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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.

General

Beginner's Guide to Genealogy

by Fraser Dunford, 2006
929.1 D91b

Family History Documentation Guidelines,

2nd ed.
Silicon Valley PAF Users Group, 2003
929.10285 P46s

Haynes Internet Genealogy Manual

by Kyle MacRae, 2005
929.10285 M17h

Writing, Publishing and Marketing Your Family History,

8th ed.
by Kitchel, Dwain L., 2005
929.1 K62w

Canada

A Guide to the Genealogical Records Held in the Archives of the Anglican Dioceses of British Columbia

edited by Daniel C. Stuart, 2001
Ref. 929.3711 A58g

Searching for a Soldier in the British Army or Canadian Militia

by John H. Grenville, 1976
929.371 G82s

British Columbia

Kitsumgallum Cemetery: (The Original Terrace Pioneer Graveyard)

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 2005
Ref. 929.5 K62k

Prairie Provinces

Changes of Name: The Saskatchewan Gazette, 1917 to 1950

compiled by D'Arcy Hande, 1993
Ref. 929.37124 H23c

Research Outline: Manitoba

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Family History Library, 1997
Ref. 929.37127 F19r

Research Outline: Saskatchewan,

2nd ed.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Family History Library, 1997
Ref. 929.37124 F19r

Ontario

1822 Assessment Rolls & Partial 1827 Stamford Township, Welland County, revised ed.

by Brenda Young, 1999
Ref. 929.3713 W44S78oa

1861 Census, Town of Niagara, District 1-5: Niagara Township, Lincoln County
Ontario Genealogical Society, 2003
Ref. 929.3713 L73N57ot 1861

Abstracts of Surrogate Court Wills, Kingston and Vicinity, 1790-1858
compiled by C. Loral R. Wanamaker, [1982]
Ref. 929.3713 F93K55w

And Your Petitioner Will Ever Pray: The Papers of the First Land Board of the Mecklenburg/Midland District, 1789-1794
transcribed & indexed by Linda Corupe, 2006
Ref. 929.3713 C83s

Brant County: 1901 Census of the City of Brantford, District 46, Sub-district A.
Ontario Genealogical Society, 1999
Ref. 929.3713 B82B82o 1901

Early Settlers, 1820-1822, and Col. Marshall's 1834 Report on Conditions
Ontario Genealogical Society, 1987
Ref. 929.3713 L24e

Early Settlers in Niagara: Including the first 'census', 1782, 1783, 1784, 1786, 1787, Complete with Index
by Corlene Taylor, 1992
Ref. 929.3713 L73N57t

Early Settlers to Bathurst District Arriving Prior to 1822, Lanark County, Ontario
by Ernest Miller, 1988
Ref. 929.3713 L24eb

From Esther Summers Collections: Marriage Records of Methodist Church, Welland County, St. Catharines Circuit
by Esther Summer, 1990
Ref. 929.3713 W44s

Index to "Lunenburg or the Old Eastern District", 1890 (original), Reprinted 1980
by Linda Corupe, 1999
Ref. 929.3713 C83i

Index to the Intestate Surrogate Files of Frontenac County, Ont, 1821-1869, updated ed.
by Linda Corupe, 2003
Ref. 929.3713 F93c

Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, vol. 8
Ontario Genealogical Society, 2001-2005
Ref. 929.3713 I383s Index

Index to Wills Probated: Frontenac County, Ontario, Canada, 1858-1973
Ontario Genealogical Society, 1988
Ref. 929.3713 P93o

Lanark County: 1820 Location Report, revised ed.
compiled by Robert E. Sargeant, 1988
Ref. 929.3713 L24s

Lanark County Land Transactions, 1820-1847 / extracted from the county register, 2 vol.
compiled by J. R. Ernest Miller, 1991
Ref. 929.3713 L24m

Methodist Church Baptismal Records, 1835-1897, Frontenac County, Ontario
by Cecil F. Deyo, 1991
Ref. 929.3713 F93W51od

Methodist Church Baptismal Records, 1844-1875, Lanark County, Ontario
by J. R. Ernest Miller, 1989
Ref. 929.3713 L24mc

