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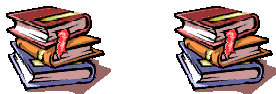
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Recent Additions to the Collection

Items listed below without a **Ref.** designation may be borrowed. Call **604-331-3603** to request a book, or place your request through the online catalogue (iPAC) at www.vpl.ca

Ref. items must be used in the library.



General Interest

500 Brickwall Solutions to Genealogy Problems

2003
929.1 F56f

Genealogy Online, 7th ed.
by Elizabeth Powell Crowe, 2003
929.10285 C85g1

Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy
by Gary Mokotoff, 2000
929.1 M71g

Scrapbooking Your Family History
by Maureen Taylor, 2003
929.1 T24s

Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors
by Daniel W. Quillen, 2003
929.1 Q67s

You Can Write Your Family History
by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, 2003
929.1 C28y



Canada - General

Index to Canadian Service Records of the South African War (1899-1902) Held at the National Archives of Canada
Ref. 929.371 I38b, 1999

Manitoba

Reference Sources for Researching Family History in Manitoba
2002
Ref. 929.37127 R33m

Ontario

Militia List for Canada West, rev. ed.
by Joshua Thompson, 1999
Ref. 929.3713 T46m

Tracing Your Ancestors in Bruce & Grey, rev. ed.
compiled by Betty Warrilow, 1998
929.3713 T75w



Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Registers

Brant County, 1831-1897

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51b

Bruce County, 1843-1898

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51br

District of Haliburton, 1861-1877

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51d

Elgin County, 1840-1894

2002
Ref. 929.3713 W51e

Grenville County, 1836-1901

2002
Ref. 929.3713 W51g

Leeds County, 1836-1901

2002
Ref. 929.3713 W51L

Lincoln County, 1837-1887

2002
Ref. 929.3713 W51L1

Muskoka District, 1852-1890

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51m

Norfolk County, 1837-1889

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51nr

Northern Districts – Kenora and Rainy River, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Sudbury, 1864-1909

2002
Ref. 929.3713 W51n

Northumberland County, 1835-1902

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51no

Peel County, 1842-1899

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51pee

Perth County, 1844-1898

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51p

Peterborough County, 1825-1896

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51pe

Russell County, 1840-1886

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51ru

Simcoe County, 1825-1910, rev. ed.

2001
Ref. 929.3713 W51s

Victoria County, 1832-1900

2002
Ref. 929.3713 W51v

British Isles

Burke's Peerage, Baronetage & Knightage, Clan Chiefs, Scottish Feudal Barons, 107th

ed., 3 vol., 2003
Ref. 929.7 B95

Tracing Your First World War Ancestors

by Simon Fowler, 2003
Ref. 929.3 F78t

Continental Europe

The Templar Treasure at Gisors

by Jean Markale, 2003
929.71 M34t



United States

American Migrations, 1765-1799

by Peter Wilson Coldham, 2000
929.373 C68a

Ships From Ireland to Early America, 1623-1850

by David Dobson, 1999
Ref. 929.37 D63sh

Vancouver Public Library Programs

Our popular VPL genealogy workshops will resume in the Fall. Meanwhile, genealogists may be interested in "Research @ Your Library", a FREE 2-hour hands-on workshop that offers a general introduction to library research. Topics covered include preparing for research, using the library catalogue, and finding articles. Learn how to get the most out of your Library!

Choose from the following dates and times:

- Saturday, July 10 – 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- Wednesday, July 14 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Saturday, July 24 – 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- Wednesday, July 28 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Class size is limited to 16.

Basic computer skills are required.

To register, call 604-331-3603 or register in person in the Newspapers & Magazines Division (Level 5).



Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

Cloverdale Orientations

1st Saturday of every month

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey
Free

Pre-registration recommended. Call 604-576-1384 (ext. 5).

