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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 ipac2.vpl.ca

Ref. items must be used in the library.

General Interest

30 Seconds: A Guide to Organizing Your Genealogy Files

by Robert R. Langman, 2001
929.1 L28t

Family History Cookbook

by Jennifer Hunt Johnson, 2003
929.1 J67f

The Field Guide for Genealogists, 2nd ed.

by Judy Jacobson, 2003
929.373 J17f

Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Family's History and Heritage

by Barbara Renick, 2003
929.1 R41g

Genealogy for the First Time: Research Your Family History

by Laura Best, 2003
929.1 B56g

Genealogy Online for Dummies, 4th ed.

by Matthew Helm, 2004
929.10285 H47g2

How to do Everything with Your Genealogy

by George G. Morgan, 2004
929.1 M84h

Canada - General

Doukhobor Ship Passenger Lists, 1898-1928

by Steve Lapshinoff, 2001
Ref. 929.371 L31d

Society of Named Doukhobors of Canada 1937 Membership List

by Steve Lapshinoff, 2001
Ref. 929.371 L31s



Ontario

Federal Voters Lists in Ontario, 1935-1979: A Finding Aid

compiled by Dave Obee, 2004
Ref. 929.3713 O12f

Index to the General Register, Elgin County Land Registry Office, 3 vol.

by James L. McCallum, 2002
Ref. 929.3713 E41L25m

Methodist Baptisms for Northern York County, Ontario, 1842-1896

compiled by Ruth Burkholder, 1998
Ref. 929.3713 Y62B95m



***Peel County Marriages in York County
Marriage Registers, 1858-1869***

compiled by Ruth Burkholder, 1998
Ref. 929.3713 P37B95p

Wesleyan Registers

Carleton County, 1830-1899

transcribed by Ottawa Branch, OGS
Ref. 929.3713 C28W51o

Haldimand County, 1843-1896

transcribed by Haldimand County Branch, OGS
Ref. 929.3713 H159O59w

Hastings County, 1840-1904

transcribed by Quinte Branch, OGS
Ref. 929.3713 H35W51o

Lambton County, 1840-1894

transcribed by Lambton County Branch, OGS
Ref. 929.3713 L22W51b

Lanark County, 1843-1902

transcribed by Ottawa Branch, OGS
Ref. 929.3713 L24W51o

Waterloo Region

transcribed by Waterloo Region Branch, OGS
Ref. 929.3713 W32H87w

Atlantic Provinces

***Heads of Households of Cities, Towns,
Villages and Settlements of New Brunswick,
1865-1866.***

by Ruby M. Cusack, 1994
Ref. 929.37151 C98h

***The Herald, Charlottetown, Prince Edward
Island: Vital Statistics, Oct. 1864 to Oct.
1871***

compiled by Dan MacDonald, 2003
Ref. 929.3717 H53mv

***Kings County, New Brunswick Marriages.
Register C & D***

by John R. Elliott, 1991
929.37154 K55M35cd

***Marriages Register, Albert County, New
Brunswick, 1846-1887***

by Ken Kanner, 1984
Ref. 929.37153 A33M35k

***Marriage Register, Westmorland County,
N.B., 1790-1856. Part I***

by Ken Kanner, 1986
Ref. 929.37152 W53M35ka

***Marriages: Register C, Saint John County,
New Brunswick, 1839-1847***

by Ruby M. Cusack, 1990
Ref. 929.37153 S14M35c



***Marriages: Register D, Saint John County,
New Brunswick, 1847-1853***

by Ruby M. Cusack, 199-?
Ref. 929.37153 S14M35d

Prairie Provinces

***List of Doukhobors Living in Saskatchewan
in 1905***

by Steve Lapshinoff, 1996
Ref. 929.37124 L31L

North America

***Acadian Awakenings: Roots & Routes,
International Links, An Acadian Family in
Exile***

by William D. Gerrior, 2003
929.2 G37a

Irish Emigrants in North America, Part One, Part Two, and Part Three

by David Dobson, 2000
Ref. 929.37 D63i



British Isles

Tracing Your Twentieth Century Family History

by Stuart A. Raymond, 2003
929.341 R27t

Top Pick

The most outstanding new genealogical book noted of late is ***Journeys in Family History: The National Archives' Guide to Exploring Your Past, Finding Your Ancestors*** by David Hey (929.341 K61j). A "must-read" for English and Welsh researchers, it contains all the information one would expect to find about sources such as "Gravestones", "Census Returns", and "Parish Registers". It is further distinguished, however, by its fascinating exploration of past times, through a series of general chapters discussing and illustrating the daily experiences, communities and societies of our British ancestors. Topics include "Industry", "Poverty", and "Stability and Mobility". The information is presented from a genealogical perspective, and provides invaluable background for the family history researcher. With its beautiful design and treasure-trove of photographs and other images, this masterful melding of social and family history cannot be recommended too highly.

