



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

A Beginner's Guide to Online Genealogy: Learn How to Trace Your Family History and Discover Your Roots

by Michael Dunn, 2015
929.10285 D92b

Forensic Genealogy

by Colleen Fitzpatrick, 2013
929.1 F55f

Genealogy: A Practical Guide for Librarians

by Katherine Pennavaria, 2015
929.1 P41g

***Genealogy*, 4th ed.**

by George G. Morgan, 2015
929.1 M84h2

How to Archive Family Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide to Organize and Share Your Photos Digitally

by Denise S. May-Levenick, 2015
929.10285 M46h

Canada

The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Memoir

by Joseph Auguste Merasty, 2015
370.117089 M55e

Heckman's Canadian Pacific: A Photographic Journey

by Ralph Beaumont, 2015
385.09 C22bea

***Historical Atlas of Canada: Canada's History Illustrated With Original Maps*, Rev. ed.**

by Derek Hayes, 2015
911.71 H41h1

Rogues and Rebels: Unforgettable Characters From Canada's West

by Brian Brennan, 2015
971.2 B838r

Swedes in Canada: Invisible Immigrants

by Elinor Barr, 2015
971.004 B26s

Thunder in the Skies: A Canadian Gunner in the Great War

by Derek Grout, 2015
940.41 G88t

British Columbia

The De Cosmos Enigma

by Gordon Hawkins, 2015
971.1 C83h

Eating Stories: A Chinese Canadian & Aboriginal Potluck

Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia and edited by Brandy Lien Worrall, 2014
641.09711 E14w1

Lured North of the 49th: Jewish Colonial Roots: Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada: Spanning Generations, Countries & Continents

by Sarah H. Tobe, 2014
R971.1004 T62L



Raincoast Chronicles 23: Stories & History of the British Columbia Coast

edited by Peter A. Robson, 2015
971.1 R15j

Treasures of the Royal British Columbia Museum and Archives

Royal British Columbia Museum, issuing body, 2015
069.09711 R88t

The Veterans Cemetery, Esquimalt, British Columbia: God's Acre, Revised and updated compiled and edited by Harvey A. Buckmaster, 2014

929.5 V58v1

Prairie Provinces

Manitoba Scrip, 2nd ed.
compiled by Gail Morin, 2015
929.37127 M85m1

Ontario

The Ward: The Life and Loss of Toronto's First Immigrant Neighbourhood

edited by John Lorinc, Michael McClelland, Ellen Scheinberg and Tatum Taylor, 2015
971.354 W25L

United States

Black Achievers

by T.L. Allen, 2015
920.73 A43b

Colorado: A Historical Atlas

by Thomas J. Noel and Carol Zuber-Mallison, 2015
911.788 N76h1

Coming Home in Gold Brocade: Chinese in Early Northwest America

by Bennet Bronson and Chuimei Ho, 2015
973.04 B86c

British Isles

The Angel and the Cad: Love, Loss and Scandal in Regency England

by Geraldine Roberts, 2015
941.073 R64a

A Brief History of British Kings & Queens

by Michael Ashley, 2014
920.41 A82b1

Britain's Greatest Generation: How Our Parents & Grandparents Made the Twentieth Century

by Sue Elliott and Stephen Humphries, 2015
941.082 E46b





In These Times: Living in Britain Through Napoleon's Wars, 1793-1815

by Jennifer S. Uglow, 2015
941.073 U26i

The Valley: A Hundred Years in the Life of a Family

by Richard Benson, 2014
942.82 H74b

Europe

The Family Tree Historical Maps Book Europe: A Country-by-Country Atlas of European History, 1700s-1900s

by Allison Dolan, 2015
912.4 D65f

Gallipoli: The Dardanelles Disaster in Soldiers' Words and Photographs

by Richard Van Emden, 2015
940.425 V25g

Of Living Valour: The Story of the Soldiers of Waterloo

by Barney White-Spunner, 2015
940.27 W58o

Russian Tattoo: A Memoir

by Elena Gorokhova, 2015
305.89171 G67r

Swansong 1945: A Collective Diary of the Last Days of the Third Reich

compiled by Walter Kempowski, 2015
940.5343 S97k

Went the Day Well?: Witnessing Waterloo

by David Crane, 2015
940.27 C89w

Asia

Ye: Bai Nian Dong Dang Zhong De Yi Ge Zhongguo Jia Ting

by Joseph Esherick, 2014
CHI 929.2 Y37e1

Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library



To see a complete list of upcoming programs and events at the Vancouver Public Library visit vpl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index. Be sure to check back as new entries are added all the time!

