



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 www.vpl.bibliocommons.com.

Ref. items must be used in the library.

General

Genealogy Online, 10th ed.
by Elizabeth Powell Crowe, 2015
929.10285 C95g3

The Invisible History of the Human Race: How DNA and History Shape our Identities and our Futures
by Christine Kenneally, 2014
599.935 K34i

It Runs in the Family: Understanding More About Your Ancestors
by Ruth A. Symes, 2013
929.1 S98i

Mastering Online Genealogy, 3rd ed.
by W. Daniel Quillen, 2014
929.10285 Q6m1

Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com: How to Find Your Family History on the #1 Genealogy Website
by Nancy Hendrickson, 2014
929.10285 A53h

Canada

Charlie's First War: South Africa, 1899-1900
by C.H. Tweddell, 2014
968.04 T96c

Dictionary of Americanized French-Canadian Names: Onomastics and Genealogy
by Marc Picard, 2013
929.4 P58d

Ignored But Not Forgotten: Canada's English Immigrants
by Lucille H. Campey, 2014
325.1 C19i

My Brother's Keeper: African Canadians and the American Civil War
by Bryan Prince, 2015
973.7 P95m

The Voyage of the Komagata Maru: The Sikh Challenge to Canada's Colour Bar
expanded and fully rev. ed.
by Hugh J.M. Johnston, 2014
325.1 J72v2

British Columbia

Arrivals and Departures: The Ferries and the People of Horseshoe Bay
by Francis Mansbridge, 2014
386.6 M28a

Blood and Sweat Over the Railway Tracks: Chinese Labourers Constructing the Canadian Pacific Railway (1880-1885) = Xue Han Sa Tie Lu: Hua Gong Jian Zhu Taiping YangTie Lu Shi (1880-1885)
by Lily Chow, 2014
971.1004 C55b

Echoes of British Columbia: Voices From the Frontier
by Robert Budd, 2014
971.1 B92e

From Classroom to Battlefield: Victoria High School and the First World War
by Barry Gough, 2014
940.3711 G69f

From the West Coast to the Western Front: British Columbians and the Great War
by Mark Forsythe and Greg Dickson, 2014
940.371 F73f

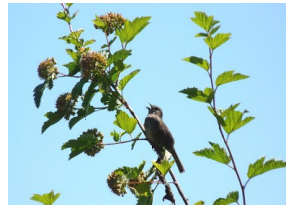
Girl #85: A Doukhobor Childhood
by Helen Chernoff Freeman, 2013
971.1 F85g

The History of Leechtown. Part I, the VIEE and the Discovery of Gold on the Sooke and Leech Rivers
annotated and edited by Bart van den Berk, 2014
971.12 H67v v.1

Magee Secondary: 2014 Centennial Memoir
Magee High School and Doug Sturrock, Chair, History Committee and 2014 Magee Centennial Memoir coordinator, 2014
373.711 M19ma

Old Clinton Cemetery, 1861+: Clinton, B.C., Canada
compiled by Marilyn Ivey, 2000
R929.5 C64o

Raincoast Jews: Integration in British Columbia
by Lillooet Nordlinger McDonnell, 2014
971.1004 N83r



Prairie Provinces

Cultivating Connections: The Making of Chinese Prairie Canada
by Alison R. Marshall, 2014
971.2004 M36c

Quebec

First Metis Families of Quebec
by Gail Morin, 2012-
929.371 M85f

Newfoundland and Labrador

Into the Blizzard: Walking the Fields of the Newfoundland Dead
by Michael Winter, 2014
940.427 W78i



Europe

Meet Me in Venice: A Chinese Immigrant's Journey From the Far East to the Faraway West

by Suzanne Ma, 2015
945.3 M11m

United States

Journeys Home: Inspiring Stories, Plus Tips and Strategies to Find Your Family History

National Geographic Society, 2015
929.1 J86n

***Mastering Census & Military Records*, 3rd ed.**

by W. Daniel Quillen, 2014
929.373 Q6m1

***Mastering Immigration & Naturalization Records*, 3rd ed.**

by W. Daniel, Quillen, 2015
929.10285 Q67ma1

***Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors*, 7th ed.**

by W. Daniel Quillen, 2014
929.1 Q67s3

Sustainable Genealogy: Separating Fact From Fiction in Family Legends

by Richard W. Hite, 2013
929.1 H67s

***The Troubleshooter's Guide To Do-It-Yourself Genealogy*, 3rd ed.**

by W. Daniel Quillen, 2014
929.1 Q67t1

Ireland

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

by Chris Paton, 2013
929.3415 P31t



**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!

Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition

Sundays, May 3 and 24, 2015

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Lab
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 and Library and Archives Canada

Sundays, May 10 and 31, 2015

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Lab
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.

