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BCGS 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE UNDERWAY



Renew from **November 1 – December 31** and have a chance to win a prize!

Our **Membership Renewal** campaign continues until December 31st. Please click [here](#) to go directly to our Membership Renewal webpage.

RAFFLE - All renewals received in the months of November and December will be entered in a **raffle** and five winners will be drawn each month. Winners will be able to choose a prize from a list of great genealogy books. Winners will be contacted via email or phone and names will be announced in a GenBlast and Newsletter.

There is still time, if you are one of those hard-to-buy-for people, to suggest to your family that you'd love a BCGS Membership Renewal for Christmas. Memberships can be renewed [here](#) or we can email a form to you.

Just contact membership@bcgs.ca

All memberships not renewed by January 31, 2021 will be removed from our mailing lists and from website access to Members Resources.



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.

It's easy to order. **Go to our [website](#)**. The order form is under "**Membership**" in a category called "**Gift Membership**". The first page explains what happens, then click the "**Gift it**" button and it takes you to the page where you can select and add to the shopping cart. There is a very short form for the purchaser to complete since the membership committee will have to contact the new member to give privacy notice and permission to send them emails. This method allows the purchaser to pay on-line.

Our membership team will then send the certificate to either the person purchasing the gift or the recipient. If you would like to purchase a gift certificate using a cheque or cash, please contact [Membership](#).

THE NEXT BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING

will take place on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

via ZOOM

CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT

Send your Christmas photos to eunice@genbug.ca

by December 5, 2020 for inclusion in the

Christmas presentation via Zoom

See page 10 for details

CHRISTMAS DAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020



THE BCGS 50th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR



Submitted by Sharon Clayton - member 5332,
on behalf of George Caldwell and Susan Davis Sullivan,
your BCGS 2021 Calendar Team



All 200 of our BCGS 100th anniversary calendars have been sold. The Calendar Team is grateful that our creation was so well received.

Many calendars are being sent as gifts within Canada, and to faraway places in the USA, England, Scotland, and Australia. So far, reviews have all been favourable, which make Sue Sullivan, George Caldwell and Sharon Clayton happy that our six months of labour were not in vain.

In the January 2021 newsletter, we will provide a financial reckoning. Stay tuned!

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Please share. Just click FORWARD from the email and send this to your friends. Thank you!



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 or the eJournal editor at journal@bcgs.ca. Your stories encourage others.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bill Clayton, BCGS President,
president@bcgs.ca

2020 has been an “interesting” year. From a bright beginning, with lots of plans for our 49th anniversary year, we’ve all had to adapt to many changes in all aspects of our lives. The BCGS family has successfully pivoted and adjusted to keep moving forward.

With the help of Zoom, attendance at our monthly **Members’ Meetings** has expanded from about 55 Lower Mainlanders to an average of 75 members joining us from all over BC and from as far away as Salt Lake City! When we can meet again in person, after Covid-19 has been controlled, I anticipate that video conferencing will continue to be part of our monthly meetings, allowing members from outside the Lower Mainland to continue their participation.

Thanks to our wonderful **volunteers**, we are continuing to offer some existing programs and add new ones. If you have a few hours to spare in 2021 and would like to give back to your society, please ask our Library Administrator, Corrine Jubb, about which **volunteer team** might suit you. There are several **library projects**, limited in duration and scope, which can be worked on **from home**.

Looking ahead to the **AGM in March**, the Board is learning how to organize a **virtual AGM** that will allow everyone to participate. There will be some **Board of Director positions** that will need to be filled. Please think about putting your name forward to fill one of them. Eunice Robinson is the person to contact if you are interested.

Congratulations to the **BCGS Calendar Team** – Sue Sullivan, Sharon Clayton and George Caldwell - who created our 2021 calendars. Thanks to the support from the **Website Team** of Ann Buchanan and Sheila Albrecht, all the calendars were sold before December 1st.

If you are past the beginner stage of genealogical research and would like to extend your research skills, think about taking part in our **online class “Genealogy - The Next Step”**, presented by Eunice Robinson and Celia Lewis. This five week class will be held virtually on Google Meet; it starts on Monday, **January 4, 2021** and continues on consecutive Mondays until February 1. See page 7 in this Newsletter for more information and how to register.

Have you checked the **BCGS 50th Anniversary Cruise Facebook page** lately? The 2020 Black Friday promotion - free WIFI for cruisers - expired on November 30th, but everyone who had already booked through our travel agent, Robert Marcoux, was able to benefit. Holland America’s current promotions will expire **December 8th**. See page 21 in this Newsletter as well.

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift for a family member or friend who is interested in family history? Think about our **Gift Certificates** for an annual membership. See page 1 for more information.

Which reminds me to remind you to [renew your membership](#) before the 31st of December. All those who renew in November and December will be entered into a raffle. More details on page 1.

Have you sent Eunice a Christmas photo for our PowerPoint presentation **“Christmas Past & Present”**, which will be shown at the December Monthly Members’ Meeting? You have until **December 5th** to send in a Christmas-themed photo. See page 2 for more details.

Please do your best to stay healthy through this challenging holiday season. To paraphrase Roy Rogers, “Happy trails until we meet again.”





Merry Christmas

&

Happy

New Year!!

The President
and Board of
BCGS

thanks all of our
wonderful volunteers
for your work in
2020. Without you,
none of what we do
would be possible.

Merry Christmas!



*Photos and poster by June Gauntley, member #5112
June says: I have done our purple tree, which has been displayed down on
White Rock Beach for the last few years. This picture was taken in 2018.*

MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS WEBSITE TEAM



The BCGS Website is not only for our members - we would like it to be "by" our members, as well.

BCGS WEBSITE LOG IN

If any member finds they are having difficulty with their BCGS website access, there is a [page](#) of brief instructions under the Membership Dropdown list on the Home Page. It can be viewed [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Website Tip – You *DO NOT* need to be logged onto the website to [renew](#) your membership. All the items in the Membership dropdown list can be accessed by anyone. You can renew [here](#).

SURNAME INTERESTS

Just a reminder for any member wishing to update their Surname Interests. This is done on a separate form NOT included with your yearly membership renewal.

The list of Member Surname Interests can be found on the website [here](#).

To add or update your own surname Interests, please complete the form [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The website has several Events Pages – Local Events, Special Events and Genealogy “What’s Up”.

Check Local Events [here](#) as well as the Calendar of Events page [here](#).

Check out Genealogy “What’s Up” [here](#) to see a small sampling of genealogical events around the world. These do change. Stop in often to see what’s new.



