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# Genealogical Resources

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## We've Reorganized Our Website!

Our new **Genealogy and Family History @ VPL** pages include detailed research guides for those conducting family history research at the Library, on the Web, and beyond. Also included are listings for upcoming events, listings of new books added to the collection, a blog, and back issues of this newsletter.

<http://guides.vpl.ca/genealogy>

## 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 [vpl.bibliocommons.com](http://vpl.bibliocommons.com).*

*Ref. items must be used in the library.*

### General

***AARP Genealogy Online: Tech to Connect***  
by April Leigh Helm, 2012  
929.10285 H47a

***Cemetery Recording by Photo or Notebook Method***  
by Wendy Graham, 2011  
929.5 C39b3

***Discover Your Family History Online: A Step-By-Step Guide to Starting Your Genealogy Search***  
by Nancy Hendrickson, 2012  
929.10285 H49d

***DNA and Social Networking: A Guide to Genealogy in the Twenty-First Century***  
by Debbie Kennett, 2011  
929.10285 K36d

***Genealogy*** (QuickSteps Series)  
by Martin S. Matthews, 2012  
929.10285 M44g

***Genealogy***, 3rd ed.  
by George G. Morgan, 2012  
929.1 M84h1

***How to Write and Publish Your Family Story in 10 Easy Steps***  
by Noeline Kyle, 2011  
929.1 K99h

## Canada

### ***Counting Canada: A Genealogical Guide to the Canadian Census***

by Dave Obee, 2012  
929.371 O12c

## British Columbia

### ***Cedarvale Cemetery (to 1951), Cedarvale, British Columbia Canada***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 2006  
Ref. 929.5 C389b

### ***Chilliwack Cemeteries***

Abbotsford Genealogical Society, 200?  
Ref. 929.5 C53a

### ***Greendale Cemetery List***

Mennonite Historical Society of BC, 200?  
Ref. 929.5 C53g

### ***Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery, Patricia Bay, Saanich, B.C.***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 1977  
Ref. 929.5 V22h



### ***Jewish Cemeteries***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 1993  
Ref. 929.5 B862b

### ***North Okanagan Cemetery Listings***

Vernon & District Family History Society, 2012  
Ref. 929.5 V53n

### ***Piercy's Funeral Home Records (Including Sutton's Funeral Home 1938 to 1973) up to 1988***

Abbotsford Genealogical Society, 200?  
Ref. 929.3711 P61a

### ***Pioneer Cemetery (1982), Maple Bay, British Columbia***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 1982  
Ref. 929.5 V22p

### ***Pioneer Square Cemetery (aka – Victoria Pioneer Cemetery) Victoria, British Columbia***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 1990  
Ref. 929.5 V22pi

### ***St. Luke's Anglican Church, Cedar Hill Crossroads, Victoria, B.C.***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 1990  
Ref. 929.5 V22sL

### ***St. Mary's Anglican Church Cemetery, Duncan, British Columbia***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 1974  
Ref. 929.5 D91s

### ***St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Duncan, British Columbia***

British Columbia Genealogical Society, 1975  
Ref. 929.5 D91sp

### ***Stray B.C. Wills Index***

Abbotsford Genealogical Society, 200?  
929.3711X B86ca

### ***Surname Index to the Nanaimo Cemetery, 1876-1926***

Nanaimo Family History Society, 1992  
Ref. 929.5 N17s

### ***Yarrow Cemetery List***

Mennonite Historical Society of BC, 200?  
Ref. 929.5 C53y

## Saskatchewan

### ***Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them***, 4th ed.

by Laura Hanowski, 2012  
929.37124 T75h3



## Manitoba

***The English Travelers: Three Narratives***  
by Sharon Margaret Hope, 2011  
929.2 E81h

## Ontario

***Regent Park United Church, Toronto  
(Formerly Methodist and  
Presbyterian): Baptisms, 1880-1925,  
Marriages, 1897-1925, Burials, 1913-1925***  
by Lois Black, 2010  
Ref. 929.3713 Y61T68re