- The Cloverdale Branch of the Surrey Public Library has one of the most extensive collections of Canadian genealogical resources in Western Canada. A free orientation will help you become familiar with the collection.

Start Searching Your Family History: A Beginner's Workshop in 5 Lessons

5 biweekly Monday evening sessions (**June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23**)

5:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey
Instructor: Brenda Smith

\$85.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384 (local 303)

- This series of classes addresses each beginning family history researcher's needs. Working with their own materials and supporting each other, learners will set goals for their research, organize and evaluate their data, and plan the first stage of individual programs. **Participants must be able to commit to attending all 5 sessions in the series.**

Note about website addresses (URLs)

Some website addresses are too long to fit into the column format of the newsletter, and "wrap" to the next line. When entering these addresses into your browser, however, they should be entered as a continuous string of characters, with no breaks.

Also Noted...

Congres mondial acadien [Acadian World Congress]

July 31-August 15, 2004 - Nova Scotia

More information: <http://www.cma2004.com>

Salt Lake City 2004

The British Columbia Genealogical Society annual trip to Salt Lake City is being planned for late October or early November (exact date not yet determined). This trip will offer an opportunity to use the extraordinary collection of resources available at the LDS Family History Library. For more information, write to Peter Claydon at the British Columbia Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 88054, Lansdowne Mall, Richmond, B.C., V6X 3T6 or e-mail to his attention at bcgs@bcgs.ca.

Canadian Genealogy Centre Update

A year after first putting the Canadian Genealogy Centre online, Library and Archives Canada have given the site a new version. The Centre now reflects the complete integration of genealogical content from the former websites of the National Archives of Canada, National Library of Canada, and the previous version of the Canadian Genealogy Centre. All pages have been updated and reconfigured.

To meet the needs of genealogists who use the various databases regularly, the Centre's resource directory, AVITUS, has been enriched. Resources added recently include databases on Canadian naturalization, 1915-1932, and Canadians who participated in the Boer War (1899-1902).

The site was recognized as one of "The 101 Best Family History Websites" in the 2003 edition of Family Tree Magazine's annual roundup of the cream-of-the-crop of genealogy websites. Check out the Canadian Genealogy Centre at: <http://www.genealogy.gc.ca/>



Changing Shapes

One challenge for genealogists is the numerous changes to political and administrative boundaries that have occurred over time. If your ancestor lived in a district or county that ceased to exist due to merging or re-organization, it can be difficult to track down the relevant genealogical records.

Maps, atlases and other reference works can help determine changes to historic boundaries. There are also some excellent websites that will be very useful to the researcher. The following are of special interest for Ontario and British Isles researchers:

The Changing Shape of Ontario: A Guide to Boundaries, Names and Regional Government (Archives of Ontario)

- <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/exhibits/maps/index.html>

Ontario Locator (Ontario GenWeb Project)

- <http://www.geneofun.on.ca/ontariolocator/search.html>

Administrative Regions of the British Isles (GENUKI)

- <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Regions/index.html>

Area Monitors (National Statistics Online, U.K.)

- <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/bicentenary/bicent2.html>

Free Index to the 1901 Census of Canada

Index to the 1901 Census of Canada
(Automated Genealogy)

- <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/index.html>
- This site hosts a volunteer project to produce a free online index to the 1901 census of Canada. So far, over 2,000,000 lines have been transcribed, and there are approximately 40,000 links to other records. A similar project is underway for the 1906 Census of the Northwest Provinces.



Feature: GENEALOGY SOFTWARE

Specialized software programs can be very useful tools for genealogists. Programs typically provide forms that allow users to type in information about their ancestors, as well as options for generating various types of charts and reports.

Selecting a Program

“Choosing Software”, Family Tree Monthly, April 2004, p.62-65. This useful article rates and describes 9 popular genealogy software programs. Available in the History & Government Division.

“A Genealogy Software Primer” by Jim Byram in Family Chronicle’s Introduction to Genealogy, p. 122-124 looks at what genealogy software needs to do, and discusses criteria for selecting a program. Available in the History & Government Division (929.1 F1982a).

