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GENEALOGY NEWS - ABOUT OUR MEMBERS - FOR OUR MEMBERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bill Clayton, BCGS President president@bcgs.ca

Time flies when you are having fun, or so the saying goes. August has arrived, but except for public access to our library, nothing else at BCGS

seems to have slowed down all that much during the Covid-19 Lockdown.

Consulting with the 'authorities having jurisdiction', our librarian Corrine Jubb has been working on procedures to open the library in small steps. We'd like to begin having a partial "one-day-a-week opening" in August. Appointments will be required and seating will be limited. We will be able to return books and pick up new ones. Normalcy will return, eventually. Once the 'bugs' have been worked out, we hope to open the library two days a week.

Our monthly Members' Meetings via Zoom have been well attended, attracting several members who would not have been able to attend face-to-face meetings. I encourage all members to attend, especially those who

are (for whatever reasons) not usually able to attend our monthly members' meetings. Even on Zoom, our meetings provide opportunities to see and hear our genealogy friends, and take advantage of our education presentations. Watch your email inbox for your MailChimp invitation to attend.

In addition to the 'regular' Members' Meetings, some Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings are available via Zoom. Invitations will be sent to group members by email or MailChimp.

Our website https://www.bcgs.ca/ is up and running, with new content being added almost every day. When you check out our website's Members Resources section, you may be pleasantly surprised by how much material is available.

Please don't hesitate to direct questions and comments, by phone, email, Facebook or our website, to Board members, the Librarian or SIG group leaders.

Until next month, stay safe and healthy, and enjoy your genealogy research.

THE NEXT BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING
will take place on
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th
Via ZOOM
See page 10 for details

BRITISH COLUMBIA DAY - August 3, 2020





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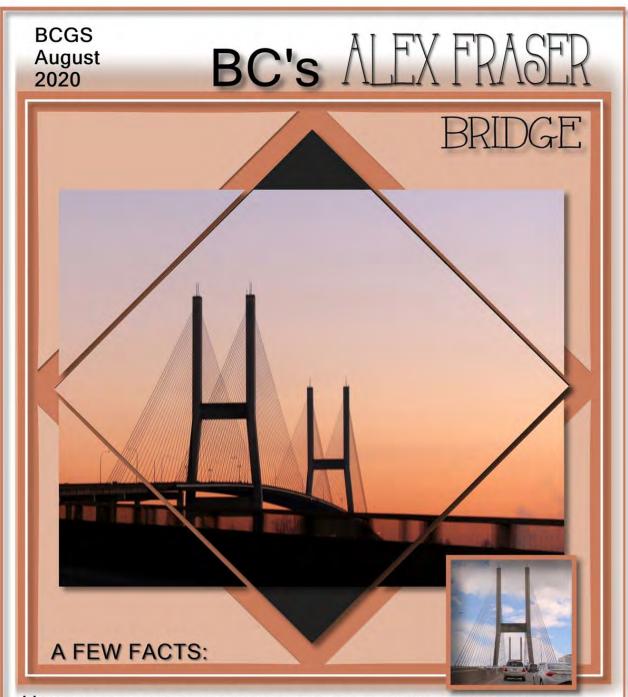
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Check our website www.bcgs.ca for more detail about our Society

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.





- ** A 7-lane cable-stayed bridge that opened to traffic in 1986.
- ** It was the longest cable-stayed bridge in the world until the opening of the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge in S. Carolina in 2005.
- ** Total Length: 2,525m (8284ft) over Fraser River.
- ** Main Span: 465m (1526ft) and towrs are 154m (505ft) tall.



Photos and poster by June Gauntley, member #5112
This poster is from June's 'BC Bridges Series'. Another poster of the Port Mann Bridge is shown in the September 2018 Newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS WEBSITE TEAM



There have been several exciting additions to the BCGS Website. This month, the two featured here are within the Member Resources section for paid members.

We have a partial year membership reduction, for new members only, who can join for \$35 at the following link https://www.bcgs.ca/newmember/bcgs-full-member to take full advantage of these additions to the BCGS website.

BCGS Pioneer Register Index

The BC Pioneer Register Index is now available in the Member Resources section of our website. This is a fabulous resource if you are tracing family members who arrived in BC prior to 1900. It was compiled from information researched and submitted by our members about their family members. It contains almost 4000 names, along with dates and locations of residence. In many cases, more information may be available upon request. Check it out in the Member Resources section via the following link – https://www.bcgs.ca/bc-pioneer-registry-index

BCGS Education

BCGS has focused on genealogical education for years. We are pleased to expand our education offerings to our website. This is where you will find the handouts from each education session presented at our monthly meetings, once they have been moved from the home page. Follow this link - https://www.bcgs.ca/bcgs-education.

We are also excited to feature our Brand New – Webinars!!! Our first webinar is focused on Genealogy for Beginners, presented by Celia Lewis. You can view the program at the following link – https://www.bcgs.ca/bcgs-webinars

If you are not yet a member, you can join from the link on the Webinar page, in order to register for Celia's course.





