



Vancouver Public Library

Genealogical Resources

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Vancouver Public Library

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Genealogical Resources Goes Paperless!

This is our last paper issue.

In an effort to save paper and better use staff resources, Vancouver Public Library's Genealogical Resources newsletter will become an electronic only publication in 2012.

To receive your electronic copy of the newsletter, as well as upcoming program notifications and updates on important genealogical resources at the Library, send an email to majordomo@vpl.ca with the subject **subscribe** and **subscribe genealogy** in the body of the message.

Family History Library Introduces New Borrowing System

The process is changing, but the good news is you can still pick up your material at VPL!

Starting **September 1, 2011**, you will place your order and pay for your microfilm online through the Family History Library website:

FamilySearch Microfilm Ordering
<https://film.familysearch.org>

This new procedure is being introduced as a result of changes at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The Salt Lake Distribution Center is no longer able to support affiliate libraries which do not participate in the online ordering system.

For more information, please visit
www.vpl.ca/find/generic/genealogy_news

New Microfilm Scanner!

Online Information and News (Level 5) has a new microfilm scanner. Now you can save a copy of the census to your USB drive or email a copy of a passenger list to your family. This easy-to-use scanner will make collecting and sharing historical family records a breeze.



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 at <http://vpl.bibliocommons.com>

Ref. items must be used in the library.

General

Beginner's Guide to Your Ancestors' Lives
by Nick Barratt, 2010
929.341 B26n

Family History for Beginners
by Karen Foy, 2011
929.1 F79f

Family History for the Older and Wiser: Find Your Roots with Online Tools
by Susan Fifer, 2010
929.10285 F46f

Genealogy Online for Dummies, 6th ed.
by Matthew Helm, 2011
929.10285 H47g5

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. Cumulated Supplements, 2006/10
Ref. 929.37 P28f SUPPL.

Start and Run a Personal History Business [Get Paid to Research Family Ancestry and Write Memoirs]
by Jennifer Campbell, 2011
906 C18s

Time Traveller's Handbook: A Guide to the Past
by Althea Douglas, 2011
929.1 D73ti

Tracing Your Criminal Ancestors: [A Guide for Family Historians]
by Stephen Wade, 2009
929.341 W12tc

Tracing Your Labour Movement Ancestors: [A Guide for Family Historians]
by Mark Crail, 2009
929.341 C88t

The Ultimate Search Book: Worldwide Adoption, Genealogy, and Other Search Secrets
by Lori Carangelo, 2011
929.3 C26u

Your Digital Afterlife: When Facebook, Flickr and Twitter are Your Estate, What's Your Legacy?
by Evan Carroll, 2011
004.69 C31y

Canada

A Call to the Colours: Tracing Your Canadian Military Ancestors
by Kenneth G. Cox, 2011
929.371 C87c

Canadian Voices: An Inspirational Collection
by Diane Baker, 2010
920.71 B16c



British Columbia

Imperial Vancouver Islands: Who Was Who, 1850-1950
by J.F. Bosher, 2010
971.1203 B74i

The Journey and Life of George Massey and Family: Beginning in Ireland and Ending in Ladner, B.C., Canada, from Sept. 15, 1903 to April 2, 1964
by Douglas George Massey, 2010
929.2 M416m

Lives Lived West of the Divide: A Biographical Dictionary of Fur Traders Working West of the Rockies, 1793-1858, 3 vol.
by Bruce McIntyre Watson, 2010
979.5003 W33L

Ontario

Birth/Marriage/Death Notices from the Peterborough Examiner, January-December 1891

compiled by Barb Hill, 2008
Ref. 929.3713 P47A11b 1891



Birth/Marriage/Death Notices from the Peterborough Examiner, January-December 1892

compiled by Barb Hill, 2008
Ref. 929.3713 P47A11b 1892

Education and Ontario Family History: A Guide to the Resources for Genealogists and Historians

by Marian Press, 2011
929.3713 A11P3e

Marriage Records, Grace Anglican Church, Waterdown, 1859-1928

Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society, 1998
Ref. 929.3713 W47F57gm

Trinity-St. Paul's United Church (Formerly Methodist and Presbyterian), Toronto, Ontario, Baptisms, 1868-1925, Marriages, 1860-1925, Burials, 1901-1925: Fonds 2513/1748/1211, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Avenue Road Presbyterian Church, Trinity Methodist Church, Bathurst Street Methodist Church

transcribed by the Toronto Branch. Ontario Genealogical Society, 2007
Ref. 929.3713 Y61T68t