Family Tree Magazine, available in the History & Government Division, often carries detailed reviews of specific genealogy software programs.

Louis Kessler’s Genealogy Software Links

- <http://www.lkessler.com/gplinks.shtml>

This comprehensive website provides links to reviews and information about a variety of genealogy software programs. Includes interesting features such as “The 4 Contenders for the Best Genealogy Program” and “The 3 Most Popular Genealogy Programs”.

Bill Mumford’s Genealogical Software Report Card

- <http://www.mumford.ca/reportcard/>

Based on reviews compiled as part of the process when a program is submitted to the National Genealogical Society’s (U.S.) Newsmagazine for review. Includes links to the original reviews.

Many genealogy software programs also offer free demos on their websites.



Availability in the Lower Mainland

Availability of genealogy software in the Lower Mainland is very limited. The only program readily available appears to be Family Tree Maker.

However, most popular programs have their own websites, and are available either by download, on CD-ROM, or both. Downloading

may be a better option, since most products are based in the U.S., and there may be additional fees for bringing CD-ROMS across the border. Two vendors (Heredis and Legacy) provide free standard versions, and sell deluxe editions.



Popular Programs and Their Websites

Ancestral Quest

- <http://ancquest.com>

Brother's Keeper

- http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Brothers_Keeper/

Family Tree Maker

- <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com>

Heredis

- <http://myheredis.com>

Legacy Family Tree

- <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>

The Master Genealogist

- <http://whollygenes.com>

Rootsmagic

- <http://www.rootsmagic.com>

Free!

Personal Ancestral File is a free program developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It is full-featured, and can be downloaded from the LDS FamilySearch website. Go to <http://www.familysearch.org> and use the following path:

- Software Downloads – Free
 - Personal Ancestral File 5.2.18.0
 - Multi-Language (9.7 MB)
 - Download

Mac Users

Heredis (Mac version)

- <http://myheredis.com>

Reunion

- <http://www.leisterpro.com/index.shtml>

GEDCOM

If you want to use more than one genealogical software program, transfer data from an old to a new one, or share files with other users, you'll be getting to know **GEDCOM**. This acronym stands for **GE**nealogical **DA**ta **CO**munications. This standard, developed by the Family History Department of the LDS church, is supported by every major genealogy program. There is some variation in how different software developers have implemented GEDCOM, but most programs do an adequate job of data import. **Cyndi's List** has a set of links to more information about GEDCOM at

- <http://www.cyndislist.com/gedcom.htm>

The Canadian Internet Genealogy Challenge

Fine-tune your Internet genealogy research skills and explore some great Canadian websites – try VPL's own VPL "Canadian Internet Genealogy Challenge" at:

- http://www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/Genealogy/Canadian_Internet_Genealogy_Challenge.html

Good luck!



Find It Now@VPL

Can't remember if VPL has Canadian census microfilms or not? Wondering about access to materials from the Hudson's Bay Company Archives? Curious to know if the latest updates to the Ontario birth, marriage and death indexes have arrived? For answers to these and other questions, VPL's **Find It Now** chat reference service is ready to help, Monday-Friday from 4-10 p.m. Simply log on to <http://www.vpl.ca/finditnow/> and click on the magnifying glass to connect with library information staff in real-time. If your question can't be answered immediately, it will be forwarded to the History & Government Division for a prompt reply.



Support the Genealogy Collection

The History & Government Division welcomes financial donations in support of the genealogical collection. Donations can be made by cash, money order, cheque (payable to the Vancouver Public Library Foundation) or credit card (MasterCard, VISA, American Express).

You can make a donation at your local branch, by telephone, or by mail. Please note that credit card donations can only be made by telephone or at the Central Library. Be sure to

specify that you would like your donation to be used to purchase genealogical materials.

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