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Genealogy Workshop

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

2:00 – 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**

Genealogy Road Show

Saturday, October 3, 2015

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Hit a brick wall. Need help with your family history research. Join us to get help for your genealogy questions from the experts at the B.C. Genealogical Society.

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

Self Publishing

Monday, April 27, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

After writing a book, there are many obstacles that you face as an author when trying to decide how to publish your work.

Debbie Holmes and June Ariano-Jakes will present the pros and cons of the self-publishing world while giving you some tips on what your next steps should be. Come join us for a conversation about self-publishing and working towards bringing your words to the public!

In partnership with Powerful Paths Publishing.

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

The Songs and Lives of West Coast Loggers

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

Jon Bartlett and Rika Ruebsaat present a program of B.C. loggers' songs, 1900-1945. The songs and accompanying historical photographs authenticate the work and world of B.C. loggers.

A partnership event with Canadian Folk Workshop. For more information:
jon_bartlett@telus.net

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



Judy Yung, Historian and Eddie Fung, Texas Cowboy

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Judy Yung, author of *Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island*, will show slides, read poetry and tell stories of the Chinese who were detained at Angel Island in San Francisco Bay and Victoria, B.C.

Eddie Fung, author of *The Adventures of Eddie Fung*, will share how his Chinese upbringing and life as a Texas cowboy helped him survive 42 months of captivity as a prisoner of war of the Japanese during World War II.

In Celebration of Asian Heritage Month

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

Meet Me in Venice

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Award-winning journalist and author Suzanne Ma will read from her exciting new book, *Meet Me in Venice: A Chinese Immigrant's Journey from the Far East to the Faraway West* which documents the true story of 16-year-old Ye Pei, a young Chinese woman who immigrates to Italy in the hopes of reuniting with her mother and providing her family with a better future. Suzanne will talk about her five-year adventure researching and writing the book, and about the importance of immigrant stories unfolding all around us.

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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.

Collection Orientations Saturdays, April 11 and May 9, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Surrey Public Library
Cloverdale Library
5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.
No charge. Pre-registration recommended.

Get familiar with the Family History Collection.

Learn how to use one of the most extensive collections of Canadian genealogical materials in Western Canada! Our orientation will help you find online information, books and journals, and microfilm records available for research at the library.

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

Finding Your Scottish Roots

**Presenter: Lorraine Irving
Saturday, April 18, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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

Discover more about your Scottish Roots

Join experienced researcher Lorraine Irving as she discusses vital statistics, church, census and cemetery records, key websites, wills, sasines and military records.

For intermediate level researchers. A second session is planned for the fall.

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

Bread & Roses: The History of Women in the Vancouver Labour Movement

**Speaker: Joey Hartman
Thursday, April 23, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

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

Since the earliest days of recorded history in the Vancouver area, women have played important roles as supporters, activists and leaders in the labour movement. This talk will introduce you to key individuals and events since the late 1800s that brought women's issues around work, equality and social concerns to where we are today – and identifies some priorities for the future.

Joey Hartman who has a keen interest in labour and women's history, and incorporates these subjects into her work wherever possible, is president of the Vancouver & District Labour Council. She has over 30 years of experience as a trade union and social activist that began on the picket line during the 14-week Vancouver area civic strike in 1981.

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



Family History Mystery

Saturday, May 2, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Surrey Public Library

Cloverdale Library

5642 – 176A Street, Surrey, B.C.

Free

Use your powers of deduction to solve a family history mystery.

A visiting Professor is missing from the library! Using your powers of deduction, find the clues he left behind, and help us locate this distinguished gentleman. Family Historians are encouraged to “bring a teen” to get them interested in genealogy. Individual registrants will be assigned a partner.

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

BCGS 2015 Seminar

Speaker: Jill Morelli

Saturday, May 9, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

British Columbia Genealogical Society

Location: South Arm United Church

11051 No. 3 Road, Richmond, B.C.

Early Bird Prices until April 15, 2015

BCGS & Affiliate [Society] Members \$44.00

Non-members \$55.00

After April 15, 2015

BCGS & Affiliate [Society] Members \$55.00

Non-members \$65.00

Refreshments and lunch included.

Topics Jill will present

The “Push” and the “Pull” Emigration Decision-Making in the 19th Century – from Scandinavia to the United States in the mid 1800’s: two case studies – one Norwegian and one Swedish – but interesting for anyone with European roots.

I Found My Family on the Internet! Now what do I do? – explore four major internet locations

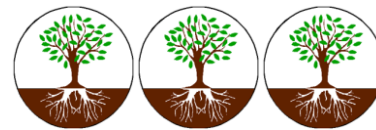
and learn what to look for to determine whether it is worth using, and analyzing the records.

Discovering the ‘Other’ Censuses: State and Non-Population Enumerations – this session will explore the US census records, and their value to researchers.

Soldiers, Spies & Farm Wives: the Changing Roles of Women During the Civil War! – more a history lecture than genealogy, but goes into the Civil War and women’s roles. Researchers with Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution connections should find this very interesting.

For more information:

www.bcfgs.ca/?page_id=2511



Raincoast Jews: Integration in British Columbia

Speaker: Lillooet Nordlinger McDonnell

Thursday, May 28, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Vancouver Historical Society

Location: Museum of Vancouver

1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Canada’s population and society have developed through the addition of immigrants who bring with them their values and practices as they seek opportunities in a new land. While doing this, they have to balance a respect for their original culture while adopting and adapting to a new society. The speaker will explore the lives and contributions of five leading Jews living in British Columbia between 1860 and 1970. Those memorable for shaping communities within the province are Cecilia Davies for her charity work in early Victoria, Hannah Director who rose in a small mining camp to become head of the school board, Leon Koerner the Czechoslovakian

refugee who was associated with the lumber industry and became known for his philanthropy, Harry Adaskin who started the first UBC music school and Nathan Nemetz who rose to become the first Jewish chief justice of British Columbia. Emphasis will be placed on how their Jewish heritage shaped their professional legacy and contributions to Canadian society.

For more information:

www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/events.htm



Start Searching your Family History A Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons

Brenda L. Smith

**Mondays, September 21, October 5 & 19,
November 2 & 16, 2015**

5:30 – 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.

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.

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



Daughters in the City: Mennonite Maids in Vancouver

Speaker: Ruth Derksen

Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Vancouver Historical Society

Location: Museum of Vancouver

1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

In the early 1930s, young Mennonite women – mostly adolescents – began to arrive in Vancouver, seeking work as domestic servants. Most had recently come to Canada as refugees from Russia, having escaped from the terror of Stalin's regime and consequently their desperate families owed a substantial debt to the Canadian Pacific Railway for their journey.

These indomitable young single women, however, were pioneers of their community for they broke through the barriers of the "evil city," the English language and the upper-class British culture. Significantly, they shaped the settlement patterns of not only Vancouver, but also western Canada. The author and speaker, Ruth Derksen, pays tribute to their impact and their long lasting legacy.

For more information:

www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/events.htm



Finding Your Roots – Tri-Stake Seminar

Saturday, October 17, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Surrey Family History Center

6270 – 126 Street, Surrey, B.C.

Watch for schedule, class information and registration at the beginning of September 2015.

For more information:

www.findingyourroots.ca/schedule.html.

Programs Elsewhere in British Columbia

Campbell River Spring Seminar Branching Out

Speaker: Dave Obee

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campbell River Genealogy Society

Maritime Heritage Centre,

621 Island Highway, Campbell River, B.C.

Fee: \$50.00 (\$60 with lunch)

Presentation Topics:

Travel Smart with Technology: Visiting an ancestral community is one of the greatest thrills. The presentation is designed to help travelers, both real and virtual, to maximize their research into family connections outside Canada. Includes web links.

Beyond the Online Basics: A genealogical guide to digital collections. This session provides ideas on how to find the documents that will help you learn more about your families, or the local histories of the areas where they lived. Includes web links.

A Fresh Light on old Newspapers: Thanks to the many digitization projects, there are millions of newspaper pages on the Internet. What are the pitfalls? This presentation takes you through the digitization process, from hard copy to your computer screen. It is designed to help you achieve the best results from your work.

Trinkets & Treasures: Things Your Ancestors Left Behind – Items that your ancestors used or created will help you to gain a better understanding of the lives they lived and serve as a reminder of times past. Think of the stories they can tell!

For more information:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bccrgc/crevents.html

Family History: Past to Present

Keynote Speaker: Cyndi Ingle

Speakers: Claudia Breland, Lyn Meehan, M. Diane Rogers

May 1 - 2, 2015

Kamloops Family History Society

Calvary Community Church

1205 Rogers Way, Kamloops, B.C.

Registration Fee: Early Registration - \$85;

After March 31 - \$100

Conference Sessions

Claudia Breland

- Beyond Ancestry.com: Searching for Your Ancestors Online
- DNA and Genealogy
- Treasures in the US National Archives for Canadian Researchers

Cyndi Ingle

- The Internet: Lower Your Expectations to Raise Your Research Potential
- Productive Social Networking: A Genealogist's Water Cooler
- The Hidden Web: Digging Deeper



Lyn Meehan

- Finding the Ancestry Trail: Immigration and Migration
- Building evidence!
- Shaking the Family Tree...

M. Diane Rogers

- Where Are The Women In My Family History?
- Deadline! – Newspapers for Family History Research
- Genetic Genealogy – Now it's for Everyone

For more information:

www.kfhs.org/

Journey to the Cariboo

May 21 – 23, 2015

B. C. Historical Federation in partnership with the Quesnel & District Museum and Archives Quesnel, British Columbia

The British Columbia Historical Federation's 2015 conference is a three-day event offered in partnership with the Quesnel & District Museum and Archives. The conference takes place in the community of Quesnel, BC in the Cariboo District of British Columbia, Canada. Located nearly evenly between the cities of Prince George and Williams Lake, it is on the main route to northern British Columbia and the Yukon.

For more information on conference schedule, registration and fees see:

www.bchistory.ca/conferences/2015/index.html

Loyalists Come West 2015

May 28 – May 31, 2015

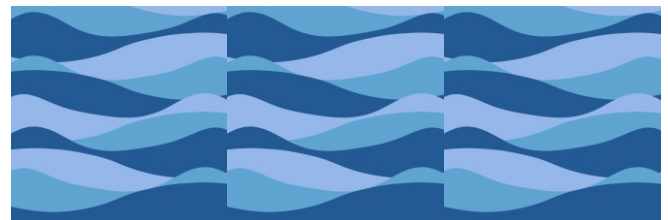
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina
146 Kingston Street, Victoria, B.C.

The annual conference of the U.E.L.A.C. (United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada).

For more information:

www.uelac.org/uelvictoria/index.php?content=conferences.php&article=./conference2015/UELAC_AGM_2015.html



Also Noted...

Who Do You Think You Are?

April 16 – 18, 2015

Birmingham, England

For more information:

www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/

Alberta Genealogical Society Conference

April 18 – 19, 2015

Edmonton, Alberta

For more information:

www.abgenealogy.ca/2015-ags-conference

National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference

May 13 – 16, 2015

St. Charles, Missouri

For more information:

www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org/

Ontario Genealogical Society Conference 2015

May 29 – 31, 2015

Barrie, Ontario

For more information:

www.ogs.on.ca/conference/

Genealogy Jamboree 2015

June 4 – 7, 2015

Burbank, California

For more information:

www.genealogyjamboree.com/

Roots 2015 – International Conference on Family History in Quebec

June 19 – 21, 2015

Montreal, Quebec

For more information:

www.qfhs.ca/cpage.php?pt=173

Palatines to America 2015 National Conference

June 24 – 27, 2015

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

For more information:

www.palam.org/calendardetails.php?id=99

35th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

July 6 – 10, 2015

Jerusalem, Israel

For more information:

www.iajgs2015.org/

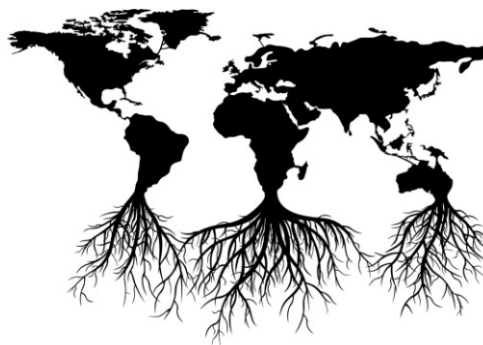
National Genealogy Conference for Canada

July 17 – 19, 2015

Halifax, Nova Scotia

For more information:

www.ogs.on.ca/ogs_blog.php?p=6060



BYU Conference on Family History

July 28 – 31, 2015

Provo, Utah

For more information:

www.ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/

The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe 2015 Convention

August 6 – 9, 2015

Gatineau, Quebec

For more information:

www.sggee.org/convention/convention_news.html

2015 Eastern European Family History Conference

August 11 – 15, 2015
Salt Lake City, Utah

For more information:
www.feefhs.org/

Northwest Genealogy Conference 2015

August 13 – 15, 2015
Arlington, Washington

For more information:
www.nwgc.org/

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

British Institute 2015
September 21 – 25, 2015
Salt Lake City, Utah

For more information:
www.isbgfh.org/cpage.php?pt=56



**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:

- Canadian directories online
www.thediscoverblog.com/2015/01/29/canadian-directories-online/
- Guides to Sources Relating to Canadian Naval Vessels, 1909-1983 and the Canadian Militia, 1855-1988
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2014/guide-sources-canadian-naval-vessels-militia.aspx?wbdisable=true
- New Books in the Genealogy Services Collection at 395 Wellington – January 2015
www.thediscoverblog.com/2015/01/06/new-books-in-the-genealogy-services-collection-at-395-wellington-january-2015/
- New Books in the Genealogy Services Collection at 395 Wellington – March 2015
www.thediscoverblog.com/2015/03/11/new-books-in-the-genealogy-services-collection-at-395-wellington-march-2015/
- Newly Digitized Microfilms on the Heritage Portal
www.thediscoverblog.com/2014/12/16/newly-digitized-microfilms-on-the-heritage-portal-5/

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

- British Commonwealth Air Training Plan
- Canadian Contributions to the Murmansk Run
- Canadian Libraries
- Celia Franca
- Central Experimental Farm
- Early Canadian Travel Photography
- Empire Marketing Board Posters
- 1st Canadian Division
- First World War Posters
- Hockey Life

- Images of Active and Healthy Living
- Immigration Images
- Kingston Penitentiary Inmates, 1913-1916
- Photos of Northern Residential Schools
- Photos of Ontario Residential Schools
- Photos of Residential Schools – Quebec and Atlantic Regions
- Sir George Back
- 22nd (French Canadian) Battalion, CEF
- William Hind
- Winter Carnivals



Updated and New United Kingdom

Databases

- Birmingham, England, Rate Books, 1831-1913
- Caernarfonshire, Wales, Lleyn and Eifionydd Church Registers and Gravestone Inscriptions, 1600-1902
- England & Wales, Criminal Lunacy Warrant and Entry Books, 1882-1898
- England and Wales, Death Index, 2007-2013
- England, Criminal Lunatic Asylum Registers, 1820-1843
- Gloucestershire, England, Baptisms, 1813-1913
- Gloucestershire, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1813
- Gloucestershire, England, Burials, 1813-1988
- Gloucestershire, England, Confirmations, 1834-1913
- Gloucestershire, England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1938
- Liverpool, England, Crew Lists 1861-1919
- London, England, King's Bench and Fleet Prison Discharge Books and Prisoner Lists, 1734-1862
- London, England, Marshalsea Prison Commitment and Discharge Books, 1811-1842
- London, England, Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1738-1930
- Scotland and Northern Ireland, Death Index, 1989-2013
- UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929
- UK, Electrical Engineer WWI and WWII Rolls of Honour, 1924, 1949

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.

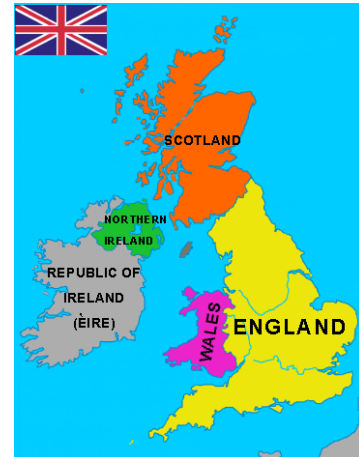
Updated and New Canadian

Databases

- Canada, Quaker Meeting Records, 1786-1988
- Canada, Soldier Homestead Grant Registers, 1918-1931
- England, Queen's Canadian Military Hospital Registers, 1914-1919
- U.S. Residents Serving in Canadian Expeditionary Forces, 1917-1918
- Web: Quebec City, Quebec, Mount Hermon Cemetery Index, 1846-1904

- UK, Lunacy Patients Admission Registers, 1846-1912
- UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1900-1928
- UK, WWI Service Medal and Award Rolls, 1914-1920
- Web: Gloucestershire, England, Overseers Index, 1615-1888
- Web: Perth, Scotland, Burgh Burial Index, 1794-1855
- Web: Scotland, Prison Records Index, 1828-1878
- Web: UK, Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1700-1950
- Web: UK, Methodist Ministers Death Index, 1800-1963
- Web: UK, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Index, , 1917-1920
- Web: UK, Women's Royal Naval Service Index, 1917-1919
- Web: United Kingdom, Women's Royal Air Force Index, 1918-1920
- Wells, Somerset, England, Bishop's Transcripts, 1594-1736
- West Yorkshire, England, Bastardy Records, 1690-1914
- West Yorkshire, England, Estate Rentals, 1380-1932
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Land Tax Records, 1704-1932
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Poor Law and Township Records, 1663-1914
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Rate Books, Accounts and Censuses, 1705-1893
- West Yorkshire, England, Wakefield Charities Coroners Notebooks, 1852-1909
- Wigan, England, Baptisms, 1813-1911
- Wigan, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1580-1812
- Wigan, England, Burials, 1813-1979
- Wigan, England, Marriages, 1754-1926
- York, Yorkshire, England, St. Michael le Belfrey Parish Register, 1565-1653

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



News from  FAMILYSEARCH

Updated and New Canadian Collections

- Canada, Births and Baptisms, 1661-1959
- Canada Census, 1911
- Canada, Marriages, 1661-1949
- New Brunswick Provincial Marriages 1789-1950
- Newfoundland Census, 1935
- Newfoundland Census, 1945
- Newfoundland, 1921 Census
- Newfoundland, Vital Records, 1840-1949
- Nova Scotia Delayed Births, 1837-1904
- Nova Scotia Marriages, 1907-1932
- Nova Scotia Probate Records, 1760-1993
- Ontario, Toronto Trust Cemeteries, 1826-1989
- Prince Edward Island Marriage Registers, 1832-1888

United Kingdom and Ireland Collections Recently Added or Updated

- England and Wales, Birth Registration Index, 1837-2008
- England and Wales, Death Registration Index 1837-2007
- England and Wales, Marriage Registration Index, 1837-2005
- England, Derbyshire, Church of England Parish Registers, 1537-1918
- England, Durham Diocese, Allertonshire Peculiar Administration Bonds and Inventories, 1670-1808
- England, Durham Diocese, Allertonshire Peculiar Stray Probate Bonds, 1732-1768
- England, Durham Diocese, Original Will Strays, 1743-1900
- England, Durham Diocese, Probate Inventories, 1676-1846
- England, Durham Diocese, Registered Wills 1526-1858
- England, Durham Diocese, Renunciations, 1767 and 1794
- England, Westminster Rate Books, 1634-1900
- Ireland, 1841 and 1851 Census Search Forms
- Isle of Man Parish Registers, 1598-2009
- United Kingdom, World War I Service Records, 1914-1920

FamilySearch has added millions of records online from around the world. Check out the new and updated collections that have been added to Continental Europe and the United States. Click on **Last Updated** to get the latest additions to the collections.

Continental Europe

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1®ion=EUROPE

United States of America

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1®ion=UNITED_STATES

New at the Vancouver Public Library

VPL Inspiration Lab

Check out VPL's new free inspiration lab which is expected to open in early May. This digital media lab at the Central branch downtown is a place that combines traditional, digital and new media in a custom-built space dedicated to digital creativity, collaboration and experimentation. Features will include high-performance computers, analog-to-digital conversion, sound studios, video editing suites and self-publishing.

For more information see the VPL Inspiration Lab – Frequently Asked Questions:
www.vpl.ca/news/details/insplab_faqs



Vancouver Learning Guide

A new website, called the **Vancouver Learning Guide**, has been launched. There you will find free non-formal learning opportunities across Vancouver through various community or public institutions, organizations and businesses.

The Vancouver Learning City is a collaborative partnership between Vancouver Public Library, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, Langara College and the Vancouver Board of Education.

To learn more see:

www.vancouverlearningcity.ca/

Two new databases are now available at the Vancouver Public Library:

- **Gale NewsVault**

Containing over 15 million pages of newspaper and periodical content from the past four hundred years, the database offers cross-searching for a vast treasure trove of material from Britain and the United States.

Some of the featured collections:

- **British Newspapers, 1780-1950**
- **Economist Historical Archive**
- **Financial Times Historical Archive**
- **Times Digital Archive**

www.vpl.ca/electronic_databases/alpha/g

- **Points to the Past**

Searchable primary source material dating 1450-2008, with access to over half a million books, digitised newspapers, 6.5 million manuscript pages.

Includes: maps, photos, pamphlets, sermons, poems.

www.vpl.ca/electronic_databases/alpha/p

New on the Web

Canadian Provincial and Territorial Archives

Provincial and territorial archives are major resource centres for family history research. Digitization projects, new resources and additions to collections are ongoing. Check out some new initiatives and recent updates to these collections.

Archives of Ontario

Digitized Patent Plans

Access over 4,100 digitized patent plans to trace your ancestors' Crown land records.
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/about/patent-plans.aspx

Research Guides and Tools

Here are some recently updated guides from the Archives of Ontario

- **Finding Divorce Files in Ontario**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_210_divorce_files_in_ontario.pdf
- **Visual Database User Guide**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/Guide_234%20Visual_Database_Pathfinder_ENG.pdf
- **Vital Statistics Records**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_202_vital_statistics_EN.pdf
- **War of 1812 Records**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_213_war_of_1812.pdf

Archives Descriptive Database

View a list of records which have been recently revised or added to the Archives Descriptive Database.

www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/new-in-add.aspx

Nova Scotia Archives

Nova Scotia Historical Newspapers

Browse the recent additions to the historical newspapers collection.

www.novascotia.ca/archives/virtual/newspapers/



Provincial Archives of Alberta

Law & Original Order

Discover the extensive holdings of court records retained by the provincial archive.
www.culture.alberta.ca/paa/eventsandexhibits/education/courtrecords/default.aspx

Royal BC Museum/B.C. Archives

Learning Portal

A new online tool for learners across the province has been launched.
www.learning.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/

Saskatchewan Archives Board

Saskatchewan Historic Newspapers Online (SHNO)

View the initial stage of the project which upon completion aims to digitize newspapers from all across Saskatchewan from 1878 through to the mid-1960s.
www.sabnewspapers.usask.ca/

Yukon Archives

Digital Library

Browse the latest additions to their digital library.
www.yukondigitallibrary.ca/



State Archives & Libraries Digital Initiatives & Collections

Are you seeking ancestors from the United States? State archives and libraries, like provincial archives, are rich, valuable resources for family history research which include materials such as books, local histories, photographs, maps, newspapers, vital records, directories, court records, military records and land records.

Here is just a sampling of digital initiatives and collections from a few state archives and libraries.

Connecticut State Library

Digital Collections
www.cslib.cdmhost.com/index.php

Florida State Library & Archives

Florida Memory
www.floridamemory.com/

Michigan Archives

Seeking Michigan
www.seekingmichigan.org/

Missouri State Archives & Library

Missouri Digital Heritage
www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/

New Jersey State Archives

www.nj.gov/state/archives/index.html

Washington State Archives

Digital Archives
www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Home



U. K. National Archives

England's Immigrants 1330-1550: Resident Aliens in the Late Middle Ages

The Universities of York and Sheffield, together with the National Archives, have teamed up to provide a searchable database of over 64,000 immigrants who arrived in England from the 14th through to the 16th centuries. Records were collected from a variety of sources and the database allows researchers to search by name, place of origin, place of residence and occupation.

www.englishimmigrants.com/

Ireland, Poverty Relief Loans, 1821-1874

The Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, set up in 1824 to provide small loans to those affected by poverty and famine, has been digitized for the first time by **FindMyPast**. These records from the National Archives which deal with the working poor and their loan applications provide information such as the name of the borrower and two names of guarantors, occupation, family circumstances, and whether the borrower emigrated.

NOTE: Access to the records is by subscription

www.search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/ireland-poverty-relief-loans-1821-1874

1939 National Enumeration Register

In a joint project the National Archives in partnership with **FindMyPast** are making available online the records of over 30 million people living in England and Wales who were captured in the 1939 National Enumeration Register. The register used to issue identity cards and ration books was taken on 29 September 1939 and noted each individual's name, address, date of birth, sex, marital status, occupation and any changes of name.

For reasons of privacy, information on living individuals will be kept closed for 100 years from their year of birth or until proof of death has been authenticated.

In the absence of a 1931 census and a 1941 census, this fully searchable collection will be a great resource for family history research.

This is still a work in progress. If you want to be kept informed about the project register at: www.findmypast.co.uk/1939register



National Library of Scotland

Digital Gallery

Here are some recent, updated and selected digitized resources on maps and gazetteers from the National Library of Scotland which may be of interest.