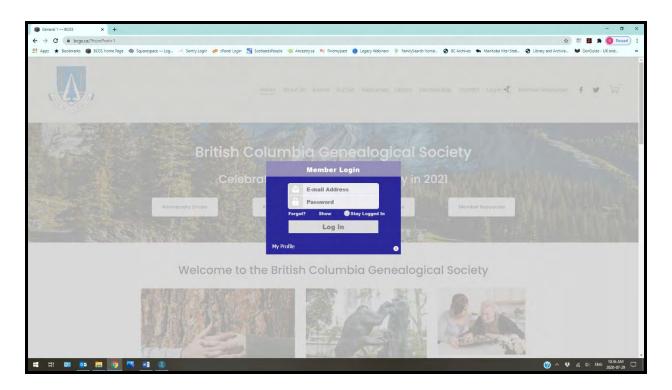


MEMBER RESOURCES LOG-IN INFORMATION

BCGS paid members can log in to access the "Member Resources" areas as follows:

Click on "Log In" on the Main Menu Bar at the top of the page.

The following screen will display.



Enter: The e-mail address you provided to the BCGS
Password: the letters bcgs and your member number
example - bcgs9999
(No zeros required if your member number is between 1 and 999)
example - bcgs999
(all lower case with no spaces)

Click "Log In"

If you enter an incorrect email address or password, you will not be able to log in.

If that happens, please contact the webmaster@bcgs.ca for assistance.

They can provide you with the email address that the BCGS has on record for you and / or password assistance.

MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS eJOURNAL EDITOR



Lynne Fletcher, BCGS eJournal Editor

eJournal News - Such a Busy Summer!

At my house, we've been cleaning out closets, drawers, odd boxes and forgotten cupboards. Some of the discoveries have been eye openers. Beside the egg-yellow T-shirt from San Blas, the Christmas wooden egg and many spiders, I found a tiny Happy Hans pin that probably belonged to my mother, and an **old fashioned shoe horn** from my grandfather's shoe store in Kimberley. This brought back many memories, and prompted an idea or two for an **article about collectibles**. It also reminded me

that I had promised myself that I would prep the paperwork to bring Albin Johnson to our Pioneers Registry.

Do you or someone in your household have a collection of special things? Could you write a story about one or some of those special items, telling how they connect you to a person or some event in the past?

If you're already working on an article for our upcoming September eJournal, I'm looking forward to reading it soon - August 15th is the due date for submissions. September will be here before we can turn around.





GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS - NEW COURSE

Celia Lewis, member #5183

This **4 week class** will cover research basics, software programs, online databases, online/offline resources, and common issues and problems.

There will be handouts each week, plus suggested homework. Taught by Celia Lewis, an experienced presenter and BCGS member, the class will be from 7-8:30 pm on Mondays: Aug 24, 31, [skip holiday], Sept 14, 21.



RESERVE your place by contacting <u>education@bcgs.ca</u>. This class is for members only so if you know of someone who would like to start to do family history, they can join BCGS at the reduced price of \$35.

SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER 2020



All group meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

We will resume when we are allowed by our medical professionals.

In the meantime, join us via Zoom (see above).



A LIVABLE COMMUNITY FOR ALL - PROPOSAL

Peter Whitlock, BCGS member #0221 Volunteers Welcome

The following proposal was put to the BCGS Board at their meeting June 24. The Board recommended I move forward with this and I am looking for a couple of members willing to participate in a few Zoom meetings to work out some of the details on how this could work and make a recommendation to the Board for implementation. If this is of interest to you, please contact me at peter.whitlock@one-name.org.

Livable Community for All - Proposal

My grandmother's philosophy on having a livable community was do what you can to make your own community better and the country will look after itself. Her sister added "make others happy and you will be happy".

Based on these concepts and that Canada and America are "Children of a Common Mother", can we expand on that and say blacks and whites in North America are "Children of a Common Father"? Most Canadians and Americans with colonial ancestors likely have black cousins. A lot of colonial families owned slaves both white and black. (The white slaves could earn their freedom.) I have a couple of Whitlock families who have traced some of their black cousins and Edward Ball wrote a couple of interesting books about these Whitlock & Harleston families who had been made free in 1850 and 1804 respectively.

I would be interested to see if the BCGS could set up a Facebook page aimed at "A Livable Community for All" campaign based on assisting persons with colonial ancestors to trace genealogical connections between whites and blacks and one step at time getting these families together to get to know one another. I am sure quite a few of our own members have colonial ancestors. I have made the point to several researchers that it is far past time they added your black cousins to your family tree.

Patrick and I visited a family Birmingham, Alabama that we had helped prove their descent from the son of their ancestor's Whitlock owner. We also have Whitlock descendants in Little Rock Arkansas who have traced some of their black cousins. I am sure both these families would work with us to promote this concept. The family in Birmingham told us that 93% of all American Blacks have a White ancestor! Patrick's Lynch ancestors owned slaves in Arkansas before moving West after the Civil War.

If we raised funds to operate this program and fund the YDNA testing as required, I am sure Family Tree DNA would likely assist us. We would need the permission of the BCGS to receive these donations set the criteria for their allocation. Depending on how much interest there is in the project I suspect I would need one or two other volunteers to work from home monitoring the facebook page.

Is this something we could set up a BCGS Facebook page for and see what response we get?

If this works I would think the exposure the BCGS will get will be worth it and hopefully result in new members.

