

THE BCGS NEWS

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Celebrating Moms this Month



Betty Harvey with six generations of Moms!
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WEDNESDAY 7:30PM
MAY 10TH**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Gordon Pitter, Healdsburg,
California #5977

Susanne Law, Surrey #5978

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

EUNICE ROBINSON #112, PRESIDENT@BCGS.CA

They say April showers bring May flowers! However, April showers in my case brought another relative to light. Thanks to DNA, I made contact with a 2nd cousin. We have exchanged several emails, and it felt very good to be able to share our common family history. I was able to send photos of his grandparents, and our mutual great-grandparents. He and his family were thrilled. I was delighted to find another of the 'missing links'.

During the past months' **Coffee Chats**, our members are encouraged to share their brick walls, and as a group we try to offer suggestions or hints on how to break through them. I have also encouraged our members to write up a short article and submit to the BCGS Newsletter. Maybe one of you have the key to unlocking a puzzle. For those of you who haven't joined one of the weekly Coffee Chats, you might find them useful. Our Coffee Chats are listed on our Website and in the Newsletter ([see pages 17 & 18](#)). We'd love to have you join us. Our current series will conclude at the end of June but will be restarting in September. If you have a suggestion for a Coffee Chat topic, please email me.

We also finished our **Spring Seminar Series**—again our thanks to **Mags Gaulden, Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt, and Jenny Mallin** for sharing their knowledge with us. I'm working on the Fall series now – again, if you have a suggestion for a speaker, please let me know.

As a reminder, Sunday May 14th is Mothers' Day! What do you remember most about your Mother? What was her favourite flower, colour, song? Have you written her story? What was her favourite recipe? Do you or your family still prepare it? Gather photos of your mother and her story, and share with your siblings. If you are a mother—maybe this is a good time for you to answer those same questions yourself.

And if you are looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift—to either give (or receive) to your favourite family historian, perhaps suggest a subscription to one of the genealogy sites or a DNA test kit.

Looking forward to 'seeing' you at the May BCGS Members' meeting—if you haven't joined us on Zoom, it's really painless. Just ask us for assistance.

Until next month...

COFFEE CHATS (AKA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS)

CALENDAR
OF EVENTS



MAY MEETING SPEAKER

Linda Yip

133-Year History of the New Chinese Canadian Museum



CHINESE
CANADIAN
MUSEUM
華裔博物館

The Chinese Canadian Museum Society of British Columbia was founded in March 2020 as an independent, non-profit society to establish and operate a public museum in British Columbia honouring Chinese Canadian history, contributions, and living heritage. The Chinese Canadian Museum will be a testament to Chinese Canadian experiences, foster respect, inclusion, and collaboration among all communities and across generations. Telling stories through the diverse voices of Chinese Canadians is central to the development of CCM.

Guided by its mission statement “Connecting to the Chinese Canadian story – addressing inclusion for all,” the Chinese Canadian Museum aspires to provide an invigorating and transformative experience for present and future generations through its exhibitions and programming throughout B.C. and Canada.

Mission

Connecting to the Chinese Canadian story – addressing inclusion for all.

Our Values

- Truth
- Integrity
- Respect
- Learning
- Inclusivity

Vision

Society inspired and transformed across generations.

LOST AND FOUND

Where Did They Go? Where Are They?

Hey members! Do you have a brickwall or a mystery ancestor? Please make a little write-up with some details: you never know who can help!



Hopefully you will have more success than this letter in a bottle!

Send your details to newsletter@bcgs.ca "Lost & Found" and we will publish your queries.

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

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

ATTEND

MONTHLY
MEMBERS' MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 10TH**

Members will receive a Zoom invitation to our monthly meetings, so watch your email inbox for the Zoom link, meeting number and password.

If you don't receive the email by the day before the meeting, please contact info@bcgs.ca for assistance.

A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.

READ

The **GenBlast** is
in your INBOX—
waiting for you

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Who knows what
you will find there!

