



Vancouver Public Library

# Genealogical Resources

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## Recent Additions to the Collection

Items listed below without a **Ref.** designation may be borrowed. Call **604-331-3603** to request a book, or place your request through the online catalogue at [vpl.bibliocommons.com](http://vpl.bibliocommons.com).

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

### General

**Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques**  
by George G. Morgan, 2014  
929.1 M84a

**The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century**  
by David Laskin, 2013  
929.2 K11L

**Mastering Family, Library & Church Records**  
by W. Daniel Quillen, 2013  
929.10285 Q6mf1

### Canada

**Canada's Forgotten Slaves: Two Centuries of Bondage**  
by Marcel Trudel, 2013  
326.9 T86c

**Greetings From Canada: Postcards From Dutch Immigrants to the Netherlands, 1884-1915**  
by Jan Th. J. Krijff, 2013  
971.004 K92g

### British Columbia

**The Land of Heart's Delight: Early Maps and Charts of Vancouver Island**  
by Michael Layland, 2013  
912.7112 L42L



**Raincoast Chronicles 22: Saving Salmon, Sailors and Souls: Stories of Service on the BC Coast**  
edited by David R. Conn, 2013  
971.1 R15i

**A Trail of Two Telegraphs: And Other Historic Tales of the Bulkley Valley and Beyond**  
by Jane Stevenson, 2013  
971.182 S84t

## Ontario

### ***Lives of the Family: Stories of Fate & Circumstance***

by Denise Chong, 2013  
971.38 C54L

## Nova Scotia

### ***Black Loyalists: Southern Settlers of Nova Scotia's First Free Black Communities***

by Ruth Holmes Whitehead, 2013  
971.6004 W59b

## North America

### ***Bird of Paradise: How I Became Latina***

by Raquel Cepeda, 2013  
305.4092 C39b

### ***Yokohama Yankee: My Family's Five Generations as Outsiders in Japan***

by Leslie Helm, 2013  
929.2 H481h

## Europe

### ***The Family Tree Guidebook to Europe: Your Essential Guide to Trace Your Genealogy in Europe***

by Allison Dolan, 2013  
929.34 D65f



### ***The Secrets of the Notebook: A Woman's Quest to Uncover Her Royal Family Secret***

by Eve Haas, 2013  
929.2 H11s

## Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library



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



### **Genealogy: Trace your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition**

**Sundays, May 4 and 18, 2014**

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Learn about the exciting online resources available through the Library's Ancestry database at this free hands-on genealogy workshop.

Registration required.

For more information please contact Information Services at [info@vpl.ca](mailto:info@vpl.ca) or **604-331-3603**.

## First Families First Stories

Wednesdays, May 7 and 14, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level

Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

ExporASIAN's *First Families, First Stories History* project is initiated by the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society as a way to begin the process of helping our communities become more self-aware by giving voice to these pioneering families of Asian Heritage and to share the story of their arrival and settlement in this country.

This workshop is to offer the best tools for those interested in researching their community. It will help you learn to use search engines, access Ancestry Library Edition, FamilySearch, the VPL catalogue, as well as various Special Collections resources, e.g., historical photos database, the BC City directories site, historical newspapers, passenger lists, birth, death and marriage records, as well as specific events relating to various ethnic groups in British Columbia.

**Please note:** You do not need to attend both sessions; the second is a repeat of the first.

For more information please contact:  
Programming and Learning Services at  
[info@vpl.ca](mailto:info@vpl.ca) at **604 331-3603**.



## Genealogy: Trace your Ancestors with FamilySearch & Archives Canada

Sundays, May 11 and 25, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Room

Level 7, Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

Research your family's roots with one of the largest collections of online genealogical records – FamilySearch.

Births, deaths, census information, passenger lists and more from Canada and the world are available at your fingertips. Discover how to effectively navigate FamilySearch, and get the most out of your search in this hands-on workshop.

Registration required.

For more information please contact Information Services at [info@vpl.ca](mailto:info@vpl.ca) or **604-331-3603**.

## Genealogy and Family History Get Social

Celia Lewis and M. Diane Rogers

Monday, June 2, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Board Breakout Room

Level 7, Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

For more details and up to date information on this workshop please check our **Events Calendar** on the Vancouver Public Library website as the date for the workshop approaches or contact the British Columbia Genealogical Society at **604-502-9119** or [bcgs@bcgs.ca](mailto:bcgs@bcgs.ca).