BCGS POSTCARD COLLECTION



POSTCARDS OF THE MONTH

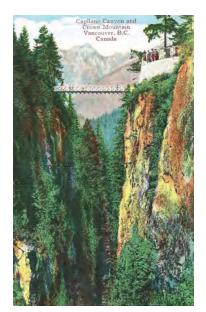
The Story Behind a Picture Postcard - August 2020 Janice Kidwell, BCGS member #5033 STELLER'S JAY (carlottae subspecies)

I chose this particular postcard to recognize **B.C. Day,** which this year will be held **August 3rd.**

Steller's jay is the provincial bird of British Columbia, named after Georg Steller, a Russian naturalist who first described it in 1741, near Cordova, Alaska. There are two subspecies of BC's provincial bird that can be found in Canada. This bird prefers the pine forests of the Stikine River, Hazelton, Prince George area, Queen Charlottes and Vancouver Island. The *carlottae* subspecies can only be found on Haida Gwaii.



This species is intelligent, bold, inquisitive, opportunistic, social and noisy. It eats seeds, nuts, insects, berries, small animals, eggs and nestlings. It also visits backyard feeders, eating peanuts, sunflower seeds and suet as well as enjoying handouts and leftovers from picnic sites. The Steller's jay can be quite secretive and inconspicuous during the breeding season and commonly nest in coniferous and mixed coniferous-deciduous forests, including well treed residential areas. Photo by Ken Buchanan. Distributed by Lakeside Colour Productions Ltd., Williams Lake, B.C. This postcard has neither a message nor a stamp on the back.



CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE

The name Capilano comes from a name belonging to the Squamish Nation that was originally spelled Kia'palano, meaning "beautiful river". Kia'palano was the name of a Squamish chief who lived in this area in the early 1800s. Over time, "Kia'palano" was anglicized into "Capilano", a word that has become the namesake of the bridge, river and surrounding area.

The Capilano Suspension Bridge began its early stages in 1888 when George Grant MacKay, a Scottish civil engineer and land developer settled in Vancouver and purchased 6,000 acres of forest on both sides of the Capilano River. He also built a cabin on the edge of the canyon wall. The following year and with help from August Jack Khahtsahlano and a team of horses who swam the ropes across the river, he suspended a footbridge made of hemp rope and cedar planks across the canyon. The ropes were anchored to huge buried cedar logs. The bridge and cabin became a meeting place for MacKay's friends who were dubbed "Capilano Tramps" due to their long steamship journey and 'tramping' up the trail to MacKay's cabin. In 1903, and after George

MacKay's death, the hemp rope bridge was replaced by a wire cable bridge.

In 1935, the present owner ("Mac") invited local First Nations to place their totem poles in the park. In 1956, the owner at that time completely rebuilt the bridge encasing the cables in 13 tons of concrete at both ends. This was done in 5 days! In following years and under different owners, improvements were made to the bridge and the surrounding area was built up to include different visitor amenities and to this day is an extremely popular destination for both tourists and locals.

Published by The Coast Publishing Co., Vancouver, B.C. This postcard has neither a message nor a stamp on the back.

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.

5789 Robin PIKE of Victoria, BC

5790 Frank GAVAGHAN of Vancouver, BC

5791 Lacey McCUTCHEN of Surrey, BC

5792 Lyle JOHNSTON of Wellington, New Zealand

5793 Leone WRIGHT of Surrey, BC

5794 Michael ARNETT of Kamloops, BC

5795 Rachel SUTTIE of Surrey, BC

5796 George I. THOMPSON of Strathroy, ON



BCGS GIFT CERTIFICATE

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

If you would like to purchase a gift certificate, please contact **Membership** at membership@bcgs.ca



MEMBERSHIP FEE REDUCTION – Do you have friends or family members who would like to join the BCGS? Now is a good time to introduce them to the Society.

A partial year membership for newcomers to our society is available from now until October 31st for \$35.00. Those joining as of November 1st for the year 2021 will receive the last two months of 2020 as well.



YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES FREE ACCESS to the BCGS RESEARCH TEAM



Ann Buchanan, BCGS Research Co-ordinator

Ann tells us that 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.

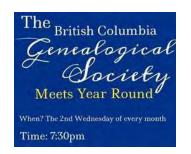
A non-member is charged specific fees based on what they are asking.

The library catalogue is available online at https://20575.rmwebopac.com/ to help you prepare for your next visit to the library.

BCGS MEMBERS' MEETINGS

News about upcoming meetings as well as previous meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. They are currently taking place on line via Zoom.



THE NEXT MEETING is WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th, 2020

SPEAKERS: Gordon Corburn & Frank Gavaghan

Gordon Coburn, President and Frank Gavaghan, Vice President to **The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 177, Vancouver,** are both new members to the BCGS. They will speak to us at the August 12th Members' Meeting about the programs that the Canadian Legion has available to honour the memory of Canadian Veterans such as the Last Post Fund and The Military Service Recognition Book.

Their discussion will include how to record and honour your own ancestors. Since just about everyone has an ancestor who served in the forces, the meeting is sure to be well attended. Check the BCGS website, bcgs.ca, for handouts, which will be located under the Events Calendar on the Home page.

To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the AUGUST MEETING will be held via ZOOM.

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

ABOUT the WEDNESDAY, August 12th BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING via ZOOM

- Our previous Members' Meetings via Zoom were well attended; therefore, we are continuing with this program for the August meeting.
- An invitation from the BCGS to the August meeting using Zoom will be sent to members, so watch your inbox for more details about the website address, meeting number and password.



