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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 [ipac.vpl.ca](http://ipac.vpl.ca)

**Ref.** items must be used in the library.

### Canada - General

**Canadian Family History in the 21st Century: Lessons, Links & Resources**, 2nd ed.  
by Fawne Stratford-Devai, 2005  
Ref. 929.371 S89cf

**Finding Anyone, Anywhere, Anywhen**  
by Noel Montgomery Elliot, 2005  
929.1 E46f



**Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825-1875**, 4 vol.  
by David Dobson, 1998-2005  
Ref. 929.37 D63sc

**Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada**, 14<sup>th</sup> ed.  
National Archives of Canada, 2005  
929.105 N27

### British Columbia

**Birth, Marriage and Death References from the Campbell River Courier**, 2 vol.  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 1998  
Ref. 929.37112 C18b

**Birth, Marriage and Death References from the Campbell River Upper Islander**, 2 vol.  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 2000-2001  
Ref. 929.37112 C18bu



**British Columbia, 1871: A List of Residents Based on the Work of Edward Mallandaine**  
by Dave Obee, 2005  
Ref. 929.3711 O12b

**An Index of Surnames, 2004**  
compiled and edited by Lois Richardson, 2004  
Ref. 929.4 I38bg

**Listings of Cemeteries of Northern Vancouver Island: Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Quatsino, Sointula**  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 1998  
Ref. 929.5 C18vin

**Listings of the Cortes Island Cemeteries:  
Manson's Landing Cemetery, Old Whalestown  
Cemetery, New Whalestown Cemetery**  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 1995  
Ref. 929.5 C18ci

**Listings of the Original Black Creek Cemetery**  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 1994  
Ref. 929.5 C18bc

**Memorial Park Cemetery Listings, Gold River,  
B.C. (1978-1996)**  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 1996  
Ref. 929.5 C18m

**Quadra Island Cemetery Listings: Cape Mudge,  
Quadra Island**  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 2000  
Ref. 929.5 C18q



**Sayward Burial Park Cemetery Listings,  
Sayward, B.C.**  
by the Campbell River Genealogy Club, 2000  
Ref. 929.5 C18s

## **Saskatchewan**

**Age Shall Not Weary Them: Saskatchewan  
Remembers its War Dead**  
by Bill Barry, 2005  
Ref. 929.37124 B27a

## **Ontario**

**Genealogical Extraction and Index of the  
Canada Company Remittance Books, 1843-  
1847**  
by Ruth Holt, 1990  
Ref. 929.3713 H75g

**Municipal Records in Ontario: History and  
Guide**  
by Fraser Dunford, 2005  
Ref. 929.3713 D91m

**U.E. Loyalist Links. Vol. IV, Durham &  
Northumberland Counties**  
by Russ W. Waller, 1995  
Ref. 929.3713 D96w

**Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Records,  
1843-1890: Lincoln and Welland Counties**  
transcribed by Corlene Taylor, 1999  
Ref. 929.3713 L73W51t

## **New Brunswick**

**1891 Census: Westmorland County, New  
Brunswick**  
by Ken Kanner, 1993  
Ref. 929.3715 W53k 1891

**A Transcription of Register No.9, 1858-1863  
of the Reverend James Stevens of the  
Church of Scotland for the area of  
Restigouche, Province of Canada**  
transcribed by Dorothy McLean Smith, 2000  
Ref. 929.3715 R43S6t

## **Acadians**

**Dictionnaire généalogique des familles  
acadiennes: première partie de 1636 a 1714,**  
2 vol.  
by Stephen A White, 1999  
FRE Ref. 929.3716 W58d

**English Supplement to the Dictionnaire  
généalogique des familles acadiennes: Part I,  
1636 to 1714**  
by Stephen A. White, 2000  
Ref. 929.3716 W58ds





***Finding Records of Your Ancestors. Part A, Italy, 1809 to 1910***

by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Family History Library, 2002

