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We will be closed August 21-23 inclusive; and August 31.

On August 19th and 20th, we will have only one computer available for use because of the **One World;**

One Family Conference in Brampton. (Have you registered yet? <http://www.oneworldonefamily-theevent.com/>)

See the bottom of the Bulletin for our current hours. Call before you come if you do not have a booking.

Toronto OGS – Special Lecture on Scottish Genealogy

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society has organized a very special lecture on Scottish genealogy by Dr. Bruce Durie of the University of Strathclyde for the morning of Saturday, September 11. Dr. Durie's topic, "Inheritance and Law", will deal with Testaments (including "Wills"), Retours, Sasines, Charters and the other "hidden gems" of Scottish genealogy, and will also address basic issues in Palaeography and Latin. He will also suggest relevant resources (hard-to-find books on CD for example). These topics will be presented in two parts at 10am and 11:15am with a 15 minute break. The lecture will be held in the Burgundy Room of the North York Memorial Community Hall at 5110 Yonge Street. This is the same place as the North York Central Library, on the concourse/lower level. Admission is \$10 for Toronto OGS members; \$15 for other OGS members; and \$20 for non-members. For more information, please see <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/Durie.html> .

What's New?

Ancestry – UK Probate Indexes and some US Vital Records

Ancestry added a great new resource this week for researchers looking in England and Wales – the National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941. See **Were You Aware** (below) for more information about these records. Ancestry has also added some Ohio and Michigan vital records in the past week.

FamilySearch – Cornwall PRs and New Zealand Immigration Records

FamilySearch has added two sets of records to its Records Search Pilot this week. The first is an unindexed set of parish records for Cornwall and a few parishes in Devon from the 1500s, to well into the 1900s for some parishes. By the way, these new records are indexed under the country, England, while all the other records for England are found under United Kingdom, England (a bit confusing). Judging from the amount of excitement on the Norfolk Mailing List I read, these will be very helpful to researchers

in Cornwall. Online Parish Clerks for Cornwall currently has more than 1.5 million pre-1837 baptism, marriage and burial records on its website - <http://www.cornwall-opc.org/index.htm> . While this is only a fraction of the total number of records, it is a useful tool to help one find some of the records available at FamilySearch.org.

The second set of records is for New Zealand – Immigration Passenger Lists from 1871 to 1915. While these records are name-indexed with images, the database is only 17% complete. (If you wish to speed indexing up, do offer your services at http://www.familysearch.org/eng/indexing/frameset_indexing.asp .) To access these records or any others on the *Record Search Pilot*, go to www.FamilySearch.org; from the *Search Records* drop-down menu choose *Records Search Pilot*; go to *Search our record collections*; choose the area of the world of interest and then find the database of interest. [Late breaking news: Some Yorkshire and Durham Marriage Allegations and Bonds have just been added today.]

ScotlandsPeople – Catholic Parish Registers and Modern Marriage Indexes

ScotlandsPeople has announced that the first tranche of Catholic Parish Registers are now online. “Catholic Parish Registers comprise records of births and baptisms; marriages; confirmations; deaths and burials; communicants; sick calls; status animarum; converts; first confessions and sent rents. The records cover all Scottish parishes in existence by 1855; the records of the main Catholic cemeteries in Edinburgh and Glasgow and the records of the RC Bishopric of the Forces, which records all sacramental events for British service men and women serving in the armed forces worldwide. Record format and content varied over time, with the responsibility for the information gathered being placed with the parish priest. As a result, the information may be sparse, unreliable and difficult to read. Approximately 700 registers have survived, the earliest dating from 1703, but most records only begin in the 30 years following the relaxation of legislation against Catholics in the 1790s.” They also announced that the modern day marriage indexes - **NOT IMAGES** - 1934-2006 are now available, and corresponding extracts can be ordered. Marriage records less than 75 years old are deemed to be Modern and only an extract, which is an officially certified copy of a statutory register entry or copy of a parish register entry, can be requested.

The Forum

Questions. No new questions were received this week.

Answers:

Q1/50/2009. Canada. Cont’d.

I would greatly appreciate your help in suggesting how I might find out more about my wife's grandfather, George LEWORTHY, in Canada. He was born on 04 Feb 1875 in Cambridge, married in 1907, and emigrated in Sept 1907 to Canada. His daughter was born in October 1907 in Walsall, Staffs. His occupation was listed as Chemist - Teacher on her daughter's birth certificate and Chemist on their marriage certificate. We would like to discover when he married his second wife and whether they had children, if so, how many and what were their names? Also, when did he die and where is he buried?

