

# BCGS



# NEWS

For Our Members and About Our Members – Celebrating 50 Years in 2021.

**Zoom  
with us  
November  
10th**



Above: Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, Normandy, France  
Left: Cenotaph, White Rock BC

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## Welcome

to our new members

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**NEW!**  
**Interactive  
BCGS Month  
at a Glance**  
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## COVER

By **June Gauntley #5112** Two locations are mixed here: White Rock's cenotaph in 2015, and the background, which is the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery and the final resting place of Canadian soldiers killed during the early stages of the Battle of Normandy in the Second World War, Reviers, Calvados, France.



# Message from the President

Eunice Robinson #112, [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca)

Has Covid kept you home and feeling unfulfilled for the last two years? Volunteering is very rewarding and we would love to have you help out with one of our many teams of BCGS volunteers.

The British Columbia Genealogical Society depends on our valued volunteers, and there are always more opportunities for those who are interested in little, medium, and big-sized tasks. The ideas, enthusiasm and energy of our volunteers are our society's battery chargers, which allow us to keep moving forward.

Lately, we have had some major changes in our leadership teams:

- **Chris Engstrom** is our new Cataloguing Team leader. Since 2016, Chris has been working closely with the former team leader **Jane Stringer**, who recently retired after 16 years as "Cataloguer-in-Chief".

- **Keith MacNutt** has joined the Technical Team to look after our computer hardware needs. **George Caldwell** is continuing as our "Go To" person for software.
- **George** has just taken over from **Peter Claydon** as our Booking Indexing Data Base Manager. Peter says he created the data base in 1996 and added the 1994 Vancouver Voters List the same year – that's 25 years ago!

**Remembrance Day Newsletter**—BCGS Newsletter Editor Sue Sullivan received an overwhelming and much-appreciated number of submissions in response to her request for photos and captions to honour our military veterans. Instead of publishing the submissions in this newsletter, we will publish a *Remembrance Day* edition closer to November 11th. What a lovely way to remember our family members who served their country.

**Until next month, happy researching!**

## WEDNESDAY, November 10th BCGS MEMBERS' ZOOM MEETING

- A Zoom invitation to the BCGS Members Meeting will be sent to members, so watch your inbox for the Zoom link, meeting number and password.



- If you don't receive the email by the day before the meeting, please contact [info@bcgs.ca](mailto:info@bcgs.ca) for assistance.
- A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.

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# November 10th MEETING

Presented by Colin MacGregor Stevens #5088

1st half will be about researching World War I veterans

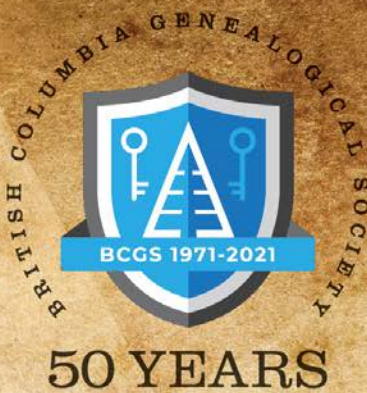
2nd half will be about researching their part in the capture of Vimy Ridge.

BCGS SPECIAL EDITION

## *Lest We Forget*

Watch your inbox  
for our very special  
Remembrance Day issue  
"Celebrating Our Veterans"



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## BCGS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Seminar Series

9:30 am to 12:30 pm PDT • [Register at bcgs.ca](http://bcgs.ca)

**BCGS members FREE • Non-members \$25 per seminar**

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**Johanne Gervais**

**Saturday, Nov 27**

- **Quebec Notarial Records**
- **Early New France  
Census Records**

**Johanne Gervais**, BSc, MBA, worked for over 25 years in Montreal, developing and implementing computer business systems. She became interested in genealogy while helping her husband write a book about his family for his mother's 90th birthday. In 2008, she left the corporate world to dedicate herself to genealogical research.

Johanne is the founder of the ***Quebec Genealogical eSociety***, a virtual non-profit society. Johanne has her own company *Gervais-Laekas Services* which includes *Quebec Family Search*. She lives in St-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC.

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**The Recap from Dave Obee's October 30th Seminar  
will be in the December Issue**

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# Caring for your FAMILY TREASURES



**FREE!**

**Sat, Nov 27  
1-2pm**

**Registration required  
Call 604-598-7328 or email  
familyhistory@surrey.ca**

Join Surrey Archives and Museum of Surrey Curatorial staff to learn how we care for Surrey's historical items and how it can be applied to your family treasures at home. Share stories and swap tips on caring for your old photos, documents, papers, textiles and more.

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# BCGS 2022 Membership Renewals

Renew anytime up to December 31st and have a chance to win a prize!

Five winners will be drawn at the January General Meeting. First prize will be a **FREE** BCGS membership\*. Our other winners will be able to choose from a selection of wonderful genealogy books.

