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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

Dates and Calendars for the Genealogist

by Cliff Webb, 1989
Ref. 929.1 W36d

DNA and Family History: How Genetic Testing Can Advance Your Genealogical Research

by Chris Pomery, 2004
929.1 P78d

Help! I've Inherited an Attic Full of History,

rev. ed
by Althea Douglas, 2003
929.1 D73hi1

Virtual Roots 2.0: A Guide to Genealogy and Local History on the World Wide Web,

rev. and updated ed.
by Thomas Jay Kemp, 2003
929.10285 K32v1

Writing Up Your Family History: A Do-It-Yourself Guide,

2nd ed.
by John Tifford, 2003
929.1 T61w

Canada - General

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

vol. 2
by William D. Gerrior, 2003-2004
929.2 G37a

Access To Ancestry: A Genealogical Resource Manual for Canadians Tracing Their Heritage

by Elizabeth Briggs, 1995
Ref. 929.371 B85a



Destination Canada: A Guide to 20th Century Immigration Records,

2nd ed.
by Dave Obee, 2004
929.371 D47o1

Genealogy at the Library

by Library and Archives Canada, 2004
Ref. 929.371 L69g

How to Trace Your Loyalist Ancestors: A Review of Source Material Available at the Public Archives of Canada,

rev. ed.
by Patricia Kennedy, 1982
929.371 K36h

Records of the Department of Indian Affairs at Library and Archives Canada: A Source for Genealogical Research, 2nd ed.

by Bill Russell, 2004
Ref. 929.1 R96r1

Researching Your Aboriginal Ancestry at Library and Archives Canada

by Richard Collins, 2004
929.371 L69r

Western Canada

Canadian Border Entry Lists, 1908-1918. Part I. Yukon Territory & British Columbia

by Mary Kearns Trace, 1997
929.3711 T75c

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

compiled by Dave Obee, 2003
Ref. 929.3712 O12f

Pioneer Register: Pioneers of British Columbia Pre 1900, 3rd ed.

edited by Iline Gronlund, 2004
Ref. 929.3711 P66g1

Society of Names Doukhobors of Canada: 1930 Saskatchewan Membership List

by Jon Kalmakoff, 2004
Ref. 929.37124 K14s



Ontario

The Carp Review and Carleton County Advertiser: Birth, Marriage & Death Notices, 1945-1947

by Dolly Allen, 2004
Ref. 929.3713 C28a

Father Gordon's Register, 1830-1833: Reverend Edward John Gordon, 1791-1870

compiled by Francis V. McDevitt, 1995
Ref. 929.3713 G662f



Glengarry County Marriage Register, 1858-1869: An Indexed Version

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2001
929.3713 G55m

How to Use the Ontario Land Records Index, ca. 1780 – ca. 1920

by The Archives of Ontario, 2001
Ref. 929.3713 A67oh

Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, vol. 9

by The Ontario Genealogical Society, 2001-2004
Ref. 929.3713 I383s INDEX

Inhabitants of Toronto, Ontario, 1850

edited by Norman K. Crowder, 1993
Ref. 929.3713 I61cc

Lennox & Addington County Decade of Deaths, 1911-1920

by Patti Keller, 2004
Ref. 929.3713 L56k

Methodist Baptisms in Markham, 1843-1899: A Guide for Genealogists

compiled by Ruth M. Burkholder, 1995
Ref. 929.3713 Y61M34m

Methodist Baptisms in the Toronto Area, York County, Ontario, 1841-1910: A Guide for Genealogists, vol.1

compiled by Ruth M. Burkholder, 1999
Ref. 929.3713 Y61T68b

Methodist Baptisms in Whitchurch, 1843-1899: A Guide for Genealogists

compiled by Ruth M. Burkholder, 1994
Ref. 929.3713 Y62W58m

Research and Reference Resources in Perth County Townships and Towns: A Genealogical Handbook

by Lynda Greve, 2003
Ref. 929.3713 P46re

South Gower Cemetery, South Gower, Grenville County, Ontario

by The Leeds & Grenville Branch, OGS, 1992
Ref. 929.3713 G82G72os

***Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register:
District of Haliburton, 1861-1877***

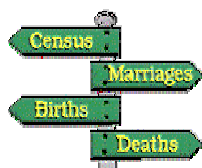
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Ref. 929.3713 H17W51o

***Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register:
Frontenac County, 1830-1898***

transcribed by Kingston Branch, OGS, 2002
Ref. 929.3713 F93W51o

***Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register:
London & Middlesex County, 1835-1903***

transcribed by London & Middlesex Branch, OGS,
2003
Ref. 929.3713 M62W51L



***Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register:
Oxford County, 1837-1906***

transcribed by Oxford Branch, OGS, 2003
Ref. 929.3713 O98W51o

***Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register:
Prince Edward County, 1841-1888***

transcribed by Quinte Branch, OGS, 2003
Ref. 929.3713 P95W51o

***Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register: York
County, 1835-1910***

transcribed by Toronto Branch, OGS, 2003
Ref. 929.3713 Y61W51o

***Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms, 1834-1898:
Lennox & Addington County, Ontario***

compiled by Linda Corupe, 1990
Ref. 929.3713 L56W51o

***Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms, 1843-1900:
Leeds and Grenville Counties, Ontario***

compiled by Edwin A. Livingston, 1990
Ref. 929.3713 L48W51oL

Quebec

***1891 Census of Sheen, Aberdeen, Esher &
Malakoff Townships, Pontiac County,
Quebec***

transcribed by Upper Ottawa Genealogical
Group, 2005
Ref. 929.3714 P81S54u 1891

***The Loyalists of the Eastern Townships of
Quebec***

by Linda Corupe, 1992
Ref. 929.3714 L92u

***Protestant Births & Baptisms, Shefford
County, Quebec, 1880-1899***

compiled by Kathleen Brock, 2002
Ref. 929.3714 S54b

***Protestant Death & Burial Index, Shefford
County, Quebec, 1880-1899***

compiled by Kathleen Brock, 2002
Ref. 929.3714 S54bd

***Protestant Marriage Index, Shefford County,
Quebec, 1880-1899***

compiled by Kathleen Brock, 2004
Ref. 929.3714 S54bm

***Ulster Protestant Emigration to Lower
Canada: Megantic County & St-Sylvestre***

by Gwen Barry, 2003
929.3714 M49b

Atlantic Provinces

***Irish Emigration to New England Through
the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick,
Canada, 1841 to 1849***

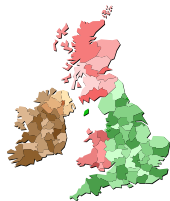
by Daniel F. Johnson, 1996
Ref. 929.3715 J66i

Scotland

***Gathering the Clans: Tracing Scottish
Ancestry on the Internet***

by Alan Stewart, 2004
929.3411 S84g

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: A Guide to Ancestry Research in the National Archives of Scotland, 3rd ed.
by Cecil Sinclair, 2003
929.3411 S61t2



New Ontario Census Publications

We are continuing to expand our collection of Ontario census books. The following were added to the collection during **July – September 2005**



1842 Census

Elgin County

- *Aldborough Township*
- *Bayham Township*
- *Dorchester Township*
- *Dunwich Township*
- *Malahide Township*
- *Southwold Township*
- *Yarmouth Township*

Haldimand County

- *Canborough Township*

Lanark County

- *Lanark County (Bathurst, Beckwith, Dalhousie, Darling, Drummond, Lanark, and North and South Sherbrooke Townships)*

Lincoln County

- *Clinton Township*
- *Wainfleet Township*

Welland County

- *Thorold Township*
- *Willoughby Township*

1851 Census

Brant County

- *City of Brantford (includes Brant, Kings, Queens, North, East wards)*

Durham County

- *Cartwright Township*

Elgin County

- *Aldborough Township*
- *Bayham Township*
- *Malahide Township*
- *South Dorchester Township*
- *Southwold Township*
- *Yarmouth Township*

Frontenac County

- *Frontenac County*

Kent County

- *Kent County Agricultural*

Lambton County

- *Plympton Township*

Lanark County

- *Bathurst and North Burgess Townships*
- *Beckwith Township*
- *Dalhousie, North Sherbrooke and South Sherbrooke Townships*
- *Montague Township*
- *North Elmsley Township and Smith's Falls (town)*
- *Town of Perth*



Lennox & Addington County

- *Richmond Township*

Lincoln County

- *Caistor Township*
- *Clinton Township*
- *Gainsborough Township*
- *Grimsby Township*
- *Louth Township*
- *Niagara Township & Town*