BCGS GENEALOGY EDUCATION - ONLINE CLASS

Genealogy – The Next Step

Classes to be held using “Google Meet”

Each class will meet on consecutive Mondays

January 4, 2021 to February 1, 2021

7:00 to 9:00 pm



When you have learned how to find birth, marriage, death, and census records, what's the next step in your genealogy research? This five week class will focus on in-depth research tips and techniques with the goal of helping you make your ancestors come alive to you and your family.

Whether you can spend 20 minutes a day, or hours and hours, you will continue to learn more efficient and effective ways to research and how to share your findings with others in your family.

Celia Lewis and **Eunice Robinson**, two member genealogists from the British Columbia Genealogical Society, will be presenting this class.



Register at education@bcgs.ca

The classes are free to members of BCGS. There will be handouts.

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| Week 1 - Strategies that work | Monday, January 4, 2021 |
| Week 2 - Out of the box | Monday, January 11, 2021 |
| Week 3 - Chasing crumbs | Monday, January 18, 2021 |
| Week 4 - People/Places/Events/Dates & FAN | Monday, January 25, 2021 |
| Week 5 - Writing and sharing for posterity | Monday, February 1, 2021 |

MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS eJOURNAL EDITOR



Lynne Fletcher, BCGS eJournal Editor

An old German legend tells us that if you find a Christmas tree with a bird nest inside, you will have good luck and prosperity all the year long. This caught my eye, as many of us feel that we could use some better luck next year. Luck is definitely a valuable asset for genealogical researchers, as each small discovery brings the feeling that we 'got lucky', when really that discovery was the result of persistence and plain old elbow grease.



I want to send a big **Thank You** to all of the determined researchers who have shared their stories and discoveries in our BC Genealogist during 2020. Each story expands our understanding of our world. I am looking forward to learning more about all those interesting people who built our country in 2021.

A Christmas wish to all - may you find that bird's nest this December, and may it bring good luck to you and your family next year.



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.

- 5811 - Kathy Chung from Richmond, BC
- 5812 - Colin Vanderfluit of Richmond, BC
- 5813 - Gordon Ramberg of Richmond, BC
- 5814 - Kimberley Watt of Langley, BC
- 5815 - Ava Martin of Vancouver, BC
- 5816 - John Orr of Dartmouth, NS
- 5817 - Allan Snowie of Bellingham, WA
- 5818 - Tansy Pauls of Courtenay, BC



YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP includes *FREE ACCESS* to the BCGS RESEARCH TEAM **Ann Buchanan, BCGS Research Co-ordinator**

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions, the BCGS Research Team can still search the Clippings Index, Cemetery Recordings, Vancouver Sun Newspapers - 1999 to 2012 obituaries, and various other databases which BCGS has digitally produced. **If you are a member of the BCGS**, email Ann with your queries at queryrequest@bcgs.ca. There is no charge to members but donations for extra research would be helpful.

A non-member is charged specific fees based on what they are asking. The [library catalogue](#) is available online to help you prepare for your next visit to the library when we are open again.





POSTCARDS OF THE MONTH - The Story Behind a Picture Postcard

Janice Kidwell, member #5033

North Star Mountain, Kimberley, B.C. In 1891, prospectors making their way along Mark Creek were searching the mountains for minerals and were rewarded when they found galena, which is the lead zinc ore used in diodes and lead batteries. The North Star Mine was the first but not the last claim staked for galena as another group of prospectors found much more across the valley and in 1892 Sullivan Mine

opened. It continued to operate until 2001.

As the population grew, so came the desire to name the town and in 1896 it became Kimberley – named after the diamond mine in South Africa.

When the North Star Mine shut down, the nearby slopes were ideal for a community ski hill and opened in 1930. In 1972, Kimberley began the planning to turn itself into a tourist destination.

As time went on and with financial assistance to improve the infrastructure of the resort, many decisions were made and the facilities and amenities of Kimberley grew making the town an award-winning ski destination. In 1980, Kimberley hosted the B.C. Winter Games.



On the back of the postcard, the write-up is *Ski North Star Mountain, Kimberley, B.C., Canada. Powdered Snow and Blue Skies. 6000 Ft. T-Bar Ski Lift. Hospitality and Friendliness.*

Traveltime Product. Made in Vancouver, Canada by Grant-Mann Lithographers Ltd.

There is neither a stamp nor any writing on the back.

BCGS MEMBERS' MEETINGS

News about both upcoming and previous members' meetings



Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

THE NEXT MEETING is

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

The DECEMBER MEETING will be held via ZOOM.

All BCGS members will receive an email with information on how to join in.

DECEMBER 2020 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT

A members' Christmas photo presentation

Narrated by Eunice Robinson

MEMBERS' VOICE - FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



ABOUT the WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING via ZOOM

- Our previous Members' Meetings via Zoom were well attended; therefore, we are continuing with this program for the upcoming meeting.
- An invitation from the BCGS to the meeting using Zoom will be sent to members, so watch your inbox for details about the website address, meeting number and password.
- If you don't receive the email by December 8th, please contact the editors of this Newsletter at newsletter@bcgs.ca
- Each member needs a free Zoom account to participate.
- The meeting will follow the usual format for in-person meetings.
- There will be some time for a Q&A session.



JANUARY 2021



All group meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future.
We will resume when we have permission from our medical professionals.

Join us via Zoom

PRESENTER - EUNICE ROBINSON
Where Should I Put My Family History?

One of the biggest dilemmas facing family historians is what to do with their research when "I'm no longer here". Who to leave it to? Family? Public or Private? What format? These questions and more will be answered during this session.

LOOKING BACK at the NOVEMBER MEETING



The EIGHTH BCGS Members' Meeting via Zoom

Our eighth Members' Meeting via Zoom proved as or more popular than previous meetings with some **75** members logging in.

The Business portion of the meeting was begun with the Approval of the Minutes of the October Members' Meeting; moved by Eunice Robinson and seconded by Judith Ueland.

We are all becoming more at ease with the Zoom program and the first half hour has become a time for greetings and casual conversations. The Chat Box is being well used to add comments and queries.



One of the most amusing comments, and a good omen for the future, was a conversation with member **Sean Vanderfluit's** nine year old son, Colin. **Colin** has sat in on previous meetings and this time entered the conversation with his comment that he was 'prepared to genealogize'. He also hied off for a moment to find his book, "Digging for My Roots" by Michael Scheier and Julie Frankel, a copy of which was obtained by Sean through **Lorine Schultz of Olive Tree Genealogy**. This book is the same one Sean has had since he was a child and in which he enters his family history recordings. Colin says he will 'take notes and incorporate our meetings in his book'. Wonderful news for the future of genealogy.

