



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.

Ref. items must be used in the library.

General

The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy
by Kimberly Powell, 2014
929.10285 P88e

Discovering Your Roots: An Introduction to Genealogy
presented by John Philip Colletta, 2014
929.373 C69d
DVD

***Genealogy Online for Dummies*, 7th ed.**
by Matthew L. Helm and April Leigh Helm, 2014
929.10285 H47g6

Canada

Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest: Canada's Home Children in the West
by Arthur Joyce, 2014
362.73 J89L

Old Enough to Fight: Canada's Boy Soldiers in the First World War
by Dan Black and John Boileau, 2014
940.308 B62o

British Columbia

Daughters in the City: Mennonite Maids in Vancouver, 1931-61
by Ruth Derksen Siemens, 2013
971.133 S57d

Forest & Fjord: The History of Belcarra
by Ralph Drew, 2013
971.133 D776f

Genealogy Resources for British Columbians
British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency, Ministry of Health, 2014
R929.3711 G32b3

Names on a Cenotaph: Kootenay Lake Men in World War I
by Sylvia Crooks, 2014
940.46 C94n

Researching in Victoria: A Catalogue of Genealogical Resources

compiled and edited by Jo Ann Allan, 2013
929.3711 A41r

Vancouver Island Scoundrels, Eccentrics and Originals: Tales from the Library Vault

by Stephen Ruttan, 2014
971.128 R98v

Ontario

Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the Records, 30th anniversary ed.

by Brenda Dougall Merriman, 2013
929.3713 A11M57g5

Inheritance in Ontario: Wills and Other Records for Family Historians

by Jane E. MacNamara, 2013
929.3713 A11M16i

Prairie Provinces

Settling Saskatchewan

by Alan B. Anderson, 2013
971.24004 A54s

Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them, 2nd ed.

edited by Laura M. Hanowski, 2013
929.3712 H24t1

New Brunswick

The 104th (New Brunswick) Regiment of Foot in the War of 1812

by John R. Grodzinski, 2014
971.034 G87o

Nova Scotia

Montbeliard Immigration to Nova Scotia, 1749-1752

by Terrence M. Punch, 2014
929.3716 P98m

United States

Finding Your Roots: Easy-to-do Genealogy and Family History

by Janice Lindgren Schultz, 2013
929.1 S38f

British Isles

Letters from the Front: Letters and Diaries From the BEF in Flanders and France 1914-1918

by Kevin R.H. Smith, 2013
940.48 S653L

Tommy's War: The Western Front in Soldiers' Words and Photographs

by Richard Van Emden, 2014
940.48 V25t

Tracing Your Ancestors Through Death Records: A Guide for Family Historians

by Celia Heritage, 2013
929.341 H21t

Europe

The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Germanic Ancestry in Europe

by James M. Beidler, 2014
929.343 B42f



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. Be sure to check back as new entries are added all the time!

Researching Your Quebec Family History

Linda Maitland

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Morris J. Wosk Board Room
Level 7, Central Library
350 West Georgia Street

British Columbia Genealogical Society member Linda Maitland will share helpful resources, tips and strategies on how to research your Quebec family history.

Presented in partnership with B.C.
Genealogical Society

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

Genealogy: Trace your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition

Sundays, October 5 and 19, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Learn about Ancestry Library Edition, an exciting resource for family research, at this hands-on genealogy workshop.

Registration required

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

Genealogy: Trace your Ancestors with FamilySearch & Library and Archives Canada

Sundays, October 12 and 26, 2014

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

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

Learn about exciting online resources for family research available on the internet at this free hands-on genealogy workshop.

Registration required.

For more information please contact:
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BCGS Standards of Proof Can You Prove That? Standards of Proof for Family History Research

Brenda Smith

Monday, November 10, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Room
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

Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

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

From the West Coast to the Western Front

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Alice MacKay Room
Lower Level, Central Library
350 West Georgia Street

CBC host Mark Forsythe and historian Greg Dickson share stories, artifacts and photos sent in by BC Almanac listeners from across the province to mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Canada's participation in WW I.

The First World War jolted Canada into nationhood, and as Forsythe and Dickson show in their recent book, *From the West Coast to the Western Front: British Columbians and the Great War*, no province participated more eagerly or felt the aftershock more harshly than British Columbia.

