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**NEWS**

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

On August 1st,  
we will be **merging** the  
**BCGS Facebook page** with the  
**BCGS Discussion Group**.  
Only the Discussion Group will  
remain active, so please ensure  
you are a member of the  
BCGS Discussion Group  
in order to get our news  
and updates.

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Zoom  
with us  
August 11!

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# Message from the President

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

With the forecast of continuing summer weather, I'm sure many of you are taking advantage of this time to visit with family and friends, and have probably put your genealogy on the back burner.

However, you can still be making progress. Maybe while visiting with family, it would be a good time to chat about **family traditions** – previous memorable summer vacations, some of the activities that you enjoyed as children, places you visited, and those you vacationed with.

Friends play an important part in our personal histories, too. Don't forget them when writing the stories of your life.

Who is your oldest friend? How did you meet? Growing up, we had lots of kids in our neighbourhood. For the most part, we grew up together, went to school together, and stayed connected through our parents and siblings. In many cases, they knew you better than some of your relatives.

The BCGS still has activities for our members. From Coffee Chats, to days when the library is open, the Journal, Newsletter and Facebook – stay connected. Too soon it will be September! We will also have our Fall 50th Anniversary seminar series starting on September 25th.

**Until next time, stay healthy**

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## WEDNESDAY, August 11th 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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# August 11th MEETING

## Welcome to Langley Heritage Society

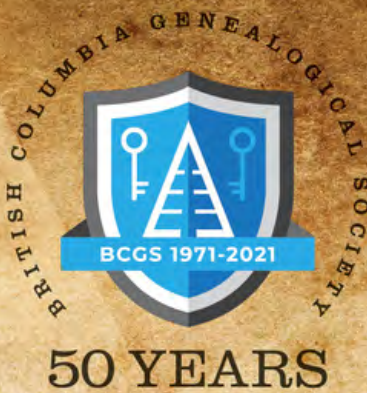


The Langley Heritage Society has an impressive record of restoring heritage buildings in the Langley region; its efforts have been recognized by Heritage BC and the British Columbia Historical Federation. Society president Fred Pepin and board member Mark Forsythe will share stories of how they were restored – and the people who once lived in these buildings. From the original Francophone family to settle on Langley Prairie (Michaud House), to the classic 1915 CNR Station in Fort Langley, and the Lattimer family at Milner. They'll also dip into local Community Stories, and highlight pioneer family names that once marked roads and streets before the numbered system arrived in 1946. Fred has deep knowledge of what's required to restore a house, barn or church – he's done it all. Mark is a former CBC broadcaster who helps shape some of these stories at [langleyheritage.ca](http://langleyheritage.ca) and has worked with local students on a series of short videos. Fred and Mark look forward to sharing what they know with the BCCS membership!



Langley  
Heritage  
Society

REGISTER



## 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

Attend all seminars for FREE by joining BCGS

### Blaine Bettinger Sat, Sept 25

**Blaine Bettinger**, PhD, JD, is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. In 2007 he started ***The Genetic Genealogist***, one of the earliest blogs on the topic. Blaine is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world's first genetic genealogy workbook.

He also co-authored "Genetics for Genealogy" with Judy Russell in 2018's *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* (ProGen PPS) (Elizabeth Shown Mills, Author and Editor).

### Dave Obee Sat, Oct 30

**Dave Obee**, award-winning journalist, genealogical researcher and popular seminar presenter, is Editor and Publisher of the ***Times Colonist*** newspaper in Victoria. He has written a dozen books and given more than 600 presentations at conferences and seminars in Canada, the United States and Australia.

Among his awards are:  
2017: *Bill Good Award*  
2016: *Heritage Advocates Award*  
2014: *The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award*

Dave also runs ***CanGenealogy.com***, and is a columnist for *Internet Genealogy* magazine and *Your Genealogy Today* magazine

### Johanne Gervais Sat, Nov 27

**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.

Volunteers are always welcome for book indexing, newspaper indexing and FindAGrave postings. Memorial benches are being compiled by Yvette Howard. To volunteer, go to the BCGS website at [bcgs.ca/volunteers-needed](http://bcgs.ca/volunteers-needed)

## BCGS LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT IS EXPANDING

# FUNDRAISING

2021  
GOAL:  
\$2,200

\$1416.25  
JUL 30

\$1142: Jun 25

\$973: May 27

\$727: APR 30



As of July 30th, BCGS members and supporters have raised **\$1416.25**, (not including 4 bags which were dropped off on July 30!) which has been donated to the library's Alice Louise Marwood Fund.

At the beginning of 2021, we made an educated guess that we might be able to raise about \$2,200 this year. Many generous people are helping to easily bypass that "guesstimate".



A province-wide **Return It™ Express** account has been activated for BCGS fundraising. Members, friends and neighbours can drop off their bagged donations at any Return It Express Centre in BC.

Donations of bottles and cans can still be dropped off at the BCGS library or in Bill Clayton's South Surrey driveway.

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.

**Now members who live outside the Lower Mainland can deposit bags of cans and bottles at any of BC's 37 Return It Express Centres.**

Donations of recycled cans, bottles and tetra pack containers can be easily dropped off at Return It Express Centres **in clear plastic bags**. Our BCGS library's telephone number **604-502-9119 is our code to print up to 6 labels** at the centres. To benefit BCGS, one of these labels must be attached to each bag. Return It workers will count the bags' contents and credit donated funds to BCGS's Return It account.

If you have questions or need clarification, please email [billclayton@shaw.ca](mailto:billclayton@shaw.ca) or call 604-329-1721.