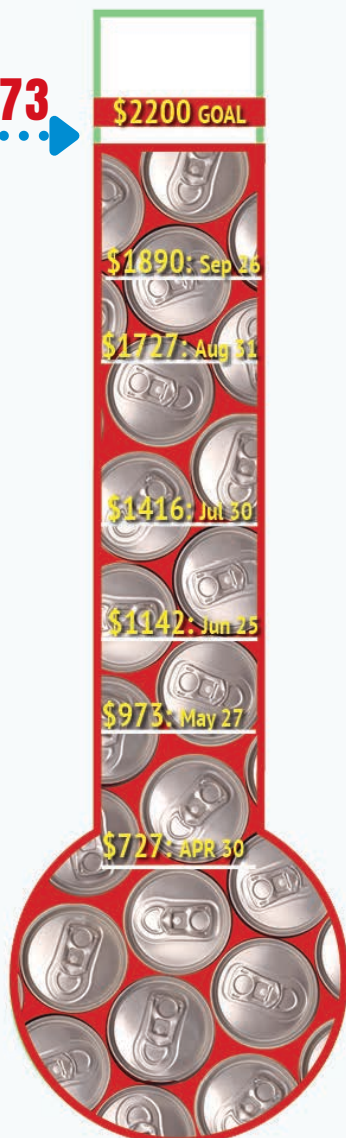
[Click here](#) to go straight to our renewal page on our website.

\*You will be refunded, or you can give your membership to a friend or family member.

## Drum Roll Please!

### BCGS LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT

**\$2,133.73**  
OCT 31



by Bill Clayton, member #4439

BCGSers have been donating bottles and cans at the Library at a great rate this year. Each month, more and more members are taking their bottles and cans to their closest **Return-It Centres**. Before we created our BCGS Return-It account, our goal was to raise \$2,200 in 2021 for the Library Recycling Project.

By the time you read this newsletter, BCGS members and supporters already will have donated in **excess of \$2,100** for library improvement projects. Since we'll have no trouble reaching our funding-raising target, let's see **"how high can we go!"**

As always, donations can be dropped off at the Library or in Bill Clayton's driveway. Bill makes weekly trips to his local **Return-It Centre**, where he uses our BCGS library's phone number **604-502-9119** as the code to print labels for attaching to each clear plastic bags bag of donated bottles and cans.

Thank you to everyone who has been generously donating to the **Alice Marwood Fund** that allows us to make steady improvements to our library building, without draining the BCGS operating budget.

Some donations already have been used to refurbish the Library Board room, and similar projects are in the planning stage. If you have suggestions for other projects, please call Bill to discuss your ideas.



Thanks to all of you—  
your generosity is  
much appreciated.

These funds are for the **Alice Louise Marwood Fund (ALM Fund)**, which is dedicated to the upkeep of the Library. Bill processes the donations each week and makes monthly deposits to the BCGS.

# The Sacrifices of War

by Meg McLaughlin, member #3847

Before I visited Islay for the first time, I had been researching my family there for decades, but there's nothing like being there. I hoped that when I set stepped in the places where my ancestors had walked, I might be able to find the place in Glenegedale where the family had farmed for generations. Maybe their home still stood. Perhaps members of the family still lived there. But a short trip there in 2010 disabused me of that notion and a later visit filled in more details of what had happened.

In May of 1912, when Hugh Hunter died, he was a joint tenant of the farm at Glenegedale. He left his interest in the farm to his two nephews, Lachlan and John Hunter. With the outbreak of war, the eldest, Lachlan, stayed on to run the farm. His brother, John, joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, as did many of the men from that part of Islay. It was not hard to find out what happened to John. His story was written in stone in a Hunter gravestone in the Kilnaughton Cemetery and his name, written as Cpl. J. Hunter, appears on the cenotaph in Port Ellen, third in the list of men from the parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

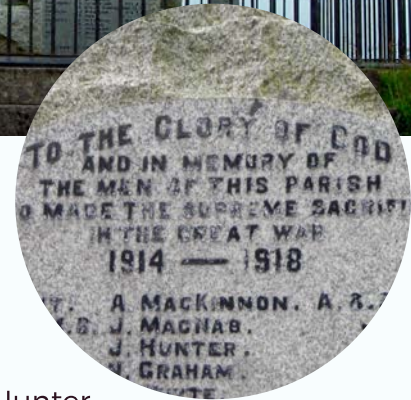


*The Museum of Islay Life*

But wars affect more than those who go away to fight. The people left behind not only mourn the dead, but often have their lives affected in other ways as well. Just how much war affected the Hunter family, I found out when I consulted the valuation rolls at the Museum of Islay Life in Port Charlotte. The valuation rolls for 1940-41 listed the house and



*Islay cenotaph in Port Ellen. Close-up below.*



farm at Glenegedale, with tenant or occupier as Western Isles Airways Ltd and the inhabitant or occupier as Lachlan Hunter.

