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**NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 7:30PM
AUGUST 9TH**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME TO NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Muryl Anderson, Vancouver #923
Angus Glass, Delta #4465
Stephanie Halse, North Van #4901
Peter German, Delta #5378
Allison Bowers, Qualicum Beach #5715
Joanne Dyck, Sorrento #5983
Reg Tucker, Maple Ridge #5984
Richard Shanks, Vancouver #5985
Adrienne Bedford, North Van #5986
David Matias, Kamloops #5987
Pat Cooke, Ontario #5988

The membership
sale must be
working!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

EUNICE ROBINSON #112, PRESIDENT@BCGS.CA

Many women's organizations of the 1950s, 60s and 70s produced **Recipe Books** to raise funds for some project or other. Searching through these collections, not only do you come up with a tasty meal, but a bit of a walk down memory lane. Each member of the group submitted their family favourite. I still have a couple of these books that my Mum's group produced. Turning those pages, I remember most of these ladies, and some of their favourites have become mine. I made some of Mrs. Kellett's oatmeal cookies – they were great! I contacted her daughter, one of my good friends – and told her how much I enjoyed them. We had a good laugh remembering various things from our childhood.

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ALL UNDERLINED
ITEMS ARE
CLICKABLE AS
LINKS

COFFEE CHATS ARE ON
A SUMMER BREAK
UNTIL SEPTEMBER



Guest Speaker: Stacey Gilkinson

Acting Archivist at the City of Surrey

Stacey oversees the daily operations of Surrey Archives, including collections development, digital preservation initiatives, online access, and outreach and reference services.

She also applies archival principles and best practices to acquire, process and preserve archival materials in various formats, according to archival standards and internal procedures.

Stacey establishes and grows working relationships with internal and external users to ensure the Archives' services and collections meet the information needs of all users. This includes partnerships within city government as well as with community groups and local universities.



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 9TH**

ONLINE MEETING

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.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Articles, photos, illustrations and images have been submitted by volunteer authors. The material in this newsletter may be reprinted unless otherwise noted. Please give appropriate credit to the original source. Feel free to pass on the newsletter to anyone who has an interest in genealogy and/or genetic genealogy.

Submission Deadline for the October newsletter is **Sept 26**
Email newsletter@bcgs.ca

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COMING SEPTEMBER 11TH Genealogy – The Next Step

When you have learned how to find birth, marriage, death, and census records, what's the next step in your genealogy research? This 5 week course will focus on in-depth research tips and techniques, particularly pre civil registration dates. Whether you can spend 20 minutes a day, or hours and hours, you will learn more efficient and effective ways to research. Celia Lewis and Eunice Robinson, two genealogists from the British Columbia Genealogical Society, will be presenting this class on 5 Monday evenings.

7-9 pm: Sept 11th, 18th, 25th, Oct 2nd, [skip Oct 9th-Thanksgiving Day], Oct 16th. Classes are FREE for BCGS members & Associate Society members, \$40 for non-members. [REGISTER HERE](#)

IN-PERSON
@ the Library
Writing Group
Coffee Chat
Aug 29, 2023
(the last Tuesday of
each month)
6—7:30pm
The Library will be open
from 10am to 8pm



IN-PERSON LIBRARY EVENT

KINDERTECH is a new and in-person workshop that will be held on the third Saturday of each month beginning **Oct. 21st 10am - noon at the BCGS Library.**

Kindertech is intended to teach very simple computer techniques to people who always wanted to know but do not know where to start. The first workshop will cover screenshots or snipping. Workshops in the next few months will cover YouTube, Zoom and detecting scams. The facilitators, Margaret Sharon and Ann Buchanan, have experience with both Mac and PC computers. This is a "hands-on" workshop; bring your own computer (laptop or tablet) so you can practice at your own pace with as much support as you need.

SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

DEADLINES

newsletter@bcgs.ca

Months	Pub	Deadline	Release	Meeting
September	E-Journal	Aug 15	Sept 15	Sept 15
October	Newsletter	Sept 26	Oct 9	Oct 11
November	Newsletter	Oct 24	Nov 6	Nov 8
December	E-Journal	Nov 15	Dec 15	Dec 13

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 article.

