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*Year!!!*



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with us  
January 12th

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# Message from the President

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

Happy New Year! We've all been through another unprecedented time during 2021, so let's start this new year off on a positive slant!

Many of our BCGS traditions took a bit of a back seat during 2021, so I'd like to revive the **Most Improved Genealogy Contest**. For those of you who haven't heard of it – let me explain.

Starting in January, plan to make an improvement in your genealogy. Whether it is finally writing those family stories that you meant to do, organizing documents or scanning photos – get started.

What is your best improved project? The contest starts now and runs through to the end of November 2022. If you qualify, write a submission and send it to me as an email attachment.

A group of judges will decide who will be named our **Most Improved Genealogist**.

I finished off 2021 with a rather wonderful discovery, thanks to our member Jo-Ann Blomquist who advised me that the 1926 Prairie census had been released. After using the unsuccessful 'needle in a haystack' approach, I decided to use the more organized route – and Voila!!!! I found my Dad's family living in Binscarth, Manitoba.

Aside from being very excited, did I learn anything new? Yes - my grandfather could speak English, but his mother tongue was Polish (hmmm, who knew!). I also learned that my Dad and his brother had attended school for the previous 9 months.

**Let's start the year off right – join one of our weekly Coffee Chats.  
Come visit us at the library; become a volunteer. We'll look forward to 'seeing' you.  
AND IF YOU RUN INTO A BRICK WALL, ASK FOR HELP!**

## WEDNESDAY, January 12th 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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## Second NOTICE of CALL for NOMINATIONS for the BCGS Board of Directors

**The March meeting & AGM will be held on Zoom on  
Wednesday, 9 March 2022, at 7:30 pm.**

In addition to the regular meeting, elections will be held for the positions of:

- **President**, 2022/2023 term
- **Two Vice Presidents**, 2022/2023 term
- **Society Secretary**, 2022/2023 term
- **Treasurer**, 2022/2023 term
- **One Director**, 2022/2023 term
- **Two Directors**, 2022/2025 term

We are grateful that several of our current Board members have agreed to stand for another term. We are, in particular, looking for a **Treasurer**, and a **Director** for the 2022/2025 term.

**We need proactive participation from more members to provide inspiration and guidance about the future endeavours of BCGS. Will you stand for nominations?**

If you have a background in finance, we are especially interested in speaking with you for the Treasurer's role.

Contact [Eunice Robinson](#) if you would like further information or to obtain a Nomination Application. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

## BCGS 2022 Membership Renewals

**Did you miss renewing your membership?**

**Don't worry—you've got until January 31, 2022 before we de-activate your membership. We do hope you will join us again!**

Five winners will be drawn at the January General Meeting from members who renewed before December 31st.

## CALLING ALL YEARBOOKS AND ANNUALS!

The BCGS library has a small collection of school annuals and yearbooks, but we would be happy to add more.

We have several from the University of BC – but are missing volumes from 1933, 1934, 1936, 1937 and most from the 1950s. We have the 1956 from Gladstone; 1949 from Kelowna; 1971 & 1976 from Sir Winston Churchill, 1964-66 from Booth Memorial, 1966 & 1967 from Prince Rupert Senior Secondary.

Check the Library Catalogue on our website by searching for "annual" or "yearbook" and/or the school's name.

If you or someone you know has an annual or yearbook that they no longer want, or if you see one at a book sale, consider picking it up for us. They can be mailed to our Richmond address, or brought to the Library when it's open. Contact our Library Administrator at [library@bcgs.ca](mailto:library@bcgs.ca).

# \$2,445 Raised

## BCGS LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who helped to make 2021 a fantastic year for the BCGS Bottle & Can Recycling Team! Our goal for the year was to donate \$2,200 to the BCGS Alice Marwood Fund. Since we only earned \$748 in 2020, this was very ambitious. As of December 31st, members have contributed \$2,445, which far exceeded our goal.

In July 2021, BCGS opened an account with Return-It Recycling that allowed members from all over the province to donate through their local Return-It Centres. Donors have been printing deposit labels at their local depots and attaching the coded labels to

clear plastic bags that contain donated bottles and cans. We encourage **even more members** to do the same in the coming year.

Our BCGS library's phone number 604-502-9119 is the code for printing labels at the Return-It Centre. Return-It employees count the contents of each bag and credit our BCGS bank account.

Donations of bottles and cans can still be dropped off at the Library or in Bill's driveway in South Surrey if that is more convenient. If you have questions or need clarification, please email [billclayton@shaw.ca](mailto:billclayton@shaw.ca) or call 604.329.1721.

Members' generous donations of bottles and cans allow us to make steady improvements to the Library, without squeezing the BCGS operating budget.