By 1943-44, no farm was listed. Instead the entry was for the house and airport, Glenegedale, the tenant now being Western Isles Airways Ltd. and the inhabitant or occupier, the Secretary of State for Air. An online search for the history of the airport at Glenegedale resulted in a Wikipedia article. The original air strip came about as the result of Churchill's order requiring military airports to be set up on the islands in western Scotland. The article further stated that WWII saw a mind-boggling 1500 RAF personnel stationed at the airport on Islay. The influx of military personnel would have greatly changed life on the small island of Islay for the duration of the war. But for Lachlan Hunter, who had been ousted from the farm his family had worked for generations, life had no chance of going back to what it had been before the war. The farm, now under a runway, was another casualty of war.

*Meg writes about history and genealogy in A Genealogist's Path to History [genihistorypath.blogspot.ca](http://genihistorypath.blogspot.ca). Read more about her findings in her blog.*



# “If it wasn’t for the war.....”

by Lorie Heshka #A5854, Affiliate Member,  
Nanaimo Family History Society

On the 26th September 1941, **William Frederick Reuben Harris** (known as Reuben), a farm boy from Southeast Saskatchewan, answered the call of his country to serve in the Second World War. He was 23 years old. Two of his brothers, Reg and Norman, had also signed up, leaving their youngest brother Ralph to help out on the farm.

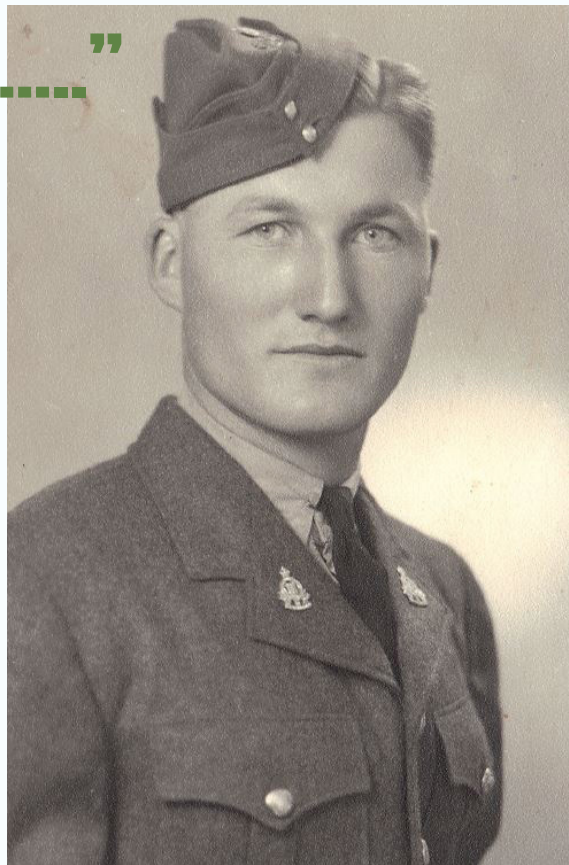
Reuben trained throughout Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan and Truro, Nova Scotia, among other places.

He trained as a motor mechanic with the Royal Canadian Army's Ordnance Corp (RCOC), 3rd Anti-Tank Regt, 3rd, Canadian Division. In February 1944, while he was in Germany, he became part of the Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), which had just been formed.

In September of 1943, Reuben was deployed to England and continued his training at Aldershot, Hampshire, England. Luckily, his mother's family lived in nearby Horsell, Surrey, so just a short bus ride would have landed him with them.

Reuben's older brother, Reg, also trained at Aldershot. With the boys being so close to their aunts, they certainly enjoyed the meals they prepared for them. Reg only saw a couple of days action before he was captured during the Dieppe raid in August, 1942. He spent 3 ½ years in a German POW camp.

Reuben and the rest of his regiment were happy as D-Day, as we call it today, was approaching. We can only imagine what the soldiers were feeling as they crossed the English Channel to France; elation to



finally be seeing action in Europe, exhilaration, terror, anxiety. Probably all the above!

Reuben landed on the banks of Normandy with his regiment, the Canadian 3rd Anti-Tank Regiment, at about 4am on the morning of the June 7 1944. He and his assistant Percy Hudson stayed with the truck. To protect it from the beach water of Normandy they coated the engine with grease.

My sister, Elaine, has kept notes from our father. *“We moved though Caen and up the coast toward Boulogne-sur-Mer and Calais. Then into Belgium, though Ghent and Antwerp and into Holland. They spent the winter of 1944 at Nijmegen-oost in Holland. We had to stop because the bridges had been blown up by the Germans as they retreated.”*





# What's in

# a Name?

**by P. Michelle Caden,  
Affiliate Member  
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Prince George  
Genealogical Society**



What is in a name? If you're an adoptee, it's a lot. My journey to self-identification took over half my lifetime. During that search there were so many disappointments and roadblocks. However, after a 40-year discovery, I am finally able to identify and claim my personal history.

I was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba to an unwed mother. Back then, the stigma attached to an unwed pregnancy was enormous. Life-changing, for not only the mother, but the entire family. So many women chose not to tell their families but to go on a 'holiday' or 'take a job away from their community'. They would give birth and then return to their families who were simply not aware of what had happened. That was the case for my birth mother. The only family member who knew of my birth was her mother, my grandmother. Once a child was relinquished there was rarely any future contact with anyone from the birth family.

