

Registration Form

REGISTER EARLY! To register, please complete this form and send it (**no later than September 30, 2010 for the Early-bird rate**) to:

THE WOMEN IN OUR PAST WORKSHOP
61 Balfour Avenue
Toronto, ON M4C 1T4

Registrations postmarked October 1, 2010 and later will be accepted at the regular workshop rate.

Please print clearly:

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Are you an OGS member? Yes No

PLEASE NOTE: We won't share your personal information with other organizations.

Fees:

Members of the Ontario Genealogical Society

\$35 (postmarked by September 30, 2010)

\$40 (after September 30 – if space allows)

Non-Members

\$40 (postmarked by September 30, 2010)

\$45 (after September 30 – if space allows)

Cheque enclosed: (Payable to: OGS Toronto Branch)

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Please indicate the sessions you are likely to attend (only one for each time slot, of course!)

9:45 AM

Session A (Plenary): Women on Ancestry

11:15 AM

Session B: Women in the Upper Canadian Justice System

Session C: Women in the Military in the 20th Century

12:15 PM

Tour of Canadiana Department (if space available)

1:15 PM

Session E: Researching Fur Trade Women

Session F: Ma Owned the Farm

2:30 PM

Session G: DNA and Maternal Ancestry Research

Session H: Four Women and Four Legacies

3:45 PM

Session I (Plenary): Immigration of Female Domestics

How to get to the workshop:

By public transit: North York Central Library is connected directly to the North York Centre subway station, on the Yonge line. Inter-city trains and buses link with the subway at Union, Dundas, or York Mills stations. Allow at least 35 minutes from Union or Dundas, or 15 minutes from York Mills, to get to North York Centre.

By car: North York Central Library is at 5120 Yonge Street, Toronto M2N 5N9, on the west side at Park Home Avenue (about halfway between Sheppard and Finch). From Highway 401, exit northbound at Yonge Street; proceed north to Park Home Avenue (6th or 7th traffic light) and turn left. The most convenient parking (\$5 per day on Saturdays) is under the building – enter from Novotel on Park Home, or from Beecroft Road (parallel to and west of Yonge Street).

Interested in your family history?

Members of the Ontario Genealogical Society's Toronto Branch range from beginners to those with years of experience and professional researchers. Some have roots in Toronto or Ontario, but some have all their research interests in other countries. What they have in common is a passion for family history, a desire to learn about new techniques and sources, and to share that knowledge and passion with other researchers.

For more information about joining the Society, please contact us at:

Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch

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NOTE: Please don't send your workshop registration to this box number! Use the address on the registration form.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the **Canadiana Department of North York Central Library**, part of the Toronto Public Library system. Along with Canadiana's own extensive resources for Ontario and Canadian family history, the Department also houses the collections of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie, Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, and the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants. Visit www.torontopubliclibrary.ca for more information.



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Ontario Genealogical Society,
Toronto Branch
and the
Canadiana Department of
North York Central Library
present:

The Women in Our Past: Strategies and Resources for Researching Female Ancestors



Gain a deeper understanding of the circumstances that governed the lives of our female ancestors. Enjoy an exciting day of learning at this workshop where we will explore new and varied approaches to researching those often elusive women in our families.

Saturday, November 6, 2010
North York Central Library Auditorium
5120 Yonge Street, Toronto
(North York Centre subway station)

The Women in Our Past: Strategies and Resources for Researching Female Ancestors

Program

9:00 - 9:45 AM

Registration and Coffee

9:45 - 11:00 AM

Welcome, Introductions & Session A (Plenary):

Women on Ancestry

This session will provide strategies for searching for women in the Ancestry databases, including methods to uncover females using name variations and other search techniques. Famous or interesting women will be highlighted wherever possible using the new Ancestry databases from around the world, as well as the core record groups. The presentation will appeal to new and experienced researchers alike. *Speaker: Lesley Anderson*

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Session B:

Women in the Upper Canadian Justice System

Researching female ancestors often means searching records created by the men in their lives, in the hopes of finding elusive clues about their wives, sisters and daughters. This session will use a series of case studies to tell the stories of Upper Canadian women whose lives intersected with the justice system. Along the way, the audience will learn about the early history of justice in Ontario and the wide range of records researchers can use to uncover their ancestors' stories. *Speaker: Janice Nickerson*

Session C:

Women in the Military in the 20th Century

This presentation will explore resources and strategies for researching women who served in Canada's military forces as Nursing Sisters in the Boer War, 1899-1902 and the First World War, 1914-1919, and their much expanded role in the Second World War, 1939-1945. While service files are the major source of information, other kinds of records will be examined and evaluated for their research value. Sources for war brides, in both world wars, will also be discussed. *Speaker: Glenn Wright*

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Lunch Break - There is a food court in the adjacent mall and restaurants nearby, on Yonge Street... or feel free to bring your lunch.

Session D: Lunchtime Tour of North York Central Library's Canadiana Department (limited to 15 people)

1:15 - 2:15 PM

Session E:

Researching Fur Trade Women

Using one extended family, the Wadens, this session will discuss the challenges surrounding researching the women whose lives were shaped by the fur trade. Covering a time period of about 1760 to 1860, the surprising wealth of primary source materials available to the family historian researching the Canadian wives and the Native and Métis women taken by the fur traders as country wives will be revealed. *Speaker: Liane Kennedy*

Session F:

Ma Owned the Farm: Women as Landowners in Ontario

In Upper Canada and early Ontario, most land was held by men and the law limited the rights of women to own property. However, some did, and the records associated with that ownership and women's rights to their husband's and parent's properties are some of the richest genealogical treasures. This session will give a general overview of land records, and deal more specifically with the transactions, documents, and terms most likely to relate to women. *Speaker: Jane E. MacNamara*

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Session G:

DNA and Maternal Ancestry Research

DNA analysis is now being employed in maternal ancestry research – both in recent-generation family history research and in deep ancestry research. This session provides an overview of the topic, and of the tests available (to men and women) and the uses to which they can be put. This is an objective presentation, taking as much account of limitations or difficulties which may attach to such tests as it does of the prospectively exciting ways in which they might be used. *Speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Kaegi and James F. S. Thomson*

Session H:

Four Women and Four Legacies

This session is based on the research the speaker has done on four women in his family, each of whom received a sizable inheritance when she was a young adult. The presentation will look at sources such as wills, estate files, death duty registers, property records, court records (the English Court of Chancery and the Ontario High Court of Justice) as well as family papers. The legacies also shed light on family relationships, especially when disputes arose as a result of these inheritances. Origins of the women: Ireland about 1785, Ireland in 1823, Ontario in 1867, and Ontario in 1893. *Speaker: Joseph Wearing*

3:45 - 4:45 PM

Session I (Plenary):

Immigration of Female Domestic to Canada 1850-1935: Transport, Conditions and Sources

For the most part, few women immigrated to Canada on their own prior to the 1850s. But between 1850 and 1935, Canada was in great need of farm labourers and domestics—so much so that many societies and organizations were formed to help satisfy this need. Governments also intervened and offered bonuses for immigrants in these categories. Various groups assisting women will be discussed along with the conditions the women endured and sources, where available. *Speaker: Marjorie Patricia Kohli*

*For more detailed descriptions
and complete speaker biographies,
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