Methodist Church Baptismal Records, 1844-1876, City of Kingston and Kingston Township, Frontenac County, Ontario
by George Jeffrey, 1990
Ref. 929.3713 F93K55h



Research Outline: Ontario

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2002
Ref. 929.3713 F19r

**Scottish Settlers to Bathurst Area: For
Bathurst District: Includes Lanark, Leeds,
Carleton, Frontenac and Renfrew Settlers**

by J. R. Ernest Miller, 1987
Ref. 929.3713 L24ms



**Some Early Lanark County Marriages, 1830-
1869**

by J. R. Ernest Miller, 1993
Ref. 929.3713 L24ss

**Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms, 1834-1898:
Strays, Errors and Omissions, Lennox &
Addington County, Ontario**

by Linda Corupe, 1992
Ref. 929.3713 L56W51oc

Quebec

**Index to the Richford, Vt. Gazette and
Journal-Gazette, 1880-1957**

by Marlene Simmons, 1994
Ref. 929.3714 S59i

Research Outline: Quebec

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 1997
Ref. 929.3714 F19r

**Côte St. Charles United Cemetery (formerly
Wesleyan Methodist), Côte St. Charles,
Hudson, Quebec**

by Shirley E. Lancaster, 1996
Ref. 929.5 L24c

Atlantic Provinces

**Index to the Obituaries of the Kings County
Records, 1936-1946**

by Ruby M. Cusack, 1999
Ref. 929.3715 K55c

**Obituaries from the Sydney Post-Record
[1933-1956], 4 vol.**

by Wayne Macvicar, 2002
Ref. 929.3716 O12m

Research Outline: New Brunswick, 2nd ed.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 1997
Ref. 929.37151 F19r

Research Outline: Newfoundland, 2nd ed.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 1997
Ref. 929.3718 F19r

Research Outline: Nova Scotia

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 1997
Ref. 929.3718 F19r

Research Outline: Prince Edward Island

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2006
Ref. 929.3717 F19r

United States

**Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part A:
African American, 1870-Present**

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2003
929.373 C56f

**Research Outline: Indians of the United
States and Canada**

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2002
Ref. 929.37 F19r

**The Source: A Guidebook of American
Genealogy**, 3rd ed.

by Loretto Dennis Szucs, 2006
Ref. 929.1 S72e2



British Isles

Basic Facts About--Methodist Records for Family Historians

by Richard Ratcliffe, 2005
Ref. 929.341 R23b

Finding Your Irish Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide

by David S. Ouimette, 2006
Ref. 929.3415 O93f

The Genealogist's Internet, 3rd ed.

by Peter Christian, 2005
929.10285 C55g2

Making Sense of the Census Revisited: Census Records for England and Wales, 1801-1901

by Edward Higgs, 2005
Ref. 929.342 H63m1

Europe

The Complete Guide to Creating Your Own Family Tree

by Paul Blake, 2006
929.1 B63c

Dating Nineteenth Century Photographs

by Robert Pols, 2005
929.1 R77d

Finding Records of Your Ancestors. Part A, Denmark, 1834 to 1900

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2001
929.3489 C56f

Finding Records of Your Ancestors. Part A, France, 1792 to 1880

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2001
929.344 C56f

Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case

by Christine Rose, 2005
929.1 R79g

Finding Records of Your Ancestors. Part A, Iceland, 1835 to 1900

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2001
929.34912 C56f

Finding Records of Your Ancestors. Part A, Sweden, 1860 to 1920

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
Family History Library, 2001
929.3485 C56f

Language Resources



The following guides and lists, produced by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City may be helpful for genealogists exploring their roots in non-English-speaking European countries:

Letter-writing

- **Czech and Slovak** - 929.3437 C56L
- **Finnish** - 929.34897 C56L
- **French** - 929.344 C56L
- **German** - 929.343 C56L
- **Italian** - 929.345 C56L
- **Polish** - 929.3438 C56L
- **Portuguese** - 929.3469 C56L
- **Spanish** - 929.346 C56L