Presented in partnership with The Royal United Services Institute - Vancouver in commemoration of Canada's First World War Centenary.

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

Vancouver is Ashes: The Great Fire of 1886

Monday, September 22, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Alma VanDusen Room
Lower Level, Central Library
350 West Georgia Street

Vancouver is Ashes is the first detailed exploration of a landmark, yet seldom revisited event in Vancouver's history. Lisa Anne Smith uses eye-witness accounts to investigate events of that pivotal day, when what began as a small clearing fire reduced Canada's third-largest city to ash in mere hours. Lisa employs a variety of archival photos and direct quotes from Great Fire survivors to transport us back to 1886.

Presented in partnership with Ronsdale Press.

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

Hapa-palooza Festival – Mixed Voices Raised

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Alice MacKay Room
Lower Level, Central Library
350 West Georgia Street

An evening of stories from the heart. Eight dynamic storytellers including CBC radio host Margaret Gallagher and Delhi2Dublin's Tarun Nayar as they share true tales about their experiences growing up with mixed heritage. Curated by *Ricepaper* magazine editor and co-founder Anna Ling Kaye.

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

Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC Announces Two New Books

Monday, October 6, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

Lily Chow reads from *Blood and Sweat Over the Railway Tracks: Chinese Labourers Constructing the Canadian Pacific Railway* and Jean Barman introduces *Eating Stories: A Chinese Canadian & Aboriginal Pot Luck*.

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

Keith Maxwell: Canada and the First World War

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Alice MacKay Room
Lower Level, Central Library
350 West Georgia Street

The First World War was a huge undertaking for our young country, not yet half a century old. This tragic conflict not only cost the lives of 65,000 Canadians, it transformed the political landscape of the country, accelerating the evolution toward national autonomy. By the end of the war Canada was acting very much as an independent country. The presentation will cover both the chronology of Canada throughout the war and the political evolution from a self-governing colony to independence.

Presented in partnership with The Royal United Services Institute – Vancouver in commemoration of Canada's First World War Centenary.

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

Dr. James Wood – British Columbia and the Great War

Monday, November 3, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Alice MacKay Room
Lower Level, Central Library
350 West Georgia Street

Drawing from the first-hand accounts of British Columbian soldiers, this presentation will centre on the fears, bonds of friendship, and apprehension of impending battle that became the soldier's experience of the Western Front.

At the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, British Columbians volunteered for overseas service with an enthusiasm difficult for modern society to comprehend. Every community in BC provided more than its quota for the first Canadian contingent that was soon making its way across the Atlantic to the battlefields of the Western Front.

Vancouver alone enlisted thousands in the Army, two thousand in the Home Guards, several hundreds in the naval reserves, and a hospital unit of 1000 beds that served in Salonika. In narratives that recount their experience of the war they found overseas, one can clearly distinguish the longing they felt for home and family back in British Columbia.

Dr. James Wood is a Professor of History with research interests in Canadian history and war in the modern world.

Presented in partnership with The Royal United Services Institute – Vancouver in commemoration of Canada's First World War Centenary.

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



Peter Broznitsky – Russians and Ukrainians in the C.E.F.

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

West Point Grey Branch
4480 West 10th Avenue

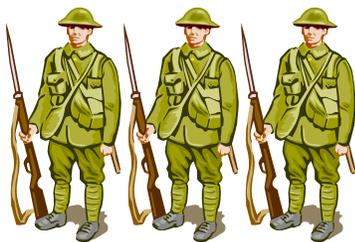
After Canadians, Britons, and Americans, men born in the Russian Empire became the next most represented group in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the First World War. This presentation will take a closer look at these men.

From a Victoria Cross and other gallantry awards to court-martials and an execution, this presentation will look at these men who in many ways were a microcosm of the C.E.F., yet had some unique differences.

Peter Broznitsky is Chairman of the Western Front Association – Pacific Coast Branch

In commemoration of Canada's First World War Centenary.

