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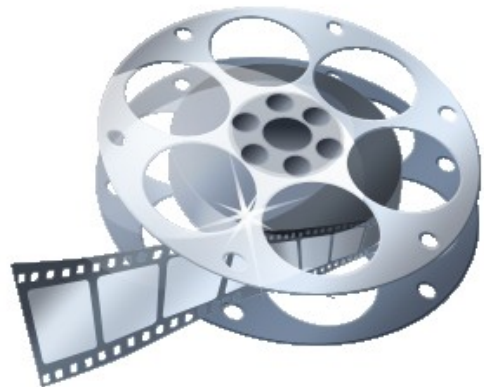
As of 2010, the Vancouver Public Library Genealogical Resources Newsletter will be moving from a quarterly to a semi-annual schedule. Two issues will be published per year, in March and September. The newsletter will continue to list all new genealogy books and other resources received for the Vancouver Public Library collection and provide information about upcoming genealogy programs at the Vancouver Public Library and elsewhere.

Due to the reduced frequency of the newsletter, a regular email notification system regarding upcoming genealogy programs at the Central Library will be established. If you already receive the electronic version of the

newsletter, you will automatically receive these notices and need take no further action. See page 28 for details if you are not currently on the electronic mailing list and would like to subscribe.

Family History Library Microfilm Loan Period Reduced

Many Vancouver Public Library genealogy patrons borrow microfilms from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City through Vancouver Public Library Interlibrary Loans. All such patrons should note that effective immediately, **the loan period for Family History Library microfilms has been reduced to 21 days**. This change brings the borrowing period into line with the regular Vancouver Public Library loan period. Family History Library microfilm users will continue to have access to microfilms any time during library hours, 7 days per week.



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

@ Home With Your Ancestors.com: How to Research Family History Using the Internet

by Diane Marelli, 2007
929.10285 M32a

My Ancestors Were in the Salvation Army: How Can I Find Out More About Them?

by Ray Wiggins, 2007
929.1 W65m

Nicknames: Past and Present: A List of Nicknames for Given Names Used in the Past and Present Time, 5th expanded. ed.

by Christine Rose, 2007
Ref. 929.4 R79n1

The Oral History Workshop: Collect and Celebrate the Life Stories of Your Family and Friends

by Cynthia Hart, 2009
907.2 H32o

Canada

The Naval Service of Canada, 1910-2010: The Centennial Story

edited by Richard H. Gimblett, 2009
359.00971 N31g



Prairie Provinces

The Barr Colonists, 1903: Names, Ages and Occupations

by Noreen Chambers, 1994
Ref. 929.37123 B26c



Fast Facts for Finding Family from Manitoba: What Records Exist? Where Are They Located? How Do You Find Your Family in Them?

Manitoba Genealogical Society, 2007
929.37127 F25s

Obituary Index of Turner Valley Oilfields: Residents, Past and Present

by Florence M. Denning, 1993
Ref. 929.37123 T95d

Ontario

The Best of the Branches: A Selected Collection of Articles from Recent OGS Branch Newsletters

Ontario Genealogical Society, 2008
929.1 B561c

Death Notices from the Canada Christian Advocate, 1858-1872

by Donald A. McKenzie, 1992
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v. 5

Death Notices from the Christian Guardian, 1836 to 1850

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2008
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v. 1

Death Notices from the Christian Guardian, 1851 to 1860

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2008
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v. 2

Local Histories of Ontario Municipalities, 1987-1997: A Bibliography

by Barbara B. Aitken, 1999
Ref. 971.3X A31La

Local Histories of Ontario Municipalities, 1997-2007: A Bibliography

by Barbara B. Aitken, 2009
971.3X A31Lb

More Notices from Methodist Papers, 1830 to 1857

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2008
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v. 3

More Notices from Ontario's Methodist Papers, 1858 to 1872

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2007
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v. 6

More Obituaries from Ontario's Methodist Papers, 1873 to 1884

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2007
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v.9

Obituaries from Ontario's Christian Guardian, 1861-1870

by Donald A. McKenzie, 1988
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v.4

Obituaries from Ontario's Christian Guardian, 1873 to 1880

by Donald A. Mackenzie, 2007
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v.7

Obituaries from the Canada Christian Advocate, 1873 to 1884

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2007
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v.8

Obituaries from the Christian Guardian, July 1884 to December 1890

by Donald A. McKenzie, 2005
Ref. 929.3713 A11M15d v.10

Queen Street United Church Baptisms, 1901-1930: City of Kingston, Frontenac County, Ontario

Ontario Genealogical Society, 2008
929.3713 F93K55q



United States

Bounty and Donation Land Grants in British Colonial America

by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, 2007
Ref. 929.373 B66b

Chicago & Cook County: A Guide to Research

by Loretto Dennis Szucs, 1996
929.373 S99c

British Isles

The Birth Index of Ireland: A Special Record of Irish Family Names

by Robert E. Matheson, 2004
929.3415 M42b



Census 1801-1911: A Guide for the Internet Era

by Stuart A. Raymond, 2009
929.341 R27c

Coroners' Records in England and Wales, 3rd ed.

by Jeremy Sumner Wycherley Gibson, 2009
929.342 G44c

Directory of British Peerages: From the Earliest Times to the Present Day

by Francis L. Leeson, 2002
929.341 D59L

The Family Tree Detective: A Manual for Tracing Your Ancestors in England and Wales, 4th ed.

by Colin Darlington Rogers, 2008
929.342 R72t2

Fishing and Fishermen: A Guide for Family Historians

by Martin Wilcox, 2009
929.341 W66f

Index of London Schools and Their Records, 3rd ed.
by Cliff Webb, 2007
929.342 W36i

Irish Ancestors: A Pocket Guide to Your Family History
by John Grenham, 2004
929.3415 G82i

Irish Family History on the Web: A Directory, 3rd ed.
by Stuart A. Raymond, 2007
929.3415 R27i

London's Bawdy Courts, Volume 1, 1703-1713, Consistory Court of London: Index to Cases and Depositions (with Birthplaces)
Society of Genealogists, 1999
929.342 L84w v.1

Migration Records: A Guide for Family Historians
by Roger Kershaw, 2009
929.341 K41m



My Ancestor was a Coalminer
by David Tonks, 2003
929.341 T66m

My Ancestor was a Freemason, 3rd ed.
by Pat Lewis, 2005
929.341 L67m

My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman: How Can I Find Out More About Him?, 2nd ed.
by Christopher T. Watts, 2002
929.341 W34m

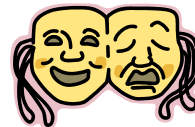
My Ancestor was a Policeman: How Can I Find Out More About Him?
by Antony Shearman, 2000
929.341 S53m