Word lists

- **Czech** - 929.3437 C56g
- **Danish** - 929.3489 C56g
- **Dutch** - 929.3492 C56gw
- **Finnish** - 929.34897 C56g
- **French** - 929.344 C56g
- **Hungarian** - 929.3439 C56g
- **Icelandic** - 929.34912 C56g
- **Latin** - 929.103 C56gL
- **Norwegian** - 929.3481 C56g
- **Polish** - 929.3438 C56g
- **Portuguese** - 929.3469 C56g
- **Spanish** - 929.346 C56g
- **Swedish** - 929.3485 C56g

Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

Genealogy workshops will resume in April 2007. For details, check our webpage:
www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/Genealogy/Programs.html

Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

Techno Tuesdays

This series of free programs introduces and explores a range of interesting electronic resources. Programs are held in the Computer Lab on Level 5 at the Central Library. Registration is required. Upcoming topics include:

Qikan: Newspapers and Magazines Online in Mandarin

Tuesday, February 6
2:00-3:00 p.m.
To register, call 604-331-3691

Qikan: Newspapers and Magazines Online in Cantonese

Tuesday, February 6
7:00-8:00 p.m.
To register, call 604-331-3691

Make Information Come to You

Tuesday, February 13
2:00-3:00 p.m. OR 7:00-8:00 p.m.
To register, call 604-331-3742

Getting to Know Google

Tuesday, February 20
2:00-3:00 p.m. OR 7:00-8:00 p.m.
To register, call 604-331-3742

Google Tools: Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, February 27
2:00-3:00 p.m. OR 7:00-8:00 p.m.
To register, call 604-331-3742

Old News

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Explore old Vancouver news stories dating back to the 1860s. Learn to find articles in VPL's large collection of historic local newspapers. This program is free, but registration is required. To register, go to Newspapers & Magazines on Level 6 at the Central Branch, telephone 604-331-3742, or send an e-mail to info@vpl.ca.

Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland



First Steps on the Ancestral Trail Saturday, January 6, 2007

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642 – 176A Street,
Surrey, B.C.

Charge: \$10.00

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

- Attend this session to explore the methodology needed to launch a family history research project. Participants will receive a starter workbook and other materials to guide their first steps on this popular self-development path.



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

Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library,
5642-176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

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 13, 2007

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 27, 2007

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 10, 2007

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 24, 2007

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 10, 2007

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Start Writing Your Family History – A Communications Workshop in 5 Lessons

Cloverdale Branch, Surrey Public Library,
5642-176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

Instructor: Brenda Smith

Charge: \$100 for series

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

Prerequisite: completion of the **Start Searching Your Family History** course, or intermediate level research clarified in an interview with the facilitator. Also basic Word Processing Skills with Microsoft Word, and the ability to use email attachments.

Lesson 1: The Research Cycle

Saturday, January 13, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 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 27, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 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 10, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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



Lesson 4: Edit

Saturday, February 24, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

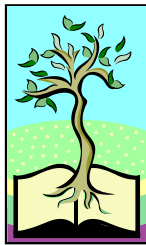
Decide what to use, what to eliminate, what to rewrite, what to save for next time.

Lesson 5: Publish

Saturday, March 10, 2007

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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



United Empire Loyalists: Are You Related to these Famous Canadian Settlers?

Saturday, January 20, 2007

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Cloverdale Library, 5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

Charge: \$10.00

Speakers: Shirley Dargatz and Carl Stymiest
Please pre-register by calling 604-576-1384 (local 303 or 304). Payment is required upon registration.

- During the American War of Independence (1775-1783), the Loyalists remained faithful to the Crown. They were colonists of almost every race, colour, and creed, representing every class and walk of life. They gave up everything to start a new life and helped to forge a new country, Canada. Come to our session and find out how to trace your Loyalist roots, or simply to learn more about the United Empire Loyalists.

Also Noted...