Much discussion was had about the appearance by **Eunice Robinson** on the Global News program about her 1-1/2 hour interview by Redmond Shannon (and a cameraman) in regards to her husband's BROWN forebears. She says it was a wonderful experience and she received previously unseen photos of the church where one of the family was married. She was unaware that the segment was airing until she heard herself on TV! Following the broadcast, she received many phone calls from family and friends. One of the members offered that the interview - a longer version than that on the news - was available on [YouTube](#). Her interview featured **James Baird BROWN**, her husband's great grandfather, who died in London during the Spanish flu epidemic.

The business meeting was reordered to allow time for our speaker, **Annette Fulford**, to present a PowerPoint of her research into the First World War Brides. See the article following for our review.

Members Voice Section of the Meeting

Anyone with a story to relate about a research discovery is welcome to contact our President, Bill Clayton, president@bcgs.ca to ask for time to speak during the meeting. It is a casual undertaking and we are always glad to hear about members' genealogical successes. Members Voice brought comments from a number of members this month:



Margaret Sharon gave greetings from the [Kamloops Family History Society](#) of 20 members who are in the process of learning to Zoom their meetings. Their journal, **Family Footsteps**, has its beginnings in the 1970s. The group is a member of the BCGS and receives our eJournal, The British Columbia Genealogist, and the BCGS monthly Newsletter. They are currently participating in a project by the City of Kamloops to account for the single men, made up mostly of miners, prospectors and others with no family, in the **Old Men's Provincial Home and Cemetery**. Few had headstones and there was little information about the burials.

Cyndi Smith has a personal connection to the cemetery in which she tells us of a reconnection with the **Payne family** of Clinton, BC and that Margaret Sharon and herself are related through great-grandparents, **Thomas and Annie Sharon** of **Elgin County, Ontario**, and are third cousins, once removed.

Judith Ueland showed the iconic photo entitled [Wait For Me, Daddy](#) showing the soldiers marching off to World War II from New Westminster, BC. It is believed that one of the soldiers clearly shown in the photo is her uncle, **Robert Spoonmore**. A recent Province newspaper article about Harry Campbell and his brothers had claims by their descendants that this person is Harry. She has disputed the claim and hopes to hear from one of the descendants in the future.

Adrian Kayce recounted a discovery through Ancestry where she found her great-grandfather's information.

Marcia Graves had news about an uncle's death in a prisoner of war camp while going through photos and information from her grandfather's diary.



**NOVEMBER SPEAKER
ANNETTE FULFORD
FIRST WORLD WAR BRIDES**

Annette introduced her World War I War Brides topic to the members with the information that thousands of young women came to Canada as war brides but their stories are not often heard.

Her PowerPoint presentation was divided into sections detailing how the Canadian soldiers met the young women in England and on the continent, the regulation requirements for marriage, the travel involved and how specific women she has researched fared in the various parts of Canada.

Her search began with her father's collection and the original letter of eighty-eight pages from her grandmother while on board ship to Canada in September of 1919.

The numbers are enormous. At least 35,000 war brides are accounted for in various newspaper reports and military records. The count may be as high as 54,000. One specific item required in order for a Canadian soldier to marry was a "Certificate of Worthiness" from prospective brides - an onerous task which led to many marrying without military permission. Another interesting find was a booklet entitled, "Information for Wives of Soldiers". Much effort was put into ensuring soldiers and their wives and children were able to travel to Canada with as little trauma as possible for those women leaving their home countries. Still it was a difficult process.

LOOKING BACK at the NOVEMBER MEETING - First World War Brides, cont'd

Annette also included stories of a number of women who settled into Canada happily. Many became homesteaders, politicians, writers, teachers and housewives. And a few returned to England.

Her research advice for those wishing to follow their own War Bride antecedent is to check the personnel records of Canadian soldiers through [Library and Archives Canada](#). [Free BMD UK](#) can show marriage records. [Ancestry.ca](#) may also have the actual certificate available. Ships' Manifests and Passenger Lists may also disclose personal information. A set of initials "WHSD", which indicates 'With Husband Soldier Dependent', tells one to look for the husband on the military list on board.

Annette has documented over 600 War Brides on her blog with at least 1000 more to do. She is most willing to talk with those wishing to research their own ancestor.

See her blog "[First World War Brides](#)".



FUNDRAISING - POP CANS and BOTTLES

Bill Clayton advises us that the total amount of money collected as of November 28 was **\$557.45**, which is \$77.30 more than his last update. No longer a small amount, these funds are for the **Alice Louise Marwood Fund (ALM Fund)**, which is used for upkeep of the Library.

As the Library is now closed until January 9th, 2021, you are welcome to drop your pop cans and bottles off in Bill's driveway, which is in South Surrey if that is convenient for you. Bill will see them returned and funded to the library. Each donated can or bottle makes a difference to our BCGS budget.

BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY has AFFILIATE LIBRARY STATUS with [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**. When we reopen, 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.

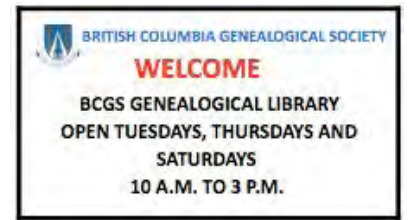


When this is all over, we are all throwing the biggest St. Patrick's - Easter - Passover - Vaisakhi - Earth Day Ramadan - Mother's Day - Victoria Day - Father's Day - Canada Day - August Long - Labour Day - Thanksgiving - Christmas - New Year's - Robbie Burns Day - Valentine's party that anyone has ever seen!



BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

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

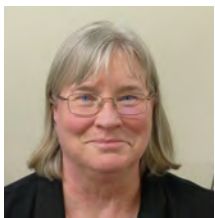


BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

Unit 211, 12837 – 76th Avenue, Surrey, BC

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

NEWS from the LIBRARY STACKS - Notice to all members and visitors: due to the recent Public Health Orders issued by Dr. Bonnie Henry, the BCGS library will be closed until December 7, 2020 and in view of the uncertainty of reopening we will remain closed until January 9th as is our usual practice over the Christmas Season.



