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For Our Members and About Our Members – Celebrating 51 Years in 2022



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July 13th
& Aug 10th**

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SALE!**
Only \$40 for
the balance
of 2022



"THE EAGLE THAT SOARS IN THE UPPER AIR DOES NOT
WORRY ITSELF HOW IT IS TO CROSS RIVERS." ~

GLADYS AYLRARD

COVER ART BY JUNE GAUNTLEY #5112

Delta, BC
July 2019

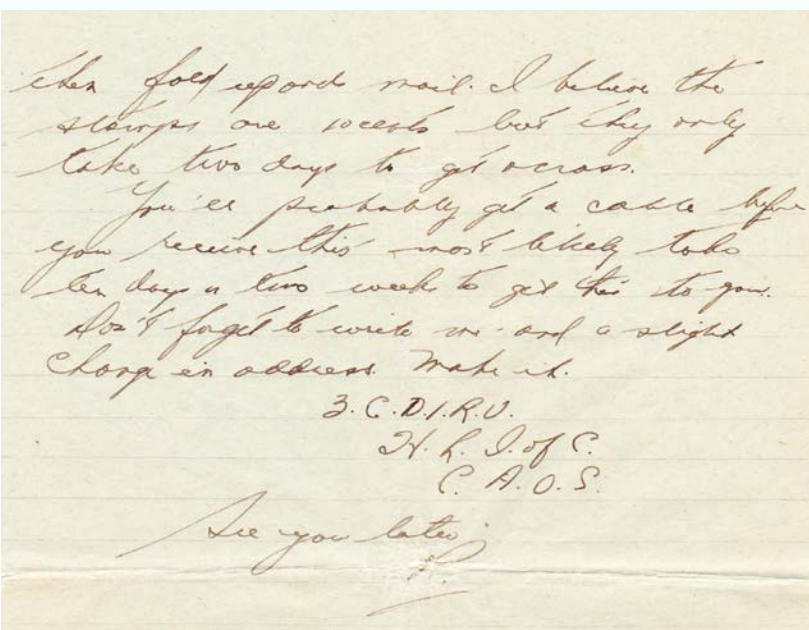
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Message from the President

Eunice Robinson #112, president@bcgs.ca



Hello Members!

Will summer ever come? The weather certainly has been providing a challenge to those of us trying to take advantage of going outdoors.

I've heard from a number of members planning research trips, get-togethers with family that they haven't seen for a couple of years, visits to cemeteries and other genealogically-connected activities. Looking forward to hearing about their successes in the months to come.

Remember, if you are in the neighbourhood of any memorials or cemeteries, and wonder if BCGS has already recorded these, don't hesitate to check with us. Cemeteries - gravestones@bcgs.ca or memorial benches/rocks/trees - memorials@bcgs.ca.

Like many of you, some of our volunteers are going to 'take a break', so we will not be scheduling any Thursday night Coffee Chats for August. Some of our other Coffee Chat groups will be on hiatus until September. So check our website and newsletters for these sessions. The GenBlast team will be taking a break in August, too.

A nice outing might be to visit our BCGS library, as we now have access to the British Newspapers site. The library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Have a great summer, recharge your batteries,
and we'll 'see' you at our July and August meetings.**

There will be no Newsletter on August 1st...

The Newsletter crew is taking a month off.

Watch for September 1st!

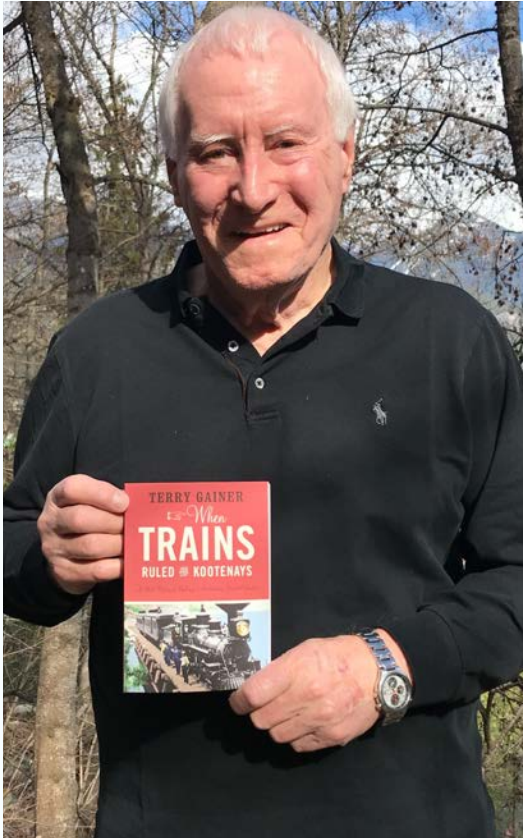
**Please continue to send in your articles
and summer genealogy photos!**



July Speaker • July 13, 2022

WHEN TRAINS RULED THE KOOTENAYS

About the Author



In 1948, Terry's father, Frank Gainer, was transferred to Banff as station agent. Part of the employment package was the Agent's residence on top of the station, where the family lived until 1955 when Mr. Gainer retired. Beginning in 1957, Terry worked summer jobs at the station, initially as a porter in the baggage room, and then as a Red Cap through the summer of 1962, the year of the Seattle World's Fair. Living at the Banff train station nurtured Terry's lifelong passion for trains and railways.

Primarily influenced by his upbringing, Terry has enjoyed a career that has been a remarkable 50-year adventure in tourism. Terry officially retired in 2005, but has stayed involved in the industry as a planning and marketing consultant. In 2017, Terry began work on his first book **When Trains Ruled The Rockies**, published in 2019. The first edition sold out - the second edition was released in March 2022. But he still wasn't done with trains. In early 2021, Terry began work on his second book, **When Trains Ruled The Kootenays**, released in April of 2022. Terry resides in Kaslo, BC.