AT THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY BETWEEN THE STACKS

ANN BUCHANAN, #5583 • LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR
FEATURING BOOKS ON THE HOLIDAYS WE CELEBRATE

BC Day is the first Monday in August when British Columbians honor their heritage with parades, festivals, beach barbques, and a day off from work. It is not a federal holiday, but it is matched by most provinces under a different name, such as... "George Hamilton Day" in Ontario, "Heritage Day" in Alberta, and "Saskatchewan Day" in that province. In 1974, Surrey MLA Ernie Hall first introduced legislation to the provincial government to establish a provincial statutory holiday. It was not recognized as a legal holiday until 1996. When I checked the BCGS library catalogue for books on British Columbia, my search resulted in 1502 suggestions. I have chosen a few to show from the collection, which houses many histories of towns, events and people.



- ***New Westminster, The Royal City*** by Barry Mather and Margaret McDonald **971.133 MAT**
- ***Policing a Pioneer Province, The B.C. Provincial Police, 1858-1950*** by Lynne Stonier-Newman **363.2 STO**
- ***The Queen Charlotte Islands Vol. 1: 1774-1966*** by Kathleen E. Dalzell **971.131 DAL V01**
- ***The Chilliwacks and Their Neighbors*** by Oliver N. Wells **970.004 WEL**
- ***Cranbrook - 100 Years of Heart and Soul*** by the City of Cranbrook **971.145 COC**

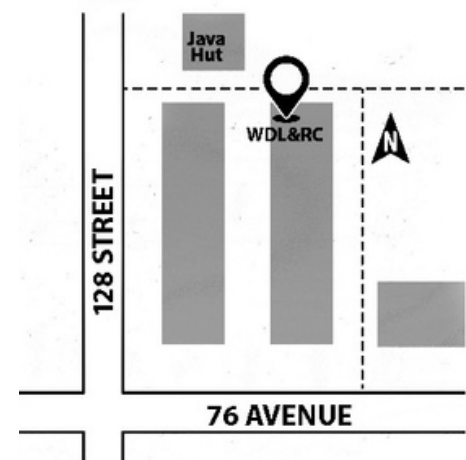
The LIBRARY is closed from August 1-25th

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 10am to 3pm.

\$5 per day for non-members.

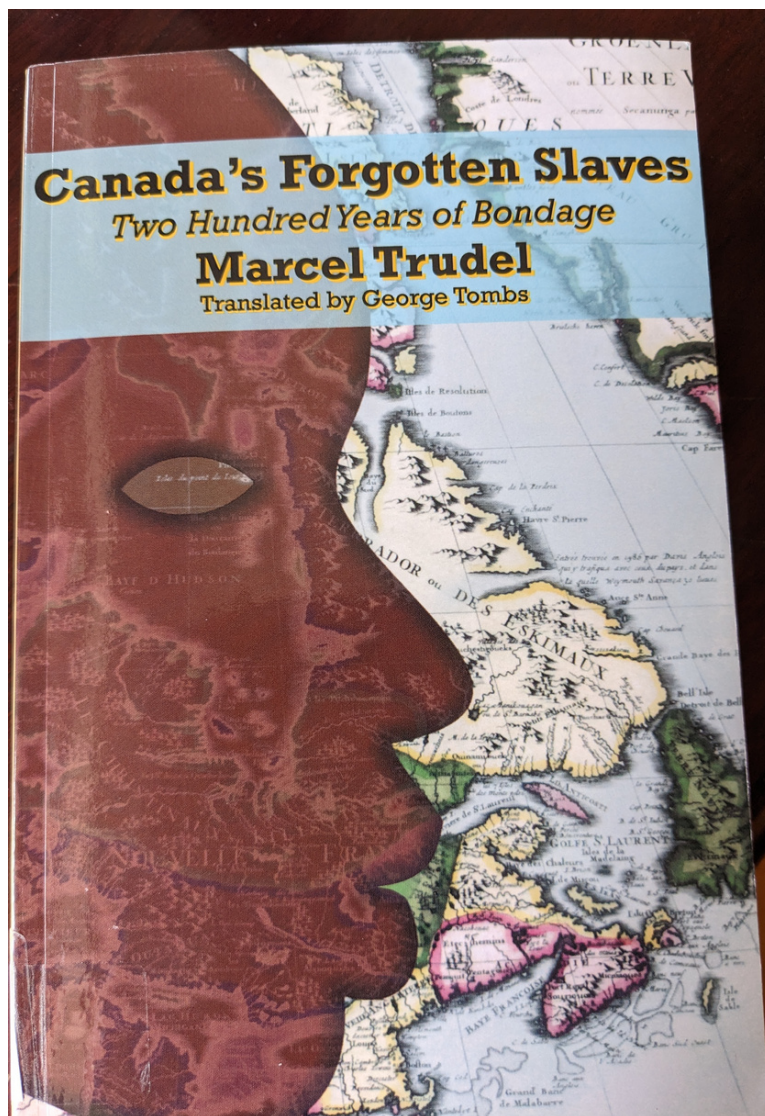
The library is closed all holiday weekends and if there is extreme weather.