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BETWEEN THE STACKS



ANN BUCHANAN, #5583
LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

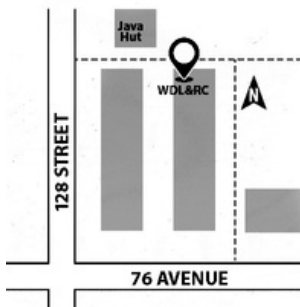
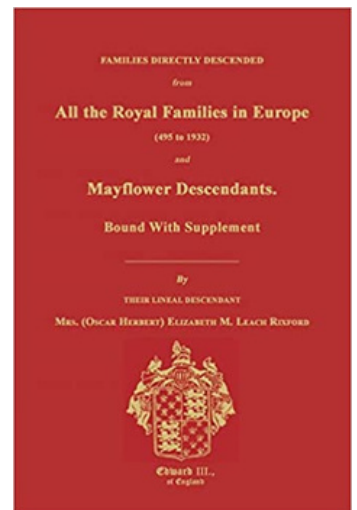
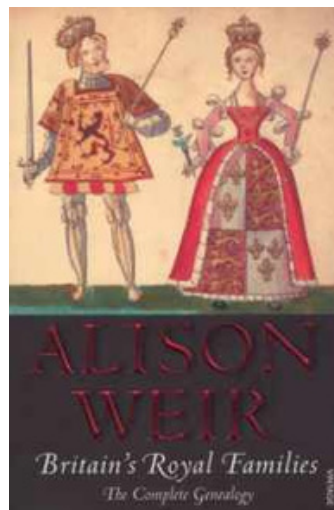
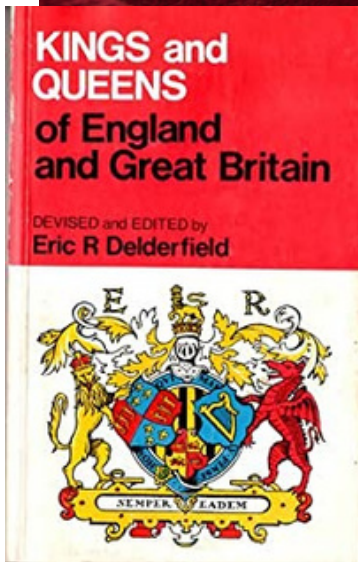
King Charles' coronation will be held on May 6th. This made me wonder what was in the library about royal families. Below are a few books, from many hundreds, that I picked out.

942 DEL - *Kings and Queens of England and Great Britain* by Eric R. Delderfield

920 MCQ - *The Eatons, The Rise and Fall of Canada's Royal Family* by Rod McQueen

929.72 WEI - *Britain's Royal Families - The Complete Genealogy* by Alison Weir

929.6 RIX - *Families Directly Descended from All the Royal Families in Europe (495 to 1932) and Mayflower Descendants* by Elizabeth M. Leach Rixford



Welcome to the LIBRARY!

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 10am to 3pm.

\$5 per day for non-members. The library is closed all holiday weekends and if there is extreme weather. Please call to confirm hours **604.502.9119. Unit 211, 12837 76 Ave, Surrey** There is no parking in the fire lanes. You must park in a designated BCGS parking stall or on the street. Check with the library assistant on duty if in doubt.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

DONATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE
RETURN-IT DEPOT CLOSEST TO YOU

**Total \$
for 2023:
\$351.80**



Bill has MOVED—NO more drop-offs
to his FORMER driveway or the Library.

Instead, please return your bottles, cans, etc.
to your nearest Return-It Centre in a clear
plastic bag. Print a deposit label at their
machine using the BCGS phone number
604-502-9119.



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Bottles from
the Landfill**

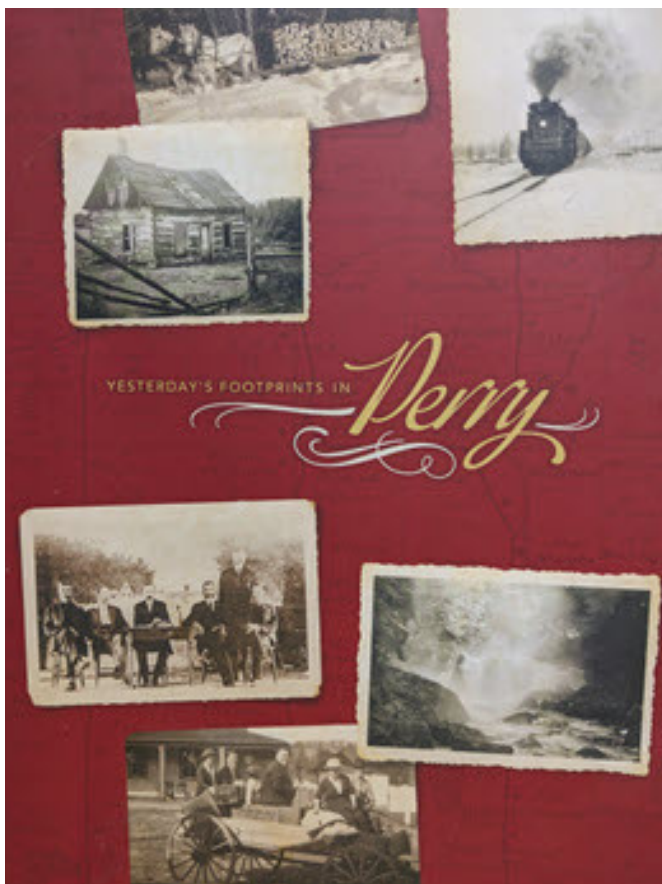
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FROM THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