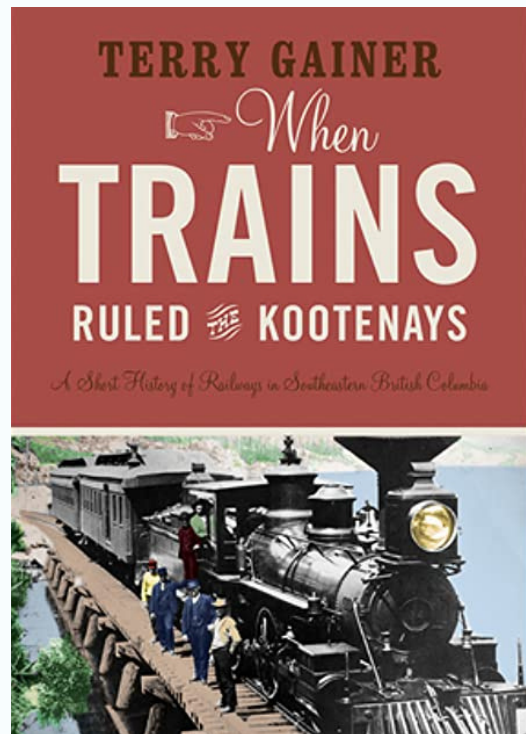
Synopsis by Terry Gainer

When Trains Ruled the Kootenays is a history of late 19th and early 20th-century railways as they blasted their way into Southeastern British Columbia. Railway companies often collided head-on in a battle to control the resource-rich Kootenays. It is also the story of how the railways established an extensive and convenient transportation network to haul ore from the mines, move people, and service the communities.

I was motivated to take on this project after visiting the Nelson BC station in summer 2017 to view the renovations completed by the new owner, the Nelson Chamber of Commerce. They intended to restore the station, as close as possible, to its original design, as built by the CPR in 1901. While I was impressed by the masterful refurbishment, I felt something was missing. Historic photographs alone

would not portray the dominant role the railways and the station played in the community during the heyday of the Kootenays. I wanted to know more and soon became a regular at the Touchstones Archives. The more I read, the more I realized that Nelson, although a significant player, was only part of the Kootenay mining boom. A story began to unfold.

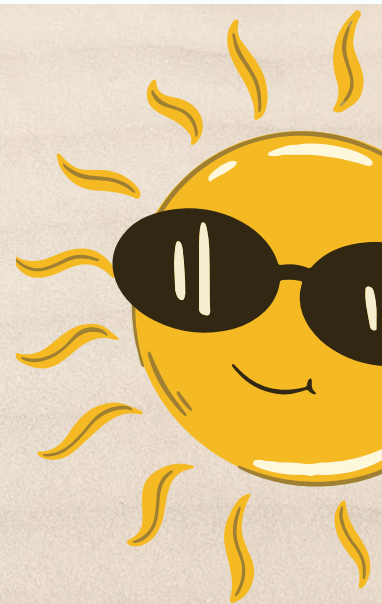
The story documents sixty years of change. The evolving transformation of life and landscape noted in the text and photos also reflect a period of rapid change in Canada. Anecdotes from Kootenay pioneers wind a thread through the narrative, documenting their experiences and the means of transportation of the times. Tom Lymbery, the prominent Kootenay author and historian, noted, "Many books exist about the construction and maintenance of Kootenay railways. Few, if any, have been written about the people who rode them." From that, I took Tom's cue and began to write this book.



WEDNESDAY, July 13th

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 for assistance.
- A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.



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September Speakers • September 14, 2022 Heather Gordon & Bronwyn Smyth



The *City of Vancouver Archives* acquires, preserves and makes available records that document the history of Vancouver and its citizens. This presentation will give an overview of CVA's mandate and services and the records it holds related to genealogical



and family history, including a demonstration of how to use the CVA's database to search for those records. **Presenters Bronwyn Smyth, Archival Assistant** and **Heather Gordon, City Archivist**, will conclude with a look at some recent acquisitions that may be of interest to members of the BCGS.

August Speaker • August 10, 2022

Karen Inkster Vance

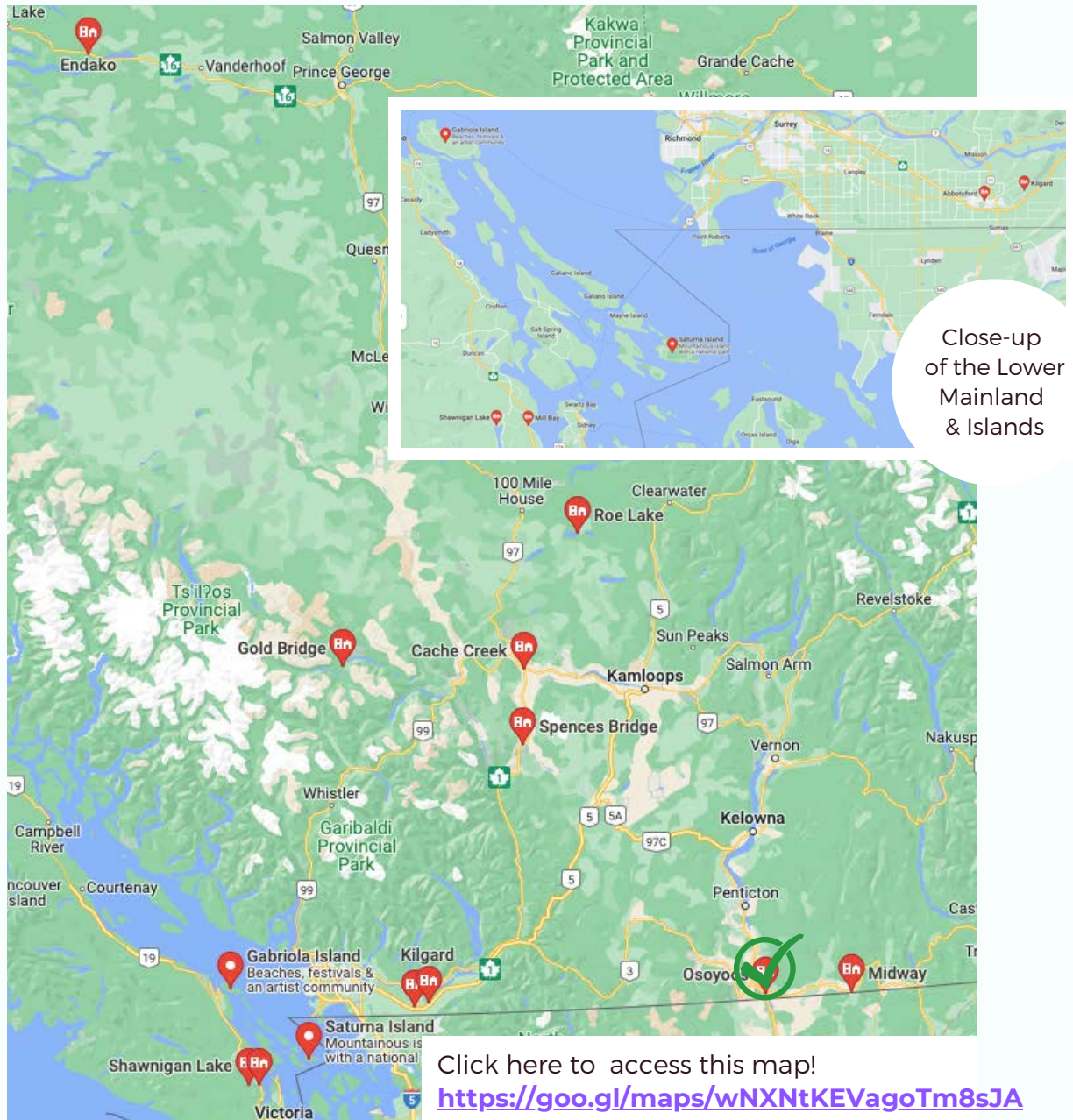
From Researcher to Writer (*Part 1/August Meeting*):