Readers of the Bulletin may be surprised to note that this is an answer to a question posed last year. Your intrepid editor tracked down the gravestone of George Leworthy and photographed it on Sunday when she was visiting Ottawa. James Thomson had done a huge amount of work that indicated that George Leworthy had had a good career, first in Toronto at U of T and then in Ottawa working for the Department of Mines. James had also found obituaries for George Leworthy and his wife, Edith Allward, in the Ottawa Citizen and burial references for their burials at Pinecrest Cemetery in Ottawa on the OGS Cemetery Ancestor Index at <http://ogs.andornot.com/CemeteryIndex.aspx> . Armed with the references from the OGS website, it took only five minutes to locate the gravestone and photograph it. The headstone appears to have been carved at two different times:



I was most interested in the word, Coroline. I have been unable to find Edith Allward's birth registration in about 1873 in Ontario, although I find four younger siblings born in Ontario and several older siblings born in Newfoundland (<http://ngb.chebucto.org/>). There is only one Edith Allward in the 1881 (Allword), in the 1891 (Allward) and 1901 (Alward) Ontario censuses, and her parents are John and Emma. Only the 1901 census hints of a middle name – Edith C; is she Edith Caroline? John and Emma are also the parents of Walter Seymour Allward, a sculptor most famous for the Vimy Memorial, and Walter appears next to Edith in the 1881 and 1891 censuses. Where did the “Seymour” come from? It is not Emma's maiden name (Pittman). John's sister, Mary Ann, married a Henry Warren aka Walter Seymour in Newfoundland in 1854. After Mary Ann died, Henry Seymour married John's much younger sister, Sarah Ann! Henry was Walter's uncle by marriage. No marriage of George Leworthy has yet been found in Ontario, nor have the births of any children been found.

Q1/31/2010. Germany.

While my question is not strictly genealogical, more genealogical detail may make my search easier. My father-in-law immigrated from what was then East Germany in the early 1950's. His grandfather, Emil Schaedlich, was born in or near Netzschkau, Saxony, around the 1870's and died about 1939 in his late 60's. As a young man, he worked in a weaving mill in or near Dresden. About 1913 he created the design for a Charcot or Jacquard loom to weave a popular tablecloth pattern of the Last Supper. From this invention he made a small fortune and went on to buy 3 movie cinemas in Netzschkau and neighbouring towns. Some of his children (he had at least 12) ran the cinemas. My particular interest is in trying to find out more about the tablecloth and whether a sample or picture of it still exists. Any suggestions about where to start with this would be most appreciated. Has any Bulletin reader used a researcher in this area of Germany who might be able to find more details about the family?

Peter Fischer wrote to tell us that, in 2005, he used a researcher for work in the area to the west, and within 30 km, of Dresden. He sent us the name of the researcher and her address. She worked at the 'Büro für Ahnenforschung', which translates as 'Office for Ancestor Research'. The Bulletin has passed all the information on to the reader.

Christina Henninger found a number of good clues for the researcher to follow up on. “It is best to search on Google.de and enter the words in German.” She also suggests looking for the surname as Schädlich, the more German spelling for Schaedlich; this clue is important for all names – check for alternate spellings and do not discount them. Christina found two articles about textile companies in the Dresden area: “At <http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falgard>, search for Schädlich; it mentions a company that bought

out the *Textilweberei Schädlich* [*Schädlich Textile Weaving*] (the article is in German). Also see <http://www.ausschreibungen-privat.de/article/Falgard> for a history of the business takeovers after 1950.”

Christina also directed the researcher to a number of pictures of tablecloths featuring the Last Supper woven into them. The website on textile arts at http://www.textilekunst.de/deutsch/?page_id=21 = has a picture of a couple of damask tablecloths, entitled "Letzte Abendmahl". "There is an item listed on Ebay.at (the Austrian site) - http://cgi.ebay.at/Antik-Tischdecke-Tafeltuch-Abendmahl-Leben-Christi-FB-/270609851807?cmd=ViewItem&pt=Haushalt_K%C3%BCche&hash=item3f019aa59f which is Antik Tischdecke Tafeltuch Abendmahl Leben Christi 'FB' or an antique tablecloth with scenes of Christ's life. Christina notes that there were quite a few of these designs around.

