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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

About Genealogical Standards of Evidence: A Guide for Genealogists, 3rd ed.
by Brenda Dougall Merriman, 2008
929.371 M57a2

Family Tree Page Ideas for Scrapbookers: 130 Ways to Create a Scrapbook Legacy
2004
Ref. 929.1 M53f

Latin for Local and Family Historians: A Beginner's Guide
by Denis Stuart, 2006
929.1 S92L

Canada - General

Discover Your Metis Ancestry: A Beginner's Guide
by John A. Roberts, 2008
929.371 R64d

More Scottish Settlers, 1667-1827
by David Dobson, 2005
Ref. 929.37 D63m

British Columbia

Royal Oak Burial Park: A History and Guide
by Dave Obee, 2008
Ref. 929.5 O12r

Ontario

Lambton County Assessment Rolls: Bosanquet Township, 1852 Enniskilen Township
Ontario Genealogical Society. Lambton County Branch, 1993
Ref. 929.3713 L22B74a

Lambton County Assessment Rolls: 1851 Euphemia Township, 1850 & 1855
Ontario Genealogical Society. Lambton County Branch, 1998
Ref. 929.3713 L22E89a

Lambton County Assessment Rolls: Moore Township, 1860
Ontario Genealogical Society. Lambton County Branch, 2002
Ref. 929.3713 L22M82a

Lambton County Assessment Rolls: Warwick Township, 1851 and 1867
Ontario Genealogical Society. Lambton County Branch, 1995
Ref. 929.3713 L22W29a

Vanished Villages of Elgin

By Jennifer Grainger, 2008
Ref. 929.3713 E41A11g

Ireland

A Guide to Tracing Your Roscommon Ancestors

by John Hamrock, 2007
929.3415 H23g

Sources for Irish Family History: A Listing of Books and Articles on the History of Irish Families

by James G. Ryan, 2001
929.3415 R98s



Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

Genealogy in Ireland

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by learning how to research your Irish family history! This free workshop will introduce key records and provide information on how to locate them.

Registration is required, and begins on Tuesday, February 17. 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

Hands-on Wiki Training Workshops Chinese-Canadians: Profiles from a Community

A wiki is a collection of web pages which is dynamically developed through the participation of users who contribute new material and modify existing content. Perhaps the best-known wiki is *Wikipedia*.

In 2008, Vancouver Public Library launched a wiki project, in partnership with Library and Archives Canada. **Chinese-Canadians: Profiles from a Community** is aimed at creating a portrait of the early Chinese-Canadian community in Canada by collecting and sharing the stories of individuals who were born in Canada to parents of Chinese origin before the year 1901.

The Library will be offering free hands-on public workshops designed to show people how to edit content and add new material to the wiki.

The workshop will be offered three times. Please choose from the following sessions:

- Monday, March 23
9:30-1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28
9:30-1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 31
1:30-5:00 p.m.

Registration is required, and begins on Tuesday, February 24. 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

Honouring Our Ancestors

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Full Day – Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Surrey Arts Centre: Studio Theatre
13750-88 Avenue, Surrey, B.C.

Charge: \$50 **REGISTRATION FULL**

This all-day seminar by Megan Smolenyak will feature 4 lectures:

- Trace Your Roots with DNA
- Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones
- Introduction to Ancestry.com
- Cases That Made My Brain Hurt

Megan Smolenyak is the Chief Family Historian and North American spokesperson for Ancestry.com, the largest genealogical company in the world. She is also a well known author, DNA expert, and co-founder of Roots Television, a pioneering and popular online channel of genealogy and history-oriented programming.

For tickets, call **604-598-7328**, or e-mail **genealogy@surrey.ca**. Do not contact the Arts Centre.



6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Vancouver, B.C.

Where can you find hundreds of thousands of people, all seized with Celtic fever? At the St. Patrick's Day Parade, of course! This year the parade travels a new route along Georgia Street, beginning at Broughton St., ending up at the Celtic Village outside the Vancouver Art

Gallery at Georgia and Howe. Round up your family and friends (and favourite green attire) and enjoy the spectacle of over 2,000 colourfully costumed participants, from pipers and drummers to acrobats and stilt-walkers. The price is still right – absolutely free!

