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## NEWS FLASH!

VPL Now Affiliated with  
Family History Library,  
Salt Lake City

Vancouver Public Library card holders now have access to the vast collection of genealogy records at the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah through a new affiliate agreement between the two libraries.

The Family History Library collection includes records of genealogical interest gathered from around the world. Many of the records have been microfilmed and are available to genealogists through an extensive network of Family History Centres and affiliated public libraries.

Holdings of the Family History Library can be searched online at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Genealogists can order items of interest through the Vancouver Public Library's interlibrary loan system. A charge of \$6.00 per microfilm reel will apply.

For more information see [www.vpl.ca/find/details/borrowing\\_microfilms\\_family\\_history\\_library](http://www.vpl.ca/find/details/borrowing_microfilms_family_history_library)

## 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.*

### General

#### **Genealogy Online**

by Elizabeth Powell Crowe, 2008  
929.10285 C95g2

#### **Illustrations to the Amorial Général**

by Victor Rolland, 1991  
Ref. 929.6 R74v

#### **The Official Guide to Rootsweb.com**

by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, 2007  
929.10285 G67o

#### **Roots for Kids: A Genealogy Guide for Young People**, 2nd ed.

by Susan Provost Beller, 2007  
929.1 B55r



## Canada

### ***Index of Jews Resident in Western Canada According to the 1870 to 1901 Censuses of Canada***

Ontario Genealogical Society, 2006  
Ref. 929.3712 E36i

## Ontario

### ***1861 Census: Fitzroy Township, Carleton County***

by Norine Wolfe, 2007  
Ref. 929.3713 C28F56w

### ***1901 Census of Admaston Township, Renfrew County, Ontario***

Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group, 2001  
Ref. 929.3713 R41A23u 1901

### ***1901 Census of McNab Township, Renfrew County, Ontario***

Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group, 2001  
Ref. 929.3713 R41M16 1901

### ***Lennox & Addington County 1871 Enhanced Census, Camden Township & Newburgh Village***

by Patti Keller, 2007  
Ref. 929.3713 L56C17k 1891a

### ***Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home Records, Toronto, Ontario, 1869-1923*** [microform]

Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch, 2000  
Ref. 929.3713 Y61T68r