Nanaimo Family History Society – Upcoming Speakers

The Hunt for Frank Liddell – Dave Obee
January 14, 2007

Birthdate Spectrum Overlap Process – Roger Allan
February 19, 2007-01-04

My Bankrupt Scot: A Genealogical Journey - Sherry Irvine
March 19, 2007

- More information:
www.members.shaw.ca/nfhs/events.htm

10th Annual Computerized Genealogy Conference

Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah
March 16-17, 2007

- More information:
<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwcompu/>

Top Pick



[Genealogy, Geography and Maps: Using Atlases and Gazetteers to Find Your Family](#)
(2006)

Douglas, Althea
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Family historians need maps. As the author notes in the introduction to this outstanding new book, “genealogy, geography, and maps are inextricably entwined”. [Genealogy, Geography and Maps](#) explains map

vocabulary, explores accuracy, describes how place names change, and provides an overview of many kinds of maps and related resources. While there are many books on maps, this title is exceptional in its focus on the subject from a genealogical perspective and use of Canadian examples. Now available at the Vancouver Public Library, [Genealogy, Geography and Maps](#) is an invaluable resource for family historians.

Speaking of Maps ...

The Atlas of Canada provides access to an extensive range of electronic Canadian map resources covering many themes, including history. There are also clear, printable outline maps, and a Map Archives, with digitized versions of previous editions of the [National Atlas of Canada](#) and its predecessor, the [Atlas of Canada](#). The earliest edition dates from 1906.

<http://atlas.nrcan.gc.ca>

Places in Canada

Pinpoint locations across Canada using **Places in Canada**, an electronic resource providing information and mapping resources for 28,898 places in Canada. Review a list of place names by province or territory, then follow links to view locations using Google Maps, Live Local, MapQuest, and Yahoo! Maps.

www.johncardinal.com/ca/



New B.C. Records on Microfilm at VPL

The VPL genealogy collection recently acquired two new sets of B.C. records on microfilm. Using these films, researchers can locate early B.C. coroners' reports and index references to divorce orders.

The **coroners' records** are on 3 microfilms, covering the period from 1859-1892. The **divorce indexes** comprise a series of indexes on 6 microfilms covering the period from 1901-1983. The indexes can be used to establish the existence of a divorce order. Copies of actual divorce orders are available at the B.C. Archives in Victoria.

The coroners' records and divorce indexes are on the microfilm racks in the genealogy area on Level 6 at the Central Branch.

New VPL Pages - Military Records, Church Records

New pages on Canadian military and church records have been added to the Vancouver Public Library's Genealogy pages. In addition to background information on both topics, the pages describe related published and microform resources available at the Vancouver Public Library and provide links to useful Internet resources.

Military Records

www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/Genealogy/Military.html

Church Records

www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/Genealogy/Church_Records.html

Latest Release of Ontario BMD Indexes - Available Now at VPL

The most recent annual release of indexes to Ontario birth, marriage and death records is now available at the Vancouver Public Library. The new release provides references to the following records:

- 1909 births
- 1924 marriages
- 1934 deaths

The indexes can be consulted whenever the library is open. If an index entry of interest is located, a microfilm copy of the full corresponding original record can be ordered from the Archives of Ontario through free inter-library loan.



New from Ancestry

Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) has added a significant amount of new genealogical data over the past few months.

Recent additions include an **every-name index to the 1851 Canadian census**. This census covered modern Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

Those with Scottish roots may be interested in the recent expansion of census data in ALE to include **indexes to 1851 and 1861 Scottish census records**. Unlike other Ancestry databases, results do not link to actual images of census records. (These are available for a charge from **Scotlands People**, www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/).

Ancestry also recently released an enormous collection of **historical U.S. immigration records**. The new databases provide access to all readily available U.S. passenger lists from 1820 to 1860 for the ports of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Baltimore.

Finally, the U.S., U.K. and Canadian subscription versions of Ancestry for home users have been joined by Australian and German versions, available at www.ancestry.com.au and www.ancestry.de respectively.

Ancestry Library Edition is available for free at all Vancouver Public Library locations.