My Ancestor was a Royal Marine
by Ken Divall, 2008
929.341 D61m

My Ancestor was an Agricultural Labourer
by Ian H. Waller, 2007
929.341 W19m

My Ancestor was an Anglican Clergyman
by Peter Towey, 2006
929.341 T73m

My Ancestor was in the British Army: How Can I Find Out More About Him?, new ed.
by Michael J. Watts, 2009
929.341 W35m



My Ancestor Worked in the Theatre
by Alan R. Ruston, 2005
929.341 R97m

My Ancestors Were Congregationalists in England and Wales, 2nd rev. ed.
by D. J. H. Clifford, 1997
929.342 C63m

My Ancestors Were English Presbyterians and Unitarians, 2nd ed.
by Alan R. Ruston, 2001
929.341 R97me

My Ancestors Were Jewish, 4th ed.
by Anthony Joseph
929.341 J83m1



My Ancestors Were Londoners: How Can I Find Out More About Them?, 5th ed.
by Cliff Webb, 2008
929.342 W36m

My Ancestors Were Methodists, 4th ed.
by William Leary, 2005
929.341 L43m



My Ancestors Were Thames Watermen: A Guide to Tracing Your Thames Watermen and Lightermen Ancestors, 2nd ed.
by James W. Legon, 2008
929.342 L51m

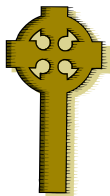
New Cousins: How to Trace Living Descendants of Your Ancestors
by Karen L. Bali, 2009
929.341 B18n

Parish Registers: A History and Guide
by Stuart A. Raymond, 2009
929.342 R27p

Researching Brewery and Publican Ancestors, 2nd ed.
by Simon Fowler, 2009
929.341 F78r

Tracing Your Air Force Ancestors
by Phil Tomaselli, 2007
929.341 T65t

Tracing Your East Anglican Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians
by Gill Blanchard, 2009
929.342 B63t



Tracing Your Irish Roots
by Christine Kinealy, 1999
929.3415 K51t

Tracing Your Pauper Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians
by Robert Burlison, 2009
929.341 B96t

Tracing Your Police Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians
by Stephen Wade, 2009
929.342 W12t

Tracing Your Royal Marine Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians
by Richard Brooks, 2008
929.341 B873t



Tracing Your Secret Service Ancestors
by Phil Tomaselli, 2009
929.341 T65ts

Tracing Your Textile Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians
by Vivien Teasdale, 2009
929.342 T25t

Victuallers' Licences: Records for Family and Local Historians, 3rd ed.
by Jeremy Gibson, 2009
929.341 G44v

Wills and Probate Records: A Guide for Family Historians, 2nd ed.
by Karen Grannum, 2009
929.341 G75w1

Your Irish Ancestors: A Guide for the Family Historian
by Dr. Ian Maxwell, 2008
929.3415 M46i

Jewish Research

Roots and Remembrance: Explorations in Jewish Genealogy
by Ze'ev Glicenstein, 2006
929.1 G55r

New Genealogy Magazines

Genealogy magazines are displayed on the magazine rack in the genealogy area on Level 6 at the Central Library. The collection has recently expanded to include four new titles:

Ancestors Magazine

This magazine, published six times a year by The National Archives in the United Kingdom, offers recent news, informative articles and expert advice with a focus on England and Wales.

Due to popular demand, a complete digital copy of Ancestors Magazine, Issue 57 (May 2007) is available online at <http://issuu.com/penandsword/docs/ancestorsmagazine57>. The main focus is on records of ancestors associated with the Indian sub-continent.

Family Chronicle

A bimonthly Canadian magazine covering a wide spectrum of genealogy topics, both Canadian and international.



Internet Genealogy

A bimonthly Canadian magazine from the publishers of Family Chronicle focusing on Internet-related family history topics. The magazine offers software and technology reviews and case studies and provides advice on where to look if records cannot be found online and how to confirm data derived from the web.

Irish Roots

A quarterly resource for those researching Irish roots. Includes news, research tips, articles on aspects of Irish history and life and more.

Hidden Gems



A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation, 4 vol. Whyte, by Donald Whyte, 1986-2005
Ref. 929.371 W62d

The results of over 40 years of research are compiled in this massive work, which contains details of thousands of individuals who emigrated from Scotland to Canada from around the time of the U.S. Revolutionary War until 1867. The data has been culled from a wide variety of primary and secondary sources as well as correspondence with descendants of Scottish emigrants.

The amount of information in individual entries varies but may include approximate birth and death dates, parents' names, date of emigration, destination in Canada, names of spouse and children and other details. Each entry includes a bibliographic reference to the source.

When using the series to research Scottish emigrant ancestors, it is necessary to check all four volumes, as each book contains many new entries as well as appendices with information about emigrants listed in previous volumes.





Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

Canadian Church Records

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Alma VanDusen Meeting Room, Lower Level
Central Library

Canadian church records are an important source of genealogical information, especially for years prior to the beginning of civil registration. Learn more about these records and how to find them at this free, two-hour genealogy workshop.

Pre-registration is required and begins on **Tuesday, March 16th**. For more information or to register, please contact Fine Arts and History at **604-331-3716**.

CyberSunday: Getting the Most Out of Ancestry Library Edition

Sunday, May 2, 2010

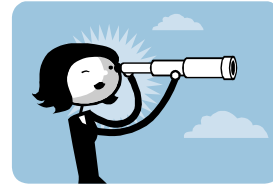
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Ancestry Library Edition, available free at all Vancouver Public Library locations, offers a wealth of online genealogical data from around the world. Learn more about this resource and how to search it effectively at this free, 90-minute genealogy workshop.

Participants should be familiar with mouse operations and basic Internet searching.

Pre-registration is required and begins on **Thursday, April 1**. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.



CyberSunday: Using FamilySearch

Sunday, May 30, 2010

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Computer Training Lab, Level 7
Central Library

The FamilySearch website allows genealogists to search the holdings of the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City. It offers increasing amounts of free high-quality online genealogy data. Learn more about this key resource at this free, 90-minute genealogy workshop.

Participants should be familiar with mouse operations and basic Internet searching.

Pre-registration is required and begins on **Thursday, April 1**. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.



Genealogy in England

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Alma VanDusen Meeting Room
Lower Level
Central Library

Learn the basics of English family history research. This free, two-hour genealogy workshop will introduce resources available at the Vancouver Public Library and on the Internet.

Pre-registration is required and begins on **Wednesday, May 12th**. For more information

or to register, please contact Fine Arts and History at **604-331-3716**.