Preparing to write your ancestor's story

From Research to Writer (*Part 2/November 19th Seminar*):

Writing your ancestor's story

Photographers Needed



Planning to get away this summer? Time to visit the great outdoors?

The **Find-A-Grave Team** is looking for help in photographing grave markers in the following cemeteries. If you are interested in doing any of these, please contact Marianne Cote-Malley, the Find-A-Grave Team Leader at gravestones@bcgs.ca.

Gold Bridge, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
—*Bridge River Valley Cemetery*

Midway, Kootenay Boundary Regional District
—*Bubar Family Cemetery*

Spences Bridge, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
—*Widow Smith Cemetery*

Abbotsford, Fraser Valley Regional District
—*Musselwhite Cemetery*

Gabriola, Nanaimo Regional District—*Gabriola Cemetery (also known as Pioneer Cemetery)*

Galiano Island, Capital Regional District
—*Galiano Cemetery*

Saturna Island Trust Area, Capital Regional District—*Saturna Island Community Cemetery*

Roe Lake, Cariboo Regional District—*Lakeview Cemetery (also known as Roe Lake Cemetery)*

Mill Bay, Cowichan Valley Regional District
—*Mill Bay United Church Cemetery*

Shawnigan Lake, Cowichan Valley Regional District
—*Shawnigan Community Cemetery*

Kilgard, Fraser Valley Regional District
—*Kilgard Cemetery*

Cache Creek, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
—*Trimball Family Cemetery*

Osoyoos, Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District
—*Osoyoos Lakeview Cemetery*

Endako, Bulkley-Nechako Regional District
—*Endako Cemetery*

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Thank you to all the people who have dropped off their BCGS recycling donations at Return-It Centres in Chilliwack, Ladner, Lougheed, Metrotown, Mount Pleasant, Newton, North Road, North Shore, Semiahmoo and Scott Road.

Your generous donations are being used to make physical improvements and maintain our BCGS Library. I hope some of you will visit the Library to see what has been accomplished during the pandemic.

Donations are simple. Put your containers in a clear plastic bag, print & attach a label at your Return-It Centre and drop the bag at the Centre, where employees will count the contents and credit the BCGS account. **Use the BCGS phone number 604-502-9119 to print labels at all Return-It Centres.**

If more convenient, donations can be dropped off at the BCGS Library or in my driveway - 14431 16A Avenue, South Surrey.

To date \$1,437 has been donated through our recycling program, **keeping 16,958 containers out of landfill sites.** Thank you.

2022 GOAL
\$2750



Most Improved Genealogist Contest 2022



Are you making big breakthroughs in your family history research this year? Have you finally scanned and filed all those stacks of paper on your desk and in your office? Maybe you have completed a training course or published a book detailing your research. Whatever it is you are focusing on this year, consider nominating yourself for our **Most Improved Genealogist!** Keep track of your goals, challenges and successes during the year, and send a note to Eunice Robinson at eunice@genbug.ca by November 30th, outlining your achievements. Winners will be announced at our December members' meeting.

Technology of the Day

by Meg McLaughlin, #3847

Why do power outages always come at the worst times? I kept telling myself I didn't have time to charge my phone because I had too much to do. The power went out at 4:40 pm and I immediately used my phone to check out BC Hydro. They hadn't

heard about our power loss yet. That's when I noticed my phone battery was even lower than I remembered. Although the temptation was there I resisted checking to see what was happening every couple of minutes.



Having no power definitely changed what I was going to do for the next few hours. I read a book at an upstairs window, the one that let in the most light. From there I could see the children come out into the centre of the townhouse complex to play. They play there on a regular basis but not usually so many of them all at once. There were a lot more parents hanging about outside too. It made me think of how much things had changed. I've been here long enough to see more changes than I like to admit.

Sometimes you come face-to-face with some of that old technology especially, if like me, you check out museums. In those displays of historical items, I've come to see items that I can remember using. How can they now be historical artifacts? One of the most evocative areas in old historic houses are the kitchens. Lots of strange and wonderful items can get me puzzling over what they were used for, but it's old labels that bring back memories of my own youth.

One thing the household items of by-gone days had in common was that they used muscle power rather than electric power.

Even early home sewing machines ran by human locomotion. We had an old Singer Sewing Machine at home when I was a kid. You could get that treadle going at quite a clip, enough to jab the needle through a fingernail, if you weren't careful. When did we become so dependent on other means to power our homes?