New Guide - Finding Ontario Civil Registration Records

Civil registration in Ontario began in 1869. Registrations and related indexes are available in a variety of formats – microfilm, print, and electronic. To help stickhandle your way through these important records, VPL has created a new study guide. **Finding Ontario Civil Registration Records** is available on the VPL website:

www.vpl.ca/branches/LibrarySquare/his/StudyGuides/ontario_civil_registration.html



CanGenealogy.com

This new website from well-known B.C. genealogist Dave Obee provides links to a range of Canadian genealogical resources. Links are limited to those believed to be of the greatest value to researchers, and are ranked, with the most important ones at the top. Usability and absence of pop-up ads and other annoyances are also important criteria. Check out this useful new directory of Canadian genealogical resources at www.cangenealogy.com



WorldCat - Focus on Genealogy

WorldCat is the world's largest bibliographic database, with records of the content of more than 50,000 libraries in over 90 countries. It is maintained by the Online Computer Library Center. As of April 2006, the database contained more than 63 million records corresponding to physical and digital items in more than 360 languages. With such a large database, WorldCat is a potential goldmine of genealogical information.

VPL users do not have direct access to WorldCat, but you can ask a librarian to search WorldCat on your behalf for items that might be of value to your genealogical research. If items of interest are located, you can check to see if they are available at VPL. If not, WorldCat offers a tool you can use to identify the nearest library holding the item by using your postal code.

For more information on using WorldCat for genealogical research, see www.oclc.org/worldcat/genealogy/default.htm

New Book from Chinese-Canadian Historical Society of B.C.

On October 25th, 2006, the Chinese-Canadian Historical Society of B.C. launched a new book, **Finding Memories, Tracing Routes**, created during a six-week community writing workshop. The book is comprised of eight stories in which workshop participants tell the stories of their immigrant ancestors. Edited by Brandy Lien Worrall, copies may be borrowed from the Vancouver Public Library or purchased at selected local bookstores. For more information, see www.cchsbcc.ca/

Mountain View Newsletter

Vancouver's historic Mountain View Cemetery recently launched a new electronic newsletter, [Memento Mori](#). The newsletter chronicles the cemetery's history and provides information about ongoing development at the cemetery. The first two issues can be viewed online at: www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/commsvcs/nonmarketoperations/mountainview/newsletter.htm

About 150,000 people are buried in the cemetery, which was established in 1886.



New Canadian Genealogy Centre Databases



The Canadian Genealogy Centre's suite of online databases continues to grow, with the recent addition of three new electronic resources, available at www.genealogy.gc.ca:

Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1922 offers free access to digitized images of passenger manifests from ships arriving at the following ports:

- Québec City (includes Montréal)
 - May 1, 1865 to July 13, 1921
- Halifax, Nova Scotia
 - January 1881 to October 2, 1922
- Saint John, New Brunswick
 - January 4, 1900 to September 30, 1922
- North Sydney, Nova Scotia
 - November 22, 1906 to August 31, 1922
- Vancouver, British Columbia
 - January 4, 1905 to September 28, 1922
- Victoria, British Columbia
 - April 18, 1905 to September 30, 1922

The database can be searched by Name of Ship, Port of Arrival, Shipping Line, and Port of Departure. It is not possible to search for an individual person, but the full passenger lists can be browsed online. (Some passenger lists have been indexed by the Nanaimo Family History Society, see

<http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/>)

The **Ward Chipman, Muster Master's Office (1777-1785)** database comprises nearly 19,000 references to Loyalist families from the papers of Ward Chipman the Elder (1754-1824), who served as an army administrator in New York State between 1777 and 1783, later re-settling in New Brunswick. The papers

include muster rolls of soldiers who had remained loyal to Britain during the American Revolution and eventually settled in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The database includes digitized images of the documents.

The **Likacheff-Ragosine-Mathers (LI-RA-MA) Collection** comprises about 11,400 records created between 1898-1922 by consular offices of the Russian Empire in Canada. The records relate to Jewish, Ukrainian and Finnish immigrants to Canada from the Russian Empire, and include passport applications and questionnaires.