Perth County

- *Blanshard Township*
- *Downie Township*
- *Ellice Township*
- *Fullarton Township*
- *Hibbert Township*
- *Logan Township*
- *Mornington Township*
- *North Easthope Township*

Renfrew County

- *Stafford & Pembroke*

Welland County

- *Bertie Township*
- *Chippawa Village, Stamford Township*
- *Pelham Township*
- *Stamford Township*
- *Thorold Township*
- *Willoughby Township*

1861 Census

Algoma District

- *Algoma District*

Carlton County

- *Goulbourn Township*

Durham County

- *Cartwright Township*

Elgin County

- *Aldborough 1861*

Grenville County

- *Augusta Township*
- *Edwardsburgh Township*

Huron County

- *McGillvray Township*

Lambton County

- *Plympton Township*

Lanark County

- *Dalhousie Township*
- *Drummond Township*
- *Montague Township*
- *Pakenham Township*
- *Ramsay Township*

Leeds County

- *Yonge Township*

Lennox & Addington County

- *Adolphustown Township*
- *Amherst Island Township*

Lincoln County

- *Caistor Township*
- *Clinton Township*
- *Gainsborough Township*
- *Grantham Township*
- *Grimsby Township*
- *Louth Township*
- *Niagara Township*



Middlesex County

- *Adelaide Township*
- *Caradoc Township*
- *Delaware Township*
- *East Williams Township*
- *Ekfrid Township*
- *Lobo Township*
- *London Township*
- *McGillivray Township*
- *Metcalfe Township*
- *North Dorchester Township*
- *Town of Strathroy*
- *West Nissouri Township*
- *West Williams Township*
- *Westminster Township*

Oxford County

- *Blandford*
- *Dereham*
- *East Nissouri*
- *Embro*

Perth County

- *Blanshard Township*
- *Downie Township*
- *Ellice Township*
- *Elma Township*
- *Fullarton Township*
- *Hibbert Township*
- *Logan Township*
- *Mitchell*
- *Mornington Township*
- *Mosa Township*
- *North Easthope*
- *S. Easthope Township*
- *St. Marys*
- *Stratford*
- *Wallace Township*

Renfrew County

- *Admaston Township*

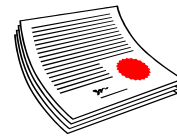
Welland County

- *Bertie Township*
- *Clifton Township*
- *Crowland Township*

- *Humberstone Township*
- *Pelham Township*
- *Stamford Township*
- *Thorold Township*
- *Thorold Village*
- *Village of Chippawa*
- *Village of Fort Erie*
- *Wainfleet Township*
- *Welland Village and Jail, Crowland Township*
- *Willoughby Township*

York County

- *Vaughan Township*



1881 Census

Monck County

- *Gainsborough Township*

1891 Census

Elgin County

- *Aldborough Township*

Grenville County

- *Village of Kemptville and Village of Merrickville*

Lanark County

- *Almonte (town), Darling & Lanark Townships and Lanark Village*
- *Drummond Township, Perth (Town)*
- *Pakenham Township*
- *Ramsay Township*
- *Smith Falls (town)*

Lennox & Addington County

- *Camden Township & Newburgh Village*
- *Sheffield Township*

Nipissing District

- *Appleby, Hagar, Awrey, Hawley, Dryden, Dill & Neelon*
- *Bleazard, McKim, (including Sudbury & Broder)*
- *Bonfield, Chisholm, Boulter & Ferris*
- *Calvin, Lauder, Ballantyne, Wilkes, Pentland, Paxton, Biggar, Olser, Lyster & Boyd*
- *Cambden/Cameron, Deacon, Fitzgerald*
- *Finlayson & Peck*
- *Index to Unorganized Territory*
- *Kirkpatrick, Hugel, Ratter & Dunnett*
- *Mattawa Village*
- *Nipissing Indian Reserve, Springer, Field, Badgerow & Caldwell*
- *North Bay, Widdifield, Phelps & Olig*
- *Papineaur & Mattawan*

Oxford County

- *Blandford Township*
- *Blenheim Township*
- *Dereham Township*
- *East Nissouri*
- *East Zorra*
- *Embro*
- *Ingersoll*
- *Tillsonburg*
- *West Zorra Township*