Walking through historical exhibits shows how people lived and entertained themselves in the past. I can picture the people in my family tree living in similar surroundings, whether they were well off or lived in straitened circumstances, like those in tenements. Back then, people were not dependant on electricity as we are these days, like my neighbour who knocked on my door wondering if I knew why her WIFI was out. She was out of luck, as the power was out for over three hours. Fortunately, the shopping area nearby still had power so I was able to pick up a take-out dinner. Even better, I could plug my phone into my car to charge it - the wonders of technology!

Store display at Pier 21



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

Letters Home

Submitted by Jack McGee, #5477

These letters are from Captain G. Richard Glanville to his sister Frances (Earthy) the mother of Richard Earthy of Vancouver who now holds the letters. "Richard" was in the Highland Light Infantry of Canada from Galt Ontario that landed on D-Day.

The letters give us a glimpse of daily life in service for the Captain, while he was serving in World War II.

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Dear Frances

There will be a lot of things which I cannot tell you, that no doubt would prove interesting, but I'll save them until I return.

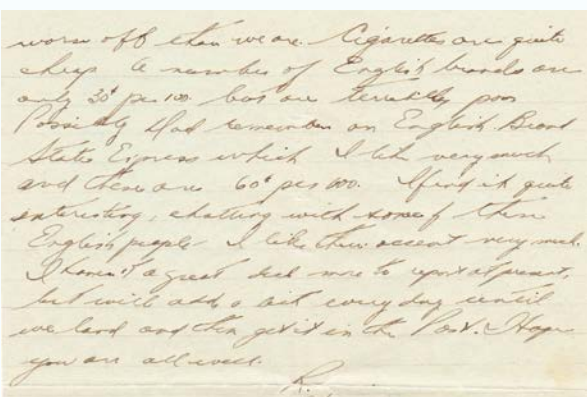
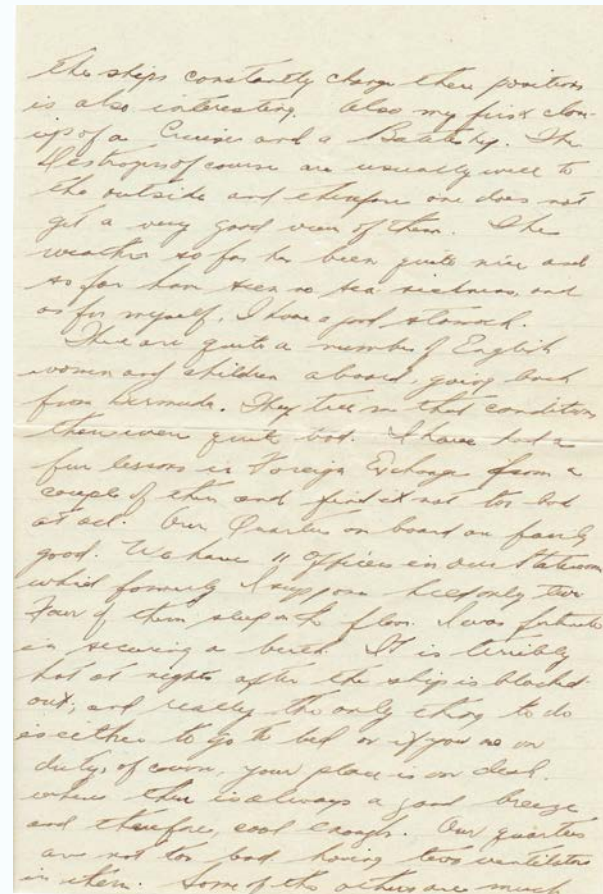
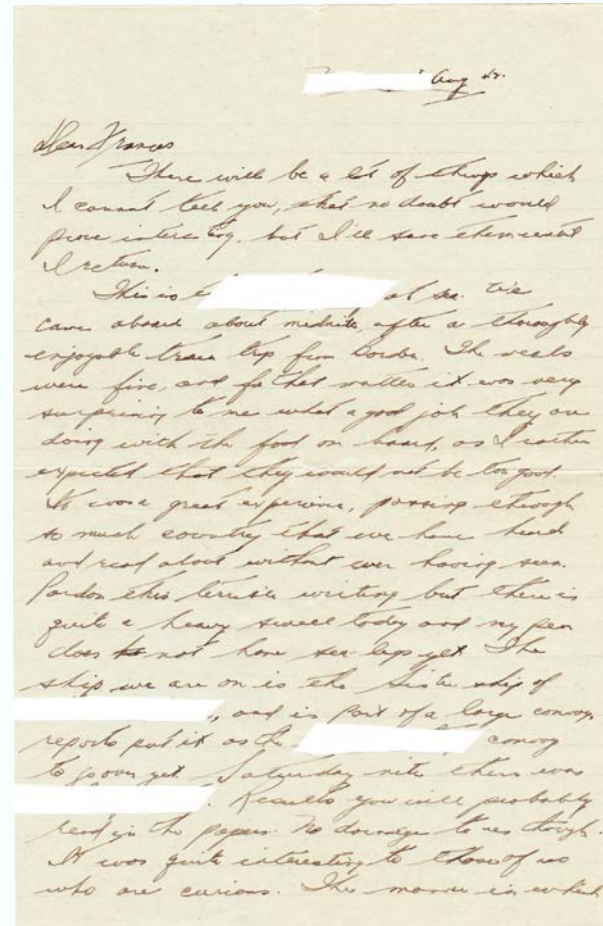
This is REDACTED at sea. We came aboard about midnite, after a thoroughly enjoyable train trip from Borba. The meals were fine, and for that matter it was very surprising to me what a good job they are doing with the food on board, as I rather expected that they would not be too good. It was a great experience, passing through so much country that we have heard and read about without ever having seen. Pardon this terrible writing but there is quite a heavy swell today and my pen does not have sea-legs yet. The ship we are on is the sister ship of REDACTED and is part of a large convoy, reports put it as the REDACTED convoy to go over yet. Saturday nite there was REDACTED. Results you will probably read in the papers. No damage to us though. It was quite interesting to those of us who are curious. The manner in which

PAGE 2 ...the ships constantly change their positions is also interesting. Also my first close-up of a Cruiser and a Battleship. The Destroyers of course are usually well to the outside and therefore one does not get a very good view of them. The weather so far has been quite nice and so far have seen no sea-sickness, and as for myself, I have a good stomach.

