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April is Volunteer Month



**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 7:30PM
APRIL 12TH**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Sharen Wixom, Savannah, GA #5968
Allan MacLeod, Mission #5969
Joy Mooney, Coquitlam #5970
Kathy McClelland, Surrey #5971
Loretta Welsh, Portland, OR #5972
Faren Wolfe, Lasqueti Island #5973
Janice Raffin, Vancouver #5974

IMPORTANT CHANGE

**BOTTLES & CANS
FUNDRAISER**

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ARE CLICKABLE AS LINKS

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER MONTH

FROM THE PRESIDENT

EUNICE ROBINSON #112,
PRESIDENT@BCGS.CA

Our Society is 100% volunteer run and staffed. Many hours are spent on a variety of projects – not only at the Library, but at members' homes, or out in the 'field'. Hours of indexing, typing, and research are accomplished each and every week. Over the past 12 months we have accumulated over 10,000 hours.

If you have the urge to become one of our volunteers, don't hesitate to contact me. We have projects large and small.

For those already volunteering, thank you. Our Society cannot function without you, and we truly appreciate your sharing your time, knowledge and expertise with us.

Our Spring Seminar series concludes this month with Jenny Mallin on April 22nd. Keep posted to learn more about our Fall Seminar series.

With the better weather coming our way, many of you may be travelling. If this will be a family history trip, we would love to hear about your 'adventures', successes and research tips.

Until next month, happy researching!

COFFEE CHATS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thank you
to Sheryl Wilson
#4937 for sending
in Easter Cards for
the cover!



APRIL 2023 SEMINAR

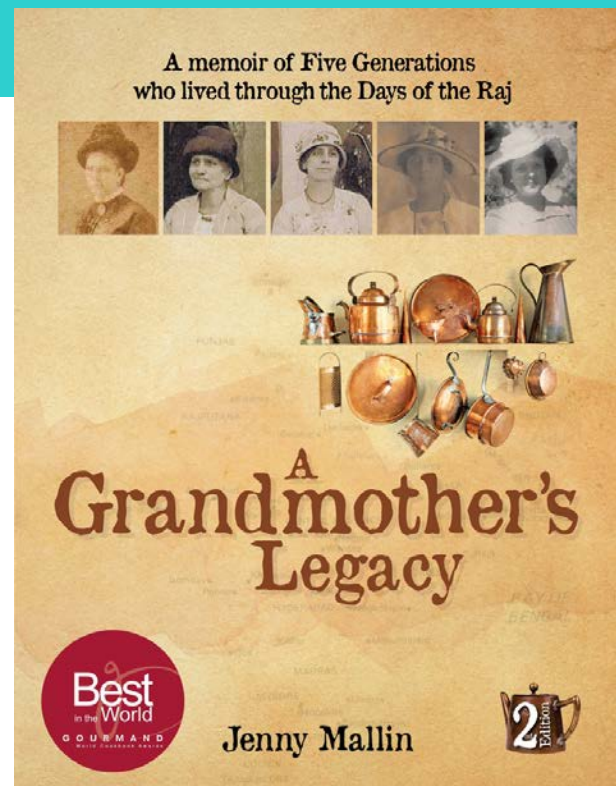
A Grandmother's Legacy; Saturday, April 22, 10 am with Jenny Mallin

A Grandmother's Legacy: the Early Days

We learn of three ancestors who all came from different backgrounds, joined the East India Company and the British Army in the 18th century and continued to serve in India for the next 22 years. We discover the challenges and changes which unfold over those years placing these ancestors to not only the battles they were involved in, but also through records we are able to gain an insight into their personal lives including their decision to stay in India and not return to England once their service was over. This is an in depth look at the "early day ancestors" and will be followed by a second talk on their future generations who decide to continue to live in India.

My Ancestors' Professions in the British Raj

This is a detailed talk focussing on the various professions of future generations who are very much part of the changing infrastructure in British India. Through a fascinating collection of family sepia photographs, we come across an ancestor who became schoolmaster of one of the first English medium schools in India, and we discover how the roles of engine driver and permanent way inspector were of paramount importance with the introduction of the railways in India. Finally we learn about the role of the apothecary in the military and cover an ancestor whose journey takes him from serving in the British Army as surgeon at Vellore Fort to tending to the injured at the Indian Rebellion of 1857. We discover how he continues to be involved with the wounded sepoys by running a small hospital/home for the sick and poorly in Madras and we follow his journey which takes us to the setting up of a self-sufficiency village for those who served in the military and wished to continue to live in India. Now in his advancing years, we witness and experience an endearing march by a small collection of white bearded gentlemen, men who had served as sepoys in the 1857 Mutiny who were about to receive their special medal of gallantry at the commemoration of the new Emperor of India, Edward VII, at the Delhi Durbar.



**Registrations close
Friday, April 21**
Members and Affiliate
members are free to attend

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER



Depending on how far back in time we go, our ancestral families didn't have the Internet, TV, or radio—but they likely would have had newspapers to inform them of events in their local community and the wider world. Many newspapers from the past 200 years or so have survived and are now available online, digitized from either the original copies or from microfilm. In this presentation we'll see by example the kinds of stories you might find about your ancestors; you'll learn some tips on how to locate online newspaper archives; and, once you've found a newspaper archive to search, how to maximize your chances of finding stories about your families. At the end of the presentation, there'll be time for you to share the genealogical gems you've found in newspapers.



MUSEUM of SURREY **HAVING FUN AT CELTIC FEST**

Lorraine Irving, Sue Sullivan and Ann Buchanan, represented our Society at the recent Celtic Fest. It only happens once a year in March and is well worth attending! Irish Dancers, Wolfhounds, Bagpipers — so much to see and experience.