Vancouver Genealogy Show

Saturday, October 3, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Alice MacKay Room

Lower Level, Central Branch

350 West Georgia Street

Members of the British Columbia Genealogy Society offer advice to individuals and family members researching their family history. Participants are encouraged to bring details on their research to date. Beginners receive advice on where to begin their research, based on their knowledge and family documents.

A primary goal of the BCGS is to teach individuals and families how to do their own research. Individual sessions will last 20 minutes. Mini workshops related to general research techniques, local and overseas resources, and organizing materials are offered for those waiting. Registration is recommended.

In partnership with the B.C. Genealogical Society.

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

Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition

Sunday, October 18, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

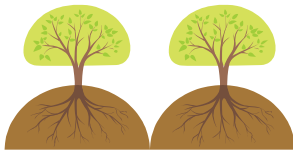
Computer Training Lab
Level 7, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

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

Excited to start exploring? See our **Genealogy subject guide online**.
guides.vpl.ca/genealogy

Registration required.

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



Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with FamilySearch and Library and Archives Canada

Sunday, October 25, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Lab
Level 7, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

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

Eager to start exploring? See our **Genealogy subject guide online**.
guides.vpl.ca/genealogy

Registration required.

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Computer Training Lab
Level 7, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

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

Eager to start exploring? See our **Genealogy subject guide online**.
guides.vpl.ca/genealogy

Registration required.

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

Genealogy Workshop

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms
Lower Level, Central Branch
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.

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Other Vancouver Public Library Programs of Interest

BCGS Downtown Vancouver Genealogy Group Second Tuesday of each month

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Board Breakout Room
Level 7, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

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

Introduction to Audio Recording Friday, October 2, 2015 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Learn about the audio equipment in the Inspiration Lab. Try out our microphones, sound mixers, and audio software, and learn more about how all these components work together. Get hands-on practice for recording your own audio project!

Registration required.

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

Self Publishing 100: Introduction to Ebooks

Monday, October 5, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Want to share your story with the world? Learn how to get on the path toward creating your first ebook! This session will introduce you to what you need to know to get started, and how to begin to navigate the options for making your ebook available to readers. After participating in this session, you will be ready to take our hands-on session to create your own ebook in VPL's Inspiration Lab. Session is 90 minutes.

Registration required.

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



Introduction to Audio Editing Friday, October 9, 2015 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Learn about how to turn recorded sound into a completed digital project. Learn and practice the basics of sound editing – splitting and joining clips, fading, labelling, and mixing multiple tracks. Learn best practices for saving and sharing your work.

Registration required.

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

Paul Yee – New Adult Novel ‘A Superior Man’

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

Paul Yee has written about his Chinese-Canadian heritage in award-winning books for young readers as well as adult non-fiction. Here, he writes a story of one of the Chinese coolies who help build the Canadian Pacific Railway.

After the 1885 completion of the railroad, Yang Hok embarks on a journey to find the mother of his son. Boldly frank and steeped in history, *A SUPERIOR MAN* portrays the Chinese-Canadian experience in the 19th century.

Conducted in Cantonese and English.

In partnership with Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia.

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



Vacation Brag: Creating Slideshows Using Windows Movie Maker

Friday, October 16, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Let us help you get started with the skills you need to create slideshows. Learn how to liven up your vacation photos by adding titles, effects, and music using Windows Movie Maker. Your friends and family will be so grateful. We supply practice images and music for the class.

Registration required.

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

Self Publishing 101: Create Your First Ebook

Monday, October 19, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Pre-requisite: “Self Publishing 100: Introduction to Ebooks” or equivalent knowledge.

Want to share your story with the world? Learn how to create your own ebook in VPL’s Inspiration Lab. This demonstration with hands-on practice time will explore how to format text, add images and turn a digital manuscript into a digital masterpiece. Session is 90 minutes.

Registration required.

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

VPL Aboriginal Storyteller in Residence: Finding Your Storyteller Within (Part 1)

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Have you ever wanted to share stories with your family and community? Join Sharon Shorty, VPL’s Aboriginal Storyteller in Residence, to explore the craft of oral storytelling, find out about VPL resources, and record your own story in the Inspiration Lab.