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. If in doubt, check with the library host on duty.



FROM THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

GENEALOGICAL GEMS & ODDITIES



CELIA LEWIS, #5183

326 TRU Canada's Forgotten Slaves— Two Hundred Years of Bondage by Marcel Trudel Translated by George Tombs

An unsettling book, *Canada's Forgotten Slaves* describes in detail the convoluted history of early French settlers owning, trading and selling, slaves. Slaves who might be Indian slaves, Negro slaves, mixed-race slaves, were used as property in paying debts, or buying goods or land, working at a variety of tasks, in the same way as in the British colonies in America and the Caribbean.

As the French made close partnerships with some of the Indian tribes in order to more effectively fight the British in North America, they saw non-allied tribes as ready sources of Amerindian slaves. Negro slaves were also brought into French-ruled lands in America, sometimes referred to as 'ebony' or 'ebony wood.' Slaves were held by "...farmers, bakers, printers, merchants, seigneurs, baronesses, judges and government officials to priests, nuns and bishops."

Marcel Trudel has meticulously researched his findings, providing a detailed bibliography. George Tombs, the translator, worked closely with Marcel Trudel, in clarifying some of the research. Sources are detailed in the bibliography, as well as in chapter end notes.

This is a rather dense book, highly detailed, in describing the hidden history of slavery in Canada well before the "Underground Railway" was known, a major and controversial work. I found it fascinating - a thorough study of several hundred years of pre-Canada history of slavery.

Does your Employer or Former Employer have a Program like this?

We know that **Telus** has a program for employees and retirees that if they volunteer they can submit their volunteer hours, and the company will give their charitable group a donation. Over the decades we have had several **Telus Retirees** do this - *Peter Claydon, George Caldwell, Marianne Cote-Malley* to name a few. In chatting with *Linda Fleury*, the new **Newspaper Index Facilitator** - she was with **RBC**, and they have the same sort of program.

MEET THE MEMBER



SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

If you are like me, you've noticed the younger gentleman at our online meetings. There is often a question directed at him, as members are curious to know about what makes him so interested in genealogy—well enough to participate in becoming a member of the BCGS.

Introducing Colin Vanderfluit, #5812

ABOUT YOU

Career/Profession: Student

Special skills, interests & hobbies: hockey, airplanes, LEGO, board and card games and **GENEALOGY.**

ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH—

How old were you when you started/became interested in family history?

Around seven or eight years old.

Why did you start researching? I wanted to find out who my family was, see what my history was, and where I came from.

What surnames do you research?

Lecain, Irish, Hyde, Singletary, de Waard, Pitre.

Which branch of your tree is your favourite and why? The Lecains, partly because of the breakthroughs I've found. I think it's cool that they originate from the Channel Island of Jersey.

What geographic areas do you research?

Netherlands, Jersey, the Maritimes, the prairies, and occasionally Germans from Russia.

What have been your biggest breakthroughs?

Finding our Lecain line back to the 1470s.

Which is your most stubborn Ancestor?

Anne Pitre, from PEI. I cannot determine whether or not she is Acadian. The sources I've looked at haven't helped. I do know that she's from Rustico and from what I know she could be Acadian, but I don't have enough evidence.

**ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BCGS—
How did you discover the BCGS?** Through my Dad.

**Do you or have you ever used our Library?
What did you go there to look for?**

Yes, I have, at least three times now. It's always cool to see what records they have. I've never really come looking for something in particular, I just like to see what I can find. Also, every time I go there the volunteers are always very nice and helpful.