Ref. 929.345 C56f

- Online: [www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/images/36580\\_italy\\_finding\\_ancestor.pdf](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/images/36580_italy_finding_ancestor.pdf)



***Finding Records of Your Ancestors. Part A, Norway, 1827 to 1900***

by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Family History Library, 2001

Ref. 929.3481 C56f

- Online: [www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/Rg/images/36578\\_Denmark\\_Finding\\_Ancestors.pdf](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/Rg/images/36578_Denmark_Finding_Ancestors.pdf)

***Genealogical Gazetteer for the Kingdom of Hungary***

compiled by Jordan Auslander, 2005

Ref. 929.3439 A93g



Ontario Census Publications -  
Latest Arrivals

We are continuing to expand our collection of Ontario census books. The following were added to the collection during **January – March 2006**.



1891 Census

Peterborough County

- *Ashburnham Village*
- *Cardiff Township*
- *Cavendish Township*
- *Dummer Township*
- *Ennismore Township*
- *Glamorgan Township*
- *Harcourt, Dudley, Dysart, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Clyde, Eyre, Havelock, Livingstone, Lawrence & Nightingale Townships*
- *Harvey Township*
- *Methuen Township*
- *Monmouth Township*

Victoria County

- *Anson & Hindon Townships*
- *Bobcaygeon Village*
- *Carden Township*
- *Eldon Township*
- *Emily Township*
- *Fenelon Falls Village*
- *Mariposa Township*
- *Somerville Township*
- *Stanhope, Sherbourne & McClintock Townships*
- *Woodville Village*

## Free Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library



### Key Canadian Websites

**Saturday, May 6**  
**9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Explore two extremely useful websites for researching your Canadian roots: the **Canadian Genealogy Centre** and **Library and Archives Canada**.

Registration is required, and begins on Wednesday, April 12. To register, please call 604-331-3716, or come to Fine Arts and History on Level 6 at the Central Library.



### Genealogy in England

**Saturday, June 3**  
**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, May 10. To register, please call 604-331-3716, or come to Fine Arts and History on Level 6 at the Central Library.

## Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

### Old News

**Wednesday, May 10**  
**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Explore old Vancouver news stories dating back to the 1860's. Learn to find articles from the large Vancouver Public Library collection of local newspapers. All are welcome, but registration is required.

For more information please contact Newspapers and Magazines Division at 604-331-3742 or via email: [info@vpl.ca](mailto:info@vpl.ca)



### Discover Your Past: Local History Resources in Special Collections

**Thursday, May 25, 2006**  
**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Using the resources in the Special Collections Department, we will search and find information on the William Harbeck film shot in Vancouver on May 7, 1907.

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 a new digital copy of the Harbeck film (6 minutes).

Registration required. For more information, or to register please contact Special Collections at 604-331-3778 or via email: [info@vpl.ca](mailto:info@vpl.ca)



## Internet Basics @ South Hill

Friday, May 12, 26, June 9, 2006

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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. *Computer Basics* or equivalent experience required – you must be comfortable using a mouse and keyboard.

Registration required. To register, or for more information, please contact the South Hill Branch at 604-665-3965



## Researching, Writing, and Publishing Your Own History

Saturday, May 13, 2006

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Charge: \$10

Whether your passion for exploring history is biographical, genealogical, heritage home, organizational, neighbourhood, or local community-based, many people desire practical strategies to take their research forward into engaging writing, creative artifact documentation, and possible publication. Author-Historians Gavin Hainsworth & Katherine Freund-Hainsworth (*A New Westminster Album: Glimpses of the City As It Was*, Dundurn Press, 2005) will share their experiences on how make the transition from hobbyist to creator and writer.

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

## Story Writing

Thursday, May 25, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Mission Genealogy Club  
Speaker TBA

**More information:** John Herl (604-826-8071)



## Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

### Family History Writing Workshop

Saturdays, May 6 – June 10, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SFU Harbour Centre

Charge: \$40 CCHS members; \$60 non-members

Registration deadline: April 21

Register by email: [hwai@shaw.ca](mailto:hwai@shaw.ca). Include your name, address, telephone number and email address.