### ***Storrington Township Assessment Rolls: Frontenac County, Ontario, 1846 & 1847***

by Linda & Gary Corupe, 2007  
Ref. 929.3713 F93S88a 1846

### ***Vital Records of Upper Canada/Canada West. Vol. 3. Dalhousie District***

compiled by Dan Walker, 2005  
Ref. 929.3713 A11W17v v.3

## Quebec

### ***1666 Census for Nouvelle-France***

Archives de la Province de Québec, 1997  
Ref. FRE 929.3714 A67s 1666

### ***1762 Census of the Government of Québec: Including South Shore of the St. Lawrence River***

Archives de la Province de Québec, 1997  
Ref. FRE 929.3714 A67s

### ***Granby & Eastern Townships Newspaper Extracts: Québec, Canada, 1855-1910***

by Sharon L. Osgood Norton, 2007  
Ref. 929.3714 N88g

### ***Historical and Genealogical Atlas of Québec from Antiquity to the 20th Century***

ed. by Robert J. Quintin, 1995  
Ref. 929.3714 Q79h

### ***Parish and Town Guide to the Province of Québec: A Listing of all Pre-1901 Québec Province Catholic Churches***

by Robert J. Quintin, 1999  
Ref. 929.3714 Q79p

### ***Repertory of Births, Marriages and Burials: The Anglo-Protestants of Megantic County, 1826-1991***

by Robert Boutin, 1992  
Ref. 929.3714 B77r

## Atlantic Provinces

### ***1871 Census, Guysborough County, NS, Canada***

by Mary Elizabeth Koen, 1988  
Ref. 929.3716 G99k

### ***Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada, 1761-1853***

by Terrence M. Punch, 2008  
929.3715 P98e



## North America



### ***Finding Records of Your Ancestors. Part A, Mexico, 1859-Present***

Family History Library, 2005  
929.372 C56f

### ***The Handybook for Genealogists: United States of America***, 11th ed.

by George B. Everton, 2006  
Ref. 929.373 H23e2

### ***In Search of Confederate Ancestors: The Guide***

by J. H. Segars, 2005  
929.373 S45i

### ***Mexican-American Genealogical Research: Following the Paper Trail to Mexico***

by John P. Schmal, 2002  
929.372 S34m

## British Isles

### ***Family History in the Wars: How Your Ancestors Served Their Country***

by William Spencer, 2007  
929.341 S74f

### ***A Guide to Genealogical Sources in the West of Scotland***, 8 vols.

by Ian F. Brown, 2008  
Ref. 929.341 B878g

### ***Introducing Family History***

by Stuart A. Raymond, 2006  
929.341 R27i

### ***My Ancestors Came With the Conqueror: Those Who Did, and Some of Those Who Probably Did Not***

by Anthony J. Camp, 1990  
929.341 C18m

### ***My Ancestors Were Gypsies***, 2nd ed.

by Sharon Sillers Floate, 2005  
929.341 F62m

### ***Subject Index to Volumes 1 to 26 of the Genealogists' Magazine: 1925-2000***

compiled by Francis L. Leeson, 2002  
Ref. 929.105 G3262 Index

### ***What Date?: A Genealogical Timetable for England and Wales. Book 1. From Present Day Back to 1800***

compiled by Anne Matanle, 2001  
Ref. 929.341 M42w

## Europe

### ***Contents and Addresses of Hungarian Archives: With Supplementary Material for Research on German Ancestors From Hungary***, 2nd ed.

by Edward R. Brandt, 1995  
Ref. 929.3439 B82c

## Australia

### ***Writing Family History Made Very Easy***

by Noeline Kyle, 2007  
929.1 K99w

## Jewish Research

### ***Genealogical Resources Within the Jewish Home and Family***

by Rosemary Wenzel, 2002  
929.1 W48ge

### ***A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Germany & Austria***

edited by Thea Skyte, 2001  
929.343 J59g

### ***A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Latvia and Estonia***, 2nd ed.

by Arlene Beare, 2006  
929.34796 B36g

### ***A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania***

by Sam Aaron, 2005  
929.34793 A11g



***A Guide to Organising Your Family History Records***

by Rosemary Wenzerul, 2004  
929.1 W48gu

***My Ancestors Were Jewish: How Can I Find Out More About Them?***, 3rd ed.

by Anthony Joseph, 2002  
929.341 J83m



**Genealogy Programs  
at the Vancouver  
Public Library**

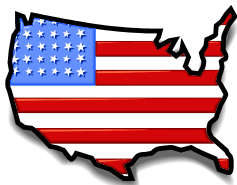
**Genealogy in the United States**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2008**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Learn the basics of United States genealogical research. This workshop will introduce resources available at the Vancouver Public Library and on the Internet.

Registration is required, and begins on Wednesday, September 3. To register, please call 604-331-3716, or come to Fine Arts and History on Level 6 at the Central Library.



**Programs Elsewhere  
in the Lower Mainland**

**Cloverdale Library Genealogical  
Collection Orientations**

**First Saturday of every month**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

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

Charge: Free

The Cloverdale Branch of the 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 Branch is offering monthly orientations.

Please pre-register by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing **genealogy@surrey.ca**.



**Conservation of Digital Photographs**

**Monday, August 4, 2008**

**7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

Burnaby Village Museum  
6501 Deer Lake Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C.

With the advent of digital photography and easy access to its tools, the present generation is documenting itself with more photos than ever before. But do you know how best to copy your favourite digital photos? And how do you best preserve them? Conservator Rosaleen Hill will enlighten you on every aspect of how to best enjoy and preserve this new technology.

- For more information, visit **[www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca/](http://www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca/)**

## **B.C.G.S. General Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

**7:30 p.m.**

British Columbia Genealogical Society  
Edmonds Community Centre  
7282 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

B.C.G.S. meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month through out the year, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Edmonds Community Centre, Burnaby B.C. Visitors are always welcome.

- For more information, visit [www.bcgs.ca/](http://www.bcgs.ca/)

## **International Festival**

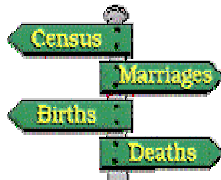
**Saturday, August 23, 2008**

**10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Douglas Park, Langley, B.C.

People from all cultures are invited to share their roots, heritage and traditions and to pass these values onto future generations.