Such was my case. I was adopted at six weeks of age from Catholic Family Charities in Manitoba. My adopted family moved within a few years to Calgary, Alberta, where I was raised with an adopted brother. I always knew I was adopted and was told I was French Canadian. That is what my adopted parents were told when they adopted me. I was raised believing this heritage to be the absolute truth.

The search for my family history was always in the back of my mind and especially when I was having my own children. When I had my third child and the physician asked my family history, I could provide nothing. For whatever reason, that resonated deeply with me. My husband, on the other hand, had generations of information about his family available. The fact that I knew nothing about my birth family or their history, health or culture set me on a quest for answers. That was 40 years ago. There was no internet or a government registry to reunite adoptees and the parents who relinquished them.

As my adopted mother had provided me with my 'Decree Absolute' I knew my name at birth. From there I requested census records and began my research. There were a lot of questions and maneuvering to get co-operation from various government offices. I eventually received 'non-identifying information' from the same Catholic Family Charities where I had been adopted so many years before. The information they provided offered little information, but I knew I was on the right path. Next, I put a personal advertisement in the newspaper where I was born. In the meantime, I was scouring census records, trying to determine who my relatives could be, based on my birth name. It all led me in the right direction, but provided no firm answers.

A D O P T I O N



After a number of months, I received a phone call from Catholic Family Charities advising me that a man had seen my advertisement and contacted their office saying he thought I was the daughter that had been relinquished years before. Catholic Charities finally provided me his name and I set up a phone meeting through Social Services, as there were no other ways for an adoptee and the person who relinquished a child to communicate. That telephone meeting did not go well, but he did provide me with my birth mother's name. No matter how much research I did, I couldn't find that information.

Weeks later, I telephoned my birth mother and explained who I was. I didn't want to pressure her or make her feel I had any expectations from her. I left it with her to call me back. Anxious weeks went by as I waited. Finally, I couldn't take it any longer and I re-contacted her. It went well and she eventually came to visit my family while we were living in Smithers. My children and husband immediately liked her and she spent a wonderful week with us.

When I dropped her off at the Greyhound bus terminal for her long trip back to Winnipeg, she turned to me and said 'Michelle, you really should research your Métis roots'. That sentence changed my life forever. The first thing I did was go home and find out what Métis meant. I had no

idea. Nor did my family. That sentence lead me down a path that I'm still following. I hit so many brick walls: people who didn't want to share information and many government agencies that would provide nothing. It appeared that if you were adopted, you were really on your own to figure out your life and history.

Thank goodness that this appears to be changing and more information is now readily available.

When I was adopted in the 1950's, adoption agencies would never have told a potential adoptive family that I was (and am) Métis - half Indigenous and half European (Belgian). Sadly, due to racism and discrimination, revealing that cultural history may have prevented or prolonged my adoption by any family. Instead, they said I was of French-Canadian descent.

All the years of research, brick walls and frustration finally came to a happy conclusion when the Freedom of Information Act opened Manitoba's archives, and I was able to get records that previously had been denied to me. I contacted the Manitoba Métis Foundation, which guided me through the process to get the records I needed. I wrote to Statistics Manitoba and received a 'Record of Live Birth'. That document, my Decree Absolute and genealogy information from the St. Boniface Historical Society, provided me all the documentation I needed to get my Manitoba Métis card.