In this **first of three workshops**, Sharon will tell traditional stories from the North and discuss the value of storytelling and how to identify stories you want to tell. VPL staff will

also provide an overview of related library resources, including the Inspiration Lab.

This is **the first in a series of three weekly sessions** taking participants through the process of realizing, performing and digitally recording stories. You **must** also register for and attend the second session on **October 27th** and the third session on either **November 3rd** or **November 10th**.

Registration required.

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

Digital Photo Repair
Monday, October 26, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Got ripped or damaged photos? With Photoshop you can make clean copies of your scanned photos. Let us get you started with the skills to fill in rips, tears and remove other unwanted things. We will supply practice images for the class.

Registration required.

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

Exhilarating Indie: With Author Carol M. Cram
Wednesday, October 28, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Alma VanDusen and Peter Kaye Rooms
Lower Level, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Thanks to the Internet and technology, authors can choose how they get their work in front of readers.

Join author Carol M. Cram to learn how to:

- Create a book you're proud to sell.
- Prepare your manuscript for publication online and in print.
- Develop a marketing plan.

This workshop includes a reading and resource list.

For more information about the author, please check out her website.

www.carolcram.com/

For more information please contact: Carol M. Cram at **604 947-9408**, or email carolcram@gmail.com.



Book Design Made Simple: Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett
Monday, November 23, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Alma VanDusen and Peter Kaye Rooms
Lower Level, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Want to design your own book? Now you can! Come and find out how from two book design experts, Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett.

Their new book, **BOOK DESIGN MADE SIMPLE**, gives authors, small presses, graphic designers, and YOU! – the power to design books using Adobe InDesign. Learn whether DIY book design is right for you and, if it is, how to get started.

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

Book Cover Design Workshop: Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett
Tuesday, November 24, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Inspiration Lab
Level 3, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street

Want to design your own ebook cover? Fiona Raven and Glenna Collett, authors of **BOOK DESIGN MADE SIMPLE**, will show you how.

This demonstration with hands-on computer time will explore how to create an effective cover for your ebook using Adobe InDesign. You'll choose a typeface for your book title, combine it with an image, and use colour and composition to create an effective cover.

Please bring a USB stick (16 GB or larger) with one or more digital images for your book cover. Also bring other book covers that you admire or will be competing with in your genre.

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.

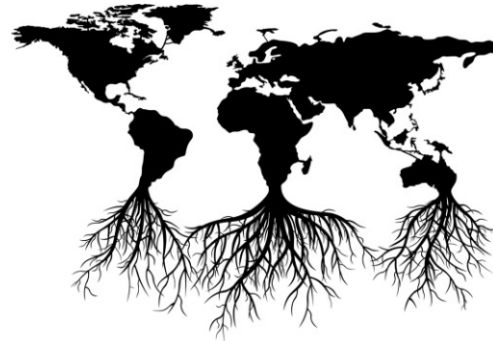
Visitors are always welcome.

Collections Orientations
Saturdays, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 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 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.
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:
www.findingyourroots.ca/

Finding Your Scottish Roots

Presenter: Lorraine Irving
Saturday, November 14, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Discover more about your Scottish Roots

Part 2 of our very popular Scottish workshop! Aimed at the intermediate researcher, Lorraine Irving will continue discussing church and census records, cemetery records, wills, sasines, and Scottish military records. If you missed part 1, you can still register.

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



Family History Show & Tell

Saturday, November 28, 2015
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 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. This year will feature a “home movie” theme. So bring digitized home movies or digitized slides/photos and share with all! Any of the usual show and tell artifacts and stories can also be shared. There have been family quilts, scrapbooks, storyboards, an artificial limb, digital collages, a chamber pot, a WW2 diary, and much more.

You are welcome to share by describing your project or you may simply have a table and showcase your items. A laptop with internet and a projector will be available to demonstrate online projects such as family history websites or digital collections.

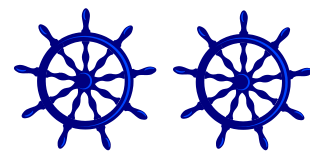
Visitors without stories are welcome to see and listen. You might discover a great Christmas gift idea, or be inspired. Light refreshments provided.