- More information
www.celticfestvancouver.com/parade.php



Tracing Your Australian Connections: How to Locate an Australian in Your Family

Saturday, March 28, 2009

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

Charge: \$10.00

Genealogy Librarian David Berry, at Cloverdale on exchange from Sydney Australia, will share his expertise on this topic. The session will include a survey of readily available online sources for Australian research, and an overview of Australian history, including convict transportation and immigration, and where to find related records.

Information on the State-based system of record-keeping and how to navigate to the relevant agencies to obtain the records will also be covered. A comparison with Canadian genealogy will help provide researchers with context and an understanding of research methodologies.

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

Also Noted...

Discovering Your Family History
Saturdays, February 28, March 7 & 14, 2009
Royal Roads University, 2005 Sooke Road,
Victoria, B.C.

- More information:
www.royalroads.ca/continuing-studies/PEO11555-Y08.htm

Conference on Computerized Family History & Genealogy
March 13-14, 2009
Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

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

GENE-O-RAMA
March 27-28, 2009
Ontario Genealogical Society. Ottawa Branch
Ottawa, Ontario

- More information:
<http://ogsottawa.on.ca/geneorama/>

Vancouver Genealogy Discussion Group

Genealogists living in the Vancouver area are invited to join the **Vancouver Genealogy Meetup**. The group meets regularly to discuss genealogy and family history and heritage. Meetings take place twice-monthly on the 1st Saturday morning and 2nd Tuesday afternoon in the Atrium of the Vancouver Public Library (350 West Georgia Street). For more information, visit www.meetup.com/vancouver-genealogy or e-mail diane_rogers@shaw.ca



Newest Release of Ontario Indexes

The latest release of microfilm Ontario birth, marriage and death indexes is now available in the genealogy collection on Level 6 at the Central Branch of the Vancouver Public Library. The microfilms comprise indexes to 1911 births, 1926 marriages and 1936 deaths. Information in the indexes can be used to order microfilm copies of full registration documents.

(**Ancestry Library Edition**, available at the Vancouver Public Library, includes indexes and digital images of Ontario birth, marriage and death records, but the database does not yet include the information found in the recent microfilm release.)

Hidden Gems



Early New Brunswick Probate Records, 1785-1835 (1989)
Hale, R. Wallace
Ref. 929.37151 H16e

Genealogists with New Brunswick ancestors may be interested in this collection of abstracts derived from two thousand estate files covering a 50-year span during the late 18th to early 19th centuries. Each abstract provides a brief summary of the information found in the corresponding file, including residence, occupation, value of estate, distribution of property, name of spouses, children, executors and other information.



The British Colonist

Free access to historic Victoria, B.C. newspapers is available on a new website released to the public in December 2008.

The British Colonist, Online Edition: 1858-1910 contains all issues of the British Colonist (also called The Daily British Colonist, the Daily Colonist and other variants), from the first issue in 1858 to June 1910.

<http://britishcolonist.ca>

British Columbia History Digitization Program

In September 2006, the Irving K. Barber Centre at the University of British Columbia announced the **B.C. History Digitization Program**, the purpose of which is to improve access to B.C. historical resources.

With support from the program, many digital resources of interest to genealogists with B.C. roots have recently become available, including the Vancouver Public Library's **British Columbia City Directories, 1860-1901** database, partially funded through this program (see **Issue #24** of this newsletter for more details).

B.C. historical newspaper digitization projects supported by the B.C. History Digitization Program completed or currently underway include:

- ***Cariboo Observer, 1908-1967***
- ***Nechako Observer*** [and successors], **1920-1983**
- ***Prince George Newspapers, 1909-1961***
- ***Semiahoo and White Rock Newspapers, 1956-1966***

For more information about the British Columbia History Digitization Program, visit www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/ps/BCDigitInfo.html

News from Library and Archives Canada (LAC)

Immigrants to Canada

In November 2008, Library and Archives Canada launched a new database of information derived from early Canadian passenger lists.

There are few surviving Canadian passenger lists prior to 1865, despite the fact that the British Parliament enacted legislation in 1803 requiring ship masters to prepare lists of passengers and deposit them at the port of departure. Nonetheless, some early lists have been identified in miscellaneous sources at Library and Archives Canada.

The new database comprises approximately 23,482 references found in about 26 different sets of records (including a few other types of records in addition to passenger lists). Most individuals cited in the records were from the British Isles and settled in Ontario or Quebec, but the database does include some references to settlers in other provinces.

Immigrants to Canada can be searched by surname, given name(s), year of immigration and keyword. Search results do not include digital images, but most of the corresponding original records have been microfilmed and are available from Library and Archives Canada through free interlibrary loan.

