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Genealogical Resources

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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

The Complete Guide to Creating Heritage Scrapbooks

2002 929.1 M53c

Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide

by Jonathan D. Shea & William F. Hoffman,

Ref. 929.34 S53f

Producing a Quality Family History

by Patricia Law Hatcher, 1996 929.1 H36p

Surnames and Genealogy: A New Approach

by George Redmonds 929.4 R31s

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: A Guide to Ancestry Research in the Scottish **Record Office**

by Cecil Sinclair, 1997 929.3411 S61t1

Track Down Your Ancestors and Draw Up Your Family Tree

by Estelle Catlett, 2003 929.341 C36t

Was Your Grandfather a Railwayman?, 4th ed.

by Tom Richards, 2002 929.3X R51w

Who Was Your Granny's Granny?: How to **Grow Your Family Tree**

by Paul Blake, 2003 929.1 B63w



Canada - General

Canadian Genealogical Resources: [A Guide to Materials Held at Cloverdale Library], 14th ed. Surrey Public Library, 2003 929.1X G98c6

Canadians in Khaki: South Africa, 1899-1900

1994

Ref. 968.04 C21a

Nominal Roll: 3rd, 12th and 13th Regiments, Canadian Mounted Rifles, Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1915-1916

compiled by W. Van der Schee, 1995 Ref. 929.37123 V22no

Nominal Rolls: 50th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1915

complied by W. Van der Schee, 1994 Ref. 929.37123 V22n

Tools of the Trade for Canadian Genealogy: A Guide for Family Historians Researching in Canada, revised and expanded ed.

by Althea Douglas, 2004 Ref. 929.1 D73t1

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Alberta

Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1883-1889: As Found in the Calgary, Alberta Newspapers

compiled by Gordon McMahon, 1993 Ref. 929.37123 A333b

Nova Scotia

Religious Marriages in Halifax, 1768-1841, From Primary Sources

by Terrence M. Punch, 1991 929,3716 H17P98r

Some Assessment, Tax Grantees, Tenants, and Other Lists, 1765-1789: Supplemental to the Nova Scotia Census

by Bernice C. Richard, 1985 929.3716 R51n

Ontario

Important Genealogical Collections in Ontario Libraries and Archives: A Directory

by Ryan Taylor, 1994 Ref. 929.3713 T24i

Index to the 1871 Census of Ontario: York Ontario Genealogical Society, 1992 929.3713 I38y

Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, vol.7 (January 1833 to December 1835) Ontario Genealogical Society, 2001 Ref. 929.3713 I383s

Lambton Resources for Family History Research

Ontario Genealogical Society, 1998 Ref. 929.3713 L22N66L

The New Loyalist Index, 3 vol. by Paul J. Bunnell, 1989-1998 Ref. 929.3713 B94n

Researching Your Family Tree: A
Beginner's Guide from the Toronto Branch
of the Ontario Genealogical Society, 3rd ed.
by Diane E. Clandenan et. al., 1998
929.1 C62r

Townships of Ontario Showing Their Related Districts, Counties and Regional Municipalities

compiled by Marilyn Wild, 1992 Ref. 929.3713 W66t

Townships of the Province of Ontario, Canada: A Complete Index of the Townships in all the Counties & Districts of Ontario

compiled by M. E. Gartner, 1992 Ref. 929.3713 G24t

Upper Canada Naturalization Registers, 1828-1850

by Norman K. Crowder, 1999 Ref. 929.3713 M15u1



United States

Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815

by William Dollarhide, 2000 929.373 D66m

British Isles

Are We Related?: How to Find Your Famous Ancestors

by Eve McLaughlin, 2002 929.341 M16ar

Local Newspapers, 1750-1920: England and Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man: A Select Location List

compiled by Jeremy Gibson, 1989 Ref. 929.342 G44L

GENUKI: U.K. & Ireland Genealogy on the Internet

David Hawgood, 2000 929.341 H39g

Online: www.hawgood.co.uk/genuki/contents.htm



A Guide to Irish Churches and Graveyards compiled by Brian Mitchell et. al.

Ref. 929.3415 G94m

The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers, 3rd ed.

edited by Cecil R. Humphery-Smith, 2003 929.342 R55h2

Your Scottish Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans

by Sherry Irvine, 1997 929.3411 I72y

Europe

The Family Tree Guide Book to Europe: Your Passport to Tracing Your Genealogy Across Europe

by Erin Nevius, 2003 929.34 N52f

Jewish Genealogy

From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History, updated ed. by Arthur Kurzweil, 2004 929.1 K96f2

Jews Resident in Ontario According to the 1851 to 1901 Censuses of Canada

by Glen Eker, 2002 929.3713 E36j

Sephardic Genealogy: Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World

by Jeffrey S. Malka, 2002 929.1 M25s

Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories

by David S. Zubatsky Ref. 929.3X Z93j1

Free Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

Regular genealogy programs have been temporarily suspended. However, the History & Government Division will be presenting the following program jointly with the Special Collections Department:

Canadian Directories for Genealogists Saturday, December 4, 2004 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, November 9

 Learn about old Canadian directories and how to use them in your genealogical research. Please call 604-331-3602 or register in person at the History information desk on Level 6.

Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

All programs are free!

The following workshops are aimed at the general library user, but genealogists are welcome. Learn important library skills and concepts that will help you get the most out of the resources available at the Vancouver Public Library.



Computer, Internet and E-mail Basics

For beginning computer users, VPL will be offering the following free series of programs throughout the Fall. For dates and times or to register, please call 604-331-3603 or register in person at the Central Library information desk, Level 2.

Computer Basics (90 minutes)

Get comfortable with using a computer during this 90-minute, hands-on course. Learn to use the mouse and the computer keyboard, and get an overview of basic computer functions. No previous experience required.

Internet Basics (2 hours)

Learn about what's available on the Internet and how to find it. We'll talk about browsers, navigation, and effective searching during this 2-hour, hands-on course.

Pre-requisite: Computer Basics or equivalent experience

E-Mail Basics (90 minutes)

Set up your own web-based e-mail account and explore the basics of sending and receiving e-mail in this 90-minute hands-on program.

Pre-requisite: Computer Basics & Internet Basics or equivalent experience



Old News

Thursday, September 16, 2004 2:00- 4:00 p.m.

Level 5 training room
Please register by calling 604-331-3741

 Explore newspapers from the 19th century to 1990. Learn to find articles, advertising and more in local, national and international newspapers.

One-to-One Library Catalogue Training

Tuesdays & Wednesdays September through November 2:00- 4:00 p.m.

Please register by calling 604-331-3603

Join us for a private 30-minute training session with a Vancouver Public Library staff member. If you have questions about the VPL Library Catalogue or if there are specific types of searches you would like to know about, these sessions are for you.

Research @ Your Library – Fall 2004 Saturdays September / November 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Level 5 training room
Please register by calling 604-331-3603

- Basic computer skills required.
- Spend a few hours learning how to do research @ your library. Whether you're a student, professional, or simply want to find something for your own interest, this 2-hour hands-on course is for you!





Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

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

5 biweekly Saturday afternoon sessions (September 26, October 2, October 23, November 6, November 20) 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: Brenda Smith

Charge: \$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.



Scandinavian Research: The Next Step

Saturday, September 4, 2004 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: John Herl Charge: \$10.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384

(local 303)

Learn techniques and tips for using the resources available for the Scandinavian countries. This program is for intermediate researchers with online experience.

Dutch Research

Saturday, September 11, 2004 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: Esther Perry

Charge: \$10.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384

(local 303)

 An introduction to research on your Dutch ancestors with an emphasis on Internet resources.



8th Annual Tri-Stake Family History Seminar: Finding Your Roots Saturday, October 16, 2004

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Surrey B.C. Stake Centre, 6270 – 126th Street, Surrey, 604-597-9695

 Presented by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All over the age of 12 years are welcome. Bring a bag lunch and view various noon hour displays.

Was Your Ancestor a Blacksmith? Saturday, October 30, 2004

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: Terry Miller

Charge: \$10.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384

(local 303)

Find out about the ancient craft of blacksmithing, and its history. A display of artifacts, and discussion of pioneer blacksmiths in Surrey. If your name is Smith, this one's for you!

Germans from Russia Saturday, November 13, 2004

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: Dave Obee

Charge: \$25.00 per day or \$15.00 per session Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384

(local 303)

Two Dozen or More Ways to Research Germans from Russia 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

 For many years, researchers had great difficulty researching these roots. Today, a huge amount of material is available, if you know where to look.

Finding Places in Germany and Eastern Europe

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

It takes a few special tricks to find places in Germany and points east. The researcher can save time by consulting the best sources. This lecture includes several samples from the problems Dave has been asked to solve over the years.

Genealogy on the Internet Friday, November 19, 2004 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Semiahmoo Library – Electronic Classroom #200 - 1815 – 152nd Street, Surrey

Instructor: Jacqui Haines

Charge: \$10.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-501-5855

 A hands-on introduction to finding and using the wealth of Genealogy resources available online.



Canadian Religious Records: Navigate the Maze

Saturday, December 4, 2004 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: Sheila Middleton

Charge: \$10.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384

(local 303)

 Locating and using Canadian religious records for genealogy research.



The British Columbia Genealogical Society is Proud to Present...