- For more information, visit [www.internationalfestival.ca/](http://www.internationalfestival.ca/)



## **Take Your First Steps on the Ancestral Trail**

**Saturday, September 6, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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

Charge: \$10.00

What tools do we need? Where do we look? Are we on the right path? Attend this session to explore the methodology needed to launch a family history research project. Participants receive a starter workbook and other materials to guide their first steps on this popular self-development path.

Pre-register by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing [genealogy@surrey.ca](mailto:genealogy@surrey.ca). Payment required upon registration.

- For more information, visit [www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm)



## **Here At the Time of the Gold Rush: A Cemetery Tour with Archie and Dale Miller**

**Sunday, September 7, 2008**

**3:00 p.m.**

Fraser Cemetery Office, New Westminster, B.C.

This cemetery tour, in honour of the 150th anniversary of the Fraser River Gold Rush, will explore B.C.'s past through the stories of individuals whose direct connections can be traced back to that momentous event. These include gold seekers, Royal Engineers, steamboat workers, business owners, road builders, wives and mothers, and those who were children at the time.

- For more information, visit [www.nwpl.new-westminster.bc.ca/nwheritage.org/heritagesite/orgs/nwhs/walktour.htm](http://www.nwpl.new-westminster.bc.ca/nwheritage.org/heritagesite/orgs/nwhs/walktour.htm)

## **Work Life Stories or Fact Fillers? Researching Occupational Records for Family History**

**Saturday, September 13, 2008**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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

Charge: \$10.00

You might have your ancestor's birth, marriage and death records. Perhaps census records confirm family stories about how they made a living. But were records left behind at their places of employment, or their union or in other places? Would these records tell work life stories? Determine if occupational records are available for your ancestors, whether or not they can assist you with your genealogy research, and how to track them down. Examples given will be from British Columbia and Western Canada.

Please pre-register by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing **genealogy@surrey.ca**. Payment required upon registration.

- For more information, visit [www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm)



## **B.C. 150! Surrey History Showtime! With Surrey Archives Reference Specialist, Ryan Gallagher**

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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

Charge: by donation

What did Surrey look like one hundred years ago? Fifty years ago? Drop in for an archival slide show that's sure to take you back in time!

Please pre-register by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing **genealogy@surrey.ca**.

- For more information, visit [www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm)

## **Bring & Brag**

**Thursday, September 25, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mission Genealogy Club  
Meeting Room – Fraser Valley Regional  
Library, Mission Branch  
33247 – 2nd Avenue, Mission, B.C.

What did you find during the summer?

- For more information, e-mail [MissionGen@gmail.com](mailto:MissionGen@gmail.com)



## **The Unnatural History of Stanley Park, Vancouver Museum Exhibit**

**September 25, 2008 – February 15, 2009**

Vancouver Museum, Vancouver, B.C.

In celebration of Stanley Park's 120th anniversary, this exhibit looks at how we interfered with, altered, and rearranged Stanley Park's forests, creatures and people to make nature more 'natural', and sheds some light on puzzling blind spots in our romance with this national treasure. Presented in English and Chinese.

- For more information, visit [www.vanmuseum.bc.ca/exhibits/upcoming.aspx](http://www.vanmuseum.bc.ca/exhibits/upcoming.aspx)

## **Ancestry Library Edition: How to Navigate the World's Largest Genealogy Collection Online!**

**Saturday, September 27, 2008**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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

Charge: \$10.00

This extensive family history resource is freely available to the public at the Cloverdale Library. Ancestry offers unparalleled coverage of Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and more. Learn how to get the most out of this amazing family history database collection by attending this lecture with on-screen demonstrations.

Please pre-register by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing **genealogy@surrey.ca**. Payment required upon registration.

- For more information, visit [www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm)

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

**Mondays: September 29, October 13, 27, November 10, 24, 2008**

**5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

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

Charge: \$100.00 for series

This series of five 3-hour classes, developed by writer and researcher Brenda Smith, addresses each beginning family history researcher's need for guidance in embarking on a very personal journey. Working with their own materials, and supporting each other, learners will discover their particular motives and set goals for their research, organize and evaluate their data, and plan the first stage of their individual programs. Participants must be able to commit to attending all five sessions.

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

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**

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**

Process documents, discuss evidence and apply standards of proof.

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

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

### **Lesson 5: Pack Your Parachute: The Research Plan**

Renew your research goals and prepare a plan for continuing research.