**Memberships (Individual & Affiliate Societies) from July 1 to the end of 2021 are only \$40.**

Membership Sale

Only \$40 for the balance of 2021

Affiliate Society Membership Sale

Only \$40 for the balance of 2021

# A Strange Closeness

by Meg McLaughlin, member #3847

Maybe it isn't strange, the closeness of families that I've been tripping across lately in my research but it seems odd to me. That could be because my siblings and I are not what you'd call bosom buddies, living as we do in Nova Scotia, Ontario and BC. In fact, my older brother and I swapped coasts, when he moved to Nova Scotia and I moved to British Columbia in the same year. It was our younger brother, the one who now lives in Ontario, who let us both know about each other's move.

TOM THOMSON SHACK  
CABANE DE TOM THOMSON

The Thomson Shack, one of Canada's iconic buildings, was Tom Thomson's home and studio from 1915 until his death in 1917. It was originally located in the ravine behind the Studio Building in Toronto. In 1962, Robert McMichael had the shack dismantled and a reconstruction based on the original design was built on the McMichael grounds.

La Cabane de Thomson, l'un des édifices les plus iconographiques du Canada, a servi de maison et de studio à Tom Thomson de 1915 jusqu'à sa mort, en 1917. D'abord située dans un ravin torontois derrière le Studio Building, en 1962 Robert McMichael la fait démanteler, puis reconstruite dans sa propriété selon les plans originaux.



Top: Sign on the Tom Thomson shack (yes, that's me)  
Left: Tom Thomson shack at McMichael Canadian Art Collection

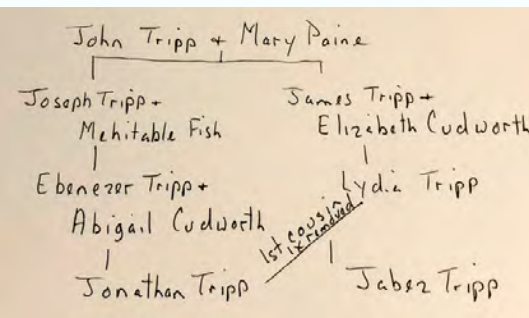


Chart showing Tripp interrelatedness

Perhaps that's why family members living in close proximity and even sharing the same households strike me as odd. I ran across that lately while

researching my relatives in WWII England. Checking the 1939 Register for one of my father's brothers, netted two, living with their wives at the same address. They were even both in the same trade. Come to think of it, my father and his younger brother followed a similar path. They both worked for an airline, and my uncle and his wife followed our family to Canada a few years after we immigrated.

Some of the people on my maternal line took the togetherness thing a bit farther. Colonial American roots are known for their inter-relatedness. On my Tripp line, I was able to break this down to show how the offspring of one Tripp cousin ended up marrying a first cousin-once-removed. This was further complicated because both mothers were Cudworth sisters, which explained some unexpected DNA results. It wasn't only Colonials who perpetuated close ties. I found another instance of

brothers marrying sisters on my maternal line. On August 29, 1894, Neil Gilchrist and Ronald Hunter Gilchrist, two brothers of my great grandfather, James Gilchrist, married two Buzza sisters. It was the differences in the ages of the brothers and sisters that struck me. The Buzza sisters were 10 years apart, while the age difference between the Gilchrist brothers was 16 years. There has to be an interesting story behind that double wedding.

But the oddest example of family togetherness was that exhibited by the Thomson/Matheson family. It wasn't strange to find Henrietta Matheson and Charlotte Tripp living with the Thomson family in 1881. Margaret, the wife of John Thomson was Henrietta's sister and aunt to Charlotte. Family just naturally takes in family, if needed. It was what happened decades later, after Margaret's death, that I found surprising. In 1926, at the age of 85, John Thomson married his deceased wife's younger sister, Henrietta, who was 75. Was that a case of worrying about what the neighbours would say, or perhaps because the family was in the public eye after the death of their son Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven painter? Questions to ponder.

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.



# FAMILY LORE – Fascinating and yet unbelievable!

by Jane Baggott, Member #5659

## [Discovering Australian Immigration and (Tasmania) Convict Records]

The Baggott family I married into originated in Australia and, before that, New Zealand. The family story of how our earliest Baggott ancestor made it to New Zealand was fascinating, and by today's standards, horrifying. It went like this: *“Back in 1853, the then Bishop of Birmingham, England banished his daughter and his gardener (by the name of Baggott), with whom she had become pregnant, to the furthest ends of the earth - New Zealand, never to be heard of again.”* Or so the tale goes ... During WWI, two Baggott descendants, who had signed up in Australia to serve King and country, found themselves on a short leave in Britain. They decided to pay a visit to said Bishop's family home, intending to extract an apology for the rough treatment their grandfather had received. Upon arrival, they were not admitted and were sent around to the servant's entrance. Needless to say, the flames of family animosity towards the Bishop's "actions" were fanned.

The family grew and in the year 2000 my husband and I met up with his second cousin in Melbourne, Australia. We discussed the family story. Although we were horrified by the reason for the banishment, and the conditions under which two young people, expecting a child, would have sailed to New Zealand in 1853, we all believed there was likely more to it. And indeed there was!

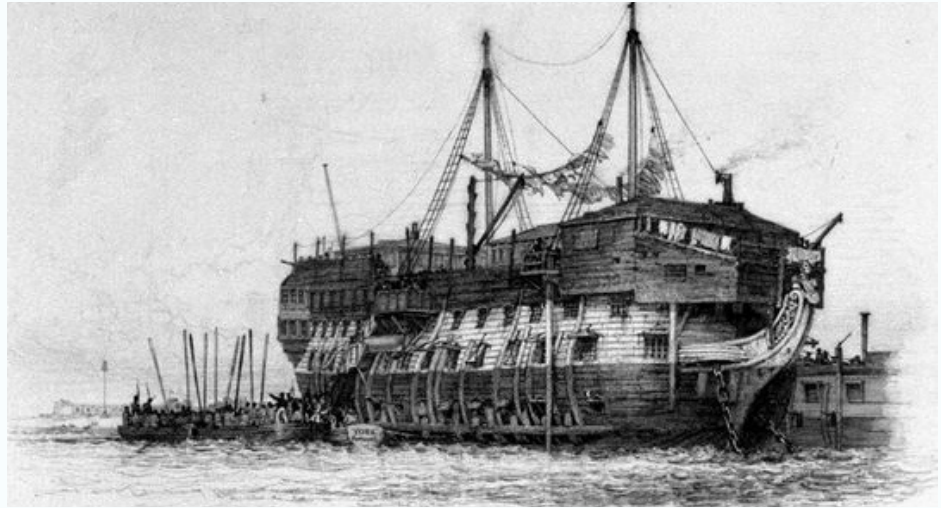
Not many documents, or even photos, had been passed down to our respective families - not surprising, since descendants of the original couple, who had started out in Wellington, NZ, had moved to various parts of the North Island and then to the South Island, spreading out in Australia and eventually, in the 1920s, to Argentina, where our lot started.