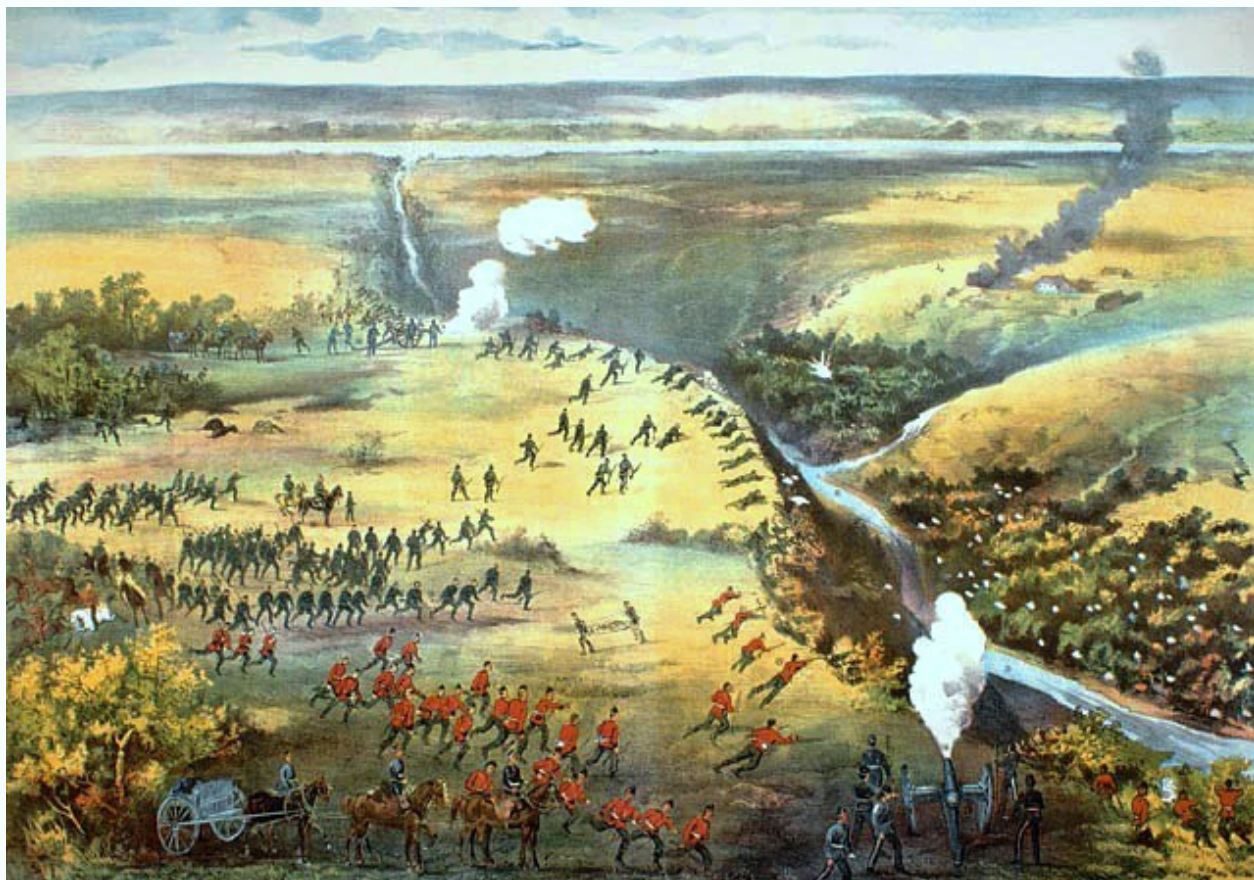
I discovered that I had a Great Uncle who was killed at the Battle of Fish Creek, during the 1885 Northwest Rebellion. I also found out I had many relatives who were granted Scrip. Scrip provided a means to fulfilling the terms of the 1870 Manitoba Act – the outcome of negotiations between the Manitoba Métis and Ottawa, following the 1870 Red River Resistance.

In British Columbia, Métis can self-identify, so I have had a British Columbia Métis card for many years. In Manitoba, you have to prove Métis lineage. There have been a few visits back and forth between my family and my birth mother's family. I have a half-sister and a half-brother who have passed away. However, my birth mother has provided only a little information about her family history, and has never shared any photos with me.

Ancestry.ca brought me one more wonderful connection. I was contacted by

a second cousin who saw my family tree on Ancestry's website. She called and told me more about my birth family than I could have hoped for. We've talked many times, and she's shared photos, stories and so much history. I could not have asked for a better connection.

The closing of Prince George Genealogical Society is certainly devastating for Prince George genealogists. I am grateful for the assistance I've received and the opportunity to join such a wonderful group of people. My journey to find my heritage took me so many years, and I want others to know that it's important to continue their research. It's easy to become frustrated and give up. When that happens, don't put aside all your hard work permanently. Bring it out again to look at it with fresh eyes. You'll be surprised to see you can move forward... slow and steady.



Battle of Fish Creek 1885, Manitoba—Creative Commons

# Getting Started with Genealogy

Join experienced Genealogist Celia Lewis, from the BC Genealogical Society (BCGS), online as she reviews research strategies and resources that will help you trace your family history.



Presented In partnership with the British Columbia Genealogical Society

## Which Genealogy Website Is the Best? Where Do I Start?

Monday, November 15 | 6:30–8:30 pm

Learn about the “big 4” genealogical websites, plus other great resources for genealogy research. The presenter will also cover recommended search techniques and discuss ways to organize paper or digital records. There will be time for participants to ask questions following the presentation.

Registration: [coquitlam.libnet.info/event/5504735](http://coquitlam.libnet.info/event/5504735)

## Discover BCGS: Your Long-Term Genealogy Education

Monday, November 22 | 6:30–8:30 pm

Discover the depth of resources held by the BCGS, including their amazing library of over 18,000 books, plus journals, maps, and more. BCGS members also enjoy free classes, education evenings at monthly meetings, BC research requests, and monthly “Coffee Chat” meetings (by country).

Registration: [coquitlam.libnet.info/event/5500065](http://coquitlam.libnet.info/event/5500065)

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## SCOTTISH SIG WEBINARS - FREE

Organized by Christine Woodcock -  
Offered by the Scottish SIG of Ontario  
Ancestors — All Webinars take place at  
10am EST/ 7am PDT.

### INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WEBINARS

**NOV 18** *Scottish Marriage: Instantly Buckled for Life* presented by Genealogist Chris Paton

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**DEC 9** *Customs, Traditions and Superstitions* presented by Christine Woodcock

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## Holiday Foods and Your Family History

What foods does your family eat during the holidays? The answer to that might bring up memories of what you ate as a child versus now. Food is an important piece of our family history. This presentation will cover some of the stories behind holiday foods and how you can document your family's food history.

Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master's degree in Religion. Her published works include two books, numerous articles published in magazines and online, as well as five editions of the Tracing Your Ancestors series from Morsehead Publishing. She is the editor of the Utah Genealogical Association's magazine, Crossroads. Her writings can be found on her blogs, Gena's Genealogy and Food.Family.Ephemera as well as on the GenealogyBank blog. She has presented to diverse groups worldwide including the Legacy Family Tree Webinar series. Her current research includes women's repatriation and citizenship in the 20th century, foodways and community in fundraising cookbooks, and women's material culture.

**Please CLICK HERE for registration**

**December 2, 2021 – 7:pm PST (Zoom) with Gena Philibert-Ortega**

\$10 CAD for Non-members of the Qualicum Beach Family History Society

## NOVEMBER LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

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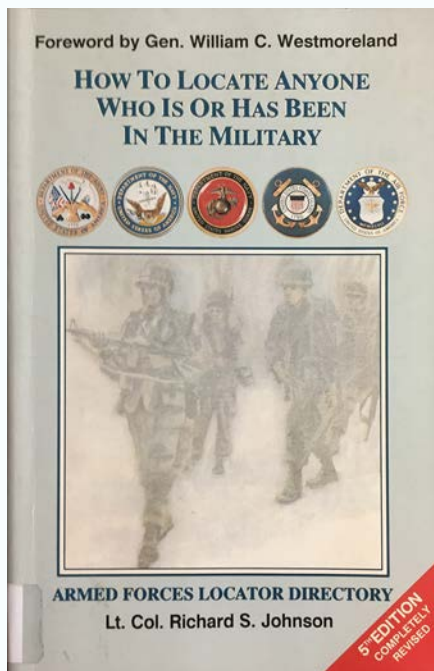


## Report from between the Library Stacks

**Corrine Jubb #5215, BCGS Library Administrator**

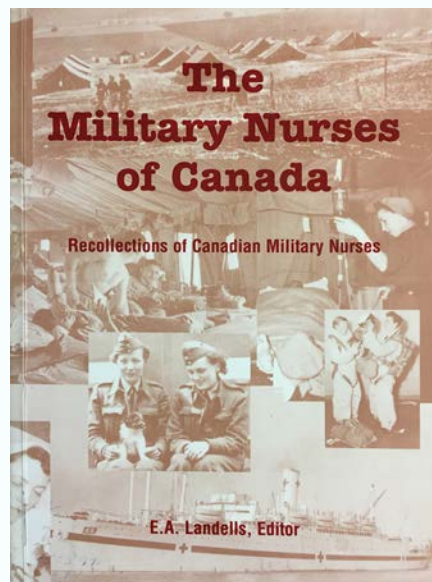
Military history topics include war strategy, uniforms, medals, regimental histories and soldiers' diaries. The BCGS library has books from different conflicts around the world.

### Three military books from the library:



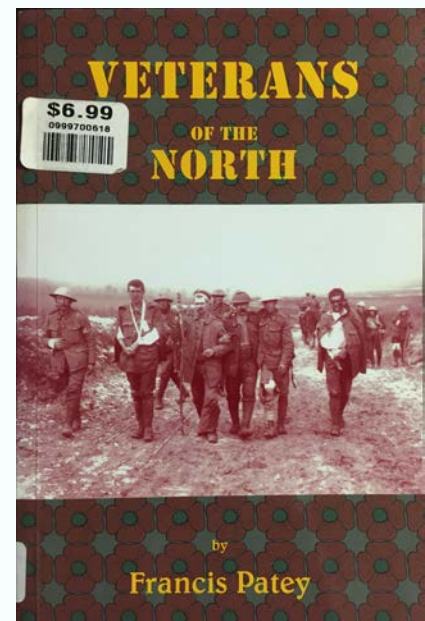
#### **355 ' 973 JOH**

*"How to Locate Anyone Who is or Has Been in the Military"*  
by Lt. Colonel Richard S. Johnson



#### **355 ' 971 LAN**

*"The Military Nurses of Canada"*  
- editor E. A. Landells



#### **355 ' 971.8 PAT -**

*"Veterans of the North"* by Frances Patey (Newfoundland & Labrador Veterans of WWI & WWII, Korean & Gulf Wars)



### **The library is looking for volunteers!**

4th Thursday each month—afternoon shift from 12:30 to 3 pm

5th Thursday afternoon shift from 12:30 to 3 pm

This usually is only two or three times each year.