We talked to lots of people, encouraging them to visit the BCGS Genealogy Library, and look us up—we handed out brochures and sold some of the non-genealogical leftovers from the book sale at Begin With Books.

HOW DO YOU STAY IN TOUCH WITH EVERYTHING BCGS?

ATTEND

MONTHLY
MEMBERS' MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 12TH**

Members will receive a Zoom invitation to our monthly meetings, so watch your email 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 for assistance.

A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.

READ

The **GenBlast** is in your INBOX—waiting for you

VISIT THE LIBRARY

Who knows what you will find there!

CLICK INTO

www.bcgs.ca
NEWS central

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Submission Deadline for the MAY newsletter is April 25, 2023
Email newsletter@bcgs.ca

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AT THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

BEGIN WITH BOOKS

Begin With Books, held March 19th, was a great success. People attended 4 mini-presentations on **Annual Yearbooks, Family Search, the United Empire Loyalists, and cemetery records**. But, I am sure they were really there for the cake.

We took this opportunity to thank **Corrine Jubb** and **Judy Rosmus** as they retired from being on the BCGS Board of Directors for 5 years. **Judith Ueland**, Vice President, thanked both of them for the many years of hard work they have given. She presented them with Appreciation Certificates and chocolates. Then everyone moved downstairs to the new lunch room to eat the special cake that said: **"Happy Board Retirement, Corrine and Judy. Volunteers are Priceless"**.



Unfortunately, Judy was not able to attend. Her certificate and chocolates have already been delivered to her. Judy has been the Treasurer for BCGS for 5 years. It is unfortunate that the BCGS bylaws say that the treasurer can not run for longer than 5 years. We would have liked her to continue. However, she will continue to work around the library. Among other things, she will be working with Corrine to organize donated family histories.

You will still see Corrine around the library. She will be the *BCGS Archivist*. She has also agreed to take on the *Indexing Project Coordination* position. Corrine has helped organize the Begin With Books Event since day one. She has worked with the Acquisition Committee to collect the books that are sold in the Begin With Books book sale.

**This time we made \$117 from sale of books and postcards.
The next Begin With Books Event will be in October, 2023.
We hope to see you there!**

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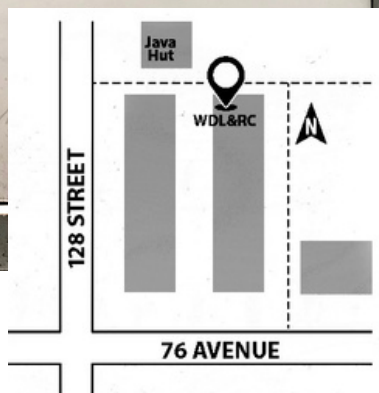


BRITISH COLUMBIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Walter Draycott Memorial Library & Resource Centre

604.502.9119

OPEN 10am – 3pm
Tuesday – Thursday – Saturday
www.bcgs.ca



Welcome to the LIBRARY!
**Tuesdays, Thursdays
and Saturdays
10am to 3pm.**

\$5 per day for non-members
The library is closed all
holiday weekends and if there
is extreme weather. Please
call to confirm hours
604.502.9119.

Unit 211, 12837 76 Ave, Surrey
There is no parking in the fire lanes.
You must park in a designated
BCGS parking stall or on the street.
Check with the library assistant on
duty if in doubt.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

DONATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE RETURN-IT DEPOT CLOSEST TO YOU

**Total \$
for 2023:
\$317.25**



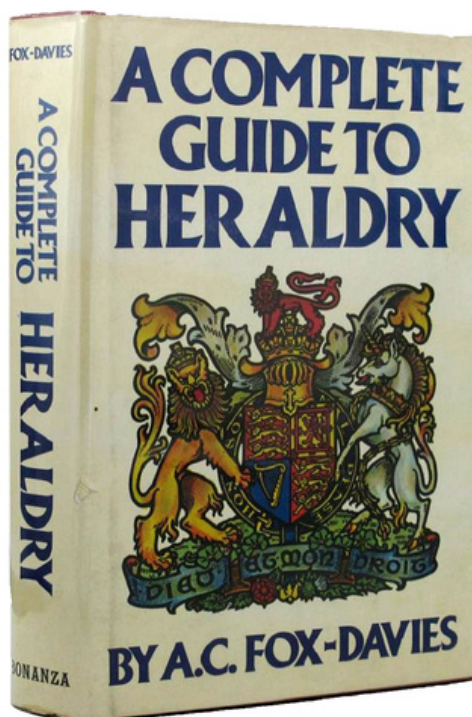
Bill is MOVING—NO more drop-offs to his FORMER driveway or the Library. Take directly to the nearest Return-It Depot.

Please return your bottles, cans, etc. to your nearest Return-It Centre in a clear plastic bag. Print a deposit label at their machine using the BCGS phone number 604-502-9119.



**Kept 3,219
Bottles from
the Landfill**

**51 Bags
Received**



929.6 FOX—A Complete Guide to Heraldry by A. C. Fox-Davies

FROM THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

GENEALOGICAL GEMS & ODDITIES

CELIA LEWIS, #5183

Oh my - this is seriously complete!! Filled with glorious colour images as well as black & white images of every part of a coat of arms. As stated on the front flap of the cover:

“Because only the sovereign could authorize and grant a coat of arms, its significance soon expanded beyond mere identification, and each family guarded their rights to and felt deep loyalty to its particular coat of arms.”

