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TORONTO BRANCH MEETINGS

Toronto Branch meetings are usually held within the North York Civic Centre Complex on the west side of Yonge Street between Sheppard and Finch Avenues. Meetings start at 7:30 PM, and information and displays are available from 7:00 PM.

Paid parking is available under the north building (\$5.00 after 6:00 PM), accessible from Beecroft Avenue or from Park Home Avenue, or in the parking lot on Beecroft.

**26 October
2009**

“TIMELINES” AND HOW TO USE THEM TO BENEFIT YOU THE MOST Sharon Murphy

This will be an electronic presentation, giving examples and scenarios that we all can identify with, from the largest complete family history timeline, to the smallest individual task. Bring your questions and suggestions; let’s make this a real learning, participating event.

Mini-presentation

Pierce Reid: *Annotating an image using Irfanview*

REMINDER: The Branch Annual General Meeting will take place prior to the start of the normal business of the October 26 meeting. For complete details, please see the July/August issue of *Toronto Tree*.

**30 November
2009**

**Note date
change
NY COUNCIL
CHAMBER**

GREAT MOMENTS IN GENEALOGY

In a series of short presentations, several Toronto Branch members will share with us “great moments” in their genealogical research.
See page 54.

**30 January
2010**

**Location to be
announced**

SEEING YOUR FAMILY’S HISTORY THROUGH MILITARY RECORDS AND MEMORABILIA

Ron Wencer

Ron focuses primarily on the military service of four relatives, ranging from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, through the post-WW I occupation of Haiti, to both the European and Asian theatres of World War II. Starting with little, he has managed to find enough material to relate four coherent stories—five, if one includes the story of the Japanese pilot responsible for Ron’s cousin’s death in the Pacific.

Mini-Presentation

Linda Reid: *A Murder Case? Who was the victim?*

Directions to

NORTH YORK (CIVIC CENTRE) COUNCIL CHAMBER

The Council Chamber is in the North York Civic Centre, which is the building just south of the North York City Centre—where the Library is located—and just north of the Toronto Centre for the Arts (theatre). (*See also page 60.*)

Visit www.torontofamilyhistory.org/ at any time for news of meetings and other events, and especially now for locations of meetings.

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THE ELUSIVE PRESS FAMILY *Marian Press, OGS 20914*

As an immigrant to this country, I have always lamented the fact that I have no Canadian, let alone Ontario, ancestors. But with many passenger lists recently available online, I have discovered that I have been wrong all these years. Until now, you have needed a fairly exact time period in which to search, and knowledge of which country an ancestral family emigrated to before you could easily look for them. This is not necessarily so any longer, especially if you have an unusual name or two to narrow your search. This is the story of how, with the help of FindMyPast (www.findmypast.com).

and Ancestry (www.ancestry.com), I found a branch, until now missing, of my husband’s Press family tree.

The Press family I am interested in had been resident in Deptford and Southwark (now part of London), England, since at least the late eighteenth century. William Press, a

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