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TORONTO BRANCH MEETINGS

Branch meetings in 2010 will be held in the Burgundy Room, North York Memorial Hall, North York Centre (North York Centre Subway Station)

UNUSUAL SOURCES FOR THE TWENTIETH CENTURY: Marg Aldridge

February 22, 2010

Marg talks about how the 19th and 20th centuries may require different techniques and sources due to the changing nature of electronic data, privacy issues and data gathering and how these affect genealogy.

Mini-presentation

David Reed: Early Halifax Chair Makers

House Cleaning? Do you have unwanted genealogy books and magazines that could use a new home? Bring them to the February meeting for others to take away and cherish. There is a prize draw for members who bring something to swap/give away; a copy of "Discover Your Scottish Ancestry: Internet and Traditional Resources" by Graham S. Holton and Jack Winch. 2nd edition, Edinburgh University Press, 2000

JUST NAMES ON A LIST? LET'S TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT PASSENGER MANIFESTS: Glenn Wright

March 22, 2010

Canadian passenger lists have evolved over time. Those from the 1920s and 1930s contain significantly more information on our ancestors than those from the 1870s and 1880s. This presentation will review what records are available – Canadian ports arrivals, incoming/outgoing UK lists, American records for immigrants destined for Canada.

Mini-presentation

Bob Murphy: The Importance of Networking

WHAT'S NEW ON ANCESTRY.CA AND TIPS ON USING THE DROUIN COLLECTION: Lesley Anderson

26 April 2010

Ancestry has posted a lot of interesting databases during the past year including the Drouin Collection of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials. This is the source for vital and church records from Quebec for 1621-1947, but that's not all! Come out and hear what's new and exciting at Ancestry!

Mini-presentation

Sheila Emblem: I Thought I was an Emblem

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ELIZABETH JANE MARSH BEARD

Patricia Sheehan, OGS

The search for information about the wife of Joshua George Beard, 10th Mayor of Toronto, started with nothing but her portrait, that of a dignified and solemn lady. As was the custom of her day, she was known only as “Mrs. Joshua George Beard”. However, according to *Toronto “Called Back,”* written in 1892, she was a woman of many accomplishments in her own right, active in charity works, particularly for the Girls Home, along with Mrs. John Beverley Robinson, wife of the one-time lieutenant-governor of Ontario. Mrs. Beard was also a noted singer, participating in many performances for charitable causes (again with Mrs. John Beverley Robinson – another woman with no first name of her own) as well as being the leading soprano in the choir of St. James’s Cathedral. But even in these accomplishments she was still just “Mrs. Joshua G. Beard”.

Information gathered in this search not only illuminates her talents and her prominence in the early life of Toronto, but also gives her a name, identifies her parents as Samuel William Marsh and Jane (Jean) Ostrum and places her in a family which has been traced back as far as 1600 in one branch and 1450 in another.

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