



Vancouver Public Library

Genealogical Resources

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1906 Census Now Available at VPL!

The Vancouver Public Library has acquired a microfilm copy of the *1906 Census of Population of the Northwest Provinces*, released to the public on January 24, 2003.

The special census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was taken following the entry of the latter two provinces into Confederation in 1905.

The 11 microfilm reels are available in the Genealogy section at the Central Library, following the main sequence of historical Canadian census microfilms.

A geographical finding aid is available and may be requested at the Librarian's Desk. The finding aid is basic, and does not always list the townships included in each district of the census.

However, additional information is available on the Library and Archives of Canada website (www.archives.ca), including a series of maps which may be helpful in narrowing down a search.

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 online at www.vpl.ca. REF. items must be used in the library.

General Interest

Basic Approach to – Illuminating Your Family History with Picture Postcards by Philip J. Chapman, 2000
(929.1 C46b)

Reader's Digest Explore Your Family's Past: Trace Your Roots and Create a Family Tree 2001
(929.341 R28e)

This and That Genealogy Tips by Shirley Hornbeck, 2000
(929.1 H814t)

Canadian

Finding Your Acadian Ancestors by Lea Normandeau-Jones, 2001
(929.3716 N84f)

Finding Your Ancestors in English Quebec by Althea Douglas, 2001
(Ref. 929.3714 D73f)

Finding Your French-Canadian Ancestors by Louise St. Denis, 2nd. ed, 2001
(Ref. 929.3714 S13f1)

Index to 1851 Census of Canada West (Ontario): Bruce & Grey Counties edited by Renie A. Rumpel
(Ref. 929.3713 I38br 1851)

Loyalist Children of Upper Canada; Registered Warrants, 1818-1865 compiled by Barbaranne Wright, 2000
(Ref.929.3713 W94L)

Researching Canadian Archival Centres by Ryan Taylor, 2001
(929.371 T23r)

Researching Canadian Religious Records by Ryan Taylor, 2001
(929.371 T24r)

British Isles

Bishop's Transcripts and Marriage Licenses, Bonds and Allegations: A Guide to Their Location and Indexes compiled by Jeremy Gibson, 5th ed., 2001
(Ref. 929.341 G44b)

The Dictionary of Genealogy by Terrick V.H. FitzHugh, 5th ed., 1998
(929.341 F55d3)

The Family Records Centre: A User's Guide by Stella Colwell, 2002
(929.341 C87na1)

A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Scottish Ancestors; How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage by Linda Jonas and Paul Milner, 2nd ed., 2002
(929.3411 j76g)

Irish Ancestry: A Beginner's Guide by Bill Davis, 3rd ed, 2001
(929.3415 D26i)

Parishes & Registration Districts in England & Wales by Penelope Christensen, 2001
(Ref. 929.342 C55p)

Researching English and Welsh Census Records by Penelope Christensen, 2001
(929.342 C55r)

Researching English & Welsh Civil Registration Records by Penelope Christensen, 2001
(929.342 C55re)

Royalty for Commoners: The Complete Known Lineage of John of Gaunt, Son of Edward III, King of England, and Queen Philippa by Roderick W. Stuart, 4th ed., 2002
(Ref. 929.7 S93r)

Scottish Family History by David Moody, 1990
(929.3411 M81s)

Second Stages in Researching Welsh Ancestry edited by John and Sheila Rowlands, 1999
(929.3429 S44r)

Succeeding in Family History: Helpful Hints and Time-Saving Tips by John Titford, 2001
(929.341 T61s)

Tracing Your Ancestors in the Public Record Office by Amanda Bevan, 6th ed., 2002
(929.341 C87t)

Tracing Your Irish Roots by Christine Kinealy, 1999
(929.3415 K51t)

Using Register Offices for English and Welsh Certificates by Penelope Christensen, 2nd ed., 2001
(929.342 C55u)

Welsh Family History: A Guide to Research edited by John and Sheila Rowlands, 2nd ed., 1998
(Ref. 929.3429 W46r1)

Other

The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual by The Board for Certification of Genealogists, 2000
(Ref. 929.1 B66b)

Discovering Your Jewish Ancestors by Barbara Krasner-Khait, 2001
(929.1 K89d)

In Search of Your German Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Areas of Europe by Angus Baxter, 4th ed., 2001
(929.343 B35i2)

In Search of Your Asian Roots: Genealogical Research on Chinese Surnames by Sheau-yueh J. Chao, 2000
(Ref. 929.351 C46i)

B.C. and Ontario Vital Events - 2003 Releases

In 2003, the B.C. Archives released 1902 birth, 1927 marriage, and 1982 death records to the general public. The B.C. Archives website has already been updated to reflect the availability of these records.