This 6-week writing workshop offered by the Chinese-Canadian Historical Society of B.C. is designed for those interested in working creatively with their family histories. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to use writing exercises to develop narratives, receive peer feedback, and learn how to access and research their family histories. The workshop will culminate in a public reading and publication of a collection of stories, poems, visual art and photographs produced by participants. For more information see:

[www.cchsbca.ca/](http://www.cchsbca.ca/)



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

Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library,  
5642-176A Street, Surrey  
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, May 27, 2006**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 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, June 10, 2006**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 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, June 24, 2006**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Process documents, discuss evidence and apply standards of proof.

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

**Saturday, July 8, 2006**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 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, July 22, 2006**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

## **Cloverdale Library Field Trip**

**Thursday, June 22, 2006**

**5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Mission Genealogy Club

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## **Cloverdale Library Genealogical Collection Orientations**

**First Saturday of every Month**

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

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

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.



## **Also Noted...**

### **Nanaimo Family History Society**

- **Candy-Lea Chickite**  
**May 15, 2006**  
**Topic:** Aspects of genealogical research in the U.S.A.
- **Judith Argent**  
**June 19, 2006**  
**Topic:** Cloverdale Library Genealogy Collection

For more information on Nanaimo Family History Society programs see:  
<http://members.shaw.ca/nfhs/events.html>

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

**May 26-28, 2006, Oshawa, Ontario  
Ontario Genealogical Society**

- More information: [www.ogsseminar.org/](http://www.ogsseminar.org/)

**Nos ancêtres, une mine à découvrir  
May 26-28, 2006, Thetford Mines  
Fédération québécoise des sociétés de  
généalogie**

- More information:  
[www.genealogie.org/club/sghrtm/  
programme.html](http://www.genealogie.org/club/sghrtm/programme.html)



**New Genealogy CD-  
ROMs at the Vancouver  
Public Library**

*The following CD-ROMs are available for use  
at the Central Branch. Please request at the  
Information Desk on Level 6.*

**Argenteuil County Quebec Catholic Church  
Marriages from 1840**

A database of Roman Catholic marriage  
records from Argenteuil County, Quebec,  
covering the period from 1840 to 1960.

**British Headquarters Papers 1776-1783**

A select index to the names of Loyalists and  
their associates contained in the British  
Headquarters Papers, New York City 1774-  
1783 (the Carleton Papers).



**Brome County Quebec Catholic Church  
Marriages from 1840**

A database of Roman Catholic marriage  
records for Brome County, Quebec, covering  
the period from 1840 to the 1960s.

**Courage & Service: Second World War  
Awards to Canadians**

A compilation of information on British and  
Canadian awards to Canadians. Includes the  
full text of all citations, concentrating on the  
Second World War but with bonus databases  
covering other important periods of the 20th  
century. Entries include the name, rank,  
service number as applicable, award, date of  
gazetting and, in many cases, the list of  
approving authorities. Many foreign  
decorations to Canadians are also included, as  
are air and naval entries containing  
biographical data, names of ships, stations,  
dates and durations, and post-war history.

**Dictionnaire national des Canadiens  
français, 1608-1760**

Produced by the American-French  
Genealogical Society, this CD-ROM is an  
electronic version of a classic French-  
Canadian genealogical reference work, the  
"Dictionnaire nationale des canadiens francais,  
1608-1760", better known as the "Red  
Drouins".