The Textile Arts website has an email address and seems to be run by one person. She may be quite interested in the researcher's story and may be able to help her with more information.

Were You Aware...

UK National Probate Calendar

The National Probate Calendars for England and Wales contain the indexes to the wills and administrations, listed alphabetically by year. These indexes are a great resource for genealogists because they list the deceased's name, address, date and place of death, date of the probate, the local registry where issued, the person(s) to whom probate was granted, and the amount of the estate. Do NOT assume that your less well-off ancestors did not leave a will or that an admn was not granted – check out the calendar. My 3g grandmother left an estate of £5 to her husband in 1906. (An admn was granted if no will had been written.)

This example gave me enough information to identify my two great-great uncles:

MUSTILL Herbert of 82 Taverners-road Peterborough died 27 January 1940 Administration Peterborough 19 April to Laurie Mustill butcher. Effects £357 4s 1d.

The new records on Ancestry are not yet complete; while they include the years 1861-1941, these years do have some holes. The Toronto Family History Centre has the yearly calendars from 1858 to 1956 and they are complete. If you find that a will exists, you can order a copy of the will from the Principal Probate Registry at First Avenue House or from any district registry at a cost of £5. Wills between 1858 and 1925 have been filmed by the Family History Library and a film with the will on it can be ordered at any Family History Centre. The Toronto Family History Library has a guide to which film to order, available at the admin desk.

FreeBMD has nearly completed the indexing of deaths in England and Wales up to 1941, a perfect fit with the probate index on Ancestry. For Herbert MUSTILL (above) – *death Mar 1940 77 Peterbro' 3b 669*

Having a look through these probate calendars, I noticed a number of probates for people who had died outside England or Wales. Some of these took many years for probate to be granted – 14 years in one case. Here is one in 1896 I found interesting: *CLABROUGH John Plumb of San Fransisco county San Franscisco California United States of America died 5 October 1895 Probate LONDON 1 October to Frederick Marshall Burton solicitor Effects £1448 5 s 11d.*

Genealogy Software

The volunteers at the Family History Centre are often asked which genealogy program we use and whether we would recommend it. While Harold swears by Brothers Keeper, Joe and I use The Master Genealogist. Another person may use a word processing program. Actually I think any genealogy program will help immeasurably in keeping all your data organized, enable you to print out pretty charts for relatives, and encourage you to **cite your sources**. While Mac users have limited choice (Reunion appears to be a good choice), the rest of us have too much choice. I recommend looking at some software reviews online and found this helpful website: <http://genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>. Their two top-rated programs are Legacy and Family Tree Maker. Family Tree Maker 2011 will be released soon and Global Genealogy will ship it for \$39.95CDN, no shipping

charge - <http://globalgenealogy.com/software/ftm/index.htm> . Remember that any genealogy program can produce a "gedcom" file – this file is in a standard format and can be shared with people running different software or if one is changing programs. Many software programs allow you to download a test version to see if you like it or not.

Films received in the 8 days ending 12 August 2010 and due for return on 09 September 2010.

Film Content	Film No
CAN ON Chesterville St Mary RC PRs 1867-1910	1302002
ENG LAN L'Pool St Mary's Burials 1840-1847	1656289
ENG LAN L'Pool St Mary's Oxford Cem 1840-1847	0093809
ENG LAN L'Pool St Mary's Oxford Cem 1847-1848	0093810
ENG MDX Hambro Syn BMD German Jews 1845-70	0094667
ENG MDX W'minster St Clement Dane Bap 1813-49	0574269
ENG SOM Stogumber BT's 1605-1837	1470977
ENG SRY Farnham PRs 1874-1890	0994435
IRL Civil Reg Marriages 1869 V. 2	0101539
POL KI Bialobrzegi CRs 1874-1877	1201344
PRU POM Trieglaff Kirchen Buch 1640-1779	0903339
PRU POS Siedlec BMDs 1766-1869	1191485
PRU WFA Muelheim BMDs 1650-1845	1052873
WLS RAD Llandrindod BT's 1701-1843	0104472

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. Any patron may renew a film ordered by another patron although the original patron's name will continue to appear on the label. 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 the 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.

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

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Summer Closures: August 21 to August 24; August 30; August 31; September 4 to 6.

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.

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