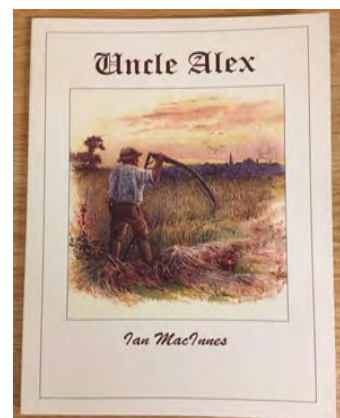
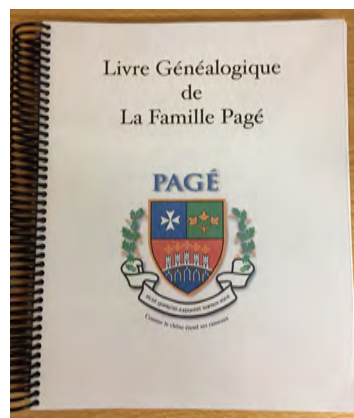
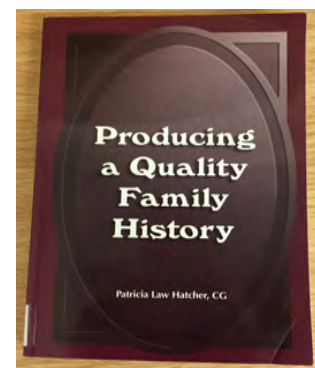
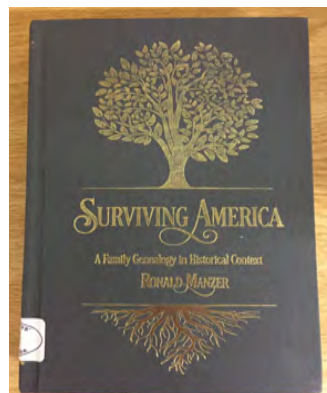
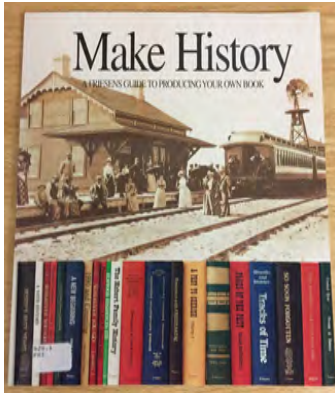
Corrine Jubb, Library Administrator

The October book donations to the BCGS library included three family histories. These books show some of the variety in styles and production choices including a soft cover story "Uncle Alex" by Ian MacInnes, a wire-bound printed family history "Livre Généalogique de la Famille Pagé", and a hard cover scholarly family history interleaved with a country's history "Surviving America - A Family Genealogy in Historical Context" by Ronald Manzer.

Two of the library's books to help with writing a history:

929.1 HAT by Patricia Law Hatcher – "Producing a Quality Family History"

929.1 FRI – "Make History - A Friesens Guide to Producing Your Own Book"





GENEALOGY GEMS & ODDITIES in our BCGS Walter Draycott Library

Celia Lewis, member #5183

R942.74 YORKSHIRE PROBATE RECORDS: Medieval and Peculiar Courts: 1267-1858
BRS British Record Society, Gen. Editor, Probate Series: Cliff Webb, pub. 2017

As you can see from its Dewey Decimal number, this is a REFERENCE book, only available when one is at the BCGS Library. But what a treasure this is!

From the front flap: *"This volume provides a single alphabetical index of all the testators ... which date between 1267 and 1858 and are preserved at the Borthwick Institute."* Amazing.

The main part of the book is the **Index of Names** [724 pages of closely printed names], with the information required for any person to order a copy of the document from the Borthwick Institute.

This one volume also cross-referenced the Surnames with the **Index of Places**, and the **Index of Occupations. Tables of information**, as well as maps, are included. In addition, common abbreviations are explained in a detailed Table.

There are also several **Tables** in the beginning of the book, listing places with specific peculiar jurisdictions, and of Peculiars and their Parishes within the **Peculiar Court**. And finally, one table lists **Courts in Yorkshire** with the period records survive.

The majority of **Probate records** appear to be from 1540ish to 1850, with some with earlier or later dates. You will learn many things about what a Peculiar [court] actually was, and where.

It is important to note that Yorkshire "Peculiars" [Courts] included some parts of other counties, such as of Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Cumberland, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Northumberlandshire, Nottinghamshire, and many more parts of other counties! So it is worth investigating to see if any of your ancestors' probates may have been recorded in those other Peculiars. For example, I looked up the surname **Sapperton**, and here is what I found: **Sapperton** (Sapurton) William, Nottingham, Notts., 11 Mar 1464/5, 16 Jul 1467, W. (L), Med. ProbReg 4, 52v

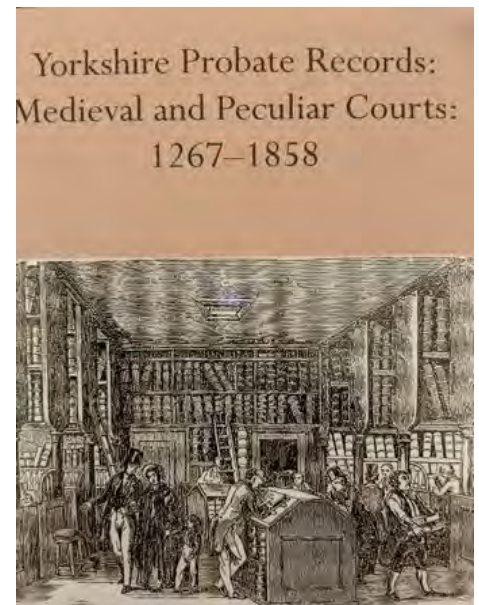
W. clearly stands for *Will*, however I couldn't see what (L) stood for. The numbers at the end are identifying information for the specific probate register and documents.

Contact the Borthwick directly by email: borthwick-institute@york.ac.uk

Or write: Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD, UK

It has taken me over two hours to write this Genealogy Gem as I kept scanning through the Tables, the Occupations, the Surnames, and more. Rabbit holes abound here!

If you have Yorkshire ancestors, you will definitely want to take a walk through this book to see if any of their court probate records are listed, so you can order a copy!



BCGS GENEALOGY CHATS - CHATS ARE TAKING PLACE via ZOOM

Click [here](#) for Local Events

Genealogy Chats at the BCGS Genealogical Library

When the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, 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. Until then, join us **via Zoom**.