**Training and library familiarization will be provided.**



## PACIFIC REGION

### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

- Fraser Valley
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- Lower Mainland

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## Message from the BCGS eJournal Editor

This note in a corner of my newspaper caught my eye last week:

***"On October 7, 1901 Carillonneur Percival Price was born in Toronto."***

It described where he was trained and how he had helped design the Peace Tower Carillon in Ottawa. That is a lovely bell tower, a joy to hear on special days.

I hadn't run across other notes about this unusual occupation - Carillonneur, one that belongs to prior centuries. There are other occupations that are not seen in current times, such as Couranteurs, who worked in journalism, or Fabers and Pargeters, who worked in the building trades.

**Lynne Fletcher**  
**eJournal Editor**  
**#5353**



Jobs have changed over the centuries, and continue to do so in this century.

Do you have an ancestor who practiced a occupation not seen nowadays ? Could you share a story or anecdote about that person with our members?

We look forward to reading your story - please send it, and perhaps a picture to, [Journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:Journal@bcgs.ca)



## Begin with Books - Leave the Internet at Home

By Ann Buchanan #5583

It was a small group but highly successful. On Sept. 26, 2021, Corrine Jubb and I hosted a workshop at the BCGS Genealogical Library entitled, "Begin with Books - Leave the internet at home." The workshop was created to address the concern that family historians, especially new ones, tend to think everything is on the Internet. They feel that if it is not on one of the major commercial genealogy sites such as Ancestry.com, FindMyPast.com and MyHeritage.com, the information is not available. The workshop was designed to show attendees that there is much more available in the books and other holdings available in the library.

The workshop started with a personal tour of stacks of books and in-house databases to show the attendees what is available for their personal research. The BC Genealogical Library is an affiliate of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. A demonstration was given to show how the affiliate version of FamilySearch.org gives patrons free access to documents not available from home.

**Cyndi Smith** says, "I tend to do most of my research online but decided to attend the Begin with Books afternoon. As I was browsing the books on Ontario, I recognized an area my 3x Great Grandfather had settled in the mid 1800's. I took the book to the table and opened it up to find to my surprise a write up on the family and a photograph I had never seen before of the family home. It was a very successful day."

**Celia Lewis** loves libraries, she says, and is a volunteer once/month. "It was a pleasure to see how re-organized and up to date our Library is. I brought several of

*my ancestors' details with me to research using books/journals on our shelves, and I'm glad I was prepared. I ended up signing out 8 volumes of the Connecticut Genealogical Society journal, The Nutmegger, as I discovered detailed information about two of my Connecticut ancestor families! And I methodically checked through all the books and journals for several of the New England states, finding more treasures with great information on my mother's early lines in the US. Definitely worthwhile. Plus it was great to chat with others, and share our finds!"*

I found a book about the Irish rebellion of 1798 that included some of the trial transcripts about the murder of my ancestor's sister. I learned that she was murdered by three women and a young man because she was an "orange whore".

The most amazing discovery that day was how enjoyable it was to share our finds with each other as they happened. At this time, when Zoom meetings and internet research has become the norm, it was so enjoyable to personally discuss ideas and successes. It made Corrine and I realize



that the workshop should be a regular event and we plan to host another one in March 2022.



# Coffee Chats on Zoom

—also known as **Special Interest Groups [SIGs]**

Before COVID, Chats were held at the BCGS Genealogical Library. Although the library is reopened, Coffee Chats will remain on Zoom for now.

Watch this space and the website for breaking news.



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

COFFEE CHAT

**Introductory DNA**

**Monday, November 1, 1 to 3 pm**

RSVP Sharon Clayton

[sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



## NEW FRENCH-CANADIAN

COFFEE CHAT

**Tuesday, November 2, 7 to 9 pm**

With Kim Kujawski & Sue Sullivan

RSVP [kim@tfcg.ca](mailto:kim@tfcg.ca)



## SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, November 4, 7 to 9 pm**

With Lorraine Irving/Eunice Robinson

RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



## ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, November 11, 7 to 9 pm**

With Ann Buchanan

RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

COFFEE CHAT

**Parental Puzzles (NPE)**

**Monday, November 15, 1 to 3pm**

RSVP Sharon Clayton

[sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



## ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

**Tuesday, November 16, 7 to 9 pm**

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham

RSVP Terry Hartley [terrhart1@gmail.com](mailto:terrhart1@gmail.com)