For more information please contact: West Point Grey Branch at **604 665-3982**



Forestry, Pioneer, and Railway Troops in the C.E.F.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dunbar Branch
4515 Dunbar Street

This presentation will look at the Canadian men in camps in France and the U.K., who felled and processed 75% of the timber needed

by Allied Armies for the Western Front. And fighting with a pick and a rifle, Pioneers served alongside the Infantry in many battles. Canadian railwaymen handled 100% of the light gauge and 60% of broad gauge railroad construction in France and Flanders.

Peter Broznitsky is Chairman of the Western Front Association – Pacific Coast Branch

In commemoration of Canada's First World War Centenary.

For more information please contact: Dunbar Branch at **604 665-3968**



Last Man Standing

Thursday, November 6, 2014

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Champlain Heights Branch
7110 Kerr Street

Just prior to Remembrance Day, join author Thomas Glen Lockhart for a reading from his book *Last Man Standing: the life of Ernest Alvia "Smokey" Smith VC, 1914-2005*.

Born in New Westminster in 1914, Smokey was the last surviving Canadian recipient of the Victoria Cross. He received the VC for his actions during a battle at the Savio River in Italy in October, 1944, becoming a Canadian icon.

For more information please contact: Champlain Heights at **604 665-3955**

Martin Crosbie: Self-Publishing 101

Saturday, November 29, 2014

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Room

Lower Level, Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

In this comprehensive workshop Martin Crosbie will share the methods that helped him publish five Amazon best-selling books in the past three years. His mandate is to produce a professional product that stands spine to spine with traditionally published books in a cost-effective manner.

He will show you how to find and procure beta readers at no cost; employ professional editors, formatters, and cover designers; use Amazon's tools to broaden your book's reach; and connect with readers by using the most current marketing techniques.

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.



Start Searching your Family History

A Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons

Brenda L. Smith

Mondays, September 22, October 6 & 20,

November 3 & 17

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Surrey Public Library

Cloverdale Library

5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

Charge: \$100 for the series

This series of five 3-hour classes, developed by writer and researcher Brenda L. Smith, addresses each beginning family history researcher's need for guidance in embarking on a very personal journey. Working with their own materials, and supporting each other, learners will discover their particular motives and set goals for their research, organize and evaluate their data, and plan the first stage of their individual programs.

Participants must be able to commit to attending all five sessions.

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

Lesson 1: Probe the Past – From the Known to the Unknown

Discover your personal motivation for compiling a family history, formulate goals for research, and draft a family tree diagram.

Lesson 2: Organize – The Second Prime Directive

Explore organizational approaches, basic data collection and storage techniques, organize your workbook, and create a family group sheet.

Lesson 3: Can You Prove That? Verify Your Findings

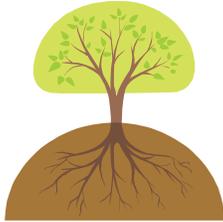
Process documents, discuss evidence and apply standards of proof.

Lesson 4: Right Forest, Wrong Tree: Interpret Your Findings

Build context for your research, and develop techniques for critical analysis of family history data.

Lesson 5: Pack Your Parachute: The Research Plan

Renew your research goals and prepare a plan for continuing research.



Using Ancestry and HeritageQuest

Instructor: Paul MacDonell

Saturday, September 27, 2014

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Surrey Public Library

Cloverdale Library

5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

Learn how to navigate Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest

Ancestry Library Edition is free to use for anyone who visits the Cloverdale Library. Ancestry, along with HeritageQuest (also available at Cloverdale), nearly duplicates the information available in Ancestry.com.

A great resource to be sure but navigating this family history monster can be a challenge! Come and find out how it works, and how to interpret what you find.

Everyone is welcome, but some experience using these resources would be helpful.

This program is free, but requires pre-registration and will be held at the Cloverdale Library. To register please visit the Cloverdale Library, or call **604-598-7327**, or email familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Finding Your Roots - Tri-Stake Seminar

Saturday, October 18, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Surrey Family History Center

6270 – 126 Street, Surrey, B.C.

Free – Preregistration is required

The Finding Your Roots Seminar is a FREE family history workshop with well over 35 classes with excellent instructors to choose from. Come and enjoy learning how to research your family history.