Westminster United Church, Orangeville: Formerly First Avenue Methodist/United and St. Andrew's Presbyterian/United: Baptisms, 1849-1925, Marriages, 1859-1925, Burials, 1866-1925: Fonds 2571/2572
transcribed by the Toronto Branch. Ontario Genealogical Society, 2008
Ref. 929.3713 D85O6W

Quebec

Mariages du comté de l'Assomption: du début des paroisses à 1960 inclusivement, 3 vol.

compiled by Lucien Rivest, 1972
Ref. FRE 929.3714 M81A11a



Mariages du comté de Montcalm: du début des paroisses à 1960 inclusivement, 2 vol.

compiled by Lucien Rivest, 1964
Ref. FRE 929.3714 L38M77r

Recensements du bas-Canada en 1825 : St-Paul de Joliette, Ste-Elizabeth de Joliette, St-Cuthbert de Berthier

by Michel Laliberté, 2006
Ref. FRE 929.3714 J75A11L

Recensements du bas-Canada en 1825: Sutton, Stukely, West-Shefford, Brome, Granby, Potton, Farnham, Stanbridge, Compton

by Michel Laliberté, 2008
Ref. FRE 929.3714 A11L1r

Atlantic Provinces

Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada, 4 vol.

by Terrence M. Punch, 2008
Ref. 929.3715 P98e

Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada

by Terrence M. Punch, 2011
Ref. 929.3715 P98s

North America

County Courthouse Book, 3rd ed.
by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, 2009
Ref. 929.373 B47c2

Wanted! U.S. Criminal Records: Sources and Research Methodology, 2nd ed.
by Ron Arons, 2009
929.373 A76w

British Isles

Birth and Baptism Records for Family Historians
by Stuart A. Raymond, 2010
929.341 R27b

Poor Law Records for Family Historians
by Simon Fowler, 2011
929.341 F78p

Scottish Family History on the Web: A Directory, 3rd ed.
by Stuart A. Raymond, 2010
929.3411 R27s

Scottish Genealogy
by Bruce Durie, 2010
929.3411 D96s

Tracing Your Liverpool Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians
by Michael W. Royden, 2010
929.342 R88t

The Zulu War 1879 / Military History Sources for Family Historians series
by Phil Tomaselli, 2006
968.4 T65z

Europe

Finding Your German Ancestors, 2nd ed.
by Hans W. Rerup, 2002
929.343 R42f1



Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

New Chinese Genealogy Interest Group Meets at the Library

A Chinese genealogy interest group is starting up to give people interested in Chinese genealogy a forum to meet, learn from each other and discuss their projects. Meetings will be held in the Level 3 Meeting Room at the Central Library.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, September 27, 2011
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 29, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29, 2011
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Special Class on Ancestry Library Edition
Saturday, January 28, 2012
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

For more information please contact May Yan
myan@graam.ca



Getting Started with the FamilySearch Website

FamilySearch offers an incredible collection of historical records for genealogists, including census returns, passenger lists, and the catalogue of materials at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Discover how to effectively navigate the website and get the most out of its search engine.

Prerequisites: Basic computer and Internet skills.

Registration is required and begins on **Tuesday, October 4, 2011**. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Tuesday, November 29, 2011
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library



Tracing Your Scandinavian Ancestors

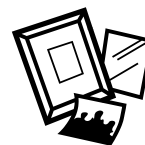
Learn about the key free websites for Scandinavian family history research and about effective ways to use pay sites when necessary.

Sponsored by the B.C. Genealogical Society.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms, Lower Level, Central Library

Free. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact the Fine Arts and History at **604-331-3716**.

Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest



Finding BC Historical Photographs

Learn how to search the Vancouver Public Library **Historical Photographs Database**. Find interesting and exciting photographs of Vancouver and British Columbia on this free and easy to use resource.

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.



Jewish Immigrants: From the Shtetl to the Sweatshop

Seemah Berson's *I Have a Story to Tell You* is a book based on personal interviews of Jewish immigrants to Canada who worked in the sweatshops and garment factories of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Their stories, told in simple language, encompass life from the shtetl (village) to Canada. Her presentation will cover her research and short excerpts.