## IRELAND COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, November 18, 7 to 9 pm**

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



## ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, November 25, 7 to 9 pm**

With Janet White

RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



## PRAIRIES COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, December 2, 7 to 9 pm**

With Judith Eueland

RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



## ATLANTIC CANADA COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, December 9, 7 to 9 pm**

With Judith Eueland

RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



## WALES COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, December 16, 7 to 9 pm**

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



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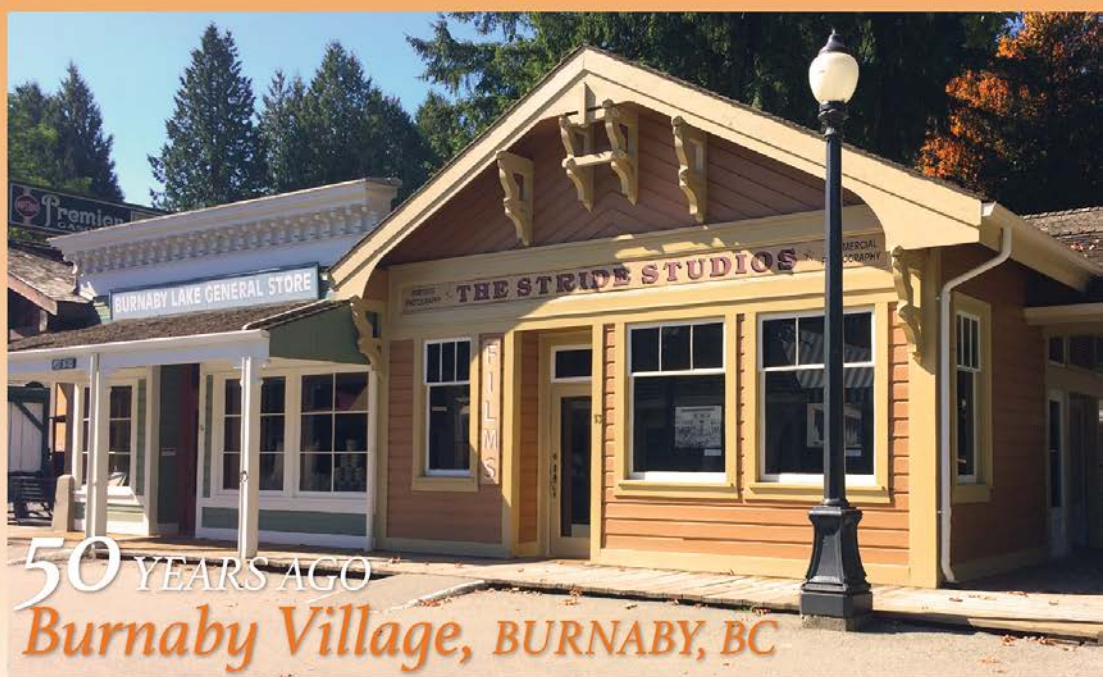
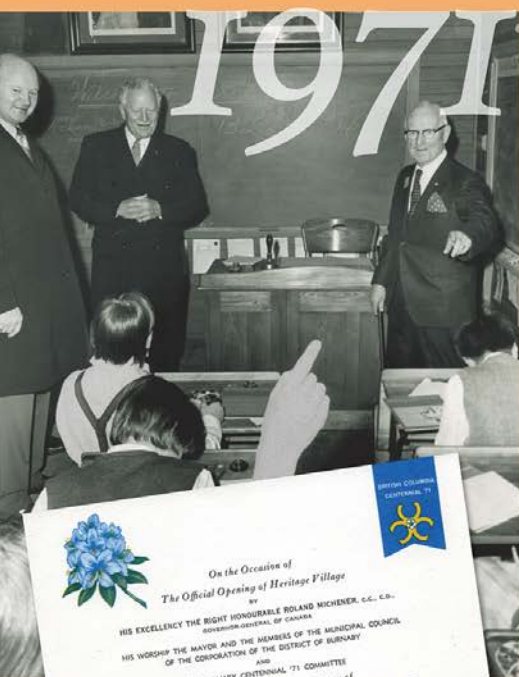
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# 50 Years Ago—November 1971



## 50 YEARS AGO Burnaby Village, BURNABY, BC



### Burnaby's 1971 Centennial Project **BURNABY HERITAGE VILLAGE**

**Burnaby Heritage Village** was designed to depict a typical tram stop community, reflecting the Lower Mainland's 1890-1920 history. The open-air museum's first featured attractions were Jubilee Station and the Interurban Tram 1223.

Canada's Governor General, The Honourable Roland Michener, officially opened the museum on November 19, 1971. The illustrated invitation to attend the *Official Opening* was issued to Mary Trainer, the Centennial Coordinator for Burnaby's 1971 Centennial Committee.

During his visit to the schoolhouse, the Governor General watched Mr. H.B. MacLean,

founder of the *MacLean Method of Writing*, teach a group of children dressed in period costumes. At the blacksmith shop, he seems to have taken a keen interest in watching a horse being shod.

By the end of November 21st, about 15,000 visitors had visited the new attraction, but the museum did not reopen until Canada Day, 1972.

In 1984, the name was changed to **Burnaby Village Museum**. Today, the elegantly refurbished Interurban Tram, the **1912 C.W. Parker Carousel** and spectacular Christmas decorations are among the most popular of Burnaby Village Museum's attractions.

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### November Celebration Days:

All Saints' Day, Take your Kids to Work Day, Diwali Festival of Lights, Set your clocks back (*sleep in!*)/Daylight Saving Time ends, Remembrance Day, US Thanksgiving, Black Friday, First Sunday of Advent, First Day of Hanukkah, Cyber Monday.

### To-Do This Month:

Have you recorded your ancestors' military service?