Canadian Immigration and Naturalization Records

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Alma VanDusen Meeting Room

Lower Level

Central Library

A free two-hour introduction to finding and using records of immigrant arrivals in Canada by land and sea, as well as documents associated with naturalization.

Pre-registration is required and begins on **Wednesday, August 18th**. For more information or to register, please contact Fine Arts and History at **604-331-3716**.

Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

Computer Basics

Computer Training Lab, Level 7

Central Library

Thursdays, April 8, May 20, 2010

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Saturday, April 24, 2010

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Get comfortable using a computer during this 90-minute, hands-on course. Learn to use the mouse and the computer keyboard, and get an overview of basic computer functions. No previous computer experience necessary.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.



Internet Basics

Computer Training Lab, Level 7

Central Library

Saturday, April 10, 2010

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Thursday, April 15, 2010

- **4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Learn about what's available on the Internet and how to find it. We'll talk about browsers, navigation, and effective searching during this 2-hour, hands-on course. Computer Basics or equivalent experience is required.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.



Women's History Fair

Saturday, April 10, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Central Library Promenade

The Women's History Fair will feature displays, exhibits, collections and programs from museums, archives, historical societies, cultural groups and others.

For more information, please contact Special Collections at **604-331-3778**.

Google Basics

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Computer Training Lab, Level 7
Central Library

Join us for this one-hour class and get to know Google, one of today's most popular search engines. Learn how to search the internet, evaluate your search results and use advanced search features. Basic computer skills required.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.



Email Basics

Saturday, April 17, 2010

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Computer Training Lab, Level 7
Central Library

Thursday, April 22, 2010

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Computer Training Lab, Level 7
Central Library

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Set up your own web-based email account and learn the basics of sending and receiving email in this 90-minute, hands-on course. All exercises use free Gmail service. Computer

Basics and Internet Basics or equivalent experience is required.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.



News on the Internet

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Computer Training Lab, Level 7
Central Library

Learn how to access current and historical news content on the internet. In this one-hour class, we will be exploring Google news, PressDisplay and Canadian Newsstand. Basic computer skills required.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.



Search Smart

Saturday, May 1, 2010

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Computer Training Lab, Level 7
Central Library

This two-hour, hands-on course will introduce you to the library catalogue and a full-text database and show you search strategies and techniques for using them effectively. Basic computer skills required.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call the Central Library at **604-331-3603**.

Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

Stephen P. Morse Seminar

Sunday, March 28, 2010

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Jewish Community Centre

950 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Charge: \$7.50 (members) / \$10.00 (non-members)

This seminar will describe and give highlights on the range of tools available on the **One Step** web page.

A tour of the Jewish Museum is being offered from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Please sign up when you register for the seminar.

Please contact Eunice Robinson at **Eunice@dccnet.com** to register. More information: **www.bccgs.ca**.

Ukrainian Roots

Saturday, April 10, 2010

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Surrey Museum

17710 – 56A Avenue, Surrey, B.C.

Charge: \$10.00

During the Surrey Museum's **Ukrainian Cultural Afternoon**, Cloverdale Library will offer a Ukrainian Roots program. The speaker, Vera Shpolyansky, is a "forensic genealogist" with a business that specializes in locating living descendants in Eastern European countries. She will deliver a lecture for both beginners on their "genealogical journey" to Ukraine, and those who have done some research and would like to hear about newest information available online.

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



Finding Your Female Ancestors: Paper Trails and DNA

Saturday, April 17th, 2010

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Charge: \$10.00

Learn how to locate and honour your own female ancestors with some excellent research tips and the latest on using DNA to research maternal lines.

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



It's All About Transportation! B.C. Historical Federation Conference

May 6-8, 2010

Plaza 500 Hotel and Convention Centre
500 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Workshops, book fair, lectures and presentations, including the inside story on the award winning **City Reflections: Vancouver in 1907** DVD.

More information
**www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/
bchf2010.htm**

Fast and Easy Digital Collages Using Picasa

Saturday, May 8, 2010

10: 30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Charge: \$10.00

Picasa is a free “software download from Google that helps you organize, edit, and share your photos.” It can be used to pull together an excellent family history collage in no time. Look at some great examples and learn the “how tos” at this workshop.

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

Canadian Committee on Women’s History Conference

August 12-15, 2010

Vancouver, B.C.

BCGS members Brenda Smith, Jacqueline Gresko and M. Diane Rogers will be speaking on the theme of “Putting Granny in Context.”

www.chashcacommittees-comitesa.ca/ccwh-cchf/english/site/conference2010.html

Also Noted...

Making Better Photos

March 23, 2010

Wellington County Branch, Ontario
Genealogical Society
Guelph, Ontario

- More information:
www.ogs.on.ca/wellington/events.html



Gene-O-Rama

March 26-27, 2010

Library and Archives Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

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

Ancestry 2010

April 17, 2010

Nanaimo Family History Society
Nanaimo, British Columbia

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

Researching Early 20th Century British Immigrant Ancestry

April 20, 2010

Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society
Ottawa, Ontario

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



Living in the Past Lane – Alberta Genealogical Society GenFair 2010

April 23-24, 2010

Alberta Genealogical Society
Medicine Hat, Alberta

- More information:
www.abgensoc.ca/events.html

2010 NGS Family History Conference

April 28 – May 1, 2010

National Genealogical Society
Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

- More information:
www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

Twenty Ten: Essentials, Innovations and Delights

May 14-16, 2010

Ontario Genealogical Society

Toronto, Ontario

- More information:
<http://torontofamilyhistory.org/2010>

Beyond the Mountains: UELAC Annual General Meeting

June 3-6, 2010

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Vernon, B.C.

- More information:
www.uelac.org/BTM2010.html

News from

 **ancestry library edition**

Ancestry Library Edition is a popular online collection of records available to Vancouver Public Library users at all locations.

Canada, Ocean Arrivals (Form 30A), 1919-1924

A significant new addition to Ancestry's collection of Canadian immigration records is the new **Canada, Ocean Arrivals (Form 30A), 1919-1924** database. The database provides records of almost 753,000 people who arrived at Canadian ports between 1919 and 1924, a period during which the names of passengers were not listed on ship manifests (passenger lists) but on individual pre-printed forms. Not all offices started using Form 30A at the same time. Some began as early as 1919, others as late as 1922. Form 30A was discontinued after

1924 and use of the former ship manifests resumed.

Although Form 30A changed slightly over time, information recorded generally included:

- Ship
- Port of departure
- Arrival date
- Port of arrival
- Name of passenger
- Age
- Gender
- Birthplace
- Marital status
- Present occupation
- Intended occupation
- Race
- Citizenship
- Religion
- Object in going to Canada
- Whether intend to live permanently in Canada
- Destination
- Name of the nearest relative in country from which they came
- Passport information

The new database is searchable by name, date and port of arrival, date and port of departure, birthplace and year, ship name, gender and keyword. Results are linked to digital images of original records.