The quickest way to access the database is to Google "**immigrants to canada**" **library archives canada**



In Quarantine: Life and Death on Grosse-Île, 1832-1937

Grosse-Île in the St. Lawrence River served as a quarantine station for immigrants to Canada arriving at Quebec City over a period of 105 years. All ships destined for the city were required to stop at the island for medical inspection. Sick passengers were removed and treated in hospital and passengers who might have been exposed were held for observation before being allowed to proceed. The island also had facilities where passengers took disinfecting showers while their belongings were sterilized.

Sadly, thousands of sick immigrants died and were buried on the small island, including almost 4000 during a single tragic year, 1847, when a deadly typhus epidemic raged.

A Library and Archives Canada database provides information on 33,026 immigrants whose names appear in surviving records of the Grosse-Île Quarantine Station. The records are derived from a variety of sources held by Parks Canada, and include not only deaths, but also names of those treated in hospital, baptisms, marriages and other data. The database has now been incorporated into an online exhibition that provides much more in-depth information for researchers interested in ancestors who may have passed through Grosse-Île.

The quickest way to access the database is to Google **quarantine life death grosse ile**

Quebec City Passenger Lists Index, 1865-1900
Library and Archives Canada holds a comprehensive collection of Canadian passenger lists for the period from 1865-1935.

Although the records were digitized and posted on the Library and Archives Canada website several years ago, they could only be searched by ship name, date of arrival, port arrival, name of shipping line and port of departure.

Online access to the records has now improved significantly with the launch of a new database in December 2008 that allows nominal searching of almost 1 million records. The records cover arrivals at Quebec City from May 1st, 1865 to April 24th, 1900, a period during which Quebec City was a major port of entry to Canada.

The quickest way to access the database is to Google **“quebec city passenger lists index”**



Library and Archives Canada Partners With Ancestry

A new collaborative agreement between Ancestry and Library and Archives Canada was announced in November. Under the terms of the agreement, Ancestry will digitize and index microfilm and original records held by Library and Archives Canada. The records will be available to Ancestry home subscribers and to in-library users of Ancestry Library Edition. The records will also be available for free through the Library and Archives Canada website.

News from FamilySearch - 1916 Canadian Census Index Now Online... and More

FamilySearch Record Search Update

FamilySearch **Record Search** is a volunteer-based program aimed at creating free searchable databases of genealogical records.

A significant recent addition to **Record Search** is the **1916 Canadian Census Index Online**, derived from records of a census of the Prairie Provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) taken in 1916. The index does not link to digital images of the original records. Results do, however, provide exact references to the original microfilms, including numbers of reels that can be ordered through interlibrary loan from Library and Archives Canada.

Other recent additions to **Record Search** include:

Arizona

- Death Certificates

Czech Republic, Southern Bohemia

- Trebon Archive Church Books

Hungary

- Funeral Notices

Recently updated **Record Search** collections include:

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- Civil Registration

United States

- 1900 Census

West Virginia

- Births
- Marriages
- Deaths

Digitization and Indexing of Additional Canadian Census Records Planned

In November 2008, FamilySearch and Ancestry announced a collaborative initiative to digitize and index Canadian census records. FamilySearch will digitize and index records acquired by Ancestry. The images and indexes will be available to Ancestry users, and in due course, the indexes will also be available for free on the FamilySearch website. The scope of the project includes all Canadian census records except those from the pre-1851 period and 1911. It is of particular interest that this will be the first time comprehensive 1861 and 1871 Canadian census information has been available online.

News from ancestry

Ancestry is a popular database available to Vancouver Public Library users at all branch locations through Ancestry Library Edition and to home subscribers as Ancestry.ca.

*For information about important Ancestry collaborative initiatives, see **News from FamilySearch** and **News from Library and Archives Canada** in this issue.*

Historical Canadian Directories Online

In October 2008, Ancestry launched a massive new database of information from 19th-century Canadian directories. The new **Canadian City and Area Directories, 1819-1899** database comprises almost 20,000 scanned pages, mainly from B.C., Ontario and Quebec directories. The directories are searchable by name.

Records of the Canadian Expeditionary Force

Ancestry recently launched a database of indexes and records associated with individuals who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). The CEF was an army raised by Canada for service in World War I, eventually comprising over 600,000 individuals.