Daniel F. Johnson's New Brunswick Newspaper Vital Statistics

A wonderful recent addition to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (PANB) website, **Daniel F. Johnson's New Brunswick Newspaper Vital Statistics** provides free electronic access to thousands of vital statistics entries from all English-language New Brunswick newspapers, 1784-1896. Started as a project of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society in 1982, it was continued single-handedly by Daniel Johnson after the project finished in 1985. Johnson eventually produced 102 volumes before his death in 2005. The database is available at:

[http://archives.gnb.ca/APPS/
NewspaperVitalStats/?L=EN](http://archives.gnb.ca/APPS/NewspaperVitalStats/?L=EN)





Alberta Roots

For those interested in Alberta roots, the Provincial Archives of Alberta now offers access to its holdings through the Heritage Resource Management Information System (HeRMIS). HeRMIS allows users to search descriptions of archival materials, view photographs, watch archival films, and search the library database.

<http://hermis.cd.gov.ab.ca/paa/>

The Provincial Archives also recently published a new book, [An Administrative History of the Government of Alberta 1905-2005](#). Derived from descriptive records created by archivists at the Provincial Archives over the year, it is potentially a very useful resource for those doing research in the Provincial Archives. Contact Justin McLeod at 780-415-4867 for more information.

Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project Launched

The Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project, launched in August 2006, may be of interest to those with Ukrainian ancestors. The purpose of the project is to generate finding aids, registers and other documents to be posted on the Internet for the use of genealogists, students, and others. It involves a consortium of partners in Alberta and western Ukraine. For more information, contact the Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project:

E-mail: Genealogy@gov.ab.ca
Telephone: 780-431-2324
Mail: Old St. Stephen's College
820 – 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6G 2P8

News Flash - Early Release of U.K. 1911 Census Records

Full release of 1911 U.K. census records is scheduled for 2012, but the National Archives (U.K.) recently announced two services that will be available in advance of that date.

As the result of a decision by the Information Commissioner in favour of a complainant whose request for 1911 census records has been rejected by the National Archives, some information is now being made available in response to Freedom of Information requests. A search will cost £45, and a specific address must be supplied.

In 2009, the National Archives will offer a searchable online service providing access to most data from 1911 census records.

For more information, see www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/1911census/

Digitization of GRO Records

The General Register Office, which administers the registration of births, marriages and deaths in the United Kingdom, has awarded a contract for the scanning, digitizing, and indexing of over 250 million birth, marriage and death records, dating from 1837 to the present.

Unlike in Scotland, where members of the public can directly access digitized images of birth, marriage and death records until about 50 years ago, using **Scotland's People**, the current legislative framework in U.K. only allows the GRO to provide information to the public in the form of a certificate. The GRO **Digitisation of Vital Events (DoVE)** project will nonetheless benefit genealogists by streamlining the certificate production process.

FreeBMD Update



FreeBMD is well-known to genealogists researching British roots. Designed as a tool to help genealogists access British birth, marriage and death records, FreeBMD is a free electronic index to British birth, marriage and death records. The electronic index entries are derived from printed indexes at the Family Records Centre in London. The project's ultimate aim is to include information from all indexes covering the period from 1837-1983. FreeBMD recently added 4.6 million new transcriptions. The addition of these records almost completes the entry of information from the 1837-1911 indexes. www.freebmd.org.uk/

Was Your Ancestor an Anglican Clergyman?

If your ancestor was a minister in the Church of England, an online guide on **Biographical Sources for Anglican Clergy** produced by the Lambeth Palace Library may be useful for your research. Lambeth Palace Library is the historic library of the Archbishops of Canterbury and the principal library and record office for the history of the Church of England. The guide is available at the Library's website - www.lambethpalacelibrary.org/. Click on "Source Guides" in the left navigation bar, then select Biographical Sources for Anglican Clergy.



Society of Genealogists - Index to the Surname Document Collection

The London-based Society of Genealogists' **Surname Document Collection** is a large collection of unbound material comprising original documents associated with individuals (birth, marriage and death certificates, deeds, wills, marriage licences and settlements, apprenticeship indentures, letters etc.) as well as manuscript and typescript transcripts of wills, parish register entries, family trees and other research notes.

A new online **Index to the Surname Document Collection** is now available, listing all surnames represented in the collection. The Index is available at www.sog.org.uk/library/surnames_intro.shtml.