There are quite a number of English women and children aboard, going back from Bermuda. They tell me that conditions there were quite bad. I have had a few lessons in Foreign Exchange from a couple of them and find it's not too bad at all. Our Quarters on board are fairly good. We have 11 officers in our stateroom which formerly I suppose held only two. Four of them sleep on the floor. I was fortunate in securing a berth. It is terribly hot at nights after the ship is blacked out; and really the only thing to do is either to go to bed or if you are on duty, of course, your place is on deck, where then is always a good breeze and therefore, cool enough. Our quarters are not too bad having two ventilators in them. Some of the others are much...

PAGE 3worse off than we are. Cigarettes are quite cheap. A number of English brands are only 30¢ per 100 but are terribly poor. Possibly Dad remembers an English Brand State Express which I like very much and these are 60¢ per 100. I find it quite interesting, chatting with some of these English people – I like their accent very much. I haven't a great deal more to report at present, but will add a bit every day until we land and then get it in the Post. Hope you are all well.

R.



LETTERS HOME CONTINUED

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PAGE 4 ...being catapulted from a Cruiser and after being up for 2 or 3 hours—landing on the ocean behind the Cruiser and being picked up again. This was during a scare right after lunch. Its all very interesting—all the rushing around and so on.

I ran into a chap who used to be with General Foods. He worked in the office. I really didn't know him at all, although I remembered hearing his name. He had seen my name on Orders as Orderly Officer for today and hunted around till he located me. Its still very warm. I didn't think we could travel so far without going north. The weather is still very fine and the ocean very calm, and altogether a very enjoyable voyage. I can't think of any more for now, and anyway, I have to go on Duty—so more later. **REDACTED REDACTED**

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PAGE 5 ...any sleep – so consequently I was really ready for bed. We still have no idea where we are or when we will land. Some people are of the opinion that **REDACTED** will be the spot, but nothing definite is known by any of us. So much zig-zagging being done it is impossible to even picture where we might be. However during the night, when looking over the side, I saw quite a number of **REDACTED** fish usually found in **REDACTED** waters – I believe – It was a brand new sight for me, and they are quite an unusual thing to see.

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PAGE 8 ...then fold up and mail. I believe the stamps are 10 cents but they only take two days to get across.

You'll probably get a cable before you receive this most likely to be ten days or two weeks to get this to you.

Don't forget to write me and a slight change in address. Make it

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See you later
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Captain Glanville bathing a fellow officer.

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LETTERS HOME CONTINUED— SEPT 3/42 0010 HRS

Dear Frances

I just finished having a bath and thought I'd at last start a letter before turning in. Two of the other chaps and myself were down to a show tonite. The place we are in is really right in the city or town whichever it is so that to get downtown is only a few minutes walk. I cannot tell you just where we are but it is in the middle southern part of England (Dad will probably know the Camp it is a very old one) and all the quarters are brick buildings. Spike Kearns and I are bunking together. We were both in "B" Coy [company] at Kitchener. Geo. Lowe is just across the hall. The black-outs are quite something. It is really black but we didn't have any difficulty in finding our way around tonite, mainly I suppose because we had been downtown today and had a mental picture of the route back. Had to go down today to have some pictures taken for identification cards and also to send the cable - and I thought the picture turned out quite good for me so I had a few extras printed which I am enclosing.

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I had intended sending letters by Airmail - but as near as I can find out, this is just as speedy and much less expensive going back - although it is faster and cheaper coming this way. Speaking of expense, I do not hope to get around very much because everything is so damned expensive that it would take a month's pay to have 5 days holiday.

We landed in Scotland - and I really enjoyed going up the river tremendously. It was really wonderful. I was so founded at the amount of ship building. Dad, I expect will know from this when we landed. Also saw the Northern Coast of Ireland on the way round. We see a lot of aircraft all kinds too - Spitfires - Hurricanes - Hudson Lockheed Beaufighters - Wellingtons - Sunderlands - Flying Fortress, Stirlings etc to name a few of them.

Sept 3/42
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I had intended sending letters by Airmail - but as near as I can find out, this is just as speedy, and much less expensive going back - although it is faster and cheaper coming this way. Speaking of expense, I do not hope to get around very much because everything is so damned expensive that it would take a month's pay to have 5 days holiday.

We landed in Scotland - and I really enjoyed going up the river tremendously. It was really wonderful. I was astounded at the amount of ship-building. Dad, I expect will know from this where we landed. Also saw the Northern Coast of Ireland on the way round. We see a lot of aircraft all kinds too - Spitfires, Hurricanes - Hudson Lockheed Beaufighters - Wellingtons - Sunderlands - Flying Fortress, Stirlings etc to name a few of them.

LETTERS HOME CONTINUED— SEPT 3/42 0010 HRS

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Monthly Questions

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by Susan Snalam, #4403

July

1.

What are your memories of your first date?

Did you have a large group of friends with you? Are you still in touch with any of them?

2.

When you were in your 20s, what were your interests / hobbies? Do you still have the same ones now?

3.

Have you or any of your family invented anything?

4.

What changes have you noticed in the way we construct buildings? How many different homes have you lived in?

August

1.

How did you meet your spouse?
OR—How did you meet significant people in your past?

2.

If you got married, what are your memories of the day, how many people came to your wedding, venue, etc.? OR—Write about a large family event in your life.

3.

Have you or any of your family ever built anything, e.g. a home, a cabin, a boat?

4.

Have your hairstyle and clothing changed over the years? You can also go back in time to your parents or grandparents!



CRUISE NEWS

BCGS 50th Anniversary Alaska Cruise



Holland America is hosting our cruise group's complimentary cocktail party on the evening of embarkation day, so we can all be in one room at the same time before our first Sea Day seminar. An invitation to the cocktail party will already be in our cabins when we embark.

