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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 **ipac.vpl.ca**

Ref. items must be used in the library.

Canada - General

Canadian Expeditionary Force: Nominal Rolls
Canada. Canadian Army. Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1987
Ref. 929.371 C2121c

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register: Out of Ontario, 1826-1909
by Ontario Genealogical Society, 2004
Ref. 929.371 W51o

Alberta

Pioneer Albertans, 1912: An Index to Biographies of Over 500 Pioneer Albertans, With Cross-References to 950 Spouses and Mothers

by Margaret Mann, 1998
929.37123 P66m

Ontario

Aurora, Ontario: Marriages & Deaths: An Index to Marriage and Death Notices in the Aurora Banner, 1864-1969

compiled by Aurora and District Historical Society, 1995
Ref. 929.3713 Y61A93o



Early Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register Extractions for Huron County

compiled by Huron County Branch, OGS, 1993
Ref. 929.3713 H96W51e

The Great Contest for Responsible Government: The City of Toronto Poll Book of 1841

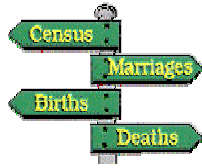
edited by Paul J. McGrath, 2004
Ref. 929.3713 Y61T68g

Inhabitants of York County, Ontario, 1850

edited by Norman K. Crowder, 1992
Ref. 929.3713 Y61c

The Marriage Register of the Western District, 1796-1856

edited by Dora Pineau, 1993
Ref. 929.3713 E78p



Pioneers of Upper Canada, 1783-1839: An Alphabetical List of Names Contained in Certain Early Records of Upper Canada, Together with Their Document Sources
compiled by Doris B. Bourrie, 1991
Ref. 929.3713 B77p

The Scottish Pioneers of Upper Canada, 1784-1855: Glengarry and Beyond
by Lucille H. Campey, 2005
971.3004 C19s

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register: Algoma District, 1852-1894
transcribed by Sault St. Marie Branch, OGS, 2001
Ref. 929.3713 A39w

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register: Dufferin County, 1841-1902
transcribed by Dufferin County Museum and Archives, 2001
Ref. 929.3713 D85w

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register: Essex County, 1843-1901
transcribed by Essex County Branch, OGS, 2001
Ref. 929.3713 E78w

Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register: Lennox and Addington County, 1834-1898
transcribed by Kingston Branch, OGS, 2003
Ref. 929.3713 L56w

Quebec

1825 and 1831 Censuses of St. Armand Twp., Eastern Townships, Quebec
transcribed by Linda Corupe, 1998
Ref. 929.3714 A72c

1825 and 1831 Censuses of Stanbridge Twp., Eastern Townships, Quebec
transcribed by Linda Corupe, 2002
Ref. 929.3714 S78c

Index to "The Loyalists of the Eastern Townships of Quebec" (1984)
compiled by Linda Corupe, 2003
Ref. 929.3714 L92ui

Montreal Directory for 1868-69: Containing an Alphabetical Directory of the Citizens and a Street Directory
John Lovell (reprint), 2000
Ref. 929.3714 M81j

Pontiac County Protestant Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1864 to 1911: St. George's, St. Stephen's & St. Matthew's Anglican Churches
by Dawn Murphy, 1999
Ref. 929.3714 P81m

Atlantic Provinces

From England to Prince Edward Island
by Peter Gallant, 2000
Ref. 929.3717 P11fe



From Scotland to Prince Edward Island, rev. ed.
compiled by Peter Gallant, 2001
Ref. 929.3717 P11fs

Nova Scotia Immigrants to 1867. Volume II. From Non-Nova Scotia Periodicals and from Published Diaries and Journals
compiled by Leonard H. Smith, 1994
Ref. 929.3716 S65nb

Miscellaneous

A Guide to Reading Hebrew Inscriptions and Documents
by Rosemary Wenzel, 2005
929.1 W48g

Irish Emigrants in North America. Part Four and Part Five
by David Dobson, 2000
Ref. 929.37 D63ib