More information about Form 30A is available on the Canadian Genealogy Centre website at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/022-908.004-e.html

Ontario, Canada, Marriage Registers by Clergy, 1896-1948

This new Ancestry database is derived from 18 volumes of marriage registers created by clergy under the Registration Act of 1896. It includes records of 12,000 marriages, mainly Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian.

The Registration Act of 1896 required clergymen to report marriages within 30 days

of when they occurred. Previous laws had mandated a reporting period of 90 days. The registers were compiled using pre-printed forms, with space for recording name, age, residence, whether bachelor, spinster, widower or widow, groom's occupation, religious denomination and names of parents.

The database is searchable and results are linked to digital copies of original records.

Drouin Collection Back Online

The last issue of this newsletter reported that the Drouin Collection, which comprises millions of records from microfilmed registers of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish congregations in Quebec, had been removed from Ancestry. Following an arbitration against Ancestry and in favour of the Institut généalogique Drouin, custodians of the original microfilms. The arbitrator declared that Ancestry had failed to meet its contractual obligations to the Institut généalogique Drouin. Ancestry was given 60 days to remedy the situation and the Drouin Collection was taken offline. Luckily for researchers with Quebec roots, it would appear that Ancestry has resolved the problems as the collection is once again available.

London Parish Registers Databases Launched

For genealogists with ancestral connections to London, England, Ancestry now provides access to 14 million indexed and digital images of records from London parish registers. There are four databases:

- **London, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812**
- **London, England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1921**
- **London, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1906**
- **London, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-1980**

Most of the records can be searched by name, date, locality and event, although the registers can only be browsed in the case of baptisms, births, deaths and burials prior to 1813 and marriages prior to 1754,

Ancestry secured exclusive rights to digitize and host these and other key records from the London Metropolitan Archives and Guildhall Library Manuscripts collections in 2008.

Gretna Green, Scotland, Marriage Registers, 1794-1895

A mile inside the Scottish border, Gretna Green has become famous as "Britain's marriage capital." Thousands of couples eloped to the Scottish border town for clandestine marriages after Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1753 required parental permission for all couples marrying under the age of 21, a law which didn't exist in Scotland. Records of more than 10,000 Gretna Green marriages, including details of over 21,000 people, are now available in the new Ancestry database. The records are derived from what is known as the Lang Collection of Gretna Green Marriage Registers, which document about half of the marriages performed from 1794-1895.

The database is searchable and results are linked to digital copies of original records.

Enhanced U.S. Census Collection

In response to customer feedback, Ancestry has improved images associated with many of its U.S. federal census. This was a priority Ancestry project during 2009. Enhanced and clearer images have now been provided for the 1790-1900 censuses, while the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1900 censuses have been upgraded. More than 200 million records were reviewed. For those who have previously used Ancestry unsuccessfully to review the U.S. federal

census, now might be a good time to go back for another look.

Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad, 1960, 1963-1974

Another new Ancestry data collection, **Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad, 1960, 1963-1974** comprises more than 80,000 records verifying the deaths of Americans overseas. Documents include letters, formal reports, passports and other historical documents. The database is searchable by name, country and year of death, birth year and keyword and results are linked to digital images of original documents.



Honolulu, Hawaii, Passenger Lists, 1900-1953

Although most genealogists may not have ancestors who lived in the 50th U.S. state, Ancestry's new **Honolulu, Hawaii, Passenger Lists, 1900-1953** database may have records of ancestors who vacationed or stopped there while emigrating to or from North America. The database comprises over 1.4 million records of passenger arrivals in Honolulu and is searchable by name, birthplace, birth year, ethnicity, gender, port of arrival, arrival year, port of departure, departure year, ship name and keyword. Results are linked to digital images of original records.

Bavaria, Germany, WWI Personnel Rosters, 1914-1918

Ancestry has also recently added a comprehensive collection of German service records from World War I.

In 1871, four kingdoms – Bavaria, Prussia, Saxony and Wurttemberg – united to create a unitary German state but each retained its own military until the end of World War I. The new Ancestry database lists soldiers from the Bavarian Regiment, providing details of the military careers of 1.5 million Bavarian soldiers.

Each record includes the soldier's name, rank, date and place of birth, details of their active service, religion, status or occupation, marital status, parents' names and address. The database is searchable and results include digital images of original records, which are held by The Bavarian State Archives.

Corrections

Vancouver Public Library occasionally receives queries from genealogists who have noticed transcription errors in online Ancestry Library Edition records. While subscribers to the home version (variously known as **Ancestry.ca**, **Ancestry.com** etc.) can submit corrections online, the Ancestry Library Edition version includes no such facility.

The Vancouver Public Library has been advised, however, that corrections can be emailed to libraryedition@ancestry.com

News from Family Search

Toronto Trust Cemeteries Project

A collaborative project between the **Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society** and **FamilySearch.org** will create an online index to the burial registers of the Toronto Trust Cemeteries, previously known as the **Pleasant Group of Cemeteries**. The initial phase of the project will cover records up to 1930, including:

- **York General Burying Ground (Potter's Field) 1826-1865**
- **Toronto Necropolis 1850-1930**
- **Mount Pleasant Cemetery 1876-1930**
- **Prospect Cemetery 1890-1930**

The new index will be included on the FamilySearch **Record Search** site (see below).



Other Canadian Projects

Record Search (see below) includes a significant collection of Canadian indexes and images. In addition to the new Toronto Trust Cemeteries records, work is underway on the following projects:

- **British Columbia Death Records, 1872-1986**
- **Canada – 1871 Mortality Census**
- **Canada, Québec, Montreal – Registres Paroissiaux, 1800-1900**

New Records Added to Record Search

The FamilySearch Record Search sub-site (pilot.familysearch.org) offers free access to indexes and digital images of genealogical records from around the world. The site is available at <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start> and is continuously expanding.

New or recently updated databases include:

Argentina

- 1869 Census
- 1895 Census
- Buenos Aires City, 1855

- Tucuman, San Miguel de Tucuman, Catholic Church Records, 1727-1949 [*this is part of the Argentina Catholic Church Records collection*]

Arkansas, U.S.A.

- County Marriages, 1837-1957



Australia

- Index to Bounty Immigrants Arriving in N.S.W., Australia, 1828-1842

Brazil

- Catholic Church Records, 1805-1979

Dominican Republic

- Civil Births, 1828-1917

England

- Cheshire School Records, 1796-1950
- Cheshire Non-conformist Records, 1671-1900

Florida, U.S.A.