Perth County

- *Blanshard Township*
- *City of Stratford*
- *Downie Township*
- *Elma Township*
- *Fullarton Township*
- *Hibbert Township*
- *Listowel*
- *Logan Township*
- *Milverton*
- *Mitchell*
- *Mornington Township*
- *North Easthope Township*
- *St. Marys*
- *South Easthope Township*
- *Wallace Township*

Renfrew County

- *Admaston Township*
- *Alice and Fraser Townships*
- *Arnprior Village*
- *Bromley Township*
- *Pembroke Township*
- *Vaughan Township*



1901 Census

Elgin County

- *Aldborough Township*
- *Aylmer*
- *Bayham*
- *Dunwhich*
- *Dutton*
- *Malahide*
- *Port Stanley*
- *South Dorchester*
- *Southwold*
- *Springfield*
- *Vienna*
- *Yarmouth*

Essex County

- *Amherstburg*
- *Anderdon Township*
- *Belle River Village*
- *Colchester North Township*
- *Colchester South Township*
- *Essex Town*
- *Gosfield North Township*
- *Gosfield South Township*
- *Kingsville*
- *Maidstone Township*
- *Malden Township*
- *Mersea Township*
- *Rochester Township*
- *Sandwich East Township*
- *Sandwich South Township*
- *Sandwich Town*
- *Sandwich West Township*
- *Tilbury North Township*

- *Town of Leamington*
- *Walkerville*

Kent County

- *Bothwell Town*
- *Camden Township*
- *Chatham City*
- *Chatham Township*
- *Dover Township*
- *Dresden Town*
- *Harwich Township*
- *Howard Township*
- *Orford Township*
- *Raleigh Township*
- *Ridgetown*
- *Romney Township*
- *Thamesville Village*
- *Tilbury East Township*
- *Village of Tilbury*
- *Zone Township*

Lambton County

- *Alvinston*
- *Arkona Village, Thedford Village*
- *Bosanquet Township*
- *Brooke Township*
- *City of Sarnia*
- *Dawn Township*
- *Enniskillen Township*
- *Euphemia Township*
- *Forest*
- *Moore Township*
- *Oil Springs*
- *Petrolia*
- *Point Edward*
- *Plympton Township*
- *Sarnia Township*
- *Sombra Township*
- *Warwick Township*
- *Watford*
- *Wyoming*

Nipissing District

- *Index of First Nations People from the Nipissing & Parry Sound*
- *Nipissing District*

Parry Sound District

- *Parry Sound District*

Perth County

- *Downie Township*
- *Elma Township*
- *Fullarton Township*
- *Listowel*
- *Milverton*
- *Mitchell*
- *Mornington*
- *South Easthope*
- *Wallace Township*

Multi-Year Census

- *Amherst Island, 1851-1852*
- *Augusta Township, Grenville County, 1796-1848*
- *Gore District, 1816-1850*
- *Markham, 1851-1881*
- *Newcastle District, 1803-1850*
- *Ottawa District, 1822-1850*
- *Renfrew County, 1842-1851*

Free Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library



Genealogical Research in British Columbia's Cemeteries

Thursday, November 17

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

- This workshop, co-sponsored by the B.C. Genealogical Society, will provide tips on locating cemetery lists and news about current cemetery projects in B.C. It will also explore cemetery etiquette, history and symbolism and offer ideas for taking better cemetery photographs, so that you can get the most out of your cemetery trip.
- Registration is required, and begins on Monday, October 17. To register, please call 604-331-3603 or come to Fine Arts and History on Level 6 at the Central Library.

Canadian Genealogy on the Internet

Saturday, November 19

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- This hands-on workshop will introduce key websites for genealogists researching their Canadian roots.
- Registration is required, and begins on Monday, October 17. To register, please call 604-331-3603, or come to Fine Arts and History on Level 6 at the Central Library.



Obituaries for Beginners

Wednesday, November 23

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

- Explore print and online resources for locating obituaries in B.C. newspapers during this 90-minute introductory session.
- Registration is required. To register, please call 604-331-3742 or come to Newspapers & Magazines on Level 5 at the Central Library.

Genealogy in England

Saturday, December 17

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- Learn the basics of English genealogical research. This workshop will introduce resources available at the Vancouver Public Library and on the Internet.
- Registration is required, and begins on Monday, November 14. To register, please call 604-331-3603, or come to Fine Arts and History on Level 6 at the Central Library.

Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

Techno Tuesdays: Google Tools for Web Searchers

Tuesday, October 18

Choose either an afternoon (2:00-3:00 p.m.)
or evening (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.) session

- Go beyond basic web searching. Find out more about specialized search tools available in Google.
- Registration is required. To register, please call 604-331-3603, or come to Newspapers & Magazines on Level 5 at the Central Library.

Discover Your Past: Local History Resources in Special Collections

Tuesday, October 18

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

- Using resources in Special Collections, we will search and find information on the history of the Vancouver Public Library.
- Participants in the workshop will be given a good overview of the local history research tools (indexes, maps, directories, etc.) available to them in Special Collections and will be shown slides and film footage of the history of the Vancouver Public Library.
- Registration is required. To register, please call 604-331-3778 or come to Special Collections on Level 7 at the Central Branch.



Techno Tuesdays: Oxford English Dictionary for History and Language Buffs

Tuesday, October 25

Choose either an afternoon (2:00-3:00 p.m.) or evening (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.) session

- Learn about word origins and history with the world's largest and most authoritative English language dictionary, now online!
- Registration is required. To register, please call 604-331-3603, or come to Newspapers & Magazines on Level 5 at the Central Library.



Research @ Your Library – Fall 2005 Saturdays

November 5, 12, 19 and 26

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Basic computer skills required.
- Spend some time 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!
- Registration is required. To register, please call 604-331-3603, or come to Newspapers & Magazines on Level 5 at the Central Library.

One-to-One Library Catalogue Training

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

- Learn how to use the Library Catalogue effectively by making an appointment for a 30-minute individual training session. In this introductory session, you will learn how to find specific books, videos and other materials, how to find works by the same author or on a similar subject, how to sort and limit your search results, how to request an item, how to read a catalogue

record, and how to access your library account online.

- To book your free appointment, please come to the Information Desk on the main level at the Central Library, or call 604-331-3603.

Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

9th Annual Tri-Stake Family History Seminar: Finding Your Roots

Saturday, October 15, 2005

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 are welcome. Bring a bag lunch and view various noon-hour displays.

Genealogy Lock-in Fundraiser

Sunday, October 23, 2005

Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch

Charge: \$35.00

- Lock yourself into the Cloverdale Library for a day of genealogical research and learning. We will open our doors on this particular Sunday for just this purpose. Obtain one-on-one assistance from a variety of optional workshops throughout the day.
- Payment is required upon registration. Please call 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304) to register.





Beginning Your Irish Research

Saturday, November 5, 2005

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch

Charge: \$10.00

Instructor: Eunice Robinson

- Launch the search of your Irish roots with the help of an expert.
- Please call 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304) to register.



One Time Wonders: Clean and Classic Scrapbooking *Workshop*

Thursday, November 10, 2005

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch

Charge: \$10.00

Instructor: Jette Herscovitch

- Turn your scrapbooking ideas into attractive family records, or gifts suitable for all occasions, and especially Christmas!
Required: 5 – 8 photographs.
- Please call 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304) to register.

Introduction to Scottish Research

Saturday, November 19, 2005

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch

Instructor: Lorraine Irving

Charge: \$10.00

- Learn how to trace your Scottish Ancestry: an overview of resources and approaches.
- Please call 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304) to register.



Historical Photograph Analysis

Saturday, November 26, 2005

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch

Instructor: Diane Rogers

Charge: \$10.00

- Your vintage photos may reveal more than meets the eye. Uncover historical information and find a story behind the snapshot!
- Please call 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304) to register.

Also Noted...

Family Reconstitution

Monday, October 17, 2005

Nanaimo Family History Society

Speaker: Eunice Robinson

- www.island.net/~nfhs/events.htm



Saskatchewan 100: Our People, Our Heritage

October 21-23, 2005

Regina

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

- www.saskgenealogy.com/seminar/events/Seminar%202005.htm

The Home Children

Monday, November 21, 2005

Nanaimo Family History Society

Speaker: Sydney Baker

- www.island.net/~nfhs/events.htm

New Vancouver Public Library Genealogy Guides

The Vancouver Public Library has produced two new guides for genealogists:

British Isles Genealogical Research at the Vancouver Public Library

- www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/StudyGuides/british_genealogy.html

Although the VPL genealogical collection focuses on Canadian resources, there are many resources that can help lay the groundwork and further your search for information about English, Welsh, Scottish or Irish ancestors. The Library also receives British genealogy magazines, and subscribes to several relevant databases. This guide provides further details.