Ontario Census Lookout!

In order to maximize the usability of our Canadian census microfilm collection, the Vancouver Public Library is greatly expanding its collection of printed census indexes and transcriptions. We have started with Ontario, due to the province's large population, and the

fact that many branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society have been active in producing census-related publications. In view of the online availability of partial 1871 and full 1881 census indexes for the province, the initial focus is on acquiring 1851, 1861, 1891 and 1901 census publications. Hundreds have been ordered, and will be listed in upcoming issues of the newsletter. Among items to have arrived in the Division to date:



1861 Census

Grey County

- ***Bentinck Township***
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21be 1861
- ***Derby Township***
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21de 1861
- ***Egremont Township***
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21eg 1861

1901 Census

Bruce County

- ***Albemarle Township and Cape Croker Indian Reserve***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21aL 1901
- ***Amabel Township and Saugeen Indian Reserve***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21am 1901
- ***Brant Township (does not include Walkerton)***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21br 1901
- ***Bruce Township***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21bru 1901
- ***Carrick Township (includes Mildmay, Formosa, Carlsruhe & Deemerton)***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21ca 1901
- ***Culross Township & Teeswater***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21co
- ***Eastnor Township***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21e 1901
- ***Elderslie Township & Chesley and Paisley Villages***
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21eL 1901

- **Greenock Township**
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21gr 1901
- **Kinloss Township & Lucknow Village**
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21kL 1901
- **Saugeen Township & Port Elgin and Southampton Villages**
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21sa 1901
- **Warton Town, Bruce County**
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21wi 1901



- **Sarawak Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21sa 1901
- **St. Vincent Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21sv 1901
- **Sullivan Township (includes Chatsworth, Desboro, Deady, Peabody, Williamsford)**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21su 1901
- **Sydenham Township (includes Annan, Bognor, Leith, Woodford)**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21sy 1901
- **Thornbury Town**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21th 1901

Grey County

- **Bentinck Township (not including Hanover Village)**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21be 1901
- **Collingwood Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21co 1901
- **Derby Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21de 1901
- **Dundalk Village**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21du 1901
- **Durham Town**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21dur 1901
- **Egremont Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21eg 1901
- **Euphrasia Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21eu 1901
- **Hanover Village (Bentinck Township)**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21ha 1901
- **Holland Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21ho 1901
- **Huron Township**
Ref. 929.3713 B88S21hu 1901
- **Keppel Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21ke 1901
- **Markdale Village**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21ma 1901
- **Meaford Town**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21me 1901
- **Normanby Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21n 1901
- **Osprey Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21o 1901
- **Proton Township**
Ref. 929.3713 G84S21pr 1901

B.C. Vital Events - Latest Update Now Available!

The latest release of B.C. civil registration records is now available. These records comprise 1929 marriages and 1984 deaths. The newly-released records are on microfilm, and are available on Level 6 at the Central Library. The Library also has all previously released B.C. birth, marriage and death records, back to 1872. Please note that provincial legislation passed in 2004 affected the embargo dates for birth records. These records were previously released after 100 years, but will now be sealed for 120 years. The next release of birth records, therefore, is not expected until 2025.

B.C. Will Indexes - Now Available at the Vancouver Public Library

The Vancouver Public Library has recently acquired indexes to all probated British Columbia wills covering the period 1861-1981. With these indexes, you can take the vital first step towards locating B.C. wills probated during this period. The indexes also cover probate files for the City of Victoria.

The B.C. will indexes are on 6 microfilms. Note that although the indexes tell you whether or not a will exists, they do not contain actual wills. If you find an index reference of interest, you can obtain a copy of the original will in one of two ways:

- Wills between 1861-1947 are available on microfilm at the Cloverdale Branch of the Surrey Public Library, 5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C., V3S 4G9; Fax: 604-576-1384; Telephone: 604-576-0120.
- Copies of wills from 1948-1981 can be obtained from the B.C. Archives, 675 Belleville Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 9W2; Fax: 1-250-387-2072; Telephone: 1-250-387-1952.



Obituary Research Guide

Obituaries are a rich source of information for genealogists. In addition to basic information such as date of death and place of burial, obituaries often include the names of other family members, occupation, information about favourite pastimes, and more.