**Thank you—your generosity is much appreciated.**

## February 19th History Expo

### Museum of Surrey, 1-5pm

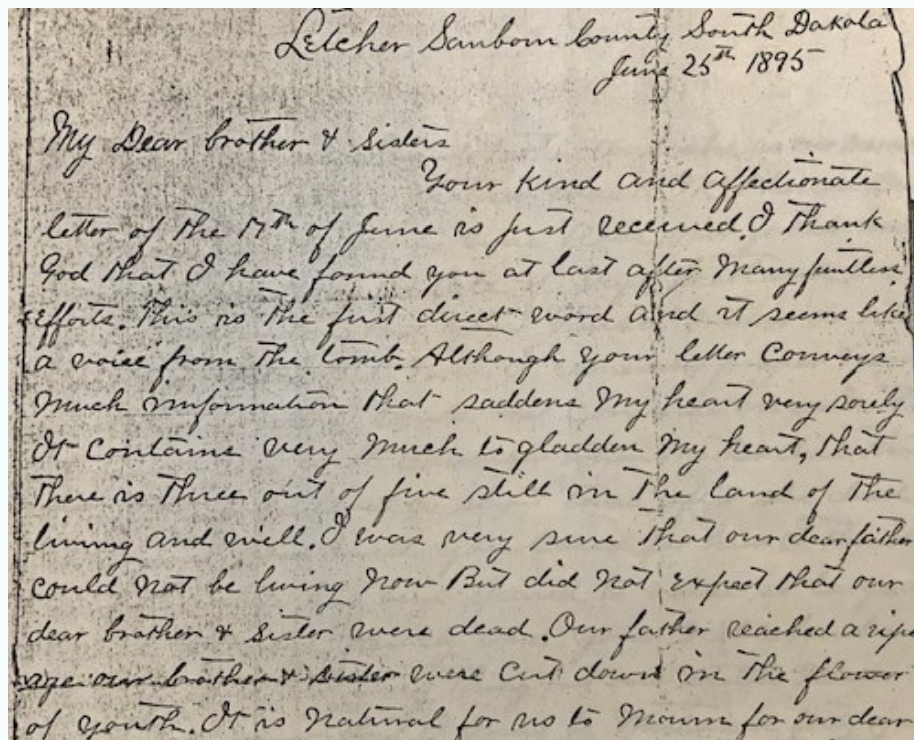
All visitors and partners for our events are required to wear a mask indoors at all times and provide proof of full vaccination

**Library & Archives Canada  
will present at  
the February Meeting**

# Old Research, New Tools

by Meg McLaughlin, #3847

Genealogical research has come a long way since I last researched my maternal line. As with most of my family lines, those ancestors were well travelled, which makes figuring out where to look for records difficult. My current search is focused on Ontario and my great grandmother, Charlotte Tripp. I'm trying to track down her birth and have a clue as to where she was born.



She was married on January 16, 1889 in Sydenham, Grey County. The certificate gives her birth place as Bobcaygeon and her age as 23, which means her year of birth is likely 1866. As civil registration in Ontario began in 1869, I have so far been unable to find a record of her birth.

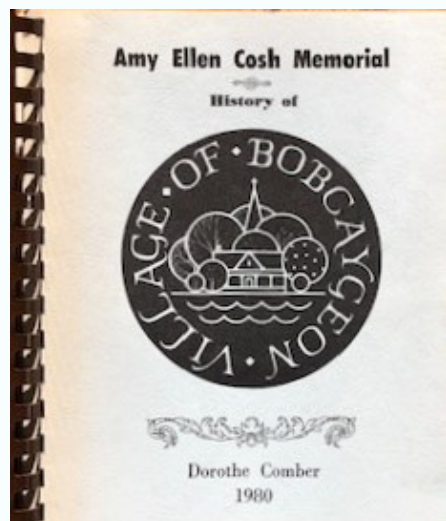
Even worse than that, I can't find a marriage for her parents although I can find the record for her father, Samuel Tripp's, second marriage on September 5, 1867. Somewhere shortly after her birth Charlotte's mother was lost. I haven't found a record for that either, although I found a mention of what I believe was her death in one of Charlotte's uncle's letters. But frustratingly, no names, dates or causes of death were given.

The letters from Charlotte's uncle, Alexander Mathison, look to be a gold mine of clues, taking the older generation back to Scotland. I'm not sure why I didn't follow up on that information earlier.

But maybe it's good that I waited, given today's ease of finding data with the click of a mouse. The trick now will be to stay focused on the research into Charlotte's background. The information in the letters is enticing me to take the family further back.