- State Census, 1935
- State Census, 1945

Georgia, U.S.A.

- Deaths, 1914-1927
- Deaths, 1930

Germany

- Baden, Bonndorf Church Book Duplicates, 1810-1869
- Posen, Church Book Duplicates, 1800-1874

Ghana

- Census, 1982-1984

Guatemala

- Guatemala, Ciudad de Guatemala, Censo de 1877

Illinois, U.S.A.

- Cook County Birth Registers, 1871-1915

Indiana, U.S.A.

- Marriages, 1811-1959

Italy

- Napoli Province, Municipal Records, 1809-1936
- Palermo Province, Monreale Diocese, Catholic Church Records, 1530-1919

Massachusetts, U.S.A.

- Marriage Records, 1841-1915

Mexico

- Census, 1930
- Coahuila, Catholic Church Records, 1627-1978 [*this is part of the **Mexico, Catholic Church Records** collection*]
- Distrito Federal, Catholic Church Records
- Tlaxcala, Civil Registration, 1867-1937

Netherlands

- Limburg Parish Register Transcripts, 1600-1822

Slovakia

- Prešov Region Church Books, (Hungarian Place Names), 1592-1906

South Africa

- Orange Free State, Estate Files, 1951-1973

Spain

- Municipal Records, 1837-1870

Switzerland

- Schaffhausen, Church Records

United States

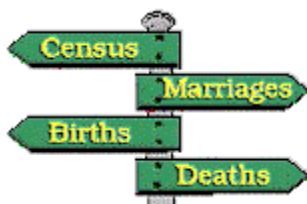
- 1920 Federal Census

Washington, U.S.A.

- State County Marriages, 1858-1950

Wisconsin, U.S.A.

- State Census, 1855



FamilySearch Wiki

wiki.familysearch.org

A wiki is a dynamic online library of articles. A key feature is the ability for anyone to easily revise and add new material. The best-known example is the Wikipedia, but for genealogists, **FamilySearch** now has its own wiki. Rather than providing records of ancestors, **FamilySearch Wiki** provides detailed information about researching family history. Content ranges from general “get-started” guidance to articles on specialized topics.

It is not necessary to register in order to read articles in **FamilySearch Wiki** but anyone who successfully completes the free, easy registration process can become a FamilySearch wiki editor and contribute articles or revise existing ones.

News from the Canadian Genealogy Centre

The Canadian Genealogy Centre recently made improvements to a number of pages on its website, in most cases fixing typos and broken links and changing wording.

In addition, contact information for armed forces in other countries was added to the **First World War** and **Canadian Forces After 1918 (including Second World War)** pages.

Finally, the guide **Researching Your Aboriginal Ancestry at Library and Archives Canada** was fully revised and published online in PDF and HTML. It is available at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/22-607.002-e.html

Canadian Almanac and Directory Online

Digital copies of the historical Canadian Almanac and Directory are available in the Internet Archives and can easily be browsed through a user-friendly interface. The digital collection includes an online version of annual editions of the almanac for most years from 1848-1912.

The almanacs provide a wealth of information about the world of our ancestors, include many details that may be helpful when conducting specialized research – for example, lists of cities, towns and villages, churches, post offices, railroad stations, etc. Many lists of personal names are included, especially members of professions (lawyers, surveyors, clergy), executive members of associations, members of masonic lodges, etc.

To access the collection:

- Go to www.archive.org
- Enter **canadian almanac** and a year in the search box, e.g. *canadian almanac 1893*

The Memory Project: Stories of the Second World War

The Memory Project is a new nation-wide endeavour, aimed at creating a record of Canada's participation in the Second World War as seen through the eyes of veterans. The project offers every one of thousands of living veterans the opportunity to share their memories through oral interviews and digitized memorabilia. This material will be made available on a website, thememoryproject.com.

Veterans who would like to participate, or anyone who knows a veteran who would like to share their story, are encouraged to register online at

<http://thememoryproject.com/Participate.aspx>. Those who register will be contacted by **The Memory Project** to arrange their participation.

The Memory Project is an initiative of the Historica-Dominion Institute and is funded by Canadian Heritage.



B.C Archives - Commemorative Birth Certificates Available

In December 2009 the B.C. Vital Statistics Agency introduced a new commemorative birth certificate collection. The certificates are available in 42 styles, including Classic, Background Colours (5 selections) and Stylized Scenes of British Columbia (36 selections). The "Stylized Scenes" are taken from a mural called "Splendid Diversity – 36 More Wonders of the World" by Carol Christianson, commissioned by the Royal B.C. Museum as part of an exhibition celebrating B.C.'s 150th birthday. Commemorative birth certificates can be combined into sets to create decorative scenes and are suitable for framing.

The certificates are issued by the B.C. Vital Statistics Agency and include the child's full name, date and time of birth, birth weight,

place of birth and sex. They are not intended for use as official identification.

Eligible applicants for a Commemorative Birth Certificate include:

- The person named in the birth event
- The mother of the person named in the birth event
- The father of the person named in the birth event (if named on the birth registration)
- The person with custody of the person named in the birth event (proof of court recognized legal custody must be provided)
- A person on the written consent of the individuals listed above.

Commemorative birth certificates are issued for the standard genealogy certificate price of \$50.00 each.

For more information see

www.vs.gov.bc.ca/commemorate/index.html

B.C. Books of Interest to Genealogists

Greetings from British Columbia: A Journey in Vintage Postcards

by Fred Thirkell and Bob Scullion (2009)
971.102 T44g

This fascinating collection reproduces picture-postcards of British Columbia 100 years ago. The images depict locations throughout the province and cover diverse themes – townscapes, mines, bridges, churches, ships and industries, to name a few. Each photograph is supplemented by detailed historical information. Together, the collection offers a fascinating visual impression of historical B.C. that should be of interest to anyone with roots in the province.

Immigrants: Stories of Vancouver's People

by Lisa Smedman, 2009

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This new book explores the stories of Vancouver's immigrant communities from the 1870s to the present. Archival documents, old photographs and text tell the stories of the Americans, Scottish, Chinese, French, Italians, Welsh, Japanese, Danish, East Indians, English, Irish, Germans, Eastern Europeans, Swede-Finns, Dutch, Greeks, Portuguese, Filipinos and Vietnamese who settled in Vancouver. For those with origins in any of the above communities, the book offers useful clues and interesting insights into the experience of ancestors who settled in the city. The names of many individuals and families are included.