**Ancestry Library Edition -  
New Resources**

**Ancestry Library Edition** (ALE) is a library  
version of the popular *Ancestry.com* database.  
ALE is available to users at all Vancouver  
Public Library locations. In recent months,  
ALE has added a large amount of Canadian  
content. Highlights include:

- 1881 and 1891 census indexes for  
selected Ontario counties
- 1911 Canadian census index, including  
links to images of original records
- Biographical Dictionary of Canadian  
Jewry
- Canadian Genealogy Index, 1600s-  
1900s

- Ontario birth indexes and records, 1869-1907
- Ontario death indexes and records, 1869-1932
- Ontario marriage indexes, 1858-1899
- Selected Ontario cemetery records

Online access to original images from birth, marriage, and death indexes for England and Wales from 1837-1983 is also now available in ALE. These indexes make it possible to identify exact references needed to order birth, marriage and death records directly from London. Previously, the indexes were only available at the Family Records Centre in London, at LDS Family History Centres (partial), or by online subscription.



## B.C. Marriage and Death Updates

Every year, B.C. Archives releases an additional annual set of British Columbia marriage and death records. This year, 1930 marriages and 1985 deaths have been released. Microfilm copies of the records have been ordered and are expected to arrive at Vancouver Public Library shortly.

## InterLibrary Loan Tips for VPL Genealogy Patrons

Many Vancouver Public Library genealogy patrons use the InterLibrary Loan service to obtain microfilms and other materials not owned by VPL. Requests can be submitted using the online Interlibrary Loan request form (<http://vpl-rss.vpl.ca/>). This service is

available to all VPL cardholders. (Most residents of the Lower Mainland area can obtain a free VPL card. For more information, see [www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/interlink/systems/libs.htm](http://www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/interlink/systems/libs.htm))

VPL InterLibrary Loan staff will process requests and order material available from various suppliers, including Archives of Ontario, Library and Archives Canada, United Church of Canada and other owning institutions.

Here are some tips for placing Interlibrary Loan requests:

- **Ask yourself if you really need an InterLibrary Loan.**

The information that you need might be available at your fingertips. **Ancestry Library Edition**, a powerful online genealogy resource subscribed to by VPL can be accessed from any VPL branch. It includes indexes and images of U.K. and U.S. census records, the 1911 Census of Canada, 1780-1837 baptism and marriage records for the Greater London area, Ontario birth, marriage and death records and much more! Many original records can be viewed and printed online. Give it a try!



- **One microfilm reel per request form.**

The owning institution will fill requests on a reel-by-reel basis. If you are requesting three reels, you must submit three separate ILL web-forms. If you enter three reels on one form, you may not receive them all.

- **Provide the reel number.**

Owning institutions require a specific reel number in order to process ILL requests. If you do not provide the reel number, Interlibrary Loan staff will need to contact you and this will lengthen the time it takes to obtain the reel.



- **Be aware of order limits.** Due to the high demand for genealogy microforms, requests to the Archives of Ontario are limited to three reels at one time. Requests to Library and Archives Canada are limited to six. After you have returned the reels, you may submit more requests.
- **Talk to library staff.** If you need assistance, library staff in Fine Arts & History on Level 6 will be happy to show you various genealogical resources and help you complete InterLibrary Loan requests properly.



## Don't Tell the Girls: A Family Memoir

A beautifully written family memoir, Patricia Reilly Giff's *Don't Tell the Girls* describes the strong bond between the author and her grandmother. Warm recollections of "Nana" inspired Giff - a leading American children's writer - to learn more about her other grandmother, whom she had never met. The story of the author's genealogical quest, which took her to the public library to pore through microfilm, and eventually to Ireland, is woven with anecdotes and period details into a gentle, affecting narrative. *Don't Tell the Girls* is highly recommended for all ages, and would be a wonderful book to share with children and grandchildren. It is available at the Vancouver Public Library (929.1 G45d).