QUEBEC QUESTERS GENEALOGY CHAT

Dec 12 & Jan 9 **via Zoom***

10 am to noon

RSVP Linda Maitland

lindamaitland@telus.net



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Topic: Ancestry's Genetic Communities

Monday, January 4 **via Zoom***

1 pm to 3 pm

RSVP Sharon Clayton sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



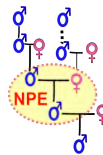
EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Parental Puzzles (NPE)

3rd Monday of most months

Next chat TBA

RSVP Sharon Clayton sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



WALES GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, Jan 7 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

Facilitator Lynn Owen-Whalen

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



BC GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, March 4 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



CHINA GENEALOGY CHAT

December 3 & January 7 **via ZOOM***

10 - 11 am

RSVP Linda Yip

hello@past-presence.com



SCOTLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Thurs, Jan 14 & Feb 18 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Lorraine Irving

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Thurs, Jan 21 & Feb 25 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Ann Buchanan

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



IRELAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Thurs, Feb 4 & March 18 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCANDINAVIA GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, March 11 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ONTARIO GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, Feb 11 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ATLANTIC CANADA GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, Jan 28 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



GERMANS from RUSSIA GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, March 25 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Elvin Meyers

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



***via Zoom - email the facilitator**

**** via Zoom - email coffeechat@bcgs.ca**

In both cases, you will be sent an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom.

BCGS NEWS

News about new members, positions, committees and contests within the Society



STOP THE PRESSES!!!! EXCITING NEWS!!!!

Effective December 1, 2020 – **Jan Graf** has agreed to be the **Coffee Chat Scheduler**.

Anyone* wanting an invitation to the BCGS sponsored genealogical Coffee Chats – from December 1st, 2020, should contact Jan. Her BCGS email is the newly created address coffeechat@bcgs.ca. Thank you for taking on this volunteer position, Jan, and welcome.

**Please note that the Chinese Chat Group, the two DNA Chat Groups and the Quebec Questers will continue to contact the facilitators.*

BCGS Ontario Genealogy Chat with Janet White



The meeting was held via Zoom at 7pm on November 12, 2020. It was well attended with members logging in from Kamloops, Campbell River and, of course, various areas of the lower mainland.

The round table discussion began with each member stating the counties of Ontario in which they were most involved.

A lively discussion followed as we had members researching in very nearly all the counties within the province and including time frames from the earliest years of settlement until the mid-twentieth century.

Screen Shot: Marnie Thomson

Germans from Russia Genealogy Chat



The BCGS held a **Germans from Russia** Coffee Chat Thursday, November 19th via Zoom. One of the attendees was **Susan (Pfeifer) Johnston**. Susan has been doing extensive research in this area and she was asked to put something together for the Newsletter.

Her article, entitled Bessarabia, Germans From Russia, encompasses her family background, a historical reprise of Bessarabia, Russia, beginning with Catherine the Great, and her family's immigration history - and that of many others. Her research is far too lengthy for the Newsletter but will fit nicely with the eJournal. Watch for her article in the March 15th, 2021 issue of The British Columbia Genealogist. **Sean Vanderfluit** will also be contributing

information into research of this little known area. Map: *Bessarabia is shown in yellow bordering the black sea.*



MERRY GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS



Remembering Ancestors

BCGS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

The BCGS Genealogical Library is now closed to allow our volunteers and members to celebrate the holiday season. Unless there is a new health order, the BCGS Library is scheduled to reopen on January 9th, 2021; however, many of our projects can easily be done at home.



TURNING THE CLOCK BACK – WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS TIME?



We have some pretty impressive statistics on BCGS' contribution to Find-a-Grave. Since we started in 2018, as of mid-November 2020 our volunteers have finished posting 79 of the 150 cemeteries that BCGS published. We have contributed to 22,000 memorials and we manage 4,600 memorials. And the most interesting/staggering statistic is we have added 3,800 memorials that had been previously transcribed by BCGS members, but had not been recorded on Find-a-Grave. **Meaning there are 3,800 more deceased family members out there that are now waiting to be reconnected with their long lost relatives.**

Did you know Find-a-Grave will also accept memorials for those deceased who have been cremated?

We'd like to reach our goal of 100 cemeteries by the end of March 2021. Can you help us? Instructions, assistance and training provided! Contact Marianne Cote-Malley at mgardenangel@hotmail.com – we'd be very happy to have you join us.



SURREY MUSEUM EXHIBIT VISIT

The exhibit is on until December 13th

BCGS joined with the Museum of Surrey and the Surrey Family History Center to present an exhibit focusing on family history and discovery. The exhibit is called **"Discover Your Story"** and is presently available via Facebook and Instagram from your own home. Many thanks to BCGS members **Susan Sullivan** and **Eunice Robinson** who helped make this exhibit possible. If you would like to take a **private in-person tour** (with Covid-19 restrictions), please contact Susan Sullivan at graphics@familyancestrees.com. More information about the exhibit can be obtained via the BCGS July 1 Newsletter, page 4.



Stonehurst - 529 Gibson's Way, Gibson's Landing , BC

Photo construction: George Caldwell, written commentary: Sharon Clayton



Ontario-born Dr. Frederick Inglis was the first permanent medical doctor to live on the Sunshine Coast. In 1913, when he brought his family to Gibson's Landing from Telegraph Creek, Dr. Inglis and his wife Alice Kathleen had a 13-room dwelling constructed to include a doctor's office and small pharmacy. The home they christened Stonehurst overlooks the Shelter Islets and Keats Island in Shoal Channel between the Sunshine Coast and Bowen Island.

Near the end of WWI, the Inglis family shared their home with the family of Methodist minister James Woodsworth. Inglis and Woodsworth debated theories of socialism and pacifism that shaped Woodsworth's philosophy when he founded the Canadian Commonwealth Federation which would later become the New Democratic Party.



Keep an eye on our Facebook pages during the Covid-19 pandemic. We're posting genealogical links to help with research while you're physical distancing, self-isolating, in quarantine or recuperating.

British Columbia Genealogical Society - information about the BCGS and announcements for upcoming BCGS events are posted in this account. Open to non-BCGS members too. You can join [here](#).

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. As well, genealogical items of interest are posted. Open to non-BCGS members too. You can join [here](#).

BCGS 50th ANNIVERSARY ALASKA CRUISE - SEPTEMBER 2021

A NOTE from the BCGS BOARD of DIRECTORS re the 2021 BCGS 50th Anniversary Alaska cruise. At this time, with the current pandemic, it is impossible to speculate on where the world will be in September 2021. The organizing committee is hopeful that the cruise will proceed as scheduled or possibly be postponed past the point when a vaccine is available.