Did you experience any great discoveries at the library?

Nearly. I found what I thought was a record that I did not already have, but it turned out that my Dad already had it in his records.

A note from Colin's Dad, Sean Vanderfluit

Colin was very excited and honoured to be asked. I always appreciate how well everyone treats Colin - with respect, and the same as every other member of the BCGS. Thank you!



The British Columbia Genealogical Society Library & Research Centre

BY MARGARET SHARON, #1521

For more than 50 years the BCGS (bcgs.ca) has been collecting genealogical books and journals, cemetery and church records, newspaper clippings and other family history documents. This collection has grown into one of the largest genealogical libraries in Canada.

The Library has over 18,000 items in its online catalogue (20575.rmwebopac.com); more are continually being added by a dedicated group of volunteer cataloguers. The Library has an extensive collection of BC and Canadian local histories, US and worldwide genealogical and historical periodicals (over 900 titles), family histories, and BC high school and university yearbooks, telephone directories and voters lists. Over 800 books were donated to the Library several years ago by the Vancouver Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada.

The Library is a **FamilySearch affiliate**, allowing you to view record sets not accessible from home. Several databases are available exclusively on the Library's computers, including a name index compiled from unindexed BC books, an index of BC church records and the BC Pioneer Register.

Housed in a two-storey unit in a commercial complex in Surrey, the Library's lower floor contains the book stacks, host's desk, a computer and printer, and a lunch area and washroom. On the upper floor are several more computers, a printer and flatbed scanner, boardroom, and filing cabinets of maps, localities and BC surnames, plus microfilm and fiche.

Thanks to a bequest from member Walter Draycott—after whom the Library is officially named—the BCGS was able to purchase the unit as a permanent home for the Library in 1996, after several moves into and out of other facilities. At one point the Library was housed in Aberthau, a heritage home owned by the City of Vancouver. After a decade in this space the Library had to be removed: the weight of the books was too much for the wooden floor! Many thousands of volunteer hours have been spent developing and maintaining this wonderful genealogical resource. Members of BCGS affiliate societies are welcome to use it at no cost; however, only BCGS members may check books out. **The Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10AM to 3PM**, except on holidays and during extreme weather. It's located at Unit 211, 12837 76 Avenue in Surrey, phone 604.502.9119 (the phone is answered when the library is open). If you visit the Lower Mainland on a day when the Library isn't scheduled to be open, email library@bcgs.ca and we'll do our best to accommodate you.



Margaret Sharon is a BCGS Library volunteer who recently moved back from Kamloops to the Lower Mainland. She was active as Editor of the Kamloops FHS Journal and we are very happy to regain her in our membership at the BCGS. She also contributes to the Newsletter editions!

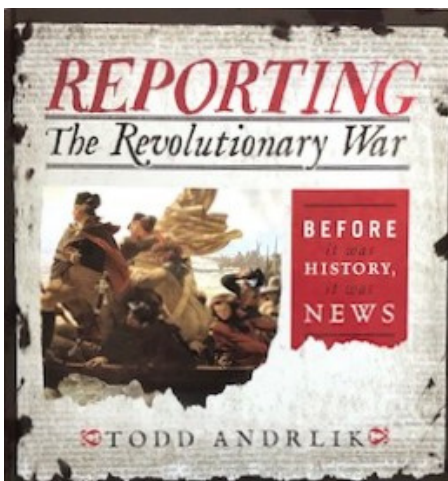
Reading about it as it happened

MEG MCLAUGHLIN, #3847 GENEALOGY BLOGGER

*Some of my basement bookshelves
when they were actually tidy*

I own a lot of books. There are works of fiction, of course, but I also have a large collection of nonfiction tomes, many of them collected because they have some kind of connection to my family's history. But, as with many things, I always told myself I'd get to them later. There they sit waiting for me to pick them up. As a member of [LibraryThing](#), I follow other members' threads on the social media side of the site. Sometimes there are challenges to read books on certain subjects. I try to get those challenges to steer me to one of the books collecting dust on my shelves.