There are plenty of tales in this family line waiting to be discovered and now there are so many resources at my fingertips to do the research and flesh out the stories. Much of what I started with came the old fashioned way, through hours of research and family connections through cousin researchers. It's wonderful to have that knowledge base to work from, and hard to remind myself to go slowly enough to verify the new information that I find. In some ways I miss the painstaking earlier days when I looked for information on these ancestors.

Family history research has come a long way since those days of sitting in front of a



microfilm reader, casting a net and hoping for at least one clue. Although thinking about those earlier days of research reminds me of the slog to find one measly record, if I was lucky, I miss the companionship of those days sitting beside other researchers bent over their machines. There was someone there to appreciate any eureka moment that came along. And there seemed to be more eureka moments, since everything took so much longer to find!

*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.*

## THE FLOOD OF '48

**by Normandie Miller, #5768**

I was born in Vancouver and my Mom and Dad moved out of the city in 1946. My father was able to buy a lot in Beach Grove with the assistance of the Veterans Land Act. One of the highest lots on a corner cost \$50.00. My family lived in the house my father built for 40 years. The last time I checked, it was still there!

I attended a Catholic school in the area and was bussed to the school just outside of Ladner. Sacred Heart is still there, but as a newer building. My first memory of the flood was the last day of school before the Easter break. Father Martin, the parish priest, was the bus driver. One of our last stops before my home was the Tsawassen Indian reserve. We had two sisters, daughters of the chief, on board. We drove through about two feet of water to reach the regular bus stop, where their father waited in a row boat. The girls, Edith and Leilani, stepped off the bus into the boat.

My father was a pharmacist, one of the few people in the neighbourhood with a medical background. He was the go-to-guy for anyone unable to get into town.

When I got home and opened the fridge, there was no food, just boxes of medical supplies that might be needed in case of outbreaks of dysentery and other diseases that might occur during a flood. The neighbours had our food!

The tunnel wasn't built until 1959 – to get to Richmond, a ferry was required. The ferry was shut down because of the flood, so my Dad drove us down to see the river. We saw whole houses, logs, pigs & all sorts of things swept away by the flood. I can still see chickens sitting on roofs of the houses that swept by.

The dike at the end of Ladner's main street, located four feet below sea level, had broken. The army had been called in, and soldiers were sandbagging. Older girls were disappointed when they left!

The song of the day was:

*Put another sandbag,  
On the dike that's nearly gone,  
Sand bag, Sand bag, Sand bag.*

This was sung to the tune of "Put Another Nickel in the Nickelodeon". I missed a lot of detail at the age of eight, but the memories added another layer to my life.

# DNA Matches a 1st & 2nd Family

By Laurel Gorman, #5509

A few years ago, I was contacted by a young lady in Seattle who said she thought we had a family connection. We compared information and it turned out my father had a half brother.

I had suspected for many years that my grandfather had a previous marriage and when I saw his attestation papers I knew he had. His wife's name was not my grandmother's! Because the document did not list his first wife's maiden name, I couldn't get any further information at the time.

Dad had no idea of the earlier marriage and has passed on, as has his half brother. DNA and a paper trail has confirmed the young lady is my second cousin. We have been chatting on Facebook ever since.

A month ago, I received a message through Ancestry from a woman who said her cousin was my half uncle's son! He and I are now in contact and he is definitely my 1st cousin. We have exchanged emails and now have talked on the phone.

He lives in California. During our conversation, he said he had been to Vancouver for Expo '86, and a few times since. He has cruised on the outside passage to Alaska from Seattle and says, next year he is going to cruise the inside passage from Vancouver and would like to come up a bit early for a visit. When I asked him what cruise line and when, he replied that he will be sailing on Holland America on Sept 19th.

**The same ship I will be on for our Genealogy cruise. WOW!**

Just like that, I have access to another branch of my family. I am so excited! My parents, aunts and uncles have all passed on. I only have one brother and his family and the only other first cousins I have ever known are the children of my Dad's sister.

Now, if I can manage to connect with the families of Grandpa's two brothers, who seem to have remained in New Brunswick. I will have another family history article to share!

**Never give up looking!**

## Review of Johanne Gervais' Seminar

By Kim Kujawski, #5575

The last of BCGS's seminar speakers was Johanne Gervais from the *Quebec Genealogical eSociety*. Johanne's talk had two parts, both focused on Québec, or more accurately, New France. The first presentation was "Early Quebec Census Records." Johanne focused on the 1666, 1667 and 1681 censuses, and showed us what valuable information these censuses contained: who lived in a household, what their occupation was, how many arpents of land the family had, as well as livestock, pigs and firearms. Johanne told us where we could find the censuses and her handout included a handy glossary of terms.