Making the News: A Times Colonist Look at 150 Years of History

by Dave Obee, 2009

History Oversize 971.128 O12m

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the 1858 launching of ***The British Colonist*** in Victoria, its successor the ***Victoria Times Colonist*** has published a collection of stories selected from the news of every decade until 2008. The author and compiler, noted local and family historian Dave Obee, introduces each decennial set of stories with an historical overview. The narrative is lavishly illustrated with historical photographs and a running timeline. Profiles of the movers-and-shakers of each decade are also provided. This outstanding book will be of particular interest to all genealogists with Victoria roots -- or anyone with an interest in the history of the province.

Best of BC Books Online

As well as the above books, Vancouver Public Library patrons have access to **Best of BC Books Online**, an eLibrary collection of about 1000 books published in British Columbia. Titles include pioneer stories, local histories and other materials of possible interest to genealogists with B.C. roots. To explore the **Best of BC Books** collection, go to www.vpl.ca/electronic_databases/alpha/b and scroll down to find the link. A VPL library card is required for remote access.

Saskatchewan Archives Board - Photo Blog

<http://sabphotos.wordpress.com/>

The Saskatchewan Archives Board has started a photo blog to reach people who might be able to identify some of the unidentified subjects in its photographic holdings. Additional details will make the photographs more interesting and useful for researchers and visitors.

A selection of photographs with limited information has been posted on the blog. Anyone who knows something about any of the photos can click on the **Leave a Comment** link at the bottom of each posted photo.



The Loyalist Collection at Brock University

Brock University in St. Catharine's, Ontario is home to an impressive collection of resources of interest to anyone researching Loyalist ancestors. The collection has been created by The Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University, whose mandate is to create a library of original United Empire Loyalist documents on microfilm.

For more information about the group and the collection at Brock University, see www.brockloyalisthistorycollection.ca

A complete inventory of the holdings of the collection is available at: www.brockloyalisthistorycollection.ca/detail.html

Ottawa Citizen Archives Googlized

Google has added digital archives of the Ottawa Citizen to its **News Archives Search** website. The online Ottawa Citizen Archives provides coverage back to 1890, with access to about 2.5 million articles, although there are some unexplained time gaps.

While some publications indexed in Google **News Archives Search** are only available on a pay-per-view basis, access to the Ottawa Citizen material is free. With this new resource, it is much easier to locate useful genealogical information in newspaper announcements (birth notices, obituaries, etc.)

To access Google's Ottawa Citizen archives:

- Go to **News Archives Search** at <http://news.google.ca/archivesearch>
- Click on **Advanced archive search**
- When the **Advanced News Archive Search** screen opens, enter **ottawa citizen** in the **Source** field.
- Enter search terms in other fields and execute the search.

Tweedsmuir Histories to be Placed Online

The Tweedsmuir Histories reflect the efforts of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, which in the 1920s established a committee for Historical Research and Current Events. The committee encouraged Women's Institutes to compile scrapbooks to record the history of their local communities. Of 1500 Women's Institute branches, 989 created local histories for their area. For some tiny communities, the Tweedsmuir History is the only history that has been created. Many are now very fragile.

As reported in the previous issue (#28), the Wellington County Museum & Archives Virtual History Book Project recently digitized the Wellington County Tweedsmuir Histories and made them available on the Internet. In the near future, many more will become available, following the announcement in November 2009 of a partnership between the Ontario Genealogical Society and the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to digitize the histories and add them to the Ontario Genealogical Society elibrary. The Tweedsmuir Histories will then be available for borrowing and reading for a small fee. The project is expected to take at least three years.

Early New Brunswick Historical Documents Online

A \$120,000 federal grant has made it possible for the New Brunswick Provincial Archives website to add 65,000 more provincial government documents to its website. The new documents include records of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick from 1786 to 1833 as well as photo galleries of early New Brunswick, individual portraits and maps.

The new records can be viewed and searched at <http://archives.gnb.ca>.



To view early records of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick:

- Roll your mouse over the **Search** button in the top navigation bar.
- When the menu list appears, click on **House of Assembly Sessional Records 1786-1833**

To view other archival materials newly added to the PANB website:

- Roll your mouse over the **Exhibits and Education Tools** button in the top navigation bar.
- When the menu list appears, select from the options provided.

Newfoundland Genealogical Toolkit Gets Funding Boost

A major project entitled the **Newfoundland Genealogical Toolkit** has been granted \$1.8 million by the Canadian Government's **Atlantic Innovation Fund**. The funds will be used by the **Population Therapeutics Research Group (PTRG)** at Memorial University of Newfoundland to create a state-of-the-art information technology platform capable of generating large sample groups (family trees) to support research on the identification of genes associated with common diseases and undesirable drug reactions.

The project's focus on Newfoundland is due to the fact that the population of Newfoundland and Labrador is largely descended from Irish and English immigrants and is relatively homogeneous. This "founder population" is internationally recognized as an ideal resource for genetic studies. Findings from studies can often be generalized to the Canadian and worldwide populations.

DoVE Scheme Revived

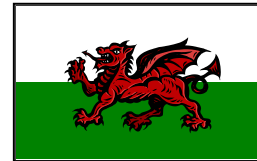
Project DoVE is a scheme to index and digitize approximately 260 million English and Welsh civil registration records from 1837 forward. The project began in 2005 but faltered after the original contractor Siemens pulled out with only half of the records indexed. **DoVE** has now been revived by the British Home Office/Identity and Passport Service but a clear timetable for the completion of indexing and creation of the new online service has not been set.



The Devon Wills Project

A consolidated online index to Devon (England) wills, administrations and inventories is being created through the collaborative efforts of the Devon Family History Society, the Devon Record Office, GENUKI/Devon, and the Plymouth and West Devon Record Office. The index being created by **The Devon Wills Project** covers original documents, probate copies, transcripts and abstracts to 1857. Documents are included if the testator was associated with Devon, even if the will was proved elsewhere. Source notes provide detailed information about where to find original documents.

<http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/DevonWillsProject/>



Welsh Wills Online

The National Library of Wales has placed digital copies of 190,000 wills on its website and made them available to the public for free. The wills were proved in the Welsh ecclesiastical courts and date from the 14th century to 1858, when civil probate was introduced. About 1000 are written in Welsh.

The database can be searched by Name, Parish, Township and Occupation.

Although digital images of the wills can be viewed online, printed copies must be ordered from the National Library of Wales using their online enquiry form.

For more information about Welsh wills and to link to the online index, go to:
www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=487

News from ScotlandsPeople

The latest release of Scottish statutory registers, including indexes and images is now available on ScotlandsPeople (scotlandspeople.gov.uk).