The Lost Veterans

- If you don't receive the email by August 11th, 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.
- For the Education portion of the meeting, The Lost Veterans with Speakers Gordon Coburn and Frank Gavaghan.







LOOKING BACK at the JULY MEETING



The FOURTH BCGS Members' Meeting via Zoom

Our BCGS July 8th Members' Meeting via Zoom proved, once again, most successful. Of the over 75 members who tuned in, we were able to accommodate members from places too far away to meet in person.

Affiliate members Linda Moorcroft, Sandi Cunliffe and Ellen Marawsky from the Sunshine Coast joined us. Lola Westell writes, "They all enjoyed the meeting and were pleased to be able to attend. See? This Coronavirus does have a pale

rainbow after all and it's called Zoom". Others joining us were **Claudia Cote** from Power River, **Linda Yip** from Saskatchewan, **Lori Austin** of Port Coquitlam and four others in the Lower Mainland who sat in for the first time. We also included two new members and a long-time member, **Gordon Coburg**, normally visiting England at this time of year, participated. At this point, screenshots were taken by **Linda Maitland** so as to include the full complement attending.

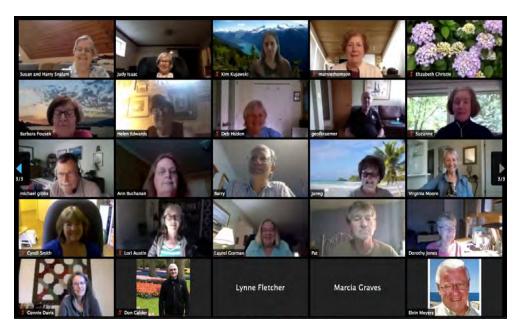
The business portion of the meeting saw the Minutes of two previous meetings, May and June, being discussed and carried, nominated by **Jacqueline Penney** and seconded by **Judith Ueland**. These minutes will now be posted in the Member Resources section of the new BCGS website.

Our congratulations and thanks went out to members **Susan Sullivan** for her wonderful graphic designs for the Surrey Museum exhibit and to **Linda Yip** for her Canada Day talks on CBC Radio Vancouver.



Sheila Albrecht, BCGS Webmaster, walked us through the Members Resource area of the website profiling some of the many items available to our members such as the Pioneer Registry, BCGS Journals and Newsletters, cemetery recordings, newspaper clippings and much more.

During the Q&A time it was mentioned that resuming the Members' Voice area of the former meetings would be of interest. Members' Voice is a time



during the meeting where members can relay a new family research discovery. These talks are usually 10 minutes or so and members should alert the President president@bcgs.ca prior to the meeting so they can be scheduled. This comment prompted a number of our members to an impromptu of successes regaling during lockdown. Frances Ingram has found a cousin through DNA, who provided her with information about a grandfather and great grandfather whom she felt she would never find. She is looking

forward to meeting the cousin when circumstances allow and says, "DNA is fabulous".

Sheila Albrecht was able to prove a father's family through the use of DNA.

George Gordon Coburn presented a family research puzzle and was advised to contact Sharon Clayton, BCGS DNA facilitator, for assistance.

Once again, meeting via Zoom has enabled the BCGS to continue to provide our members with family history information and research assistance. It was a successful meeting comparable to our in-person gatherings prior to the pandemic.



CELIA LEWIS PRESENTATION: Member #5183, BCGS Webinar Coordinator

National Registration Files, UK and Canada - Presentation at the July Members' Meeting

Celia began by explaining that recently there have been a number of exciting presentations regarding the 1939 United Kingdom National Registration File

https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/1939-register/and, thanks to the National Health Service, there are 50 years of marriages available for research.

She continued with the **Canadian National Registration File of 1940** and commented that this registration went into such detail it includes a bastion of personal information far in excess of a census. However, it was given by the Canadian government to Stats Canada for privacy reasons which makes it a hit more

government to Stats Canada for privacy reasons which makes it a bit more difficult to access. One must prove the person being researched has been dead for at least 20 years. If a death is 110 years from date of birth, proof of death is not required. The cost for each research is currently \$45.00 plus GST.



Statistique Canada

She also recommended that one look at the Olive Tree Genealogy website for the actual questions asked in the Canada National Registration File for both men and women and a link to the online order form.

http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2007/10/national-registration-file-1940-1946.html

As an aside, Olive Tree also provides very early immigration to the new world. Check the early New York (New Netherlands) section. As always, Celia provided a wealth of information and actual research detail to our members.

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.

The BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

will open as of August 15th to MEMBERS on SATURDAYS

BY APPOINTMENT

See our Library Administrator Corrine Jubb's information below

NEWS from the LIBRARY STACKS - A LIMITED LIBRARY RE-OPENING



Corrine Jubb, Library Administrator

Starting **Saturday, August 15th**, the BCGS Library is opening for BCGS members on Saturdays by **appointment**. Visitors are expected to supply and wear their own mask as well as to observe social distancing while at the library.

Please email <u>library@bcgs.ca</u> and include your phone number for us to confirm the appointment request. Morning appointments are from 10 am to noon and afternoon appointments from 12:30 to

2:30 pm to allow extra cleaning by the volunteers between appointment sessions and at the day's end.