Pre-register by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing **genealogy@surrey.ca**. Payment required upon registration.

- For more information, visit [www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/Programs+and+Services/Programs+and+Classes/Genealogy.htm)



## Also Noted...

### **African Roots in Canada**

**August 9, 2008**

Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch  
Toronto, ON

- More information  
[www.torontofamilyhistory.org/africanroots.html](http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/africanroots.html)

### **Discovering Our Roots in Eastern Europe**

**August 15-17, 2008**

Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe  
Kelowna, B.C.

- More information:  
[www.sggee.org/conventions/ConventionNews](http://www.sggee.org/conventions/ConventionNews)

### **Footprints of Family History: The 2008 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference**

**September 3-6, 2008**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- More information:  
[www.fgsconference.org/index.php](http://www.fgsconference.org/index.php)



### **Harvest Your Family Tree: Genealogical Seminar and Marketplace**

**September 26-28, 2008**

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society  
Kelowna, B.C.

- More information, see:  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bckdgs/seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bckdgs/seminar.htm)

## B.C. Vital Events Update Now Available

After a much longer than usual delay, the most recent release of B.C. vital events records is now available at the Vancouver Public Library. These records cover 1932 marriages and 1987 deaths. The microfilms are available in the genealogy section on Level 6 at the Central Branch.

## More VPL Genealogy News...

### **Collection Re-Organization**

A major re-organization of the collection of printed genealogy materials – research guidebooks, census indexes, militia lists and the like – is underway. The Ontario section has been arranged so that items relating to Ontario-as-a-whole are filed together at the beginning of the section, followed by prominently marked separate sections for individual counties and districts. This new arrangement should facilitate browsing (hopefully with serendipitous results!) and make it much easier to locate specific items.

Other sections of the print collection are now being reviewed and re-arranged. Please note that this re-organization requires some items to be re-catalogued. As a result, specific titles may be temporarily unavailable.

### **Free Census Packs**

A limited number of free Canadian census sample packs are available on Level 6 at the Central Branch. Each package includes an oversize extract from the records of each Canadian census year from 1851 to 1911. The sample packs are available on a first-come first-served basis on the genealogy magazine stand on Level 6 at the Central Library.



New from  ancestry.ca



Hidden Gems

### **Ireland, Index to Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864**

A key set of Irish records has been added to Ancestry Library Edition's suite of databases for the British Isles. The Index to Griffith's Valuation comprises the names of over one million Irish householders. The records cover the period from 1848 to 1864 and were part of a survey of Ireland undertaken for tax purposes. Griffith's Valuation is an important census substitute for Irish researchers due to the destruction of most Irish census records prior to 1901.



### **British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920**

This searchable collection includes images of index cards created by the Army Medal Office of the United Kingdom in Droitwich near the end of the First World War. The index cards correspond to 15 medals awarded during World War I, including those for active service and bravery. The new collection comprises entries relating to 4.8 million people, representing almost the total collection (a small update in the near future will complete it.) The records can be searched by first name and last name and by Corps, Unit or Regiment. Each index card shows the individual's medals, reasons for decoration, and corps, unit or regiment number.

### **Passenger and Immigration Lists Index**

#### **Scope**

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index is a vast collection of data on individual immigrants to the United States and Canada from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the early 20th centuries. The index is derived from hundreds of passenger lists and other types of records appearing in books and periodicals published by genealogical and historical societies.

#### **Publication History**

The original Passenger and Immigration Lists Index was published in 1981 and comprised 3 volumes. The original edition has been followed each year since by annual supplements comprising one or two volumes. These annual supplements are consolidated into cumulated supplements every four or five years. Cumulated supplements, usually comprising 3 volumes each, have been published for 1982-1985, 1986-1990, 1991-1995, 1996-2000, and 2001-2005. Future publication plans include cumulated supplements every five years.

#### **Vancouver Public Library Holdings**

Vancouver Public Library owns the original 1981 Index and all of the cumulated supplements published to date. The Library does not purchase annual supplements. The next cumulated supplement to be purchased will be the 2005-2009 edition. The indexes are available in the print genealogy collection (Ref. 929.37 P28f)

#### **Using the Index**

It is important to note that the year ranges associated with each cumulated supplement (e.g. 1991-1995) bear no relation to the dates associated with the individuals indexed therein. Each cumulated supplement includes information on individuals who may have emigrated as early as the 16th century or as late as the 20th century. Therefore, a thorough

search of the Passenger and Immigration Lists Index must include a hand-search of the original 1981 index and each of the five cumulated supplements published since.

