

BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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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. The plan is to publish the e-newsletter at least once during the summer, fall, spring & winter. The next issue should arrive in your mailbox in October-November. Please send your contributions & ideas for future issues & your comments (be kind, please!) to the Editor, M. Diane Rogers, at:

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NEWSLETTER NAME CONTEST

This e-newsletter needs a name! Please send in your ideas before September 30th, 2006 to: Editor@bcgs.ca or by mail c/o B.C.G.S. Editor at the society's address below. A prize will be awarded for the 'best' name submission.

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B.C.G.S. EVENTS WITH LOUISE ST. DENIS, SEPTEMBER, 2006

The B.C.G.S. is sponsoring several sessions with Louise J. St. Denis in September.

Saturday, September 9th---10 am-noon at the B.C.G.S. Library & Resource Centre, #211 - 12837 - 76th Ave. (at 76th Avenue & 128th Street), Surrey.

All day, Sunday, September 10th --- co-sponsored with the Cloverdale Branch of the Surrey Public Library at Cloverdale Library, 5642 - 176A Street, Surrey.
You may call the Cloverdale Library now to register for the September 10th sessions: 604-576-1384, extension 6 or e-mail: genealogy@surrey.ca **Free to B.C.G.S. members
**Please let them know if you are a B.C.G.S. member.

and, Wednesday evening, 7:30 pm, September 13th--- Louise St. Denis will be the featured speaker at the B.C.G.S. general meeting at Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C.

A poster with more information is available on the B.C.G.S. website:

<http://www.bcgs.ca/Documents/st%20denis.pdf>

Please copy this & distribute or post it where other genealogists will see it.

LOUISE ST. DENIS, one of Canada's best known genealogy educators, is also an author & publisher. She's been doing genealogy since 1984 & has researched her own family back to the 1600's. Her lecture themes include 'finding French-Canadian & Anglo-Canadian ancestors in Quebec', 'tips for research trips' & 'are your ancestors lost in Canada'. Louise St. Denis is currently the Managing Director of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She is the founding president of the Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie - Toronto Branch, Past-president of its provincial organization, Treasurer of the Association of Professional Genealogists-Ontario Chapter, & the French genealogical representative for the Ontario Heritage Alliance.

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B.C.G.S. SALT LAKE CITY TRIPS, October 22-29 & October 29-November 5, 2006

If you are planning to go to Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A. with either Peter Claydon, October 22-29 or Eunice Robinson, October 29-November 5, please contact Peter or Eunice now.

Peter Claydon--- E-mail: claydonpsn@shaw.ca or 604-988-6075

Eunice Robinson--- E-mail: eunice@dccnet.com or 604-596-2811

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MORE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

IN GOD KNOWS WHERE: MARIE-ANNE LAGIMODIERE IN STORY & SONG,
August 24, 2006

Do you have ancestors who worked for the H.B.C. or do you have Metis ancestors? Hear the story of the first woman of European descent to live on the prairies, the grandmother of Louis Riel, Marie-Anne Lagimodiere, née Gaboury, as told by Ottawa storyteller Ruth Stewart-Verger & sung by Lynne Hanson. Thursday, August 24, 2006, 7:30 pm. 3658

Banff Court, North Vancouver, at the base of Mt. Seymour. Tickets \$15.00. For directions & reservations, contact Kira at 604-985-8366.

B.C.G.S. CEMETERY/PUBLICATION COMMITTEE MEETING, September 6, 2006

The Cemetery/Publication Committee meets next on September 6th, 7:30 pm, B.C.G.S. Resource Centre, #211– 12837 76th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. (at 76th Avenue & 128th Street). Pizza dinner & discussion before the meeting, 6 pm.

Lots of plans for new cemetery listings & new publications in the fall. Interested in joining this committee? Please contact Wendy Graham: wendy@oxide.org

“SCOTTISH IDENTITY”, September 11, 2006

“Scottish Identity” lecture by Professor Pittock, Professor of Scottish & Romantic Literature & Deputy Head of Arts, Histories & Cultures, University of Manchester. 7 pm, September 11, 2006. Fletcher Challenge Theatre, SFU Harbour Centre, Hastings & Richards, downtown Vancouver, B.C. Sponsored by the Scottish Studies Dept., Simon Fraser University. For information, contact Leith Davis at leith@sfu.ca

DISCUSSION GROUP, DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER, September 12, 2006

Meet in the Vancouver Public Library Atrium, 1 pm, near the Blendz coffee shop, for an informal genealogy discussion. Free. V.P.L. Atrium, 350 West Georgia St., Vancouver. Contact Diane Rogers: diane_rogers@shaw.ca or 604-724-8744.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY TOUR, November 19, 2006

Gretha Warren will lead a guided tour of the U.B.C. library from 1-4 pm, November 19th, 2006. Limited to 15 people. \$5.00. Please contact Eunice Robinson at eunice@dccnet.com or call 604-596-2811 as soon as possible. Gretha Warren will be speaking on U.B.C.'s resources for family history at the November 8th monthly meeting of the B.C. Genealogical Society, 7:30 pm, Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway (Kingsway at Edmonds), Burnaby, B.C.

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B.C.G.S. LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Interested in working in the B.C.G.S. library? Someone is now needed to catalogue microfiche for the library. As well, a few Library volunteers are needed for regular shifts & to cover for holidays & sick days. Please contact Betty Allen c/o bcgs@bcgs.ca or call the Library at 604 502 9119.