Researching birth records for the firstborn Baggotts in New Zealand started us on the quest to discover the roots of the Baggott "gardener". There was no gardener! But Birmingham did come into the picture. 18-year-old Charles Allen Baggott, resident of the hamlet of Deritend in Birmingham, was brought before court (the Stafford Quarter Sessions) in October 1841, charged with **“larceny from the Person”** and was found guilty and sentenced to **‘10 years transportation’**. This meant he would be sent to Australia to serve his sentence.

At the time, Charles Allen Baggott was living with an aunt and uncle. They had taken him in, with his four sisters, when their widowed mother had died five years previously. Immediately after the sentence, Uncle Henry, a shoemaker, filed a Petition with the Secretary of State for the Home Department, begging for mitigation of the sentence so it could be served in England. While recognizing that his nephew had been found guilty of



HMS York shown in 1807. Prison-ship in Portsmouth Harbour with the convicts going on board. Plate from Shipping and Craft by E W Cooke, 1829 National Maritime Museum, Public Domain



Below: Convict Conduct Record [Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office]

**“purloining a handkerchief from a [Mr. Richards]”**, he had never been before a magistrate in the past. He had a clean and honest record, having worked more than five years for two employers who vouched for his industry and trustworthiness. The petition was signed by both employers and a number of citizens, including his prosecutor, Mr. Richards. The Petition was unsuccessful and Baggott was transferred to the Prison Hulk “Justitia” before the end of 1841.

Prison Hulks were ships, no longer seaworthy, which were permanently moored (on the Thames) and used to house criminals awaiting transportation to “the colonies”.

Our young Baggott was then assigned to the vessel “Emily” which sailed 24 June 1842 for Van Diemen’s Land (now known as Tasmania). According to the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office records (Convict Department) and various other sources such as Convict Musters, Charles Baggott served a probation period of two years on Maria Island and subsequently was assigned to work for a Mr. Amos of (Little) Swanport. After serving 8 years of his 10-year sentence, he received a conditional pardon for continued good behaviour.

The records kept in Tasmania of immigrants, both of free and convicted persons, are quite comprehensive. We still have questions about how and when he met Eleanor Ingram, his young wife.





Sir Charles Napier" barque c1842

A photo of this painting was used on a family website identifying the ancestor who travelled to Australia in 1842 aboard the Sir Charles Napier

<https://ffrench1842.wordpress.com/2017/10/18/from-wexford-to-wilmont/>

William Clark, artist (Scottish, 1803–1883)  
Title: The barque "Sir Charles Napier",  
Pladda Island in the distance, 1841–1841.  
Oil on Canvas.

[www.wikigallery.org](http://www.wikigallery.org)

She was not the daughter of the Bishop of Birmingham! In fact, the office of the Bishop of Birmingham has only existed since 1905.

Eleanor was born in 1836 in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, the eldest daughter of Archibald Ingram (*Scottish*) and his wife Elizabeth Ward. Her father was a whitesmith (*working in light-coloured metals such as tin and pewter*). Working and general living conditions were very challenging in the 1840s, with famine and the Industrial Revolution wreaking havoc throughout the United Kingdom.

Ingram and his young family emigrated under the general system (they were not sponsored) to Australia aboard the "Sir Charles Napier", which arrived in Hobart, Van Diemen's Land on the very same day as the ship "Emily", with young Baggott aboard.

Immigration records show the Ingram family of four remaining in the 'intake'

hostel for only a few days.

Advertisements were immediately placed in the local newspapers indicating Ingram's trade and availability. Ingram set up his blacksmith "shop" on Elizabeth Street shortly thereafter, and three more children were born before the family moved to Wellington, New Zealand in 1848.



(<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>) and  
(<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>)

Newspaper articles and advertisements have served to vaguely trace the Ingram family movements, but it is not clear when or where Charles met Eleanor. We do know that they were married, shortly after her 17th birthday, in Wellington, NZ in 1853. And their first child was born there in 1854.

**Moral of this family story:** Before knocking on a bishop's door, do your research!

# GROW A HEALTHY & VIGOROUS FAMILY TREE USING DNA

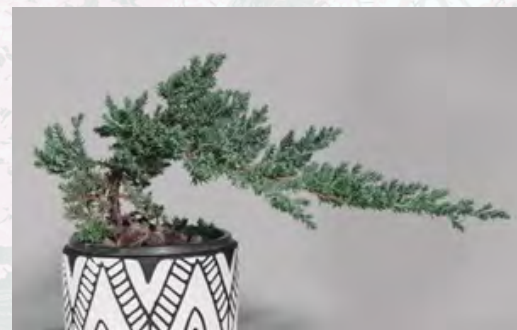
by Terry Hartley, #1238 and Kathleen Graham, #5735



There is great potential to use DNA research to add new ancestors to your family tree. Whether you are beginning in genealogy or starting a new tree, DNA can be combined with traditional genealogy records to fertilize and stimulate the growth of your sapling. Start by attaching a small tree to your autosomal DNA results at Ancestry or MyHeritage to find possible shared ancestors. These first blooms may include "new-to-you" ancestors that will grow your tree. Like nurturing any seedlings, you do need to keep a watchful eye on conditions, so be sure to verify the information and conclusions before adding to your tree.