Free. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Fine Arts and History at **604-331-3716**.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Peter Kaye Room, Lower Level
Central Library

Computer Basics

Get comfortable with using a computer during this free, 90-minute, hands-on course. Learn to use the mouse and the computer.

Prerequisites: No previous computer experience required.

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Computer Basics for Seniors
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Computer Basics
Thursday, December 1, 2011
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library



Tech Café

Drop in to the open lab on Level 5 and learn about technology with help from library staff.

No registration required. For more information, please call **604-331-3603**, email info@vpl.ca or ask at the Level 5 Information desk.

Computer & Email Basics
Thursday, October 6, 13, 20, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Open Lab, Level 5
Central Library

Special Topic – To Be Announced
Thursday, October 27, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Open Lab, Level 5
Central Library

Computer & Email Basics
Tuesday, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Open Lab, Level 5
Central Library

Special Topic – To Be Announced
Tuesday, November 29, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Open Lab, Level 5
Central Library

Computer & Email Basics
Thursday, December 1, 8, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Open Lab, Level 5
Central Library

Internet Basics

Learn about what's available on the Internet and how to find it. We'll talk about browsers, navigation, and effective searching during this two-hour, hands-on course.

Prerequisites: Computer Basics or equivalent experience is required.

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Internet Basics for Seniors
Thursday, October 13, 2011
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Internet Basics
Thursday, October 13, 2011
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Internet Basics for Seniors
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Internet Basics

Saturday, November 19, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Internet Basics

Thursday, December 8, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

eBook Basics

Find out how to start accessing a world of digital materials from home with your library card.

Learn how to find, checkout, and download eBooks from Library to Go. We will cover the steps to enjoy them on your computer, eBook reader, or mobile wireless device – as well as formats, compatibility, and managing your account.

Prerequisites: Basic computer and Internet skills.

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Sunday, October 16, 2011

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library



Search Smart

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.

Prerequisite: Basic computer skills required.

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Thursday, October 19, 2011

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Saturday, November 26, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library



How to Write a Book Review

Are you quick to share your opinions on a recent read? Wondering what it takes to write and publish a great book review? VPL is pleased to present a workshop with award-winning author and respected book reviewer Caroline Adderson.

Caroline Adderson is the author of three novels, two collections of short stories, and three books for young readers. A two-time Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize and three-time CBC Literary Award winner, Caroline was also the recipient of the 2006 Marian Engel Award for mid-career achievement.

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Popular Reading Library at **604-331-3691**.

Thursday, October 20, 2011

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Morris J. Wosk Board Room, Level 7
Central Library



Alcuin Society Wayzgoose 2011

A celebration of fine press printing in the Pacific Northwest. Exhibitors will display and sell their books, broadsheets and ephemera. There will also be demonstrations of some of the traditional techniques used in fine press publishing.

A Wayzgoose is a centuries-old celebration of printers and their work. Originally a feast given by a master printer for his workers, the Wayzgoose later became an annual festivity held in summer by the employees of a printing establishment. Join us for the fifth Wayzgoose presented by the Alcuin Society and the Vancouver Public Library.

Sponsored by the Alcuin Society
www.alcuinsociety.com

For more information, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Saturday, October 22, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level
Central Library

Email Basics

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

Prerequisites: Computer Basics and Internet Basics or equivalent experience is required.

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Email Basics for Seniors
Wednesday, November 23, 2011
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Email Basics
Saturday, December 3, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library



Fall Book Sale

Thousands of books on sale each day with prices ranging from 75 cents to \$2.50. Materials are sold as is. All sales final. Items are cash and carry, please bring your own bags. Admission to book sale ends 30 minutes before closing.

For more information, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Thursday, October 27, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level
Central Library

Friday, October 28, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level
Central Library

Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level
Central Library

Sunday, October 30, 2011
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level
Central Library



News: Mainstream, Alternative, and Opinion

Learn how to find breaking news on any topic, get “alternative” information, and access a wide range of opinions. Learn how to design your own news feed page using Google and become familiar with news aggregator websites. Take a look at a wide range of alternative news sites and opinion blogs, and explore ideas about media literacy.

Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Sunday, October 30, 2011

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

At the World's Edge - Curt Lang's Vancouver: 1937-1998

Curt Lang's life energetically parallels the evolving history of Vancouver from the hip subculture years to the electronic postmodern 1990s. An intellectual and a catalyst, he knew Malcolm Lowry, Al Purdy, John Newlove, Fred Douglas, Jamie Reid, Roy Kiyooka, David Marshall. Poet, painter, boat builder, fisherman, he invented hardware and software for the railroad industry that is used throughout North America. The book also contains some rare 1972 Vancouver street photographs from the Vancouver Public Library archives.

For more information, please contact Fine Arts and History at **604-331-3716**.

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Room, Level 3, Central Library

Introduction to Facebook

Learn how to:

- Sign up for an account
- Set your personal profile
- Find and add friends
- Protect your privacy

Please note: A web-based email account may be required to finalize account registration with Facebook.

Prerequisites: Basic computer and Internet skills.

Registration is required and begins **October 4, 2011**. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Google: Beyond the Basics

Okay, you can Google something now, great! But Google is much more than the world's most popular search engine. Come to our workshop and discover Google's hidden and not-so-hidden tools and tricks. To get value from this class, you will need some basic computer skills – you can use a mouse, a keyboard, a web browser and you have a little familiarity with Google. A Google/Gmail account will really help!

Prerequisites: Basic computer and Internet skills.

Registration is required and begins **October 4, 2011**. For more information, and to register, please contact the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library



Digital Tattoo: Protecting Your Online Identity

Like a tattoo, your online identity can represent a powerful and often difficult to remove personal statement. Learn more! In this fun and informative class, we will discuss how to discover your current online identity, how to protect your privacy and avoid identity theft, and use social networking wisely.

Prerequisites: Basic computer and Internet skills.

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room, Level 7
Central Library

Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

Third Annual Family History Show and Tell!

For the last two years, we've invited people who document their family history to bring in their creations – there have been family quilts, artfully done scrapbooks, storyboards, digital collages and much more. We invite you once again to join us and bring whatever you've made to honour your ancestors. Or, you might just have a unique, family history artefact to share with everyone.

You are welcome to share by describing your project OR you may simply have a table and showcase your items. A laptop with the Internet and a projector will be available to demonstrate online projects such as family history websites or digital collections. Visitors without stories are welcome to see and listen. You might discover a great Christmas gift idea, or simply be inspired! Light refreshments will be available.

Please preregister by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing **familyhistory@surrey.ca**.

Saturday, November 5, 2011

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

No charge, but donations welcome!



Were Your People Really Irish?

With Eunice Robinson

An Irish roots workshop with Eunice Robinson of the British Columbia Genealogical Society. Details to be announced.

Saturday, November 26, 2011

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Start Writing Your Family History: A Communications Workshop in 5 Lessons with Brenda Smith

This series consists of five 3-hour classes, and addresses the researcher's need to report and publish findings. Working with their own materials, and supporting each other, learners discover how to move from the gathering of information to creating a publishable product. Participants must be able to commit to attending all five sessions.

Prerequisite: Completion of **Start Searching Your Family History** or approval from the instructor.

Saturdays, January 21, February 25, and March 10 and 24, 2012

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Charge: \$100 for series

Please preregister by calling **604-598-7328**, or emailing familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Lesson 1: The Research Cycle

Examines the basics of writing practice including: audience identification, choosing a genre, identifying the topic. Introduce course elements: research, organize, write, edit, publish. Also: get-acquainted activities and cooperative evaluation training.

Lesson 2: Organize to Write

Explore organizational approaches, citation, and apply standards of proof. Practice cooperative evaluation techniques.

Lesson 3: Get It On Paper

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

Lesson 4: Edit

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

Lesson 5: Publish

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

Promote Your Genealogy Event

If you are planning a special genealogy event, or having a regular meeting let us know about it and we will add it to our list of genealogy events in the newsletter.

Email: brian.peaslee@vpl.ca



Also Noted...