To help genealogists locate obituaries, the Vancouver Public Library has produced an **Obituary Research** study guide. As well as describing strategies for locating obituaries, the guide lists obituary collections, both in print and online, and explains how to identify and obtain old newspapers that might contain obituaries. Although the focus is on Canadian, and particularly B.C., obituaries, the guide also lists relevant British and U.S. resources. You can obtain a free copy of the **Obituary Research** study guide at the Information Desk on Level 5 or 6. It is also available online at http://www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/StudyGuides/obituary_research.html

Free Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

Canadian Directories for Genealogists Wednesday, April 20, 2005

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, March 21

- Learn about old Canadian directories and how to use them in your genealogical research. Presented jointly by the Fine Arts and History Division and the Special Collections Department.

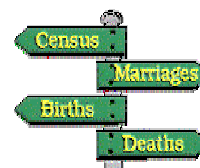
Genealogy for Chinese-Canadians: Exploring Your Roots

Saturday, May 21

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 25

- This all-day workshop will introduce those of Chinese ancestry to basic tools and techniques for researching their Canadian roots. Includes an in-depth look at various documentary sources, including the *General Register of Chinese Immigration*, vital event records, census records, and more.



Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com

- One of the most popular genealogical databases, **Ancestry.com** is now available for free at the Vancouver Public Library. Learn how to get the most out of this vast and complicated but rich and rewarding research resource by attending a free one-hour, hands-on workshop. Registration is required, and begins on Monday, May 9. To register, please call 604-331-3603, or come to the Fine Arts and History Division on Level 6 at the Central Library. Choose from the following dates:

Saturday, June 4
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 9
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 15
2:00-3:00 p.m.

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.

Research @ Your Library

Wednesdays

April 6, 13, 20, 27

Central Library, Level 5 Lab

6:00-8:00 p.m.

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! Basic computer skills required.

- To register for April classes, call 604-331-3603 or drop by the Level 5 Information Desk at the Central Library.

Old News

Wednesday, April 6

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Central Library, Level 5 Lab

Come and explore newspapers from the 19th century to 1990! In this free 2-hour session, learn to find articles, advertising and more, in local, national and international newspapers. Hosted by Newspapers & Magazines and Special Collections. Registration required.

Phone 604-331-3742 or go to the Information Desk on Level 5.



Computer, Internet and E-mail Basics

For beginning computer users, VPL will be offering the following free series of programs during April - June. For dates and times for the following courses, or to register, please call 604-331-3603 or register in person at the Central Library Information Desk, Level 2. Some classes are offered in Spanish or Chinese.

Note that **Computer Basics** will not be offered this Spring.

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

For more information, see:

- www.vpl.ca/events/hotnews/inettrain.html





Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

Military Research

Saturday April 9, 2005

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: Colin Stevens

Charge: \$10.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384
(local 303 or 304)

- Discover how to find records and history of Canadian military personnel in conflicts including World War 2. Learn how to interpret military photographs, uniforms and insignia.

Finding Your Female Ancestors

Saturday April 23, 2005

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

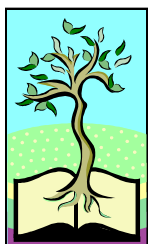
Cloverdale Library, 5642-176A Street, Surrey

Instructor: Diane Rogers

Charge: \$10.00

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384
(local 303 or 304)

- Techniques and guidance for tracing elusive female branches on your family tree.



Also Noted...

Gene-O-Rama

April 8-9, 2005

Ottawa, Ontario

Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society,
in partnership with Ottawa Public Library

- www.ogsottawa.on.ca/

Alberta Genealogical Society Annual Conference

April 23-24, 2005

Edmonton, Alberta

Alberta Genealogical Society

- <http://abgensoc.ca/conference.html>

Finding Those Elusive Ancestors

April 23, 2005

Oakville, Ontario

Region V, Ontario Genealogical Society

More information:

- Ann Logan, annchristinelogan@yahoo.ca
- Jane Watt, jwatt@ica.net
- Betty Cameron, bbmcam@sympatico.ca

Region II Annual Study Day

April 30, 2005

London, Ontario

Region II, Ontario Genealogical Society

More information:

- Dennis Mulligan, dmulligan@alumni.uwa.ca

Region III Annual Meeting

April 30, 2005

Durham, Ontario

Bruce and Grey Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society

- www.bmts.com/~bgogs/

Professional Research and Business Skills May 26, 2005

Windsor, Ontario

Ontario Chapter - Association of Professional Genealogists

- www.rootsweb.com/~onapg/

Seminar 2005

May 27-29, 2005

Windsor, Ontario

Ontario Genealogical Society

- www.ogsseminar.org

Red River Descendants Reunion

August 13-21, 2005

Selkirk, Manitoba

Lower Fort Garry Volunteer Association

- www.redriverdescendantsreunion.org/

Research Academies - National Institute for Genealogical Studies

The National Institute of Genealogical Studies (Toronto) will be offering a series of special "Research Academy Conferences" in 2005. These events provide the opportunity for genealogists with some experience to benefit from specialized instruction and focused research. For more information, go to www.genealogicalstudies.com and click on **Information**, then **Field Trips**.