Are you sure the information in your tree is correct? Records can be deceiving or downright wrong! Hundreds of dollars and thousands of hours have been expended on your ancestral pursuits. More than a few genealogists have had to repeatedly prune their trees and turn them into Bonsais after finding out that their supposed ancestry has been disproven. Use DNA evidence to validate your hard work before going any further. You don't want to go barking up the wrong tree!



Do you keep coming across the same names as you research your family tree? Some of our ancestors lived in populations that were isolated for geographic, religious and/or ethnic reasons. Such situations lead to *endogamy* (repeated intermarriages between cousins over many generations). While DNA can't straighten out a tree that is formed like a Banyan, it is useful in separating out the branches. Also, since endogamy increases the amount of DNA shared with your relatives, you have the potential to find some very distant ancestors!

Genealogists sometime focus only on direct ancestors, thereby losing out on the benefits that collateral research can bring. Rather than growing your tree straight up, consider using autosomal DNA to extend and fill in those branches. Your DNA cousins are descended from the siblings of your ancestors, and therefore may have records that can unlock the mysteries of your own lineage. They also may have inherited photos, letters and other keepsakes that they might be willing to share. So, consider DNA testing to help you to grow a more well-rounded and colourful tree.



While no tree is picture perfect, you can build a healthy tree with careful fertilizing and pruning. Add DNA to your tool kit to help your tree be the best it can be!

**For more information check out the three [DNA Coffee Chats for Introductory and Advanced Genetic Genealogy and Parental Puzzles.](#)**

# IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL ...

by Jacqueline Penney, #5482

While indexing **“Pioneer Pipers of British Columbia”** by *Carl Ian Walker*, I wondered whether Family History Societies in Scotland would be interested in some of our ‘piping imports’ and their accomplishments.

I chose three out-of-the-way Societies: **Caithness Family History Society** (of which I am a member), **Orkney Family History Society** and **Shetland Family History Society** to ask if their members might be interested in receiving the piping biographies of their departed ‘sons’.

I did not hear back from Orkney, but the Shetland society responded and said they would be very interested in receiving a copy of the bios for **James William Watt** and **James William Anthony Watt** as these men still have relatives in Shetland and the



Caithness, Scotland

elder is listed in the Shetland Roll of Honour of WWII.

## Now for the “small world” part of my story:

The Caithness Family History Society asked if they could post the information I provided on their website, Facebook page and CFHS Discussion page. Of course, I said yes.

Enter Janet Ross-Kerr of Edmonton AB. She is a member of Caithness Family History Society and saw the posting. Her very good friend Marnie had had piping family members in British Columbia and would love to receive a copy of their piping bios.

After I had scanned the appropriate pages and sent them off, Library Administrator **Corrine Jubb** advised me that a copy of **“Pioneer Pipers of British Columbia”** had been donated by BCGS member **Sharon Clayton**, whose father was a WWII Piper with the Vancouver Regiment of the Irish Fusiliers Pipe and Drum Band, whose Pipe Major was James (Jimmy) Watt.

*The Hague - March 21st 1945. Canadian Pipe Majors R. Stoker (Essex Scottish), J. Watt (Irish Fusiliers of Canada), N. Sutherland (Calgary Highlanders) and Ed Peden (Black Watch of Canada). Photo courtesy of Ed Macllwaine and [https://pipesforfreedom.com/webtxt/0516THE\\_IRISH\\_FUSILIERS\\_VANCOUVER\\_REGIMENT\).htm](https://pipesforfreedom.com/webtxt/0516THE_IRISH_FUSILIERS_VANCOUVER_REGIMENT).htm)*



Sharon added a captioned photo in memory of her father to the front of the book she donated. After consulting also with head cataloguer **Jane Stringer**, we decided we didn't need two copies, so for a small donation and postage, the book I had indexed has now been sent to Alberta for Marnie, much to Janet's delight.

That news encouraged me to index "**Pipe Bands in British Columbia**" also

by Carl Ian Walker which, no surprise here, contained mention of Marnie's family members plus a couple of photos. Those have now been scanned and sent off to Janet for forwarding.

The sad news to this story is that **Carl Ian Walker** passed away in 2002. His passion for piping, which he diligently researched, has left a great legacy about the history of piping and pipers in our province.

### **Pioneer Pipers of British Columbia**

*By Carl Ian Walker*

Donated to the  
British Columbia Genealogical Society Library  
*by Sharon Clayton*

in recognition of her father's military service  
in the Liberation of Holland during World War II  
and the Korean Conflict

**Piper Kenneth MacRae Campbell**

**13 MAR 1925 - 16 OCT 2008**



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## Genealogical Libraries Re-Opening

### BC ARCHIVES

The Reference Room of the BC Archives is currently facilitating onsite access by appointment only.



### FamilySearch

#### Family History Library

The FamilySearch Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, announced it will begin a phased reopening. Initially, hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with plans to extend to additional days and hours soon.

## AUGUST LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

Webinars are FREE to attend. Subscriptions are available if you wish to have unlimited access to all webinars and handouts. [CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS](#) There are 10 webinars listed for August 2021.