## Quebec

***Marriage Contracts from 1840-1950  
(Approx.)***  
compiled by Carolyn Parent, 1998  
Ref. 929.3714 M53S79pm

***Wills from 1840-1950 (Approx.)***  
compiled by Carolyn Parent, 1998  
Ref. 929.3714 M53S79p

## Atlantic Provinces

***The St-Laurent Mission of Baie-des Winds  
Church Registers***  
by Rodrigue Mazerolle, 2010  
929.37151 M47r

***Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada*, vol. 2**  
by Terrence M. Punch, 2011  
Ref. 929.3715 P98s

## United States

***The Genealogist's Census Pocket  
Reference: Tips, Tricks & Fast Facts to  
Track Your Ancestors***  
by Allison Dolan, 2012  
929.373 G326d

## British Isles

***Family History: Digging Deeper***  
by Simon Fowler, 2012  
929.10285 F78f



***The Genealogist's Internet: The Essential  
Guide to Researching Your Family History  
Online*, 5th ed.**  
by Peter Christian, 2012  
929.10285 C55g4

***The Irish Family and Local History  
Handbook***  
by Robert Blatchford, 2012  
929.3415 B64i



***Researching Your Irish Ancestors at Home  
and Abroad***  
by David Raymond Elliott, 2012  
929.3415 E46r

***Scottish Genealogy*, 3rd ed.**  
by Bruce Durie, 2012  
929.3411 D96s1

***Second World War Lives: How Our  
Ancestors Lived: A Guide for Family  
Historians***  
by James Goultly, 2012  
929.341 G69s

***The Territorials: 1908-1914: A Guide for  
Military and Family Historians***  
by Ray Westlake, 2011  
929.341 W52t

***Tracing Your Ancestors from 1066 to 1837:  
A Guide for Family Historians***  
by Jonathan Oates, 2012  
929.341 O11t

***Tracing Your Channel Islands Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians***

by Marie-Louise Backhurst, 2011  
929.34234 B12t

***Tracing Your Family History on the Internet: A Guide for Family Historians***

by Chris Paton, 2011  
929.10285 P31t

***Tracing Your London Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians***

by Jonathan Oates, 2011  
929.342 O11t

***Tracing Your Rural Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians***

by Jonathan Brown, 2011  
929.341 B8781t

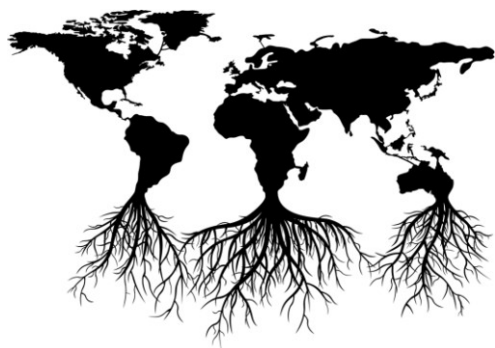
***Tracing Your Secret Service Ancestors***

by Phil Tomaselli, 2009  
929.341 T65ts

**Europe**

***Tracing Your European Roots*, 2nd ed.**

by W. Daniel Quillen, 2012  
929.34 Q67t



***Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians***

by Kathy Chater, 2012  
929.1 C49t

**Miscellaneous**

***Domingos Alvares, African Healing, and the Intellectual History of the Atlantic World***

by James Hoke Sweet, 2011  
909.09821 S97d

***Punjabi Names & Their Meanings***

by Rajwant Singh Chilana, 2012  
929.4 C53p



**Genealogy Programs  
at the Vancouver  
Public Library**

**BCGS Downtown Vancouver  
Genealogy Group**

Genealogy Discussion - bring your ideas, questions and latest discoveries. It's a friendly, helpful group - all interested in genealogy and family history are welcome.

**Second Tuesday of each month**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Library Board Room, Level 7

Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

**Begin, or Return to Your Family  
History**

Beginning or returning to family history research can quickly become overwhelming. Learn to organize what you already have from family or previous research and how to get the most from Internet and hands-on research.

**Registration is not required.** Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Monday, November 5, 2012**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level

Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

Other  
Vancouver Public Library  
Programs of Interest



To see a complete list of upcoming programs and events at the Vancouver Public Library visit [www.vpl.ca/cgi-bin/Calendar/calendar.cgi](http://www.vpl.ca/cgi-bin/Calendar/calendar.cgi). Be sure to check back as new entries are added all the time!