The design of a coat of arms is highly organized: each part has its specific name, and may be shown with a variety of animals in specific poses, symbols may be added at the top or bottom, and a Latin quote may run across the bottom. Note that a personal/family coat of arms is granted to individuals who are uninterrupted male-line descendants of the original person who was granted a coat of arms.

Because the coat of arms is such a stylized item, companies or individuals/families who wish to have a contemporary coat of arms designed for them will need to consult and authorize a legitimate Herald. He or she will be responsible for the design based on discussions. Our BC Genealogical Society developed their coat of arms with a Herald of Arms from the Canadian Heraldic Authority. It can be seen on our website, and on the panel of the Library front door.

The detailed Index at the back of this book is very complete, and will help you find any specific person or family, or details about the sections of a coat of arms. More than you might ever have wanted to know about coats of arms and heraldry!

MEET THE LIBRARY LADIES

Ann Buchanan, #5583
Librarian Administrator
 Retired General Insurance
 Brokerage Owner Office

Corrine Jubb, #5215
Archivist
 Computer Support



SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

Since becoming more involved with the BCGS, myself, I have met and had some great conversations with Ann and Corrine. Not only do these ladies travel together—they volunteer together at the library. Both ladies are so interesting and enjoy a great laugh. In the Library they are truly a dynamic duo. You will note as I have, that the one writes with detail and the other is short and concise (a cheerful difference in their personalities). This blend of style no doubt, is insight to the changes you may have noticed in the "Stacks" and the operations of the BCGS Genealogical Library—the heart of our Society.

Ann

ABOUT YOU; SPECIAL SKILLS, INTERESTS OR HOBBIES?

Corrine

Ann came in 2nd in the Black Powder Event at the Pioneer Games in Richmond in the 1980s. Earned a Master's degree in Liberal Studies, while working full-time.

Corrine loves genealogy, travel, dollhouse miniatures and various needlework forms.

ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH—

How old were you when you started family history and what drove you to it?

Mid-50's. My mother was orphaned when she was 13 years old. She had 4 older sisters and a younger brother. She was very bitter, because the children were separated and did not know where they went. I am quite happy to say that through my research and travels I have been able to connect with most of my first cousins—in Ireland, Scotland, England and Australia.

19. My parents retired near my grandparents, and it became a chance to know family and our history.

What surnames do you research? Do you have a favourite branch?

Coulter and Ibbotson. I enjoy each branch of my tree equally because they are so different. My COULTER side is difficult because I did not start with much information. My IBBOTSON side can be tracked directly in the same house in Threshfield, England to about 1520. However, just about every male for 400 years has the first name of John. My brother is John Andrew, my uncle is John Peter, my cousin is John Craig. While trying to sort all the "Johns", I realized that I was building a one name study. I have registered the IBBOTSON One Name Study with the Guild of One Name Studies and am now collecting all information that I can find in order to discover the original Ibbotson and where the family started.

Jubb, Hicks, Williams, Prodger, Campbell, Fleming, Jarvis, Givens, Dundas, and Dymond. Campbell & Carson - maternal grandmother. Many in printing trades including my mom.

What have been your biggest research breakthroughs?

I can't say I have had any particular exciting breakthrough. My research has been the slow, steady and tedious type.

Finding what happened to mother-in-law's father, after her half-sister started genealogy and posted a comment on a tree.

MEET THE LIBRARY LADIES CONTINUED

Ann

Who is your most stubborn Ancestor?

I have an ancestor that was hanged for murdering a young girl. I am researching his life so that I can better understand why. In fact, after reading the court transcripts, I am not sure that he was guilty. I do know that he had PTSD from being a soldier in WWI. This happened in the few months when the Republic of Ireland was being created and the laws of Ireland were changing. I find it very interesting how these new laws affected my ancestor's trial.

My paternal great-grandmother... no Canadian marriage found, lived in Sudbury ON and had only 1 child. The family story that she was from US has not yet been proved.

Corrine

ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BCGS—

How did you discover the BCGS?

I lived in Parksville and was a member of the Qualicum Beach Family History Society. Brenda Smith, a past BCGS member, came to speak and one time stayed at my home. This led to a friendship that introduced me to BCGS.

I lived in Victoria for some years and knew of the BCGS from the Victoria Genealogy Society.

When did you join the BCGS?

5 years ago when I retired and moved to Cloverdale.

2007, a couple of weeks after retiring and moving to Surrey

BCGS Meetings: In-Person vs Zoom Online?

Zoom Online. I have met more members over a wider geographical region with the online Zoom meetings.

In-Person. I found there were more opportunities to talk to more people.

Have you ever volunteered for the BCGS and in what capacity?

I think I am a professional volunteer. I have been on the Board of Directors for 4 years as a Director—now I am the Administration Secretary. I have always volunteered in the BCGS library—**now I am the Librarian.** I am also involved with many committees such as BC Research and Indexing.

I have volunteered in the BCGS library for 10 years. I was an Index typist for previous Librarian Betty Allen. Then 5 years as Library Administrator. Now I am **the Archivist.** I love “paper” organizing and the prep work for an archive.

What did you like best about volunteering?

I like meeting people and being busy. I like to think that I make a difference by volunteering.

Indexes created by various volunteers. Various societies have helped my research with indexes and so I feel good typing indexes that might help others.

Have you experienced any great discoveries at the library?

I was quite amazed with a book on the 1798 Irish Rebellion. It gave information on the legal charges many of the rebels received. I found here, the story behind the death of one of my female ancestors. It was much sadder than had been passed down through family lore.

