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Greetings to B.C.G.S. members & friends. This e-newsletter brings you up to date news of B.C.G.S. activities & genealogical information.

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### **B.C.G.S. EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday, from 2-4 pm, Open House

Open House at the Walter Draycott Library & Resource Centre, #211, 12837 - 76th Avenue, in Surrey, B.C. Refreshments. All members & friends of the B.C.G.S. are invited to attend.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday, to July 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10-3 pm daily, Family History Research Week

Family History Research Week, Walter Draycott Library & Resource Centre, # 211, 12837 - 76th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. Anyone interested in genealogy & family

history is welcome to visit during the week. Free.

Featured countries & areas:

Monday, Scotland; Tuesday, Ireland; Wednesday, England; Thursday, Canada; Friday, USA; Saturday, Europe, Australia & New Zealand.

August 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:30 pm, B.C.G.S. General Meeting, Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway (Kingsway at Edmonds), Burnaby, B.C.

DNA Group: DNA & genealogy with David Brown, administrator of the Rose family DNA project. More information on the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Project. What can you learn from Y-DNA & mt-DNA test results? What's new? Bring your questions.

September 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:30 pm, B.C.G.S. General Meeting, Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway (Kingsway at Edmonds), Burnaby, B.C.

Special Interest Group Sessions: Beginners, English, United States

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## **MORE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

B.C.G.S. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

Web calendar: [www.bcgs.ca/Calendar/current.htm](http://www.bcgs.ca/Calendar/current.htm)

QUEBEC GROUP--- Meets next August 11<sup>th</sup> & September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Walter Draycott Library & Research Centre in the Board Room. Contact Facilitator Linda Maitland.

UKRAINIAN--- For dates, contact the Facilitator, Darlene Nielson.

SCANDINAVIAN---No meetings July & August. Contact Facilitator Lillian Svendsen

BEGINNERS, ENGLISH & UNITED STATES GROUPS---September 12<sup>th</sup>, B.C.G.S. general meeting. Beginner's topic: Getting Started; United States topic: Eastern States.

To contact any B.C.G.S. Special Interest Facilitator, see: [www.bcgs.ca/IntGrpFac.htm](http://www.bcgs.ca/IntGrpFac.htm)

DISCUSSION GROUP, DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER---Meets August 14<sup>th</sup> & September 11<sup>th</sup> in the Vancouver Public Library Atrium, 1 pm, near the Blenz coffee shop. Informal; free. V.P.L. Atrium, 350 West Georgia St., Vancouver. Contact Diane Rogers: [diane\\_rogers@shaw.ca](mailto:diane_rogers@shaw.ca) or 604 724 8744.

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## **B.C.G.S. WEBSITE**

Our B.C.G.S. website: [www.bcgs.ca](http://www.bcgs.ca) has a fresh new look. Surf on in & try out the new menu, then read “Twenty Ways to Avoid Grief When Researching” by Margaret M.

Sharon:

[www.bcgs.ca/Twenty%20Ways%20to%20Avoid%20Grief%20When%20Researching.htm](http://www.bcgs.ca/Twenty%20Ways%20to%20Avoid%20Grief%20When%20Researching.htm)

or browse today’s genealogy blogs through our newsfeed page:

[www.bcgs.ca/Newsfeed.htm](http://www.bcgs.ca/Newsfeed.htm)

More coming soon, including a British Columbia Genealogical Society Cemetery Committee web page. Thanks go to our Webmaster, Bob Daniel, for all his work on the website (& at the Library too).

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## **NEW WEBSITES & DATABASES ON-LINE**

MOORSHEAD MAGAZINES IS ASKING FOR NOMINATIONS OF UNDER-APPRECIATED GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

The winners & a collection of the runner ups will be published in a future *Family Chronicle* magazine. “...tell us about the sites we might not know about!...” Prizes: credit for subscriptions or books, *Dating Old Photographs*, *More Dating Old Photographs*, *500 Brickwall Solutions* or *More Brickwall Solutions*. E-mail entries to [databases@moorshead.com](mailto:databases@moorshead.com) by 31 August, 2007---50 words or less, include the URL, your name & mailing address & your preferred book prize, if your submission is chosen.