The second presentation was on Quebec notarial records. Our members found this presentation especially interesting, as this record set is often overlooked. Notarial records cover a large variety of agreements, such as marriage contracts, land sales and business activities. Another genealogically rich notarial document was the "Declaration of Heredity", a legal document required when someone died without a will. It identified the inheritors and the proportion of their inheritance by law. Johanne walked us through where to find these records at the Quebec archives (BAnQ) and FamilySearch for free.

If you ever need to research in Quebec these are great things to know!



# The Journal of William Holmes

By Sally Funk, #1760

I was extremely fortunate, some time ago, to come in contact with Linda Rogers, the wife of my 3C1R. She generously shared her transcription of the handwritten Journal of William Holmes, which was created during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

**William Holmes (1833-1905)** was the husband of my GG Grandaunt Ruth Calvert (1838-1901). His journal includes a detailed article taken from the *'Independent Order of Oddfellows Magazine'* of October, 1868 that documents William's involvement with the *"Friendly Societies"* of the time, as well as noting the many accomplishments of his life. William wrote a lengthy account of his findings while investigating the history of the Gretna Green in Dumfries, Scotland. He documented the marriage customs there, as well as those elsewhere in the world.



William Holmes 1833-1905

Here he describes his experiences of their journey, and his marriage to Ruth at Gretna Green:

*My Lady love and myself, both lived in Brampton, Cumberland and the course of true love not running fast enough for our young and anxious hearts, I conceived the idea of securing her on the strict Q.T., hence the following may be truly narrated.*

*She was a good looking damsel and sweet 18 and I was 23 neither of our ages being noted for wisdom, yet we soon had our plans ready for action.*

*I had a few rents to collect every half year at a hamlet or village named Lowshertown about 3 miles south of Arman and had an only brother, then Clerk-in-Charge of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Office at "Dumfries" and she had a brother living at "Sanquhar" 14 miles to the*

*north beyond Dumfries, so it was very easy and simple to make an excuse and get away as on a mutual weekend visit which we managed. I asked her parents to permit her to accompany me for an outing to Sanquhar and as soon as that permission was obtained the rest was easy.*

*We took the train to and from Carlisle on Thursday morning the 22nd September 1856 into the Kingdom of Scotland\_ upon our return journey on the then following Monday morning we alighted from the train at Gretna Junction aforesaid when we fell in with our friend Mr. John Murray whom I knew well previously who frequently acted as a Coupler, he having the Sark-Toll-Bar just across the border where the weddings took place.*

The reference in the journal to knowing John Murray refers to an earlier mention of him, where William wrote about the various "Couplers" of Gretna Green:

*John Murray (who married the writer at the "Church" commonly called "Allisons-Bank-Tollhouse" which in reality was the "Sark-Toll-Bar" on the Scotch side of the*

*little river "Sark") was always ready to invite and entice couples who were in a hurry, and having also a keen eye to business, induced them afterwards to*

*put up and so to speak spend their honeymoon at the neighbouring hotel which he built and was both owner and host, namely the "Graham Arms", Gretna Junction on the Cumberland side of the border.*

*I next saw him at his Hotel at Gretna Junction aforesaid, when he said, "Hello, who is this?" "My cousin of course", said I. He winked and then said, "well you had better get married here and I'll do it for "nout". So off we (himself and two of his young daughters as witnesses) parted to the Toll-Bar to be in Scotland.*

*.....We stayed at the Hotel until Tuesday afternoon myself having to be home the following Wednesday our market-day for business.*

*We arrived safely at Brampton by the 6pm train being then the last daily one from Carlisle to Newcastle and both of us stayed at a neighbours, next-door to her parents house that night, of the name of Armstrong to who we entrusted with the secret of our exploit and to the credit of him and his wife kept it well. Aye, even to the beginning of December*

*then next, when one of my wife's sisters arrived from Middlesboro, Yorkshire on her "honeymoon" and then the cat got out of the bag.*

*However all ended happily having properly and duly asked her parents for her hand which really and truly was not then necessary neither for another wedding which we had at Brampton Parish Church in the English and orthodox form and by special licence on Monday, 8th of December 1856.*

*.....As previously stated there was no necessity for our second marriage or re-union as our Gretna Green one was perfectly legal and binding according to the Law of our United Kingdom, but as the saying is "Murder will out" and the "Cat" (so to speak) was out of the bag and our affair became known and talked about amongst our relations and friends that we had been married at Gretna. We considered that being members of the Established Church of England and presbytery of Scotland we would conform to the rites of the former and were accordingly remarried as here-in-before stated.*

It seems that in 1856, the marriage of William and Ruth was the last one performed for some time as noted on page 3 of the 'Sunderland and Daily Echo', dated 6 Aug 1901.