### ***If You Find Your Ancestor (?)***

Each entry comprises the individual's name, age (if given), place and date of arrival, naturalization or other record of immigration, source code, and page. If you find an entry you would like to follow up, take the following steps:

- Note the source code, which usually has an appearance similar to this example:  
**3259.35**
- Check the list of source codes at the beginning of the volume.
- Note full details of the source to which the source code applies.
- Ask Information Staff for assistance determining whether or not the source is available at the Vancouver Public Library.
- If the source is available, you can check immediately to see if it has further details concerning your ancestor.



### ***If the Source is Not Available at the Vancouver Public Library***

If the source is not available at the Vancouver Public Library, it may be available through interlibrary loan. Use the online interlibrary loan form (<http://vpl-rss.vpl.ca/index.html>) to place a request, being sure to include the page number cited in the Passenger and Immigration Lists Index entry. Where possible the Vancouver Public Library will try to obtain the item for you free of charge, but in some cases there may be a charge.

## Ontario Archives Land Records Index

For genealogists with Ontario ancestors, the Ontario Archives Land Records Index is a worthwhile place to check. The index has been around for quite awhile but is not well known. Vancouver Public Library owns a microfiche copy which is available in the genealogy collection on Level 6 (Ref. Microfiche 929.3713 A11A67o).

The Ontario Archives Land Records Index lists settlers who:

- requested Crown Land on which to homestead
- were granted permission to lease or reside on a specific Crown Land lot while completing their settlement duties
- received the Patent awarding private ownership of a specific Crown Land lot
- leased or purchased land from the Canada Company or were Peter Robinson settlers.

Records cover a lengthy period, from ca.1780 to ca.1920. The index can be searched alphabetically by settler surname or geographically by township. Each entry provides detailed information about the settler and related land transactions which researchers can use to trace corresponding original records.

More information about the index is available online at

[www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/guides/rg\\_205\\_land\\_records.htm](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/guides/rg_205_land_records.htm)

A book with further information about interpreting entries is also available in the Vancouver Public Library collection: Understanding the Archival Reference Code in the Ontario Land Record Index: How to Find the Reel of Microfilm You Need (Ref. 929.3713 A11A67ou)

## Ontario *Families*

Genealogists with Canadian roots, especially in Ontario, should make a point of checking the Ontario Genealogical Society's Families magazine and its precursor, the Ontario Genealogical Society Bulletin, which began publication in 1962. The quarterly publication includes many in-depth articles on specific families, churches, cemeteries, villages, towns and other specialized topics. Examples include "Irish Yeoman Veterans in Leeds County," "Quakers in Southwest Ontario," "Cornish Immigrants to Ontario" and "Researching Adoptions in Ontario." Hit a brick wall in Ontario? Somewhere in the rich backfiles of OGS Bulletin / Families you just might find a clue to jump-start your research...

To narrow the search for articles in Bulletin / Families, consult the two indexes available in the genealogical collection on Level 6 at the Central Library:

Index to the Ontario Genealogical Society's Bulletin, 1962-1970 & Families, 1971-1997: Selected Subjects  
Ref. 929.3713 A11R3i

Index to the Ontario Genealogical Society's Families: Volume II: 1996: Selected Subjects  
Ref. 929.3713 A11R3ia

Vancouver Public Library's set of back issues of OGS Bulletin / Families begins in 1968 but copies of articles from pre-1968 issues can be ordered through interlibrary loan.

Issues published during the last two years are available in the genealogy magazine collection on Level 6. Previous issues are in the Newspapers & Magazines division on Level 5.