## **Researching the British Empire's Military – WWI**

**George Caldwell**

**Monday, July 7, 2014**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms,  
Lower Level, Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

For more details and up to date information on this workshop please check our **Events Calendar** on the Vancouver Public Library website as the date for the workshop approaches or contact the British Columbia Genealogical Society at **604-502-9119** or **bcgs@bcgs.ca**.

## **Researching Family in Quebec**

**Linda Maitland**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Board Breakout Room  
Level 7, Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

For more details and up to date information on this workshop please check our **Events Calendar** on the Vancouver Public Library website as the date for the workshop approaches or contact the British Columbia Genealogical Society at **604-502-9119** or **bcgs@bcgs.ca**.

## **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.**

Board Breakout Room  
Level 7, Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

*Except for August 2014 meeting*

## **Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest**

### **Sean Arthur Joyce: Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms  
Lower Level, Central Library  
350 West Georgia Street

Are you one of Canada's four million descendants of British Home Children? If so, join author Sean Arthur ('Art') Joyce for the launch of his new book, "Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest: Canada's Home Children in the West." Part memoir, part creative nonfiction, the book examines the impact of this historic phenomenon down through the generations.

Seating is limited. No registration required.

For more information please contact Programming and Learning Services at **info@vpl.ca** at **604 331-3603**.

## **Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland**

### **Monthly British Columbia Genealogical Society Meetings**

**Second Wednesday of each month  
year round**

**7:30 p.m.**

Danish Lutheran Church  
Downstairs Hall  
6010 Kincaid Street,  
Burnaby, B.C

Visitors are always welcome.



## Family History Collection Orientations

**Saturdays, April 5 and May 3, 2014**  
**10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**

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

Learn how to use one of the most extensive collections of Canadian genealogical materials in Western Canada. Learn about online information, books and journals, and microfilm records available for research at the library.

Pre-registration recommended. Register in person at the Cloverdale Library, call **604-598-7327**, or email **familyhistory@surrey.ca**.

For more information:  
<http://www.surreylibraries.ca/programs-services/4921.aspx>

## Cemeteries

**Instructor: Lorraine Irving**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2014**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Surrey Public Library  
Cloverdale Library  
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.  
Fee: \$10

Dig up the facts about burial records.

Are you having trouble locating the burial places of your ancestors? Wondering how to locate burial records? What do the symbols

mean on the monuments? Cemetery etiquette? Funeral home records? Don't overlook this part of your research. These records may provide clues you won't find elsewhere!

Register in person at the Cloverdale Library, call **604-598-7327**, or email **familyhistory@surrey.ca**. Payment required upon registration.

For more information:  
<http://www.surreylibraries.ca/programs-services/5728.aspx>

## Surrey 1953

**Saturday, April 12, 2014**  
**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Surrey Archives  
17671 – 56 Avenue, Surrey, B.C.  
1 session \$10 (16yrs+)

See Surrey through the eyes of a tourist in 1953. Janet Hurst's experience as an English visitor to the Lower Mainland will be told through her unique collection of journal entries, postcards, photos and other ephemera.

To register online, use Surrey's Web Reg (Registration code #4359268) or call **604-501-5100**.

For more information:  
[www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/2398.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/2398.aspx)



## Historical Maps of BC

Derek Hayes

Saturday, May 10, 2014

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Surrey Archives

17671 – 56 Avenue, Surrey, B.C.

1 session \$10 (16yrs+)

Local historian Derek Hayes charts the development of our province through fascinating historical maps of Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and beyond.

To register online, use Surrey's Web Reg (Registration code #4358036) or call **604-501-5100**.

For more information:

[www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/2398.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/2398.aspx)

## BCGS 2014 Seminar

Presenters: Audrey Collins and Geoff Doherty Price

Saturday, May 31, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

British Columbia Genealogical Society

South Arm United Church

11051 Number 3 Road, Richmond, B.C.

Early Bird Prices until April 30, 2014. Tickets \$45.00 for BCGS & Affiliate Society members; \$55.00 for non-members

Audrey will be presenting two sessions:

- The National Archives – researching English and Welsh records from a distance, including those records for Scotland and Ireland held at the National Archives
- The London Gazette – what is the value of this resource, and how to access from a distance

Geoff will present one session:

- Finding Your Australian Cousins – A Guide to Online Sources that can assist. Not all your ancestor's brothers and sisters came to Canada and the USA with them. Some went to places like Australia maybe

because they wanted to, but many came unwillingly, but with a free ticket from the Government, as Convicts. However they got to Australia, they mostly all stayed, because it is a hard place to get to anywhere else from, and had many descendants. This talk will highlight online Australian sources at both National and State level that can help you find your missing 'Cousins'.