Ken Aiken

Family History Lecturer, Instructor & Researcher

- Member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists
- Member of the faculty of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies

Ken Aiken will be presenting two programs on the weekend of September 24-25:

Learning Evidence Analysis and Research Logic Though Self-directed Study

Friday, September 24, 2004

Held in the Boardroom of the BCGS Resource Centre, #211, 12837 – 76th Avenue, Surrey

Geared toward the more advanced researcher.

All-Day Seminar

4 lectures, 60 minutes each:

Romancing the Librarian

Tips for genealogists doing library research.

Overcoming the Curse of Floating Bits of Paper

Keeping research notes and research logs.

Correlating Genealogical Evidence

Family Reconstitution

A useful approach for problem-solving.

Saturday, September 25, 2004

Doors open: 8:30 a.m., session: 9:00-4:00 a.m.

Edmonds Centre for the Retired 7282 Edmonds Street (at Kingsway) Burnaby, B.C.

<u>Tickets</u>

Friday only: \$25 (BCGS members: \$20) Saturday only: \$25 (BCGS members: \$20) Both sessions: \$50 (BCGS members: \$40)

Available from:

- B.C. Genealogical Society P.O. Box 88054 Lansdowne Mall Richmond, B.C. V6X 3T6
- Susan Snalam 604-273-8209
- BCGS meetings
- Or at the door. NOTE: Friday session limited to 18 participants. Please reserve early.

Make cheques payable to BCGS

More information

Susan Snalam, 604-273-8209 Eunice Robinson, eunice@dccnet.com





Field Trips

Irish Trip – 2005 British Columbia Genealogical Society & Bonaventure Tours

Contact: Eunice Robinson at

eunice@dccnet.com

Now taking names of interested Irish researchers. Planning:

- 1 week in Northern Ireland
- 1 week in Southern Ireland
- ...a few days in Belfast and Dublin
- and possibly more...

Also Noted...

Celebrate Your Anglo-Celtic Roots September 17-19, 2004

Ottawa

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

www.bifhsgo.ca/

Genealogical Fair September 18, 2004, Saint John

New Brunswick Genealogical Society Saint John Branch

www.bitheads.com/nbgs/sj-events.html

Family Roots 2004 October 16, 2004, Calgary

Alberta Family Histories Society

www.family-roots.ca/

2004 SGS Seminar October 22-24, 2004, Moose Jaw

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

www.rootsweb.com/~skmjbsgs/seminar.htm



Lark Rise to Candleford

Many family historians are interested in more than simply collecting names, dates and places related to their ancestors. They want to know about how their ancestors lived. To that end, for genealogists with roots in 19th-century rural England, I can't recommend any book more highly than Flora Thompson's <u>Lark Rise to</u> Candleford.

Flora Thompson was born in 1876, in a hamlet on the borders of Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire. She published poetry, but is best remembered for *Lark Rise to Candleford*, an elegantly written autobiographical trilogy, chronicling her childhood and youth experiences in the hamlet in which she was born, the nearby village, and a small market town. Reviewers have described it as "observed with an eye, and a heart, that missed nothing" and "one of the most sensitive memorials of Victorian rural England".

I was captivated by this book when I first read it, and would include it on my list of books to take to a desert island. Lark Rise to Candleford is a charming, compelling and personal portrait of a vanished time and place – a real treasure.

-- Janet Tomkins Genealogy librarian VPL

Interlibrary Loans -Now Online

Genealogists wishing to request microfilms and other materials from external archives and libraries such as of the Archives of Ontario and the Library and Archives of Canada can now place requests online. All that's needed is a Vancouver Public Library card. Go to the Vancouver Public Library catalogue at **ipac2.vpl.ca/** and click on InterLibrary Loan (in the blue bar). Complete and submit the online form and you're done! The Library will contact you when your material has arrived. Note that not all archives and libraries make their materials available through ILL.



Brian W. Hutchison Genealogical Scholarship

The Alberta Family Histories Society has announced the availability of the above scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to be awarded annually to a Canadian resident. The scholarship is to be used towards the cost of tuition and books, for the recipient to study the field of genealogy and family history in a recognized educational or accreditation program. The deadline for the applications for the 2005 award is December 31, 2004. More information available at:

www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/

B.C. Vital Statistics - Changes to Access

In future, you'll have to wait even longer to get access to B.C. vital records. On June 4, 2004, the *Vital Statistics Amendment Act* (S.B.C. 2004, c.55) came into force. The new Act increases restrictions on who may access vital records and significantly increases time frames governing their release.

Perhaps most significantly for genealogists, birth registrations will not be generally released until more than 120 years have passed since the birth of the person for whom the certificate is being sought. The previous public release

date was 100 years after birth. Public release of dates for marriages (after 75 years) and deaths (after 20 years) remain unchanged.