If you wish to **pick up books**, please email <u>library@bcgs.ca</u> with your list of up to 5 books (title and dewey decimal number), and we will arrange a pickup day and time with you. Please include your phone number for us to easily confirm the pickup and availability of the books. The library catalogue on the BCGS website is at https://20575.rmwebopac.com/ You do not have to log into the Members Resources to search the catalogue.

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. This means that while using FamilySearch.org at the BCGS Genealogical Library, you will be able to view many of the digital images of documents that are locked to home users.

BCGS GENEALOGY CHATS - SOME ARE TAKING PLACE via ZOOM*

Coffee Chats at the BCGS Genealogical Library

When the Covid-19 lockdown is over, come by the library for a chat about your research or advice on where to begin. Bring a coffee mug, a friend, your favourite resources or just bring yourself. \$2 drop-in fee. Spend the day and browse our wonderful resources.

QUEBEC QUESTERS CHAT

2nd Saturday of each month

August 8 & Sept 12 via Zoom*
10 am to noon

With Linda Maitland

lindamaitland@telus.net



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

2nd Saturday of each month 4th Monday of most months

1 to 3 pm

Next chat TBA

With Sharon Clayton

Please pre-register sharonimclayton@gmail.com

EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGYParental Puzzles (NPE)

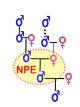
3rd Monday of most months

Monday, August 17 via Zoom*
1 to 3 pm

(See article on page 15)

With Sharon Clayton & Ann Buchanan

sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



BC GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA
With Janet White
jwhite@telus.net



MAC/REUNION GROUP

3rd Wednesday of most months, 2 to 4 pm Next chat TBA

With Bill Clayton

weclayton45@gmail.com



SOFTWARE for GENEALOGY

Next chat TBA

With Angus Glass

<u>liliardsedge@aol.com</u>



SCOTLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Eunice Robinson

eunice@genbug.ca



ENGLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Rob Whitlock

robw.whitlock@gmail.com



IRELAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Eunice Robinson

eunice@genbug.ca



ATLANTIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Keith MacNutt

ikeithmacnutt@gmail.com



ONTARIO GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Janet White

jwhite@telus.net



*Via Zoom - email the facilitator and you will be sent an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom.

EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY - PARENTAL PUZZLES - MEETING via ZOOM REVEREND L.R. FLETCHER - KELOWNA, BC

Ann Buchanan's DNA research resulted in identifying a previously unknown biological father for Rev. Leo Richard (Dick) Fletcher. Rev. Dick Fletcher was 92 years old before he knew who his father was. Now he is 94 and keenly interested in sharing his story at an Exploring Genetic Genealogy "Parental Puzzles" Special Interest Group via Zoom on Monday, August 17th, from 1 - 3 pm.

Mr. Fletcher is a retired clergyman and spokesperson for Canadian veterans at the UBC Kelowna campus. He will make his presentation via Zoom from his home in Kelowna. If you wish to learn more about him, please refer to this link: http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/news/article%202c8b9d1e-01b8-11ea-b9a0-9328f5e50133.html

Please register to attend this meeting by sending an email with the subject line "Rev. Fletcher" to sharonimclayton@gmail.com .

SAVE THOSE PULL TABS and CANS!



Bill Clayton advises us that he has returned pop bottles and cans to the recycling depot to the tune of \$155.00. A small amount, perhaps, but these funds will go towards upkeep of the Library.

Members - please do save and bring your returnables when you stop by the library and Bill will see them returned and funded to the library. Each donated tab or can makes a difference to our BCGS budget.

BCGS NEWS

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

BCGS Special Interest Groups

These are BCGS genealogy groups that meet elsewhere

WELSH GROUP

3rd Wednesday of most months 10:30 am to 12:30 pm



With the Vancouver Welsh Society 215 East 17th Avenue, Vancouver

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NEW CHAT via ZOOM*

Going beyond basics: Chinese genealogy 1st Thursday of each month, 10 - 11 am Thursdays, August 6 & September 3

With Linda Yip, BCGS member and Ancestry Advisory Board of Canadian Genealogists

Are you new to Chinese genealogy and don't know where to start? Or have you been doing your family genealogy for a while and are stuck?



Come join BCGS member Linda Yip as we talk about Chinese genealogy

issues, brick wall busters and the hidden gems of Chinese genealogical research. Bring your questions.

*Via Zoom - email Linda Yip at hello@past-presence.com and you will be sent an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom.



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 or in quarantine.

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

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



SURREY MUSEUM EXHIBIT VISITS Susan Sullivan - member #4887

BCGS has 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.



MILITARY VETERANS GRAVE MARKERS George Gordon Coburn - member #5111

George was able to join us at the July 7th Members' Meeting as a new member. He usually spends the summer months in England but was, of course, constrained this year by Covid-19.

George specializes in assisting **armed forces families** in **obtaining grave markers** for those who have served in the Canadian forces. There is an arrangement between Canada and the United Kingdom for this purpose with the criteria that the marker has disappeared. He is more than willing to help someone make arrangements for new markers. Contact him at ggcoburn@gmail.com or preferably by phone at 778-317-1222.