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B.C.G.S. LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Do you have a suggestion for a book, CD or other publication you'd like to see in the B.C.G.S. Library? Please fill out a library acquisition form, available either on-line on the 'B.C.G.S. Members Only Forms' page reached through the drop down box on the B.C.G.S. home page or pick up a form at the B.C.G.S. Library. Forward to the Acquisitions Committee c/o Betty Allen by mail or by dropping it off at the library, or by giving it to any of the B.C.G.S. Special Interest Group facilitators. See 'The Fine Print' for mailing information.

B.C.G.S. Special Interest Group Facilitator link: www.bcgs.ca/IntGrpFac.htm

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VANCOUVER VOTERS, 1886 BOOK---NOW ON SALE!

Our B.C.G.S. "Vancouver Voters, 1886" book is on sale right now for only \$20 (& postage, if applicable).

The "Vancouver Voters, 1886" book was the B.C. Genealogical Society's Vancouver Centennial project. Members traced the descendants of the 528 individuals on the City of Vancouver's first voters list. Some 17,000 direct descendants are listed in the book, making this one of British Columbia's most important & useful genealogical publications. The book is 880 pages; soft cover. Name indexed; with 12 plates & a fold out 1886 map of the city. Copies may be purchased at B.C.G.S. monthly meetings & at most B.C.G.S. events. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact B.C.G.S. Publication Sales c/o bcgs@bcgs.ca to arrange your purchase.

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NEW & INTERESTING WEBSITES

HOUSE GENEALOGY

In July, 2006, James Johnstone, Vancouver's 'house genealogist' spoke to B.C.G.S. members about his research into the fascinating history of many of the city's older & heritage houses & their inhabitants. In case you missed his talk, have a look at his informative website: www.homehistoryresearch.com

WORLDCAT

Looking for a hard to find genealogy map or book? After checking our B.C.G.S. library catalogues, search WorldCat's free Beta website---with over 10,000 contributing libraries, it's billed as the "world's largest library network". Website: www.worldcat.org

THE SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA SETTLEMENT EXPERIENCE

"Saskatchewan Settlement Experience", a joint project of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society & the Saskatchewan Archives Board will be officially launched

September 14, 2006. It's organized by timeline from pre-1870 to 1930 & by topic, with several search options. Features 3,000 archival records; particularly rich in photographs; includes 'Teacher Resources'. Website: www.sasksettlement.com

The "Saskatchewan Settlement Experience" is an extension of the Saskatchewan Homestead Index Project on-line since 2005 at: www.saskhomesteads.com

BRITISH 'HOME CHILDREN'

The newly incorporated British Home Children Society's main goals are to create a registry of British 'home children' & to assist their descendants in Australia, Canada, Britain & the United States in tracing their family history. About 100,000 British 'home children' were taken 'into care' in Britain, then sent to Canada, most often as domestic or farm servants, during the years from about 1870 to 1957. The society's website is now at: <http://members.shaw.ca/persnow>

"Gravestones will help ensure Canada's 'home children' are never forgotten", by Patrick Dare in 'The Ottawa Citizen', published Friday, August 11, 2006. At Notre Dame Cemetery in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, two gravestones were installed recently to commemorate 23 British home children buried in this cemetery. Dave Lorente, founder of Home Children Canada, arranged for this commemoration. Link to article: <http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/city/story.html?id=cef138df-75ba-46eb-8240-6da3888adbac>

ODESSA DIGITAL LIBRARY: A GERMAN-RUSSIAN GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

The Odessa Digital Library, an extensive collection of digitized books & essays, records & microfilm indexes & research aids, is "dedicated to the cultural & family history of the millions of Germans who emigrated to Russia in the 1800s & their descendants..."

Compilations of village genealogies, birth & cemetery records, village histories & a Bessarabian collection. Also town histories (mostly South & North Dakota, U.S.A.) & some land & plat map indexes for Kansas & North & South Dakota, U.S.A. (most include more than German-Russian surnames), & for Poland & West Prussia. Full text search of collections. See also the Document Index. Thank you to Robert of the Downtown Genealogy Group for this source. Odessa Library: <http://www.odessa3.org>

Odessa is made available by the authors & by the Germans from Russia Heritage Society. GRHS website: <http://www.grhs.org>

OLDSRIPT FORUM-HELP READING OLD DOCUMENTS

Members of the OldScript Forum will help decipher handwriting on older wills, birth registrations, census pages, postcards, etc. You can e-mail your scanned image or fax it. Be sure to read the Welcome message, the FAQ, etc. first. You will need to register before posting. The OldScript Forum is now at: www.oldsript.co.uk/phpBB2

ON-LINE SECURITY ---CONSUMER REPORTS

'Consumer Reports' has a special section on-line, "Cyber-Insecurity", with information on the State of the Net 2006. See: <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/electronics-computers/cyber-insecurity/cyber-insecurity-hub.htm>

For more, including an article on 10 easy ways to back up your data & a special report, "Online Security In Canada", see the latest issue of 'Consumer Reports Canada', September 2006

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B.C.G.S. Members---add your surnames of interest to our B.C.G.S. on-line database. Check out the 'Members Interests' page on our B.C.G.S. website. Have you submitted all your surnames so people from around the world can search these? Now you can submit your surnames to our database in a new on-line form, the 'Member Name Interest Update Form'. Here's a quick link: <http://www.bcgs.ca/MemberNameInterests.htm>

Need to contact our B.C.G.S. Webmaster, Bob Daniel?

His e-mail address is now: Webmaster@bcgs.ca

B.C.G.S. Website: www.bcgs.ca

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