Life in 19th-Century Ontario

What was daily life like for your ancestors? Even if they didn't leave diaries or letters, first-hand accounts by others can provide a vivid impression of your ancestors' world. Here are a few examples from 19th-century Ontario:



Roughing It In the Bush, or, Life in Canada
by Susanna Moodie
917.1 M81r5
This highly-detailed portrait of 1830s frontier life in Upper Canada is perhaps the best-known Canadian pioneer narrative. It was published in 1852.

Life in the Clearings by Susanna Moodie
917.135 M81L
In the 1853 sequel to ***Roughing It in the Bush***, Susanna Moodie described the social life and customs of the new society as observed during a trip from Belleville to Niagara Falls.

Backwoods of Canada by Catharine Parr Traill
917. 13 T76b1
Catharine Parr Traill was the sister of Susanna Moodie, and lived next door. This book, published in 1836, described her first three

years in the bush after emigrating from England to Canada in the 1830s, as the newly-married wife of a British army officer.

Twenty-Seven Years in Canada West by Samuel Strickland
917.13 S91t
Samuel Strickland was the brother of Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr Traill. In this book, he described his experiences as a gentleman pioneer in the bush country just east of Toronto.

Across the Waters: Ontario Immigrants' Experiences, 1820-1850 by Frances Hoffman and Ryan Taylor.
Comprises the first-hand accounts of more than 150 immigrant pioneers in Upper Canada.



English Immigrant Voices: Labourer's Letters from Upper Canada in the 1830s, edited by Wendy Cameron, Sheila Haines and Mary McDougall Maude.
971.3004 E58c
A collection of letters written mainly by rural, working-class people from the south of England who emigrated to Upper Canada in the early 1830s.

Much to be Done by Francis Hoffman and Ryan Taylor
971.3 H69m
Explores the lives of women from all walks of life in Victorian Ontario, using excerpts from the diaries of about fifty women (and six men).

Young Mr. Smith in Upper Canada by Mary Larratt Smith
917.13503 S65y
This book, by Mr. Smith's granddaughter, provides an account of the life of a young man who arrived in Toronto from England in 1833, at the age of twelve, and became a successful barrister and prominent member of Toronto

society. It comprises many excerpts from his diaries and letters.

A Pioneer Story: The Daily Life of a Canadian Family in 1840 by Barbara Greenwood

J971.039 G81p

This is a different type of book, but is also highly recommended. Unlike the titles listed previously, it does not comprise primary-source material such as diary extracts and letters. Instead, it alternates between beautifully told fictional stories describing the frontier life of a family named the Robertsons, and non-fiction chapters explaining and illustrating their living conditions and seasonal activities. Although written for children, it is highly recommended for anyone with an interest in this period. It would also be a great vehicle for sharing family history with your own children or grandchildren.

Voter's Lists at Library and Archives Canada

A new finding aid on the Canadian Genealogy Centre website describes how to research federal voters' lists. These lists were created beginning with the election of 1935, and are available on microfilm from Library and Archives Canada. Tips for finding other kinds of voters' lists are also provided in the finding aid. The online guide is available at:
www.genealogy.gc.ca/10/100707_e.html

London Ancestors on the Web

For those with ancestors in London, England, the following websites may be of interest:

London Metropolitan Archives
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/corporation/family-research/

This website provides information about the collections and services of the London Metropolitan Archives, including their "Family History Research Service" for remote users. It comprises the **London Generations Database**, a free catalogue of the LMA's major family history sources, and **London Signatures**, a free index of 10,000 wills from the Archdeaconry Court of Middlesex.

The London Burial Grounds www.doubleo.fsnet.co.uk

This informative site aims to provide a record of all burial grounds in London, with current photographs, as well as historical notes and images where possible.

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey www.oldbaileyonline.org

A searchable online edition of the accounts of 100,621 trials held at London's central criminal court from April 1674 to October 1834. Includes links to digitized scans from the original *Proceedings*.

GENUKI: London Genealogy
<http://homepages.gold.ac.uk/genuki/LND/>
Extensive information and links on London and its parishes and boroughs from one of the premier websites for United Kingdom research.



Your Coat of Arms - Maybe!

