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27 April 2009 **MARIE RICHENET'S LIFE IN SWITZERLAND AND IRELAND: DEFYING THE MYTH THAT WOMEN'S STORIES CAN'T BE TOLD**
Elayne Lockhart

When setting out to research a great-great-grandmother of unknown origin, Elayne did not anticipate a journey into Swiss records as far back as the 1600s, and then into Irish records, including personal correspondence in PRONI (Public Record Office of Northern Ireland). Along the way there have been intriguing glimpses of contacts with other significant individuals in Irish history.

Mini-Presentation

Diana Thomson: *Early Australian records reveal a family secret.*

25 May 2009 **WHEN, WHY, AND WHATEVER ELSE Bonnie Bell**
Location to be announced

A look at the significant elements in dating photographs, such as the occasions that prompted the photos, and other information that may be gleaned from them, with a special emphasis on wedding photographs and the period 1880 to 1945

Mini-Presentation

Sue de Groot: *Identifying Mrs. Andrew Surerus: The Photograph*

22 June 2009 **USING THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND THE LIBRARY'S MAGAZINE AND NEWSPAPER INDEXES (ELECTRONIC AND PRINT)**
Catherine Pepper of TPL and SOURCES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LIBRARIES FOR DOING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH ON NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE
Marian Press, U of T Libraries

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A FASCINATING CENSUS SUBSTITUTE FOR BELFAST 1852

in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

Elayne Lockhart, OGS 18180

On a recent visit to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in Belfast, I wanted to search the records of Christ Church (Connor Diocese), available on microfilm MIC/583/23-26. In the catalogued description of these films there is a reference to "census, 1852," and also to "typed up incidents in the history of Christ Church from 1831-1866." It took some searching to locate them finally in PRONI catalogue number CR 13, "Records deposited by Christ Church in PRONI per Rev. S. Bayly." I would like to bring these to the attention of our OGS members, as they may not be aware of them.

The census record, Document CR1/13/D/2¹ "Census of Christ Church Congregation, 1852," is a gold mine of information regarding residents of Belfast in the mid-nineteenth century. It will be an excellent census substitute, as it includes the names of every individual living in the household, including children and servants. The description indicates that over 7000 names were listed amongst the

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