Note: Participants are strictly limited to a maximum of ten minutes talk time.

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



Programs Elsewhere in British Columbia



Voyages of Hope, The Saga of the Bride-Ships

Speaker: Peter Johnson
Monday, October 19, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Nanaimo Family History Society
2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, B.C.

Peter Johnson's enthusiastic research and imaginative writing have produced Voyages of Hope, the first book-length account of four bride-ships which were sent out from England to the West Coast in the 1860's and 1870's. Peter answers the question of why these women left everything behind in England to

come to the colonies of the West Coast. The answers lie in the horrible disruptions of industrial Britain, the conflicting aims of earnest Christians and early feminists, and the lusty turmoil of a gold-rush frontier. All three elements shaped this complex and intriguing true story. The hardships and happiness of Louisa and Charlotte Townsend, Isabel Curtis, Jane Saunders, Emma Tammadge, Minnie Gillan – and other who left no records – are brought to life in *Voyages of Hope*.

For more information see:
www.nanaimofamilyhistory.ca/index.php?p=1_4_Upcoming-Events



**Creating Connections Through DNA:
Genetic Genealogy in the Digital Age
Saturday, October 24, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Victoria Genealogical Society
St. Aidan's Church Hall
3703 St Aidan's Street, Victoria, B.C.

Fees:

EARLY BIRD – On or before Sept 26, 2015
VGS Members \$80; Non-Members \$90
STANDARD – On or before Sept 27, 2015
VGS Members \$90; Non-Members \$100

Have you seen the commercials about DNA testing and family history and wondered what it's all about? Researching your family tree and wondering how DNA results can help you? Interested in DNA and genealogy but baffled by the science behind it and how to interpret results?

If so, then this seminar is for you! Join us as our expert speakers share their experience and knowledge of this increasingly popular genealogical tool, and answer your questions in terms we can all understand.

Registration fee provides admission to the day-long seminar including five sessions by three speakers, unlimited coffee, tea and water,

lunch (vegetarian and gluten free options offered), two coffee/tea breaks, and handout materials. We will also have a variety of tables representing various societies, and a resource table with information on DNA and genealogy research.

Register early to take advantage of our Early Bird discount.

For more information see:
www.victoriags.org/seminar.php



“The De Cosmos Enigma”

Speaker: Gordon Hawkins

Sunday, January 17, 2016

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friends of the B.C. Archives
Newcombe Hall
675 Belleville Street, Victoria, B.C.
Cost: \$5

Gordon Hawkins's new biography brings B.C.'s second premier into focus by exploring the eccentric life of a bombastic visionary who arrived in Victoria in 1858, founded the *British Colonist* and battled for responsible government against Governor James Douglas. He championed BC's entry into confederation, playing a crucial role in the creation of present-day Canada. Yet at his death, and even today, he is hardly remembered.

Gordon Hawkins has degrees from the London School of Economics and the University of Toronto. After his service in WWII in naval intelligence, he was presenter of the CBC's TV and radio discussion program, *Citizen's Forum*. He has spent many years researching De Cosmos's life story.

For more information see:
royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/events/friends-of-the-b-c-archives-the-de-cosmos-enigma/



Road to Ruin: James Douglas and the Obfuscation of the Cariboo Wagon Road

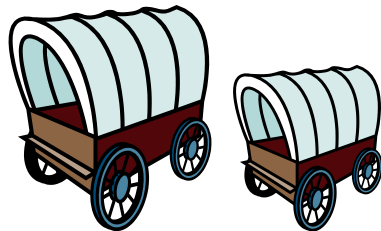
Speaker: Dr. Frank Leonard
Sunday, February 21, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friends of the B.C. Archives
Newcombe Hall
675 Belleville Street, Victoria, B.C.

Dr. Frank Leonard will explore the finance, construction, and early operation of the Cariboo Wagon Road. His research rests largely on a review of Governor James Douglas's dispatches to the Colonial Office in London, along with the private comments that officials attached to them. Its conclusions challenge the traditional, celebratory view of Douglas's government of the mainland colony.

Frank Leonard is an adjunct associate professor in the Department of History of the University of Victoria. His book, *A Thousand Blunders: The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Northern British Columbia* (1996), was awarded the CHA Clio Prize for British Columbia. For his research he had access to a wealth of original documents, among them the GTP legal department files, providing him with insights into the decisions that formed the basis for policies in townsites and on Indian reserves.