One of the reading challenge subjects for July was Revolutions. I have a small collection of books about the American Revolution because of my family's history. My 4 x great grandfather, Charles Tripp, fought on the side of the patriots and Solomon Woodworth, the father of his wife, Jane, gave his life fighting for the cause, so my 5 x great grandfather was also involved in the conflict. (*I better add those to the 2023 Veterans Book.*) (Yes Meg—you should! Sue S, Editor)



*Reporting the Revolutionary War:
Before it was History it was News*

The book the challenge prompted me to take from my shelves was **Reporting the Revolutionary War: Before it was History it was News**. The reports of what was happening started in 1763 and came from newspapers from Britain as well as the Colonies. It's basically an incident-by-incident account of the events that led up to the conflict, and then the reporting on the revolution as it happened, or, at least, when the news reached those who made it their business to print it. Somehow the words read by those who lived then bring the events more vividly to life. Seeing events build up on each other makes the consequences more understandable.

As I worked my way through the book about reporting the American Revolution, it made me think about the ways that newspaper reports have helped in my research. There was the coverage of my ancestors who fell afoul of the law. Something



Not the Old Bailey but a courtroom from around the same era

about the story of the three conspirators who tried to profit from the theft of a bolt of cloth, caught the attention of reporters. The 1849 papers carried lots of coverage of the crime and trial of Henry Samuel Chester and the two Thomas Arments, father and son. Thomas, the father, was my 4 x great grandfather whose fate was sealed by the courts.

There have been other, happier events I've only been able to find through newspaper searches. I searched for the marriage of my great grandparents, William Strange Chambers and Sarah Ann Chubb for years. At the time of their marriage, they lived close to Birmingham, England. Logic told me that their marriage certificate should appear in the General

Register Office some time in the 1880s. Nothing showed up. One day in desperation, I searched the newspapers on Find My Past and there it was. The reason I couldn't find them was because their marriage didn't take place in England. The announcement under Marriages in the November 13, 1880 Northampton Mercury read:

Oct, 28, at the Bible Christian chapel, St. Heliers, Jersey, by the Rev. T. Sutton, WILLIAM STRANGE CHAMBERS, of Nuneaton, to SARAH ANN CONWAY, eldest daughter of the late WM. CHUBB, St. Heliers, Jersey.

There was a lot to unpack in that announcement and leads to follow to find out more about my 2 x great grandparents, the Chubbs. Newspapers were helpful there too, their coverage of complaints of frequent flooding explaining why Sarah's mother, Eliza, gave up the shop she ran in St. Helier. It makes me think that maybe I should do some newspaper searches on some of my other family lines. There might be other stories out there waiting to be found.

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

eJOURNAL NEWS LYNNE FLETCHER, #5353—E-JOURNAL EDITOR

While checking out some genealogy blogs, I stumbled upon this question:

Were you a pioneer in your family?

At first I thought, well I'm too young to be called a pioneer. Then I realized that the writer really meant "Were you the first in your family to do something new or very challenging". She went on to mention first to go to University, first to climb a mountain, etc.

Now that question made sense, although when I hear the word 'pioneer', I still think of individuals who took on the challenge of moving to a new country, as my grandparents did when they were just teenagers. Looking at my family trees, I suspect that those pioneering genes may carry on through the family, and appear in later members who take on new challenges of all kinds.

Do you have a story about the challenges that one of your grandparents (or great-great grandparents) faced when they ventured out into the world, or perhaps into a new trade or business? Would you share it with our readers of the Journal?

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





SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

BY ANN BUCHANAN, #5583—LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR



A recently received book donation REGISTER OF BRITISH MILITARY RECORDS

The "Register of British Military Records – compiled by the Staff of the Family History Library of LDS" is an important resource with lists of information digitized by FamilySearch.org along with the appropriate film number.



Since the BCGS library is a **FamilySearch Affiliate library**, these films are available for viewing at the library. For example, the register includes film numbers for *Regimental Description and Succession Books* for the 1-29 Dragoons, 1-103rd Foot, Military Troops 1-24 and more. It also includes film numbers for *Applications for Pensions for Widows and Children of Officers 1755-1908* alphabetised by surname, and the WO records held at the **National Archives, England**

The library is officially closed in August, but I know that members are researching and preparing their military ancestors for the Veterans Book being published in November. If someone would like to have access to the BCGS library for its FamilySearch Affiliate Library access to films, please make an appointment by contacting: library@bcgs.ca.