To register, please contact Susan Snalam at 604-273-8209, email [domers4@shaw.ca](mailto:domers4@shaw.ca) or Eunice Robinson at 604-596-2811, email [Eunice@dccnet.com](mailto:Eunice@dccnet.com).

For more information:

[www.bcgs.ca/?page\\_id=2511](http://www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=2511)

## The Other Western Front – British Columbia and the Great War

Speakers: Mark Forsythe and Greg Dickson

Thursday, September 2014

7:30 p.m.

Vancouver Historical Society

Location: Museum of Vancouver

1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouverites spent the summer of 1914 obsessed by the deadlock over an attempt to land South Asian immigrants aboard the Komagata Maru in Vancouver Harbour. The city and the province were in the throes of a recession, and anti-immigrant feelings were at a peak. When war was declared in August, men of British ancestry were the first to enlist, but as the recession continued, many others signed up in order to get work. Men of Japanese, Chinese, Indian and Aboriginal ancestry also enlisted even though they had no vote. Premier McBride, an ardent imperialist, led the charge to defend empire, and purchased two submarines to help defend the Pacific Coast. We opened our own submarine factory in Burnaby before the war was over. Just some of the interesting stories Mark and Greg will share along with accounts from CBC listeners about the way the war touched their families.

Greg Dickson and Mark Forsythe have written two books together on B.C. history, and are now working on a third about British Columbia and the Great War. Mark hosts BC Almanac on CBC Radio and Greg is a former CBC journalist and currently a communications officer with the Province of British Columbia.

For more information:  
[www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/](http://www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/)



## **French Canadians in British Columbia**

**Speaker: Jean Barman**

**Thursday, November 27, 2014**

**7:30 p.m.**

Vancouver Historical Society

Location: Museum of Vancouver

1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

The fur trade on the Pacific Slopes from the end of the eighteenth to the middle of the nineteenth century brought with it the French language as the lingua franca of everyday commerce. The historic predominance of the language is revealed by the many French designations to geographic features as well as family names within First Nations communities. Yet, the predominance of the language is not commonly known as the French Canadian employees, largely illiterate, did not leave first-person narratives thus depriving subsequent generations of the French fact. Even though historians such as Father Adrian Gabriel Morice wrote extensively of the French Canadian experience and even today considerable efforts are being made to reintroduce French as a functioning language, visibility remains low. Today, French speakers comprise less than 2% of the British Columbia population.

Speaker Jean Barman is one of British Columbia's best known historians. Her latest work is *French Canadians, Furs, and Indigenous Women: The Pacific Northwest Reconsidered*.

For more information:  
[www.vancouver-historical-society.ca](http://www.vancouver-historical-society.ca)

## Also Noted...

### **Family Roots Seminar**

**April 5, 2014**

Alberta Family Histories Society  
Calgary, Alberta

[www.afhs.ab.ca/familyroots](http://www.afhs.ab.ca/familyroots)

### **Salt Lake City Family History Library Retreat**

**April 7-11, 2014 AND October 27-31, 2014**

Salt Lake City, Utah

[www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/67](http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/67)



### **GenFair 2014**

**April 26, 2014**

Alberta Genealogical Society  
Edmonton, Alberta

<http://abgensoc.ca/events.html>



**Ontario Genealogical Society Annual Conference**

**May 1-4, 2014**

St. Catharines, Ontario

[www.ogs.on.ca/conference2014/index.php](http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference2014/index.php)

**National Genealogical Society 2014 Family History Conference**

**May 7-10, 2014**

Richmond, Virginia

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>



**Unlocking the Past**

**May 24, 2014**

Qualicum Beach Family History Society  
Parksville, British Columbia

<http://qbfhs.ca/events-education/2013-05-31-18-50-43>

**Cemetery Conference 2014**

**May 24-25, 2014**

Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia  
Truro, Nova Scotia

[www.novascotiaancestors.ca](http://www.novascotiaancestors.ca)