GENEALOGICAL GEMS & ODDITIES

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Yesterday's Footprints in Perry



CELIA LEWIS, #5183

Perry Township in the Almaguin Highlands region of Parry Sound District was opened for settlement and homesteading about 1870. This lovely book is full of genealogical and family history details of those communities which make up the region: Whitney's Corners, Cyprus, Novar, Swindon, Fern Glen, Walls, Scotia, Star Lake, Emsdale, Birchdale.

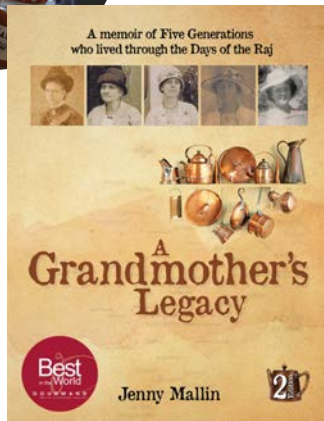
Although there isn't a table of contents, page 11 details the communities, roads, railways, post offices, schools, churches and cemeteries, as well as a few other areas which are discussed in detail through the book. There is a bibliography at the back of the book, plus happily, an index. Many, many photographs of organizations, homes, barns, classes, post offices, and oh-so-much-more are scattered thickly through the pages.

If this is where your ancestors spent some time homesteading, you will find an absolute treasury of information and photographs! This is the kind of book one meanders through, finding little gems here and there, with many interesting stories as well as genealogical information.



Saturday morning with Jenny Mallin

BY MARGARET SHARON, #1521



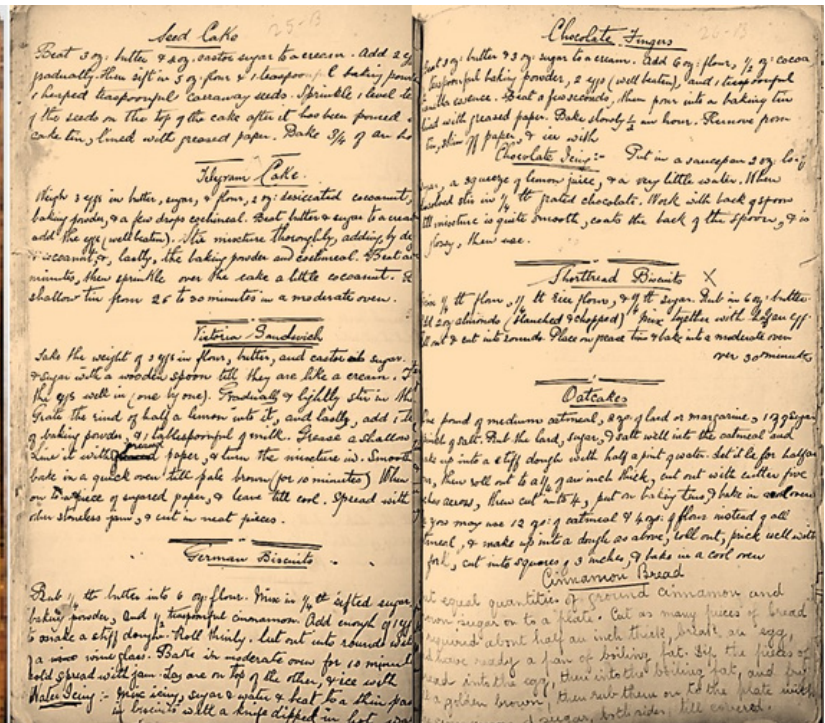
For our third and final Spring 2023 Seminar, Jenny Mallin took us on an adventure into the lives of five generations of her ancestors in British India. The first of her two presentations focused on members of her **Sausman**, **Shandley** and **Hardy** families and their multi-generational military history. Richly illustrated with document images, newspaper snippets and period illustrations, the stories were engaging and informative. Jenny introduced us to several family members including her ancestor John Sausman, possibly the youngest-ever member of the British Army—who began his military career as a **6-year-old drummer boy!**