### Tech Café

Build your basic computer skills with library staff available to answer questions and provide some personal guidance. Bring your laptop or use our stations.

Topics covered include: Internet searching, downloading and uploading photos and documents, email, Facebook basics, and using library resources - the library catalogue, your library account, eBooks, digital newspapers and subject databases.

**Registration is not required for the following session.**

**Tuesdays, September-December, 2012**  
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Training Zone, Level 5  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street



**Registration for the following 2 sessions is required.** For more information, or to register, please contact the Terry Salman Branch at **604-665-3964**.

**Mondays, September-November, 2012**  
**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
TSN meeting room  
Terry Salman Branch  
4575 Clancy Loranger Way

**Saturdays, October 20, November 17, December 15, 2012**  
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
TSN meeting room  
Terry Salman Branch  
4575 Clancy Loranger Way

### Computer Basics for Seniors Wired for Learning

Get comfortable with 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.

**Prerequisites:** No previous computer experience required.

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

**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

### Internet Basics for Seniors Wired for Learning

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.

**Prerequisites:** Computer Basics or equivalent experience is required.

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



**Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

## **eBook Basics**

### **Wired for Learning**

Learn how to find, checkout, and download ebooks from VPL's Library to Go collection in this 90-minute hands-on session. We'll discuss formats, compatibility and managing your account.

If you have an eBook reader, feel free to bring it along and we'll try it out. If you want to check your device for compatibility before coming to this session, call us at the number below.

**Prerequisites:** Basic computer and internet skills. EBook reader not required.

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

**Wednesday, October 24, 2012**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

**Saturday, November 24, 2012**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

**Saturday, December 8, 2012**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

## **Friends of the Vancouver Public Library Fall Used Book Sale**

Please join the Friends of the Vancouver Public Library for their annual Fall Used Book Sale. Gently used donated books at great prices.

*Through fund raising and advocacy Friends of the Vancouver Public Library supports collections and special projects at the Central Library and its twenty-two branches.*

For more information please contact Friends of the Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-4049**.

**Thursday, October 25, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Friday, October 26, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 27, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 28, 2012**

**11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Moat, Lower Level

Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

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**Prerequisites:** Computer Basics or equivalent experience is required.

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

**Saturday, November 17, 2012**

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

**Thursday, December 6, 2012**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street



## **How to Research Your Vancouver Home Using Online Resources**

### **Wired for Learning – Techno Tuesday**

This program will help you find information on your Vancouver home using directories, historical photographs, and other online resources. We will explore City Directories, the VPL Historical Photos database, the British Columbia Index, on-line fire insurance maps, and other resources.

**Prerequisites:** Basic computer and Internet skills.

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

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012**

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

## **The Library in Your Pocket**

### **Wired for Learning – Techno Tuesday**

Want to know how to access the Library on your smart phone or mobile device? Come to this librarian-led presentation and learn about the myriad of library services and collections that are now available via mobile apps. Resources include: library catalogue, library account management (holds), ebooks and audiobooks, music downloading/streaming, journal/magazine articles, reference books and more!

**Prerequisites:** Basic computer and Internet skills. A smart phone or mobile device is recommended.

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

**Tuesday, November 27, 2012**

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

## **Computer Basics**

### **Wired for Learning**

Get comfortable with 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.

**Prerequisites:** No previous computer experience required.

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

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**

**10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

**Wednesday, November 28, 2012**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Computer Training Room, Level 7  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

**Personal Digital Archiving:  
Safeguarding Your Digital Assets  
Wired for Learning**

Do you have treasured photos, important household files, or valuable documents stored on your computer? What would happen if you no longer had access to these digital assets? Learn how to create a filing and storage plan to safeguard your digital files and ensure that you will have access to them in the future. You will go home with a better understanding of your options and a worksheet you can use to get started.

**Prerequisites:** You must be comfortable using a mouse, typing and basic internet searching.

**Registration is required and begins November 1st.** For more information, or to register, please contact Vancouver Public Library at **604-331-3603**.