To keep up with the latest news about the cruise, join our [Facebook group](#).

NEW HEALTH PROTOCOLS: In a press release dated September 23, 2020, the Cruise Lines International Association (CILA) announced, *“a new set of health protocols as part of a phased-in, highly controlled resumption of operations in North America”*.

New regulations would require that ALL passengers and crew be tested for Covid-19. Air management and ventilation strategies are being re-examined to increase fresh air on board. When physical distancing is not possible, face masks would be compulsory. Cruise lines could deny boarding to passengers who do not comply.

DECEMBER UPDATE: Holland America’s 2020 Black Friday promotion put big smiles on the faces of everyone who had already booked their September 2021 BCGS 50th Anniversary Cruise with our travel agent Robert Marcoux. Free WIFI was what we wanted, and now we’ve got it. Unfortunately, the Free WIFI promo ended on November 30th.

The promos in this flyer will still be available until December 8th. If you’re thinking about joining the cruise, please contact Robert Marcoux very soon – December 8th is only a few days away.

Holland America Black Friday

Have It ALL SALE
BCGS 50th Anniversary
Alaska Cruise

WHEN YOU BOOK **NOW** (BEFORE DECEMBER 8, 2020) RECEIVE:

- **FREE Drinks**
- **FREE Gratuities**
- **FREE Signature Dining Pkg**

PLEASE CONTACT
Robert Marcoux at 604.401.0484 or toll-free at 1.866.354.1869
or email robert@getawaywithcompass.ca

I have already booked onto this fabulous cruise. Am I missing out?
Rest assured you are not! If you have made your deposit or taken advantage of any of the pre-payment offers you already have all these FREE Goodies!
If you haven't taken advantage of these offers, contact Robert ASAP!

UNTIL JUNE 14 2021, ALL PRE-PAID BOOKING FEES ARE FULLY REFUNDABLE.

**Early installment payments MUST be applied to cruise fare balances. This offer is limited to ONE onboard credit per cabin, regardless of the number of installment payments and/or the value of each installment payment. \$250 USD is the maximum allowable onboard credit.
*10% discount applies to the gross cruise-only base fare per cabin (not per person). It does not apply to taxes, expenses, or port fees.
†Full payment means full balance of bookings, including (without limitation) Air Fares, Excursions, Transfers, and Hotels.

BCGS 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Members renewing from **NOW until December 31**

have a chance to win a prize!

Five winners will be drawn for both November and December renewals.

Winners will be able to choose from a selection of wonderful genealogy books.

Look out for a few reminders over the coming weeks.

You can renew [here](#).

All memberships not renewed by January 31, 2021, will be removed from our mailing lists and from website access to Members Resources on the BCGS website.

GENEALOGY NEWS in BC

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in BC



To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Surrey Libraries, FamilySearch FHC, Vancouver Public Libraries and all other BC libraries are closed or have reduced hours and services until further notice.



A note from Vancouver Public Library

Ancestry Library Edition

VPL cardholders can now enjoy access to [Ancestry Library Edition](#) from home for free until **DECEMBER 31, 2020**. A popular database for genealogical research, it includes census, baptism, marriage and military records. Click [here](#) to visit their genealogy guide for more research help.



Surrey Libraries Family History



New to Family History Research?

Try our Genealogy Orientation & Consultations

Get inspired this fall with these in-person, one-on-one orientation sessions (with COVID-19 safety protocols in place). We will get you started with a tour of what we offer including books, magazines, microfilms, [online resources](#) and reference services. Includes consultation time to discuss your specific research needs.

[VIEW CALENDAR](#)

The [Family History department](#) is located at the Cloverdale Branch. It holds over 3000 books, over 5000 microfilms, several online databases, and has genealogy-trained staff to assist family historians with their research.

If you have any questions, please email familyhistory@surrey.ca or call at 604-598-7328.

Remember that access from your (Surrey) home to our Surrey Libraries' **Ancestry** account has been extended to **December 31, 2020**.

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS OF CANADA

 Christmas & Season's greetings to our friends at BCGS from the UELAC Vancouver Branch. By providing space for the Loyalist Collection in the BCGS Library a few years ago you gave us a long lasting gift that benefits all researchers. "Meet me at the Library" has a new meaning for both organizations. 

Military Resources: Digitized Yearbooks 1943-1995 Victoria, B.C. Naval College

Snipped from Patricia Greber's blog, My Genealogy Life, 1 November 2020

<https://mygenealogylife.ca/2020/11/01/military-resources-victoria-b-c-naval-college-1943-1995/>

The latest find is "[The Log](#)" which is the yearbook for the Royal Roads Military College located in Victoria B.C. These are digitized and available on-line for the dates 1943-1995. There is no searchable index so it does mean a bit of slogging to go through each year, but if you have an ancestor who attended the RRMC this resource is not to be missed.

Military Resource: Vancouver Gunners – 1910 to present

Snipped from Patricia Greber's blog, My Genealogy Life, 3 November 2020

<https://mygenealogylife.ca/2020/11/03/military-resource-vancouver-gunners/>

In looking for lesser known Military resources in Canada I came across this website: [Vancouver Gunners](#). The site explains that it covers the Artillery on the mainland of B.C. and specifically the 15th Field Regiment. The site has a Nominal Roll that you can look through for your ancestor.

Kelowna Courier newspaper digitized and online

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 19 November 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33699>

Issues of the British Columbia newspaper, The Kelowna Courier, have been digitized, from its founding in 1904 until 1949, and it is now available online. It is easy to search by keyword and then to narrow down the results by year.

UBC Digitization Centre digitizes another BC newspaper

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 20 November 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33720>

In its 2019-2020 activity report, the University of British Columbia Digitization Centre announces that phase one of the Nelson Daily News is now online in its Open Collections. In partnership with Touchstones Nelson, this project scanned more than 60 microfilm reels to make 5,597 issues available from 1902 to 1920.

GENEALOGY NEWS in CANADA

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in Canada



Early Canadian Military Reports 1864-1925

Snipped from Patricia Greber's blog, My Genealogy Life, 29 October 2020

<https://mygenealogylife.ca/2020/10/29/early-canadian-military-reports-1864-1925/>

As we are approaching Remembrance Day 2020, I wanted to share with you some lesser used Canadian Military resources that you can find without leaving your house. This post covers the [Department of Militia and Defence for the Dominion of Canada Report](#) that dates from 1864-1925.