Finding Your Roots: Tri-Stake Seminar

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Surrey Family History Center
Surrey, British Columbia

- More information:
www.findingyourroots.ca/index.html

Qualicum Beach Family History Society Seminar with Dave Obee and Sherry Irvine

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Qualicum Beach Family History Society
Qualicum Beach, British Columbia

- More information:
www.qbfhs.ca/upcoming-events



Victoria Genealogical Society Annual Seminar with Lisa Louise Cooke

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Victoria Genealogical Society
Victoria, British Columbia

- More information:
www.victoriags.org/events.php#seminars

RootsTech: Family History & Technology Conference

February 2-4, 2012

FamilySearch.org
Salt Lake City, Utah

- More information: <http://rootstech.org/>

Alberta Genealogical Society Annual Conference 2012

April 13-14, 2012

Alberta Genealogical Society
Red Deer, Alberta

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

Borders and Bridges: 1812-2012

June 1-3, 2012

Ontario Genealogical Society
Kingston, Ontario

- More information
<http://ogs.on.ca/seminar/conference2012.php>

Seminar with Dave Obee

September 29, 2012

Kelowna and District Genealogical Society

- More information
www.kdgs.ca

Downtown Vancouver Genealogy Group

This meetup group is about sharing our interest in genealogy and our family history and heritage. Our venues are casual. We share knowledge, tips, ask questions, enjoy coffee or tea and ultimately find out who we are - past and present.

Themes can include material for writers, creative presentations, family albums as well as techniques to track our heritage, computer tips and assistance. Novices, practiced genealogists and the 'curious' are all welcome.

When: Second Tuesday monthly, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Central Library, Vancouver Public Library

- More Information:
www.meetup.com/vancouver-genealogy



Monthly British Columbia Genealogical Society Meetings

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month throughout the year. Visitors are always welcome.

Edmonds Community Centre,
7282 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

- More Information: www.bcggs.ca

New Ontario Vital Events

The latest release of microfilm indexes to Ontario birth, marriage and death records is now available at the Vancouver Public Library. These indexes cover the following vital events:

- Births, 1913
- Marriages, 1928
- Deaths, 1938

References located using the indexes provide essential information which can be used to order microfilm copies of full original registration records from the Archives of Ontario through interlibrary loan.

While indexes and digital images of most Ontario birth, marriage and death records since 1869 are now available through **Ancestry Library Edition** (ALE), records for 1912-1913 births and 1937-1938 deaths are available exclusively on microfilm.

Another exciting addition to Ancestry Library Edition is the indexes and digital images of overseas deaths - 1939-1947. The Vancouver Public Library is looking into obtaining the corresponding microfilm reels for this collection.

News from Library and Archives Canada

Census of Canada, 1871

Access digitized images of original 1871 census returns for Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Search by name, age, place of birth, province, district and sub-district. The census returns list the name, age, country or province of birth, ethnic origin, religion and occupation. Digitized images are available in both PDF and JPEG formats.

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1871/index-e.html

You can also browse the microform reels by visiting the **Browse by Title** page of the Microform Digitization collection.

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.01-e.php

Canadian Naturalization Database Updated

The Canadian Naturalization database contains references to people who applied for and received status as naturalized Canadians from 1915 to 1951. It has been updated to include a searchable index of names covering the period from 1915 to 1936. The remainder of (1936-1951) database is searchable by date.

It includes scans of original pages from the Canada Gazette in pdf format.

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/naturalization-1915-1932/index-e.html

New Digitized Reels: British Military and Naval Records, 1757-1906

Library and Archives Canada has digitized 484 reels of British military records. This is over one million pages of documents! Unfortunately there is no online searchable index yet, but there are digitized images of the card index.

For detailed information on this database, see the **Help** section of the page after selecting **British Military and Naval Records** from the following link:

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.01-e.php



Other New Items and Additions

- More than 4,000 references to names of settlers of the Red River Colony (or Selkirk Settlement) in Manitoba from the Thomas Douglas, Earl of Selkirk fonds have been added to the **Immigrants to Canada** database.

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/immigrants-canada/index-e.html

- Digitized images of the actual petitions for all individuals listed have been added to the **Lower Canada Land Petitions (1626-1865)** database.

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/lower-canada/index-e.html

News from FamilySearch

Guide to Preserving Your Records Electronically

FamilySearch has updated their **Preserving Your Family History Records Digitally** guide. The guide covers file formats, technologies, archiving and sharing. There is also a discussion of how to deal with obsolete digital format.

www.familysearch.org/techtips/2011/09/preserving-your-family-history-records-digitally

Online Videos Help You Learn How to Use FamilySearch

FamilySearch has created a series of over 25 videos to help you learn to use the website. Each video is four to eight minutes long. Topics include getting started with your pedigree, searching for records and contributing to the Wiki.