The records include:

- **Births, 1909**
- **Marriages, 1934**
- **Deaths, 1959**



News from the Irish Family History Foundation

The **Irish Family History Foundation (IFHF)** coordinates a network of local genealogy centres covering the whole of Ireland. Individual county centres offer a variety of resources and services. The Foundation's site, rootsireland.ie, is part of its **Irish Genealogical Online Record Search System (ORS)**. The ORS comprises almost 40 million records computerized by the county centres, mainly church records of births (baptisms), marriages and deaths (burials). It can be searched for free although a fee is charged for viewing detailed results.

In January, the IFHF announced that member centres had made additional records available through the ORS. The new records are associated with six counties – **Antrim, Armagh, Down, Leitrim, Mayo and Cork**.

Records of Counties **Laois, Offaly** and **Wexford** are expected to be available on <http://rootsireland.ie> in 2010.

Registry of Deeds Index Project

Irish roots-seekers should also take note of the ongoing **Registry of Deeds Index Project** hosted by RootsWeb. The Registry of Deeds itself is located in Dublin and holds records of wills, land transactions and other deeds from 1709 forward. Most records are related to Protestants although Catholics are sometimes mentioned. The Registry is a rich source of genealogical information.

The **Registry of Deeds Index Project** covers records from 1709 to 1800. As of February 21, 2010, volunteers had created 46,285 index records from 6302 memorials of deeds. The index can be searched for free at the project website:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~registryofdeeds/index.html>

Copies of memorial documents can be ordered from the Registry of Deeds at a cost of €20.00.

Ancestors in British India

The **Families in British India Society** is an excellent resource for genealogists with European or Anglo-Indian ancestors who lived or worked in India or South Asia between 1600 and 1947.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the FIBIS website (www.fibis.org/index.html) is **FIBIS Search**, a database created through the efforts of volunteers. Records in **FIBIS Search** are mainly derived from almost 700 collections of documents in the British Library's collection of **India Office Records**. They include bonds, cemetery records, directories, ecclesiastical records, maps, military records, personal papers, photographs, publications, maritime records. Access to **FIBIS Search** is free.

Continental European Research - Article Series

Searching for records of Continental European ancestors is challenging due to factors such as language issues, name changes and shifting national boundaries. In many cases, there is a lack of accessible up-to-date English language “how-to” genealogy guides for specific European countries.

Some genealogists with Continental roots may find a series of articles published in the U.K.-based ***Family Tree Magazine*** useful. Over the past year or so, ***FTM*** has featured a different continental country in each issue, with short but informative overviews and tips.

Countries profiled in the series have included:

- **Austria** (June 2009, p. 32)
- **Belgium** (October 2009, p. 28)
- **Denmark** (April 2009, p. 54)
- **Finland** (May 2009, p. 48)
- **France** (January 2009, p. 88)
- **Italy** (October 2008, p. 15)
- **Netherlands** (Autumn 2009, p. 18)
- **Norway** (February 2009, p. 91)
- **Poland** (November 2008, p. 90-91)
- **Portugal** (August 2009, p. 70)
- **Russia** (Christmas 2008, p. 60)
- **Spain** (December 2008, p. 81)
- **Sweden** (March 2009, p. 88)
- **Switzerland** (July 2009, p. 42)

Family Tree Magazine is available in the genealogy section on Level 6 at the Central Library.



Hot Tip - U.S. Records

A little-known program offered by the **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services** (USCIS) provides access to information that is otherwise difficult or impossible to obtain. Records include citizenship tests, naturalization files and visa applications. Files often provide details of exact hometowns in countries of origin and information on brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. Information about applications for citizenship may also be available. If an ancestor of Japanese, German or Italian origin lived in the U.S. during World War II, there are often FBI reports concerning a person’s family, friends and political activities.

The **USCIS Genealogy Program** started in 2008. For a fee of U.S. \$20.00 the government will run a search for the name of a deceased individual. There is an additional fee if records are found. Requests are usually completed within 90 days.

For more information, Google **USCIS Genealogy Program**.

Immigrants to Australia

A pilot project by the State Library of New South Wales has digitized 12 microfilm reels containing records of thousands of persons arriving in Australia by ship between about 1838 and 1896.

The digital images are online at <http://tinyurl.com/yeetaf3>. Although they cannot be search electronically, a separate **Online Index** to records of **Assisted Immigrants** may in some cases be helpful when attempting to locate a record. The index is available at <http://srwww.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/searchform.aspx?id=9>

In the case of index references that cite microfilms numbered from 2134-2145, the user can return to the pilot project main page and use the index reference to navigate to a digital online image of the related record.

Free Access to 1930 United States Federal Census Records

www.archive.org/details/1930_census

The Internet Archives has placed 1930 U.S. Federal Census online and made it available for free. The database is not complete but many states are already represented and others will be added soon.

There is no index so it is not possible to search the records by name. For those who know the area in which their ancestors resided, however, the records can be browsed state-by-state and enumeration district-by-enumeration district. The browsing interface is very user-friendly, allowing the researcher to move quickly through a set of records without having to download each individual census page.

For more information about the 1930 U.S. Federal Census, including links to tools that can help identify enumeration districts, see the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration's **1930 U.S. Population Census** page at www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/1930/index.html



Spotlight on... French-Canadian Genealogical Dictionaries



A unique aspect of genealogical research in Quebec is the availability of comprehensive genealogical dictionaries, reflecting a long tradition of scholarly genealogy pioneered by the Roman Catholic priest Cyprien Tanguay in the 19th century.

The following are key secondary tools for Quebec genealogical research:

Tanguay

Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes Depuis la Fondation de la Colonie Jusqu'à Nos Jours, 7 vol.

by Cyprien Tanguay, 1871-1890
Ref. 929.1 T16d

Also available on CD-ROM and online.

- Tanguay compiled genealogies of French-Canadian families, publishing his first volume in 1871. This volume comprised information on families whose marriages took place in New France prior to 1700 and covered the entire alphabet from A-Z. Tanguay published an additional 6 volumes over the next 20 years. The latter 6 volumes covered the alphabet in a single sequence and included genealogies for the period from 1700-1760, with a few extending to the 19th century. The monumental work is often referred to simply as the "Tanguay."

Leboeuf

Complément au Dictionnaire Genealogique Tanguay, 2 vol. in 1

by J. Arthur Leboeuf, 1957 -
Ref. FRE 929.1 T16dLc

- Although the Tanguay has been an important tool for Quebec genealogists for over 100 years, it contains many errors.

This work by J. Arthur Leboeuf collects thousands of additions and corrections to Tanguay. Leboeuf compiled the information over a long period of time, publishing it in 2 series.