The database includes links to digital images of original Attestation Papers completed by soldiers when they enlisted. While indexes and digital images of CEF Attestation Papers are already available on the Library and Archives Canada website, the search interface in Ancestry's **Canadian Soldiers of World War I, 1914-1918** database includes parameters not available on the LAC site, including date of birth, residence, and keyword. The latter may be used to search for individuals according to the names of next-of-kin.



Additional Records of the National Archives and Records Administration (U.S.) to be Digitized

In May, Ancestry and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in the United States announced a collaborative agreement whereby Ancestry will digitize and electronically distribute NARA records of interest to genealogists.

The first collections to be digitized under the new agreement will include U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Passenger and Crew Arrival and Departure Lists (1897-1958) and Death Notices of U.S. Citizens Abroad (1835-1974).

Ancestry already comprises large collections of NARA records including U.S. federal census records (1790-1930), passenger lists (1820-1960) and World War I and World War II draft registration cards.

German Directories Online

Ancestry's German site has posted 540 German city directories, containing about 27,000,000 names. Most of the directories are from the later 19th and early-to-mid- 20th centuries. The directories are searchable by name.



Ancestry and the Federation of Genealogical Societies to Collaborate in Large Volunteer Indexing Initiative

In Fall 2008, Ancestry and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announced the World Archives Project, a new initiative aimed at creating indexes to genealogical information through the participation of volunteer contributors.

Ancestry will acquire historical records and scan them into its system. Volunteers will then access original images and help create searchable indexes.

Active volunteers will be able to access original images in the project databases for free, and the indexes will be available to the public for free on Ancestry. Both images and indexes will be free at libraries that subscribe to Ancestry Library Edition. For more information or to register and become an active volunteer, visit

www.ancestry.com/worldarchivesproject

UK Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960

In October 2008, Ancestry added a major new database of passenger lists of ships arriving in the United Kingdom from ports outside Europe and the Mediterranean. The database comprises both indexes and images. The original data was compiled by the Board of Trade and is in the custody of the National Archives (U.K.)

Did Your British Ancestor Fly Planes?

Another new Ancestry database, **Great Britain, Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificates, 1910-1950** is based on approximately 28,000 index cards and 34 photograph albums of aviators who were issued with flying licenses (certificates) by the Royal Aero Club between 1910 and 1950. The searchable database includes images of both the index cards and albums.



"Ancestors in the Attic" to Continue in 2009

Ancestors in the Attic has announced that it will continue and expand in 2009. The popular, fast-paced television program explores family trees in Canada and around the world using a "crack team of genealogical sleuths."

Ancestors in the Attic is seen on History Television (Channel 44 in the Vancouver area) at 11 p.m. on Thursdays and 8 p.m. on Saturdays, usually with two half-hour episodes running back-to-back.

Canadian Necrology

A new free database on the University of Toronto Libraries website provides obituary and death information for over 20,000 Canadians, both prominent and lesser-known. The time span covers the late 18th century to 1977. Most of the records were derived from newspapers including the Globe and Mail, Toronto Daily Star, Gazette, and Mail and Empire. Others were compiled by Toronto resident William Henry Pearson (1831-1920).

<http://link.library.utoronto.ca/necrology/index.cfm>

Burial Records for Jewish Cemeteries Across Ontario

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, based in Toronto, has completed the first phase of its contribution to the **JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)** an ambitious international project aimed at creating a comprehensive database of Jewish cemetery information.

The Toronto group has contributed basic burial records for 55,000 graves from each of eleven Jewish cemeteries in the Greater Toronto Area and is now in the process of digitally photographing all of the gravestones.

The JOWBR database is online at www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery and is free, although users must first register with JewishGen (www.jewishgen.org). In addition to Ontario records, the JOWBR comprises records from cemeteries in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec.

DoVE - More Setbacks

DoVE (Digitization of Vital Events) is (or was) a British government scheme intended to provide online access to all post-1837 birth, marriage and death records for England and Wales.

A year ago, this newsletter reported that the DoVE project had suffered a delay and was not expected to launch until mid-to-late 2009.

More recently, it has been reported that the project has been abandoned, due to technical problems. It is now unclear as to whether the records will ever be digitized, although a spokesperson for the General Register Office has said that an internal review is planned to investigate how the scheme can now be completed.

Indexes to English and Welsh vital events are still available in Ancestry or through FreeBMD (www.freebmd.org.uk). Prospects for online access to digital images of full records, however, remain uncertain.