## Buried at the B.C. Pen

Candy-Lea Chickite, an avid genealogist from Vancouver Island, has started a website dedicated to collecting and preserving information about people buried in the B.C. Penitentiary Cemetery. The Penitentiary opened on September 28, 1878 and closed on February 15, 1980. For more information about Ms. Chickite's project, see [www3.telus.net/public/candylea/index.htm](http://www3.telus.net/public/candylea/index.htm)



## Genealogy Resources for British Columbians

Better late than never for this news . . . a 2004 revision of *Genealogy Resources for British Columbians* is available online. Formerly published by the B.C. Archives under the slightly different title *Genealogical Resources for British Columbians*, it has been revised, and provides a comprehensive guide to a wide range of B.C. resources. The scope of the book is not limited to B.C. Archives materials. *Genealogy Resources for British Columbians* can be downloaded at <http://bibnum2.bnquebec.ca/bna/lovell/index.html>



## Census 2006 - OPT-IN!!!!

Genealogists were delighted when Bill S-18 passed Parliament, enabling release of the 1911 Canadian census. Unfortunately, the same piece of legislation created an obstacle for future generations of family historians. In future censuses, people will be given the option of allowing their census information to be released to the public after 92 years. Unless the respondent answers “yes”, the information collected will be withheld from future researchers forever. This is problematic from several points-of-view, in particular, the fact that the head of household who completes the form will respond on behalf of all members of the household, including children who are unable to give informed consent. In any event, genealogists are encouraged to be sure to answer “yes” to the confidentiality question. Tuesday, May 16 is census day. Be sure to opt-in . . . and spread the word!

## New Canadian Genealogy Centre Databases

The Canadian Genealogy Centre ([www.genealogy.gc.ca](http://www.genealogy.gc.ca)) has recently added three new resources to its suite of free searchable online databases. All three databases can be searched by name and results are linked to digitized images of original records.



## Montreal Emigrant Society Passage Book (1932) [www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/mes/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/mes/index-e.html)

The Montreal Emigrant Society was established in 1831. Its main purpose was to provide transportation to poor immigrants who had come to Montreal from Quebec City and were destined to settle in other parts of Upper and Lower Canada. The database is derived from a register of names of immigrants for the year 1832.

## Port of New Westminster – Register of Chinese Immigration (1887-1908) [www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/new-westminster/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/new-westminster/index-e.html)

The federal immigration department kept detailed records of Chinese immigrants to Canada, including port registers of new arrivals. This database comprises 470 records of Chinese who arrived at the port of New Westminster, B.C.

## Upper Canada and Canada West Naturalization Records (1828-1850) <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/naturalization/index-e.html>

This database provides access to 2967 references to individuals who became naturalized British subjects in what is now Ontario during the period from 1828-1850.

## Saskatchewan Birth Indexes Online

A searchable online index to Saskatchewan birth records is now available. The index provides unrestricted access to birth records of people born in Saskatchewan more than 100 years ago. If you find a relevant entry in the birth indexes and would like to apply for a copy of the corresponding full birth registration record, a printable application form can be completed and sent to Saskatchewan Vital Statistics with payment. The index is available at:

[http://vsgs.health.gov.sk.ca/vsgs\\_srch.aspx](http://vsgs.health.gov.sk.ca/vsgs_srch.aspx)



## Montreal Directories Online

The Bibliothèque et archives nationale du Québec has put Lovell's Montreal directories online as PDFs. Currently, all directories from 1842 to 1950 are online, with the exception of 1851. 1951 to 1999 are underway. The files are not searchable by name, but can be browsed by date. Although the language of the website is French, the directories themselves are in English. To view and search Lovell's Montreal directories, go to <http://bibnum2.bnquebec.ca/bna/lovell/index.html>



## Canadian Letters & Images Project: "In Their Own Words"

The **Canadian Letters & Images Project** will be of interest to researchers with ancestors who fought in Canada's wars. Based in the Department of History at Malaspina University College in Nanaimo, B.C., and in partnership with the History Department at the University of Western Ontario, the goal of the project is to allow soldiers to tell their own stories by preserving correspondence, photographs and other memorabilia. Items associated with many individuals have already been incorporated into the site, and contributions are invited. **Canadian Letters & Images** is online at [www.mala.bc.ca/history/letters/](http://www.mala.bc.ca/history/letters/)