A Gretna Green heroine. The death occurred yesterday of Mrs Holmes, the wife of Mr W Holmes, of 3 Houghton Street, who was married to her present husband at Gretna Green by that famous blacksmith, who probably

made more by forging hymeneal bonds than making horseshoes. It is said that Mr and Mrs Holmes were the last couple so married before a hard unsentimental law put an end to those romantic unions

Most family historians agree, that discovering information about the characters of our ancestors is much more interesting than documenting the necessary facts of names, dates, etc. This 'personality' search is definitely more difficult, especially when the subject is a woman, who often in the past, left less evidence of her presence.

Ruth Calvert was sister to my GG grandmother Sarah Calvert (1815-1850). Both were daughters of Mary Forester (1795-1880) and Thomas Calvert (1789-1869) of Lanercost, Cumberland. Mary Forester therefore was William Holmes' mother-in-law.

My traditional research, using wills, parish records, census data, etc., showed that in 1815, Mary Forrester was baptised, married (a minor with consent of her father) and gave birth to her daughter Sarah. William Holmes' journal states that she gave birth to 22 children, listing the names and dates of 13 plus 9 infants. It's possible that 9 babies died at birth, or were stillborn? Mary died in 1880 at High Hesket, Cumberland at the age of 85.

The section of William's Journal that I found most engaging was his depiction of his mother-in-law, my GG Grandmother, Mary Forester:

*I may here remark that her dear old Mother, whose maiden name was Forrester, hailing from FlorryHirst, Stapleton, and then my 'mother in law' having had twice one and twenty children, namely twenty two a goodly number of new and young relations to start with and will add these lines.*

**To**

*My Mother in Law whose disinterested services for*

- my wife = during seven critical periods
- and likewise - caring for seven children

**- during -**

*teething, measles, mumps, scarlatina and other diseases incidental to childhood receiving only occasionally, I may say, a cup of tea in exit not only praise but admiration*

**- and -**

*there leaving my house, umbrella and all, always at the precise time when there was no more work to do was consideration itself.*

*One late and respected Lord Chief Justice "Lord Russell of Killowen" who was never accused of the crime of joking, once when asked what was the maximum punishment for bigamy, replied instantly "Two mothers-in-law", the punishment I question, for I was blessed with one, good one."*

Such a description creates a suggestion of who Mary Forester was. I feel almost able to recognize her qualities and personality, seeing her as an energetic, generous, caring, determined, family oriented woman. We will never know for certain whether this was a true representation, but It gave a good hint of her character, and provides enhancing details to the basic facts of her life.

William Holmes' full, lengthy, and detailed Journal is a wonderful find. It is more than a personal diary of interest to descendants of the Holmes family. It is a 19th Century historical document, written by someone who was alive at the time, which would be of interest to many living today.





## Hire a Photo Organizer

by Deborah Ross, #5892

Hiring a professional photo organizer is an excellent approach to manage your printed photos, digital photos, negatives, slides, documents, scrapbooks, children's artwork, audio and video tape, etc.

Everyone wants to know - "How much does it cost?" - and the answer to that question is always, "It depends". Let's take a look at why costs vary and what you should consider when you are trying to decide if you should hire a professional photo organizer.

### **Success requires your time & effort.**

People have photo albums, slides, negatives, scrap books, documents, audio tapes, video tapes and film all over their homes. They're in boxes in the backs of closets (including those of parents and grandparents). They're also hidden in folders on computers and other devices.

It's no wonder that a lot of people don't know where their favourite or unknown photos are stored, and it's not surprising that they keep most of their best family stories buried! Whatever your situation looks like right now, remember that it took years to get to this point. ***It will take time to sort and organize.***

Success completely depends upon the level of commitment. Make sure you have the time, energy and a budget to commit to working with your organizer.

### **Photo organizing works best when you work with a professional photo organizer who is knowledgeable about the best approach.**

Your professional photo organizer should ask you about your ultimate goal, and create a plan that is specific for you. A professional organizer should keep you motivated and accountable, and prevent you from unknowingly doing harm.

Professional photo organizers should take you through a proven process and customize services for your unique situation. They should work with you to make it easy to stay on track, exercising consistent discipline to keep moving toward success.

### **Working with a professional photo organizer requires an investment of time, with a budget.**

Prices for professional photo organizing services are based on the scope of each project - the time needed for completion and the organizer's expertise.

Family photos are priceless and irreplaceable. When asked what they would rescue first, if a house fire or other emergency threatened their homes, most people put “family photos” at the top of their list.