The Vancouver Public Library ordered the microfilms at the earliest opportunity. However, the order has not yet been received. Please call 604-665-3603 at any time to inquire as to their status. Hopefully, they'll arrive soon!

Ontario vital event records (births – 1906, marriages – 1921, deaths – 1931) are also due to be released this year, and will be ordered as soon as possible.

Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

The History and Government Division offers free genealogy workshops, once or twice a month. Spring 2003 dates:

All workshops take place at the Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street. Pre-registration is required. Please call 604-331-3603, or visit the History & Government Division on Level 6.

- **Genealogical Resources at the Vancouver Public Library**
Saturday, April 12
9:00-11:00 a.m.
- **Genealogy on the Internet**
Tuesday, May 6
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, April 7
- **Chinese-Canadian Genealogy**
Saturday, May 24
Registration begins Monday, April 28
- **Getting Started in Genealogy**
Saturday, June 7
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Registration begins Monday, May 12

- **Genealogical Resources at the Vancouver Public Library**

Tuesday, June 17

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, May 19

Genealogy Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

Saturday, April 19

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Power of Directories and Voters' Lists

Cloverdale Library

Cost: \$10.00

More information: 604-576-1384 (local 6)

Saturday, April 19

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Using Maps and Atlases

Cloverdale Library

Cost: \$10.00

More information: 604-576-1384 (local 6)

Thursday, April 24

6:30-10:00 p.m.

Lecture by Dr. Brian Trainor and Mr. Fintan Mullin of the Ulster Historical Foundation (Belfast), presented by British Columbia

Genealogical Society

Edmonds Community Centre for Seniors

7282 Kingsway (at Edmonds), Burnaby

Cost: \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members

Saturday, May 3

Spring Fayre – British Columbia

Genealogical Society

Displays, speakers, books

Surrey B.C. Stake Centre

6270 – 126th Street, Surrey

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Bring a bag lunch.

FREE!

Saturday, May 10

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Resources for Western Canada at the Cloverdale Library

Cloverdale Library

Cost: \$10.00

More information: 604-576-1384 (local 6)

Canadian Genealogy Centre Launched

The Library and Archives of Canada (LAC) has launched a new website that will be of interest to those involved in Canadian genealogical research.

Launched on March 29, 2003, and still in its early stages, the new **Canadian Genealogy Centre** already shows great promise. Features now available include:

- A searchable *Directory of Canadian Genealogical Resources* (also called AVITUS)
- An extensive “How to” section, including detailed background information on Canadian genealogical resources, such as land records and immigration records
- A *Genealogical Inquiry Form*, that can be used to submit specific requests for information
- Links to databases of Canadian genealogical information – currently very small, but expected to grow

. . . and more.

Features planned for the future include a discussion area and a virtual general store, where users will be able to obtain products of the Canadian Genealogy Centre and its partners, such as books and CDROMs.

Conceived as a collaborative project, the Canadian Genealogy Centre expects to establish a network of partners to support its mission of producing and disseminating quality genealogical information. Visit the site to learn more, and find out how you can participate:

<http://www.genealogy.gc.ca>

Elsewhere in the Library . . .

Many genealogical visitors to the Vancouver Public Library use the vital event and census records in the History and Government Division. The Newspapers & Magazines Division is popular too, for locating birth, marriage and death notices. Directories in the Special Collections Department are also of great interest to genealogists.

But what the library has to offer genealogists doesn't end there. Other subject divisions at the VPL have materials that are also of potential interest.

For example, the Language and Literature Division (Level 3) has books on how to write family histories and memoirs. These may be very helpful when the time comes to put your research together into some kind of narrative. Similarly the Fine Arts & Music Division has guides to “scrapbooking” that may prove invaluable when it comes to ideas for creating a visually interesting presentation for your family heritage album. The Fine Arts Division also has books on the conservation and restoration of photographs, and on the fascinating antiques and collectibles that may be among your family treasures.

As well, directories of many kinds are found throughout the Library. The Science & Technology Division, for example, has old Canadian medical directories, listing doctors, while the Social Sciences Division holds clerical directories for both the U.K. and Canada.

So cast your net wide when thinking about how the library can assist in your genealogical pursuits – it's a rich and wonderful resource!

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