If a surname of interest is identified, further inquiries may be made to the Society's limited Search & Copy Service at www.sog.org.uk/library/searches.shtml

Curious Fox



This unique British site offers a means of seeking and exchanging information based on place name rather than surname. Users enter the name of a town or village and are taken to a page listing messages from Curious Fox users with genealogical interests in the area.

Basic membership in Curious Fox is free. This allows full access to all messages and the ability to reply to messages posted by paid members. Enhanced features are available for a modest annual rate of 5 pounds. Curious Fox also provides links to series of historic and modern map resources for each location: www.curiousfox.org.uk/



Gazetteer of British Place Names

Genealogists looking for the location of specific towns, villages and hamlets in Great Britain or trying to find out what repository holds documents relevant to their genealogical research may find answers in the **Gazetteer of British Place Names**. With over 50,000 entries, this electronic database, produced by the Association of British Counties, aims to include the name of every settlement with a distinct name and identity (not including isolated houses and farmsteads). Place names are entered into a simple search box. Results consist of 8 columns including the Place Name, National Grid Reference, County, Administrative County, District, Unitary Authority Area, Police Area, and County/Region. A detailed section on “Notes for Historians and Genealogists” explains the contents of the gazetteer and how to use it for specific purposes: www.gazetteer.co.uk/

The Victorian Dictionary: Exploring Victorian London



If you need specific information on Victorian London or would just like to get more insight into the Victorian era, Lee Jackson’s website, **The Victorian Dictionary: Exploring Victorian London** offers a wealth of information on the subject. The site is not so

much a dictionary as a compilation of primary material on a diverse range of topics -- Childhood, Education, Houses and Housing, Markets and others. Jackson, the author of several published works of historical fiction set in Victorian London, has culled extracts from a wide range of sources written and published during the period, to create a vast and fascinating resource for anyone with an interest in Victorian times: www.victorianlondon.org/



A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland

An interesting free reference source for Irish research, [A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland](http://www.libraryireland.com/topog/) is available at Library Ireland, a website devoted to Irish antiquities, biography, genealogy, history, and literature. The dictionary, originally published by Samuel Lewis in 1837, offers contemporary descriptions of towns, villages and other locations throughout Ireland, providing a snapshot of life in Ireland before the Great Famine: www.libraryireland.com/topog/

Swedish Church Records Online



For those with Swedish ancestors, **Swedish Church Records Online** is an essential resource. The database comprises over 16 million images covering the 16th to 20th centuries. Various subscription packages are available: www.genline.com/

FamilySearch News

FamilySearch.org, one of the most popular and comprehensive genealogy websites, launched a new web page on **African American Resources** in October 2006. The site provides links to records and databases, as well as guides and other resources www.familysearch.org/Eng/default.asp?page=home/welcome/site_resources.asp

Other changes to FamilySearch are on the horizon. In the next few months, a complete overhaul of the site is planned. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is also moving forward on a digitization project which involves putting images of original records currently on 2.4 million rolls of microfilm on the web and creating indexes to provide instant access.

Roots Television



Roots Television was launched in September 2006. An example of Internet television, Roots Television offers users the opportunity to watch a variety of high-quality content according to their own schedule. Content currently featured on Roots Television includes a new series entitled "Ancestors, Writing a Family History", an interview with genealogical author Hank Jones, an intriguingly titled series of shorts called "Extreme Genealogy", and a program about military and census records. Other content explores the use of DNA testing in genealogy and provides practical guidance on family history research. Roots Television is available for free at www.rootstelevision.com

Genealogy for Kids!

Genealogical research is a great way to help kids explore their identity and learn more about history. It's also a wonderful inter-generational hobby. For tips and ideas on doing genealogy with kids, try the following websites:

Cyndi's List: Kids & Teens www.cyndislist.com/kids.htm

An extensive range of links to genealogy-related resources for kids, parents, and teachers.

Children and Family Heritage www.webyfl.com/index.asp?PageAction=Custom&ID=13

Practical suggestions for getting children interested in their family heritage.

Genealogy for Children www.genwriters.com/children.html

Constructive and interesting ways to bring genealogy and family history to children's lives.