For more information see:
royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/events/friends-of-the-b-c-archives-road-to-ruin-james-douglas-and-the-obfuscation-of-the-cariboo-wagon-road/



Also Noted...

Seattle Genealogical Society Seminars

October 17 – 18, 2015
Seattle, Washington

For more information:
seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

October 21 – 22, 2015
via YouTube

For more information:
www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/



RootsTech 2016
February 3 – 6, 2016
Salt Lake City, Utah

For more information:
rootstech.org/?lang=eng

Who Do You Think You Are?
April 7 – 9, 2016
Birmingham, England

For more information:
www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/

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:

- Latest digitized microfilms on the **Heritage Portal**
thediscoverblog.com/2015/08/05/latest-digitized-microfilms-on-the-heritage-portal/
- **Project Naming**
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/project-naming/Pages/introduction.aspx

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

- Canada at Ypres
- Canada in the Netherlands
- Children of Topley
- Early 20th Century Railway
- Images of Cottages, Cabins and Camps
- Images of National Parks
- Images of the Somme
- In Flanders Fields: A Century of Poppies
- North West Mounted Police in Yukon
- Nursing Images
- Photography of Yousuf Karsh
- Road Trip – Summer of '54
- Second World War Propaganda Posters

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

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



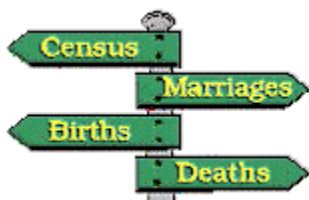
- Canada and U.S., Dutch Emigrants, 1946-1963
- Canada, Imperial War Service Gratuities, 1919-1921
- Canada, Selected School Yearbooks, 1908-2010
- Canada, WWII Service Files of War Dead, 1939-1947
- U.S., Passenger and Crew Lists for U.S.-Bound Vessels Arriving in Canada, 1912-1939 and 1953-1962
- Web: Alberta, Index to Cemeteries, 1823-2013
- Web: Alberta, Newspaper BMD Index, 1889-2012
- Web: Montreal, Canada, non-Catholic Baptism Index, 1766-1835 (in French)
- Web: Montreal, Canada, non-Catholic Burial Index, 1767-1899 (in French)
- Web: Montreal, Canada, non-Catholic Marriage Index, 1766-1899 (in French)
- Web: Quebec, Canada, Marriage Contract Index, 1761-1941 (in French)

Updated and New United Kingdom Databases



- Bexley, Kent, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1558-1812
- Bexley, Kent, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1925
- Bexley, Kent, England, Cemetery Registers, 1879-1985

- Bexley, Kent, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985
- Bexley, Kent, England, Marriages and Banns, 1754-1935
- Lancashire, England, Quarter Session Records and Petitions, 1648-1908
- Leeds, England, Beckett Street Cemetery, 1845-1987
- Surrey, England, Calendar of Prisoners, 1848-1902
- Surrey, England, Mental Hospital Admissions, 1867-1900
- UK, Apprentices Indentured in Merchant Navy, 1824-1910
- UK, British Army Muster Books and Pay Lists, 1812-1817
- UK, City, Town and Village Photos, 1857-2005
- UK, Popular Edition Maps, 1919-1926
- UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920
- UK, WWI War Diaries (Gallipoli and Dardanelles), 1914-1916
- Web: Gloucestershire, England, Gaol Registers, 1815-1879
- Web: UK, Jersey, Channel Islands, Occupation Registration Cards, 1940-1945
- Web: UK, Jersey, Channel Islands, Wills and Testaments, 1663-1948
- Web: United Kingdom, Royal Naval Officers' Service Records Index, 1756-1931
- West Yorkshire, England, Alehouse Licences, 1771-1962
- West Yorkshire, England, Occupation Records, 1793-1930
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Apprenticeship Records, 1627-1894
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Removal and Settlement Records, 1689-1866



New United States Wills and Probates Collection Added

A huge United States Wills and Probates collection covering all 50 states has been added to **Ancestry**. This collection comprises some 30 million records, 170 million images and spans the years from 1668 to 2005. More than 100 million people can be gleaned from these records, including the deceased, their relatives and possibly that of friends, acquaintances and neighbours.