Loyalists in Arms, 1775-1783: A Short History of the British American Regiments with the Roll of Officers

by W.O. Raymond, 1999
929.314 R27L

Ontario Census Publications - Latest Arrivals

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



1851 Census

Huron County

- ***Colborne Township***
- ***Hay Township***
- ***McKillop & Grey Townships***
- ***Stephen Township***
- ***Usborne Township***
- ***Wawanosh Township***

Lanark County

- ***Darling, Lanark and Lavant Townships***
- ***Drummond Township***

Leeds County

- ***Bastard Township***
- ***Elizabethtown Township***
- ***North Crosby Township & South Crosby Township***

1861 Census

Essex County

- ***Windsor Town***

Huron County

- ***Ashfield Township***
- ***Village of Clinton***
- ***Colborne Township***
- ***Town of Goderich***
- ***Goderich Township***
- ***Grey Township***
- ***Howick Township***
- ***Hullett Township***
- ***Township of McKillop***
- ***Morris Township***
- ***Stanley Township***
- ***Stephen Township***
- ***Tuckersmith Township***
- ***Usborne Township***

1891 Census

Kent County

- ***Township of Raleigh***

Oxford County

- ***North Norwich***
- ***South Norwich***
- ***Village of Norwich***
- ***East Oxford***
- ***North Oxford***
- ***West Oxford Township***
- ***Woodstock***

1901 Census

Grenville County

- ***Augusta Township***



Multi-Year Census

Grenville County

- *Wolford, Oxford, Marlborough and Montague Townships, 1802, 1804, 1805, 1807, 1817*
- *Wolford, Oxford, Montague & Marlborough [1820-1848]*

Leeds County

- *Leeds & Lansdowne Townships [1806-1845]*
- *Yonge Township, 1830, 1832, 1839 & 1840*
- *Yonge Township, 1841, 1844, 1845 & 1848*

Free Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library



Genealogy in England

Saturday, February 11
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 Wednesday, January 18. 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

Discover Your Past: Local History Resources in Special Collections

Tuesday, January 31
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Using resources in Special Collections, we will search for information on the history of the Hotel Vancouver.

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 of the history of the Hotel Vancouver.

Registration is required. To register, please call 604-331-3778 or come to Special Collections on Level 7 at the Central Branch.



Research @ Your Library

Saturday, February 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26
6:00 – 8:00 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.

Computer, Internet and E-mail Basics

For beginning computer users, VPL will be offering the following free series of programs during January - April. Classes are held at the Central Library or at Britannia Branch. Sessions for seniors, and for Cantonese, Mandarin and Spanish speakers are offered as well. 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.

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

Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland



Start Searching Your Family History – A Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons

Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library,
5642-176A Street

Instructor: Brenda Smith

Charge: \$100 for series

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304). Payment is required upon registration.

Lesson 1: Probe the Past – From the Known to the Unknown

Saturday, January 14, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Discover your personal motivation for compiling a family history, formulate goals for research, and draft a family tree diagram.

Lesson 2: Organize – The Second Prime Directive

Saturday, January 28, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Explore organizational approaches, basic data collection and storage techniques, organize your workbook, and create a family group sheet.

Lesson 3: Can You Prove That? Verify Your Findings

Saturday, February 11, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Process documents, discuss evidence and apply standards of proof.

Lesson 4: Right Forest, Wrong Tree: Interpret Your Findings

Saturday, February 25, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Build context for your research, and develop techniques for critical analysis of family history data.

Lesson 5: Plan the Next Research Step

Saturday, March 11, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Family History Scrapbooking

Monday, January 9, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library,
5642-176A Street

Instructor: Jette Herscovitch

Charge: \$10

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304). Payment is required upon registration.

Come learn how simple it can be to put a scrapbook album together of your precious old photos and memorabilia. Bring a selection of your heritage pictures and memorabilia to this informative class. You will make a sample album page.