A Booklet on Orillia Ontario had a Horse Buggy business advertisement—1 of 2 owners was a great-uncle to my mom-in-law.

ON LIBRARIES AND BOOKS—

With a book, you can just pick it up and thumb through until you find something interesting.

Books from How to, Atlases, Scotland and Ontario Cemeteries, Irish research — all found at the Library.

A questionnaire is sent in advance so that each person being interviewed will be answering the same questions. We will have a short follow-up chat after the questionnaire has been completed. Each person being interviewed will get to see a proof before their article is published.

TOTIE

UBC YEARBOOKS

FOR 1926 AND APRIL 1944
INDEXING COMPLETED
BY SHERYL WILSON, #4937

I have just completed indexing the UBC "**The Totem**" yearbook for 1926 and "**The Totie**" yearbook for April 1944 available at the BCGS Library.

Although both yearbooks were interesting, I found that the April 1944 edition was of more interest to me. Being from the World War II era, there were many of the Co-Ed students (cadets) engaged and preparing for war work such as Officers, Naval and Air Corps basic training. The women students were also involved with participating in the Red Cross Corps, motor mechanics, map reading and first aid courses, sewing, knitting, and providing canteen services for the university training services.

Also, during this time, many UBC Alumni had joined the Armed Forces and were serving overseas. So it seems it would be no great surprise that many of those former students would also have met with tragedy.

Below is just a sampling of what the Roll of Honour consists of:

BULL, Armour McKenny, Arts '25, Navy, presumed dead
EDWARDS, John Hamilton, RCAF, missing overseas
MCLEOD, Joseph Donald Penn, RCAF, prisoner of war
MAITLAND, William John, RCAF, killed on active service
ROBERTSON, Struan Turner, Arts '39, US Army Anti Aircraft, killed in train accident
STRONG, George Frederick, RCAF, killed in bomber crash returning from raid
WESTON, Stanley, Aggie '39, Singapore Volunteer Militia, prisoner of war
WILSON, Richard Alexander, Arts '41, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action

For those Alumni there is a Roll of Honour that appears in the first page of the 1944 yearbook. There is approximately 150 names that appear on this list. Their status is as varied as the names listed.

Although most of the men listed in the Roll of Honour were serving in the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force) some were serving with the United States Armed Forces, and Royal Air Force.

If you had a member of your family who was an UBC Alumni and who had a military background during WWII, this maybe something you may be interested in checking out at the BCGS library.



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UBC
1944

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

MEG MCLAUGHLIN, #3847 GENEALOGY BLOGGER

At a meeting one night, someone told me they'd seen me out on the road somewhere with a strange wheelie thing. They asked what I'd been doing. I made some excuse, not really wanting to tell them I'd been walking out measurements because of a car accident that had happened at the intersection. My employer wasn't popular and I tried to keep where I worked under the radar. Going to scenes was a thing that we did back before Google Maps took over.

Getting boots on the ground at the scene of the accident armed with information from the statements of the drivers and witnesses was an eye opener. It often weighted the story to one side or the other. More than once, I can remember thinking, "it just couldn't have happened that way", when bringing one of the statements to mind. Somehow, looking at the layout of the intersection on a computer screen never brought the same epiphany.

I look for similar insights when I visit places where my ancestral family used to live. Buildings and city layout

may have changed since my family lived in the area but often there's enough left to test out some of the story. That's what I was after back when I was on the trail of my Nonconformist ancestors in Northampton County Archives. Of course, my trip included a visit to the Archives. In those early days of the internet I hadn't looked up the rules for copying. I knew enough to bring pencils. Little did I know that I'd wear them down copying out documents that I couldn't photocopy or take a photo of due to the archive rules. I copied some interesting documents, like letters, merely viewed some others and took sparse notes thinking I'd know what I was talking about later.

The research I learned the most about my ancestors from was not the information in the archives. It was going to the places, the actual villages where they had lived. I took the bus from Northampton to Weldon, where my 2 x great grandfather, John Chambers, had been a baker. The house and/or bakery were no longer there but the stones for the Chambers family still rested in the church yard. The caretaker saw me taking photos of the gravestones and invited me in to see the church where my ancestors once endured long sermons in the hard pews. I know they were hard. I sat on one.

No one said religion was easy nor is it always easy to do research on the

The overgrown graves in the Yelvertoft Anglican churchyard

ground. My cousin (actually my seventh cousin who I met online) drove me to the next Northamptonshire village where our ancestors had once lived, Yelvertoft. The gravestone of my letter-writing ancestor, Mary Strange, and that of her brother, John Strange, leaned against a garden wall in the churchyard of the Nonconformist church. The rest of our relatives rested beneath stones in the Anglican village churchyard: a churchyard that had been allowed to go back to nature –which meant nettles between the stones and I was wearing sandals. No one said this on-the-ground stuff was painless.

The *pièce de résistance* of my Northamptonshire visit was our visit to Kilsby, where our connection was the Reverend Thomas Strange who had been the first Nonconformist minister. He had lived with his family in the residence attached to the church. His presence is still felt, buried as he is underneath the aisle. It gave me a feeling of his importance. Once we left the church, a woman came up to us. She heard we were related to the Reverend Strange and wanted to present a copy of his story. That gave further weight to the notion of our ancestor's significance. Just like I found out in my job, going to the scene really was an eye opener.



The Nonconformist church in Kilsby where Rev Thomas Strange preached

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

DNA HAIKU

FROM KATHLEEN GRAHAM, #5375

This haiku refers to the growth DNA offers to genealogy as well as the surprises that occur when unexpected results arrive. Haiku is a Japanese poem traditionally evoking images of the natural world.