For more information:

<http://www.findingyourroots.ca/>



The History of the Vancouver Police Museum, Morgue and Important Cases

Speaker: Robert Noon

Thursday, October 23, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Vancouver Historical Society

Location: Museum of Vancouver

1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Once the site of the Coroner's Court, the City morgue and autopsy facilities, and the City crime laboratory, the Vancouver Police Museum, is North America's oldest police museum. Over 20,000 documents, photographs and artifacts dating from the mid-1800s come to life in interactive displays, while 12,000 elementary and high school students a year learn the secrets of forensic science to solve crimes. Special displays focus on the still unsolved 1947 *Babes in the Wood Murders*, the 1959 autopsy of movie legend Errol Flynn, and the 1965 *Milkshake Murder* that sent a CKNW disc jockey to prison for life.

For more information:

www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/

Brick Walls 2

M. Diane Rogers, Brenda L. Smith and Peter Whitlock, plus guest speaker Eunice Robinson

Saturday, November 1, 2014

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Surrey Public Library

Cloverdale Library

5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

Charge: \$20 (includes food)

Additional charge of \$10 for 1-on-1 meeting with an Expert

Great door prizes include a 1 year World subscription to Findmypast!

Sharing strategies on tough genealogy problems.

Another brick in the wall! One of the most successful programs we've offered is back. Our experts, Diane, Brenda, and Peter, return to share their thoughts on overcoming difficult Family History challenges.

The panel members will then individually meet attendees who have submitted questions in advance for 1-on-1 fifteen minute consultations. While this is happening special guest speaker Eunice Robinson will give a talk on planning a trip to Salt Lake City. There will be an end-of-the-day wrap-up plus lots of opportunities to ask questions and share experiences!

A delicious light meal and refreshments will be provided free of charge! Plus great door prizes for lucky participants!

1-on-1 questions need to be paid for and submitted in advance. Contact Cloverdale Library or the BCGS for details.

All Programs require pre-registration and are held at the Cloverdale Library unless otherwise noted. To register, please visit the Cloverdale Library, call **604-598-7328**, or email **familyhistory@surrey.ca**.

There will be an extended free orientation of the Cloverdale Library Family History Collection Sat., Nov. 1 from 10:30-noon. Please register separately with Cloverdale Library if you are interested in attending the orientation.



Family History Show & Tell

Saturday, November 22, 2014

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Surrey Public Library

Cloverdale Library

5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

No charge, but donations welcome!

Join us for the Sixth Annual Show & Tell

We continue the tradition by inviting people who document their family history to bring in their own creations or even an artifact belonging to an ancestor – anything that tells a story. There have been family quilts, artfully done scrapbooks, storyboards, an artificial limb, digital collages, a very special chamber pot, a WW2 diary, and much more.

This year we will feature a “home movie” theme. So bring digitized home movies or digitized slides/photos and share with all! But don't feel limited by this year's theme. Any of the usual Show & Tell artifacts and stories can also be shared.

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.

All Programs require pre-registration and are held at the Cloverdale Library unless otherwise noted. To register please visit the Cloverdale Library, or call **604-598-7327**, or email familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Roedde House and West End Stories

Speaker: Chris Stocker

Thursday, January 22, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Vancouver Historical Society
Location: Museum of Vancouver
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Neighbourhoods are defined by their location within a city, the people who live there, their occupations and the architecture with which they wrap to identify and express themselves. Using Barclay Street's Roedde House as a focal point, Chris Stocker will look at a section of the West End as a microcosm or an example of how neighbourhoods are formed. He will examine the area around Roedde House in terms of the people who lived there, their work and positions within the city, how long they stayed and the impact they had on forming the character of the area.

For more information:
www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/

Hogan's Alley, Black Vancouver, and Public Memory

Speaker: Wayde Compton

Thursday, February 26, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Vancouver Historical Society
Location: Museum of Vancouver
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Black people have been in Vancouver since its earliest days, but the closest thing the city had to a centralized black neighbourhood was in what is now Strathcona in the early to mid-twentieth century. Professor Compton will discuss details of the community, its prominent individuals, social conditions, collective actions, and important institutions, with an eye to the recent memorialisation work being done to link the community, and specifically its legacy at Hogan's Alley, to the present.