1911 U.K. Census Records Released

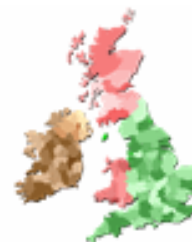
Records of the 1911 census of the United Kingdom are now available online, three years ahead of the originally scheduled release date of January 2012.

The United Kingdom has historically had a 100-year embargo on the release of census records. However, the legislation did not apply to the 1911 records and a court ruling has allowed their early release although “sensitive information” will be held back for the full 100 years. “Sensitive information” includes details of infirmity and other health-related information, information about “family relationships that would have been kept secret,” and details of children aged three or under at the time of the census who were born to women in prison. (These children would have been born sometime between 1907 and 1911).

It is important to be aware that about 80% of records were available at launch. A remaining 9 million records associated with individuals in the remaining counties of England and Wales, the Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and naval and overseas military records are to be made available in the coming months.

The current release comprises household schedules. This is unusual, because the household schedules for all previous U.K. censuses were destroyed and genealogists have only had access to the enumerators’ summaries that were compiled, based on the household schedules. Release of the 1911 enumerators’ summaries is expected in about 6-8 weeks’ time.

1911 U.K. census records are available only on the National Archives (U.K.)’s 1911 Census web page at www.1911census.co.uk. Basic searching is free, but users must register and buy credits using the site’s secure server in order to view full details of a record and associated digital images.



British History Online

For genealogists researching British roots, this website offers a free treasure-trove of information derived from core published primary and secondary sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles. The site includes 19th-century Ordnance Survey maps and the [Victoria County History](#) series which comprises detailed local history information.

www.british-history.ac.uk

My Ancestor Was A...

Genealogists with U.K. roots who want to go “beyond the basics” in exploring specific aspects of their ancestors’ lives may want to make use of the Society of Genealogists’ “My Ancestor Was A ... ” (or in a few cases, “My Ancestors Were”) series. These small booklets describe records in greater depth than standard guides.

VPL holdings of titles in the long-running series include:

My Ancestor Came With The Conqueror
My Ancestors Moved in England or
Wales

My Ancestor Was A . . .

- Bastard
- Lawyer
- Migrant

My Ancestors Were . . .

- Baptists
- Gypsies
- Jewish
- Manorial Tenants

Other titles to be ordered for the VPL collection explore history and records associated with Anglican clergymen, coalminers, Congregationalists, English Presbyterians and Unitarians, Freemasons, Freeman in the City of London, Inghamites, Jews, Londoners, merchant seamen, Methodists, policemen, Royal Marines, the Salvation Army, Thames watermen, and people who worked in the theatre.



Free Access to New York Times Articles, 1851-1922 and 1987-2009

Free access to historical issues of the New York Times prior to 1923 and subsequent to 1986 (including digital images of newspaper articles) is available on the New York Times website at www.nytimes.com and can be accessed directly from the search box on the home page.

The search capability is limited, but it is helpful to enter the individual’s name in quotation marks.

To locate obituaries, enter a search string based on this example: “**richard dickinson**” **obituary**. Searches also retrieve articles published between 1923-1986 but full access requires payment of a fee.

Tens of Millions of Records Now Available on Washington State Digital Archives

Washington State Digital Archives (WASD) has placed almost 80 million records available online, allowing patrons to look up marriage licenses, birth and death certificates, census data, military service, election data, property deeds and other items. It is also possible to access related digital images. The online collection is about 3% of the total number of records expected to go online eventually.

According to its website, WASD is “the nation’s first archives dedicated specifically to the preservation of electronic records from both State and Local agencies that have permanent legal, fiscal or historical value.”

www.digitalarchives.wa.gov



Ancestors Down Under

A new index compiled by the State Library of Queensland provides free access to information about 123,000 of an estimated 160,000 convicts transported to Australia in the 18th and 19th centuries. **The Convict Transportation Registers Database, 1787-1867** is based on information derived from records of the British Home Office.

The database can be searched by name, keyword, ship or date. Results provide references to the original registers and include details such as the length of time for which the person was transported and reference to the corresponding British Quarter Sessions (court) records.

The National Archives in London is the custodian of the original records while microfilm copies are available at a number of locations in Australia.

www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts

Google Resources for Genealogists

Digitized Historical Newspaper Pages (Mainly Canadian!)