British Isles Civil Registration Records

- www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/StudyGuides/british_civil_registration.html

The Vancouver Public Library does **not** have any birth, marriage and death records for the British Isles, nor does it have indexes to these records. However, VPL does have some useful secondary materials on the topic, and there are resources elsewhere in the Lower Mainland and online that can help in the search for these important records. These are described in this guide.



Planning a Genealogical Trip to the Vancouver Area

The Cloverdale Library has produced a comprehensive handbook, designed to guide family historians and genealogists to all currently known resources for family history records in the Vancouver and Lower Mainland

areas. The guide is arranged by geographical regions, enabling the user to focus on particular areas of interest. [Planning a Genealogy Trip to the Vancouver Area](#) costs Cdn. \$15.00 (tax included) or \$19.00 with postage and handling. For more information or to order a copy, call the Cloverdale Library at (604) 576-1384, ext. 6 or email GenealogyResearch@city.surrey.bc.ca



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 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 scholarship will be awarded in Spring 2006. The deadline for the applications for the 2006 award is December 31, 2005. More information is available at:

- www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/

1911 Census Released

After a vigorous public campaign, the 1911 census of Canada was released to Library and Archives Canada (LAC) in July. This followed Parliament's passage in late June of Bill S-18. The legislation provides for the full public release of all Canadian census records, up to and including 2001, after a 92-year waiting period.

The 1911 census documented over 7 million people living in Canada. The entire census has been scanned, and is available on the LAC website at:

- www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html



Unfortunately, the paper record of the 1911 census was destroyed after it was microfilmed in 1955. The quality of filming was inconsistent and some records are difficult to read.

The database can be searched geographically. Two independent projects to transcribe and create a nominal index have also started:

Automated Genealogy – 1911 Census Indexing Project has already indexed over 1 million lines. The records can be seen at:

- <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census11/Test4.jsp>

Alberta Family Histories Society is undertaking transcription of the Alberta section of the 1911 census. For more information about this project, go to:

- www.afhs.ab.ca/data/census/1911/index.html

Microfilm copies of the 1911 census are not yet available for consultation at Library and Archives Canada, the Vancouver Public Library, or any other location. They are expected to become available in the near future.

Who Was Where - More Canadian Directories Online

Phase 2 of Library and Archives Canada **Who Was Where?: Canadian Directories Online** was launched in July. 80 directories -- from Halifax and Ottawa -- have been added to the 15 included in the first phase, for a total of 95 directories now fully digitized and searchable online at:

- www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories/index-e.html

The directories date mainly from the latter part of the 19th century. Plans for future additions include directories for Kingston and London, Ontario.

New Research Guide on Early Land Settlement Records

The Archives of Ontario has produced a new research guide (#215) entitled **From Grant to Patent: A Guide to Early Land Settlement Records, ca. 1790 to ca. 1850**. The guide will be of interest to genealogists researching ancestors who owned, leased or were granted land in early Ontario. It is available online at:

- www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/guides/rg_215_grant_to_patent.htm



Halifax City Death Registers

In 1884, the federal government began collecting death statistics from major Canadian cities. In Halifax, the program continued until 1908, when the provincial government began registering Nova Scotia deaths.

Two registers for the City of Halifax, comprising almost 18,000 records, have survived. They cover the years 1890-1908, with a gap from 1884-1889.

In winter 2004-2005, volunteers from the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia worked with staff at Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management to develop a searchable electronic index of the registers. It is now available online at:

- www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/vitalstats/death/halifax/

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will take place from January 9-13, 2006 in Salt Lake City. One of the premier genealogy events anywhere, the Institute offers a comprehensive learning experience for genealogists.

9 programs of study are offered, including:

- American Records & Research: Focusing on Families
- Mid-Atlantic States
- Scottish Research
- Eastern Europe
- Tracing Immigrant Origins
- Power Tools for Internet Genealogy
- Advanced Methodology
- Lands & Court Records
- Beyond the Family History Library

An additional special program on "Research Methodology: Genealogical Problem Solving" is also offered.

Each program offers 20 hours of instruction from some of the best genealogists in the U.S. Optional evening classes on a variety of genealogy topics are also offered. Most courses cost \$320 U.S. for non-members of the Utah Genealogical Association. The fee covers tuition and some meals and social events. There is an additional fee of \$10-15 for each evening class attended. A special room rate is available at a nearby hotel.