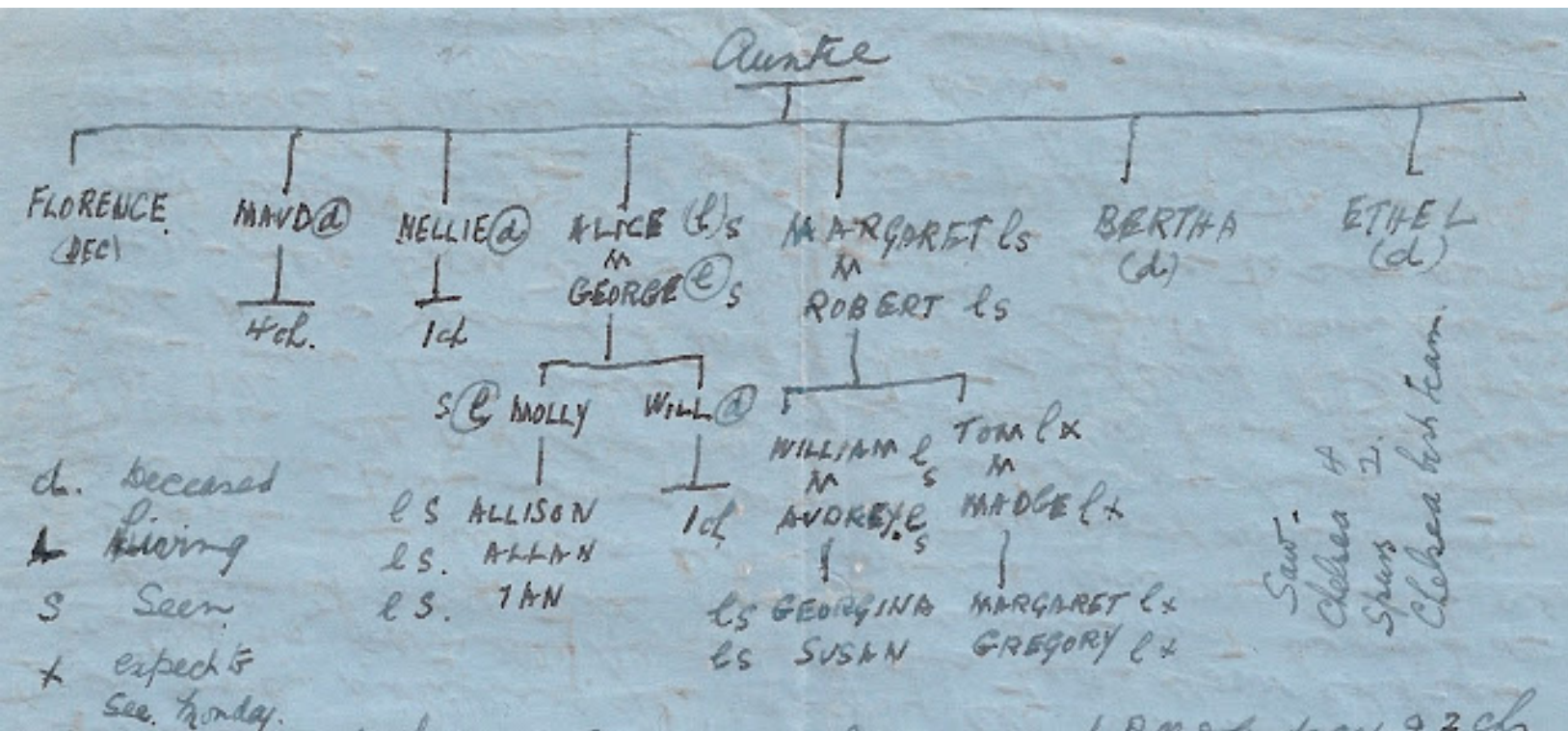
Her second presentation, focusing on the lifestyle of Anglo-Indian women, the **memsahibs**, was equally engrossing. We learned about the women's many duties as household managers and the different responsibilities of their various Indian servants. Some of Jenny's extensive knowledge on this topic originated in a journal and recipe book kept by her ancestor Wilhelmina Hardy, of which she is now the 6th-generation custodian.