REGIMENT	VOLUME	FILM
Loyal Lincoln Volunteers	192	917,121
Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	193-197	917,123
Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	197(cont'd)-198	917,124
West Suffolk Regiment of Foot	199	917,124
West Suffolk Regiment of Foot	200-202	917,125
Royal Munster Fusiliers	203	917,125
Manchester Regiment of Foot	204-208	917,125
Irish Regiment of Foot	209	917,125
Cheshire Regiment of Foot (22nd Regiment)	210-211	917,125
Closhire Regiment of Foot (22nd Regiment)	211(cont'd)-217	917,125
Royal Welsh Fusiliers (23rd Regiment of Foot)	218-220	917,128
Royal Welsh Fusiliers (23rd Regiment of Foot)	220(cont'd)-226	917,129
Royal Welsh Fusiliers (23rd Regiment of Foot)	226-227	917,130
Royal Welsh Fusiliers (23rd Regiment of Foot)	228-229	917,131
Royal Welsh Fusiliers (23rd Regiment of Foot)	230	917,237
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South Wales Borders (see also 24th Regiment)	234	917,131
Warwickshire Regt. of Foot (24th Regt. Foot)	235	917,131
The South Wales Borderers (see also 24th Regiment of Foot)	236	917,131

REGIMENT	VOLUME	FILM
The South Wales Borderers (41st Regt. Foot)	236	917,132
Welsh Regiment of Foot (41st Regt. of Foot)	237-238	917,132
Welsh Regiment of Foot (41st Regt. of Foot)	239-241	917,133
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38	Foot Guards		
39	1 st - 10 th Foot		
40	11 th - 22 nd Foot		
41	23 rd - 34 th Foot		
42	35 th - 46 th Foot		
43	47 th - 58 th Foot		
44	59 th - 69 th Foot		
45	70 th - 81 st Foot		
46	82 nd - 93 rd Foot		
47	94 th - Rifle Brigade		
48	Misc. Corps		
49	Artillery, A-1		

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	82 nd - 93 rd Foot	
	94 th - Rifle Brigade	

SAMPLE PAGES



2023 BCGS MEMBERS

HONOUR ROLL

The 2023 Veteran's Book has a name!

This publication is intended to encompass all of our family that fought, supported—won or lost skirmishes in any military event, anywhere in the world. They are our heroes.

Questions can be sent to veterans@bcgs.ca

Submissions close Sept 30th
BCGS.CA
home page



You found your 'Veteran' on a pay list, or muster roll, or they are documented on a memorial—it was so long ago no image of them exists. Here is one way to find a suitable image.

Finding a suitable image **Step-by-Step** Instructions

1. Open your browser to GOOGLE and put in a search term.
 - a. I first used: "image for Fenian Rising", what I got was a lot of Irish images—not great
 - b. **I refine my search term** to: "image for Fenian Rising in Canada", this was much better
2. Click on **"Images"** and below that a new row of choices opens up
 - a. Choose **"TOOLS"**
3. Go to **"Usage Rights"** and three choices pop up
 - a. Choose **"Creative Commons licenses"**
4. Now find an image you like, and click once on it, it should appear larger to the right
 - a. hover over the larger image and some numbers pop up in the bottom right of the image. Ideally you are looking for a minimum of **600 x 600**. (When you divide these numbers by 300, you will know the size in inches, in this case **2" x 2"**.)
5. My image is on **Wikimedia Commons** so I click on the image to go there to learn more.
 - a. Here I can choose the largest size it comes in to download
 - b. I can also make note of any caption or credit requirement.

The composite image illustrates the search process. On the left, a Google search for "Images for Fenian Raids in Canada" is shown. Step 1 is the search bar, and step 2 is the "Images" filter. Step 3 shows the "Usage Rights" dropdown menu with "Creative Commons licenses" selected. Step 4 highlights a specific image with a yellow box and the dimensions "1,000 x 604". On the right, step 5 shows the Wikimedia Commons page for "The Battle of Ridgeway.jpg", including file information and a summary in English: "The charge of the Fenians (wearing green uniforms) under Colonel John O'Neill at the Battle of Ridgeway, near Niagara and Confederate uniforms (if they still had them, or parts of them left over from the Civil War), or civilian garb, with strips of grey".