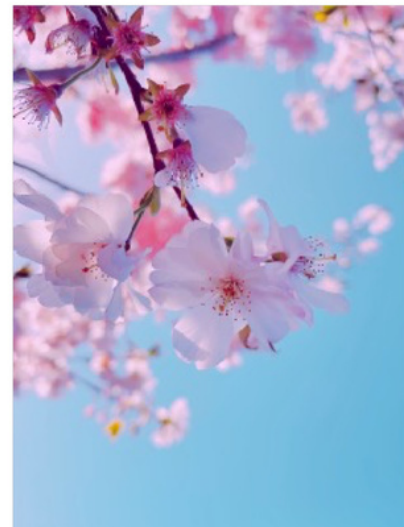
Vanessa Proctor lives in Sydney, Australia. When not doing genealogy she teaches, raises a family and writes haiku poetry. Immediate past president of the Australian Haiku Society, she is an award-winning poet who has been published widely internationally. Her work has been translated into several languages including Romanian and Japanese. Her haiku is featured on public art installations in New Zealand and Australia, her work appears on tea bag labels and has also been set to music.

Vanessa discovered BCGS members **Jim and Kathleen Graham** while researching a DNA match on an extended Graham line. The three have become fast friends and do collaborative research managing around the 1-day-and-17-hour time difference for Zoom chats.

DNA Day occurs every April 25. Scientists, biologists and genetics enthusiasts come together to celebrate the discovery and research into DNA and the scientific advancements that helped make progress possible. Organized by the Human Genome Research Institute, DNA Day encourages people to learn more about the science that makes us genetically unique.

The BCGS Library has an up-to-date collection of printed material on genetic genealogy and you can search for titles on the subject here:

<https://20575.rmwebopac.com/Search>



DNA test
grafted onto a new tree
this budding branch

Vanessa Proctor

Interested in Learning More or Helping Others? BCGS has a variety of education opportunities whether you are new to DNA, have “parked it” waiting for inspiration, or are actively involved and interested in learning more and helping others.

There are three special interest groups available for **beginners** and **advanced genetic genealogy** as well as the **parental puzzle groups** for those searching for biological families or contacted by unknown cousins. Information for each of these **COFFEE CHATS** is available at

<https://www.bcg.ca/coffee-chats>

“DNA doesn't lie, but you have to figure out what it is telling you.”

—CeCe Moore, Genetic Genealogist

ANCESTRY DNA PAYS OFF AGAIN!



BY MARVIN MILLIS, #3526

My Ancestry DNA test has paid off again! A Millis DNA cousin in England sent me a photo taken at the **50th wedding anniversary of my Millis great-grandparents**. This is a photo that I never dreamed to have existed!

I can see a facial resemblance of my dad to his grandfather. Thankfully, my DNA match contact was generous enough to share the photo with me!

My great-grandfather Joseph Millis was married on April 26, 1836 at Westminster, St. James in London, England. He and his wife Margaret Peacock (about six years older than him) both signed the marriage register.

The photo portrays my great-grandparents Joseph and Margaret Millis in a garden setting in April 1886, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple is seated on either side of a special anniversary

cake. It's unfortunate that my grandfather Edward Henry Millis Sr was not present for the celebration. The woman wearing a hat is Emma Millis, my grandfather's youngest sister. My great-uncle Thomas Millis is standing on the right with his wife, Agnes. They are the forebears of a female 2nd cousin. We connected as DNA matches—she resides in Chingford, Essex, England.

Joseph and Margaret Millis were employed by a “fellow of means”, on a country estate at the village of Long Ditton in the county of Surrey, outside of London. My grandfather was born there in 1838. His brother Thomas (shown in the photo) was born there in 1842. The photo was taken at the residence of Thomas Millis, who resided at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, England.



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BIRTHDAY

BY JANICE KIDWELL, #5033

Elizabeth II was Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms from February 6, 1952 until her death at Balmoral Castle on September 8, 2022. She was queen regnant of 32 sovereign states during her lifetime, and was head of state of 15 realms at the time of her death.

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born April 21, 1926, at 17 Bruton Street, Mayfair, London, United Kingdom to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. The Bruton Street residence was the London home of her maternal grandparents, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore. She had one sister – Princess Margaret. On May 29, 1926, the Princess was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary in the private chapel at Buckingham Palace. She was named after her mother, while her two middle names are those of her paternal great-grandmother, Queen Alexandra, and paternal grandmother, Queen Mary. Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was born in 1921 and died in 2021.

Although Queen Elizabeth's official birthday is April 21st, in the UK it was also celebrated on the second Saturday in June.

It was well known that the Queen had a deep affection for horses including Burmese, a black mare that was given to her in 1962 by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Burmese was ridden by the Queen for Trooping the Colour for eighteen consecutive years from 1969 to 1986 – except for 1955 when the event was cancelled due to a national rail strike.

Information from the back of the postcard is:
balmoralcastle.com

There is also the insignia of Balmoral showing the badge with the wording NEMO.ME.IMPUNE LACCESSIT, which translated means “No one attacks me with impunity.” This is the Motto of Scotland and of the Order of the Thistle. The crown appears at the top of the badge, a sash with the wording BALMORAL appears below the badge.

There is neither a message nor a stamp on the back of the postcard.