## **ANCESTRY.COM**

Ancestry.com added 13.5 million names this week, in a wide variety of databases: images of indexes to Hamburg, Germany passenger lists 1855-1934, California, U.S.A. indexes to marriage & divorce, images of U.S. county atlases, 1864-1918, & name indexes to 1266 British phone books 1880-1984. Ancestry announced recently a partnership with Sorenson Genomics to offer DNA databases in the future & the Ancestry websites for France & Italy are now up & running.

In the Lower Mainland of B.C., both the Cloverdale Branch of the Surrey Public Library & the Vancouver Public Library offer free access to the Ancestry Library Edition databases.

Here is a discussion by DearMyrtle about using the U.S. county atlas collection:

<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/2007/07/dearreaders-thanks-to-meg-who-blogged.html>

## THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (TNA) OF THE U.K. GETS A WIKI

TNA recently set up a wiki website, 'Your Archives' where researchers can share information about archival sources in the collections of The National Archives or other archives throughout the UK. This seems an excellent cost & time effective alternative to the high tech & higher cost setup of the U.S. based [www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com) but footnote.com does have the document images right there. 'Your Archives' users may need to flip back & forth to the TNA website, but they can easily submit articles, edit catalogue descriptions, transcribe documents or update TNA research guides with no additional cost. Test it out; read "Colonial Policy in Bermuda: the story of Annie Campbell" as an example, or browse or search for other topics of interest:

<http://yourarchives.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

What is a wiki?

A wiki is a collaborative website (& the software for it) that lets a number of users easily & continually create & edit content. Today, "Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit" is an example of a popular wiki:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

The DocumentsOnline section of TNA now has indexes & images of Southwell Union Workhouse (Southwell, Nottinghamshire) documents:

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/workhouse.asp](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/workhouse.asp)

You can have TNA documents scanned specially for you in many cases. Read about this DigitalExpress service: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help/digitalexpress/faq.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help/digitalexpress/faq.htm)

## FAMILYSEARCH.ORG---JEWISH GENEALOGY

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) now has a dedicated page for 'Jewish Family History Resources', like its page for African American resources, with a new guide, "Tracing Your Jewish Ancestors from the United States to Europe, 1850-1930", an enhanced digital version of Isobel Gordy's "Jews of the British Isles", (known as the Knowles collection) in either .pdf or PAF files & a revised Jewish Genealogy research guide (.pdf):

[www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp?page=home/welcome/site\\_resources.asp%3FwhichResourcePage=Jewish](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp?page=home/welcome/site_resources.asp%3FwhichResourcePage=Jewish)

See also 'Nechama's List' by Nancy Goldberg Hilton with Lynn M Hilton, a compilation of detailed descriptions of over 600 Jewish genealogy titles in the Family History Library Catalog now available on microfilm: [www.nechamaslist.com](http://www.nechamaslist.com)

And, the July/August 2007 issue of *Family Chronicle* magazine has an article by Lisa A. Alzo called "Finding Your Elusive Eastern European Ancestors: 10 Myths Busted" & the June/July 2007 issue of *Internet Genealogy* includes "Moving Forward With Jewish Genealogy" by Mary H. Rubin.

## UNITED KINGDOM PASSENGER LISTS, 1890-1929

[www.ancestorsonboard.com](http://www.ancestorsonboard.com) (one of your Editor's favourites), now has indexes for United Kingdom outbound passenger lists from 1890 through to 1929. This is a pay for view site, but if you're patient, & if the surname isn't too common, you might find your Canadian bound passengers in the Canadian inbound lists at Library & Archives Canada for free using the information in ancestorsonboard's free initial search results. Travellers from many countries are in this database, not only those from England, Wales, Scotland & Ireland.

## GENLINE---SWEDISH CHURCH RECORDS, 16<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY.

If you're new to Swedish genealogical research, check out the free resources at [www.genline.com](http://www.genline.com) including a dictionary, an extraction form for household examinations & good articles & links. Genline is a subscription website, but there are many special offers throughout the year. Till July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Genline has a one week subscription at a discounted price to celebrate Fruntimmersveckan (the Week of Women) in Sweden, July 18-24, so named because six women's name days fall during this week: Sara, Margareta, Johanna, Magdalena, Emma, Kristina.

