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West Coast Passenger Lists Now Available at VPL!

The History & Government Division at the Vancouver Public Library recently purchased microfilm copies of passenger lists for Vancouver and Victoria and Pacific Ports from the National Archives of Canada.

For the Pacific coast, there are no passenger lists available prior to 1905. The Vancouver passenger list films at the Vancouver Public Library cover the period from January 4, 1905 to September 28, 1922 (16 reels). Victoria and Pacific Ports films cover April 18, 1905 to September 30, 1922 (27 reels).

Passenger lists are not indexed, so it is helpful to know the exact month and year of arrival.

Those interested in immigration records for the period 1921-1924 may want to search Form 30A records. In contrast to the large lists used prior to that date, these were individual forms that were completed for each person and submitted to immigration officers at ports of arrival. Full information about Form 30A records and how to

access them is available on the National Archives of Canada website:

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

Passenger lists for the period 1925-1935 are available on microfilm from the National Archives. The records are indexed in an online database, at:

http://www.archives.ca/02/020118_e.html

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

Demystifying Copyright: A Researcher's Guide to Copyright in Canadian

by Jean Dryden, 2001
070.5026 D79d

Family Photographs, 1860-1945

by Robert Pols, 2002
929.2 P77f

Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places

by Laura Szucs Pfeiffer, 2000

929.373 P52h

The Oxford Names Companion

edited by Patrick Hanks, 2002

Ref. 929.4 O98h

Searching for Surnames: A Practical Guide to their Meanings and Origins

by John Tifford, 2002

Ref. 929.4 T61s





Canada

Births, Deaths, Marriages from Regina Leader, 1906-1910

compiled & edited by John L. Marley, 1992
Ref. 929.37124 M34b

A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation, Volume 3

by Donald Whyte
Ref. 929.371 W62d

Finding Your Ancestors in New Brunswick

by Althea Douglas, 2002
929.37151 D73f

An Index of the Land Claim Certificates of Upper Canada Militiamen

by Wilfred R. Lauber, 1995
Ref. 929.3713 L36i

Index to the Upper Canada Land Books: Volume 5, January 1821 to December 1826

2002
Ref. 929.3713 I383s INDEX

Researching Canadian Vital Statistics Records: Births, Marriages and Deaths

by Sharon L. Murphy, 2001
929.371 M97rv

The Veterans Cemetery, Esquimalt, British Columbia: God's Acre, 2000

Ref. 929.5 V58v



British Isles

How Our Ancestors Lived: A History of Life A Hundred Years Ago

by David Hey, 2002
942.081 H61h

***Making Use of the Census*, 4th rev. ed.**

by Susan Lumas, 2002
929.341 L95m3

***A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*, 2nd ed.**

by Brian Mitchell, 2002
Ref. 929.3415 M68n1

Researching English Probate Records

by Penelope Christensen, 2001
929.342 C55rp

United States

Asian American Genealogical Sourcebook

edited by Paula K. Byers, 1995
Ref. 929.373 A83b

***Handybook for Genealogists: United States of America*, 10th ed., 2002**

929.373 H23e1



Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

The History and Government Division offers free genealogy workshops, about once a month. 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.

Fall 2003 dates and topics:

Canadian Birth, Marriage and Death Records for Genealogists

Saturday, September 13
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, August 25

- Civil records of births, marriages and deaths are one of the most important sources for genealogists. In Canada, these records are collected by the

provinces, and their extent and availability varies considerably from province to province. Learn more about Canadian birth, marriage and death records and how to access them in print, on microfilm, and via the Internet. The workshop will also touch on related topics, including church records and obituary searches.

Genealogical Resources at the Vancouver Public Library

Saturday, November 8

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, October 20

- This workshop provides an overview of genealogical resources available at VPL and how to use them. Topics include: Library subject divisions for genealogists using the library catalogue, microfilm, print and Internet resources, and a tour of History & Government Division.

British Genealogy on the Internet

Saturday, December 6

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, November 10

- A hands-on introduction to key websites for those exploring their British roots.

Programs Elsewhere in the Lower Mainland

Finding Your Roots: 7th Annual Tri-Stake Family History Seminar

Saturday, October 18

8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Surrey B.C. Stake Centre

Free

More information: 604-597-9695

Roots Around the World 2003 - Abbotsford Genealogical Society

Saturday, October 25

8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Rick Hansen Secondary School, Abbotsford, B.C.

Cost: \$50.00

More information: <http://rootsweb.com/~bcags/>

New Magazines

The Vancouver Public Library has recently started new subscriptions to two popular British family history periodicals. ***Family History Monthly*** and ***Family Tree Magazine*** each contain a variety of articles, tips and other information for genealogists, in an attractive, interesting format. These magazines cannot be borrowed, but may be browsed in the library. They are located on the magazine shelves in the History & Government Division on Level 6.

B.C. and Ontario Vital Events

The most recent annual update set of B.C. birth, marriage and death registrations on microfilm is now available in the History & Government Division. This set includes 1902 births, 1927 marriages, and 1982 deaths.

An annual update set of Ontario vital event indexes has also now been released, comprising indexes of 1906 births, 1921 marriages and 1931 deaths. These have been received by the History & Government Division. PLEASE NOTE, however, that due to a problem with the 1906 birth index, the reel has had to be returned. Hopefully, a replacement film will arrive soon.



Manitoba Vital Events Now on the Web

The Province of Manitoba has joined B.C. and New Brunswick in providing online access to searchable indexes of birth, marriage, and death records.

The range of records covered includes births more than 100 years ago, marriages more than 80 years ago, and deaths more than 70 years ago.

The database can be searched by last name, given name(s), place of birth, and year. Details provided about each individual may include name, date and place of birth, and parents' names (including the mother's maiden name), dates and places of birth, and age.

Certified copies of the original records can be obtained from the Manitoba Vital Statistics Agency for \$12 each.

Access the search page at:

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/cca/vital/Query.php>

Did you know?

*B.C. Pre-Confederation Marriages,
Overseas Casualties*

B.C. genealogists are well aware of the online indexes on the B.C. Archives website that provide access to publicly-released vital events records for the province. (The website may be accessed at <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca>) In the case of births, the records cover the period from 1872 until 100 years ago. Marriages are available if they took place more than 75 years ago, and deaths more than 20 years.

Perhaps not everyone realizes, though, that as well as recording deaths that occurred in the

province, the 1872-1982 death index also comprises death registration records for B.C. residents who died overseas during World War II. To locate such records, users can search nominally (by name). If the place of death is known, this may be entered in the **Place** search box, for example, "France" or "Japan".

Note that there is nothing on the B.C. Archives website to indicate that searches of the death index include this special set of records.

The registrations themselves have been filmed on a different size of microfilm than the regular B.C. vital event records, and for this reason, are shelved separately. Please ask the library staff if you need help locating them.

Another interesting set of records that can be searched via the B.C. Archives vital events search engine is the Colonial Marriages, also known as the Pre-Confederation Marriage Records.

The set includes about 800 marriages registered in B.C. between 1859-1872. The registration certificates are similar to those that were issued in Britain at the time.

The record set may be searched separately on the B.C. Archives Vital Events search page by selecting the "Colonial Marriages (1859-1872)" index.

Also Noted . . .

The 9th annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be held January 12-16, 2004 in Salt Lake City. More information: www.infouga.org, or e-mail: institute@infouga.org

VPL website: www.vpl.ca

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