AN INVITATION UCLAC STYLE

June 1st – 4th

in Richmond BC

Evening Events

Exhibit Hall

Friday Tours

Virtual Seminars

EVENING EVENTS

Town Crier, Ben Buss from Vancouver Island will call us together **Thursday evening** for hors d'oeuvres & no-host bar starting at 6:30 pm

Friday June 2nd, join us for the Loyalist Night Dinner with entertainment by Blackthorn Celtic Folk Band

Many Loyalist members will be dressed as their ancestors might have been in the 1780s

Saturday June 3rd, join UELAC members for the Gala Banquet and hear guest speaker The Hon. Steven Lewis Point OBC, the Chancellor of the University of British Columbia and former Lt. Governor of British Columbia

VIRTUAL SPEAKERS

Eleven Loyalist Speakers talk on a selection of interesting histories & Loyalist topics.

*This experience can be enjoyed **FREE** when you are also attending any in-person event.*

<https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/virtual-guest-speakers/>



WHERE THE SEA MEETS THE SKY

2023 VANCOUVER CONFERENCE & AGM

**GATHER A COUPLE OF
FRIENDS**

&

**JOIN US FOR OUR
“IN-PERSON”
CONFERENCE EVENTS!**

**All Events (dinners, tours & more)
may be purchased SEPARATELY**

FULL DETAILS &

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[HTTPS://UELAC.CA/CONFERE](https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/)

[NCE-2023/](https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/)

COVER PHOTO STORIES MAY IS COMING!

In May we celebrate the Mothers in our lives AND Victoria Day Weekend (a traditional time to start planting your garden). Do you have a generational photo of all the Moms in your family?

Show us your May photo stories and let's see who makes it on the cover! Send photos to newsletter@bcgs.ca by April 25th



On March 27th we welcomed *Hearth Isaiah* into the family—so here's a Baby/Mom photo to get you warmed up!—Sue Sullivan

Click here to download
2021 Edition



VETERANS BOOK 2023 EDITION

In November 2021 the Newsletter Team released a Veterans Special Edition for Remembrance Day. We are doing it again—**bigger and better for 2023!**

Chapters by Historical Conflicts from any time in history, any continent, civil or otherwise.

You may re-submit your Veteran from 2021. Submit as many as you like!

Details to provide: war/conflict, rank, first & last name, bio (under 25 words each), relationship to you.

Accepted Photos: preferably uniformed although not essential, 'Action' photo, their headstone, OR a representative image. Only 1 image per Veteran.

Gather your Veterans details now and watch for the link coming in a GenBlast & May Newsletter

Tentative cut off date: September 30th


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| Private James 'Jim' William Hamalock (1901-2010) WW I, Signal Corps, Stormont Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders and Regiment de la Chaudière. Lancer Battalion, member 12-my father | Flight Lieutenant John Dalton Harvie (1902-2001) WW I & II, RCAF Navigator, POW in solitary confinement in Paris, Buchenwald, and Stalag Luft III POW camps. Liane Sullivan, member 4807-my 2nd Cousin, best friend | Private Henry A. Naurtsen (1894-1916) WW I, CEF # 73127, 28th Bn. in Flanders, killed in Action at Hooge, Belgium, June 1916. Commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Liane Sullivan, member 328-my father's brother |
| Wing Commander Rogwald 'Ron' Hamilton WW I & II, BCGS Canadian Volunteer Service Medal 1919-45, Fellow of Aeronautical Engineers Society, Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal 1953, Chief Project Engineer, RCAF Experimental Propulsion Establishment, CF3 Nanton, Edmonton, Alberta. Liane Sullivan, member 328-my grandfather | Flight Officer Robert Harvie (1900-1942) WW I & II, RCAF & RAE, killed in Action over Germany. Buried in Military Cemetery, Aalst, Wick, Germany. Liane Sullivan, member 4807-my 2nd Cousin, best friend | Flight Lieutenant Alan Roberts Jacques WW I & II, BCGS, RCAF, Signals Officer, Wing 101, England and France, 1942-1945. Liane Sullivan, member 328-my father |
| Private William Frederick 'Reuben' Harris WW I, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, 3rd Anti-Tank Coy, Royal Canadian Army, 3rd Canadian Division, in 1944, he transferred to the newly formed Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, Captured in Europe in 1942, spent 4 years in a German POW camp. Liane Sullivan, member 4804-my father | Air Vice Marshall Francis Vernon Heakes WW I & WW II, Promoted from P.E. Lieutenant, commanded RCAF on Canada's West coast, 1944-1946. Photo was taken with his 50-year-old wife, c. 1918. Liane Sullivan, member 1088-my Great Aunt | Warrant Officer Albert Jobb As a Corporal 1916-1918, WW I & II, Royal Field Artillery # 54884, Enlisted 1916, Reported Missing in Action after Battle of the Somme, August 1916, German Prisoner of War from Aug 26, 1914 to November 12, 1918. Discharged March 1920. As a Warrant Officer re-enlisted 1920-1926, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC) # 21462. Worked with horses, received a personal thank you for his pack horse and for his and had balancing info. Proud Car Attendant for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's visit to Victoria in 1959 (shown in the cover photo). Liane Sullivan, member 1079-my paternal grandfather |

E-JOURNAL NEWS

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

**LYNNE FLETCHER,
#5353 E-JOURNAL
EDITOR**



Please send
your story and
pictures to Lynne:
Journal@bcgs.ca

Next Deadline:
May 15th

A short article about memorial windows caught my eye last week. These windows were part of a centuries-old Welsh village church where the author had volunteered to organize a fundraiser in which local residents, or visitors could make a donation to restore one small panel in the large windows that were part of church and its history. As part of the restoration, a small plaque with the name of the donor or a person they were remembering would be placed on the side wall near their window panel.