<https://help.familysearch.org/kb/videos/en/index.html>

Canadian Collections Recently Completed or Updated

- Canada Births and Baptisms, 1661-1959
- Lower Canada Census, 1831
- New Brunswick Provincial Deaths, 1815-1938
- New Brunswick, County Deed Registry Books, 1780-1941
- Nova Scotia, Queens County, Notes of Thomas Brenton Smith, 1700-1950
- Ontario Births, 1869-1912
- Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
- Ontario, Toronto Trust Cemeteries, 1826-1935
- Quebec Notarial Records, 1800-1900

- Saskatchewan Judicial District Court Records
- Saskatchewan Provincial Records

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list#page=1&countryid=1927164

New from

 **ancestry library edition**

U.K. Employment Records

Through a partnership with The British Postal Museum & Archive, Ancestry Library Edition now provides access to the **British Postal Service Appointment Books, 1737-1969**. This collection contains 1.5 million records of people employed by the British postal service for a period of over 200 years. Information available in these records includes information on worker appointments, transfers, dismissals, resignations and deaths. They typically include a name, date of appointment, grade or position and location of work, with some showing salaries, references or recommendations.

In addition, Ancestry Library Edition now also provides access to railway employment records, from 1833 to 1963, which is close to as far back as there were railway employees. The 1.9 million records in the **UK, Railway Employment Records, 1833-1963** collection include name, home station and date of birth of the employee, but also information on their career progression, salary increases, rewards, fines or suspensions for misbehaviour and notes from superiors on the worker's character and behaviour.





1930 Mexican Census

Mexico's 1930 national census is both the largest and most recent Mexican census to be made public. The approximately 16 million records now available include name, age, gender, head of household, birthplace, marital status, nationality, religion, occupation, native language, address and more. **Note:** the 1930 Mexican Census is also available in FamilySearch.org



Motion Picture Studio Directories, 1919 and 1921

Scans of print directories contain information about actors, directors, producers, and technicians. Listings include name, birth date and place, a brief career bio sometimes including educational history, a physical description. Information about many silent film stars including, Charlie Chaplin, Lillian Gish and Mary Pickford can be found using this directory.



A family tree can wither if
nobody tends its roots

New on the Web

Canadian Headstone Photo Project

This volunteer project is working to capture digital images and the complete transcription of headstones from graveyards across Canada. So far they have collected more than 270,000 photos and transcriptions of headstones.

You can take a look or find out how to help at <http://canadianheadstones.com>

World Memory Project

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Ancestry.com are starting a project to digitize and index millions of historical records containing details about survivors and victims of the Holocaust and Nazi persecution during World War II. They are hoping to build the largest free online resource of information about victims and survivors of Nazi persecution. They need your help.

Find out how to volunteer and take a look at what they've accomplished at www.worldmemoryproject.org

Guides to U.S. Vital Records Resources

The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants has begun creating online guides to obtaining birth, marriage and death records for each state in the United States. So far they have completed work on nine states.

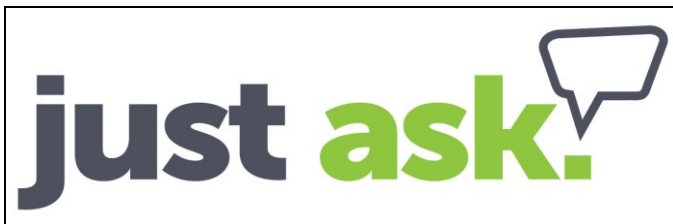
www.massmayflower.org/research/online/vital-records/vital-records.htm

The Society is also creating a very detailed guide for Massachusetts.

www.massmayflower.org/research/guides/ma/guides-ma.htm

One Step Web Pages

Steve Morse has created a collection of search forms to help with searching genealogical databases on the web. The site largely searches collections of American records but includes some Canadian, British and other sources as well. In addition the site has information about calendars and transliterating between alphabets. <http://stevemorse.org>



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, the Just Ask! chat reference service is ready to help. Simply click the "Chat With Us" button at www.vpl.ca for live assistance from library staff around the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. Hours of service are Monday through Thursday from 10am to 8pm, and Friday from 10am to 5pm. If your question can't be answered immediately, it will be forwarded to the Fine Arts and History department for a prompt reply.



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