For more information:
www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/



Programs Elsewhere in British Columbia

Harvest Your Family Tree

September 26-28, 2014

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society
Okanagan College Campus, Centre for Learning
1000 KLO Road
Kelowna, British Columbia

The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society is holding its bi-annual genealogy conference in Kelowna, British Columbia on September 26 to 28, 2014. This is Western Canada's largest conference which has something for everyone interested in researching their family tree.

There is a full day of seminars featuring renowned international speakers.

For the conference on Saturday there are 24 different topics to choose from. Some of these include:

- *A Sense of Place and Time-Putting Ancestors in Context*
- *Your Library in the Cloud – A Genealogical Guide to Digital Collections*
- *Murder and Mayhem – Coroner's Records & Their Genealogical Importance*
- *Chinese Footprints Across Canada*
- *Hidden Gems Within an Archives – How to Find the Stuff Only the Archivists Know About*

Preregistration is required.

For more information:
www.harvestyourtree.blogspot.ca/



A Day With Cyndi

Cyndi Ingle

Saturday, October 11, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nanaimo Family History Society

Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Beban Park Social Center

2300 Bowen Rd.

Nanaimo, British Columbia

NFHS Members \$50.00

Non-members \$60.00

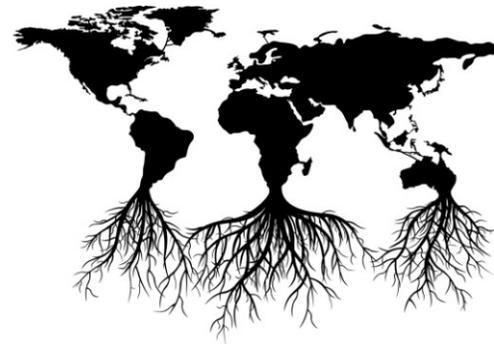
The Nanaimo Family History Society will be hosting a seminar *A Day with Cyndi* featuring Cyndi Ingle – owner and creator of **Cyndi's List**.

She will be presenting:

- Evaluating Web Sites: 14 years later
- Productive Social Networking: A Genealogist's Water Cooler
- Foreign Language Tools for English-Speaking Genealogists
- Question and Answer Session

For more information:

<http://www.members.shaw.ca/nfhs/>



Also Noted...

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

October 20-24, 2014

Salt Lake City, Utah

www.isbgfh.org/

Family History Retreat at the Family History Library

October 27-31, 2014

Salt Lake City, Utah

www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/73

RootsTech 2015

February 11-14, 2015

Salt Lake City, Utah

<https://rootstech.org>

News from Library and Archives Canada

Recent and Updated Additions to the LAC Website

Blog and news postings of recent additions and updated information on the Library and Archives Canada website include:

- War Brides of the First and Second World Wars
<http://thediscoverblog.com/2014/08/27/war-brides-of-the-first-and-second-world-wars-2/>
- Notarial Records
<http://thediscoverblog.com/2014/08/21/notarial-records/>
- A paradise for genealogists: Quebec's civil registers
<http://thediscoverblog.com/2014/08/14/a-paradise-for-genealogists-quebecs-civil-registers/>



- Major Update to the 1861 Census of Canada Database
<http://thediscoverblog.com/2014/08/12/major-update-to-the-1861-census-of-canada-database/>
- Newspaper Collection website launched
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2014/newspaper-collection-launch.aspx

- 600,000 Canadian life stories added to Lives of the First World War
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2014/600000-stories-ww1.aspx
- Library and Archives Canada releases an updated version of the Immigrants from China database
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2014/immigrants-china-database.aspx