The author noticed when he returned home that every time he looked in the mirror in his bathroom, he remembered his grandmother. The mirror, an Art Deco style one from the 1920s, had belonged to his grandmother, and had hung in her front parlour. That mirror was his Memorial Window; it brought back his memories of special times with his grandmother when he was a child.

DO YOU HAVE AN ITEM IN YOUR HOME THAT IS A MEMORIAL WINDOW?

WOULD YOU SHARE THE STORY BEHIND IT AND THE SPECIAL PERSON IT BRINGS TO MIND ?

OUR MEMBERS WOULD ENJOY READING ABOUT IT.

DEADLINES



SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

| Months | Pub | Deadline | Release | Meeting |
|-----------|------------|----------|---------|---------|
| April | Newsletter | Mar 28 | Apr 10 | Apr 12 |
| May | Newsletter | Apr 25 | May 8 | May 10 |
| June | E-Journal | May 15 | June 15 | June 14 |
| July | Newsletter | June 27 | July 10 | July 12 |
| August | Newsletter | July 21 | Aug 3 | Aug 9 |
| September | E-Journal | Aug 15 | Sept 15 | Sept 15 |

Tuck this page away into your memory database! Here are the upcoming 2023 deadlines for the BCGS Newsletters and e-Journals. You can submit any time before each deadline, If you miss a deadline, you may have to wait until the next newsletter to see your published submission.



ADDITIONAL CENSUS DATA

The 2021 Census Dissemination Project is pleased to announce the additional release of census data. These data and analyses can be accessed through:

- [The Daily](#)
- [The Census of Population web module](#). Users can select Census on the main navigation menu of the Statistics Canada website and then select Census of Population. From the Census of Population web module, users can access release-specific information through the 'Census news' section or directly from the variety of release-related and/or product-specific links.

Information within the Census Program web module on the additional results can be found in the following products:

- [Census Profile](#)—additional geography available—Health regions
- [Data tables](#)—additional language, language of work, income, commuting, families, households and marital status tables
- [Indigenous languages across Canada](#) (Census in Brief)
- [Indigenous languages in Canada, 2021](#) (Infographic)
- Reference guides—PDF versions
 - [Instruction in the Official Minority Language Reference Guide](#)
 - [Labour Reference Guide](#)
 - [Education Reference Guide](#)
 - [Commuting Reference Guide](#)
 - [Housing Characteristics Reference Guide](#)
 - [2021 Census Data Quality Guidelines](#)
- [Census 2021 datasets](#)
- [Population and dwelling amendments](#)
- [Census learning centre](#): videos
 - [Questions and concepts related to labour variables, 2021 Census of Population](#)
 - [First official language spoken, 2021 Census of Population](#)
 - [Languages spoken at home, 2021 Census of Population](#)
 - [Aggregated and derived income concepts and income statistics, 2021 Census of Population](#)
 - [Low-income concepts and statistics, 2021 Census of Population](#)

The release of 2021 Census of Population products will continue throughout 2023. Please continue to visit our [release plans](#) for the latest listing of upcoming product releases.

| Sunday–Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>APRIL</p>  | <p>12</p>  <p>Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>13</p>  <p>Ireland Chat 7pm</p> | <p>14</p>  <p>Family History DNA Chat 2:30pm</p>  | <p>15</p>  <p>Abbotsford Family History Day 8am–3pm</p>  |
|  <p>Mon 17: DNA Parental Puzzles Chat 1pm Tues 18: Advanced DNA Chat 7pm</p> | <p>19</p>  <p>Lianne Krüger 7pm \$10</p> | <p>20</p>  <p>Scotland Chat 7pm</p> | <p>21</p>  <p>Where to look when an Ancestor Disappears 1pm</p>  | <p>22</p>  <p>Jenny Mallin 10am A grandmother's legacy/British Raj</p> |
|  <p>Tues 25: Indigenous Chat 10:30am</p> <p>TUES 25-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>  | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p>  <p>British Columbia Chat 7pm</p> | <p>28</p>  <p>Fun Family History 2:30pm</p>  | <p>29</p>  <p>Genealogy Orientation 10:30am</p>  |
| <p>MAY Early Bird Pricing for UELAC Conference ends April 30</p>  <p>Mon May 1 Chinese Genealogy Chat 10 am Mon May 1 DNA Intro Chat 1 pm</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p>  <p>Scandinavia Chat 7pm</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>MON/10-NEWSLETTER</p>  | <p>10</p>  <p>Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>11</p>  <p>Ontario Chat 7pm</p> | <p>12</p>  <p>Family History DNA 2:30pm</p>  | <p>13</p> |
|  <p>Mon 15: DNA Parental Puzzles Chat 1pm French Connection Chat 6:30pm Tues 16: Advanced DNA Chat 7pm</p> <p>MON 15-EJOURNAL DEADLINE</p>  | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p>  <p>England Chat 7pm</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> |
| | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p>  <p>Scotland Chat 7pm</p> | <p>26</p>  <p>Fun Family History 2:30pm</p>  | <p>27</p> |
| <p>JUNE</p>  <p>Tues May 30th: Indigenous Chat 10:30am</p> | | <p>1</p>  <p>Ireland Chat 7pm</p>  <p>Evening Do</p> | <p>2</p>  <p>Day Tours (2) Loyalist Dinner & Entertainment</p> | <p>3</p>  <p>Evening Gala Banquet</p> |

Coffee Chat Zooms

Also known as Special Interest Groups [SIGs]

If you would like to be included in a chat, please visit the [BCGS website](#) or email the address below to register. Not sure? Check the BCGS Website Calendar-of-events.