Manitoba Ancestors: Issues of "The Commercial" on Canadiana

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 31 October 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/10/manitoba-ancestors-issues-of-commercial.html>

But what if your ancestor was a smaller business owner? If they lived in Manitoba in the late 1800's, then you should look through the pages of The Commercial. You can find over 1000 issues on Canadiana. Geared toward business owners, they stated that they were "A journal devoted to the financial, mercantile and manufacturing interests of the Canadian North-west."

Military Resource: Royal Military College, Kingston

Snipped from Patricia Greber's blog, My Genealogy Life, 10 November 2020

<https://mygenealogylife.ca/2020/11/10/military-resource-royal-military-college-kingston/>

The Royal Military College Museum houses many resources that are of interest to genealogists.

The RMC Museum's website has digitized online the Commandant's Reports from 1876-1920 with some years missing. Scrolling further down on the same page and another amazing resource is the yearbooks RMC Review that cover the dates 1920 – 1940. There are some issues missing, a big gap between 1927-1934 but still worth a look if you suspect an ancestor attended the College.

Ancestry adds Canadian Newspapers.com obituary index - with similar index for marriage announcements in the future

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 13 November 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33648>

This week, Ancestry added an index that is linked to obituaries in the 87 Canadian newspapers available on Newspapers.com. The almost 31 million records in the Canadian obituary index include the deceased and the people mentioned in the obit.



Second World War: Researching the Canadian Fallen - Resources

Snipped from Ken McKinlay's blog, Family Tree Knots, 12 November 2020

<https://familytreeknots.blogspot.com/2020/11/second-world-war-researching-canadian.html>0-11-26

Here is the list of just some of the resources I use in my own research of those that served Canada in the Second World War.

4 Steps For Finding Quebec Notary Records Online

Snipped from Patricia Greber's blog, My Genealogy Life, 10 November 2020

<https://mygenealogylife.ca/2020/11/17/4-steps-for-finding-quebec-notary-records-online/>

I have spent quite a bit of time working with the index to Quebec Notary records created by Ancestry. At Ancestry some of the records have been added but for the most part I have found it is mainly an index. If you keep reading you will find out how to find them online. Usually when I find a file at Ancestry that I want to order I jot the information and send a request to the Quebec Archives (BAnQ). Now I know an easier way thanks to Family Search, because they have the records on their site! Here's the process ...

Ontario Township Papers Online

Snipped from John Reid's blog, Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections, 19 November 2020

<https://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/2020/11/ontario-township-papers-online.html>

They're a fundamental source for early Ontario, known as Upper Canada and Canada West. The Archives of Ontario lists the date range as ca. 1783-ca.1870 and describes them as: a miscellaneous group of land-related records, which have been arranged by township name, then by concession and lot or by town name and lot number. Under any lot for which documents are available, researchers may find the following: copies of orders-in-council; copies of location certificates and location tickets; copies of assignments; certificates verifying the completion of settlement duties; copies of receipt; copies of descriptions; and copies of patents; and copies of incoming correspondence.

Saskatchewan Ancestors: The Greystone Yearbooks Online at the University of Saskatchewan Archives

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 22 November 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/11/>

If your ancestor attended or worked at the University of Saskatchewan between 1912 and 1969, then you're in luck. The University has digitized their yearbooks for these years on their website.

The Ancestor Hunt updates lists of free online Canadian photo archives

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 26 November 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33767>

So far, Mr. Marks has added 10 free Nova Scotia online photo archives to his list for a total of 40 collections and 50 Ontario online photo archives for a total of 109 collections. Many of the databases are indexed and can be searched by name. He plans to complete all the provinces by the end of today. Hundreds, if not thousands, of free online photo archives for the United States and Canada can be found on [The Ancestor Hunt](#).



DNA GENEALOGY NEWS

Some web links to help with genetic genealogy research



How to Evaluate an AncestryDNA ThruLines Hypothesis

Snipped from Nicole Dyer's blog, Family Locket, 15 November 2020

<https://familyloket.com/how-to-evaluate-an-ancestrydna-thrulines-hypothesis/>

Are you wondering how to tell if an AncestryDNA ThruLines estimate is reliable, or even possible? The ThruLines algorithm works by comparing your DNA matches, their trees, and all the searchable trees in the Ancestry public member tree database. If the algorithm can make your tree and your DNA match's tree connect somewhere, the hypothesis shows up in ThruLines. One problem with this is the many errors in the public member trees database. Also, ThruLines is a computer algorithm, not a genealogist. Sometimes it merges identities that should not be merged. Also, most of us have thousands of matches in the AncestryDNA database. Some of those matches are false, as explained brilliantly by Blaine Bettinger here.

Estimating cMs for a segment of DNA

Snipped from Jonny Perl's DNA Painter Blog, 12 November 2020

<https://dnapainter.com/blog/cm-estimator-estimating-cms-for-a-segment-of-dna/>

When a testing company provides the segments that you share with a DNA match, they will include an amount of centiMorgans (cMs) for each segment. But there may be times when you need to split a segment and assign each section to different ancestors. In this post I'll introduce cM estimator, a new tool that can help you calculate the cMs in any segment or batch of segments.

GENEALOGICAL SEMINARS, WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

Upcoming seminars, webinars & workshops that you can take part in virtually from wherever you are

Québec Genealogical eSociety announces English and French conference program

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 9 November 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33602>

The Québec Genealogical eSociety's first virtual conference is the largest in the province to date and it will take place over four days, from January 14 to 17, 2021. It features some of the most well-respected genealogists, historians, and researchers in the province. In all, there are 11 sessions in English and 12 in French.

BIFHSGO virtual workshop on exploring Ontario land records

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

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33757>

The British Isles Family History Society will host a free two-hour virtual workshop, *Ontario Records Made Easy*, presented by Ken McKinlay, on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to noon Eastern time. Registration is required. This one may fill up quickly.



MEMBERS' CORNER

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



Patrick Keily, member #5414

As I Recollect - I Remember Gramma Joe and the Mountain

I was looking at Mt. Baker this morning. When we first arrived in Lynden, I wanted to climb it. I did all the research, practiced going up and down steps, talked with my doctor, etc, etc. About a year later, a neighbor who was probably 20 years my junior told me to get that nonsense out of my head. He had climbed it and said it was the worst experience of his life. So, I settled for just looking at it. Seeing it this morning, however, it reminded me of my Gramma Joe Eder.