## Update on Nova Scotia Vital Event Records



Since Nova Scotia's searchable database of civil birth, marriage and death records was originally launched in March 2007, many new records have been added and a number of data entry and technical errors have been resolved. As of May 2008, the database comprised the following records:

- Births – 1864-1877
- Delayed births – 1864-1877
- Marriages
  - Bonds – 1763-1864
  - Registrations – 1864-1932
- Deaths – 1864-1877; 1 October 1908-1957

Record details can be viewed and copies of original documents can be ordered online (\$9.95– e-version; \$19.95 – paper version)

For more information and to search the database, go to  
[www.novascotiagenealogy.com](http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com)

## Household Counts: Canadian Households and Families in 1901

A new book edited by Eric Sager and Peter Baskerville of the University of Victoria provides insight into Canadian family life at the turn of the 20th century. The 14 contributors are members of the Canadian Families Project, which has created a computerized national sample of individual-level information from the 1901 census of Canada.

Drawing on this historical snapshot of Canadian society, the authors explore topics ranging from rural-urban migration to working-class earnings to single-parent families in 1901. Genealogists may find Chad Gaffield's essay on "Language, Ancestry, and the Competing Constructions of Identity in Turn-of-the-Century Canada" especially interesting, as it explores popular debate of the time over census-taking, particularly the categorization of characteristics such as language group and ethnicity.

Although Household Counts does not provide data about individuals, it contains a wealth of information about families and households and provides a deeper understanding of the Canadian social landscape in 1901 that may be of interest and benefit to many genealogists.

Household Counts is available at the Vancouver Public Library (306.85 H842s).

Contributions may be submitted as electronic text (e.g. Word or PDF documents) or digital image, audio or video files. Stories, photos and audio or videorecordings may also be submitted by mail.

For more information and sample stories see [www.freespiritbc.ca/peopleshistory/index.aspx](http://www.freespiritbc.ca/peopleshistory/index.aspx)

## Canadians in the South African War

The South African War, 1899-1902 (or the Anglo-Boer War) was fought between Dutch South Africans (also known as Boers) and British South Africans. The Government of Canada sent two volunteer contingents to serve with the British forces. It was a key event in Canadian military history, marking the first time Canadian soldiers were sent to fight in an overseas war. The Canadian forces comprised 7,369 troops and 12 Nursing Sisters.

An online database comprising service files, medal registers and land grant applications of Canadians who served in the South African War has been created by Library and Archives Canada and is available online at [www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/south-african-war/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/south-african-war/index-e.html)

Library and Archives Canada has also prepared a detailed thematic guide to their holdings of government records related to the South African War, available at [www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/001-200.17-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/001-200.17-e.html)

Several published registers of serving Canadians are available at the Vancouver Public Library:

## The People's History

A special project of the Royal B.C. Museum invites contributions of stories about life in B.C., past and present. **The People's History** is part of **Free Spirit: Stories of You, Me and B.C.**, a major feature exhibition running at the Royal B.C. Museum until January 11, 2009. **The People's History** is one of several associated initiatives including a virtual exhibition and a book.

The project is looking for "stories that take place in BC, or are about British Columbians: stories that help tell about our past and present, such as: memories of historic events or prominent British Columbians, tales of everyday life or extraordinary adventure, first impressions upon arrival and lasting traditions that enrich your community."

Canadians in Khaki: South Africa, 1899: Nominal Rolls of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers & Men of the Canadian Contingents and Strathcona's Horse, with Casualties to Date and Also R.M.C. Graduates with the Army in South Africa by Eugene G. Ursual, 1994.  
Ref. 968.04 C21a

"The Canadians": Those Who Served in South Africa, 1899-1902 by Gary A. Roncetti and Edward E. Denby, 1979.  
Ref. 968.04 R76c

Index to Canadian Service Records of the South African War (1899-1902) held at the National Archives of Canada by British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, 1999.  
Ref. 929.371 I38b

Other books in the library collection that explore Canadian participation in the South African War include the following titles:

Canada's Little War: Fighting for the British Empire in Southern Africa, 1899-1902 by Carman Miller, 2003  
968.04 M64c

Our Little Army in the Field: The Canadians in South Africa, 1899-1902 by Brian Reid, 1996.  
968.04 R35o



## Chinese-Canadian Genealogy

### Immigrants from China

In May 2008, Library and Archives Canada launched a unique new database that will be of invaluable use to individuals of Chinese origin wishing to trace their Canadian roots. The database is a fully indexed digital version of the General Registers of Chinese Immigration, a set of federal government records documenting

the entry of every immigrant of Chinese origin from 1885 to 1949. The Registers also recorded payment of the notorious head tax. The database comprises references to 98,361 individuals.

