



BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

AFFILIATE SOCIETIES

1. **Who can become a BCGS Affiliate?** Any genealogy group or society in British Columbia.
2. **Why become a BCGS Affiliate?** The aim behind this category is to create a network for family historians in the Province of British Columbia to share, learn, and promote family history throughout BC, to develop stronger ties with each organization, and to cooperate and collaborate where possible.
3. **What is the annual cost?** BCGS Membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st and is \$65.00 per year.
4. **What are the benefits of your Society becoming an Affiliate Society?**
 - a. Receive a copy of the quarterly *British Columbia Genealogist* eJournal.
 - b. Receive a copy of the monthly e*Newsletter*.
 - c. Receive the weekly e*GenBlasts*.
 - d. Affiliate societies are 'advertised' on our BCGS Website, to encourage researchers to make contact with these groups.
 - e. Affiliates can advertise or promote any of their projects, through notices or articles in the *British Columbia Genealogist* eJournal or in the e*Newsletter*.
 - f. Members of Affiliate societies **1)** will receive BCGS member pricing to any BCGS sponsored seminars or events; **2)** can submit articles to either the *Newsletter* or *Journal*; **3)** are welcome to attend any Coffee Chats via Zoom; **4)** are welcome to attend the monthly BCGS General Meetings via Zoom; **5)** have access to and can research in the BCGS library for free (non-members pay a \$5.00 daily research fee).
 - g. Affiliate societies and their members are welcome to join in any BCGS projects.
5. **BCGS Website Member Resources?**
 - a. Affiliate societies and their members do not have access to the BCGS website Member Resources. Only full members of BCGS have access to these resources.
 - b. Some of the resources in this area include:
 - i. Journal Exchanges – digital journals from our Exchange Societies with more being added as permissions received.
 - ii. Pioneer Registry – a list of more than 3800 BC pioneers, submitted by BCGS members over the last three decades. Pioneers are people who arrived in BC prior to 1925.
 - iii. BC Church Records – records and transcriptions from churches around BC.
 - iv. Memorial Benches – photos and transcriptions of memorial benches in Richmond BC – work in progress and more communities will be added as time goes on.
 - v. BC Newspaper Clippings Index – index of newspaper clippings – birth, marriage and death announcements from BC newspaper – project ongoing.
 - vi. And more to come!