Jenny's award-winning book "**A Grandmother's Legacy: a memoir of Five Generations who lived through the Days of the Raj**" (which includes some of her great-great-great-grandmother's Anglo-Indian recipes) is available on Amazon at this link: amazon.ca/Grandmothers-Legacy-Jenny-Mallin/dp/1504945794



Thank you to Jenny for these great images





My grandad's sketchy family tree of his Australian cousins

THE MOTHERHOOD SAGA OF A MILITARY WIFE

MEG MCLAUGHLIN, #3847
GENEALOGY BLOGGER

Sometimes something I read brings my own family history to mind. This time the prompt came from Simon Mawer's book *Ancestry*. In it he described how the soldiers' wives gathered to help one of their number bring a new baby into the world. It brought the reality of living as a soldier's wife to life. I hadn't thought about the grittiness of that reality when researching the soldier's family in my own tree.

My quest started with a sketchy family tree, one that my grandfather drew up for my mother to show where his Australian relatives fit into their family. Its very sketchiness presented a challenge. Could I fill in names where only relationships had been given? It also begged the question of how they had ended up in Australia.

The story started in Weymouth, Dorset. No red coat lured **Henrietta Chubb** when she took up with **William**

McKay. Perhaps the draw was his Irish accent or the fact he was no mere soldier but a Corporal in the Royal Engineers. I suspect Corporal McKay tended to flout orders when he thought he could get away with it. He married Henrietta Chubb without leave in September of 1869.

That put Henrietta in a precarious position as she couldn't be taken on strength. How did she manage to follow her engineer husband to his posting in Malta and support herself and their children? One child, **William Henry**, was born in Weymouth in 1870. I'm not sure if he survived but there were more to follow. **Florence Annie** was baptized in Malta in 1872, followed by her sister **Henrietta Maud** in 1874. It was while they were on Malta that things went from bad to worse. Corporal William McKay deserted and funds he was responsible for were missing. I can't imagine what was going through Henrietta's mind at that point. He was caught, jailed from April 1 to

July 1, 1876 and then demoted to sapper. A demotion like that would have affected his pay and accommodation for not just him but his family as well. Perhaps it was just as well that he and his family were sent back to England.

By 1878 they were in Portsea Town now part of Portsmouth. It was there that Henrietta delivered another daughter, **Mary Ellen**, in January of 1878. William must have been behaving himself as first his pay was restored and then credit for his past service was restored. That was all in time for them to be sent off again. This time William was to serve in the second Afghan Campaign of 1879 – 1880. Maybe being part of a campaign allowed him to rise in the ranks. Things were looking up for the couple with the military recognizing Henrietta as William McKay's wife from the date of their embarkation to India.

Continued...

It seemed about time Henrietta had official status. She'd stuck by her military man through good times and bad, showing her mettle as wife and mother. There were more children to come in Bangalore. Martha Alice was born in July 1881, Charles Edward in 1883, Margaret in August 1885 and Bertha in May 1887. By 1888 William was ready to retire from the military. According to official count, he'd served for 25 years and 161 days. Got to love military records, they're so precise. He wasn't an old man by any means having joined as a boy of under 15 years old. Maybe it's fitting that he chose to retire to a young country as his records state his intended place of residence on discharge as Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

So in 1888 or more likely 1889 as his date of discharge was December 31, 1888, William and Henrietta packed up their bags and children and headed off to another new country, Australia. In New South Wales, Henrietta gave birth to yet another child. Ethel was born in 1890.



The Lyttle house where my grandad's cousin Margaret lived

Henrietta gave birth to children for over 20 years which was not unheard of in those days. What I think really shows her stamina was that for most of that time she was a military wife moving from place to place with her family and those births took place in four different countries. Her husband may have ended up with the official military medal but I think she deserved one too.

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

COVER PHOTO STORIES

JULY IS ALL ABOUT THE SUMMER!

Send your fun Summer photos—Vintage & current—think Summer Vacations, activities and events.

Show us your summer photo stories for the cover! Send photos to newsletter@bcgs.ca by June 27th

My family spent a fair bit of time in this station-wagon as we traveled to visit friends with cottages on lakes. Inevitably there were fishing expeditions. Here is my Dad one summer in the 70s with his fish of the day. by Sue Sullivan



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



COVER PHOTO: From Betty Harvey, #4 with her five daughters; **Sheilagh** is sitting on the floor; the middle row is **Susan, myself** and **BJ**. Back row is **Christina** and **Mara**. Previous generations (top-bottom): my mother, **Frances Jean**; my grandmother **Esther**; great-grandmother **Isabella**, and great-great-grandmother **Jane**.