Hiring a professional photo organizer should not be a price-driven decision. Your investment will ultimately get you great results and provide enormous long-term value. When it comes to working with service providers like professional photo organizers, you get what you pay for. Choosing the least expensive option, such as scanning services from London Drugs or Costco, probably isn't a good idea. Those companies are not interested in your goals, and you could be at risk of losing your photos.

Why would you put your memories in the hands of people who are not qualified or invested in your unique interests?

**1. Your timeline.** If you have a short deadline, some organizers will charge a rush fee. Try to give your organizer as much time as possible to get to know you, your family, and your goals. If you absolutely must complete the work on short notice, you may have to adjust your cost expectations and work on just a portion of the project, so you can meet your timeline.

**2. Getting help** with scanning/digitizing of prints, slides, negatives, documents and movies. Scanning and digitizing of these items can be a time-consuming process, so you'll need to pay accordingly to have your organizer perform or manage these services for you. These services are typically priced by the scan, or by the length of the videotape, but some organizers charge by the hour.

**3. Vintage media** - Delicate old prints, photo albums, slides, negatives, documents and movie reels need to be handled with special care.

If you have digital photos across multiple devices, it will take time to consolidate them into one place and organize them. Photo organizing services include looking for duplicates, and renaming your images based on the date the photo is taken, the event in the photo, and the people in the images.

Renaming and metadata (who, date and where) can be achieved to easily search your photos. This process takes time, but it is worthwhile to create a system that allows you to locate specific photos. Imagine what it would be like to be able to find all of the pictures of your mom, daughter, or spouse by doing a quick search on your computer. Or how easy it will be to create a beautiful and meaningful photo album/book to give to your son for his college graduation. When your photo collection is well organized, these tasks are so much easier.

**4. The type of project** - When a professional photo organizer helps with the hands-on organizing of your photos, work will typically be priced by the hour, or by the session. If organizers are creating slideshows, photo books or albums for you, they usually charge a fixed amount, which includes a limited amount of photos, and a set number of revisions.

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## FIRST NATIONS, INUIT AND MÉTIS NATION GENEALOGY

with Library and Archives Canada

## ATELIER SUR LA GÉNÉALOGIE DES PREMIÈRES NATIONS, DES INUIT OU DE LA NATION MÉTISSE

en collaboration avec Bibliothèque et Archives Canada

### EXPLORE YOUR ROOTS AT LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA (LAC)

*Start your First Nations, Inuit or Métis Nation genealogy.*

This event is presented by Surrey Libraries in collaboration with LAC.

Join genealogy staff from LAC for this workshop, and learn about First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation genealogy. You will discover how to access collections and how to get advice and assistance.

Surrey Libraries' Family History department resources for Indigenous genealogy research will also be presented.

### EXPLOREZ VOS RACINES À BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET ARCHIVES CANADA (BAC)

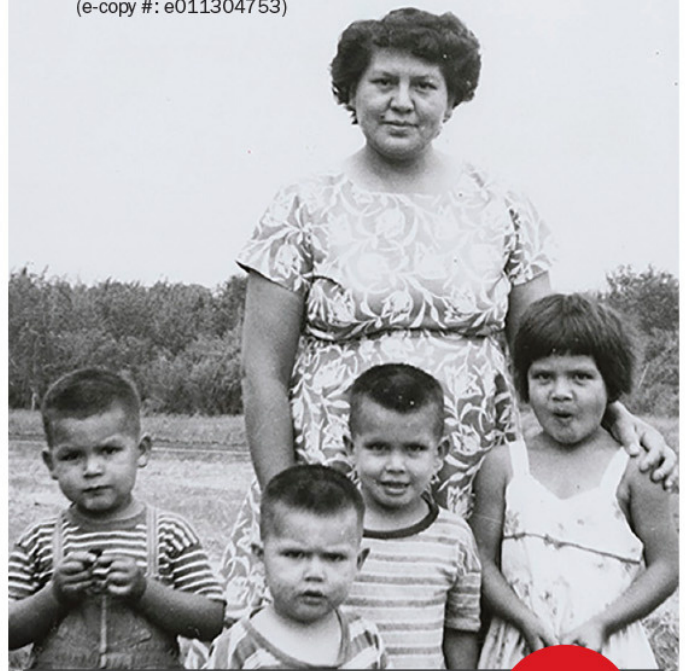
*Lancez vos recherches généalogiques sur les Premières Nations, les Inuit ou la Nation Métisse.*

Cet événement est présenté par les bibliothèques de Surrey, en collaboration avec BAC.

Joignez-vous aux spécialistes en généalogie de BAC pour un atelier sur la généalogie des Premières Nations, des Inuit et de la Nation Métisse. Vous apprendrez comment accéder aux collections et obtenir des conseils ou de l'aide.