**Genealogy Jamboree 2014**

**June 5-8, 2014**

Southern California Genealogical Society  
Burbank, California

<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>



**British Columbia Historical Federation Annual Conference**

**June 6-7, 2014**

British Columbia Historical Federation  
Surrey, British Columbia

<http://bchistory.ca/conferences/2014/index.html>

**Palatines to America 2014 National Conference**

**June 25-28, 2014**

Columbus, Ohio

[www.palam.org/](http://www.palam.org/)

**International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies 2014 Annual Conference**

**July 27 – August 1, 2014**

Salt Lake City, Utah

<http://conference.iajgs.org/2014>

**FEEFHS Annual Eastern European Research Workshop**

**August 12-15, 2014**

Salt Lake City, Utah

<http://feefhs.org/conferences.html>

**British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa**

**September 19-21, 2014**

Ottawa, Ontario

[www.bifhsgo.ca/](http://www.bifhsgo.ca/)



## News from Library and Archives Canada



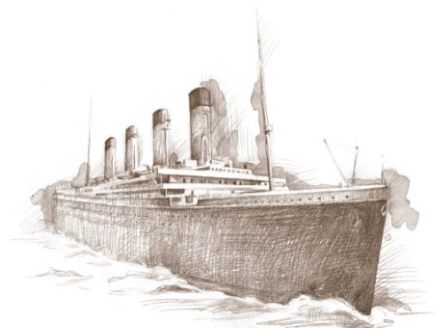
### New version of the Naturalization Records, 1915-1951 Database

“Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the release of a new version of the online database **Naturalization Records, 1915-1951**. The nominal index has been extended with the addition of more than 93,000 names and now covers the years from 1915 to 1939, inclusively. Work is ongoing to extend the nominal index to 1951, and volunteers are welcome to help. Those interested should write to [Cdn-Nat-Coord@jgs-montreal.org](mailto:Cdn-Nat-Coord@jgs-montreal.org).

This database is one of the few Canadian genealogical resources specifically designed to benefit researchers having roots other than British. The reference numbers indicated in the database can be used to request copies of the original naturalization records, which are held by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Library and Archives Canada would like to thank the **Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal** and its volunteers, without whom this project would not have happened.”

[www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2013/new-version-naturalization-records.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2013/new-version-naturalization-records.aspx)



### Library and Archives Canada to Digitize 640,000 First World War Service Files

“As part of the centennial commemoration of the First World War, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) will digitize 640,000 personnel service files of the First World War’s Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) members.

As part of the First World War commemorations, Canadians will be able to research high-quality digital copies of all service files, anytime and anywhere, by 2015. The newly digitized files will complement the approximately 13,500 service files and the more than 620,000 attestation papers already available on LAC’s website.

Canadians will be able to consult the newly digitized service files in the existing database, **Soldiers of the First World War – CEF**, on LAC’s website as they become available. The first series of files is expected to be added as of Summer 2014. After digitization, the originals will be permanently stored thus ensuring their preservation.”

[www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2014/digitize-first-world-war-files.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2014/digitize-first-world-war-files.aspx)

### Aboriginal Heritage Portal

“Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce updates to the **Aboriginal Heritage** portal. Representing Canada’s three Aboriginal groups: the **First Nations, Métis** and **Inuit**, the portal offers material organized by cultural group and subject, as well as resources for **Indian residential school** research.

Whether you are a first-time or experienced researcher, the portal will be the starting point for anyone interested in Aboriginal Heritage. It offers a wealth of resources held by LAC, ranging from archival and published materials, to research guides, tools and databases. These resources include existing material, such as the **Indian Affairs Annual Reports, 1864-1990**, as well as a new resource called the **Guide to the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada "File History Cards, 1872-1984"**.

Over the coming months, new research tools will be added to the portal as they become available."

[www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2013/aboriginal-heritage-portal.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2013/aboriginal-heritage-portal.aspx)

## Recent Additions to the LAC Website

Library and Archives Canada has added new images on Flickr to their website. These new images include:

- Anonymous Portraiture
- Battle of Ortona, 1943
- Canadian Screen
- Mountain Legacy Project
- Odd and interesting portraits at LAC
- Pulp Magazines
- Winter Sports and Leisure Activities

[www.flickr.com/photos/lac-bac/sets/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/lac-bac/sets/)



## News from

 **ancestry** library edition

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

## Ancestry.ca Launches Only-Known Collection of Early 19th Century Passenger Lists

"Following the successful launch of his Canadian brewing company in the 1780s, John Molson and his sons expanded into the shipping industry with the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company, which transported passengers and freight along the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Quebec. This collection includes passenger and freight lists from trips between 1819 and 1835.