More information:

- Telephone: 1-888-INFO-UGA (toll-free)
- E-mail: institute@infouga.org
- Web : www.infouga.org



Genealogy Calendar

Find out about events taking place in the world of genealogy or announce your own (including family reunions) on the **Genealogy Today Calendar of Local and Regional Genealogy Events**. The scope of this free database is international. Announcements can be created online and will appear in the calendar immediately. Access the Calendar at:

- <http://news.genealogytoday.com/calendar/>



Swedish Roots on the Internet

Swedish church records are now available online in an archive comprising over 14 million high-quality images. Although it is a subscription database, you can try it out as a test user or purchase a 24-hour demo subscription for approximately Cdn. \$12. For more information, go to www.genline.com.

Free Newsletter from Library and Archives Canada

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is one of the premier repositories of Canadian genealogical resources, including census records, passenger lists, and much more. LAC now produces an electronic newsletter, published every two months, which provides information on activities and developments there. To subscribe, go to:

- www.collectionscanada.ca/whats-new/index-e.html

Alberta Heritage

Our Future, Our Past: The Alberta Heritage Digitization Project is a new online publication from the University of Calgary Press. The goal of the project is to provide all those interested in Alberta's history with free, online access to cultural and heritage materials. Content includes local histories and early Alberta newspapers. Visit the website at:

- www.ourfutureourpast.ca/

Fun Stuff for Genealogists

For lots of ideas for genealogy-related gifts, check out www.funstuffforgenealogists.com. Items available range from jewelry to toys and much more. You can even purchase a canvas bag with a family tree emblazoned on the side that can be completed using permanent ink.



Blogging Basics for Genealogists

First there was e-mail and message boards, and now there are blogs. Increasingly, individuals and organizations are using **web logs** to share information. A blog is a web page, containing brief items of information, arranged in chronological order. It is dynamic, and is established and maintained directly by the author. A blog can be created quickly and easily, and does not require the web editing skills necessary to create standard web pages. Blogs also do not require the uploading of new and revised pages to a remote server. In some ways, they provide the same functions as newsletters and message boards, but are easier to use and organize.

Blogs often take the form of a journal or newsletter, with regular updates. The genealogical community has been blogging enthusiastically for quite some time. Subscribers to the popular **Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter** may be surprised to know that this free, daily newsletter is in fact a blog. (You can see it at http://eogn.typepad.com/eostmans_online_genealogy).

How can blogs be useful to you as a genealogist? Well, you could create a blog for your surname, or for a specific locality. If you belong to a genealogical society, it might be a useful way for the group to share information. You could also use a blog to track the progress of an individual or group genealogy project.

For examples of blogs created by and for genealogists, see the following:

Genealogy Blog
www.genealogyblog.com/

Olive Tree Genealogy Blog
www.olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/
Mississippi History & Genealogy Notes
www.msgenealogy.blogspot.com/

The USGenweb Project: News
www.usgenweb.org/newsletter/NL-07-2004.shtml

For more information, including a detailed explanation of blogs and additional genealogical examples, read Dick Eastman's December 2004 article "Blogs Explained". The easiest way to find it is to Google **Eastman blogs explained**.

If you'd like to start your own blog, there are free services such as Diaryland at <http://diaryland.com/> or Google's www.blogger.com/start which you can use to create your own blogger quickly and easily. You'll have your own web address in minutes, and with luck, you'll be able to blog your way to new genealogical connections and discoveries.



TalkingScot

Genealogists researching Scottish roots may want to visit a website which has been set up as a meeting place for people with an interest in Scottish genealogy, history and culture. TalkingScot offers a variety of services, including a members' forum, links to a wide range of societies and sources, and more. Many members are experts in their fields and are able to provide useful advice and assistance. TalkingScot "is moderated by common sense and good Scots manners". Visit TalkingScot at: www.talkingscot.com/



Historical Maps of Britain

Free access to an extensive archive of historical British maps is available at www.old-maps.co.uk. The site allows users to search a county gazetteer for maps of specific locations. Historical and modern maps as well as aerial views of the same location can be viewed. You can also purchase copies in the form of Decorative Maps, suitable for framing.

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 Fine Arts and History for a prompt reply.

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