Anyone will be able to obtain a birth registration for any person who has been deceased for more than 20 years. And any person will be able to obtain marriage certificates if both parties to the marriage have been deceased for 20 years or more or if more than 75 years have passed since the marriage.

Is Your Name Pimbury?

If your name – or the name of anyone you know – is Pimbury, please contact Mike Pimbury immediately! Mr. Pimbury, age 73, of North London, believes that he is possibly the only living Pimbury in the world. Mr. Pimbury has no children, and fears that his name will die with him. Researchers in the U.K., Canada, Australia and New Zealand have not been able to find anyone else with the same name. E-mail: info@people-search.co.uk



Order English and Welsh Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates over the Internet

The General Register Office (U.K.) is offering a new online service to genealogists. As of July 2004, researchers around the world can order birth, marriage and death certificates for England and Wales over the Internet. The service was extended to international customers following a successful pilot service for U.K. residents.

To order pre-1900 birth, marriage and death certificates, you will need the GRO Index number. Payment must be made online by credit card, and the cost for each certificate is 7 pounds. The service was recently tested by a Vancouver resident, and the certificate was received one week after the order had been submitted online.

To use the online certificate ordering service, go to:

www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates

The biggest hurdle to using this new service may be obtaining the GRO Index number, if you don't already have it. If you can't travel to the Family Records Centre in London, one of the following options may help:

FreeBMD

 This ongoing volunteer-based project is aimed at transcribing the civil registration indexes for England and Wales, and providing free online access to the transcribed records. Almost100 million records have already been entered. FreeBMD is available at: http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/

Family History Centres

 Many of the birth, marriage and death indexes for England and Wales are available on microfilm or microfiche at the local Family History Centres in Burnaby and Surrey.

1837 online.com

 This website contains an entire digitized copy of the indexes of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales beginning in 1837. Note, however, that access is not free; it is "pay-per-view". Available at: www.1837online.com



Our Roots / Nos Racines: Canada's Local Histories Online

The Canadian Culture Online program of the Department of Canadian Heritage has partnered with institutions across Canada to provide Canadians with online access to Canadian local histories. The unique "Our Roots" website comprises digitized copies of hundreds of accounts of the history and heritage of cities, towns, and regions across Canada. The local histories are accessible by keyword search, or, if you prefer, browse Title, Author or Subject lists. Local histories often refer to local residents by name, and can broaden your knowledge of the times and places in which your ancestor lived. "Our Roots" is free, and is available at:

Eastman Genealogy Newsletter

www.ourroots.ca

While you're waiting for the next quarterly issue of the VPL Genealogical Resources

Newsletter, you might want to consider subscribing to Eastman's Genealogy

Newsletter, an online daily compendium of genealogical news and information. The EOGN is published daily, and is available as both a free, standard edition and a "Plus Edition" (\$19.95 U.S. annually). Content is wide-ranging, and numerous links to additional genealogical news item are provided. To

subscribe to either the standard or Plus Edition of *Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter*, go to: www.eogn.com/home/

Scrapbook Your Family History

"Scrapbooking" is a popular new hobby that involves showcasing photographs – of children, travel, etc. – in creative album layouts incorporating specialty papers, stickers, fancy borders, etc. (For examples, go to www.bhg.com/bhg/crafts/ and follow the "Scrapbooking" link. This is one of many websites on which you'll find lots of scrapbooking information and ideas).

"Family History" is a favourite scrapbooking theme, and the hobby is an ideal way of presenting and preserving the results of your genealogical research in an attractive, interesting way. The Vancouver Public Library collection includes many books on scrapbooking, including the following titles that focus specifically on scrapbooking your family history:

The Complete Guide to Creating Heritage Scrapbooks

by Memory Makers, 2002 929.1 M53c

Creating Your Family Heritage Scrapbook: From Ancestors to Grandchildren, Your Complete Resource & Idea Book for Creating a Treasured Heirloom

by Maria Given Nerius and Bill Gardner, 2001 929.1 N44c

New Ideas for Crafting Heritage Albums by Bev Kirschner Braun, 2001 771.46 B82n

Scrapbooking Your Family History by Maureen Taylor, 2003 771.46 T24s

To request any of the preceding titles, go to our online Library Catalogue at ipac2.vpl.ca/ or call 604-331-3603.

Scrapbooking supplies and equipment are readily available in the Lower Mainland, at photography and craft stores, and at The Scrapbook Warehouse (8392 Oak Street, at Marine Drive; tel. 604- 266-4433; website: www.scrapbookwarehouse.com/).

Start scrapbooking and turn your family photos and memories into a treasured heirloom.

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 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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