As a genealogist, you may be interested in finding your coat of arms – and many businesses would be willing to provide you with one (at a price of course). But what exactly would you be getting for your money? If you are really interested in finding your family's coat of arms, it's worthwhile spending a few minutes considering exactly what a "coat of arms" is all about.

The use of coats of arms dates back to the Middle Ages. Originally, coats of arms were granted to knights and were displayed on their armour. Eventually, the number of coats of arms and the potential confusion among them led to the development of an official class of heralds, who regulated such matters. The study of coats of arms is called heraldry.

A “coat of arms” is sometimes also correctly referred to as a “heraldic achievement” or “armorial bearings”. Many people also use the terms “coat of arms” and “crest” interchangeably. However, a coat of arms is not the same thing as a crest. A crest is just one part of a coat of arms. Specifically, it is the part of a coat of arms that appears at the top, above the shield. There are books of family crests, but these books will not show you a family’s full coat of arms, just the crest part of it.

There are two ways to legitimately acquire a coat of arms. One is to establish a hereditary claim, and the other is by a new grant.

Hereditary Claims

If an ancestor of yours was granted a coat of arms, then you may have a hereditary claim. However, it is important to understand that there is no such thing as a “family” coat of arms. A coat of arms is granted to an **individual**, not to a family. It can be passed to a person’s descendants, through the direct male line. However, the descendants add what are called “difference marks”. Difference marks are standardized. For example, an eldest son adds a difference mark called a “label” to his father’s coat of arms. A second son adds a crescent, a third son a mullet, and so on. There are a total of nine standard difference marks. After the father dies, the eldest son can use his coat of arms without the difference mark.

In medieval times, the right to use a particular design as a coat of arms was granted by the ruler of a country to someone who had done him a great service. There is very little

chance that one of your ancestors was granted a coat of arms in this way. It is possible that a coat of arms was granted to a person of the same surname, but it is not your coat of arms unless you can prove that the person was your direct ancestor and that the coat of arms was passed down the family line, through the direct male descendants, to you.

It is very difficult to do this. Over the centuries, many families have taken arms that belonged to other families of the same name, usually without authority and without demonstrating that the families were related. Therefore, even if you can trace the use of a coat of arms by your ancestors over a long period of time, it does not necessarily mean that it is your coat of arms.

Moreover, reference books about coats of arms often contain errors, making it very difficult to prove a claim. The most reliable way to prove that you have a hereditary claim to a coat of arms is to have a heraldic expert search the records of one of the heraldic authorities. In Canada and the British Isles, these authorities are:

The Canadian Heraldic Authority

- www.gg.ca/heraldry/cha-history_e.asp

College of Arms [England and Wales]

- www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/

The Court of the Lord Lyon [Scotland]

- www.lyon-court.com/lordlyon

Office of the Chief Herald [Ireland]

- www.nli.ie/fr_offi2.htm



Other European countries have a long history of using coats of arms, similar to the British Isles, but unlike the British Isles, they do not have heraldic authorities. There are, however, non-governmental offices that regulate the use of coats of arms in Austria, Belgium, Germany,

the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, and Sweden. For more information, contact a consulate or embassy.

Otherwise, if you find a coat of arms for your surname in a reference book – or if you are offered one by a commercial outfit – it probably only means that sometime, somewhere, a person with the same surname as you was granted a coat of arms. More likely than not, it had nothing to do with your ancestors.

New Grants

If you cannot establish a hereditary claim to a coat of arms, you may be able to have a coat of arms created for you. Of course, you can create your own, or have one for you created by a commercial outfit, but it will have no official status. To be an official, legitimate coat of arms, it must be created by one of the heraldic authorities. These authorities have been delegated the right to grant arms originally exercised by the monarch in medieval times.

The granting procedure typically includes submitting a petition, which is then reviewed. Factors such as the petitioner's contribution to the community are considered. If approved, the petitioner works with a herald on the design of the new arms. There are substantial fees involved in petitioning for and obtaining a new grant. These vary considerably, but in Canada, the minimum total cost including processing fee, preliminary design, and artwork is around \$1500.

Further Research

For those who wish to study the subject in depth, the Vancouver Public Library has a large number of books on heraldry. In addition to titles which describe and explain heraldry, there are many books with information about "armigerous families" -- that is, families entitled to bear coats of arms. Many of these books are listed in our new study guide: **Coats of Arms**. This is available in the Fine Arts and History Division (Level 6) and is also online at www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/StudyGuides/coats_of_arms.html

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 Fine Arts and History Division for a prompt reply.



Support the Genealogy Collection

The Fine Arts and History 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.

For more information, please contact:

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