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/chinese-immigrants/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/chinese-immigrants/index-e.html)

### Eating Stories

A new collection of stories published by the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of B.C. explores food and family from the perspective of Chinese-Canadian, First Nations, Aboriginal and Metis writers. Eating Stories: A Chinese Canadian and Aboriginal Potluck is a collection of "memories of family gatherings, home cooking, restaurant outings, and other stories cooked up by the smells, tastes, sounds, sights, and textures that bring families and communities together." The book includes contributions from 23 writer-researchers, as well as 37 recipes and 170 images.

Eating Stories sells for CAN \$30 and is available at several retail locations in the B.C. Lower Mainland or directly from the Society at [info@cchsbcc.ca](mailto:info@cchsbcc.ca).

For more information, please see [www.cchsbcc.ca/](http://www.cchsbcc.ca/)

## FamilySearch News



**FamilySearch** continues to develop innovative FREE online resources for genealogists. Ongoing and new projects include the following, both of which offer opportunities for online participation:

### Record Search – Pilot Site

This FamilySearch initiative offers users free access to millions of indexed records. Results include links to digital images of the original sources. Many specific collections of records are already available for the U.S., England, Mexico, Argentina and several Continental

European countries. **Record Search** is a volunteer-based project and in addition to searching its wide-ranging collections of records, genealogists are invited to participate as indexers. For more information, go to <http://pilot.familysearch.org>. (Note that to use **Record Search**, you must have Adobe Flash Player 9 installed on your computer.)

### **FamilySearch Wiki**

Emulating the famous example of Wikipedia, **FamilySearch** has created a genealogy wiki to assist people tracing their ancestors throughout the world.

**FamilySearch Wiki** is intended to provide expert guidance and advice in support of genealogical research. The wiki is organized into two major categories. **Browse by country** includes a dedicated section for every country, with sub-sections on topics such as “Church Records” and “Newspapers.” These sub-sections provide detailed contextual information on each topic as it relates to the country in question as well as links to related websites. The other major category, **Browse by topic** offers pages on general subjects such as “File Organization” and “Genealogy Software.”

Like all wikis, **FamilySearch Wiki** is a collaborative online resource intended to develop through the contributions of individual users. Anyone can register as a **FamilySearch Wiki** user and revise existing articles or create new ones. Because it is new, **FamilySearch Wiki** coverage is currently a bit uneven, with in-depth information on some countries and topics and little or nothing on others. Over time, however, the wiki is expected to develop into a rich reference source for genealogists at all levels.

<https://wiki.familysearch.org/>



## Web Highlights for British Isles Genealogists

### **WWI British War Diaries**

The National Archives (U.K.) has digitized selected War Diaries from the First World War and made them available online. War diaries were kept for each battalion by an appointed junior officer and comprise a daily record of operations, intelligence reports and other events associated with the unit. Although they are not personal diaries, war diaries provide insight into the activities of ancestors who served during World War I. Searching is free but there is a charge for viewing digitized images from the war diaries. For more information see

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/)

### **The Guardian and Observer Digital Archive**

The contents of two venerable British newspapers, The Guardian and The Observer are now available online. Issues of The Guardian from 1821 to 1990 and The Observer from 1900 to 1990 have been completely scanned to create a searchable digital archive. Articles, announcements, photographs, advertisements and other items in the archive can be browsed, saved and printed. Searching is free but full access requires purchase of a timed site pass, with prices starting at £7.95 for 24 hours.

<http://archive.guardian.co.uk>



## British Black Sheep

### Who Lived There?

This new website is intended to help users trace the history of houses and other buildings and the ancestors associated with them.

After registering (for free) users can search a database of information associated with specific houses and buildings and their occupants worldwide. Database entries include details of each building and its history including the names of people who lived there.

Users can also contribute their own information about properties associated with themselves and their ancestors using a very simple interface.

The site is very new and the database is currently quite small but the site offers the potential to build a rich and fascinating portrait of who lived where.

[www.wholivedthere.com](http://www.wholivedthere.com)



### Expert Links: English Genealogy and Local History

A recently unveiled site created by a Salt Lake City-based professional genealogical research firm, Price and Associates Genealogical Services, provides more than 400 important links for researching English history. Most of the links point to searchable online databases, many of which can be searched free of charge. (Expert Links pages also exist for the U.S. and Scandinavia.)