### What You Can Find in the Records

Typically you'll find the name of the passenger, abbreviations for ports of embarkation and destination, fare, amount paid, and remarks. You can also see whether they were traveling in steerage or in a cabin, and the dates of travel. While passenger details can be sparse, you may also be able to spot clues by noting the names of fellow passengers.

Where families are traveling together, you may find listings like this one: "Wm Gibbon & wife & 6 children - 12/3." This indicates that he was traveling with his wife, and six children, and that three of the six were under twelve years of age. Children under twelve were allowed to travel at half-fare, so they were noted. Having this family structure can help you identify families.

This collection also includes lists of freight shipped, along with the shipper (consignor) and recipient (consignee). These lists are not indexed, but if you have ancestors who may have been shipping or receiving goods, you can browse these records by year. In some cases, these entries will list residence or occupational details."

## Updated and New Canadian Databases

- Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825
- Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1842
- Canada, St. Lawrence Steamboat Company Passenger Lists, 1819-1838
- Canada. Seafarers of the Atlantic Provinces, 1860-1899
- New Brunswick, Select Births and Baptisms, 1819-1899
- Newfoundland, Canada, Index of Birth, Marriage & Death Notices from Newspapers, 1810-1890
- Nova Scotia, Canada, Census, Assessment and Poll Tax Records, 1770-1795, 1827
- Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, Jail Registers, 1876-1896
- Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, St. Peter's Cemetery Tombstones, 1857-2000
- Web: Canada, GenWeb Cemetery Index
- Web: Canada, Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, 1828-1910
- Web: Prince Edward Island, Baptism Index, 1788-1943
- Web: Saskatchewan, Birth Index, 1875-1908



### British Columbia Databases Added

Several browsable image collections for British Columbia have been added to FamilySearch.

- British Columbia, Estate Files, 1859-1949
- British Columbia, Naturalization Records, 1859-1926
- British Columbia, Victoria Times Birth, Marriage and Death Notices, 1901-1939
- British Columbia, Wills, 1861-1981

## Updated and New Canadian Databases

- British Columbia Birth Registrations, 1854-1903
- British Columbia Death Registrations, 1872-1986
- British Columbia Marriage Registrations, 1859-1932
- Canada Census, 1871
- Canada Census, 1881
- Canada Census, 1891
- Canada Census, 1911
- Canada Census, 1916
- Canada Census Mortality Schedules, 1871
- Canada Deaths and Burials, 1664-1955
- Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1825
- Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1831
- Canada, Lower Canada Census, 1842
- Canada, Merchant Marine Agreements and Accounts of Crews, 1890-1920
- Canada Passenger Lists, 1881-1922
- Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police obituary card index and notices, 1876-2007
- Canada, Upper Canada Census, 1842
- Canadian Headstones
- Manitoba Probate Records, 1871-1930
- New Brunswick, County Deed Registry Books, 1780-1930
- New Brunswick Provincial Deaths, 1815-1938
- Newfoundland, Church Records, 1793-1945
- Newfoundland, Vital Records, 1840-1949
- Newfoundland, Vital Statistics, 1753-1893
- Nova Scotia, Births and Baptisms, 1702-1896
- Nova Scotia Census, 1861
- Nova Scotia, Church Records, 1720-2001
- Nova Scotia, Halifax County, Deed Indexes, 1749-1958
- Nova Scotia, Queens County, Notes of Thomas Brenton Smith, 1700-1950
- Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947

- Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
- Ontario, Toronto Trust Cemeteries, 1826-1989
- Prince Edward Island Census, 1861
- Prince Edward Island Death Card Index, 1721-1905
- Prince Edward Island Marriage Registers, 1832-1888
- Quebec, Non-Catholic Parish Registers, 1763-1967
- Quebec, Notarial Records, 1800-1900
- Saskatchewan Provincial Records, 1879-1987
- Saskatchewan, Probate Estate Files, 1887-1931

- United Kingdom, World War I Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Records, 1917-1920
- Wales, Deaths and Burials, 1586-1885
- Wales Probate Abstracts, 1544-1858