A research guide, ***Finding Your Family in Wills and Probate Records***, has been created to help genealogists in their family history search.

c.mfcreative.com/mars/landing/probates/ProbatesResearchGuide_final.pdf



News from  **FAMILYSEARCH**

Updated and New Canadian Collections

- Canada Passenger Lists, 1881-1922
- Newfoundland, Vital Records, 1840-1949
- Newfoundland, Vital Statistics, 1753-1893
- Nova Scotia Births, 1864-1877
- Nova Scotia Deaths, 1890-1955
- Nova Scotia Deaths, 1956-1957
- Nova Scotia Marriages, 1864-1918
- Ontario Births, 1869-1912
- Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947
- Ontario Marriages, 1869-1927
- Prince Edward Island Death Card Index, 1721-1905

- Quebec, Index to Civil Copy of Church Records, 1642-1902
- Quebec, Quebec Federation of Genealogical Societies, Family Origins, 1621-1865
- Saskatchewan, Catholic Church Records, 1846-1957
- Saskatchewan Cemetery Transcripts, ca. 1850-1994

United Kingdom and Ireland Collections Recently Added or Updated

- England and Wales Census, 1841
- England and Wales Census, 1871
- England and Wales Census, 1901
- England, Cornwall and Devon Parish Registers, 1538-2010
- England, London Electoral Registers, 1847-1913
- England, Warwickshire Parish Registers, 1535-1984
- Ireland, Petty Sessions Court Registers, 1828-1912
- Wales, Anglesey, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Brecknockshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Caernarvonshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Cardiganshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Carmarthenshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Denbighshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Flintshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Glamorganshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Merionethshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Monmouthshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Montgomeryshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912

- Wales, Pembrokeshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Wales, Radnorshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912

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

Caribbean and Central America
familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1®ion=CARIBBEAN_CENTRAL_AMERICA

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

United States of America
familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1®ion=UNITED_STATES



The Family History Guide

The **Family History Guide** is a new website aimed at helping beginning and more experienced genealogists research their family history. Features of the website to aid in this pursuit include:

- Family history basics
- Computer basics
- Setting goals
- Step-by-step instructions for easier learning
- Links to videos and documents
- Links to additional resources and websites
- Projects and choices
- Classroom and instruction materials

Explore this eLearning website at:
www.thefhguide.com/

New at the Vancouver Public Library

The library has added a new database to our **Online Resources** Collection to help with online learning or eLearning. This database will also be of interest for patrons of VPL's **Inspiration Lab**.

Lynda.com

Online education database offering over 3,000 video courses by top experts in the fields of web design, business/marketing, software development, photography, video/music/audio editing, 3D animation, graphic design and more.

Registration with a valid email is required. Access from home is only available to Vancouver residents.

www.vpl.ca/electronic_databases/alpha/

Learn about the **Inspiration Lab** at:
www.vpl.ca/programs/cat/C1051/

Check out our **Teach Yourself** Inspiration Lab subject guides at:
www.vpl.ca/programs/details/inspiration_lab_getting_help

Learn more about eLearning with our **Online Education and Training** subject guide at:
guides.vpl.ca/elearning

Canadian Public Libraries

Besides archives, museums and universities, public libraries are also repositories of unique historical holdings and genealogical materials, especially items on local histories, families, directories, photographs and maps. Check out these digital initiatives and collections from several Canadian public libraries.

Calgary Public Library Community Heritage and Family History Digital Library

Digital collections mainly of images and maps are made available online.

calgarylibrary.ca/community-heritage-and-family-history-digital-library/

Kingston Frontenac Public Library Digital Kingston

Your Stories, Our History

Ancestors from Kingston, Ontario? Explore the following key features, plus the other online resources, about the history and heritage of Kingston and Frontenac County.