Photo Credit: Linda Nygard

Re-connections with old friends and newer members was the highlight of the Loyalist Day picnic on July 22nd. We were fortunate to have protection from the sun and many tables to spread out our coffee and treats, draw prizes and to sit in clusters with our own picnic lunches.

One of the highlights was the presentation to Brad Cunningham of his first certificate for his Loyalist ancestor Johann Ludwig DeBeck. Brad will continue working with our Branch Genealogist on the proofs for other ancestors.

The four Pacific Regional Branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada celebrate BC Loyalist Day, on the closest Saturday or Sunday to the 22nd July.

July 22nd was proclaimed as BC Loyalist Day in 2012 by the Hon. Lt. Gov. Stephen Point.

The Vancouver Branch members were joined at the picnic by members from Chilliwack. On the same day in Victoria their branch picnic was followed by the dedication of the commemorative stone for William DeLong and Eleanor Bunnell at Ross Bay Cemetery a formerly unmarked site of a Loyalist ancestor who came to British Columbia.

Where do you live?

- Fraser Valley/Chilliwack
- Vancouver Island
- Thompson/Okanagan area
- Lower Mainland/Vancouver

We'd love to hear from you!
Find us at uelac.ca/branches

The four UELAC Pacific Region Branches are here to help you discover your Loyalist history



PACIFIC REGION

Family Story & Family Gatherings Workshops

presented by Brenda Jones, #5852

Register
online at
[bcgs.ca/
"Events"](https://bcgs.ca/Events)



Family Story and Family Gatherings Workshops

- ♦ Presented in September 2023 - Saturday Afternoons: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- ♦ In Person Workshops at BCGS Library in Surrey, B.C.
- ♦ For beginner to advanced researchers, writers and planners
- ♦ Register at BCGS for one or for both workshops

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Your Story is Our Story

A workshop for Writing and Sharing Family Stories

- ♦ what is family story
- ♦ sources for writing family story
- ♦ skills for writing family story
- ♦ ways to share your family story

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Our Story at Family Gatherings

A workshop to explore how family story may be written and shared with all ages in creative and fun ways at family gatherings

- ♦ planning a family gathering
- ♦ fun activities for writing and sharing family story at a gathering
- ♦ involving all ages in family story activities at family gatherings

Time for both workshops: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Location for both workshops: BCGS Library, Surrey, BC

Workshops presented by: Brenda Jones, BCGS Member

Registration
is open to
BCGS
Members
only



AUGUST 2023



**LOON LAKE WORKSHOP & RETREAT
2-DAY/3-NIGHT
WRITING RETREAT WITH
LYNN PALERMO
OCT 30 - NOV 2, 2023**

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FAMILYHISTORY@SURREY.CA**

First, congratulations to **Brenda Smith** who won our draw for the free Ancestry DNA kit. Thank you to everyone who entered the draw by responding to our survey and sending a testimonial. We really appreciate that!

Second, **THERE IS ANOTHER DRAW FOR A FREE FAMILY TREE DNA KIT** – This will be offered to those attending our “Researching Your England Ancestors From Home” program on September 28 (details below).

Third, here are the programs we have scheduled so far for this fall. Hopefully we will see you at one or more of them!

GENEALOGY ORIENTATION

SATS 10:30-11:30AM | AUG 19, SEPT 9, OCT 14, NOV 25 | [CLOVERDALE BRANCH](#)



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. **FREE.**

GET STARTED WITH ORGANIZING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

SAT SEP 23 | 10:30AM-NOON | [CLOVERDALE BRANCH](#)



Papers, lists, and family notes accumulating? Getting lost in your research? Organizing your material is an important first step to successful and efficient results. Join us for this presentation and discussion on getting organized from the get-go! We'll talk about how to sort through everything family history – photos, documents, items—and then start good research habits with your new system in place. **FREE**

RESEARCHING YOUR ENGLAND ANCESTORS FROM HOME

THU SEP 28 | 10AM - 11AM | [CLOVERDALE BRANCH](#)



From about 2000 on, there has been an explosion of records found on genealogy sites such as FamilySearch, Ancestry, FindMyPast, and other more narrowly-focused websites such as Find-a-grave, Deceased Online, and FreeBMD. Our presenter will provide a brief background on this expansion, while concentrating on local resource centres and their free access, using some lesser-known (but valuable!) websites, as well as working with England contacts who are willing to do small-scale research on your behalf, for free. **FREE.**

Please note, those attending this program will be entered in a draw for a FREE FAMILY TREE DNA KIT.

INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

WED OCT 11 | 6PM - 7:30PM | [SEMIAHMOO BRANCH](#)



Explore the many benefits of family history research. Discover available resources and where to find them, cover common pitfalls, and learn how the staff and resources at Surrey Libraries Family History can assist the family historian. **FREE.**

LOCATING ONTARIO LAND RECORDS

FRI OCT 13 | 10 - 11AM | [ONLINE](#)



ONLINE EVENT

Join us for this online program to learn how to find and access land records for your Ontario ancestors using resources at the Archives of Ontario. Presented by Emma Robinson, Archivist in the customer service unit at the Archives of Ontario. For this online program, we'll be using Microsoft Teams. You will need a computer with a microphone (or headphones) and webcam; or your smartphone, or iPad/tablet. **FREE.**

PUBLISHING YOUR MEMOIRS OR FAMILY HISTORY

THU OCT 26 | 10 - 11:30AM | [CLOVERDALE BRANCH](#)







































Do you want to publish your writing but are not sure where to start? Who is your audience? What tools and skills do you need? Do you need an editor? Do you need an ISBN? What is a bleed? Copyright? Do you need to worry about libel? Is a book the best medium for your story or should it be a video or a podcast? There are a myriad of ways to share your story or family history. Learn how to define your audience and package your story for that audience. Join us for an overview of publishing options, terminology, and what you need to know to get started. Presented by Andrea Lister -- Andrea is the principal of Absolutely Literate, specializing in editing, research, writing and design. She is a former editor of British Columbia History magazine. **FREE.**

RESUMING THIS FALL: FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT AND FUN FAMILY HISTORY FRIDAY CHAT

Remember, you are more than welcome to come into our department and use our resources anytime. We are open 7 days per week. And we do offer email reference and look-up services for your research questions.

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Sunday–Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST	 9 Meeting 7pm	10	11	12
	BCGS Genealogical Library & Research Centre is CLOSED in August			
TUES 15–EJOURNAL DEADLINE 	16	17	18	19
	 Summer Coffee Chat Break			 Genealogy Orientation 10:30-11:30 
	23	24	25	26
Do you have bottles, can or milk containers for recycling? Use account 604-502-9119 to get your tags when dropping off at any Recycle-it Depot in BC. The Library appreciates it!				
LIBRARY RE-OPENS 	30	31	1	2
  Writers Group Chat Tuesday 29 Aug 6-7:30pm Library open from 10am -8pm				 1 MONTH LEFT UNTIL VETERANS BOOK SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
SEPTEMBER	  6 Chinese Genealogy Chat 10 am	7	8	9
MONDAY <i>Labour Day!</i>				 Genealogy Orientation 10:30-11:30 
	 13 Meeting 7pm	  14 England Genealogy Chat 7pm	EJOURNAL RELEASE  15	16
				 Family Story and Family Gatherings Workshops noon-3pm 
  Mon 18: DNA Parental Puzzles Chat 1pm Tues 19: Advanced DNA Chat 7pm	20	  21 Scotland Genealogy Chat 7pm	22	23
				 Family Story & Family Gatherings Workshop 12pm   Organizing Your Family History 10:30am 
TUES 26–NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	27	 Researching Your England Ancestors From Home 10-11 am 	29	30
 Indigenous Roots Chat Tuesday 26 Sept 10:30 am  Writers Group Chat Tuesday 26 Sept 6-7:30pm 		 Ontario Genealogy Chat 7pm 		 VETERANS BOOK SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

Coffee Chats are on a Summer Break

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.



Chinese Genealogy COFFEE CHAT

Wednesday, Sept 6, 10 to 11 am

With Linda Yip

RSVP hello@past-presence.com



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, Sept 21, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, Sept 14, 7 to 9 pm

With Sandy Cunliffe

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



INDIGENOUS COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, Sept 26, 10:30am to Noon

With Aboriginal Genealogy Association

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT

Monday, Sept 18, 1 to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, Sept 28, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, Sept 19, 7 to 9 pm

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham

RSVP Terry Hartley terrhart1@gmail.com

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