Google has added 20 million historical newspaper pages to its online collection. Most of the newspapers are Canadian and have been purchased by Google from **PaperofRecord.com**.

To search the Google Canadian news archives, go to www.google.ca/news and click on **News archive search** (near top-right).

Google Book Search

Google Book Search offers access to thousands of full text books. Many of the books include valuable historical personal and local information. If a book is in the public domain, out of copyright or if the publisher has provided permission for the book to be available for free, the full PDF text of the book can be accessed at no cost.

On the Google Book Search home page, it is recommended that you click on **Advanced Search** and try one of the following search strategies, substituting your own search terms, as demonstrated:

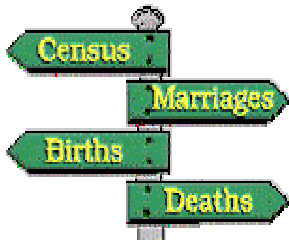
- **surname** e.g. *Bagshawe*
- **“given name - surname”**
e.g. *“Thomas Garratt”*
- **name of village, town, township or parish – county state province – history**
e.g. *Sycamore Illinois history*
- **name of village, town, township or parish – county state province –**
e.g. *Bicester Oxfordshire*
- **genealogy – surname**
e.g. *genealogy Battersby*
- **genealogy - “given name - surname”**
e.g. *genealogy “thomas cox”*
- **surname – name of village, town, township or parish**
e.g. *saunders brill*

<http://books.google.ca>

More Free Books Online

An online collection of almost 27,000 local history and genealogy books is available for free through the Brigham Young University Family History Archive.

www.lib.byu.edu



Saxons, Vikings, and Celts: The Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland

by Bryan Sykes

Genealogists with British ancestors may be interested in this lively and accessible exploration of the genetic origins of the people of the British Isles.

The author used DNA sampling to explore the origins of the original Celtic inhabitants and the genetic legacy of successive waves of Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Norman invaders. Samples collected from over 10,000 volunteers in Britain, Ireland, and the U.S. were used to construct a DNA map of the British Isles.

Sykes used the evidence to sort fact from fiction. His fascinating book challenges conventional wisdom derived from archaeological and historical research.

941.01 S983s

Library Resources for Young Genealogists

Although it is often stereotyped as a past time for older adults, genealogy is a hobby for all ages. To inspire young genealogists, the following books are available in the Vancouver Public Library collection:

The Family Tree Detective Book

by Margaret Crush, 1988

J929.1 C95f

- *This book introduces genealogy through the story of a brother and sister who discover intriguing family artifacts in a mysterious old cabinet and decide to be “the Family Tree Detectives.” The story explores the subject from a British perspective.*

The Family Tree Detective: Cracking the Case of Your Family’s Story

by Ann Douglas, 1999

J929.1 D734f

- *This Canadian title describes basic research methods and record-keeping skills and includes Canadian references.*

The Great Ancestor Hunt: The Fun of Finding Out Who You Are

by Lila Perl, 1989

J929.1 P45g

- *Although focused exclusively on U.S. research, this book offers an excellent, broad-ranging introduction to the subject for older children.*

Me and My Family Tree

by Joan Sweeney, 1999

EASY J929.1 S97m

- *Simple language, child-like drawings and diagrams provide an effective introduction to genealogy for younger readers.*

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

by Susan Provost Beller, 2007

929.1 B55r

- *Introduces young readers to genealogy charts and how to do research using sources at home and beyond.*

What a Family!: A Fresh Look at Family Trees

by Rachel Isadora, 2006

J+FIC

- *For the youngest prospective genealogists, this picture book provides a visual introduction with minimal text.*

Donating Your Family History

If you've written and published a family history you may have considered donating it to a library collection so that it can reach a wider audience.

As a rule, the Vancouver Public Library does not accept donations of family histories unless they are of strong local interest – for example, the story of a B.C. pioneer family. But there are other options to consider:

- Send two copies of your book to the Legal Deposit program at Library and Archives Canada. In fact, ALL publishers (including individuals) are technically required to do so. For more information about the Legal Deposit program, go to www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/legal-deposit/index-e.html
- Send a copy to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. For more information, Google “**family history library gifts and donations**” (include the quotation marks in your search string).

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 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.

Support the Genealogy Collection

Fine Arts and History welcomes financial donations in support of the genealogical collection. Donations can be made by cash, money order, cheque (payable to the Vancouver Public Library Foundation) or credit card (MasterCard, VISA, American Express).

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