On June 15th, 45 people attended a BCGS Cruise **Q&A Zoom meeting** that was co-facilitated by our Cruise Travel Advisor Robert Marcoux, Sharon Clayton and Sue Sullivan. A recording of the meeting is available here:

<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/68inP6uxla>

Many questions were Covid-related. No one knows what regulations and advisories will be in place by the time we board and disembark, but these web links might be helpful:

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/multimedia/ncov/menu-eng.html>

<https://www.switchhealth.ca/en/individuals/home-kits/covid-test/>

Recently occurring health issues have resulted in Mary Kathryn Kozy's reluctant decision to cancel her participation in the cruise. Blaine Bettinger has stepped in and he will give us two full days of seminars on the Sea Days, packed with DNA and genealogy classes. Thank you Blaine!

Robert has booked 51 cabins in our group - we're hoping there will be more bookings before we set sail. One person in our group is looking for a female to share her balcony cabin. Please contact Robert for more information.

A group of American cruisers is planning to stay overnight at the **Days Inn on West Pender** before and after the cruise.

604-681-4335 • 1 (877) 681-4335
reservations@daysinnvancouver.com

We did our best to answer all the questions posed during the Zoom meeting.

If more info is needed, contact

robert@travelwithrobert.ca • 604-401-0484

For the most recently updated cruise info, go to the Facebook group page



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/503171243562227>

or the BCGS webpage:

<https://www.bcgsc.ca/alaskacruise>

GENEALOGY GEMS & ODDITIES

from the BCGS Genealogical LIBRARY

By Celia Lewis, #5183

1709 MONTREAL MAP, w. names on plots! 2nd floor, map collection, drawer A

Our BCGS Genealogical Library in Surrey has an amazing collection of maps... several thousand of them! And this particular map absolutely amazed me. Labelled clearly for proof of when developed —**1709**— this map shows the **Île de Montréal** plus the plots of land on both sides of the St. Lawrence River.

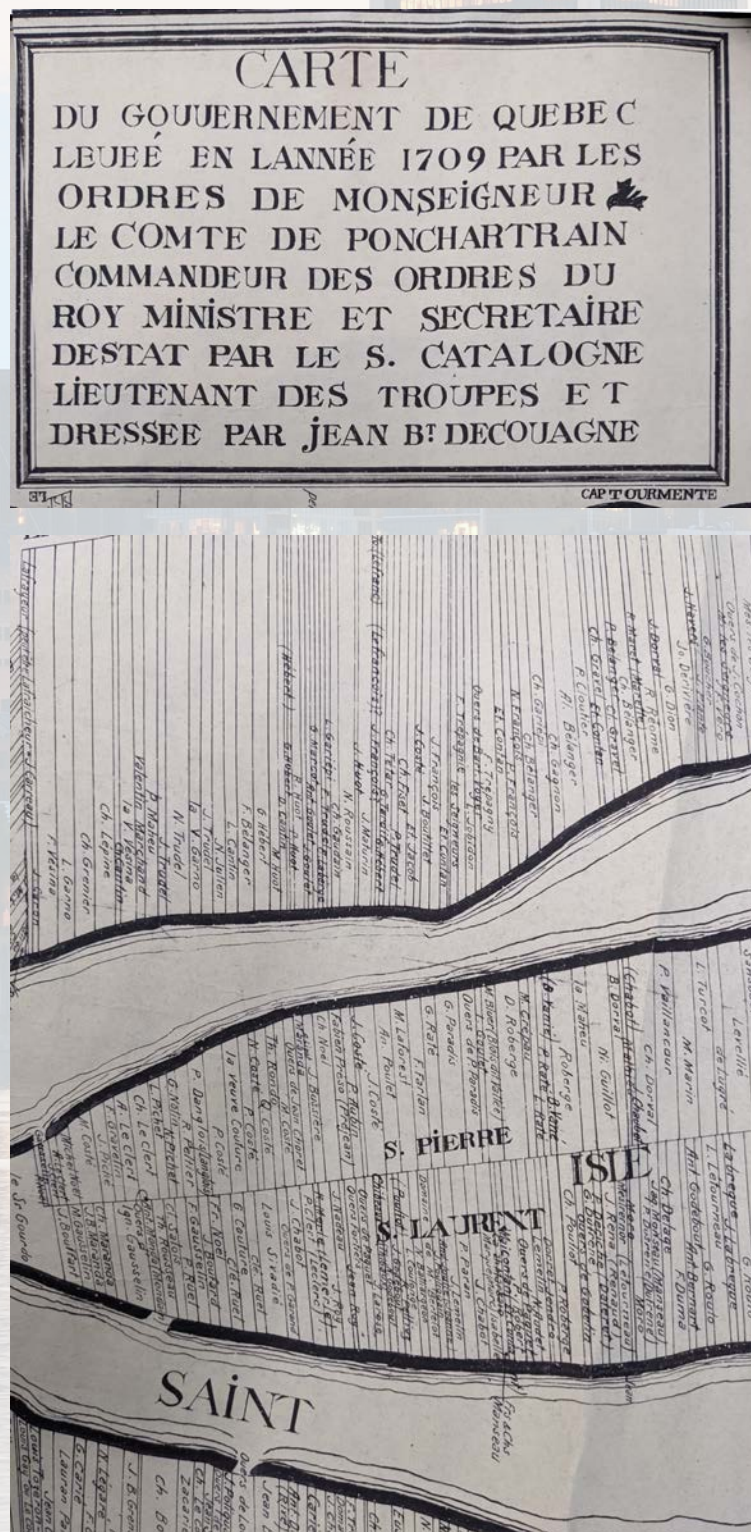
Named Plots. In 1709. Some lots are drawn as extremely narrow lots, others are quite wide, indicating the size of the lot.

The image shown is only one small part of this incredible map. We drooled over the map when we opened it up fully.

Names: here are only 16 shown on their long narrow lots on the north side of the St. Lawrence, listed in a row: **J. Dorval, R. Réome, R. Maret (Marette), Ch. Bélanger, P. Bélanger, Cl. Gravel, Et. Contan, P. Cloutier, Al. Bélanger, Ch. Gagnon, Ch. Gariépi, Ch. Bélanger, N. François, P. François, Et. Contan, F. Trépagny.**

Remembering that the Filles du Roi arrived about 1668, we are looking at inhabitants in the Montréal region, approximately one or two generations later.

Come and explore our marvellous maps—an index is being worked on and will be uploaded when complete. **Kudos to Claire Belzer for her work on the maps.**



Report from between the Library Stacks

Corrine Jubb #5215,
BCGS Library Administrator



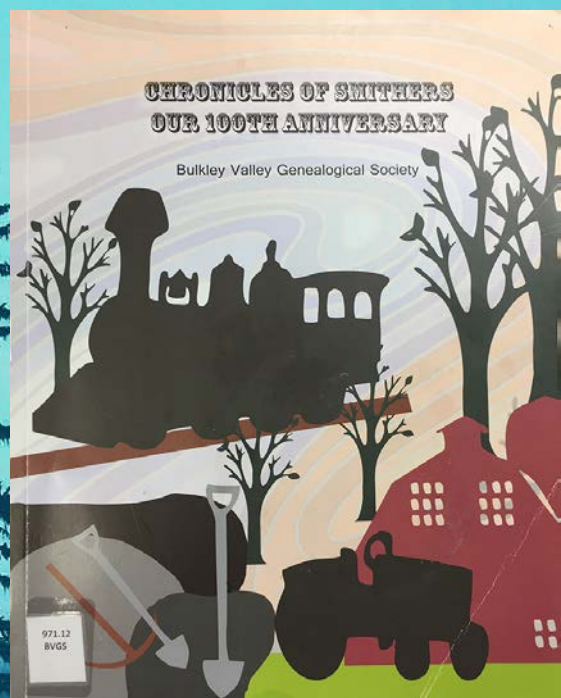
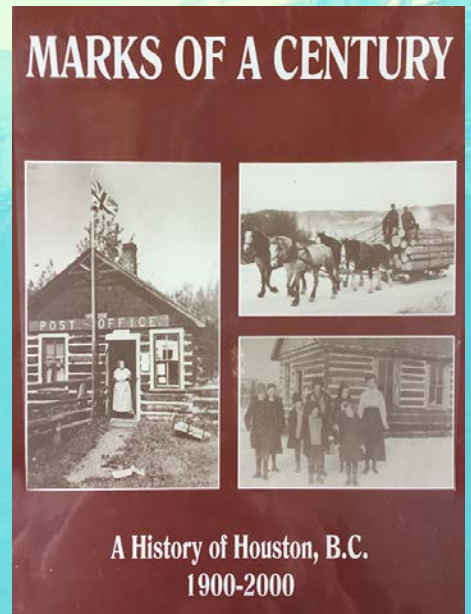
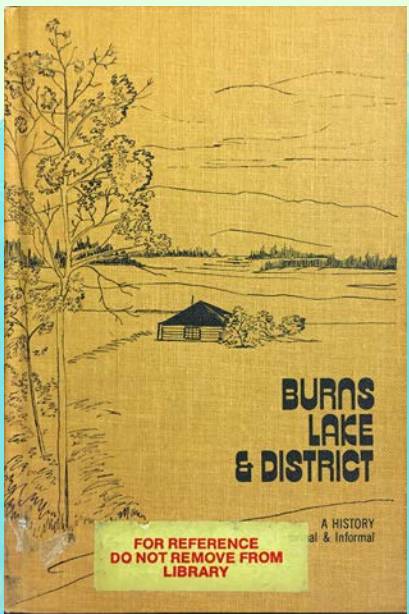
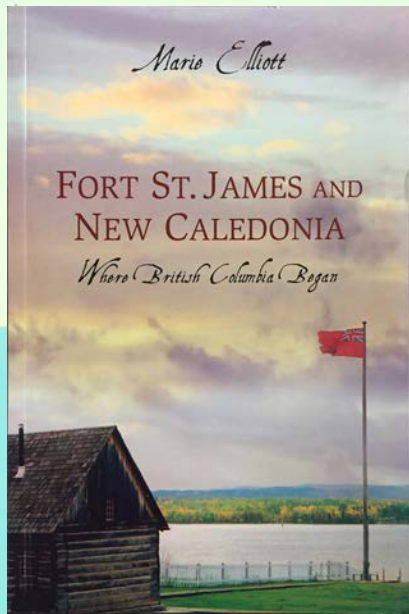
Heading west of Prince George one travels through towns like **Smithers, Fort St James, Houston** and **Burns Lake**.

971.12 ELL—**Fort St James and New Caledonia** by Marie Elliott

971.12 TUR—**Burns Lake & District** by P. Turkki

971.12 BVGS—**Chronicles of Smithers, our 100th Anniversary**
by Bulkley Valley Gen. Society

971.12 HOL—**Marks of a Century, a History of Houston 1900-2000** by Grace Hols



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Picnic Shelter #2 Bring your own lunch and chair. Guests always welcome.

June 21, 2022 Extraction from the Report to the UELAC Pacific Region Branches from Christine Manzer UE, Pacific Region Councillor

This report comes at a time when my involvement in the UELAC has reached a 10-year anniversary. Ten years of learning the complexities of an organization that has members all over North America, but also 10 years of being aware that my family has this unique history of being refugees from the American Revolutionary War, and beginning life anew in the British Colony of Nova Scotia, soon to be New Brunswick. What a surprise that was, and continues to be, as I study the American Revolution through books, podcasts and a book club. History is my passion. The genealogy was a bonus, and I am grateful for the skill and dedication of Branch genealogists.



Message from the BCGS eJournal Editor

Lynne Fletcher #5353

In Porters Lake, a town in the province of Nova Scotia, there are streets named **THIS STREET, THAT STREET, and THE OTHER STREET**. As I pondered these names, I wondered if this came about because the first residents of Porters Lake were in a hurry to set their town up, or just didn't want to bother with finding a specific name that everyone agreed on. Streets usually seem to be named after memorable people (famous or infamous), or after some special local geographic feature. The small towns in British Columbia have a multitude of streets named after larger cities (Victoria, Spokane) and these are easy to remember. Streets named after a famous person are also memorable, as

one can usually recall a story or physical feature that connects your memory to the name.

Do you have an ancestor that has a street named after them? Would you share with our members the whole story of how this came about, and perhaps how it might have affected the rest of the family? These Family stories are often knitted into the history of an area, and we are all connected in some way to that story.

**Would you share
these with our readers?**

We look forward to reading your story!

Please send your story, and perhaps a picture, to
Journal@bcgs.ca

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

[Link to BCGS
What's Up](#)

Summer is upon us and webinars are not as plentiful. Click on the link to the left to visit the BCGS page to stay up to date on what is available.

The **BCGS GENBLAST** includes notifications, too—so don't forget to open that email and check it out!



LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

9 Free Webinars this month!

They have topics for many areas of interest. Take a look at the schedule by **clicking the image**. Subscriptions are available if you wish to have unlimited access to all webinars and handouts.

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"The Vancouver Sun" (1912-2010).

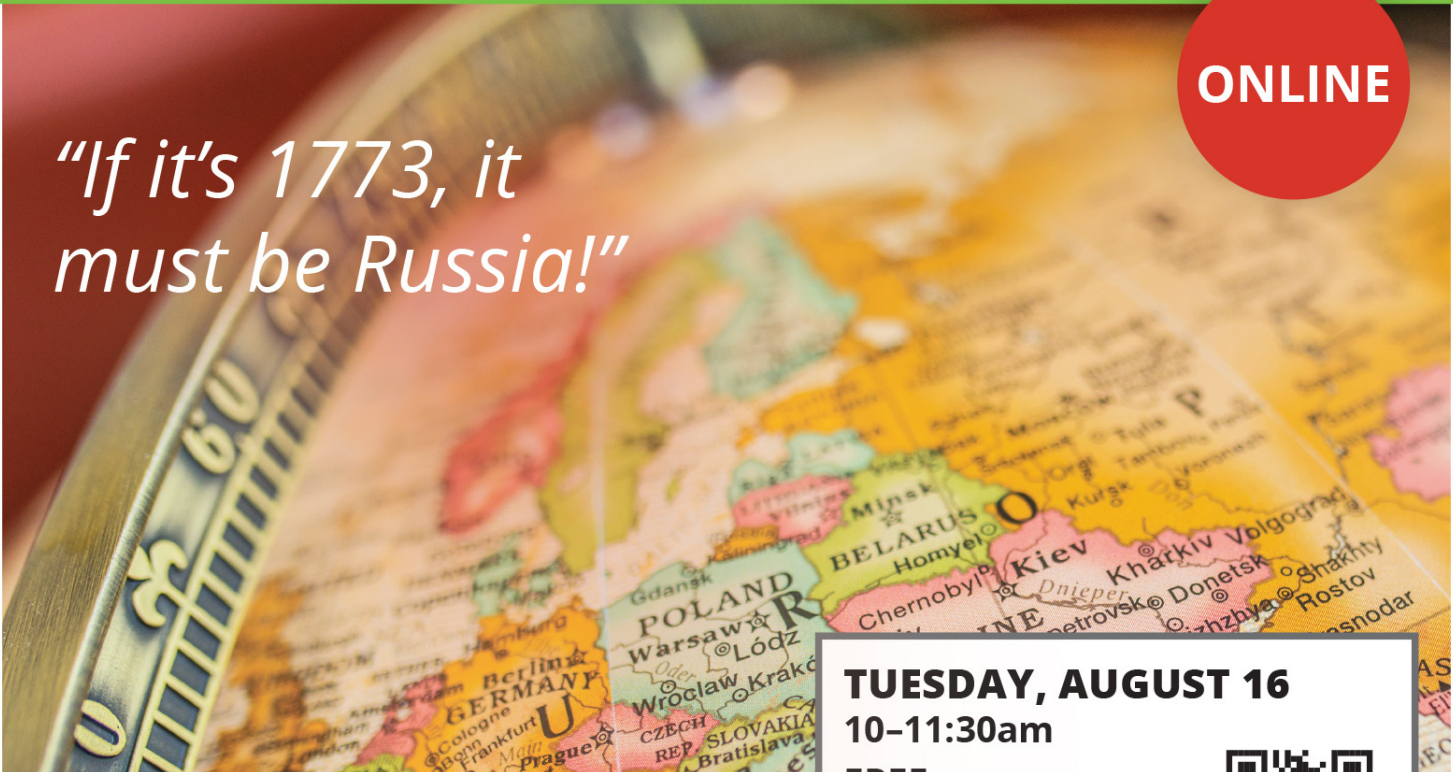
Access Here:

<https://go.proquest.com/BCHistoricalNewspapers>

GENEALOGY & EASTERN EUROPE BORDER CHANGES

ONLINE

"If it's 1773, it must be Russia!"



Researching your family history in Eastern Europe? Learn to sort out the many border changes and how to use them to your advantage.

Presented by Edie Adam, from the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

10-11:30am

FREE



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familyhistory@surrey.ca

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GENEALOGY: POLISH ONLINE RECORDS

Locating genealogy records for the area that is now Poland can be perplexing!

This presentation will provide an overview of two primary databases—*Geneteka* and *Metryki.Genealodzy.PL*—that hold records for many Polish, German and Jewish residents of in the 19th–early 20th centuries.

Presented by Sigrid Pohl Perry, Ph.D, from the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe.



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Many of the "Chats" are pausing through August. Check the events Calender at [BCGS.ca](#)



GOING BEYOND BASICS: CHINESE GENEALOGY COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, July 7, 10 to 11 am
 RSVP Linda Yip
hello@past-presence.com



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, July 28, 7 to 9 pm
 With Ann Buchanan
 RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



USA COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, July 7, 7 to 9 pm
 With Judith Ueland
 RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT
Taking a break until September
 With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham
 RSVP Terry Hartley terrhart1@gmail.com



BC COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, July 14, 7 to 9 pm
 With Janet White
 RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT
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 RSVP Sharon Clayton
sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, July 21, 7 to 9 pm
 With Lorraine Irving/Eunice Robinson
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EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY Introductory DNA COFFEE CHAT
Taking a break until September
 RSVP Sharon Clayton
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