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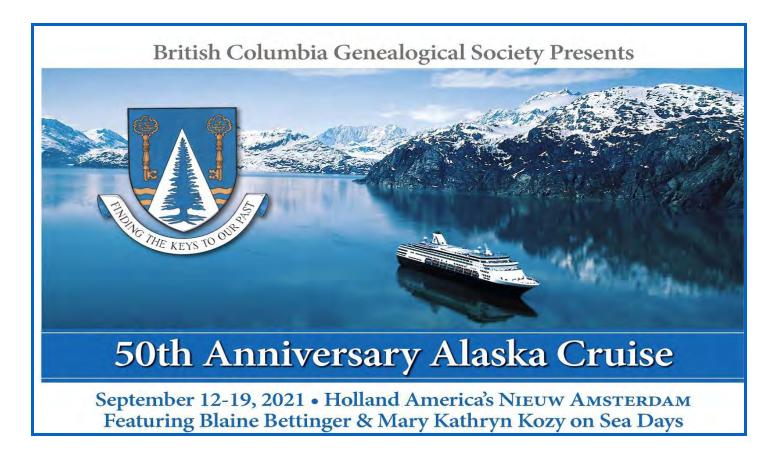
When this is all over, we are all throwing the biggest St. Patrick's - Easter - Passover - Vaisakhi - Earth Day - Ramadan - Mother's Day - Victoria Day - Father's Day - Canada Day - August Long - Labour Day - Thanksgiving party that anyone has ever seen!







A NOTE from the BCGS BOARD of DIRECTORS: The following promotion is being offered to BCGS members who have signed up for the 2021 BCGS Alaska cruise. At this time, with the current pandemic, it is impossible to speculate on where the world will be in 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.



UPDATE: While navigating the Covid-19 lockdown through Phases 1 and 2, our travel agent Robert Marcoux has been busy behind the scenes, securing free perks for those of us who have booked to sail aboard Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam for the BCGS's 50th Anniversary Alaska Cruise in September 2021.

Guests who have booked our group tour will receive:

- Free Gratuities
- Free Premium Drink Packages
- Free Dining Experiences Make two reservations (when onboard) to any of the A La Carte Restaurants at no charge, except for gratuities.

While we wait for this untimely pandemic to run its course, Robert is reassuring. He says, "We are in a safe place to leave things as they are until June 14, 2021. All booking fees (including cruise and shore excursions) that Holland America has received for our cruise are fully refundable until that date."

Questions? Call Robert Marcoux at 604-401-0484 or toll-free at 1-800-354-1869 or email him at robert@getawaywithcompass.ca

To keep up with the latest news about the cruise, join our Facebook group. https://www.facebook.com/groups/503171243562227

BCGS 2020 CALENDAR - AUGUST, 2020

BRITISH COLUMBIA PARLIAMENT BUILDING, VICTORIA, BC - 1898

Image: courtesy: City of Vancouver Archives. Photo construction: George Caldwell, written commentary: Sharon Clayton



Construction of a new Parliament Building was authorized by the provincial legislature in 1893. An architectural contest was held to choose the design of the new Parliament Building. Francis Mawson Rattenbury, a recent immigrant from England, won the competition. His Neo-baroque design included two end pavilions and a 500 foot long façade of volcanic andesite that was quarried at British Columbia's Haddington Island Stoneworks. The building's central dome, topped with a gold-covered statue of Captain George Vancouver, contributed to it being an innovative and impressive monument to the young province.

The Parliament Buildings were officially opened on February 10th, 1898.

GENEALOGY NEWS in BC

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in BC



BC Archives adds more marriages and deaths online

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 19 July 2020 https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=32547

available on its website deaths for 1999 and marriages for 1944.

Despite the pandemic, BC Archives has released new marriages and death records for the time frame expected. The BC Archives expected to receive from the BC Vital Statistics Agency at the end of March the annual release of death (1999) and marriage (1944) records, and it appears that must have happened. A few days ago, the provincial archives made

To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Surrey Libraries, FamilySearch FHC,

Vancouver Public Libraries and all other BC libraries are closed until further notice.







A note from Vancouver Public Library

Ancestry Library Edition

New! VPL cardholders can now enjoy access to Ancestry Library Edition from home for free until **AUGUST 31, 2020**. A popular database for genealogical research, it includes census, baptism, marriage and military records. Visit their genealogy guide for more research help. https://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/ancestry-library-edition

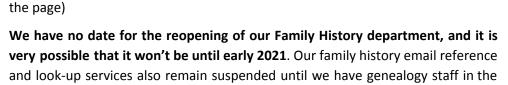


An email from Surrey Libraries Family History

Cloverdale branch. I wish I had better news on this!

Hello everyone, The good news is that free access for you from home to our **Library Ancestry** account has again been kindly **extended to July 31, 2020***. (This is a courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry.)

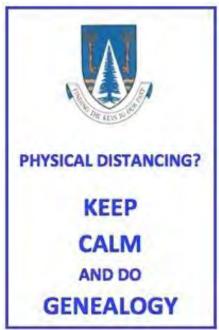
Remember that you need to be (a) a resident of Surrey; (b) have a Surrey Libraries card, and (c) you need to access through the Ancestry login link https://www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history (scroll down to middle of



If you have questions about our extended closure or wish to advocate for an earlier opening for the Family History department, please use the form on this link: https://www.surreylibraries.ca/contact-us. Public demand remains a key factor for moving forward. Thank you to everyone who completed our public survey.

Best regards, Carmen Merrells | Information Services Librarian SURREY LIBRARIES, Cloverdale Branch, Family History Department *NOTE from BCGS Newsletter editor: We haven't heard if the Ancestry account has again been extended, but it's quite probable that it has been as VPL's account has been extended to August 31.