AT RIGHT: From Sue Sullivan #4887. Happy Mother's Day! (left to right) My great-grandmother, Mrs James B Scott aka **Elizabeth Amy Fox**; my Gramma, **Elizabeth "Martha" Florence Scott**—later Mrs George E Cross; my great-grand-aunt **Florence Fox**, and my great-great-grandmother, Mrs Thomas M Fox aka **Elizabeth Ann Coe**. Elizabeth Amy Fox Scott would die within 12 years of this photo and Florence Fox would step in to be the pseudo-mother/gramma for the family. Photo taken circa 1920, shortly before the death of Mrs TM Fox.





LATVIAN STYLE EASTER EGGS

BY ANN BUCHANAN, #5583

At the last members meeting I showed photographs of some Easter eggs made in the Latvian tradition sent to me by my newfound Latvian cousin. He told me in the email that the eggs were wrapped in onion skins. A google search taught me that the tradition is centuries old and celebrates the beginning of spring. Nearly everything you need for the process is available in your kitchen. The dried outer skins from yellow onions are a must and many people save the skins all year round for this project. It was hard to believe from the photos that the eggs were coloured by onion skins. Many people asked me to find out how he did it. I include his answer here.

“I will I try to describe the process of colouring eggs. I take a piece of cotton cloth in size to be able to

wrap the egg fully. Then put dry golden onion skins on it, put the egg over skins and wrap the egg in skins and cloth simultaneously and fix with thread many times around. Then put wrapped eggs in cold water and start to boil. After the water starts to boil, continue boiling for 10 to 15 minutes, then put eggs in cold water for 2-3 minutes. After that unwrap eggs, rinse them if needed, and after that make them shiny with some cooking/salad oil or butter.”

I found this tradition very interesting since it is so different than the Canadian custom of dying eggs or the Russian one of painting eggs. Although it is no longer Easter, I wonder if anyone else knows another way to decorate Easter eggs?

MY 108 YEAR OLD FRIEND



BY JOAN SMITH, AFFILIATE FROM CAMPBELL RIVER GENALOGY SOCIETY

I find "coincidences" fascinating - how you meet somebody for a minute, and they become a life long friend, while the people you've known for years forget you when you leave town.

In time for Christmas 1951, my family moved to Victoria when I was 5 years old. Dad was in the RCMP and we moved from Regina, but he grew up in Moose Jaw and most of his family still lived there. I remember Alice from my childhood and wondered later how she'd met my family, as all the other long time family friends in my childhood were either neighbours or RCMP families.

In 2008 her 100th birthday was announced on Global, and that she was from Victoria but living in Port Coquitlam. With a name like Alice **Okerstrom**, only she and her son were in the greater Vancouver phonebook so I made contact.

Picture of Alice and me was taken about 6 months after her 100th. Note my tshirt has some rabbits on it and a message "One grey hair is nothing to be afraid of".

I hadn't seen her and her husband since my father's funeral in 1991. When I asked her how she met our family, she told me how she'd lived in Moose Jaw until 1951 when they moved to Victoria. My grandma had come out the summer of 1952, and went to St. Mary's Anglican Church with us one summer Sunday, and Alice recognized her, as they'd attended the same church in Moose Jaw. So she went over and said hello to my mother and grandmother after the service. It was 56 years ago but she still remembered that.

She emailed me every month or so and I visited about twice a year, as we were living on Quadra Island. Before her 108th birthday I contacted GlobalTV and suggested they interview her, and the Sunday was Mother's Day, so it was on the news that night.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/2690815/port-coquitlam-woman-celebrates-mothers-day-with-family-one-day-before-108th-birthday/>

MEET THE MEMBER

SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

To me Lynne has always appeared to be so quiet. When it comes to the BCGS, I've also noticed she is always ready to step up and out of her comfort zone to assist with what the membership needs. It was fun to read her responses to my questions and also to find out that we are cousins through Etienne Corriveau, a pioneer in New France, who lived from 1643-1690.

Introducing Lynne Fletcher, #5583 eJournal Editor

ABOUT YOU; SPECIAL SKILLS, INTERESTS OR HOBBIES?