101+ Fun Family History Activities for Kids www.geocities.com/genealogy4kids/genealogy4kids.html

Dozens of practical ideas for genealogy-related activities for kids.

Brother-Sister Family Tree (Sesame Street) www.sesameworkshop.org/parents/activity/article.php?contentId=7716

Instructions for creating a homemade family tree.

Family History Map http://familyfun.go.com/parenting/learn/activities/feature/famf010302_hist/famf010302_hist2.html

Instructions for creating a tabletop map to represent family history.



RootsBooks.com

RootsBooks.com is an online genealogy bookstore, recently launched by Dick Eastman, author of a popular online daily blog for genealogists.

RootsBooks.com offers a range of materials in a variety of formats and is organized geographically, with sections for each U.S. state, and for other countries and regions. Additional categories offer items on heraldry, DNA, and other topics. Buy online or browse the store to identify titles of possible interest – then check to see if they are available at VPL or through inter-library loan.

<http://rootsbooks.com/>

GenMates

In December 2006, Time announced its “Person of the Year”. The choice for 2006? You! In selecting “You”, Time acknowledged the dramatic rise in use of tools such as Wikipedia, YouTube, and MySpace, which allow users to create their own online content.

Now, the genealogical community has its own version of MySpace. **GenMates** features include the ability to write and publicize a blog, create your own groups of forums of genealogists with similar interests, promote forthcoming events, and much more. GenMates is available for free at www.genmates.com.



What Passenger Lists are Online?



This handy website identifies and provides links to a wide range of transcribed passenger records and indexes. Divided into **U.S. Arrival Records, International Arrivals & Departures, and General Sites**, it offers a simple means of finding out quickly what transcriptions and indexes are available. <http://home.att.net/~weemonster/onlinelists.html>

World Vital Records

World Vital Records is a new fee-based website, aimed at becoming “the number two genealogy player in the industry” (after Ancestry.com). Special features include **Geo Mapping**, a unique feature that places information relevant to a search on a dynamically generated map. For example, when searching for a surname, a map might be created showing the location of an individual's death and the deaths of other individuals in the local area, as well as nearby towns, roads, and other relevant information.

The online **SmallTownPapers** offers searchable access to over 300 small town newspapers from across the United States, dating back as far as 1865.

Other exclusive content includes **Scottish Death Records, 1747-1868**, online genealogy classes, a genealogy blog aggregator, and more. Although current content is currently strongly focused on the U.S., World Vital Records plans to expand its international coverage.

For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.worldvitalrecords.com

Archived Newspaper Searches on Google

A new service from Google allows searching of historical newspapers from as early as 200 years ago. Keywords are entered into a search box, with data parameters, if desired. Results are arranged by period, and may be displayed as a timeline. At present, the amount of early content is limited, and most references retrieved by searches will be from newspapers 10 or less years old. But it is worth checking, as more early content may eventually come online. Google News Archive Search is free to use. However, in many cases, results point to information residing on commercial fee-based sites. In the Advanced option, it is possible limit results to free articles or to set a price ceiling.

<http://news.google.com/archivesearch>

Genealogy Blog Finder



Blogs are dynamic web pages containing brief items of information arranged in chronological order. They can be created quickly and easily and do not require special web editing skills. Blogs often take the form of a journal or newsletter, with regular updates. The genealogical community has been blogging enthusiastically for some time. **Genealogy Blog Finder** provides a single point of access to a large variety of genealogy blogs. It is organized into categories such as “Locality Specific”, “Single Surname”, “Associations & Societies”, “Technology” and others. Users can search blog postings by keyword, or limit searches to blog titles and descriptions.

<http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>

Genealogy Fun

Ready for a genealogy challenge? Go to www.genealogyworldwide.com/genealogy_fun.php for a genealogy brainteaser that, according to one solver, took 3 hours to solve rather than 10 minutes, as expected. A link to a logic grid that might help with this brainteaser is provided, and if you are stumped, you can link to the solution.

askaway



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, British Columbia's **askaway** chat reference service is ready to help, Sunday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Simply log on to www.vpl.ca/homework/ and click on **Chat** (next to the **askaway** banner) 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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