BC Archives Reference Room is Reopening July 30, 2020

The Reference Room of the BC Archives will offer expanded in-person services beginning July 30, 2020, in strict adherence to archival best practices and following the guidelines of the province's "Restart Plan." https://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/bc-archives/visit/reference-room-re-opening

GENEALOGY NEWS in BC, cont'd

19 projects funded by BC History Digitization Program this year

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

https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=32494

The University of British Columbia announced Friday that 19 projects have been selected as the successful recipients of the 2020–2021 BC History Digitization Program funding awards.

New museum to tell story of Chinese Canadians in British Columbia

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 29 July 2020

https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=32597

To help people learn more about Chinese Canadians' contributions to British Columbia, the BC government is taking a major step toward establishing a museum that honours Chinese Canadian history and living heritage.

GENEALOGY NEWS in CANADA

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in Canada



Ancestry adds more records to Canadian school yearbook collection

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 1 July 2020

https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=32412

While Ancestry says they have "replaced old records with new updated records for most of the books found on the site," it appears they may have done more than that. They have added more than 275,000 records to the collection of high school and university yearbooks, increasing the number of records from 1,653,417 to 1,931,243.

Examining Dentistry Records on Canadiana

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 26 July 2020

https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/07/

When thinking about what to write about on my return to blogging, I decided to look at dentists. I wondered what kind of information was available for those with ancestors involved in dentistry. As always, the first place I looked at was <u>Canadiana</u>. It did not disappoint. I found several publications relating to the dentistry profession.

Links to free online Canadian directories available on The Ancestor Hunt

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 27 July 2020

https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=32603

Kenneth R. Marks of The Ancestor Hunt has assembled lists of online city and business directories in several Canadian provinces, as well as in the United States — and the list is growing. These are links to directories available on a number of sites, such as Library and Archives Canada, FamilySearch, Canadiana, Internet Archive, local libraries, and genealogical society collections.

Historic Newspapers

Snipped from Dave Obee's blog, Can Genealogy, undated

https://www.cangenealogy.com/newspapers.html

More newspaper back issues are being placed on the Internet every year. They can help a genealogist in many ways – by providing information on births, deaths and marriages, by noting store openings or major economic changes, or by reminding us whose pumpkins were the biggest back at the fall fair.







DNA GENEALOGY NEWS

Some web links to help with genetic genealogy research



How to Sharpen Your DNA Detective Skills

Snipped from DiAnn Iamarino's blog, Fortify Your Family Tree, 7 July 2020

https://family-tree-advice.blogspot.com/2020/07/dna-detective.html

While CeCe's detective work inspired me, it also confounded me. Why can't I get anywhere with the matches I find on GEDmatch?

GEDmatch Introduces Automated Tree Matching

Snipped from Roberta Estes' blog, DNAeXplained -- Genetic Genealogy, 1 July 2020

https://dna-explained.com/2020/07/01/gedmatch-introduces-automated-tree-matching/

GEDmatch has just introduced a great new tool – automated tree matching. You'll find it under the "Find common ancestors (MRCA) from DNA matches" on the application menu under Tier 1 tools which are available for a \$10 monthly subscription. (Yes, you can subscribe month by month.)

6 Things to Do When Your DNA Match Doesn't Have a Tree

Snipped from Diahan Southard's article on Family Tree, 13 July 2020

https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/no-tree-dna-matches/

No one's obligated to provide DNA matches with a public tree, but it can be difficult to do genetic genealogy without one. But these no-tree or private-tree matches are *far* from useless. Here's how to make the most of your match list even if some of those people haven't yet linked genealogy information to their test results.

GENEALOGY SEMINARS & MEETINGS NEAR & FAR

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





Federation of Genealogical Studies

The 2020 FGS Virtual Family History Conference will kick off on September 2, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. EDT, with an exciting line-up of leading genealogy speakers. This is eight hours of genealogy learning you will not want to miss. FGS 2020 Conference.

Join us to see:

- David E. Rencher, "FGS: Celebrating the Past and Future"
- Judy G. Russell, "Quarantined! Genealogy, the Law and Public Health"
- Ari Wilkins, "Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Research"
- Thomas W. Jones, "Building a Respectable Genealogy, One Documented Biography at a Time"
- CeCe Moore, "Strategies of The Genetic Detective"
- Lisa Louise Cooke, "The 2020 Genealogist's Google Search Methodology"



MEMBERS' CORNER

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



Patrick Keily, member #5414

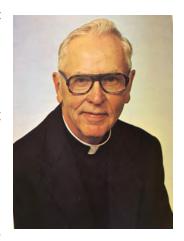
As I Recollect - I Remember ...
Father Kreinbrink

Recently I came across the headstone of Father Victor Kreinbrink, former pastor at the

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Butternut, WI. A quick search on MyHeritage revealed the usual cold facts—born 1913 in Ohio, died 1982 in North Dakota. It's sad that we are reduced to a couple of lines on a genealogy site. Well, I'm gonna add my two-cents (1 1/2 cents Cdn) worth for a man who taught me that men of the cloth are not much different than the rest of us.