Frena Vogt was born in 1893. She married Joe B. Eder, her childhood sweetheart, in 1910 and raised seven kids, the middle one being my mother. Although her name was Frena, her older sister renamed her Amelia on my grandma's first day of school. We called her Gramma Joe but our cousins called her Swift, perhaps because she could cook up a dinner in minutes. She wasn't overly religious, but did go to church whenever she could get a ride into town. And she loved to tell stories. The following was one of my favorites.

There was a woman whose kitchen window was half filled with a distant mountain. She hated that mountain. In the morning she would see the sunlight shining off the snow cap. It made her cold just looking. One day she mentioned her displeasure to a neighbor. The neighbor said that faith can move mountains, and if she truly believed, the mountain would be gone in the morning - it would be no more. However, she had to truly believe it would be gone. This was the most wonderful news. Suddenly, there was hope. All she had to do was believe, unconditionally, that the mountain would be gone in morning and it would be.

For the rest of the day and evening, she told herself that by morning, it would absolutely be gone because she had faith and believed it would vanish. Hardly able to sleep, she jumped from her bed at the crack of dawn, rushed to her kitchen window, pulled the curtains back and said, "Just as I thought."

Draw your own conclusions.

Merry Christmas, everyone. Keep the faith :-)





Meg McLaughlin, member #3847

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.

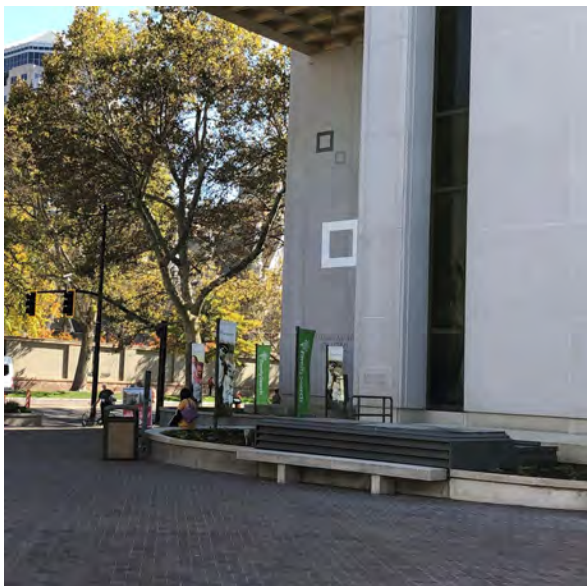
Missing Research Trips

This time last year, I had just recently returned from a trip to Salt Lake City little knowing that would be the last traveling I would do for a long time. On that trip, I combined education, through the ISBGFH's British Institute, with research at the Family History Library. It was a great mix of learning about genealogy combined with putting it into practise. Also included was a one-on-one with our instructor to see if he could help with a research problem.

My quest was to find out where in Ireland my 2x great grandfather came from, because the only traces of him that I found were in London's East End. Not the easiest place to search by any means. It seemed hopeless but my instructor, Paul Blake, came up with a possible lead, the only thing was accessing the information meant an in person visit to Kew. No problem, I'd just make sure to book a visit there when I was next in England.

That didn't seem like any big deal in 2019, especially as I was already planning a trip to the UK. Well, we all know what happened to that trip.

I miss the travel and the ability to do research on the ground in different places. I did a lot of that last year



and enjoyed every minute of the trips I took. Most of them anyway. The delayed trip getting out of Salt Lake on the Sunday after the institute was a bit dicey as I was working the polls in the BC Election bright and early the next day.

While traveling for research could and did lead to lack of sleep in some cases, what it also did was focus my research. For every place I went last year where I could do research - and there were a lot of them between the cruise that took in a lot of the UK with a bit of France and Guernsey and my trip to New York where I spent a few hours researching in the NYC public library - I spent more hours researching at home. It was prep work to find out what was available in the places I was going and which family lines I could find out more about.



That's the thing, I find I spend more time doing research prepping for a research trip than I do researching when I am away. It also means getting my family history information in order so I know what to take with me so it is available if I need a quick refresher on that family line. Or if I find something unexpected, I'm able to quickly judge if it is relevant to my research. As much as I miss the travel, I miss the focus those trips give to my family history research. *Photos: Left - Entrance to the Family History Library in SLC Above - The Society of Genealogists in London, England*



Peter Whitlock, member #0221

Who Mentored You?

One of my early mentors for this research was the British author Ralph Whitlock (1914-1995). I saw an article written by him in a Field and Stream magazine about 1967

and I wrote to him about his Whitlock family.

Ralph replied and encouraged me to do further research. He commented that while other parts of his family were like the seeds that float on the breeze and spread around the world, his was of the potato family and once they found a place, they liked they put down roots and stay put.

He was living at the time in Pitton, Wiltshire, where his ancestors had lived for at least 400 years. We corresponded until shortly before his death in 1995. We now think the huge New Jersey and Connecticut families likely originate in Pitton.

Ralph published more than one hundred books and I have most of them on the shelves in my office. I recently read his "Here be Dragons" and was impressed by the amount of historical research that had gone into putting this book together. It is amazing how many

churches around the world have images of dragons carved into wood and stone. I am currently reading "Royal Farmers" about the various estates in Britain owned or leased by the British royal family and how the various monarchs over time have influenced British agriculture.

Ralph comments in this book about genealogical research and how children interested in family history should be encouraged.

His example is how Queen Elizabeth II's early interest as a young girl evolved into a lifelong study. Her father's family was likely more interesting but her mother's family does include Elizabeth Whitlock (1603-1668) the daughter of Sir James Whitlock (1570-1632) and Elizabeth Bulstrode (1575-1631).

Discover more about Peter's voluminous research through his website at: *Whitlock Family One Name Study*: <http://www.whitlockfamilyassociation.com/>



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BCGS EVENTS

To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus,
many BCGS events are POSTPONED until further notice

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| December 3 | Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am |
| December 3 | BC Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| December 5 | Last day to submit Christmas photos for "Christmas Past & Present" |
| December 9 | BCGS Members Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm |
| December 10 | USA Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| December 12 | Quebec Questers Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon |
| January 7 | Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am |
| January 7 | Wales Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| January 9 | Quebec Questers Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon |
| January 13 | BCGS Members Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm |
| January 14 | Scotland Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| January 21 | England Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| January 28 | Atlantic Canada Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |

**Christmas
Day**

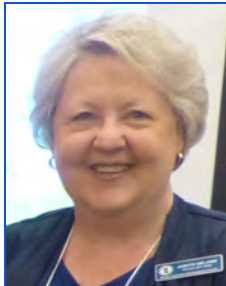


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