Vous découvrirez aussi les ressources offertes en ce domaine par le département de généalogie des bibliothèques de Surrey.

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**  
**1-2:15pm**

**FREE!**  
**GRATUIT!**

**Registration required.**

Register in-person or email [familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca) or call 604-598-7328.

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**de 13 h à 14 h 15**



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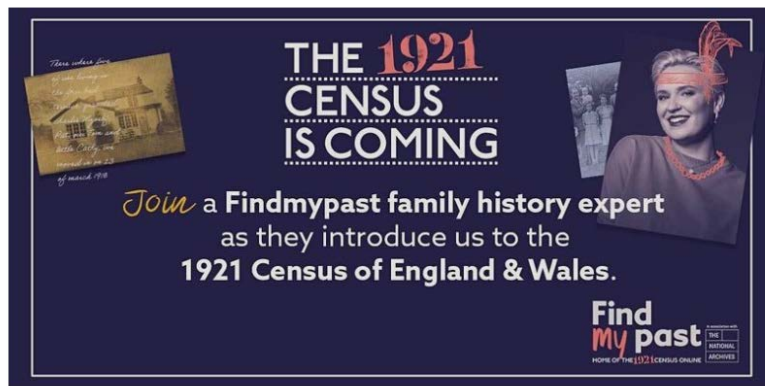
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This presentation covers genealogy basics for Eastern European family history research and suggests useful resources.

Our presenter is Chris Bukoski, the Program Chair and a long-standing member of the East European Genealogical Society.

You will need a computer with a microphone (or headphones) and webcam, or your smartphone, or an iPad/tablet.

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**Thursday, January 27**

**11am–noon**



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## Report from between the Library Stacks



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



If you are searching for genealogy information, come visit the BCGS Library! The bookshelves and computers include atlases, town histories, "How-To" books, paper and digital exchange journals, monumental records. As an underused bonus the library boasts access to Family Search (the same access as Family Search Libraries) and much more. **We hope to see you at the BCGS Library in 2022.**



## CRUISE NEWS

**Until February 28th, Holland America's Ultimate Upgrade Event promotion** (restricted to **NEW** bookings) includes:

- Free stateroom upgrades to the next highest category
- 50% reduced deposits
- \$75 fares for kids ages 17 and younger (as third or fourth guests)

Guests who make **NEW BOOKINGS** by January 20, 2022 will also receive up to \$200 onboard spending money, which can be used for spa treatments, specialty dining reservations and gift shop purchases.

Holland America's premium **"Have It All" promo package includes:**

- *Shore Excursions:* Based on the length of the cruise, guests receive up to three tours valued at \$100 each, or \$100 off other select tours

- *Signature Beverage Package:* For up to 15 drinks per day, including beer, wine, spirits, cocktails, soda and coffee. Bar service charges are included.
- *Specialty Dining:* Guests can indulge in award-winning specialty dining
- *Wi-Fi Surf Package:* Guests can stay connected onboard and visit their favourite websites, including email
- Now that 2022 has arrived, it's time to check our passports to make sure they will still be valid for 3 months after we disembark from the Koningsdam on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Those who have already booked can let Robert Marcoux know if there have been any changes to your contact info since confirming your bookings.

**604-401-0484**

**Robert@travelwithrobert.ca**



## GENEALOGY GEMS & ODDITIES in our BCGS Genealogical Library

by Celia Lewis,  
#5183

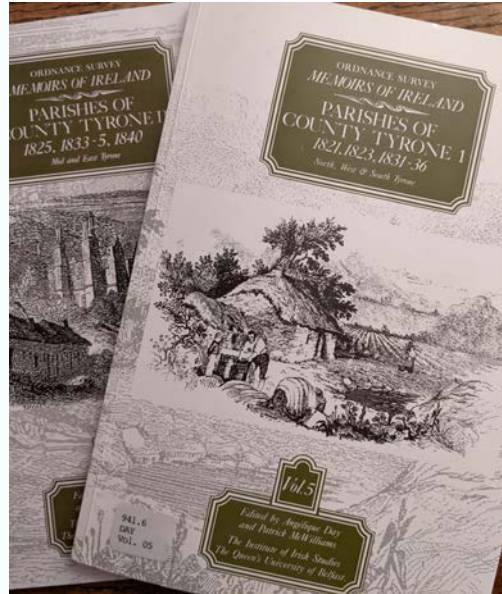
### ORDNANCE SURVEY Memoirs of Ireland, PARISHES of COUNTY TYRONE I, North, West & South Tyrone

All of **County Tyrone** in Northern Ireland is covered in these two volumes, Vol. 5 & 20, from notes of officers' records. These are amazingly detailed summaries of all aspects of life in the Parishes, from rents to forests and labour prices. Vol. 5, County Tyrone I, covers 1821, 1823, 1831-1836. For a thorough assessment of your County Tyrone ancestors, these books provide phenomenal detailed descriptions of their everyday life food, expenses, and lifestyles. The small maps and sketches included show the kind of land that supported families, food grown and employment, among other information. Very detailed, including sketches, maps of the different townlands in the Parishes, and more.