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

- Canadian Screen
- Canadian Workers and Dangerous Jobs
- Children in Aboriginal Cultures
- Early Canadian Sound Recordings
- Fancy Dress Balls
- Fort Howe
- George-Etienne Cartier
- Grafton Galleries' Exhibition Images of the First World War
- Heraldry
- Kodachrome Colour Images of D-Day
- Mary Riter Hamilton's Art
- Newfoundland
- P.K. Page's Creative Space
- Photos of Alberta Residential Schools
- Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
- Rare Books
- Sheet Music
- Underwater Canada: Shipwrecks
- William Redver Stark

www.flickr.com/photos/lac-bac/sets/



News from



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

Updated and New Canadian

Databases



- British Columbia, Canada, Estate Files, 1859-1949
- Canada, British Vessel Crew Lists, 1881
- Canada, Canadian National Railway Immigrant Records, 1937-1960
- Canada, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current
- Canada, Ledgers of CEF Officers Transferring to Royal Flying Corps, 1915-1919
- Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police obituary card index and notices, 1876-2007
- Canada, South African War Land Grants, 1908-1910
- Manitoba, Canada, Probate Records, 1871-1930
- New Brunswick, Canada, County Deed Registry Books, 1780-1993
- Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada, Crew Lists, 1864-1942
- U.S. and Canada, Quaker Extracted Yearly Meeting Minutes, 1808—1930
- U.S. and Canada, Quaker Monthly Meeting Historical Data, 1671-2010

Updated and New United Kingdom

Databases



- Cornwall, England, Parish Registers, 1538-2010
- Dorset, England, Quarter Sessions Order Books, 1625-1905
- England, Norfolk Non-conformist Records, 1613-1901

- England, The National Roll of the Great War, 1914-1918
- Great Britain, Atlas and Index of Parish Registers
- Great Britain, Holocaust Records From the Religious Society of Friends, 1933-1942 (USHMM)
- International, Find A Grave Index for Select Locations, 1300s-Current
- Lancashire, England, Vagrant Passes, 1801-1835
- Norfolk, England, Archdeacon's Transcripts, 1600-1812
- UK and Ireland, Find A Grave Index, 1300s-Current
- UK, De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1919
- UK, Electrical Engineer Lists, 1871-1930
- UK, Electrical Engineer Membership Forms, 1871-1901
- UK, Holocaust Records from the British Federation of University Women, 1938-1951 (USHMM)
- UK, Naturalisation Certificates and Declarations, 1870-1912
- UK, Naval Officer and Rating Service Records, 1802-1919
- UK, Select Cemetery Registers, 1916-2012
- Web: UK, Campaign Medals Awarded to WWI Merchant Seamen, 1914-1925
- Web: UK, Naval Officers' Service Record Cards and Files Index, 1880-1950s
- Web: UK, Royal Marines Registers of Service Index, 1842-1925
- Web: UK, Royal Naval Division Index, 1914-1919
- Web: UK, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Service Records Index, 1903-1922



Updated and New British Columbia Collections

- British Columbia, Crown Land Grant Records, 1851-1874
- British Columbia, Crown Land Grants, 1869-1930
- British Columbia, Crown Land Pre-emption Registers, 1860-1971
- British Columbia. Dominion Land Branch Records, 1885-1949

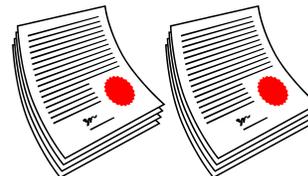
Updated and New Canadian Collections

- Canada Census, 1911
- Canadian Headstones
- Manitoba, Census Indexes, 1831-1870
- New Brunswick, County Registers of Births, ca. 1812-1919
- Ontario Births, 1869-1912
- Quebec, Catholic Parish Registers, 1621-1979
- Quebec, Notarial Records, 1800-1920
- Quebec, Quebec Judicial District, Guardianships, 1639-1930
- Saskatchewan, Catholic Church Records, 1846-1957
- Saskatchewan, Judicial District Court Records, 1891-1954
- Saskatchewan Provincial Records, 1879-1987

United Kingdom and Ireland Collections Recently Added or Updated

- England and Wales Census, 1871
- England, Bristol Parish Registers, 1538-1900
- England, Dorset, Parish Registers, 1538-1936