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

**OCT 20** Lothian National Health Archives presented by Archivist Louise Williams  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

**NOV 18** Scottish Marriage: Instantly Buckled for Life presented by Genealogist Chris Paton  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

### INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WEBINARS

**SEPT 27** Cataloguing Archives  
 Presented by Archivist George MacKenzie  
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**DEC 9** Customs, Traditions and Superstitions presented by Christine Woodcock  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

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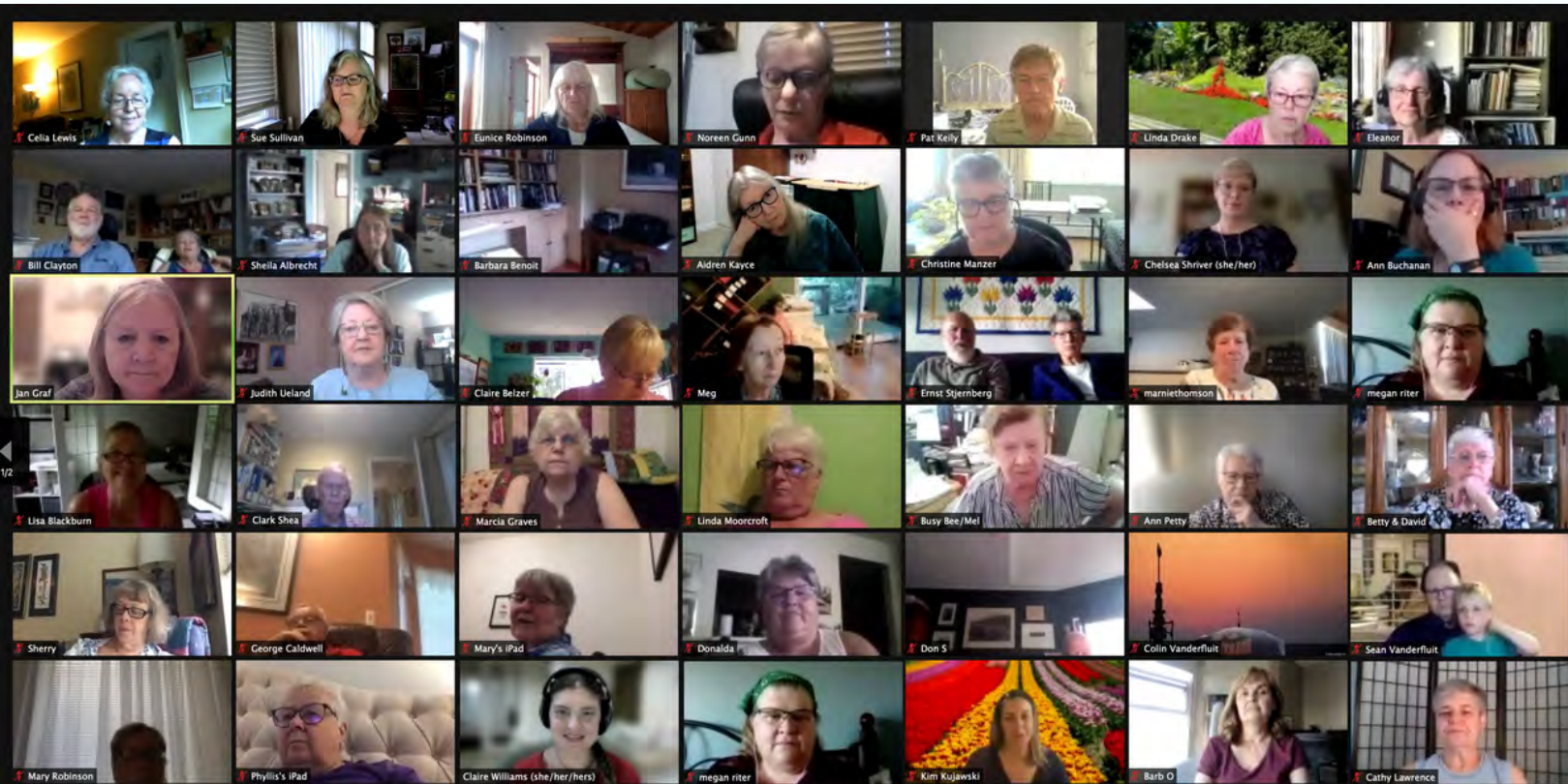
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**Meeting Attendees:** Sheila Albrecht, Christine Manzer, Colin Vanderfluit, Claire Williams, Judith Ueland, Barbara Benoit, Ann Buchanan, Claire Belzer, Meg McLaughlin, Lisa Blackburn, Celia Lewis, Linda Moorcroft, Marcia Graves, Betty Harvey, Sherry King, Mary, Ann Petty, Aidren Kayce, Don S, Sean Vanderfluit, Eleanor, Terri Mackenzie, Barb Onstad, Linda Maitland, Catherine Smith, Chelsea Shriver, Barry Kirk, Ernst Stjernberg, Dorothy, Marilyn, Don Calder, Elizabeth Christie, Bob, Linda Kositin, Janice Wilkin, Karen, Tony Sainsbury, Jo-Ann Blomquist, Marilyn, Clark Shea, Lynne Fletcher, Leroy Mickleson, Kim Kujawski, Megan Riter, Mary Robinson, Jan Graf, Darlene austin/Mel, Phyllis McConnahey, Bill Clayton, Sharon Clayton, Eunice Robinson, Sue Sullivan, Noreen Gunn, Pat Keily, Linda Drake, Marnie Thomson, Donald James.

The chat prior to the meeting began at 7 pm, with members logging in throughout the half-hour until the business meeting began at 7:30.

**Barry Kirk** reported that the Family History Library in Salt Lake, Utah had a good opening with over 100 people on the first day. Their website says, in part, *“Our hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am–5 pm and will expand as conditions change.”* Barry’s report prompted our president, **Eunice Robinson**, to add that the BCGS Library has “a lot of great stuff”. **Sheila Albrecht** braved the seas and ferried over from Vancouver Island to bring a donated collection of 56 boxes of books and

## JULY Meeting Chit Chat



### Judith Ueland #4913

microfilm. Many of the books focus on the United States and most will be new to the BCGS library.

**Ann Buchanan** was asked about the **Air Miles card** used by members to donate their Air Miles to the BCGS. We now have funds which can be used for office supplies and other items. Ann is encouraging more members to start using the cards, which are available at the Library. Ann also has cards with her, to be handed out on request.