Start Writing Your Family History – A Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons

Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library,
5642-176A Street
Instructor: Brenda Smith
Charge: \$100 for series

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304). Payment is required upon registration.

Pre-requisite: completion of the START SEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY course (see p.5), or intermediate level research clarified in an interview with the facilitator. Also basic word processing skills with Microsoft Word, and the ability to use e-mail attachments.

Lesson 1: The Research Cycle

Saturday, January 14, 2006

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Examine the basics of writing practice including: audience identification, choosing a genre, identifying the topic. Introduce course elements: research, organize, write, edit, publish. Also: get-acquainted activities and cooperative evaluation training.

Lesson 2: Organize To Write

Saturday, January 28, 2006

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Explore organizational approaches, citation, and apply standards of proof. Practice cooperative evaluation techniques.

Lesson 3: Get it on Paper

Saturday, February 11, 2006

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Move from research to writing mode. Practice creating documents and discussing evidence.

Lesson 4: Edit

Saturday, February 25, 2006

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Decide what to use, what to eliminate, what to rewrite, what to save for next time.

Lesson 5: Publish

Saturday, March 11, 2006

1:30 - 4:30 pm

Discuss the publishing process in preparation for larger projects: including print and multimedia.

Cloverdale Library Genealogical Collection Orientations

First Saturday of every Month

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library,
5642-176A Street
Free

Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384 (ext. 6).

The Cloverdale Branch of Surrey Public Library has one of the most extensive collections of Canadian genealogical materials in Western Canada. The library has a wide variety of books and microfilms covering records from the Canadian provinces and territories. To help you become familiar with the collection, the Cloverdale library offers monthly orientations.



B. C. Genealogical Society Presents . . .

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 returns to the Vancouver area on the weekend of March 24-25. For more information, please see the B.C. Genealogical Society website at www.bcgs.ca/

Also Noted...

Gene-O-Rama 2006

March 17 and 18, 2006, Ottawa

Ontario Genealogical Society, Ottawa Branch

- www.ogsottawa.on.ca/geneorama/

From Buggy Whips ... to Microchips, Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2006

May 26-28, 2006, Oshawa

Ontario Genealogical Society

- www.ogsseminar.org/



New Chinese-Canadian Genealogy Website

The Vancouver Public Library is pleased to announce a new website for Canadians of Chinese ancestry. The site was launched on November 16, 2005. Chinese-Canadian Genealogy offers practical information and resources to support Chinese-Canadians' search for their ancestors. Vancouver Public Library looks forward to continuing to develop the site, in collaboration with Library and Archives Canada. Visit the new website at www.ccg.vpl.ca

New Genealogy CD-ROMs at the Vancouver Public Library

Dictionnaire national des Canadiens français, 1608-1760, produced by the American-French Genealogical Society, is an electronic version of a classic French-

Canadian genealogical reference work, better known as the "Red Drouins".

1891 census, Queens County, New Brunswick is an electronic transcript of 1891 census returns for 10 parishes in Queen's County: Brunswick, Cambridge, Canning, Chipman, Gagetown, Hampstead, Johnston, Petersville, Waterborough, and Wickham.

Both CD-ROMs are available on request in Fine Arts and History, on Level 6 at the Central Library.

British Broadcasting Corporation - Resources for Family Historians

The BBC offers a variety of resources for family historians on its website, including Bloodlines, a tool for exploring four areas of family history: Family Secrets, Military, Working Life, and Migration. Dynamic timelines explore each theme, providing links to related resources. Bloodlines is available at www.bbc.co.uk/familyhistory/bloodlines/



Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada - New Edition

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has published the 15th edition of its FREE guide entitled Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada. While the information it contains is available on the LAC website and in other sources, the pocket-size guide provides a handy quick reference, and can easily be taken on research trips. You can download the guide at www.collectionscanada.ca/obj/022/f2/genengbro.pdf

To request a free print copy, write to:

Canadian Genealogy Centre
Library and Archives Canada
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4

You can also call toll-free, 1-866-578-7777, or
send a fax to (613) 995-6274.