- England, Durham, Dean and Chapter of Durham's Allerton and Allertonshire Original Wills, Inventories and Bonds, 166-1845
- England, Durham Diocese Bishop's Transcripts, 1639-1919
- England, Durham, Diocese of Durham Original Wills, 1650-1857
- England, Durham Probate Bonds, 1556-1858
- England, Durham Probate Commissions, Monitions and Citations, 1650-1858
- England, Essex Parish Registers, 1503-1997
- England, Kent, Manorial Documents. 1241-1976
- England, Kent, Parish Registers, 1538-1911
- England, Kent, Register of Electors, 1570-1907
- England, Lancashire, Parish Registers 1538-1910
- England, London Electoral Registers, 1847-1913
- England, Norfolk, Parish Registers (County Record Office), 1510-1997
- England, Norfolk Register of Electors, 1844-1952
- England, Sussex, Parish Registers, 1538-1910
- Isle of Man Parish Registers, 1598-2009
- United Kingdom, World War I Service Records, 1914-1920
- Wales, Court and Miscellaneous Records, 1542-1911



New FamilySearch Online Guide

FamilySearch has added a new online guide to their counties of England.

Norfolk England Ancestors

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

New on the Web



First World War Centenary

2014 marks the start of the First World War Centenary. To commemorate the anniversary and honour those who fought exhibitions, lectures, educational events and resources as well as digitization projects are planned by participating countries and international organizations. Here are some of the projects, together with other military resources to learn more about their service.

General

1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War
www.1914-1918-online.net/

CWGC – Commonwealth War Graves Commission
www.cwgc.org/

CWGC – Discover 14-18
www.cwgc.org/Discover1418

Australia

Australians of the Western Front 1914=1918
www.ww1westernfront.gov.au/

Australian War Memorial
www.awm.gov.au/

National Archives of Australia
Your story, our history
www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/conflicts.aspx

Canada

Birth of a Regiment – Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 1914-1919
www.birthofaregiment.com/

Canadian Letters & Images Project
www.canadianletters.ca/

Canadian War Museum - Canada and the First World War
www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/ guerre/home-e.aspx

Library and Archives Canada – First World War
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/Pages/introduction.aspx

The Newfoundland Great War Heritage Project
<http://209.128.7.253/nfarchives/default.asp>

War Diaries of the First World War (Archived)
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/020152_e.html

France

Memoire des Hommes
www.memoiredeshommes.sga.defense.gouv.fr/en/article.php?larub=78&titre=first-world-war

Europe

Archives Portal Europe
www.archivesportaleurope.net/

Europeana 1914-1918
www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en

European Film Gateway
www.europeanfilmgateway.eu/1914

Ireland

Ireland WW1
www.irelandww1.org/

Italy

1418 documenti e immagini della grande Guerra
www.14-18.it/home

New Zealand

Archives New Zealand
www.archway.archives.govt.nz/

Cenotaph Database
<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/locations.aspx?>

New Zealand WW100
<http://ww100.govt.nz/>

United Kingdom

Imperial War Museum - First World War Centenary
www.1914.org/

Lives of the First World War
<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/>

National Archives
First World War 100
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/

UK World War One Collections
www.jiscww1discovery.net/

United States

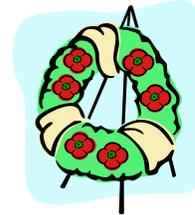
National Archives – Military Resources: World War I
www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/military/ww1.html

Smithsonian Institution – CollectionsSearchCenter
<http://collections.si.edu/search/>



United States Military Academy West Point Campaign Atlas to the Great War
www.westpoint.edu/history/SitePages/WWI.aspx

Veterans History Project
www.loc.gov/vets/



National Archives of Ireland 

“The National Archives, in partnership with **FindMyPast** and **FamilySearch**, has placed online some valuable new genealogical resources which complement the material already on our genealogy website. They are:

Census survivals, 1821 – 1851; surviving and copy census returns from the pre-famine period, with considerable clusters of records for places like Cavan, Meath and Antrim;

Census Search Forms, 1841-1851; records of searches in the census records pre-1922 to provide proof of age as eligibility for the Old Age Pension, introduced in 1909. These records give names and ages of members of the family in 1841 or 1851, and very often the maiden name of the applicant’s mother.