Enjoy flower arranging, vegetarian cooking. Working to improve my photography skills.

ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH—

How old were you when you started family history and what drove you to it?

I came to Family History late in life (50's), after my mother shared her interest and information with me following her trip to Sweden.

Why did you start researching?

That information from my mom's trip (just scribbled notes) piqued my interest.

What surnames do you research? Do you have a favourite branch?

Corriveau (my father's French Canadian line) and **Johnson / Johanneson** (my mother's Swedish line). My Swedish branch is my favourite, because I knew my Swedish grandparents well, I remember many of their stories, and I have been told that I look like my grandmother.

Which is your most stubborn ancestor?

My Swedish grandmother, Gerda Eugenia, because of her name changes. Granny immigrated to Canada when she was 13 years old, pretty much on her own. She was baptized in Sweden with her grandfather's surname (Magnuson), not her father's name (Johanneson). I'm trying to figure out the family story behind that.

ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BCGS-

What do you miss most about the in-person meetings?

The cookies and coffee, and the conversations before, between and after.



Darlene and Lynne in the kitchen at the Lutheran Church.

Have you ever volunteered for the BCGS and in what capacity?

Volunteered to make the coffee at the Lutheran Church meetings, then to plan the Harvest Suppers with Darlene— lots of fun!

I enjoyed being Corresponding Secretary for two years, and Treasurer for four years before tackling the Journal Editor position.

What did you like best about volunteering?

Working on projects with other members / committees.

Do you or have you ever used our Library?

I have used it occasionally. Usually, I was exploring all the materials and the files, not focusing on one person.

Did you experience any great discoveries at the Library?

Yes! The second time that I visited, I chanced upon a large map of Quebec landholding in the area of Bellchasse, dated 1709. On the listing of owners I found Etienne Corriveau and Pierre Corriveau, two of the three sons of Etienne Correveau (Sr), the first Correveau to come to Canada. I found it in the BC map drawer and Alice Marwood helped me make copies of parts of the large map.

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2021 Edition



VETERANS BOOK 2023 EDITION

The webpage is now ready for submissions!
Thank you to everyone who has already taken advantage of
this. Especially if you are submitting a few, start now.

Chapters will be organized by
Historical Conflicts from any time in history,
any continent, civil or otherwise.

Please re-submit your Veterans from 2021.
Submit as many as you like!

Details to provide:

- Veterans first & last names
- relationship to you
- War or conflict
- Final Rank
- Was your Veteran a POW, KIA, MIA or none of these
- If a POW where?
- If KIA or MIA, where is the Veteran commemorated?
- Where is your Veteran buried?
- Did your Veteran receive any service recognition?
- Other details about your Veteran (up to 50 words)

After your "Submit", you should receive an email to which
you can reply and attach one image of your Veteran.

Accepted Photos: preferably
uniformed although not
essential, 'Action' photo, their
headstone, **OR** a representative
image. Only 1 image per Veteran.

Tentative cut off date:
September 30th

If you have an article about a war or conflict that you would
like to submit please send to veterans@bcgs.ca





June 1st – 4th

Evening Events, Exhibit Hall
Friday Tours & Virtual Seminars

THE BCGS will be in the
EXHIBIT HALL!

Come and Visit us

**You can still register, see the
link below.**

EVENING EVENTS

Town Crier, Ben Buss from Vancouver Island will call us together **Thursday evening** for hors d'oeuvres & no-host bar starting at 6:30 pm

Friday June 2nd, join us for the Loyalist Night Dinner with entertainment by Blackthorn Celtic Folk Band
Many Loyalist members will be dressed as their ancestors might have been in the 1780s

Saturday June 3rd, join UELAC members for the Gala Banquet and hear guest speaker The Hon. Steven Lewis Point OBC, the Chancellor of the University of British Columbia and former Lt. Governor of British Columbia

VIRTUAL SPEAKERS

Eleven Loyalist Speakers talk on a selection of interesting histories & Loyalist topics.

*This experience can be enjoyed **FREE** when you are also attending any in-person event.*

<https://uelac.ca/conference-2023/virtual-guest-speakers/>



WHERE THE SEA MEETS THE SKY

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E-JOURNAL NEWS

**LYNNE FLETCHER,
#5353
E-JOURNAL EDITOR**

SPRING TRADITIONS

May is slowly inching towards us, but the weather must be slowing it down. There are birthdays, anniversaries, a coronation and a few special days coming in that border month.