As of July 2021, marriage records up to 1945 will be available at the British Columbia Archives. **Judith Ueland** was able to find her parents' marriage registration for 1941 and was surprised to realize her mother's and grandmother's birthplaces had been recorded incorrectly. **Celia Lewis** remarked that this reinforces the fact that we should always be cautious about recorded information, even from primary sources.

**Aidren Kayce** had a breakthrough about her 3x Great Grandmother, Elizabeth Church. She found birth, death and marriage records from various online sources and through books. The Churches were Planters, which placed them in Nova Scotia in the 1760s. This information confirmed Elizabeth's father's and grandfather's vital statistics. Aidren discovered this info on line through various sites and then went to the BCGS Library to find the 1985 book "**Newport, Nova Scotia – A Rhode Island Township**" by John Victor Duncanson.

*The author had gathered info on those who received land grants in Newport Twp. The Church family documentation recorded Elizabeth's birthdate.*

**The Newsletter Team is looking for a volunteer to recap the "Chit Chat". If you enjoy the casual discussions before the meeting starts then you are a great candidate.**

**Please email us at [newsletter@bcgs.ca](mailto:newsletter@bcgs.ca)**

Colonel Benjamin Church, Elizabeth's 2nd Great Grand Uncle, kept a detailed journal about his experiences in King Philip's War which his son, Thomas Church, compiled into what has become the historical book: "**The entertaining history of King Philip's War, which began in the month of June, 1675. And also of expeditions more lately made against the common enemy, and Indian rebels, in the eastern parts of New-England: with some account of the Divine Providence towards Col. Benjamin Church**".

*written by Church, Benjamin 1639-1718, Church, Thomas 1674-1746 Edited by Stiles, Ezra 1727-1795, Church, Benjamin 1704-1781, Engraved by Revere, Paul 1735-1818.*

## Message from the BCGS eJournal Editor

Ran across an interesting comment about DNA this week—a different way of looking at its influence:

***"But if the books I have read have helped to form me, then probably nobody else who ever lived has read exactly the same books, all the same books and only the same books, as me. So just as my genes and the soul within me make me uniquely me, so I am the unique sum of the books I have read. I am my literary DNA."*** Susan Hill (*Howard's End is on the Landing*)

**Lynne Fletcher  
#5353, eJournal  
Editor**



I certainly agree that each person has their own unique set of books that they've read, and these would influence how they see the world.

Do you have a book that has changed the way that you view your ancestors, perhaps one about DNA and how it can be a useful tool for researching the past?

Could you share these with our readers? We look forward to reading your story! Please send your story and pictures (if possible) to [Journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:Journal@bcgs.ca)

July 14, 2021 BCGS Members Meeting, Educational Presentation

# MINING FOR GOLD IN THE UBC ARCHIVES

Highlights from the Phil Lind Klondike Gold Rush Collection at  
UBC Library's Rare Books and Special Collections

Presented by Claire Williams and Chelsea Shriver  
BCGS Members Meeting, July 14, 2021

In spite of Claire's intermittent WiFi problems during her Zoom presentation, she and Chelsea provided us with a great deal of interesting information about the University of British Columbia Library's Rare Books and Special Collections (RBSC).

The collection includes archival materials, maps and ephemera.



**Books:** Hard to find or replace

**Archives:** Documents created and accumulated as the by-product of activity

**Ephemera:** Printed materials with short-term usefulness

**Special collections:** Thematic collection with high research value

 THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Weekly drop-in tours will resume when the UBC Library reopens in Sept.

**Library Tours:** Wednesdays at 11 AM

**Special Collection Tours:** Thursdays at 11 AM

**[Make Remote Reading Room Appointments](#)** (clickable)

QUESTIONS? [Connect online](#) (Click Here) or email [Rare.books@ubc.ca](mailto:Rare.books@ubc.ca)

# BCGS.ca – Website Team Report

**Sheila Albrecht, #1046**

**Ann Buchanan, #5583**

**Jan Graf, #5382**



## Pioneer Spotlight

On the Home Page of the website, below all our current BCGS notices, you will find our **“Pioneer Spotlight”**. Ideally, this section would like to feature the pioneer ancestors of our BCGS Members. Other pioneer focused items would also be welcome. To view the current item, which spotlights the pioneer archives of the **Chinese History Museum in Lytton, BC.** ([Click here](#)).

This is a **“Call for Submissions”** from our BCGS Members, for a short article on one of their BC Pioneers. They don't have to have done anything special or exciting. However, they must have arrived in British Columbia by 1925, which meets the current criteria of our BCGS Pioneer Registry. A photo should be included, if possible.

These submissions can be emailed to [\*\*webmaster@bcgs.ca\*\*](mailto:webmaster@bcgs.ca).

This is a perfect time to also consider adding that BC Pioneer to our Pioneer Registry, if you have not already done so.

If you haven't looked at the BCGS Pioneer Registry Index lately, you can access it from [HERE](#), under Member Resources. You must be logged in as a BCGS Member to view this Index. Once there, to complete a submission, go directly to the **Pioneer Registry Form**.



Photo from Chinese History Museum Facebook page

## Essondale/Riverview Hospital Burials 1935 – 1958

We have added a new reference document for Essondale/Riverview Hospital Burials. This list may provide a wealth of information on the patients whose names are recorded, in addition to the burial date. In some instances, unfortunately, it is not clear whether the person listed was a patient of the facility or a resident of the nearby neighbourhood. BCGS Members can log in to access this document on our list of **BC Cemeteries** (under Member Resources).