Would you like to facilitate a Coffee Chat? Contact Eunice coffeechat@bcgs.ca



IRELAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, April 13, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT

Monday, April 17, 1 to 3 pm

With Christene Hoffert & Sharon Clayton

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, April 18, 7 to 9 pm

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham

RSVP Terry Hartley terrhart1@gmail.com



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, April 20, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



INDIGENOUS COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, April 25 10:30am to Noon

With Aboriginal Genealogy Association

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



BRITISH COLUMBIA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, April 27, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



GOING BEYOND BASICS:

CHINESE GENEALOGY COFFEE CHAT

Monday, May 1, 10 to 11 am

With Linda Yip

RSVP hello@past-presence.com



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

INTRODUCTORY DNA COFFEE CHAT

Monday, May 1, 1 to 3 pm

With Christene Hoffert & Sharon Clayton

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCANDINAVIAN COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, May 4, 7 to 9 pm

With Kathie Ross

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, May 11, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, May 18, 7 to 9 pm

With Ann Buchanan

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



FRENCH CONNECTION COFFEE CHAT

Monday, May 15, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

With Sue Sullivan

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca

ABBOTSFORD FAMILY HISTORY DAY **SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

[Register by clicking here](#)

Class Descriptions 2023

Beyond BMD's – Tracking Family History In England – **Erica Williams**
 DNA: The Good The Bad And The Unexpected – **Marlene Dance**
 Casting The Net - Seek Your Ancestors On The Internet – **Brenda Smith**
 England Beginners – **Robert Whitlock**
 England Research From Home – **Robert Whitlock**
 Familysearch: Be A Power User – **Jeannie Vance**
 Finding Family In Nova Scotia – **Andrea Lister**
 Genealogy Sites – **Peter Whitlock**
 How Family History And Local History Work Together – **Eunice Robinson**
 How The Familysearch Centre Can Help Me – **Peggy Haire/Val Bulpitt**
 Irish Research – **Eunice Robinson**
 Keeping Your Family History From Becoming A Snore – **Andrea Lister**
 Points To The Past.ca -Your Gateway To Historical Records – **Brenda Smith**
 Researching Ancestors In Western Canada (MB To BC) – **Diane Rogers**
 Cousin Capers – **Marlene Dance**
 Searching In The Province Of Ontario, Canada – **Terry Rogers**
 Accessing Digitized Scottish Records From the Familysearch Catalogue – **George Caldwell**
 Snapshot Stories: Using Photos And Images – **Karen Inkster Vance**
 Where Are The Children In Your Story – **Diane Rogers**

WHAT'S ONLINE?

The BCGS is continually updating what's being offered on our website. All these great events are listed on the **BCGS What's Up?** page

[Click here](#) for a shortcut to the listings

[What's Up?](#)
[Click here](#)



Qualicum Beach Family History Society is pleased to announce
April 19, 2023: "Through the Prairies to the Rocky Mountains: Records of
 Western Canada" with **Lianne Kruger**

<https://www.qbfhs.ca/category/speakers/>

Members attend for FREE
 Registration is required.
 Send your name and name of speaker to
presentations@qbfhs.ca
 no later than a few days before the date.

Non-members are welcome to attend for a \$10 fee
 Send \$10 by e-Transfer to treasurer@qbfhs.ca
 no later than a few days before the presentation
 (The fee is Non-refundable)
 Include your name, email address and
 name of speaker in "Notes"



Legacy Family Tree Webinars
 has opened registration to their 2023 webinar schedule.

They have topics for so many areas of interest.
 Check them out by clicking the button below.
Live Webinars are **FREE** to attend. All you have to
 do is register to receive an invitation to attend.
 Subscriptions are available if you wish to have
 unlimited access to all webinars and handouts.



FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT



**Friday
April 14th
2:30 pm**

Registration required
Email:
familyhistory@surrey.ca

Join us for an informal chat about using DNA for your family history research.



CLOVERDALE BRANCH
5642 176a Street, Surrey BC
surreylibraries.ca



FUN FAMILY HISTORY FRIDAY



**Friday
April 28th
2:30 pm**

Registration required
Email:
familyhistory@surrey.ca

Join us for some lively, open, family history discussions in this in-person program.

All levels welcome.



Cloverdale Branch
5642 - 176A Street
surreylibraries.ca



FAMILY HISTORY ORIENTATION



GET STARTED!

Learn to use one of the largest collections of family history materials in western Canada.

This orientation to our department will help you find online information, books, journals, and microfilm records.

**Friday
April 29th
10:30 am**

REGISTER ONE OF 3 WAYS:

- in-person
- call 604-598-7328
- email familyhistory@surrey.ca



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FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT

Second Friday of the month: 2:30–3:30 pm

In-person FREE program at Surrey Library's Cloverdale Branch. Join us for a new family history program to discuss using DNA for family history research. This is an opportunity to learn from others and share resources and experiences. All levels welcome.

FUN FAMILY HISTORY FRIDAY

Fourth Friday of each month: 2:30 – 3:30 pm

In-person FREE program at Surrey Library's Cloverdale Branch. Join us for some lively, open family history discussions in a roundtable format. We will discuss up-and-coming family history programs. Find out what's new in our family history databases.

FAMILY HISTORY ORIENTATION

Saturday: April 29 & May 27; 10:30 to 11:30am

Get Started! Learn to use one of the largest collections of family history materials in western Canada. This orientation to our department will introduce you to our online resources, books, journals, and microfilm records to assist you with your family history research.

Registration required. Email familyhistory@surrey.ca or call 604-598-7328

Please leave a message if no one answers the phone.

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