The Top Ten Most Popular Online Genealogy Magazines

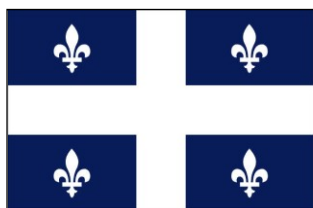
Jette

Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles du Quebec, des Origines a 1730

by René Jetté, 1983

Ref. FRE 929.3714 J58d

- This massive dictionary by René Jetté was published by l'Université de Montréal in 1983 and has become one of the foremost secondary tools for Quebec research, covering the period from the beginning of New France to 1730. Jetté made many additions and corrections to the errors of Tanguay and drew on genealogical information from a variety of sources.



More information . . .

Detailed descriptions of the above dictionaries and explanations of how to use them are available in the following books:

French-Canadian Sources: A Guide for Genealogists

by Patricia Keeney Geyh et al., 2002
929.3714 G39f

Miller's Manual: A Research Guide to the Major French-Canadian Genealogical Resources, What They Are and How to Use Them (1997)

by Douglas J. Miller, 1997
929.1 M647m

Genealogy In Time (itself a popular online genealogy magazine) reported in January on a rating of online genealogy magazines by Alexa, the world's leading company for measuring internet traffic. The "top ten" include blogs, websites associated with print magazines (which often offer some free content) and full text electronic publications. Some of the "top ten" are associated with online bookstores. The top ten in descending order are:

1. **Eastman's Online Genealogy Magazine**
blog.eogn.com
2. **Family Tree Magazine**
www.familytreemagazine.com
3. **Family Chronicle**
www.familychronicle.com
4. **Journal of Genetic Genealogy**
www.jogg.info
5. **The Global Gazette**
globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/index.htm
6. **Genealogy in Time**
www.genealogyintime.com
7. **Genealogy Roots Blog**
genrootsblog.blogspot.com
8. **Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly**
www.gagensociety.org
9. **Genealogy Magazine**
www.genealogymagazine.com
10. **Family Research**
www.lineages.co.uk



Website Design for the Genealogist

Many individuals and genealogical societies are interested in creating websites. The following online sources provide useful information and tools to help you get started:

Genealogy Web Creations

www.genealogy-web-creations.com

- Although much of the information can be applied to the creation of any type of website, **Genealogy Web Creations** by Patricia Geary presents it from a genealogical perspective. The site includes in-depth tutorials and other resources.

Cyndi's Genealogy Home Page Construction Kit

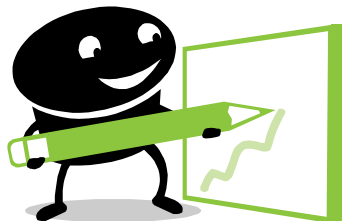
www.cyndislist.com/construc.htm#Common

- Cyndi Howells' widely known genealogy portal includes a clear, step-by-step guide with hundreds of links to external resources.

Guidelines for Publishing Web Pages on the Internet

www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/guidelines_for_publishing_web_pages

- This page from the U.S.-based National Genealogical Society provides a succinct set of web-publishing guidelines for "considerate family historians."



Google for Genealogists - 2. Advanced Search Tips

The last issue of Genealogical Resources Newsletter provided an overview of basic Google commands and operators and how they can be used in genealogical research.

Google also has an advanced form for searching. To access the form, click on the **Advanced Search** text link to the right of the search box on the Google home page (google.ca).

The **Advanced Search** form does not provide any functionality that is not available on the basic Google search form. It does, however, make it very easy to build a query and to harness the full potential of the search engine.

Features of the **Advanced Search** form that may be useful for genealogists include:

Need more tools?

Scroll down to find this section of the form. The **Results per page** and **Language** options are straightforward. The **File type** tool offers the capacity to restrict results to files of a certain type, for example, Adobe Acrobat PDF (.pdf), Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt), Microsoft Word (.doc) and others.

For genealogists interested in finding information about genealogical resources available in specific types of repositories, the **Search within a site or domain** tool can be used to limit search results according to the originating organization or type of organization.

- For example, to find all pages with information about land records on B.C. government websites, the words **land records** could be entered at the top of the **Advanced Search** form (in the **all these words** field) and the B.C. government domain extension **.gov.bc.ca** in the **Search within a site or domain** field.

- Similarly, to locate information about the National Registration of 1940 on the Library and Archives Canada website, the words **national registration 1940** could be entered at the top of the form and the web address for Library and Archives Canada, **www.collectionscanada.gc.ca**, entered in the **Search within a site or domain** field.

Date, usage, numeric range, and more

Look for the above link towards the bottom of the **Advanced Search** form. Click on it to reveal additional search options. Useful options include:

Date: limits results to pages posted within a specific time range.

Usage rights: limits results to pages with or without restriction based on copyright or other claims.

Where your keywords show up: allows the user to specify where certain keywords appear on the pages retrieved (for example, in the title of the page).

Region: allows the user to select from a drop-down list to limit a search to pages originating from a specific country.

Numeric Range: allows the user to enter dates and other numeric ranges in a search query.

- For example, entering a numeric range of years limits search results to pages that refer to years within that range. Thus, if you entered a family name and village name (e.g. **cox hanslope**) at the top of the form and **1800 | 1825** in the numeric range fields, your results would include pages referring to the Cox family in the village of Hanslope within that range of dates.

Page-specific tools

Clicking on the + **Date, usage, numeric range, and more** link also opens an input section at the bottom of the Advanced form that offers two **Page-specific tools**:

Find pages similar to the page: allows the user to enter a web address for which Google will then retrieve results with similar characteristics.

- For example, find pages similar to the page **web.victoria.ca/archives/rossearch.asp** [*Ross Bay Cemetery Search*]

Find pages that link to the page: retrieves a list of all web pages linked to a specified page. If using this tool, any information entered elsewhere on the **Advanced Search** form will be ignored.

- For example, find pages that link to the page **www.ocl.net/genealogy/EarlyHistory** [*Oxford County Genealogy Records Database*]

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Finally, the **Advanced Search** page offers the opportunity to limit searches to specific Google search engines, such as **Google Books**, **Google Scholar** and **Google News archive search**.



Google Street View - See the Lands of Your Ancestors!

maps.google.ca/help/maps/streetview

Google Street View was launched in the United States in May 2007 and recently expanded to cover Canada and international locations. The innovative technology provides 360° horizontal and 290° vertical panoramic street level views within **Google Maps**. Among many possible personal uses - from previewing vacation accommodation to showing prospective visitors where you live - **Google Street View** can be used to see the modern face of places inhabited by our ancestors.



Coverage is mainly limited to cities and towns, with extensive U.S. and Canadian coverage. British Isles coverage is considerable and areas of continental Europe, Asia and Australia have also been filmed. **Google** cars are continuing to film for **Street View** around the world.



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