## Project Roots

**Project Roots** is a humanitarian initiative aimed at reuniting long-lost Canadian fathers with their children born to British and European mothers in the aftermath of World War II. The project was founded in 1980 and is based in Haarlem in the Netherlands. So far, Project Roots has reunited 4000 war children with their Canadian fathers. The Project Roots website tells the story of the Canadian war children, and profiles reunion success stories as well as unsolved cases. For more information, see [www.project-roots.com/](http://www.project-roots.com/)

## The National Archive of Memorial Inscriptions

Researchers with British ancestors may want to keep an eye on **The National Archive of Memorial Inscriptions (NAOMI)** project. NAOMI is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and based at De Montfort University in Bedford, England. The aim of the project is to transcribe memorial inscriptions and make them available on the Internet. Users will be able to search for free, and for a small fee, to download and print the transcription of a memorial, a photograph of the church or chapel, a plan of the burial ground, and usually some historical information. The database is so far very small, containing only 70,000 inscriptions from 218 burial grounds in Norfolk. Most are associated with the Church of England, but non-conformist, war memorials, and other cemeteries are also included. Bookmark the site and check regularly for new records - [www.memorialinscriptions.org.uk](http://www.memorialinscriptions.org.uk)

## British Library - Services for Family History Researchers

The collections of the British Library (BL) offer a vast wealth of material for family historians. To help researchers access these resources, the BL offers three services which can be ordered online:

### **Newspaper Search Service**

£50. BL staff will search up to four newspapers of a specified date for birth, marriage and death notices and obituaries, reports of weddings and funerals, court reports, crime reports, and miscellaneous news items. More information: [newspaper@bl.uk](mailto:newspaper@bl.uk)

### **Elector Register Search Service**

£39. BL staff will check one address in one register (up to 2001). More information: [research@bl.uk](mailto:research@bl.uk)

### **India Office Baptisms, Marriages and Burials Search Service**

£35.25. BL staff will search for specific records of European and Eurasian Christians in South Asia and other territories controlled by the English East India Company from 1698 to the 1960s. More information: [oioc-enquiries@bl.uk](mailto:oioc-enquiries@bl.uk)

Further details about all three services are available at [www.bl.uk/family](http://www.bl.uk/family)



## A Vision of Britain Through Time

This excellent website should be noted by anyone with a genealogical interest in towns and villages throughout Britain, and will be especially useful for determining how the names and boundaries associated with various places have changed. A search for a specific place name will yield results typically including a 19<sup>th</sup>-century gazetteer description, historical demographic information, full-text of references in historical travelogues, information on administrative changes, and more. **Vision of Britain** is online at [www.visionofbritain.org.uk/index.jsp](http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/index.jsp)



## Scottish Family History Centre

A new £1.6 million Scottish Family History Centre is expected to be fully operational this year. The Centre will consolidate services previously provided separately by the General Register Office for Scotland, National Archives of Scotland, and the Court of the Lord Lyon. The new Scottish Family History Centre will span the two landmark buildings currently occupied by the General Register House and New Register House in Edinburgh.

## News from Scotland's People

Attention users of **Scotland's People**, the premier website for Scottish genealogists! All original documents from the 1861 census are now available on the website, along with the 1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901. See [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

## News From Salt Lake City

An exciting initiative is underway at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Billions of names preserved on microfilm at the LDS Church's Granite Mountain Vault Records facility are being converted into digital images. Eventually, it will be possible to view the images online at **FamilySearch.org**, and ultimately they will be linked to an online index. Previously, it was estimated that it would take about 120 years to convert the microfilms to digitized images, but a new FamilySearch Scanning technology has greatly accelerated the process.