We will be moving from Spring to Summer, and an interesting way to mark this change is to take part in an old celebration, May Day, and deliver some May Day baskets. Just slip some flowers into a small basket, and set it by the door of friend or neighbour. Knock on the door, and run away as these basket gifts are meant to be anonymous! These days, the May Day baskets usually are for children, so candy is the gift of choice, and often the baskets are made from pretty paper.

Does your family have a special tradition to celebrate Spring?
Is it connected to a tradition from the 'Old Country' and memories of grandparents or older aunts?
Would you share with our members those traditions and the stories from family members about how they came about?





























Please send your story and pictures to Lynne:
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Next Deadline:
May 15th

DEADLINES newsletter@bcgs.ca
SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

Months	Pub	Deadline	Release	Meeting
June	E-Journal	May 15	June 15	June 14
July	Newsletter	June 27	July 10	July 12
August	Newsletter	July 21	Aug 3	Aug 9
September	E-Journal	Aug 15	Sept 15	Sept 15

Here are the upcoming 2023 deadlines for the BCGS Newsletters and e-Journals.
You can submit any time before each deadline, If you miss a deadline, you may have to wait until the next newsletter to see your article.

Sunday–Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY MON/10-NEWSLETTER 	 10 Meeting 7pm 	 11 Ontario Chat 7pm	 12 Family History DNA 2:30pm 	13
 Mon 15: DNA Parental Puzzles Chat 1pm French Connection Chat 6:30pm Tues 16: Advanced DNA Chat 7pm MON 15-EJOURNAL DEADLINE 	17	 18 England Chat 7pm	19	20
	24	 25 Scotland Chat 7pm	 26 Fun Family History 2:30pm 	27
JUNE  Tues May 30th : Indigenous Chat 10:30am	31	 1 Ireland Chat 7pm  Evening Do	 2 Day Tours (2) Loyalist Dinner & Entertainment	 3 Evening Gala Banquet
 Mon 5: DNA Intro 1pm	7	 8 Western Canada Land Grants 11am Eastern Europe  (including Germans from Russia Chat 7pm	 9 Family History DNA 2:30pm 	10
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Coffee Chat Zooms

Also known as Special Interest Groups [SIGs]

If you would like to be included in a chat, please visit the [BCGS website](#) or email the address below to register. Not sure? Check the BCGS Website Calendar-of-events.



ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, May 11, 7 to 9 pm
 With Janet White
 RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY
Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT
Monday, May 15, 1 to 3 pm
 With Christene Hoffert & Sharon Clayton
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FRENCH CONNECTION COFFEE CHAT
Monday, May 15, 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 With Sue Sullivan
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ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT
Tuesday, May 16, 7 to 9 pm
 With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham
 RSVP Terry Hartley terrhart1@gmail.com



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, May 18, 7 to 9 pm
 With Ann Buchanan
 RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, May 25, 7 to 9 pm
 With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving
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INDIGENOUS COFFEE CHAT
Tuesday, May 30, 10:30am to Noon
 With Aboriginal Genealogy Association
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IRELAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, June 1, 7 to 9 pm
 With Eunice Robinson
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EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY
INTRODUCTORY DNA COFFEE CHAT
Monday, June 5, 1 to 3 pm
 With Christene Hoffert & Sharon Clayton
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EASTERN EUROPE INCLUDING GERMANS
FROM RUSSIA COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, June 8, 7 to 9 pm
 With Eunice Robinson
 RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



CANADIAN PRAIRIES COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, June 15, 7 to 9 pm
 With Eunice Robinson
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June 8
11am-12pm



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**Friday
April 14th
2:30 pm**

Registration required
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Join us for an informal chat about using DNA for your family history research.



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**Friday
April 28th
2:30 pm**

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**Friday
May 27th
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FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT

Second Friday of the month: 2:30–3:30 pm

In-person FREE program at Surrey Library's Cloverdale Branch. Join us for a new family history program to discuss using DNA for family history research. This is an opportunity to learn from others and share resources and experiences. All levels welcome.

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Fourth Friday of each month: 2:30 – 3:30 pm

In-person FREE program at Surrey Library's Cloverdale Branch. Join us for some lively, open family history discussions in a roundtable format. We will discuss up-and-coming family history programs. Find out what's new in our family history databases.

FAMILY HISTORY ORIENTATION

Saturday: April 29 & May 27; 10:30 to 11:30am

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