[www.pricegen.com/english\\_genealogy.html](http://www.pricegen.com/english_genealogy.html)

There are a few black sheep hiding in most family trees. An article in the June 2008 issue (p. 62-63) of Family History Monthly suggests possibilities for tracing “The Criminal Element” in your British family history through the following “Top 20 websites” (a few relate to other countries too):

**Proceedings of the Old Bailey**  
[www.oldbaileyonline.org/](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/)

**Black Sheep Ancestors**  
<http://blacksheepancestors.com/>

**Access to Archives**  
[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a)

**Justice in 18th Century Hackney**  
[www.british-history.ac.uk/source.aspx?pubid=237](http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.aspx?pubid=237)

**TNA: Convicts and Prisoners Research Guide**  
[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue/RdLeaflet.asp?sLeafletID=253](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue/RdLeaflet.asp?sLeafletID=253)

**Scottish High Court Trails**  
[www.nas.gov.uk/guides/highCourt.asp#Criminals](http://www.nas.gov.uk/guides/highCourt.asp#Criminals)

**Her Majesty’s Court Service**  
[www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/](http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/)

**The Newgate Calendar**  
[www.exclassics.com/newgate/ngintro.htm](http://www.exclassics.com/newgate/ngintro.htm)

**Internet Library of Early Journals**  
[www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/](http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/)

**The Guardian and Observer Digital Archives**  
<http://archive.guardian.co.uk/>

**Crime and Punishment Database**  
[www.llgc.org.uk/sesiwn\\_fawr/index\\_s.htm](http://www.llgc.org.uk/sesiwn_fawr/index_s.htm)



**Convicts to Australia**  
[www.convictscentral.com](http://www.convictscentral.com)

**Metropolitan Police Service Historical Archives**  
[www.met.police.uk/history/](http://www.met.police.uk/history/)

**The Black Sheep Index**  
[www.blacksheepindex.co.uk](http://www.blacksheepindex.co.uk)

**The History of Crime in England, 1550-1914**  
[www.ehs.org.uk/society/pdfs/Sharpe%2020b.pdf](http://www.ehs.org.uk/society/pdfs/Sharpe%2020b.pdf)

**Crime in Victorian England**  
[www.victorianweb.org/history/crime/](http://www.victorianweb.org/history/crime/)

**GENUKI: Crime**  
[www.genuki.org.uk/](http://www.genuki.org.uk/)

**Crime in Derbyshire 1770-1828**  
[www.wirksworth.org.uk/crime.htm](http://www.wirksworth.org.uk/crime.htm)

**Capital Punishment UK**  
[www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/index.html](http://www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/index.html)

**Border Reivers**  
[www.nwlink.com/~scotlass/border.htm](http://www.nwlink.com/~scotlass/border.htm)

## Australian Genealogy Portal

For researchers with historical family connections in Australia, Cora Num's "An Australian Gateway Site for Tracing Your Family History" offers an extensive set of useful links. The portal is a great place to begin research "down under".

[www.coraweb.com.au/](http://www.coraweb.com.au/)

## Official Guide to RootsWeb.com

RootsWeb ([www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)) is the premier Internet site for facilitating connections between genealogists. The site provides a range of powerful tools for genealogical information-sharing, including mailing lists, message boards, and the RootsWeb Surname List (RSL). There are also many other features and tools of interest to the genealogy community.

A new book has been written to help users get the most out of RootsWeb. [The Official Guide to RootsWeb.com](#) by Myra Vanderpool Gormley and Tana Pederson Lord provides a guide for genealogists to how to use the mega-genealogy site. The book is full of tips and useful information, including explanations of how to put your family tree online, locate valuable research resources, create message posts, and connect with other users.

The [Official Guide to RootsWeb](#) is now available at the Vancouver Public Library (call number 929.10285 G67o). Visit the online library catalogue at <http://ipac.vpl.ca/> to request this item.

## 101 Best Genealogy Web Sites for 2008



Every year, [Family Tree Magazine](#) offers its pick of the **101 Best Web Sites** for genealogists. The 2008 selection includes categories for beginners, web researchers, and those specializing in military, U.S., African-American, Canadian, immigration, British, Continental European, Jewish and genetic research.

Check out the list at [www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2008/](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2008/)



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/about/details/askaway](http://www.vpl.ca/about/details/askaway) 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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