The Family History Library has also announced a massive digital indexing project. The goal is to compile searchable indexes to films held by the FHL at the Library and at Granite Mountain vault. Volunteers are needed for a project of this magnitude. Those interested in participating can e-mail **FCH-InternetIndexing@ldschurch.org**



## Immigrant Ancestors Project

**The Immigrant Ancestors Project**, sponsored by the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University, focuses on a resource little-known and seldom-used by genealogists – emigration records. Many genealogists are familiar with immigration records created in destination countries – passengers lists, border entry records and the like. Emigration records, on the other hand - created in immigrants' home countries - are difficult to identify and access. Project researchers and students are travelling throughout Europe to locate records that may fill gaps in immigration records. Once located, records are copied and indexed. The project currently comprises 6 sub-projects: British, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese. Led by a professional team at BYU, the project uses volunteers to extract and transcribe information. For more information, to view the database, or offer your services as a volunteer, go to <http://immigrants.byu.edu>

## Copyright and Family History

Genealogists do a lot of copying from books and microfilm. Digital cameras are also often used to preserve images of documents and memorabilia. Eventually, many family historians decide to publish their work on a website, on CD, in a book, or simply in a personal album. Sometimes, another person wants to use a genealogist's original work for the purposes of their own project. How does copyright apply in these situations? It's important to understand the basics of copyright law so that you can comply with it in terms of

your own research, and protect your work from unauthorized use by others.

Copyright laws vary from one country to another, but the basics are usually similar. For details of Canadian copyright law, see:

**Canadian Intellectual Property Office**  
<http://cipo.gc.ca/>

**Cyndi's List**, a popular portal site for genealogists, includes a set of links to a wide range of resources on copyright, both general and specific to genealogy:

**Copyright Issues**  
[www.cyndislist.com/copyrite.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/copyrite.htm)

The following online articles focus specifically on copyright as it relates to genealogy:

**Copyright & Genealogy**  
[http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing\\_family\\_history/a/copyright.htm?terms=copyright](http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing_family_history/a/copyright.htm?terms=copyright)

**Copyright for Family Historians**  
[www.genuki.org.uk/org/Copyright.html](http://www.genuki.org.uk/org/Copyright.html)

**Copyright Fundamentals for Genealogists**  
[www.pddoc.com/copyright/genealogy\\_copyright\\_fundamentals.htm](http://www.pddoc.com/copyright/genealogy_copyright_fundamentals.htm)

**Horror on the Web**  
[www.ancestry.com/columns/myra/Shaking\\_Family\\_Tree10-29-98.htm](http://www.ancestry.com/columns/myra/Shaking_Family_Tree10-29-98.htm)

**Who Owns Genealogy? Cousins and Copyright**  
[www.genealogy.com/genealogy/14\\_cpyrt.html?priority=0000900](http://www.genealogy.com/genealogy/14_cpyrt.html?priority=0000900)



## 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 2007. The deadline for applications for the 2006 award is December 31, 2006. More information is available at [www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/](http://www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/)



## Online Genealogy Course

The National Institute for Genealogical Studies in Toronto is offering one of its online courses at a discount. **Methodology-Part 1: Getting Started** is available for \$42.50 – half the normal registration fee. Call 1-800-580-0165 for more information or to register. Offer expires May 15th, 2006. More information about this and other NIGS programs and courses is available at: [www.genealogicalstudies.com](http://www.genealogicalstudies.com)



## BMD Wheel

If your great-great-great grandfather was born in 1787, how old was he in 1843? This type of question frequently arises during genealogical research, and is easily solved with a calculator or by old-fashioned arithmetic. But those who don't want to carry a calculator around or who believe they are arithmetically-impaired might like to use the BMD Wheel. This simple tool, smaller than a compact disk, helps the genealogist quickly and easily calculate dates and ages by rotating one wheel against another. The BMD Wheel costs just £1.95 plus shipping and handling. The BMD Wheel can be purchased using secure online credit card payment through Family Tree Magazine's online store:

[http://family-ree.co.uk/acatalog/Family\\_History\\_Accessories.html](http://family-ree.co.uk/acatalog/Family_History_Accessories.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/](http://www.vpl.ca/finditnow/) and click on the magnifying glass to connect with library information staff in real-time. If your question can't be answered immediately, it will be forwarded to Fine Arts and History for a prompt reply.



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