**Thursday, November 29, 2012**

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Training Zone, Level 5  
Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

Programs Elsewhere  
in the Lower Mainland

**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.  
[www.bcgs.ca/](http://www.bcgs.ca/)

**Family History Collection  
Orientations**

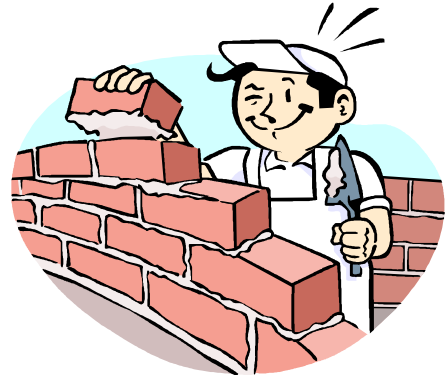
Learn how to use one of the most extensive collections of Canadian genealogical materials in Western Canada! The orientations will help you become familiar with the online information, books and journals, and microfilm records currently available for research.

**Registration is recommended.** For more information, or to register, please call **604-598-7328**, or email [familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca).

**October 13, November 3\*, December 1, 2012  
10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.**

Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch  
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.  
No charge.

*\*On November 3 a special extended Orientation will be offered from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*



**Brick Walls: Sharing Strategies on  
Tough Genealogy Problems**

Co-sponsored with the BC Genealogical Society (BCGS)

Join our panel of Experts (Diane Rogers, Brenda Smith, and Peter Whitlock) who will share their thoughts on overcoming difficult Family History challenges. The panel members will then individually meet attendees who have submitted questions for 1-on-1 fifteen minute consultations.



During the 1-on-1 sessions Librarian Paul MacDonell will present (to the main group) **Librarian Secrets: Easy(ish) Resources for Family Historians**. The workshop covers various information resources that aren't strictly for family historians but are nonetheless valuable genealogy tools. A light meal and refreshments will be provided free of charge. 1-on-1 questions need to be paid for and submitted in advance. Contact Cloverdale Library or the BCGS for details.

**Registration is required.** For more information, or to register, please call **604-598-7328**, or email [familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca).

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**  
**1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Charge: \$15** (includes food).  
**Additional charge of \$10 for 1-on-1 meeting with an Expert.**  
Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch  
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

### **Surrey: Then and Now**

See how much Surrey has changed and what remains the same. This visually stunning presentation compares archival photographs with modern images of Surrey.

**Saturday, November 17, 2012**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**No charge.**  
Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch  
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.  
Instructor: Ryan Gallagher (City of Surrey Archives)

### **Fourth Annual Family History Show & Tell!**

We continue the tradition by inviting 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.

Please 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.

Note! Participants will be strictly limited to a maximum of ten minutes talk time.

**Registration is required.** For more information, or to register, please call **604-598-7328**, or email [familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca).

**Saturday, November 24, 2012**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**No charge, but donations welcome!**  
Surrey Public Library, Cloverdale Branch  
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.



## Also Noted...

### **Dave Obee Workshop**

**Sunday, October 28, 2012**

Powell River Genealogy Group  
Powell River, British Columbia

More information:

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bcprgg/workshop/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bcprgg/workshop/)

### **RootsTech 2013**

**March 21-23, 2013**

Salt Palace Convention Center  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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



### **Alberta Genealogical Society Annual Conference**

**April 20-21, 2013**

Chateau Louis Conference Centre  
Edmonton, Alberta

More information:

[www.abgensoc.ca/events.html](http://www.abgensoc.ca/events.html)

### **Pulling Up Stakes, Putting Down Roots**

**May 31-June 2, 2013**

Ontario Genealogical Society  
Oshawa, Ontario

More information:

[www.ogs.on.ca/ogsblog/?p=1309](http://www.ogs.on.ca/ogsblog/?p=1309)

## British Columbia Vital Events Now Available Online!

### **Vital Events Search**

<http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/AdvancedSearch>

Free access, effective 4 September, to a new online genealogy database linked to digitized images of many of the province's historical birth (1854-1903), marriage (1872-1936) and death (1872-1991) registrations.