## United Kingdom and Ireland Collections Recently Completed or Updated

- England and Wales, Birth Registration Index, 1837-1920
- England and Wales, Death Registration Index, 1837-1920
- England and Wales, Marriage Registration Index, 1837-1920
- England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975
- England Deaths and Burials, 1538-1991
- England Marriages, 1538-1973
- Great Britain Deaths and Burials, 1778-1988
- Ireland, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920
- Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958
- Ireland, Deaths, 1864-1870
- Ireland, Landed Estate Court Files, 1850-1885
- Ireland, Prison Registers, 1790-1924
- Ireland, Tithe Applotment Books, 1814-1855
- Isle of Man Deaths and Burials, 1844-1911
- Isle of Man, Parish Registers, 1598-1950
- United Kingdom, Merchant Navy Seamen Records, 1835-1941
- United Kingdom, Militia Service Records, 1806-1915

## New FamilySearch Online Guides

FamilySearch has added two new online guides to their counties of England.

Cornwall England Ancestors

<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Cornwall>

Kent England Ancestors

<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Kent>

## New on the Web

### Cymru1900Wales

This is a collaborative project by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, the National Library of Wales, University of Wales and the People's Collection Wales.

"...it is intended that the Wales 1900 gazetteer will form the backbone of a national collection of the country's historic place-names, comprising everything from the earliest medieval records to the field-names still known to modern farming families."

To learn more see:

[www.cymru1900wales.org](http://www.cymru1900wales.org)



## Heritage Vancouver Society Building Permits 1901-1921

“Over 29,000 pre-1929 historic Vancouver, BC building permits, transcribed from original hand-written ledgers into a searchable online database, created and sponsored by Heritage Vancouver Society.

The data transcribed within this database is not a contemporary listing of all Vancouver’s historic properties, but instead an exact transcription of original, historic building permits dating from 1901 to the early 1920s, from the three pre-1929 historic municipalities of South Vancouver, Point Grey, and Vancouver.”

There is ongoing uploading and updating of the permits.

For more information see:  
<http://permits.heritagevancouver.org>

## Digital Initiatives & Collections of Canadian Universities

Canadian universities are repositories of a wealth of information with books, manuscripts, newspapers, correspondence, journals, directories, maps, photographs and films. Many of these universities, together with collaborative partners, are digitizing parts of their collections and making them available online. Check out these digital initiatives and collections with some select examples and watch for new and updated information on their websites.

### British Columbia

**Simon Fraser University Digital Collection**  
<http://content.lib.sfu.ca>

- B.C. Saturday Sunset  
[www.vpl.ca/bcsaturdaysunset/](http://www.vpl.ca/bcsaturdaysunset/)
- Doukhobor Collection of Simon Fraser University  
<http://content.lib.sfu.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/dkb>
- German Canadians Collection  
<http://content.lib.sfu.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/gc>
- Multicultural Miscellaneous Collections  
<http://content.lib.sfu.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/mcc>

### University of British Columbia Digital Collection

<http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca>

- British Columbia Historical Newspapers  
<http://historicalnewspapers.library.ubc.ca/>
- BC Sessional Papers  
<http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/bcsessional>
- Chinese Canadian Stories  
<http://chinesecanadian.ubc.ca/>
- Okanagan Historical Society Reports  
<http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/ohs>

### University of Northern British Columbia Digital Collections

<http://nbca.library.unbc.ca/home/digital-collections>

- BC Provincial Police General Orders Digitization Project  
<http://nbca.library.unbc.ca/home/digital-collections-old/bcpp-general-orders/>
- Red Rock Community History Project  
<http://nbca.library.unbc.ca/pages/archives/LivingLandscapes/>

**University of Victoria Digital Collections**  
[www.uvic.ca/library/featured/collections/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/collections/index.php)

- The British Colonist 1858-1910  
[www.britishcolonist.ca/](http://www.britishcolonist.ca/)
- A City Goes to War  
<http://acitygoestowar.ca/>
- Victoria Fire Insurance Plans  
[www.uvic.ca/library/featured/collections/cartography/VictoriaFirePlans.php](http://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/collections/cartography/VictoriaFirePlans.php)
- Victoria's early history  
[www.uvic.ca/library/featured/collections/victoria/veh.php](http://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/collections/victoria/veh.php)

## Alberta

**University of Alberta Digital Initiatives**  
[www.library.ualberta.ca/digitization/](http://www.library.ualberta.ca/digitization/)