My father's father was born at home in the tiny hamlet of Augher, Parish Clogher, Co. Tyrone, in 1876. In the early 1830s, the officer was somewhat scathing of the living conditions of inhabitants. Examples taken from different sections in the Parish of Clogher, Augher:

*"Augher is situated 2 miles north east of Clogher. It consists of one street besides a few hovels on the road to the latter. Its length is about quarter of a mile. The court house with a market place underneath is a plain building 40 feet long and 20 broad. It was erected in 1807. Petty sessions are held once a fortnight. The houses have a dirty appearance. There are about 81 of 1-storey, 29 of 2- and 2 of 3-storeys. They are all built of stone. About one-tenth of these are slated, the remainder are thatched.."*

**Search using the terms "Ordnance Survey" in our BCGS Library Catalogue for other parts of Ulster covered by these detailed books**



**941.6 DAY Vol. 5;** also Vol. 20  
[East, North Tyrone]

*"It is now a miserable village... It is a mean-built miserable town, with very trifling signs of improvement. The houses are thatched and slated indiscriminately... The greater part of the people are Protestants or Protestant Dissenters."*

In some sections of Vol. 20, covering the East and North of Co. Tyrone, the farmers and their crops are all listed - an excellent resource. Townlands are specified and detailed information is provided. Unfortunately, there is no Index to either Vol. 5 or Vol. 20. You will need to search for relevant information on your ancestor(s). However, details of the land, crops, housing, education, and more, can be very helpful in fleshing out your families' lives.

## Message from the BCGS eJournal Editor

As we launch into a new year, one that must be better than the sad year just finished, I am thinking about all the pieces of research that I have studied these last months.

Every once in a while, some bit of information suddenly sticks its head up, and reveals a part of the life of an ancestor that I've been studying. I think "now that's why he/she did that (moved there, joined that)", and patterns in their life begin to form. Sometimes those patterns are eerily similar to patterns in my life, and I wonder about why these bits seem so similar. Perhaps I am more like that ancestor than I have realized, or perhaps the forces that challenge a person haven't changed that much over the centuries.

**Lynne  
Fletcher  
#5353**



Have you found any of these patterns or similarities in your studies during this last year? Have you found an ancestor that didn't react in the expected way to a challenge, and struck out onto a different path? Would you share their story with our BCGS members?

Perhaps these patterns could inspire us to find a better path to travel in this coming year.

**Happy New Year!**

Please send your story, and perhaps a picture, to [Journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:Journal@bcgs.ca)



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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. Although it has reopened, Coffee Chats will remain on Zoom for now. Watch this space and the website for breaking news.



## **FRENCH CONNECTION (French-Canadian)**

COFFEE CHAT

**Tuesday, January 4, 7 to 9 pm**

With Kim Kujawski & Sue Sullivan

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



## **IRELAND COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, February 3, 7 to 9 pm**

With Eunice Robinson

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



## **GOING BEYOND BASICS CHINESE**

**GENEALOGY COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, January 6, 10 to 11 am**

RSVP Linda Yip [hello@past-presence.com](mailto:hello@past-presence.com)



## **EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY**

**Introductory DNA COFFEE CHAT**

**Monday, February 7, 1 to 3 pm**

RSVP Sharon Clayton

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



## **USA COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, January 13, 7 to 9 pm**

With Judith Ueland

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



## **ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, February 10, 7 to 9 pm**

With Janet White

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



## **EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY**

**Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT**

**Monday, January 17, 1 to 3pm**

RSVP Sharon Clayton

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



## **SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, February 17, 7 to 9 pm**

With Lorraine Irving/Eunice Robinson

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



## **ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT**

**Tuesday, January 18, 7 to 9 pm**

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham

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



## **ATLANTIC CANADA COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, February 24, 7 to 9 pm**

With Eunice Robinson

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



## **BC COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, January 20, 7 to 9 pm**

With Janet White

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



## **EASTERN EUROPE COFFEE CHAT**

(INCL. GERMANS FROM RUSSIA)

**Thursday, March 3, 7 to 9 pm**

With Eunice Robinson

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



## **ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, January 27, 7 to 9 pm**

With Ann Buchanan

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



## **WALES COFFEE CHAT**

**Thursday, April 14, 7 to 9 pm**

With Eunice Robinson

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