*"If you are lucky enough to be a genealogist, you are lucky enough."*

– RUTH PADILLA



## Report from between the Library Stacks

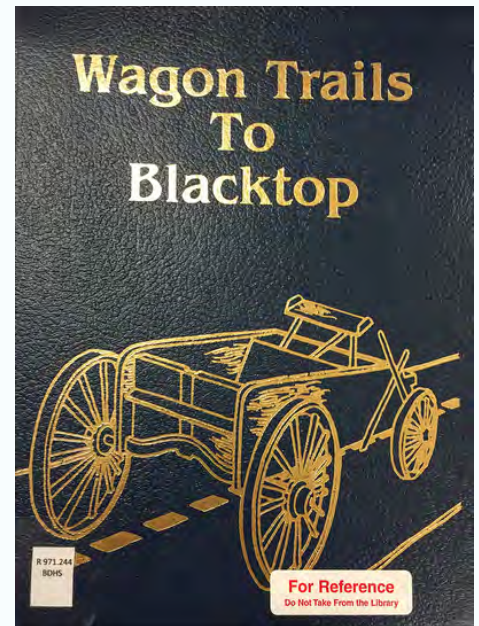
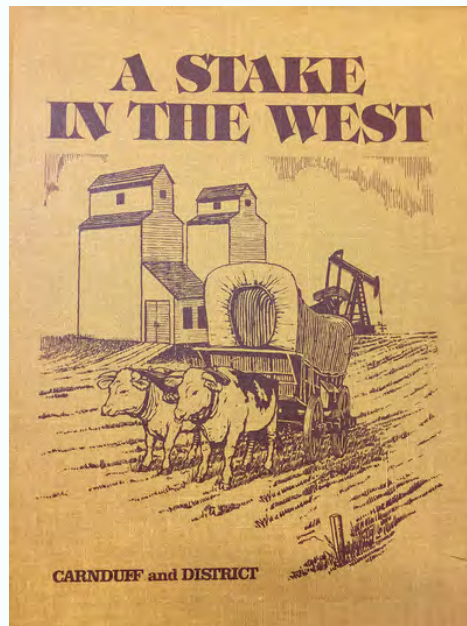
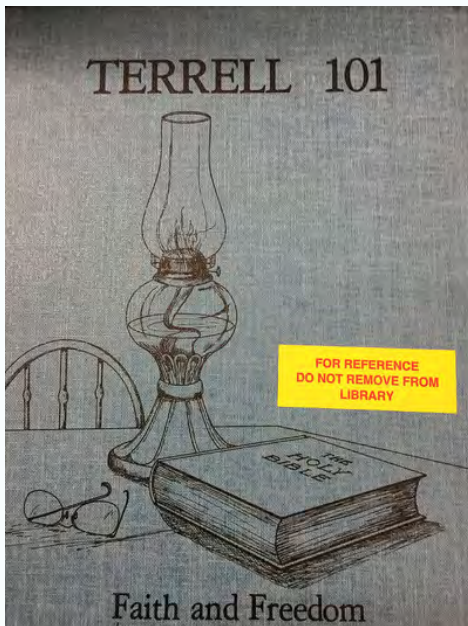
**Corrine Jubb #5215, BCGS Library Administrator**

Various prairie town historical societies have published their local histories. These books include writeups and photos of the early families in those areas. Three books at the BCGS Library focus on Saskatchewan.

**R 971.244 THC-**  
Terrell 101, *Faith and Freedom*

**971.244 C&DHS-***A Stake in the West* Carnduff and District by Carnduff & District Historical Society

**R 971.244 BDHS-***Wagon Trails to Blacktop* by Bethune & District Historical Society



### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

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

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GENEALOGY GEMS &amp; ODDITIES in our BCGS Genealogical Library

## THE SCOTTISH PIONEERS OF UPPER CANADA, 1784-1855, GLENGARRY AND BEYOND



by Celia Lewis,  
#5183

Lucille H. Campey was the recent June featured speaker in our 50th Anniversary series. Glengarry was the first major Scottish settlement in Upper Canada, in 1784. The tidal wave of Scottish immigrants continued, finding opportunities in Upper Canada in contrast to the challenging economic times in Scotland, particularly in the Highlands.

The particular strength of Ms. Campey's writing is her ability to detail history. As one reviewer states: she "...weaves together statistical information, institutional histories and personal accounts to produce a fascinating picture of the ... networks [which] brought 100,000 Scots to Upper Canada." A meticulous researcher, she uses British governmental records, ships records, personal accounts, archival material including statistics. Fully half the book is detailed Appendices, informative Notes for each chapter, a detailed Bibliography, and an excellent Index.

**ALL KNOWN PASSENGER LISTS** are included, with varying details of families and individuals on each of the ships. An outstanding resource if only for this first Appendix. Here's just a tiny piece of Appendix I, p.183. Not all the ships' lists are so detailed. Note the number of children under 2 years of age just in this tiny Those toddlers and babies caught my eye, as I wondered how their parents managed on the boat coming over the North Atlantic. Challenging times.

The Scottish Pioneers  
of Upper Canada,  
1784 – 1855  
Glengarry and Beyond



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by Lucille H.  
Campey

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The British Queen, of Greenock, Deniston (Master). Sailed from Araxag to Que-  
bec Aug. 16, 1790.  
[NAC RG4A1, Vol. 48, 15874-5]

Names	Trade	Farms	Country	Age				Amount Paid	
				over 12	8 to 12	6 to 8	4 to 2		below 2
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Ernie McMillan	Tenant	Laidnafroy	Ardgour	2	2	1	1	1	8 8 5
Donald McDonald	Tenant	Lagana-chorum	Glengary	3	2			1	10 18 6
Dougal McMillan	Tenant	Druulu	Moidart	2			1	1	4 2 4 1/2
Duncan Gillies	Tenant	Koniasick	N. Morar	7					13 9 6
Angus McLellan	Taylor	Lagana-chorum	GlenGary	2			1	1	4 2 4 1/2
Feggy McDougal		Cleadale	Eigg	1			1		2 1 0
Alan McDonald	Tenant	Cleadale	Eigg	4		2			7 5 1
Donald McDonald	Tenant	Cleadale	Eigg	2			1		3 7 0
John McKinnon	Tenant	Cleadale	Eigg	1					2 1 0
Lachlan McKinnon	Tenant	Cleadale	Eigg	4	1	2	2	2	15 9 0
Lachlan Campbell	Tenant	Cleadale	Eigg	3			1	1	4 8 1 1/2
Donald McDonald for Isabella		Cleadale	Eigg	1					3 7 0
Donald McCormick	Tenant	Cleadale	Eigg	1		1			3 1 6

I think this small taste of one of the Ships' Passenger Lists will have you poring over this book for all the gems. The Notes for each Chapter show her assessment and points to consider as well as more details - which would have made it very slow reading if they had all been put as footnotes on each page. But the Notes themselves add not only character but also additional relevant information. I found myself enthralled and intrigued by the wealth of detail.