Some key features include:

- Historical Newspapers (1810 – 1900)
- City Directories (1855-1923)
- Maps and Fire Insurance Plans
- Local History Books to read online

www.digitalkingston.ca/

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Nova Story Digital Collections

With the partnership of Nova Scotia public libraries, Nova Story is a digital initiative to bring the stories of Nova Scotia to light. Digital collections include books, documents, pamphlets, photographs, and maps.

www.novastory.ca/cdm/

Squamish Public Library Squamish History Archives

Browse or search the online digital collections on Squamish comprised of photographs, newspapers, documents and audio recordings.
squamishlibrary.digitalcollections.ca/



Toronto Public Library Virtual Reference Library

The Toronto Public Library, in partnership with library systems across Ontario, has provided through their Virtual Reference Library a vast array of digital resources on the history of Toronto, Ontario and Canada.

www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/vrl/

West Vancouver Memorial Library Digital.westvanlibrary.ca

Learn about the history of West Vancouver through West Vancouver Memorial Library's digital collections which contain photographs, audio-visual materials and documents.

digital.westvanlibrary.ca/search



Archives of Ontario

Legacy Vital Statistics Now on Family Search Website

Historical microfilmed Ontario vital statistics records are now available for free online through the FamilySearch website. This includes records for 1869-1910 births, 1869-1927 marriages and 1869-1937 deaths.

For more information see:

www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/microfilm/legacy_vital_statistics_on_family_search_website.aspx

Research Guides and Tools

Here are some recently updated guides from the Archives of Ontario

- **Finding York County Divorce Files**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_211_york_county_divorce_files.pdf

- **How to Find a Will in Court Records**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_206_wills.pdf
- **Researching Crown Land Records**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_225_resources_for_researching_land_records.pdf
- **Sources of Family History**
www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/documents/research_guide_299_family_history.pdf



U.K. National Archives

England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935

The National Archives, in partnership with **FindMyPast***, have digitized and made available over 1.9 million historic criminal records which span the years from 1779 to 1935.

search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/england-and-wales-crime-prisons-and-punishment-1770-1935

Prisoners of War, 1715-1945

Coinciding with the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, the National Archives in association with **FindMyPast*** have published for the first time one million records of servicemen, servicewomen and civilians who were taken prisoner during the war. These records are comprised mainly of Britons, Dutch, Americans and Australians and contain the names, ranks, nationalities and locations of prisoners of war.

Also, included in the Prisoners of War, 1715-1945 collection to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, newly released records of Napoleonic prisoners of war comprising over 71,000 entries.

search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/prisoners-of-war-1715-1945

Learn more about what information the National Archives has on prisoners of war through their online guides.

Select and click on 'prisoners of war' at: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides-keywords/?show=keywords&keyword-letter=p&keyword=prisoners-of-war-1#step-three

Search Merchant Navy 1915 Crew Lists

In partnership with The National Archives, The National Maritime Museum and the Crew List Index Project, volunteers have transcribed 39,000 crew lists which contain the particulars for 36,000 voyages. These lists include the names and personal details of 750,000 seamen who served in the British Merchant Navy in 1915.

Check it out at: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/search-merchant-navy-1915-crew-lists/

Discover more digitized **Merchant Navy Seamen** records from 1835-1857 and 1918-1941 which have been published through **FindMyPast***.

search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/merchant-navy-seamen

*NOTE: Access to the records is by subscription



FindMyPast

More New and Updated Additions to the FindMyPast Collections

Britain, Directories & Almanacs

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/britain-directories-and-almanacs

Dublin Poor Law Unions Board of Guardians Minute Books

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/dublin-poor-law-unions-board-of-guardians-minute-books

Dublin Workhouse Admissions & Discharge Registers 1840-1919

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/dublin-workhouses-admission-and-discharge-registers-1840-1919

England & Wales, Society of Friends (Quaker) Births 1578-1841

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/england-and-wales-society-of-friends-quaker-births-1578-1841

England & Wales, Society of Friends (Quaker) Burials 1578-1841

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/england-and-wales-society-of-friends-quaker-burials-1578-1841

England & Wales, Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages 1578-1841

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/england-and-wales-society-of-friends-quaker-marriages-1578-1841

Ireland National School Registers

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/ireland-national-school-registers

Irish Newspapers

search.findmypast.com/search/irish-newspapers

Kent Baptisms

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/kent-baptisms

Kent Burials

search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/kent-burials

National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/national-school-admission-registers-and-log-books-1870-1914

New South Wales Government Gazette Indexes 1832-1863

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/new-south-wales-government-gazette-indexes-1832-1863

Queensland Wills Index 1857-1940

search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/queensland-wills-index-1857-1940

NOTE: Access to the records is by subscription



British Library

Endangered Archives

The British Library, together with funding partners, launched an Endangered Archives programme in 2004 to help preserve rare vulnerable archival materials from around the world. These materials were endangered due to neglect, physical deterioration or destruction. The programme to date has funded approximately 270 projects with 144 projects currently available online, encompassing nearly 5 million images.