I was working a summer job in the 1960s with a carpenter/stonemason/grumpy old German by the name of John Wagner. We were doing renovations at the Catholic Church rectory in Butternut, repairing the foundation, replacing siding, and adding new basement steps. Father Kreinbrink was supervising without telling us what to do, volunteering without working, pretty much trying to look busy but instead was entertaining us with stories - growing up in a small town in Ohio, chaplain of the Toledo Fire Department, places he'd served as a priest, etc. We enjoyed him being around us except for one little detail—we had to be careful of our language. As I'm sure you know, construction work involves the use of colorful language, and neither John nor myself were any different. Gosh darn it, holy cripes, jeez, and similar words needed to become part of our vocabulary.

Upon completion of the siding, it was time to replace the boxing under the eaves. It was made of quarter-inch plywood, and a simple tug on it with a pry bar should do the trick. So, here I was, two-and-a-half stories up on a ladder, pry bar firmly hooked on the soon to be ripped out boxing, with the good father on the ground watching (maybe even praying for my safety). I gave the plywood a tug and found barely any resistance. What I did find, in an indirect way, was that apparently the attic had been the home to countless bats for the



previous 65 years. As I stood on the ladder with no place to go, I endured what seemed like hours but was probably more like 10-15 seconds of dried bat dung, raining down on me like I was standing under a waterfall.

As this powdery mess was pouring over my head, down my shirt, sticking to my sweaty face and arms, I heard Father Kreinbrink yell, "WHAT IS THAT?" Even under these conditions, I still remembered to watch my language, but for the life of me, I couldn't think of what to call it; the words weren't coming to my brain. I started to stammer, "Ah, er, ah," "IS THAT BAT SHIT?" he yelled. I could hardly believe my ears. "Yes, Father, that's what it is." He yelled back with a smile, "THAT'S A LOT OF CRAP!" Yes, it was.

I will always remember my astonishment at him saying that. Hearing a priest swear ranks right up there with learning that teachers actually go to the bathroom like normal people, or that policemen sometimes speed, or that my parents might have had sex. Oh, the things one learns in this world. Terrible. Simply terrible, these falling pillars of idol worship.







Meg McLaughlin, member #3847



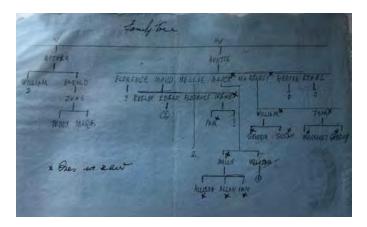
Meg writes about history and genealogy in A Genealogist's Path to History at http://genihistorypath.blogspot.ca/. Read more about her findings in her blog.

Explorations Down Many Rabbit Holes

Are you like me, overwhelmed with things to do now that our lives have moved online? I think part of my problem is that I tend to overcommit myself. It seemed so easy when I was asked to do the write ups on one line of my colonial American ancestors; a writing assignment was right up my alley. No mention was made of the research that needed to be done.

Isn't that always the case? Questions about ancestral lives look so simple on the surface, like rabbit holes. But then you realize they are rabbit warrens with offshoots carrying you off in many directions. So it was when I started the seemingly simple task of reading my grandparents' correspondence from their trip around the world in the 1950s. One-sided correspondence between people who are familiar with each other not only fills you in on what is happening in the writer's life but that of the correspondent as well. So, I found out about my mother's life after just moving to Canada.

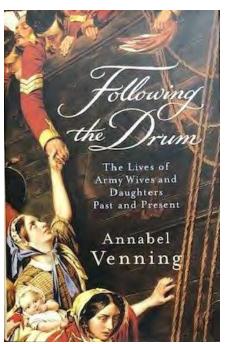
My family's life upon being newly arrived in Canada is something to look into more later but at this point I've stopped reading the letters because of the sketchy family tree (below) of our cousins that my grandfather



sent. Of course, I had to explore that further. What better way than to look up the births and or baptisms of the children on the family tree? Did I mention that the cousins were now in Australia or that their father, William McKay, was in the British Military?

I can thank my younger self for obtaining William McKay's military record from Find My Past. The timeline it contained gave me an idea of where to look for my cousins' births. Too bad my grandfather hadn't included dates on that sketchy family tree. In spite of that, I have found a few of the cousins' baptisms in Malta. Which led to research on the Malta Garrison and more digging into William McKay's record which got really interesting at that point. He was tried for desertion!

Imagine the drama! What happened to his family? But there's that other project, the colonial American one that needs to be researched. The person I'm collaborating with on that keeps sending emails. So, I had better get going on that. It will probably take me awhile to get into those sources as I am not as familiar with US history and sources as I am with British ones.



Will that mean will there be rabbit fewer holes to tempt me as I find out more about the Tripp family in Rhode Island? That remains to be seen but maybe I'll sneak in some time to dip into my new book *Following* the Drum to carry on my research into the British military at the same time.







OF CABBAGES AND KINGS – ANCESTORS OF Janet Elizabeth WHITE

Janet White, member #4310

Ancestors from EDWARD III down to Rev. David ESDAILE have been verified by The Lord Lyon, King of Arms, 9th December 1965, in Edinburgh, under the title *GENEALOGY of Mrs. Alice*Margaret THOM or PYE of Quinta da Mina Lavadores, in the Republic of Portugal. She was the first cousin of Grandma Florence Campbell (nee Muir) WADDELL, first cousin once removed of

Florence Jean WHITE, and first cousin twice removed of Janet WHITE. Our common ancestor is 2nd great grandfather, