



# BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**GENEALOGY NEWS - ABOUT OUR MEMBERS - FOR OUR MEMBERS**

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## MEMBERS' MEETING - MARCH 11, 2020

### THE BCGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**Above:** The BCGS 2019 Board - BCGS members elected and appointed during the Annual General Meeting.

**Back row:** Lorraine Irving - Corresponding Secretary, Corrine Jubb - Library Administrator, Peter Whitlock - Director to 2021, Claire Belzer - Director to 2022, Sherry King - Director to 2021.

**Front row:** Judith Ueland - Director to 2020, Bill Clayton - Vice President, Eunice Robinson - President, Rob Whitlock - Past President, Linda Maitland - Vice President, Kenneth Livingstone - Director to 2022.

**Insets:** Members unable to attend the meeting: Top: Ann Buchanan - Recording Secretary, Centre: Marnie Ingvaldson - Director to 2020, Bottom: Judy Rosmus - Treasurer.

**NOTE:** Due to Marnie Ingvaldson's passing in 2019, her position has been filled by Terri MacKenzie.

**Place:** The Danish Lutheran Church Hall, 6010 Kincaid St., Burnaby. Time: 7:30 pm.

More information on page 2.

**Webinar after the AGM - What's in a Surname? The History of Surnames and How They Help in Family History Research by Alejandro T. Rubinstein.**

See page 11 for more information.



## NOTICE of CALL for NOMINATIONS

The **BCGS Annual General Meeting** will be on Wednesday, 11 March 2020. At the AGM, in addition to all the other business of the Society, elections will be held for the positions of President, Two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer for the 2020 – 2021 term and 2 (two) Directors for the 2020 – 2023 term.

Any member can nominate another member for any of the positions. Please complete a Nomination Application for each BCGS member whom you would like to nominate and email or hand deliver it to Rob Whitlock, BCGS Past President. Nominations will **not** be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

A copy of the BCGS Nomination Application is available from Rob by email upon request.

The elections will be held at the **Annual General Meeting at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, 11 March 2020** at the Danish Lutheran Church, Downstairs Hall, 6010 Kincaid St, Burnaby, BC. All full members are eligible to vote.

**Rob Whitlock, BCGS Past President Responsible for Nominations**

[robw.whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:robw.whitlock@gmail.com)

### EXECUTIVE and BOARD POSITIONS

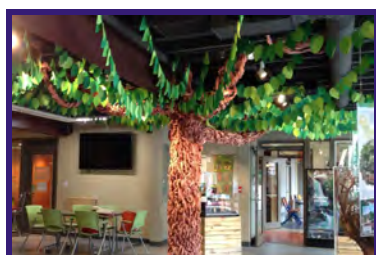
POSITION	CURRENT	2020
President	Eunice Robinson	Bill Clayton
Past President	Rob Whitlock	Eunice Robinson
Vice President	Bill Clayton	Rob Whitlock
Vice President	Linda Maitland	Judith Ueland
Treasurer	Judy Rosmus	Judy Rosmus
Recording Secretary	Ann Buchanan	Lorraine Irving
Corresponding Secretary	Lorraine Irving	<i>Vacant</i>
Director 2017 - 2020	Marnie Ingvaldson	Terri Mackenzie
Director 2017 - 2020	Judith Ueland	Linda Maitland
Director 2018 - 2021	Peter Whitlock	Peter Whitlock
Director 2018 - 2021	Sherry King	Sherry King
Director 2019 - 2022	Claire Belzer	Claire Belzer
Director 2019 - 2022	Kenneth Livingstone	Kenneth Livingstone
Library Administrator	Corrine Jubb	Corrine Jubb



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We'd love to hear from you! Please share your ongoing research, your personal searches, your exciting successes, your frustrating challenges, your research trip, your discoveries, how you broke down that brick wall, found a long lost relative, a story about an ancestor, or an interesting family story. If you have an idea about a story, feel free to talk to or email the newsletter editors at [newsletter@bcgs.ca](mailto:newsletter@bcgs.ca) or the eJournal editor at [journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:journal@bcgs.ca). Your stories encourage others!





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## THE IRISH FAMINE MEMORIAL



MANY OF US AT BCGS HAVE IRISH ANCESTRY, AND WE RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR IRISH FAMILIES TO THE BUILDING OF CANADA.

Happy  
St. Patrick's Day



The "Famine" in Dublin, Ireland is a collection of statues designed and crafted by Dublin sculptor Rowan Gillespie and presented to the City of Dublin in 1997. The "Famine" is located on the Dublin Quay.

The statues depict the starving Irish people walking towards ships to bring them overseas to escape the hunger and poverty of the Irish famine (1845-48). The women, men and children are shown in the memorial as skeletal figures wearing nothing more than rags.

This location of "Famine" within Dublin is particularly appropriate, as one of the first voyages of the Famine period was on the "Perseverance," which sailed from Custom House Quay on St. Patrick's Day 1846.



Photo by June Gauntley, May, 2012



Photos and poster by June Gauntley, member #5112

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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**Eunice Robinson, BCGS President** [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca)

Welcome to March! The month that has a little *spring* in the air (March 20<sup>th</sup>); when the Welsh celebrate *St. David's Day* (March 1<sup>st</sup>); and the Irish, *St. Patrick's Day* (March 17<sup>th</sup>).

Last month, I talked about setting smaller goals. So taking my own advice, I picked one of my families to review. Thanks to newly available records on *Ancestry* and another piece of information via Google, I added a couple of new pieces on my uncle. After updating that file, I sent it off to my cousin, and asked her to proof and let me know of any mistakes. She responded that there had been a couple of additions to the family, sent me the *facts* and a couple of photos. I made those revisions, and printed this for my binder. Small task, big reward – *success!*

How about you? What was your smaller goal? Was it successful?

The BCGS has a busy schedule for March. Along with the various Coffee Chats listed later on in the Newsletter, there are two research weekends. The Quebec Questers are again hosting a *Salt Lake City in Surrey* weekend on March 14-16. And there's another *British Isles* weekend on March 21 & 22 - there's still space available for this one – contact is Rob Whitlock (see page 7 for more info).

Thanks to the generosity of a few members, we have added a new 65" Smart TV to our library. Located in the Boardroom, we have already used it a few times for chats and meetings. The plan is to schedule a variety of webinars – we'll print those in the Newsletter too, or post on our Website or Facebook Discussion page. If you have some suggestions as to which webinars would be of interest to you, please let me know.

Remember, our March meeting is our Annual General Meeting. In addition to the election of new officers, there will be a vote on the increase in membership dues as presented at our February General Meeting. Look forward to seeing you then.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS eJOURNAL EDITOR



**Lynne Fletcher, BCGS eJournal editor**

As our days get longer, and a bit sunnier and brighter, it's time to stash away the winter gear and shovels, and break out buckets, shovels, gloves and a sun hat. It's gardening time!

For genealogists, this means breaking out maps to plan those road trips and research library visits, and a batch of bins to organize papers, books and documents. Spring cleaning is not just for housewives and househusbands.

The Spring edition of our *British Columbia Genealogist* will bring you interesting articles from our members with tips for clearing out and organizing materials. You will also find tips for tracking down that elusive ancestor, using many different tools and tactics. Along with all these ideas will be reports from many parts of the world. Lots of interesting reading!



I hope that your spring cleaning will go smoothly and that you will find a missing piece of the genealogical puzzle that you are currently working on. If you find that piece, could you share your results with our Journal readers ?

Please send your story and pictures to [Journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:Journal@bcgs.ca)

# BCGS GENEALOGY CHATS

## Coffee Chats at the BCGS Genealogical Library in **MARCH & APRIL**



Come by the library for a chat about your research or advice on where to begin. Bring a coffee mug, a friend, your favourite resources or just bring yourself. \$2 drop-in fee. Spend the day and browse our wonderful resources.

## QUEBEC QUESTERS CHAT

Saturdays, March 14 & April 11

10 am to noon

With Linda Maitland

[lindamaitland@telus.net](mailto:lindamaitland@telus.net)



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Saturdays, March 14 & April 11

1 to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

Please pre-register with [sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

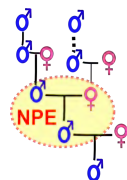
### Parental Puzzles (NPE)

Mondays, March 16 & April 20

1 to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

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



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

### Advanced DNA Research Tools

Monday, March 23

1 to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

Please pre-register [sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



## BC GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, March 26

10 to noon

With Janet White

[jwhite@telus.net](mailto:jwhite@telus.net)



## MAC/REUNION GROUP

Wednesdays, March 11 & April 8

2 to 4 pm

With Bill Clayton

[weclayton45@gmail.com](mailto:weclayton45@gmail.com)



## SOFTWARE for GENEALOGY

Tuesdays, March 3 & April 7

10 to noon and repeated 1 to 3 pm

With Angus Glass

[liliardsedge@aol.com](mailto:liliardsedge@aol.com)



## SCOTLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Lorriane Irving



## ENGLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Rob Whitlock



## IRELAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Eunice Robinson



## ATLANTIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Tuesdays, March 3 & April 7

10 to noon

With Keith MacNutt

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



## ONTARIO GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, April 30

10 to noon

With Janet White

[jwhite@telus.net](mailto:jwhite@telus.net)



## PLANNING A TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY GENEALOGY CHAT

Saturday, April 25

1 to 3 pm

With Eunice Robinson

[eunice@genbug.ca](mailto:eunice@genbug.ca)



## BRITISH ISLES RESEARCH EVENT

Saturday & Sunday, MARCH 21st & 22nd, 10 - 4 pm  
BCGS Genealogical Library, Unit 211, 12837 - 76th Avenue, Surrey, BC  
**OPEN to ALL BCGS MEMBERS**

An RSVP would be appreciated, mainly to track the numbers. The Library holds about 25+ people around study tables, etc. There is no plan to cap numbers unless we receive too many responses. Please contact Rob Whitlock at [robw.whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:robw.whitlock@gmail.com)



### BCGS Special Interest Groups in MARCH & APRIL

*These are BCGS genealogy groups that meet elsewhere*

#### SCANDINAVIAN GROUP

Saturdays, March 21 & April 18  
1 to 3 pm  
With Poul Erik Rasmussen  
Scandinavian Community Centre  
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby  
[sonofrasmus@shaw.ca](mailto:sonofrasmus@shaw.ca)



#### WELSH GROUP

Wednesdays, March 11 & April 8  
10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
With the Vancouver Welsh Society  
215 East 17th Avenue, Vancouver  
(Downstairs, enter from the back of the building)  
[csmythe@telus.net](mailto:csmythe@telus.net)



## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBERS of the BCGS

*We wish to welcome these new members to the BCGS. We're here to help you with your research, so please ask us any questions at all!*

- 5774 Pam **Doka** of Surrey
- 5775 Gillian Kathleen **Martin** of Chilliwack
- 5776 Jeff **Martin** of Chilliwack
- 5777 Susan **Webber** of Vancouver
- 5778 Chris **Bushell** of Vancouver
- 5779 Barb **Crombie** of Vancouver





## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER for 2020

All 2019 memberships expired on December 31st. If you want to vote in this month's AGM for the Board of Directors, receive the Newsletter and eJournal, and continue all of the other benefits, PLEASE RENEW BEFORE MARCH 11, 2020.

LAST CALL  
FOR  
RENEWALS

There are three ways to renew: at the Members' Monthly Meeting on MARCH 11, or by mail - print the membership form from our website at [www.bcgs.ca](http://www.bcgs.ca), or right now on the BCGS website with PAYPAL at: [BCGS Renew now](#)

## YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES FREE ACCESS to the THE BCGS LIBRARY



### Ann Buchanan, BCGS Research Co-ordinator

If you are a member of the BCGS and cannot come to the library, call us at 1-604-502-9119 or email [queryrequest@bcgs.ca](mailto:queryrequest@bcgs.ca)

Our BC Research volunteers will be happy to assist you in any way they can. There is no charge for this service. If you need them to look up something for you, it would be helpful if you could give them the catalogue number which can be found on-line in the Library Catalogue. If your request is complicated and time consuming, BC Research may ask you for a small donation. A non-member is charged specific fees based on what they are asking.

The BCGS library has nearly 18,000 books, over 12,000 newspaper clippings, and many film, CD, and computerized databases. *Don't forget this is **YOUR library** and you should use it as much as you can.*

## BCGS GIFT CERTIFICATE

Please note that the BCGS now has this wonderful **Gift Certificate** available for members who wish to gift a relative or friend with a BCGS membership.

If you would like to purchase a gift certificate, please contact Eunice Robinson at [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca)



## BCGS WEBSITE ACCESS for NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS

Members are reminded that it is important to create your profile after you receive your email confirmation for the free access registration. You **MUST** help us out by providing your **Member Number and Full Name** in your profile. If you don't, it will definitely delay your update to Paid Access.



If anyone needs a copy of the instructions to do so, send a request to [webmaster@bcgs.ca](mailto:webmaster@bcgs.ca) and the instructions will be emailed to you.

**NOTE:** Your update to Paid Access is what gives you access to the **MEMBERS ONLY** part of the website.





**BCGS TREASURER - Judy Rosmus, member #5551**

**DONATIONS - THANK YOU to all our members who have made a donation - large or small. It is appreciated.**

Our Society is supported by **membership fees**. These fees are our **main source of income**.

Our largest single source of **extra funds** is **annual donations** from members who add a donation when they pay their membership fees or throughout the year. Judy tells us our members have donated to the Website Renewal fund, the Alice Louise Marwood Fund and to General Operating Revenue. Thank you for keeping the BCGS a useful and successful genealogically relevant organization.

**If you haven't already, please RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020 and, please INCLUDE A DONATION TODAY. ANY AMOUNT will be GRATEFULLY RECEIVED at any time of the year via VISA, PAYPAL, CHEQUE OR CASH.**

**The BCGS Board of Directors 2019**

## **BCGS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

*There are lots of volunteer opportunities within the BCGS. Many hands make light work and ALL help is appreciated!*

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEER** - A volunteer is needed for the morning shift (10 am to 12:30) for the third Tuesday of each month. Please contact Corrine Jubb at [library@bcgs.ca](mailto:library@bcgs.ca)

**DIGITIZING NEWSPAPERS - BC RESEARCH** - A few more people to help with the digitization of BC newspapers would make this project go much faster. If you'd like to help, please contact Ann Buchanan at [ibbotsonab@gmail.com](mailto:ibbotsonab@gmail.com)

**BOOK INDEXING PROJECT** - More indexers are needed. Indexing is done on an Excel spreadsheet but no experience is necessary. Jacqueline Penney will be happy to teach those who would like to help out. Please contact Jacqueline at [jmpenney@me.com](mailto:jmpenney@me.com)

**PIONEER REGISTRY - THE NEXT WAVE - Project Update**  
Thanks to the members who are submitting their information to the Pioneer Registry – the Next Wave. If you are interested in submitting your pioneers, email Eunice Robinson at [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca) and she will send you the form.

**50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK** -  
The BCGS will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021 and volunteers are needed to work on the anniversary book. Please contact Eunice Robinson [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca)

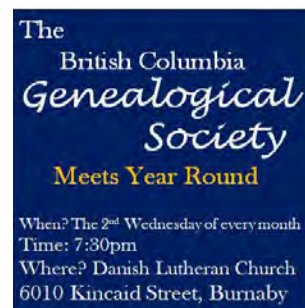


**HOLTEN NETHERLANDS CEMETERY PROJECT** – This project is to honour the World War II soldiers who fell and are buried in the **Canadian War Cemetery in Holten, Netherlands**. We are researching each of the 81 soldiers from British Columbia, producing a biography, and hoping that we might locate relatives too. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Melissa Borgerson at [melissa\\_n\\_cecil@hotmail.com](mailto:melissa_n_cecil@hotmail.com)



# BCGS MEMBERS' MEETINGS

News about upcoming meetings as well as previous meetings



Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm  
Danish Lutheran Church Hall, 6010 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, BC

**THE NEXT MEETING is on**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020**

**See our front page for details of the upcoming MARCH meeting**

What happens at our AGM meeting? The doors open half an hour before the meeting starts, and you're welcome to chat with other members and get settled in while we finish setting up. Our business meeting begins at 7:30, followed by a coffee break where you can chat with others, and we then have our 50/50 draw and the elections of officers and directors. Afterwards, we'll watch a webinar as described below and there's time for more chatting while we tidy up.

**WEBINAR** - Subsequent to the Annual General Meeting, a 'full' **Webinar** of about 50 minutes will be shown: This will enable the group to pause the webinar and discuss questions and comments and will be a learning opportunity for all our members.



**WHAT'S IN A SURNAME?  
The History of Surnames  
&  
How They Help in  
Family History Research  
by  
Alejandro T. Rubinstein**

**WHAT'S IN A SURNAME?**

THE HISTORY OF SURNAMES AND HOW THEY HELP IN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH



**APRIL TO JUNE 2020**

**Education Schedule for Members' Meetings**



**APRIL 8th - SPEAKER - RALPH DREW - author of "THE COQUITLAM CHRONICLES" – He's currently written four books and is working on the fifth.**

**MAY 13th - SPEAKERS - "DNA COUSINS - KEN & BARBI - How They Found Each Other" - Ken & Barbi Braude**

**JUNE 10th - SPEAKER - PATRICIA SKIDMORE - "MARJORIE, TOO AFRAID TO CRY - A Home Child Experience"**

## LOOKING BACK at the FEBRUARY MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020



Left: **Eunice Robinson**, President, opening the meeting, with **Ann Buchanan** as Recording Secretary.



Right: The Valentine's Day themed table decorations are by **Darlene Austin**, Refreshments, (right) who always accessorizes for the occasion.



The **Name That Tune** Fundraising committee. The event will revolve around '60s popular songs with various entertainments planned. Each of the members are wearing a tie-dye tee-shirt made by Chef Patrick Lynch who will also be organizing the dinner.

Left to right: **Linda Drake, Rob Whitlock, Peter Whitlock, Jacqueline Penney, Judith Ueland and Cathy Lawrence.**

It promises to be a fun-filled event. Look for more information about dates, times and tickets next month.

**NEW FACES AT THE MEETING** - Welcome to those members who have just this month been able to attend the meetings or are new members.



Left: **Betty Walraven**, visitor, who is researching her father, Thorning Baggesgaard's, Denmark heritage.

Centre left: **Yvette Howard**, member #5770, researching her husband's Dutch ancestors in Holland as well as her Canadian and British lines.

Centre right: New member #5766, **Carol Graydon**, following her maternal great-grandparents through their Austrian, Ukrainian and Polish beginnings.

Right: **Grant Dahling**, member #5703. Researching his family lines in Germany, Norway and a bit of Sweden.



Left: **Rob Whitlock** chaired the discussion of the fee structure of the Society.



Right: **Linda Prochaska** was our lucky 50/50 winner for February.



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## **FEBRUARY - MEMBERS' VOICE AT THE MEETING**

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### **Peter Whitlock, member #221 recounted his DNA discovery**

Peter Whitlock often has a research find to relate. This month he presented a power point about a recently found DNA connection to Dorset, England. Because of a connection to Forde Abbey through Edmund Prideaux, a friend of Sir Bulstrode Whitlock (1605-1675), Peter has researched and written about the history of the Abbey<sup>[1]</sup>, the history of which goes back to 1066 and William the Conqueror. See the website [www.fordeabbey.co.uk](http://www.fordeabbey.co.uk) for current information about the Abbey.

After describing the Abbey, he continued to follow the family of Joanna Whitlock (b. 1700 in Somerset). Joanna Whitlock married into the Fraunceis family (later, the name changes to Gwyn), the inheritors of the Abbey at that time. His family tree is entitled, *The Whitlocks of Warkleigh, Devon*. Joanna Whitlock's granddaughter, Margaretta Maria Fraunceis Gwyn, married John Bateman FitzGerald, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Knight of Glin, in 1789<sup>[2]</sup>. Peter's ancestors lived in Langtree, North Devon from the 1640's until the 1920's. With both families having a long history in the area, it is highly likely that the two are related. Peter's descent is from Peter Whitlock and Johana Southcott who were married at Alwington, Devon in 1559. The villages of Warkleigh, Alwington, Frithelstock and Langtree are all within a five mile radius of Great Torrington in North Devon.

To quote Peter, "The descendants of Joanna Whitlock are the first living descendants I have been able to trace for the Whitlock 14H<sup>[3]</sup> family." Read more about Peter's family history at <http://whitlock.one-name.net/>

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[1] Forde Abbey is in the Parish of Thorncombe, Dorset. It is close to Chard, Somerset but not in Somerset. (Wikipedia)

[2] See Wikipedia "Knight of Glin" for details on this ancient hereditary knighthood.

[3] Peter has such an extensive family tree he has needed to attach letters/numbers to the various lines.

Below: PH2286 Forde Abbey, Dorset (Nr. Chard, SOM) W14H from Wikipedia by John Amagh.





**Ann Buchanan**, member #5583 recounted a BC Research story and a personal family history development. Ann is the BCGS BC Research Chair and, as such, received an email from a 'man' (to remain nameless for privacy) thanking Ann for her response and advice about a person he was researching. Ann had found that the person was still alive and directed him towards a Surrey church that might know of her. He was able to contact 'this person' (also unnamed for reasons of privacy) through the church and they exchanged family stories and updates. He discovered that 'this person' had known his grandmother and had an extensive family history collection about her. The researching 'man' said he is looking forward to visiting in the near future. Ann was pleased to be able to relate such a lovely and successful research story.

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Ann also had exciting news about her father-in-law and mother-in-law's meeting during the Second World War. There is an ongoing family mystery as to how a Canadian soldier (**Robert Buchanan**) met a Latvian woman (**Dzidra Zachus**). The family doesn't know how both came to be in the same Displaced Persons camp or the path Dzidra took after being abducted by the Germans in Latvia. All they know starts from the time Robert helped Dzidra escape from the camp.

Ann has submitted the story to a television film maker who is interested in researching and presenting the story on the History Channel. Another facet to the story is that a former President of Latvia may help to do the research. An unusual component to any story, indeed. Mr. & Mrs. Buchanan were married for 62 years and what a fitting memorial to them this would be. Here's hoping the film proposal goes ahead.



*Photo: Rev. John Stewart marrying Bob Buchanan and Dzidra Zachus on April 17, 1946 in Belgium.*

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**EDUCATION – Webinar** - The Education portion of the meeting consisted of a short viewing of **Blaine Bettinger's** webinar presentation of "Formulating a DNA Testing Plan". Blaine Bettinger is a mesmerizing speaker with the ability to explain complicated procedures. Members were completely attentive and quite disappointed we could not view the entire talk.

The partial viewing was meant to show how webinars will be used at the BCGS Library as a learning device for genealogy research. The plan is to show appropriate webinars with time for discussion of the material. Our thanks to Kim Kujawski for organizing the viewing and to Peter Whitlock for assisting with the sound. To view the full presentation, go to [https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar\\_id=1163](https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=1163)

## Formulating a DNA Testing Plan

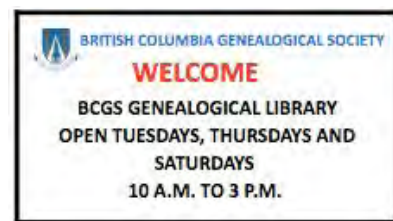


**BLAINE T. BETTINGER, Ph.D., J.D.**

Due to the time taken for discussion of the fee structure of the Society, the **Cocktail Party** did not take place. Perhaps it can be included at one of the future meetings.

# BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

News about our library as well as the events that took place and will take place at the library

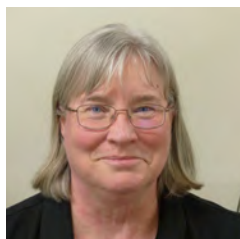


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Unit 211, 12837 – 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey, BC

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## NEWS from the LIBRARY STACKS



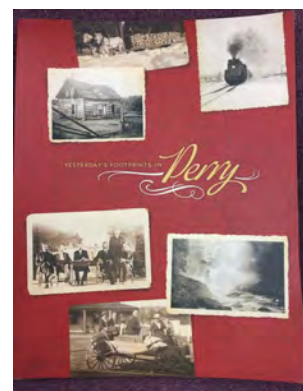
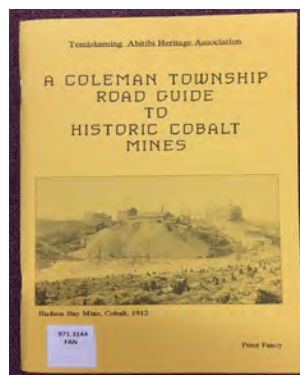
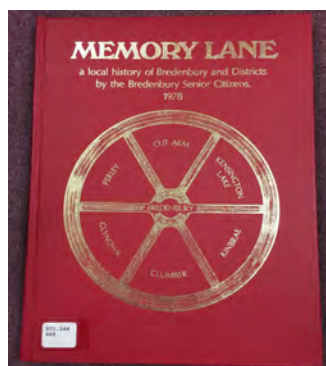
### Corrine Jubb, Library Administrator

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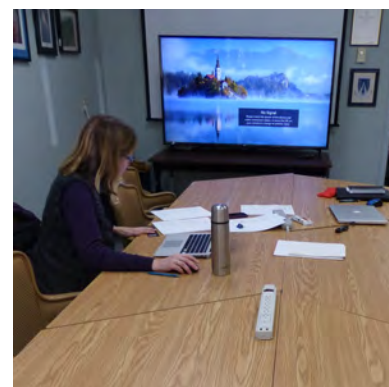
971.244 BRE - **Memory Lane, a local history of Bredenbury and Districts** by the Bredenbury Senior Citizens

971.3144 TAN – **A Coleman Township Road Guide to Historic Cobalt Mines** by Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association

971.315 TPHC – **Yesterday's Footprints in Perry** by the Township of Perry Historical Committee



## LIBRARY BOARDROOM ADDITION



Left: **Bill Clayton** with the new 65" LG Smart television. It will be used to view webinars and promote learning discussions at the library. The television was obtained through special donations as well as the Alice Louise Marwood Library fund. It will be a wonderful addition to our Genealogy Coffee Chats and serve to bring even more of our members to the Library. Right: **Linda Maitland** working on her Ahnentafel project at the Boardroom table.



**GENEALOGY GEMS & ODDITIES in the BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY**

**Celia Lewis, Member #5183**

**R 941.6 'Men and arms' The Ulster settlers, c. 1630**

**HUN R.J. Hunter, Ed.**

The **R** in front of the 941.6 tells you this is for **REFERENCE** only, and cannot be taken out. But it is so worth coming to our library for this amazing book. Did you know that Ulster British planters in the early 1600s were *required* to have arms for defence against a possible Irish uprising?

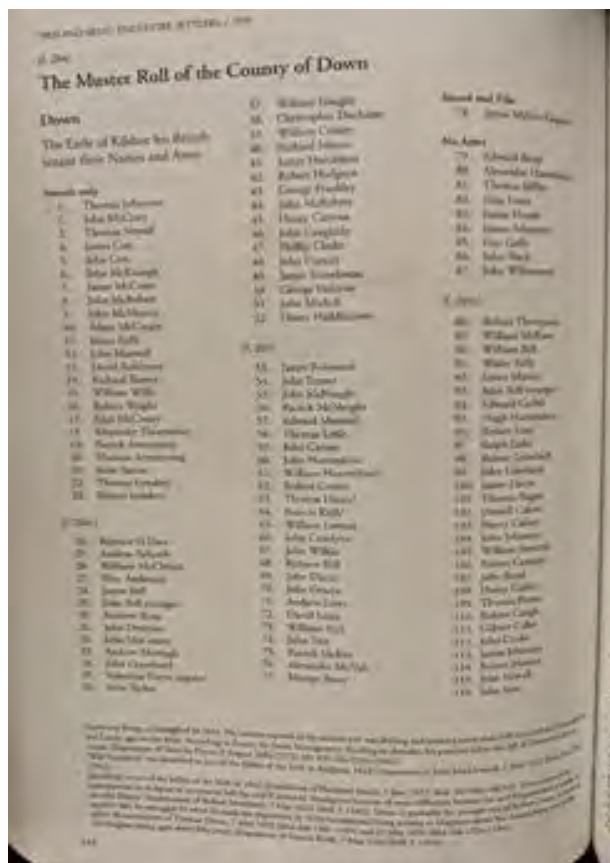
From the spring of 1629 to the spring of 1633, Lt. William Graham, appointed muster-master, travelled over the province of Ulster, recording details of each adult man, and each type of weapon he held. This record constitutes a type of census, listing each of the approximately 8,000 Ulster settler families, including over 13,000 adult males. The extensive footnotes on each page provide further family information, including references to earlier Ulster records. At times, this allows a researcher to find three generations! A treasure chest of a book!

The original Muster Roll was 283 folio sheets; the large leather-bound volume can now be found in the British Library. Note that most of the men who mustered were English and Scottish settlers. Muster registration was done by separate counties, then by tenancies, and finally by the specific arms they had [one to several], including if they had none. The page to the right is for the beginning of The Muster Roll of the County of Down. Here is "the Earle of Kildare, his British tenant[s] their Names and Arms".

I was hooked on reading all the footnotes! The names may look like a static list, but the footnotes detail earlier information, relationships, such as father-in-law to another man, also listing a son or two, mention previous residence, whether they died in a later battle [e.g., 1641].

The men are listed according to their arms: most had swords, some had swords as well as pikes, halberds, and/or muskets. All those specific arms are described in the Introduction. An example of the first footnote on this page is for Valentine Payne, esquire:

1. *Payne was living at Strangford in 1641. He became captain of the settlers and was drilling and training more than 600 men to hold Downpatrick and Lecale against the Irish. According to Payne, Sir James Montgomery deciding to abandon his position led to the fall of Downpatrick and Lecale (Deposition of Valentin Payne, 9 August 1642 [TCD MS 837, fols 019r-020v]).*



As seen by the ending of that footnote, original records were researched for the additional information, detailing original folio pages read. The book ends with a **Breviate** [brief, summary], **Bibliography**, and **Index** of Surnames with Forenames, Estate, County, and page.

What a treasure! You never know what you may find in our **BCGS Genealogical Library**.

**NOTE: THIS BCGS SUBSCRIPTION ENDS SOON**

**BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY has a  
FREE TRIAL for MYHERITAGE.COM  
until May 31st, 2020**

“Search billions of records - dive into our huge international records database – just search a name to learn more about your ancestors.” Check it out and then **come to the library to do some research** while it is still available - **free to members**.



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**BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY has a  
SUBSCRIPTION to AMERICANANCESTORS.ORG  
until SUMMER 2020**

“AmericanAncestors.org has more than 1 billion records spanning the US and beyond to help find your ancestors and solve your genealogical mysteries.” Check it out and then **come to the library to do some research** while it is still available - **free to members**.



**BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY has AFFILIATE LIBRARY STATUS with [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)**

**Images Available**

To view these images you must do one of the following:

- Access the site at a [family history center](#)
- Access the site at a [FamilySearch affiliate library](#)

When you are using FamilySearch.org and you see the image on the left, remember that the **BCGS Genealogical Library has Affiliate Library status with FamilySearch.org**. This means that while using FamilySearch.org at the BCGS Genealogical Library, you will be able to view many of the digital images of documents that are locked to home users.

**LOST & FOUND** - If you visited the library recently and forgot a **water bottle** or a **lady's sweater**, you can claim these items at the library.

**CLOSURE** - The library will be **CLOSED** to researchers on **April 11**, the Saturday of Easter weekend. It will only be open for the two Coffee Chats that day.

**SAVE THOSE PULL TABS and CANS!**

The BCGS can raise some extra funds by collecting the pull tabs from soft drink cans and beer cans as well as the pop cans and beer cans themselves.

**Bill Clayton** was happy to report that he has received \$54.85 to date this year from the donated empty cans and bottles. The Society will be happy to receive your

aluminum cans and pull tabs (together or separately) at the library in Surrey during the hours it's open or at any of our monthly BCGS meetings in Burnaby. Each donated tab or can makes a difference to our BCGS budget.



**British Columbia Genealogical Society** - information about the BCGS as well as announcements for upcoming events and genealogical items of interest are posted in this account. Open to non-BCGS members too. You can join here. <https://www.facebook.com/bcgenealogy/>

**BCGS Genealogical Discussion Group** - for genealogical collaboration and discussion. You can easily communicate with all members of the group, post your research questions, share a brick wall, a genealogical success, and other members of the group can reply or comment. Others can help you and you can help others. Open to non-BCGS members too. You can join here. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bcgsgdiscussion>



# BCGS 2020 CALENDAR - MARCH

## HOLLYBURN GOSPEL HALL & CHAPEL, 1403 Duchess Avenue, West Vancouver, BC.

Photo: courtesy Bev Taylor. Photo construction: George Caldwell, written commentary: Sharon Clayton



### Hollyburn Gospel Chapel 1403 Duchess Ave, West Vancouver, BC

Hollyburn Gospel Hall began its life as a single-storey wooden building that was heated with a small, fickle box heater. It officially opened December 16, 1923. A basement was dug out and a lower floor was added in 1928. Between the late 1940's and early 1950's, there was a strong feeling that the old building should be replaced with a more up-to-date structure. There was no money to rebuild until Bev Taylor's Grandpa Aaron Galpin said, "Let's get moving", and made a \$50.00 donation to a building fund. A building permit was obtained in 1954 and construction of the Hollyburn Gospel Chapel was completed in the Fall of 1955. The church is now called Hollyburn Christian Fellowship.

Images courtesy Bev Taylor



FreeVintageIllustrations.com



## BCGS POSTCARD COLLECTION



### POSTCARDS OF THE MONTH

#### The Story Behind a Picture Postcard

Janice Kidwell,  
BCGS member #5033

This is a photo of the original Abbotsford Hotel, which was located on Essendene Avenue (dirt road) in Abbotsford, B.C. It stood until circa 1927 when it caught fire. The fire spread and consumed the whole block, burning down a number of businesses as well as a large barn located behind these structures. It is postmarked January 2, 1911; the stamp is of King George V who reigned from 1910 - 1936. The sender was staying at the Abbotsford Hotel and wasn't pleased. She writes, "Am not a bit stuck on this place, too muddy. Hope to be with you soon, will write later".



## British Columbia Genealogical Society Presents



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Sep 12	Vancouver		4:30pm
Sep 13	Inside Passage (Genealogy Day)		
Sep 14	Juneau	1 pm	10 pm
Sep 15	Skagway	7 am	9 pm
Sep 16	Glacier Bay	7 am	4 pm
Sep 17	Ketchikan	10 am	6 pm
Sep 18	Inside Passage (Genealogy Day)		
Sep 19	Vancouver	7 am	

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**UPDATE from Sharon Clayton:** Our volunteer Cruise Team had its preliminary brainstorming session in February to plan our BCGS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise. The team members are **Claire Belzer, Marian Wight, Sharon Clayton, Susan Davis Sullivan and Terri Mackenzie**. If anyone has suggestions for the planning team, please speak to any of us whenever we are face-to-face, or send emails to the team c/o [sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)

Our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/503171243562227/>) has grown to 122 members, and our travel agent Robert Marcoux has booked 130 people – 100 Canadians and 30 other nationalities – most of them American. We'll be sending questionnaires to every booked cruiser, seeking feedback about what the Cruise Team has discussed so far... more about that next month.



## CLOVERDALE GENEALOGY LIBRARY



### A note from Carmen Merrells, Librarian

I'm happy to announce that our Family History Department will be moving back to Cloverdale branch, **re-opening on Monday, March 9!**

**We would like to invite you all to a FAMILY HISTORY "WELCOME BACK" TEA & SOCIAL on Friday, March 13, from 2pm to 4pm. Drop-in.**

Let us introduce you to our new space, new books, and new databases! Enjoy some refreshments and mingle with other family history enthusiasts. Please join us!

Upon opening, the department's resources (books, magazines, microfilms, and all databases) will be available during all of the library's opening hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 9:30 am to 9 pm
- Friday: 9:30 am to 5 pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am to 5 pm
- Sunday: 1:00 pm to 5 pm

However, please note that there are plans to reduce the hours that genealogy staff are available to ASSIST

researchers, resulting in the following family history reference assistance schedule:

- Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Wednesday: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
- i.e. No genealogy staff assistance available on Sundays, Mondays, or evenings other than Wednesdays.

IMPORTANT: If this reduction in genealogy staff assistance hours is inconvenient for you, please leave a comment at this link (you can skip the first section and just scroll down to the Comment section):

<https://surrey.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=C18EFB08-03ED-4644-ABEF-F7F59578032A>

We are working on program planning! More details available at our Tea & Social on March 13. **Our regular monthly programs will resume in April:**

- Fun Family History Fridays (drop-in chat) will be the first Friday of each month from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
- Genealogy Orientation (introduction to our department and services) will be the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Looking forward to seeing you back in our "home" branch soon!

Best regards,  
Carmen Merrells



### This year's release of historical BC death and marriage records could be online by summer

*Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 7 February 2020*

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=30853>

The BC Archives expects to receive from the BC Vital Statistics Agency at the end of March the annual release of death (1999) and marriage (1944) records. Once the provincial archives receives the records, they will immediately begin the work to make them accessible online.

**THE VANCOUVER BC FHC HOURS**

5280 Kincaid St, Burnaby, BC

Phone: 604-299-8656

E-mail: [bc\\_vancouver@ldsmail.net](mailto:bc_vancouver@ldsmail.net)

**Regular hours as follows**

Wednesday 10 am to 6 pm

Thursday 10 am to 2 pm

Friday 10 am to 2 pm

**2020 Library Closure Dates**

During inclement weather, call ahead.

April 10<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)

June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> (Canada Day Closure)

Summer Hours – open Wednesdays

August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup> (Labour Day Closure)

December 19<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Christmas Closure)



**THE SURREY BC STAKE FHC HOURS**

6270 126th Street Surrey, BC

Phone: 604-597-9695

E-mail: [surreyfhc@gmail.com](mailto:surreyfhc@gmail.com)

**Regular hours as follows**

Tuesday 10 am to 9 pm

Wednesday 11 am to 3 pm

Thursday 2 pm to 9 pm

**2020 Library Closure Dates**

During inclement weather, call ahead.

Closed all statutory holidays.

Summer closure: June 19th to July 16th.

Summer hours: from July 21st through September 7th

Tuesdays 10 am to 9 pm and Thursdays noon to 4 pm.

**Learn more or celebrate your Loyalist ancestor(s) with  
involvement in the UELAC VANCOUVER BRANCH –  
Upcoming dates for the Spring months of 2020**

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:30 – 9:30 pm : Regular Branch Business meeting  
at the Bonsor Recreation Complex. Theme and speaker to be confirmed.

Saturday, April 18, 2020 – 4th annual Branch Field Trip.  
15th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery Museum and Archive at  
Bessorough Armoury. 2025 West 11th Avenue in Vancouver.

Meet at 11 am. Tour guide will be Dr Peter Moogk UE.

Followed by Lunch together at a close-by location.



Follow [UELAC Vancouver Branch](#) on Facebook for more information



## Free Canadian obituary collections online

*Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 6 February 2020*

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=30845>

The number of Canadian obituary collections and obituary indexes on Kenneth R. Mark's list has grown to 300 online databases, a ten percent increase since his last edition in May 2019. The list on Mr. Mark's website, *The Ancestor Hunt*, has been organized by province and one territory, plus a category for all of Canada.

## Celebrating 100 Years of the RCMP Part 2 - Records at Library and Archives Canada

*Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 11 February 2020*

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/02/celebrating-100-years-of-rcmp-part-2.html>

Our national police force under the name Royal Canadian Police Force turned 100 this month. [Last post](#), I gave a bit of history on the RCMP and gave an introduction to their website. This post, I'm going to look at what Library and Archives Canada holds on your RCMP ancestor.

## Celebrating 100 years of the RCMP Part 3 - Family Search and Other Sources

*Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 21 February 2020*

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/02/celebrating-100-years-of-rcmp-part-3.html>

Taken from various sources, this collection are digitized images of obituaries and index cards of both active and retired members of the force. In their [wiki page](#), they caution that this is not a complete collection. However, it's still worth a look. The collection has over 9,000 images and the information was taken from RCMP books, periodicals, and newsletters.

## Finding your Lost Ancestors in Canada

*Snipped from Penny Allen's blog, UK to Canada Genealogy, 17 February 2020*

<http://ukcdngenealogy.blogspot.com/2020/02/finding-your-lost-ancestors-in-canada.html>

There may be a number of reasons why it is so hard to trace these relatives. Every recommendation I have seen is to *always* ferret out information using family collections and resources in the UK before beginning to search in Canada.

## Saskatchewan Genealogical Society advocates for access to vital records with letter-writing campaign

*Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 23 February 2020*

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=31017>

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has launched a letter-writing campaign to ask the provincial government to provide access to birth, marriage and death records, within the parameters of privacy legislation.

## Treasures in Canadiana Online Newspapers

*Snipped from John Reid's blog, Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections, 10 February 2020*

<https://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/2020/02/treasures-in-canadiana-online-newspapers.html>

Information you won't find elsewhere online. Newspapers you won't find elsewhere online.

[Canadiana Online](#) is a free resource largely composed of monographs, serials and government publications published prior to 1921. There are currently over 19 million pages in the collection.



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## How to Share Ancestry DNA Results

Snipped from Kitty Cooper's Blog, January 29, 2020

<https://blog.kittycooper.com/2020/01/how-to-share-ancestry-dna-results/>

Sharing DNA results at Ancestry is very useful when you want to see how much your relative shares with other relatives. All that this sharing allows you is the ability to see their match list, their ThruLines, and their ethnicity results, not their raw DNA nor the ability to download it. Being able to see a cousin's ethnicity may help figure out which side of the family that Finnish DNA is from or whatever puzzling ancestry you are interested in. Seeing their match list can be extremely useful for solving a mystery or just for the fun process of collecting family data.

## DNAPainter: Painting "Bucketed" Family Tree DNA Maternal and Paternal Family Finder Matches in One Fell Swoop

Snipped from Roberta Estes' blog, DNAexplained -- Genetic Genealogy, 5 February 2020

<https://dna-explained.com/2020/02/05/dnapainter-painting-bucketed-family-tree-dna-maternal-and-paternal-family-finder-matches-in-one-fell-swoop/>

DNAPainter has done it again, providing genealogists with a wonderful tool that facilitates separating your matches into maternal and paternal categories so that they can be painted on the proper chromosome – in one fell swoop no less. Of course, the entire purpose of painting your chromosomes is to identify segments that descend from specific ancestors in order to push those lines back further in time genealogically. Identifying segments, confirming and breaking down brick walls is the name of the game.

## The top six DNA tools I can't live without

Snipped from Rachel King's blog, Toll Genealogy, February 2020

<https://www.tollgenealogy.com/learn-dna/top-six-dna-tools/>

Some are obvious and things that may be familiar to those of you that are more advanced, but if you've just got your DNA results through, you may not have got that far under the hood yet. More in-depth articles into lots of these tools will be coming over the next few months. And if you did just get your DNA results through, don't forget to grab my free guide for DNA Newbies.

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## What DNA Can't Tell Us

An excerpt from Judy Russell's Blog, 16 February 2020

Judy Russell has granted Sharon Clayton permission to share her blog post here, along with Sharon's reply.

In genealogical research, DNA has one purpose and one purpose *only*: it helps give us evidence we can use to establish biological relationships. It doesn't — *can't* — won't *ever* — tell us one single thing about something that's a whole lot more important.

It doesn't tell us about *families*. Or about how families are and have been made for generations.

Consider for example that surname. Maybe YDNA tells us that even though we call ourselves Smith, some generations back the surname was Jones.

That's the biology, sure. But how did we *become* Smith? Was it because, some generations back, a child's parents died and the child was taken in by the Smiths, raised as a Smith and never knew anything else but being a Smith? Or perhaps because the child's father died, the mother remarried to a Smith, and the child took the surname of the stepfather who raised the child and gave the child the Smith family traditions to carry on as his own?

Are we really any less Smiths than those who carry the bloodline, but moved away, forgot the family traditions, maybe even fell out with their kin and rejected everything and anything to do with being Smiths?

In the more recent generations, I submit that how a man came to be known as a grandfather or a father matters even less than how our surname was changed. What matters much more than what genes we do or don't share is whether that grandfather took our hands and walked with us, taught us to fish, shared his sense of humor, told us he was proud of us, told us he loved us. Whether the man we called Dad really *was* a Dad: who changed our diapers, taught us to walk and ride a bicycle, sat with us when we were fevered, attended school plays and graduations, walked us down the aisle.

Are those men really any less treasured members of our family? If they truly acted as father and grandfather, does a DNA test force us to give them up? No.

When DNA tells us there's someone else to whom we have a genetic relationship, it only gives us a new set of biological relatives. It doesn't take away the families we have now.

Because DNA can't ever tell us how families are made. Families are so much more than inherited blood.

*Families are constructs of the heart.*

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2020/02/16/what-dna-cant-tell-us/>

**Sharon Clayton's, BCGS Member #5532, reply:**

Two of my male DNA cousins were adopted into families that were not kind and loving – quite the opposite! Both men's stories are long and complicated, so I will share this one non-identifying tale for now and hope that I won't need to publish the other adoptee's story to encourage people to be compassionate.

An adoptive father had only daughters, and wanted a SON to take over his family's business. Throughout his adopted son's childhood, this family's emotional abuse made the adoptee unsuitable for self-employment. The disrespect carries on to this day – both parents and his siblings continue to treat him as a second-class citizen.

The adoptee succeeded in having one telephone conversation with his biological mother. She told him she was a grade 11 student when she gave birth to him, and that his older half sister was born when she was still in grade 10. She claims she can't remember her eldest baby's name or where she lives. This may or may not be true - traumatic events can cause this type of extreme memory loss.

The bio mom reluctantly provided the name of the adoptee's bio father, but no other information. She asked him not to contact her again - she does not want a child (still living at home) to know about the two babies she relinquished at birth.

Fear? Guilt? Shame? Perhaps all three? This birth mother is not able to put herself in the shoes of her son,

a young father seeking family members who will offer him the love and respect he so desperately needs.

As a distant DNA cousin, I have welcomed this young man (with his wife and child) into my extended family. We do not live anywhere near each other, but we exchange occasional emails, Facebook messages and phone calls. I have helped him to identify our shared DNA cousins and contacted some of them on his behalf, hoping that they will exchange kind-hearted communication with him and his young family.

In my belief system, there is no such thing as an "illegitimate child". A baby born out of wedlock was the only person involved who had NO choice in the consequences of an unplanned birth. ALL human beings have a right to know about their ethnic roots, and where their physical and personality traits originated. The right to a relationship (however rocky) is a different matter – at least two people must be willing to achieve that ideal situation.

If anyone reading this article is contacted by DNA cousins who seek information about their biological families, please be as compassionate and generous as your heart will allow you to be.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

# GENEALOGY SEMINARS & MEETINGS NEAR & FAR

Genealogical seminars and meetings in BC and environs as well as elsewhere in North America and Europe

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**Chris Paton**

**Angie Bush**

**Cyndi Ingle**

**Janice Nickerson**

**Save the date for the Kelowna & District Genealogical Society's 2020 Conference – September 25-26!**

## The Speakers:

**Chris Paton:** Coming to us from Scotland! Originally from Northern Ireland, Chris is a leading expert on Scottish and Irish genealogy. He is the author of several well-regarded books on the subject, manager of The Scottish Blog, a popular international speaker and has written articles for many genealogy periodicals, including Your Family Tree, The Scotsman, Ancestors and Family History Monthly.

**Angie Bush:** Based in Salt Lake City, Angie is one of the most sought after genetic genealogists and internationally acclaimed educators in this field. A member of Ancestry's ProGenealogists team, she has a very busy speaking schedule and is a director for the National Genealogical Society. Angie's passion for genealogical research and deep knowledge of genetic genealogy has enabled her to solve seemingly impossible cases.

**Cyndi Ingle:** No stranger to Okanagan genealogy audiences, Cyndi hales from Puyallup, Washington and is the real person behind Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet – one of the Internet's first and foremost genealogy-focused websites. Besides the on-going work on her website, Cyndi is in demand as an international speaker and is an expert on genealogy technology and methodology.

**Janice Nickerson:** Janice has been a passionate genealogist for over 30 years. With home being Ontario, Janice has become an expert on Upper Canada/Ontario family history and has written several books and articles on the topic. She is the owner of Upper Canada Genealogy: helping you trace your Ontario roots... and has been a researcher for the Canadian version of the Who Do You Think You Are? TV show.





# MEMBERS' CORNER

In this section of the newsletter, we feature stories from our readers.



## Patrick Keily, member #5414

### As I Recollect - Challenge to BCGS members

In the 56 years I've been looking for my ancestors, reality is raising its ugly head: there are very few genealogy records for illiterate Irish and German farmers. It doesn't mean I'm giving up, it just means I need to concentrate on things other than the usual census forms and death announcements and look more at family lore.

Grandpa Jack brought a little timewaster from Quebec. It's not possible for me to describe it as it's a hand slapping maneuver that must be shown in person. Another one involves a string, two fingers, and intense concentration to master. What I'm talking about is the things in families that are passed down from one generation to the next, the things said or done that may or may not be original.

Do any of you use expressions that you learned from your parents? Those wisecracks that made the rounds in family circles? Well, I have lots. Some need a bit of censoring, but most don't. Here are a few that come to mind:

"Who you talking to? The Hykes?" It meant you were talking too loudly as the Hykes were a family who lived a block from our house in Butternut.

"What's the matter? Can't get your Ford started?" It meant that one of us kids was trying to cry.

Self-explanatory:

He/she had eyes like two pee holes in the snow.

I'll kick your \$\$ so hard it'll jar your relations in the old country.

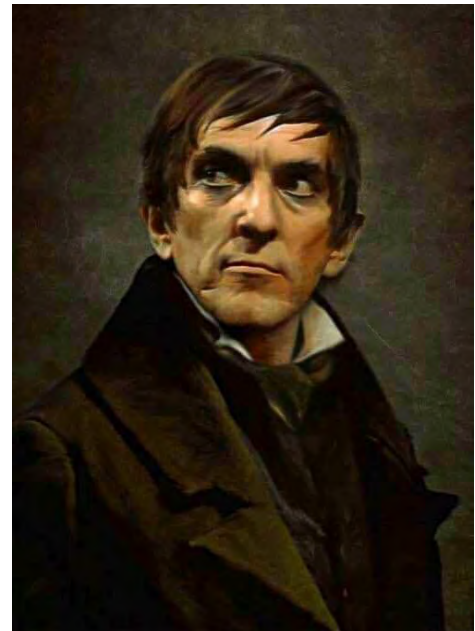
Close the door! Were you born in a barn?

And so on and so forth.

Now, I'd love to have you send me expressions used by your family so we can compile them for next month's Newsletter. I'm sure there's lots of interesting and funny lines that you have stored away right above your eyes.

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I know each one of you has a clever quip or several that need to be shared, and it lets me know if anyone reads this. :-)



*(The picture is because of his eyes)*





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

**Bringing History to Life**

Genealogists spend their time learning about history; not only the history of their families but the history which their families lived through. If history wasn't your favourite subject in school, you probably learn a lot of history by default. For me, love of history came first, the urge to know more about my family's place in it came later.

What better place to learn about history than in a museum? At least that's what I keep telling myself as I continue my association with PoCo Heritage, a place largely run on volunteer power. We have a small museum which presents us with a unique challenge – how to present something engaging in a small space which will bring people in the door.

Last year, there was a natural history exhibit about trees. The tree that was built in the middle of our space excited a



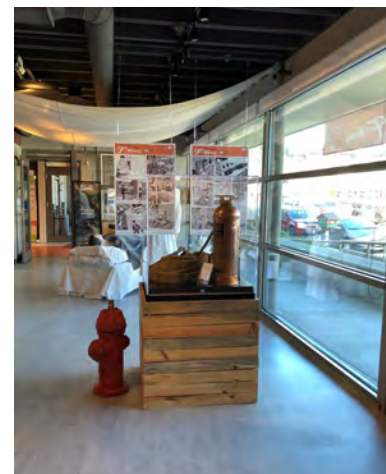
lot of interest but it couldn't stay forever. But that interest had set the bar high. The exhibit committee racked their

brains to come up with something that would continue that interest.

This time, our exhibit would be about the early years of Port Coquitlam. Those early years could be described as disastrous as they started with the flu pandemic, continued with a fire, followed the next year by a flood and it all almost led to financial ruin. Which led to the *F Words* title.

To go along with the snappy title, we knew there would be physical exhibits about the events of those years and

posters to tell the story. But that's the thing, posters contain pictures and words. Usually more words that the average visitor will read. How can you tell the story through posters with fewer or more interesting words? More pictures, right? *Right - part of the current exhibit*



But how many pictures can you fit on a poster page? Not only that but the pictures have to tell the story. What has been trending recently in the world of books? Graphic novels. They tell stories with pictures and words. That's exactly what we wanted to do.

Could that work in a museum setting? Could we forego the traditional posters about the exhibit and tell the story through posters that are like the pages of a graphic novel?

It would be different. We hadn't heard of any other museums who had tried that approach. Lots had happened in those years of Port Coquitlam's history. They made for action packed stories. So, our illustrator set to work on the pictures and I volunteered to do the words. Which actually turn out to be more words than on a regular poster but they tell a story, a surprising story about a city's early



*struggles. Above - a closer look at one of the posters.*

This project has resulted in something which, I believe, is unique. If you are in downtown Port Coquitlam, I hope that you drop in to see our exhibit. The exhibit will be up for a full year.

## **BCGS EVENTS**

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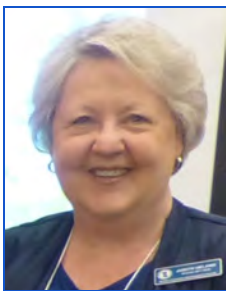
March 3	Atlantic Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
March 3	Software for Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
March 11	Welsh Group - Cambrian Hall , Vancouver - 10:30 to 12:30
March 11	Mac/Reunion Meeting - BCGS Genealogical Library - 2 to 4 pm
March 11	Members' Meeting - Danish Church Hall, Burnaby - 7:30 pm
March 13-16	Quebec Questers 'Salt Lake City in Surrey' Retreat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 to 5 pm
March 14	Quebec Questers Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
March 14	Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
March 16	Parental Puzzles (NPE) - Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
March 21	Scandinavian Group - Scandinavian Community Centre, Burnaby - 1 to 3 pm
March 21-22	British Isles Weekend Research Event - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 - 4 pm
March 23	Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BC nGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
March 26	BC Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
April 7	Atlantic Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
April 7	Software for Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
April 8	Welsh Group - Cambrian Hall , Vancouver - 10:30 to 12:30
April 8	Mac/Reunion Meeting - BCGS Genealogical Library - 2 to 4 pm
April 8	Members' Meeting - Danish Church Hall, Burnaby - 7:30 pm
April 11	Easter Saturday - Library closed to researchers but open for Genealogy Chats
April 11	Quebec Questers Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
April 11	Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
April 18	Scandinavian Group - Scandinavian Community Centre, Burnaby - 1 to 3 pm
April 20	Parental Puzzles (NPE) - Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
April 25	Planning a Trip to Salt Lake City - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
April 30	Ontario Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon

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