Here are some historical collections of the Americas which may be of interest for genealogical research.

Collecting and preserving parish archives in an Andean diocese

eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP333

Digital preservation of newspapers of the first half of the twentieth century in Nicaragua

eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP571

Digitisation of endangered African diaspora collections at the major archives of the province of Matanzas, Cuba

eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP184

Digitising parish record collections at the major archives of the province of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil

eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP505

Digitising the endangered archives of Grenada

eap.bl.uk/database/results.a4d?projID=EAP295

Learn more about the programme and view the digital collections from Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania at:
eap.bl.uk/database/collections.a4d



Caribbean Digital Resources

Researching your Caribbean ancestors? Explore the following digital initiatives and collections which provide a wealth of information on the history and heritage of this area.

Digital Library of the Caribbean

Cooperative digital library for Caribbean historical, cultural and research materials held in various archives, libraries and private collections.

dloc.com/

Florida International University Enrique Hurtado de Mendoza Collection of Cuban Genealogy

This is an extensive online resource with civil records, family trees, out-of-print publications and periodicals, and 17th and 18th century books to help families with their Cuban family research.

dloc.com/ifiuhurtado

University of Miami Libraries Cuban Heritage Collection – Digital Collections

The Cuban Heritage Collection is comprised of digital books, manuscripts, letters, maps, photographs and other resources.

merrick.library.miami.edu/digitalprojects/chc.php



Jewish Digital Resources

Check out and explore the following digital portals and resources which feature materials on the Jewish experience, including books, personal letters, maps, newspapers, scrapbooks, photographs, oral histories, memoirs, and much more.

Center for Jewish History Digital Collections

Check out their vast digital collections featuring photographs, archival materials, manuscripts, memoirs and biographies, oral histories, genealogical tables and much more.

access.cjh.org/

Judaica Europeana

Incredible digital resources from the foremost libraries, archives and museums on the Jewish heritage in Europe are available through this central repository.

www.judaica-europeana.eu/

National Library of Israel Digital Library

Discover the digital resources found at the National Library of Israel

web.nli.org.il/sites/NLI/English/digitallibrary/Pages/default.aspx

Best Genealogy Websites



Family Tree Magazine has posted their 16th annual installment of 101 Best Websites 2015. 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 are new to you.

The four websites listed under Best Canadian Genealogy 2015 were also chosen best in 2014. These are:

Canadiana

www.canadiana.ca/en/home

Library and Archives Canada

www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx

Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics

www.novascotiagenealogy.com/

Programme de Recherche en Demographie Historique

www.genealogy.umontreal.ca/en/home

See more of the 101 Best Websites 2015 at:
familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2015



www.vpl.ca
guides.vpl.ca/genealogy

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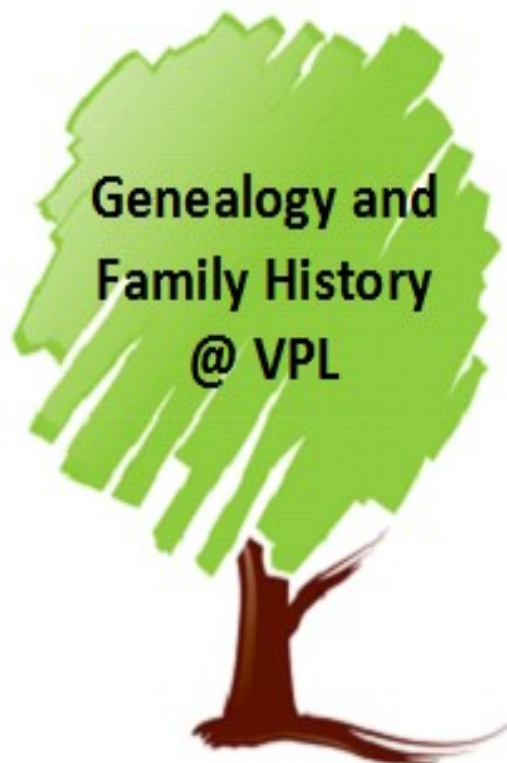
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