Genealogy for Cubs

Parents, grandparents and other relatives of Cub Scouts may be interested in a new Genealogy specialty badge recently introduced by Scouts Canada, in cooperation with the Canadian Genealogy Centre. Cubs can earn the badge by completing a variety of activities related to family history and customs, including starting a family tree. Cubs are encouraged to interview family members as part of the badge requirements. For full details, see www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/scouts/index-e.html. The page includes a link to a kid-oriented genealogy guide (PDF) that can be used by all children and their families – not just Cub Scouts.

1851 U.K. Census - Now Available on Ancestry

The popular Ancestry Library Edition database was recently upgraded to include a full index and digital images from the 1851 census of England. With the addition of these records, Ancestry Library Edition now provides access to complete English census information, from 1851-1901. Ancestry Library Edition is available at no charge to Vancouver Public Library cardholders at the Central Library and all branch locations.



Spotlight on ... Mission Genealogy Club

The Mission Genealogy Club has been meeting for over 20 years. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month (except December, July, and August). Meetings are held at the Mission Library, 33247 – 2nd Avenue, Mission, B.C. When possible, the Club brings in expert guest speakers on topics of interest to genealogists. It also provides access to a reference collection of genealogy materials and to computers through the library. Annual membership in the Mission Genealogy Club is \$15.00. For more information, please contact John Herl (P.O. Box 20001, RPO STN Mission Hills, Mission, B.C., V2V 7P8; telephone 604-826-8071).

Family History Archive

The libraries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have established an online digital library of histories created by families to record the lives of their ancestors. The Family History Archive provides access to scanned family histories, which can be viewed using Adobe Acrobat Reader. The archive is searchable by surname, author and title keyword and is free. To view these resources, go to www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.html. Genealogists can contribute their own family history publications to the Family History Archive at a cost of 75 cents (U.S.) per page for digital scanning and online posting.



Nanaimo in the 1890s

Researchers with B.C. family connections, particularly in Nanaimo, will be interested in an ongoing web-based project that explores themes in late Victorian Canada. **Nanaimo in the 1890s**, developed by Malaspina University-College, showcases student research on a variety of topics. Together with a number of historical photographs, the site provides a fascinating and detailed snapshot of the city during this period. Many individuals and families are cited. You can access the site at www.mala.ca/history/nanaimo/index.htm



Geograph British Isles

For modern photographs of the places that your British ancestors lived and worked, check www.geograph.co.uk. This project is attempting to collect a geographically representative photograph for every square kilometre of the British Isles. Over 500 images are added to the site each day, which now hosts over 92,000 photographs of locations in the British Isles. You can contribute to the project by submitting your own photographs of places associated with your family history.

National Institute on Genealogical Research

Genealogists with U.S. family roots may be interested in the National Institute on Genealogical Research, an annual event for experienced genealogists that takes an in-depth look at U.S. federal records of genealogical value, mainly located in the Washington, D.C. area. The 2006 Institute will take place at the National Archives in Washington, from July 16-22, 2006. For more information, go to www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/index.htm



Black Sheep Ancestors

Genealogists may claim illustrious and accomplished ancestors, but there are also many “black sheep” in family trees – ancestors who were committed to asylums, sentenced to prison, or even executed. While some genealogists are uncomfortable with the possibility that their ancestor was of a criminal disposition, others find that it adds interest and colour to the family tree. **Black Sheep Ancestors** is an interesting site, with links to free online prison and convict records, historical court records, executions, insane asylum records and biographies of famous outlaws, criminals and pirates in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada. Visit **Black Sheep Ancestors** at www.blacksheepancestors.com



Was Your Ancestor a Scottish Miner?

Genealogists with Scottish ancestors who may have worked in the mines should take a look at www.mining-villages.co.uk/. The site provides in-depth information, including lists of villages with pits or close to pits, and an “Accidents” section covering all mine deaths in Scotland from 1852-1914.

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.



Support the Genealogy Collection

Fine Arts and History 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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