The Bartholomew Archive

Discover the remarkable archive of mapmaking and printing by the famous Bartholomew firm in Edinburgh from 1820 to 2002.

www.digital.nls.uk/bartholomew/

The Blaeu Atlas

View the first Atlas of Scotland printed in 1654.

www.maps.nls.uk/atlas/blaeu/

Chalmers' 'Caledonia'

Learn about the counties of Scotland from Chalmers' 'Caledonia' published in 1887.

www.digital.nls.uk/chalmers-caledonia/pageturner.cfm?id=74466563

Gazetteers of Scotland, 1803-1901

Browse and search these popular descriptive gazetteers of 19th-century Scotland, covering counties, cities, towns, villages, parishes and more.

www.digital.nls.uk/gazetteers-of-scotland-1803-1901/pageturner.cfm?id=97491608

Map Images

Explore these thousands of high-resolution zoomable maps of Scotland and beyond.

www.maps.nls.uk/

Military Maps of Scotland

View military maps and plans showing fortifications, battles, lines of attack and defence, wartime reconnaissance and enemy positions.

www.maps.nls.uk/military/

Scottish Post Office Directories

Search and browse over 700 Post Office directories from 1773 to 1911 which cover most of Scotland.

www.digital.nls.uk/directories/

Take a look at other outstanding digitized collections of the National Library of Scotland at: www.digital.nls.uk/gallery.cfm



National Library of Ireland

A Major Digitization Project for Irish Genealogy Announced

The National Library of Ireland plans to make freely available online their entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms, almost 400,000 images, by the summer of 2015. Covering over 1,091 parishes throughout Ireland, the collection consists primarily of baptismal and marriage records dating from the 1740s to the 1880s.

www.nli.ie/en/list/latest-news.aspx?article=6b4b12e5-298d-4b0f-aeb5-f832af6c571b

Irish Genealogical Research Society

New and enhanced unique resources to the Irish Genealogical Research Society website are:

Early Irish Birth Index

“The Society has launched another new and innovative database to add to those already found on its website – announced yesterday at Roots Tech 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Early Irish Birth Index aims to bring to the attention of Irish genealogists the myriad of alternative sources noting birth information in Ireland.

The Early Irish Birth Index holds just over 5,000 records of alternative sources for births in Ireland, ranging from early Irish census records, Registry of Deeds’ memorials, newspapers, gravestone inscriptions, diaries and letters. The number of names in the contained exceeds 10,400.

This new index is the second database to be launched by the Irish Genealogical Research Society in the last two years. The Early Irish Marriage Index, which has produced an ever-growing index to alternative sources for marriage records in Ireland, was created in 2012 and already now holds more than 66,000 records, noting the names of well over 147,000 brides, grooms and relatives.”

www.irishancestors.ie/?p=6382

Irish Genealogist Database

“To mark St Patrick’s day, the IGRS announces the launch of an exciting enhancement to “The Irish Genealogist Database”.

The Irish Genealogist (TIG) has been published annually since 1937 and comprises thousands of articles related to Irish genealogy, noting details on family histories, pedigrees, leases, memorial inscriptions, deeds, newspaper extracts and transcripts of parish registers, voters lists, census substitutes, wills, letters, family bibles, rentals and militia & army rolls. The list is endless!

A free online Names Index to TIG, comprising in excess of a quarter of a million names, has been available on the Society’s website since autumn 2013. Now, following an intensive project to scan images of the journal’s articles, the database will link researchers directly to articles that match their search criteria. Initially, the Society is launching images of volume 10 of TIG (covering the years 1998-2001) and these will be followed with regular releases right up to volume 13 (up to 2013).”

www.irishancestors.ie/?p=6522

International Committee of the Red Cross

ICRC Historical Archives 1914-1918 Prisoners of the First World War

During the First World War, 10 million people, soldiers and civilians were taken prisoner and sent to detention camps.

The International Prisoners-of-War Agency was established in 1914 where the warring countries provided lists of prisoners. An index card was created for each prisoner and detainee with their names and records of capture, of transfers between camps and of deaths.

Now, you can search through the millions of records, primarily from the Western, Romanian and Serbian fronts.

www.grandeguerre.icrc.org/



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You can make a donation at your local branch, by telephone, or by mail. Be sure to specify that you would like your donation to be used to purchase genealogical materials.

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