*The release of the index and attached images is a collaborative project between the B.C. Archives, the Vital Statistics Agency and FamilySearch. There are currently 700,000 images; new digitized images will be loaded on a regular basis.*

## News from Library and Archives Canada

### **Getting Started with Finding Aids**

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has created a short guide to working with finding aids to help you find out more about their document collections:

#### **Discover Finding Aids: Part 1**

<http://thediscoverblog.com/2012/02/28/discover-finding-aids/>

#### **Discover Finding Aids: Part 2**

<http://thediscoverblog.com/2012/03/15/discover-finding-aids-part-two/>



LAC has also uploaded a collection of 12 finding aids for their World War I documents. Links to these can be found in the following LAC blog post:

**New Finding Aids Online: Department of Militia and Defence (RG9) circa 1914–1919**

<http://thediscoverblog.com/2012/07/26/new-finding-aids-online-department-of-militia-and-defence-rg9-circa-1914-1919/>

Title list of new online finding aids:

General Staff, London—501 descriptions  
(Finding aid 9-31-36)

Headquarters, Canadian Troops, Seaford—  
106 descriptions (Finding aid 9-31-41)

No. 5 Canadian General Hospital, Kirkdale—  
239 descriptions (Finding aid 9-31-39)

Military Hospital No. 12, Bramshott—  
363 descriptions (Finding aid 9-31-38)

Quartermaster General, London—  
1367 descriptions (Finding aid 9-31-43)

Canadian Army Service Corps, London—  
684 descriptions (Finding aid 9-31-44)

War Graves (Adjutant General Branch)—  
188 descriptions (Finding aid 9-31-51)

Canadian Air Force—89 descriptions (Finding  
aid 9-31-49)

Assistant Director Medical Services,  
Shorncliffe—236 descriptions (Finding aid  
9-31-47)

Canadian Forestry Corps, 51st District  
(Scotland)—198 descriptions (Finding aid  
9-31-46)

Canadian Army Veterinary Corps—1077  
descriptions (Finding aid 9-31-45)



**Veterans Death Cards for World War I Now Online**

Over 130,000 file cards from Veterans Affairs with information about the deaths of World War I veterans have been digitized by Library and Archives Canada. The collection of cards covers up to the early 60, and includes veterans who passed away after the War, as well as soldiers who died in Canada during the War. Information such as rank, date and cause of death, next of kin, and place of burial can be found on these index cards.

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-130-0017-e.html?PHPSESSID=2d8hcu7jr6fm2sgagr4k31q14](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-130-0017-e.html?PHPSESSID=2d8hcu7jr6fm2sgagr4k31q14)



**Video Guide to Library and Archives Canada**

Library and Archives Canada has created a video to help you prepare for a visit to the Archives in Ottawa:

[www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/videos/Pages/orientation-services.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/videos/Pages/orientation-services.aspx)

## Residential Schools Records

The microfilms for Residential School records kept by Indian and Inuit Affairs have been digitized.

### School Files Series, 1879-1953 (RG10)

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.02-e.php?&q2=2%20&interval=50&sk=0&&PHPSESSID=rd2sjcqr7okd4iem5vtg5bq864](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.02-e.php?&q2=2%20&interval=50&sk=0&&PHPSESSID=rd2sjcqr7okd4iem5vtg5bq864)

The records are organized by microfilm reel. There is no index of people but a list of schools on each reel is available.

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/006003/f2/006003-e.pdf](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/006003/f2/006003-e.pdf)

Library and Archives Canada has also created a guide, **Conducting Research on Residential Schools**.

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/020008/f2/020008-2000-e.pdf](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/020008/f2/020008-2000-e.pdf)



## War of 1812 Records Digitized

On the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the War of 1812, Library and Archives Canada has made records of the war available on the Web. Newly digitized microfilms include, **Claims for Losses**, and **Nominal Rolls & Paylists**. See the **Military and Peacekeeping** section of their **Microform Digitization** web page.

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.011-e.php#heading4](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/006003-110.011-e.php#heading4)

## News from FAMILYSEARCH

### 1940 Census

Indexing of the 1940 United States Census released to the public earlier this year is now complete. The 1940 census contains over 130 million people. Researchers can search by name for records on FamilySearch.

<https://familysearch.org/1940census/>

FamilySearch has also created a number of videos exploring the 1940 census:

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFF61CD0E23FC3E48&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFF61CD0E23FC3E48&feature=plcp)



### International Genealogical Index (IGI)

The transfer of the International Genealogical Index is now complete. The IGI contains several hundred million names from church and vital records as far back as the early 1500's, as well as personal family information submitted to the Latter Day Saints Church.

The IGI can be searched online at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/igi> and can also be accessed from the <https://familysearch.org> home page.

FamilySearch has created **Searching Records: The IGI on FamilySearch**, a video explaining the index and showing how to use it.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9vA8juUpYs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9vA8juUpYs)

## Scotland Census Indexes

FamilySearch has added indexes to the 1881 and 1891 Scottish Censuses.

### Scotland Census, 1881

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/2046756>

### Scotland Census, 1891

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/2046943>



## Canadian Collections Recently Completed or Updated

- British Columbia, Naturalization Records, 1859-1926
- British Columbia, Victoria Times Birth, Marriage and Death notices, 1901-1939
- British Columbia, Wills, 1861-1981
- Canada, Births and Baptisms, 1661-1959
- Canada Census, 1916
- Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825
- Canada, Marriages, 1661-1949
- Manitoba Probate Records, 1871-1930
- New Brunswick, Marriage Registers, 1789-1889
- New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages, 1887-1919
- New Brunswick Provincial Returns of Marriages and Late Registrations, 1920-1950
- Nova Scotia, Halifax County, Deed Indexes, 1749-1958
- Nova Scotia, Vital Records, 1763-1957
- Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
- Quebec, Births and Baptisms, 1662-1898
- Quebec, Non-Catholic Parish Registers, 1763-1967
- Quebec Notarial Records, 1800-1900
- Saskatchewan, Probate Estate Files, 1887-1931
- Saskatchewan Provincial Records, 1879-1987

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<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list#page=1&region=CANADA>

New from

 **ancestry** library edition

This popular database for genealogical research is available at all branches of Vancouver Public Library.

## Updated Canadian databases

- Border Crossings: From Canada to U.S., 1895-1954
- British Columbia, Canada, Border Entries and Passenger Lists, 1894-1905
- Central Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, Newspaper Birth, Marriage & Death Indexes, 1917-1990
- Northern Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, Cemetery Records, 1901-2010
- Ontario, Canada Births, 1869-1913
- Ontario, Canada, Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1747-1967
- Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928
- Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967
- U.S., Records of Aliens Pre-Examined in Canada, 1922-1954

Find out more about these databases by clicking on **Card Catalog** in the drop-down menu of the **Search** tab on the Ancestry Library Edition home page. Use the **Search Titles** search box to enter in the title of the database you would like to view.

After the microfilm containing the case file is identified, it can be ordered from the Ontario Archives' Interlibrary Loan department.

[www.vpl.ca/library/details/interlibrary\\_loans](http://www.vpl.ca/library/details/interlibrary_loans)



## New on the Web

### **New City of Vancouver Website**

The City of Vancouver has updated its website. This update includes the City of Vancouver Archives.

<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/city-of-vancouver-archives.aspx>

The Vancouver Archives' collection includes materials of interest to genealogists, and their **Genealogy** page includes information on this material, including maps, architectural plans, fire insurance maps, directories, photographs, news clippings and more!

<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/genealogy.aspx>

### **Second Heir and Devisee Commission Case Files Database**

The Second Heir and Devisee Commission in Ontario was responsible for hearing claims on land from heirs and other assignees. The Archives of Ontario has a collection of over 5,000 case files from this commission on microfilm dating from 1804 to 1895. The case files include a large collection of documents of interest to genealogists. An index of these records that can be searched by name and location is available online.

[www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/db/devisee\\_db.aspx](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/db/devisee_db.aspx)



### **Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec**

The Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec has created a large collection of online indexes and transcriptions of records useful for genealogists. The collection includes marriage contracts, coroners' reports, civil registration, land records and parish censuses.

[www.banq.qc.ca/collections/genealogie/inst\\_recherche\\_ligne/index.html](http://www.banq.qc.ca/collections/genealogie/inst_recherche_ligne/index.html)

### **British Columbia Genealogical Society Education Handouts**

The BCGS has posted the handouts from their recent talks at the Vancouver Public Library on Scottish and Irish family history online. They've also added handouts for talks given to the English and Scottish genealogy groups, as well as a seminar on genetic genealogy.

[www.bcgs.ca/?page\\_id=677](http://www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=677)

### **Dave Obee's Family History Page**

It's not a new website, but it constantly has new material. The website for the Victoria author and speaker has links, articles and resources, as well as information on how to purchase his books or engage him as a speaker.

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

## Historical BC Newspapers Digitized

The University of British Columbia has made a collection of 24 historical newspapers from around the province available on the Internet. The papers range in date from 1865 to 1924 and can be searched by keyword or browsed by date.

**British Columbia Historical Newspapers**  
<http://historicalnewspapers.library.ubc.ca/>

A group of organizations have collaborated to digitize the British Colonist, a Victoria newspaper that merged into the current Victoria Times-Colonist. You can browse or search issues from 1858 to 1910.

**The British Colonist, 1858-1910**  
[www.britishcolonist.ca/](http://www.britishcolonist.ca/)



## New Genealogy CD-ROMs at the Vancouver Public Library

***Boal Chapel Columbarium Inscriptions:  
Boal Chapel Memorial Gardens, North  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada***  
This CD-ROM includes Boal Chapel inscriptions, a name index and slide show.

This CD-ROM is available on request in Fine Arts and History, on Level 6 at the Central Library.

***Fraser Canyon, British Columbia, Canada  
Cemetery Recordings***  
A collection of burial records and monumental cemetery inscriptions from the Fraser Canyon region of British Columbia. Communities included on this CD-ROM are:

- **Boston Bar:** Fraser Acres Cemetery (2001)
- **Cache Creek:** Collins Family Cemetery
- **Cache Creek:** Trimbull Family Cemetery
- **Lytton:** Garrick Grave (1988)

- **Lytton:** Hautler Family Cemetery
- **Shacken:** Shacken Cemetery (incomplete 1971)
- **Swart:** Swart Cemetery (1985)
- **Yale:** On Lee Family Cemetery
- **Yale:** Slaheech Native Ancient Cemetery
- **Yale:** St. John the Divine Burials (1971)
- **Yale:** Stallo Cemetery
- **Yale:** Yale Cemetery

This CD-ROM is available on request in Fine Arts and History, on Level 6 at the Central Library.

## ***Fraser Valley, British Columbia, Canada Cemetery Recordings***

A collection of burial records and monumental cemetery inscriptions from the Fraser Canyon region of British Columbia. Communities included on this CD-ROM are:

- **Chilliwack:** St. Thomas Temporary Cemetery (1977)
- **Deroche:** Deroche Cemetery (1973)
- **Hope:** Hope Slide Cemetery (1965-66)
- **Mission:** Oblate Cemetery (St. Mary's Cemetery, OMI) (1976)

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## ***Schools of the Boundary: Early Schools in the Boundary Area of British Columbia (2009)***

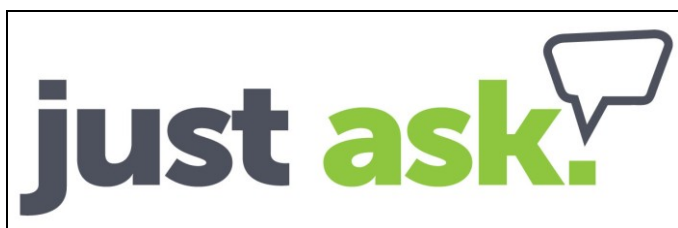
Early schools from Anarchist Mountain to Paulson. Over 800 names of students, teachers and trustees, and class photos.

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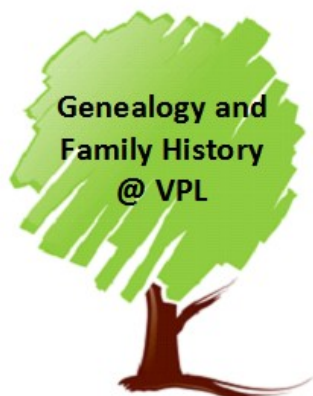
### **South Coastal, British Columbia, Canada Cemetery Recordings**

A collection of burial records and monumental cemetery inscriptions from the South Coastal region of British Columbia. Communities included on this CD-ROM are:

- **Lang Bay:** Holy Cross Cemetery (1974)
- **Mount Garibaldi:** Mount Garibaldi Cemetery
- **Pemberton:** Pemberton, Mt. Currie & Harrison Lake Cemetery (1989)
- **Powell River:** Powell River and District Cenotaph (1973)



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](http://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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