## 1911 CENSUS, CANADA

The free index of Canada's 1911 census at [www.automatedgenealogy.com](http://www.automatedgenealogy.com) is almost complete, well, except for British Columbia, which is still at only 90.58%. If everyone pitched in this week & indexed a couple of pages, we'd catch up to the rest of Canada. Pick a geographical area of B.C. you're interested in---Comox-Atlin, Vancouver & Victoria need the most work though---read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) & Transcription Guidelines & register as an indexer.

1911 Canada census index main page:

[www.automatedgenealogy.com/census11/index.jsp](http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/census11/index.jsp)

1911 Canada census index registration:

[www.automatedgenealogy.com/census/VolunteerInfo.jsp](http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/census/VolunteerInfo.jsp)

FAQ & Transcription Guidelines:

<http://static.automatedgenealogy.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=1477>

## THE EUROPEAN LIBRARY

Search the full content of 30 European national libraries; many books, maps, photographs, manuscripts & more are free to view on-line. For these countries, the digital collections of each national library are all accessible---Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland & the United Kingdom, along with ICCU of Italy. For now, for these countries, only national treasures are

featured---Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova , Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russia - Moscow, Russia - St. Petersburg, San Marino, Turkey, Ukraine & Vatican City:

[www.theeuropeanlibrary.org](http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org)

## ROOTSWEB---MAILING LISTS & MUCH MORE

New Rootsweb.com e-mail lists, message boards & web pages include GOOGLE-L, for discussion about maximizing genealogical searches & the SASKATCHEWAN CEMETERIES PROJECT, with 531 cemeteries so far. Watch for new RootsWeb e-lists, databases & websites: <http://whatsnew.rootsweb.com>

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## INTERESTING & USEFUL WEBSITES

### CONCERNED YOUR DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS MAY DISAPPEAR?

[www.SaveMyMemories.org](http://www.SaveMyMemories.org) from the International Imaging Industry Association (IAIA) has a good introduction to organizing & protecting your personal digital photos. IAIA recommends learning about the technology & the options available now, & choosing a system that works for you, then sticking to your basic plan while keeping current with news about technological changes.

### DID SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY USE OR OWN A BROWNIE CAMERA?

In February, 1900, the Kodak Brownie camera was introduced. Advertised as easy enough for children, the camera was named for the then very popular English Brownie characters. Hear stories about Brownie memories in “The Brownie Camera @100” one of Kodak’s Inspirational Photo Stories: [http://kodak.com/eknec/PageQuerier.jhtml?pq-path=492&pq-locale=en\\_US](http://kodak.com/eknec/PageQuerier.jhtml?pq-path=492&pq-locale=en_US)

### RESEARCHING IN THE KAMLOOPS AREA OF B.C.?

The Kamloops Family History Society is an affiliate member of the B.C.G.S. Members meet monthly, except in June, July, August. The website features several handy, easy to use searches---a members’ surname interest index, a nominal index for the society’s Kamloops Funeral Home database, one for the society’s journal, “Family Footsteps” & one for member’s favourite web links: [www.kfhs.org](http://www.kfhs.org)

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## FEATURED AREA LINKS: PORTUGUESE GENEALOGY

Madeira, Patricia Julia Silva Corbera (aka – Papagaia): [www.geocities.com/papagaia2](http://www.geocities.com/papagaia2)

LusaWeb Portuguese Ancestry Community:  
[www.lusaweb.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1](http://www.lusaweb.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1)

Island Routes, Portuguese Hawaiian Ancestry: [www.islandroutes.com](http://www.islandroutes.com)

“The history of Goan Communities in Britain” article by Cliff Pereira. CASBAH Project:  
[www.casbah.ac.uk/newsarticle2.stm](http://www.casbah.ac.uk/newsarticle2.stm)

Centro Cientifico e Cultural de Macau: [www.cccm.pt/index.php](http://www.cccm.pt/index.php)

“Portuguese Paleography”, Kathy Cordoza, Azores Islands GenWeb site:  
[http://homepage.mac.com/kmacardoza/Genealogy/Paleography/paleography\\_01.html](http://homepage.mac.com/kmacardoza/Genealogy/Paleography/paleography_01.html)

“Portuguese name” Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese\\_name](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_name)

The Mediterranean GenWeb Project, includes Portugal, Madeira, Azores:  
[www.mediterraneangenweb.com/indexe.html](http://www.mediterraneangenweb.com/indexe.html)

Associação Portuguesa de Genealogia: [www.genealogia-pt.com](http://www.genealogia-pt.com)

We will feature research links for a different county or area in most future issues of *The Offspring*. Send in your web link suggestions or your requests.

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## GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY IN THE NEWS

‘INFORMED CONSENT’ CLAUSE REVIEW CAMPAIGN, 2006 CANADA CENSUS

Gordon Watts, Co-Chair of the Canada Census Committee, & a B.C.G.S. member, along with representatives of the Canadian Historical Association, met this week with Anil Arora, Director General, Census Program Branch, Census Manager of Statistics Canada. Watch for an update from Gordon Watts soon.

For more about the need for an immediate review of the 2006 census informed consent clause, see *Gordon Watts Reports*, July 5<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, & March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007:  
<http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/authors/authgw.htm>

## DID YOU KNOW?

### CANADIANS CAN CHANGE THEIR ANSWERS TO THE 2006 CONSENT CLAUSE

Anyone who answered 'No' to the disclosure of their information after 92 years can still change their answer to a 'Yes'. A 'request for change' form can be printed out from the Census Canada website & must be mailed to the Privacy Coordinator, Statistics Canada, 25-B, R.H. Coats Building, 100 Tunney's Pasture Driveway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6. Note\*\* "A separate form must be completed for each member of the household who wishes to have their response to this question changed." A parent or legal guardian may sign for those currently under 16.

Request for Change form, Statistics Canada:

[www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/reference/info/change.cfm](http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/reference/info/change.cfm)

### ROYAL 22ND REGIMENT: CANADA'S FIGHTING 'VAN DOOS'

Three members of the 'Van Doos', now the Royal 22e Régiment, were awarded the Victoria Cross: Corporal Joseph Kaebel & Lieutenant Jean Brilliant during World War I (both posthumously), Captain Paul Triquet in World War II. C.B.C. regularly posts historical video & audio clips. These illustrate the history of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment:  
[http://archives.cbc.ca/IDD-1-71-579/conflict\\_war/van\\_doos/](http://archives.cbc.ca/IDD-1-71-579/conflict_war/van_doos/)

Royal 22e Régiment website (French): [www.r22er.com](http://www.r22er.com)

### FAMILY HISTORY FAIR ON-LINE

July 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, attend all or part of a free Family History Fair on-line. Topics: Using Catholic Records, Generation Maps, Female Ancestors, TransAtlantic Case Study, Newspaper Strategies: [www.familyhistoryliveonline.com](http://www.familyhistoryliveonline.com)

### CEMETERY RECORDS RESEARCH

"Cemetery Records" lecture by Kory L. Meyerlink given at the 2007 Brigham Young University Computerized Family History and Genealogy conference. Well organized & informative; focus on U.S.A. See this on Roots Television:  
[www.rootstelevision.com/players/player\\_dearlydeparted.php](http://www.rootstelevision.com/players/player_dearlydeparted.php)

### FAMILY TREE MAKER 2008

The newest version of Family Tree Maker (FTM) apparently works more closely with ancestry.com's searches & makes it easier to include photos. A training DVD with ancestry.com's Chief Family Historian, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, will be included with the software.

A test (Beta) version of FTM 2008 is available on-line free, but will work only till August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007. A Canadian version of FTM 2008 is to be ready in the fall, along with versions for Australia & the U.K. Sweden, Italy & Germany.

For a review & comments, see Kimberley Powell's article:  
<http://genealogy.about.com/b/a/255981.htm>

FTM 2008 Beta version: <http://beta.familytreemaker.com>

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