- Peel's Prairie Provinces  
<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/index.html>
- Peel's Prairie Newspapers collections  
<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/newspapers/>

**University of Calgary Digital Initiatives**  
[www.ucalgary.ca/digitalinitiatives/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/digitalinitiatives/)

Browse a number of digital collections through this portal:

- Our Future, Our Past: The Alberta Heritage Digitization Project  
[www.ourfutureourpast.ca/](http://www.ourfutureourpast.ca/)

## Saskatchewan

**University of Saskatchewan Digital Projects**  
<http://library.usask.ca/archives/exhibitions-digital/digital-projects/index.php>

- Northern Research Portal  
<http://scaa.usask.ca/gallery/northern/>

## Manitoba

**University of Manitoba Digital Collections**  
[http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/digital\\_collections.html](http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/digital_collections.html)

Here are a select few from this recently launched collection:

- Manitoba  
<http://manitobia.ca/>
- Prairie Immigration Experience  
[http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/prairie\\_immigration/index.shtml](http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/prairie_immigration/index.shtml)

## Ontario

**University of Toronto Digital Collections**  
<http://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/digital-collections>

- Books Online  
<http://link.library.utoronto.ca/booksonline/>
- The Champlain Society  
<http://link.library.utoronto.ca/champlain/search.cfm?lang=eng>
- Mayors and Sheriffs of London  
<http://masl.library.utoronto.ca/>

## Quebec

**McGill University Digital Exhibitions & Collections**  
[www.mcgill.ca/library/find/digitization](http://www.mcgill.ca/library/find/digitization)

- In Pursuit of Adventure  
<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/nwc/>
- In Search of Your Canadian Past  
<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/CountyAtlas/>
- W. H. Pugsley Collection of Early Maps of Canada  
<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/pugsley/>



## New Brunswick

### University of New Brunswick Digital Collections

[www.lib.unb.ca/archives/digital.html](http://www.lib.unb.ca/archives/digital.html)

- The Electronic Edition of the Winslow Papers  
[www.lib.unb.ca/winslow/](http://www.lib.unb.ca/winslow/)

## Prince Edward Island

### IslandArchives.ca at the University of Prince Edward Island

<http://islandarchives.ca/>

- Island Imagined  
[www.islandimagined.ca/](http://www.islandimagined.ca/)
- Island Lives  
[www.islandlives.ca/](http://www.islandlives.ca/)
- Island Voices  
[www.islandvoices.ca/](http://www.islandvoices.ca/)

## Nova Scotia

### Acadia University Digital Collections

<http://openarchive.acadiau.ca/>

- Planter Notes  
<http://openarchive.acadiau.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/PN>

## Newfoundland and Labrador

### Memorial University Digital Archives Initiative

<http://collections.mun.ca/index.php>

- Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador  
<http://collections.mun.ca/cdm4/description.php?phpReturn=typeListing.php&id=81>

- Evening Telegram  
<http://collections.mun.ca/cdm4/description.php?phpReturn=typeListing.php&id=179>
- NL Books – General  
<http://collections.mun.ca/cdm4/description.php?phpReturn=typeListing.php&id=2>

## U.K. National Archives

### Appeals Against First World War Conscription Go Online

The digitized records of over 8,000 individuals seeking exemption from conscription into the army in Middlesex during the First World War are now available online. For more information on the Middlesex military service appeal tribunal 1916-1918 see:

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/middlesex-military-service-appeal-tribunal.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/middlesex-military-service-appeal-tribunal.htm)

### First World War Diaries Go Online to Mark Centenary

As part of the centenary programme – **First World War 100**, thousands of digitised First World War unit war diaries from France and Flanders are now available **online**. For more information on the Unit war diaries see:

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/centenary-unit-war-diaries.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/centenary-unit-war-diaries.htm)

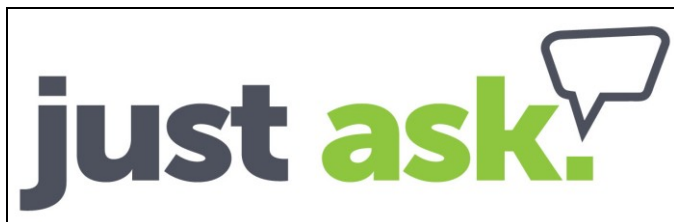




## Digital Public Library of America

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Check out this portal at:  
<http://dp.la/>



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