeration. I've seen similar entries for some of 'my' people.

Library and Archives Canada has a detailed description of each column of the census at <http://goo.gl/rUCJR> .

After basic information about the individual was collected, questions were asked to establish whether the person was a member of the household:

- Column 12: "Residents: Members, Male" and Column 13: "Residents: Members, Female" noted whether the individual was actually a member of the family present in the house as of January 11, 1852.
- Those who stopped at the house on the night of January 11, but were not members of the family (e.g. visitors, boarders, servants, etc.) were noted under Column 14: "Not Members: Male" and Column 15: "Not Members: Female".
- Those who were members of the family, but not present in the household on January 11 were noted under Column 16: "Members Absent: Male" and Column 17: "Members Absent: Female". These individuals **were also enumerated** at the household they were with on January 11.

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 Concession but what about when that is not available?

In England the first page of the census taker's book has a description of the route that he walked and one can often locate the house by how many houses past the pub or the church it is. I have not found this for Canadian censuses but it probably exists. Can any readers enlighten me? The researcher may wish to be more specific with his question – which census and name of a sample person (not even necessarily his ancestor). It is often easier to work from the specific to the general in dealing with a question such as this.

Were You Aware ... 1940 US Census

The 1940 US Census will be available for researchers at 9am EST on April 2, 2012 from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) website. Images can be downloaded without a charge. There is no name index for this census and one will have to locate people by identifying the enumeration district in which they lived in 1940 and then browsing the Census population schedules for that enumeration district. Some supplemental questions were asked for about 10% of the population. For more information, go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/faqs.html> .

Dublin Cemetery Records

The Glasnevin Trust has about 1.5 million records online for several cemeteries: Goldenbridge (from 1828), Glasnevin (starting 1832), Dardistown, Newlands Cross, and Palmerstown as well as Glasnevin and Newlands Cross crematoria. These records are available to search online and while the preview grid access is free, full details will cost you between €1 and €8.

Genealogical Research Library online at the FHC

The Toronto FHC has been given a temporary membership to a fairly new website: The Genealogical Research Library. This Library started out by publishing books, the first of which was *The People of Ontario 1600-1900*, followed by *The French Canadians 1600-1900*, and *The Atlantic Canadians 1600-1900*, etc. While these are available at the Toronto Public Library, they can now be searched online at the FHC. There are now more than 161,000 resources spanning more than 100 countries. The resources are being constantly organized into states, provinces, districts, counties, cities, towns and rural areas within major countries. As well as books, there are maps for many areas. Do come in and have a look at what is available at www.GRLresearch.com .

1911 UK Census

With today's release on Ancestry of the 1911 England census, researchers now have three different transcriptions of the 1911 UK census – all of which can be searched at Family History Centres without charge. One is FindMyPast, which was the first official transcriber for 1911census.co.uk; then TheGenealogist.co.uk started (they have not quite finished their transcription); and now we have Ancestry's transcription. If you have not been able to find a person of interest in FindMyPast, please try the other two – handwriting may result in a "better" transcription by one.

Films received in the 7 days ending 08 December 2011 and due for return on 19 January 2012.

Film Content	Film No
DEU OLD Eutin Marrs 1633-1867	0247512
POL WPRU Groß Tromnau Marienwerder Marr 1812-1913	0286035

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.

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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: 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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