These collections deal with 600,000 individuals in all, a substantial record of an important period in Irish history while the final tranche of our **Soldiers’ Wills** covering 1917-1918 are now also available to search online.”

www.nationalarchives.ie/2014/04/new-genealogy-resources-now-online-2/

Irish Genealogical Research Society Index of Townlands

Index of Townlands, Now Searchable Online

“The ***Index to Townlands***, the key to identifying all land divisions in Ireland, is for first time being made available online as a fully searchable database. This has only been made possible through the hard work and commitment of two Australians: historian, Perry McIntyre and genealogist, Terry Eakin, both IGRS members. Having spent two years carefully inputting the data from the original 1901 publication, they have very kindly donated it to the Irish Genealogical Research Society.

There are just over 64,000 townlands in Ireland. They are Ireland’s most basic – and ancient – land divisions, measuring from just a few acres to several hundred. From the mid-19th century, just before the period of the Great Hunger, Irish land divisions became standard through the introduction of the Poor Law System in 1838. Although the Poor Law was abandoned in the 1920s, the same system of land division is still in use to this day.”

www.irishancestors.ie/?p=5709



Best Genealogy Websites



Family Tree Magazine posted their 15th annual installment of 101 Best Websites 2014. There are many great sites to help you explore your family history. Some may be familiar to you, and some of those may have new content you might want to consider, while others you may have not heard of before.

The four websites listed under Best Canadian Genealogy Websites 2014 are:

- Canadiana
www.canadiana.ca/en/home
Check out the Heritage Project and Canadiana Discovery Portal. Some newly digitized microfilms have recently been added to the Heritage Project. See the Library and Archives Canada Blog for a list.
<http://thediscoverblog.com/2014/07/08/newly-digitized-microfilms-on-the-heritage-portal-3/>
- Library and Archives Canada
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html
- Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics
www.novascotiagenealogy.com/
- Programme de Recherche en Démographie Historique
www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/

See more of the 101 Best Websites 2014 at:

<http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2014>

Chinese-Canadian Genealogy

Genealogy Help from Guangzhou Library Genealogy Reference Centre

For those seeking genealogical records or information about families within the city of Guangzhou and Guangdong Province you can send your questions via email to Guangzhou Library Genealogy Reference Centre at: gtdfwxs@gzlib.gov.cn

Telephone #: (020) 83839820

While Chinese is the preferred language they will accept queries in either English or Chinese. A representative from the Genealogy Reference Centre will confirm receipt of a query within 24 hours (although please be aware of the time difference). Depending on the volume of questions received a response or referral may take up to 2 weeks.

When submitting a query, please provide as much information as possible: family names, known locations of residences and any known immigration information. The more detailed the information provided, the better the chances for successfully providing you with the information you seek.

Guangzhou Library Genealogy Reference Centre currently has a total of 8,000 volumes relating to genealogical research within the city of Guangzhou and Guangdong Province. The Genealogy Reference Centre was established with the aim of protecting rare genealogical volumes, preserving genealogical records, promoting the transmission of culture and enriching national culture and national spirit.



廣州圖書館家譜查詢中心幫助您查詢家譜資料

如您要查詢宗譜資料和家族信息，並且範圍在中國廣州以及廣東省範圍內，您可以將您的查詢要求以電子郵件的形式發送到廣州圖書館家譜查詢中心：gtdfwxs@gzlib.gov.cn

電話號碼：(020) 83839820

家譜查詢中心的主要服務語言為中文，同時他們也接受英文查詢。收到您的查詢要求后，家譜查詢中心的工作人員會於24小時內進行確認回復（請將廣州與溫哥華時差計算入內）。根據家譜查詢中心所收到的查詢數量的不同，工作人員將於2周內給您的諮詢予以回復或提供相關參考資料。

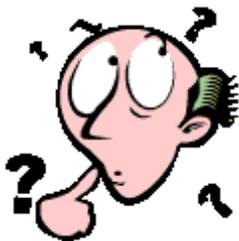
有查詢需求的讀者請盡可能提供詳細的信息，如：所查姓氏，家族所在地以及所知的遷移線索等等。盡可能詳細的信息將更有利於家譜查詢中心的工作人員查找到相應的資料。

廣州圖書館家譜查詢中心目前收藏8,000多冊關於廣州以及廣東省範圍內的家譜資料及其相關文獻。家譜中心的建立旨在保護珍稀宗譜卷，保存家譜記載，促進文化傳承，弘揚鄉邦文化和民族精神。





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 Information Services department for a prompt reply.



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