**This is definitely a Genealogy Gem in our Library - the best of a genealogy and family history book, full of useful and intriguing details gleaned from a multitude of sources. Highly recommended.**



## 50th Anniversary BCGS Genealogy Alaska Cruise

HAL SS KONINGSDAM • SEPTEMBER 17-24, 2022

### Report from Travel Advisor Robert Marcoux and Sharon Clayton, #5332

Our September 2022 Alaska Cruise with Blaine Bettinger and Mary Kathryn Kozy has attracted more potential cruisers who have recently joined our BCGS Cruise Facebook group. At last count, the group had grown to 156 members. [Click here for the GROUP](#)

On our two sea days (September 18th and 26th, 2022), Blaine and Mary Kathryn will be offering genealogy and genetic genealogy presentations. Blaine will also have a schedule for booking short, private consultations.

The Facebook group is the best place to stay informed about our keenly anticipated cruise. Updates and information about Holland America's sales promotions (always time-limited) are promptly posted to the group. If you haven't checked out the HAL video about our cruise ship The Koningsdam, the video can be viewed on our Facebook timeline.

Despite two date changes and being transferred from the Nieuw Amsterdam to the Koningsdam, our travel group has grown to more than 100 excited genealogists and friends. People from several North American provinces and states reserved their cabins many months ago, and one cabin was booked from faraway Australia. We've booked three more cabins in the past month, and are looking forward to booking more.

Because none of us have been able to travel for such a long time, many explorers are looking forward to yearned-for getaways. If any of you are thinking about inviting fellow genealogists or friends to join our cruise, please let them know that **Travel Advisor Robert Marcoux** has secured special rates for our group, and still has cabins available for booking at group rates. His contact info is below!

Stay tuned for more updates on the voyage



Don't want to be  
left behind?

**Sept 17-24, 2022**

Contact Robert now to  
join the cruise group

**Robert Marcoux**  
Cell 604-401-0484  
Toll Free 866.354.1869  
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# Coffee Chats on Zoom

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

Before COVID, Chats were held at the BCGS Genealogical Library. The library is slowly re-opening.

Coffee Chats will remain on Zoom for now.

Watch this space and the website for breaking news.



## BC COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, August 5—7 to 9 pm**

With Janet White

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



## USA COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, August 12—7 to 9 pm**

With Judith Ueland

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



## ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

**Tuesday, August 17—7 to 9 pm**

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham

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



## ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, August 19, 7 to 9 pm**

With Ann Buchanan

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



## SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

**Thursday, August 26—7 to 9 pm**

With Lorraine Irving

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



## NEW FRENCH-CANADIAN

COFFEE CHAT

**A Thursday, September 30—7 to 9 pm**

With Kim Kujawski & Sue Sullivan

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



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

COFFEE CHAT

**Introductory DNA**

**Taking a break until September**

RSVP Sharon Clayton

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



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

COFFEE CHAT

**Parental Puzzles (NPE)**

**Taking a break until September**

RSVP Sharon Clayton

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## CHINA COFFEE CHAT

**Taking a break until October**

RSVP Linda Yip

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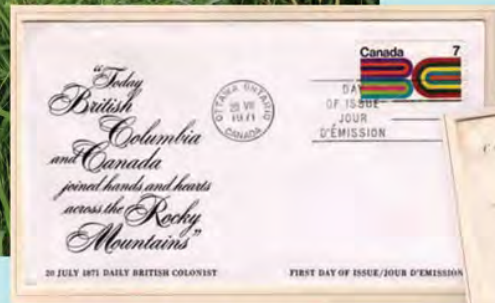


50 YEARS

# 50 Years Ago—August 1971



## 50 YEARS AGO Centennial Stamp BRITISH COLUMBIA



The British Columbia 1971 Centennial stamp pictured at top-right was created by Edward “Ted” R. C. Bethune. His design was inspired by childhood memories from growing up in Kamloops—parades in which bicycles were decorated with strips of coloured paper. Bethune was born in Kamloops in 1919 and he grew up at 154 Battle Street. His childhood home can be easily identified by its BETHUNE HOUSE Centenary Plaque (at left).

Canada’s First Day Cover envelopes are stamped with postmarks and cancellation stamps that show the dates and locations of when and where they were received by the post office. On the envelopes’ left sides, are prints called cachets. Canada Post produced these illustrated BC Centennial First Day Covers, and private companies created many others.

At [postalhistorycorner.blogspot.com/2011/03/1971-british-columbia-in-spring-of-1870.html](http://postalhistorycorner.blogspot.com/2011/03/1971-british-columbia-in-spring-of-1870.html) are several more cachet examples, including one commemorating the BC Gold Rush.

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### August Celebration Days:

British Columbia Day, Heritage Day (AB), Provincial Day (NT, NU, ON), Saskatchewan Day, Terry Fox Day (MB), New Brunswick Day, Natal Day (NS), The Royal St John’s Regatta (NL), Muharram / Islamic New Year, Lefthanders Day, National Acadian Day, Discovery Day (YT), Gold Cup Parade (PE).

### To-Do This Month:

Celebrate BC Day by devoting this month to BC research.

### AUGUST

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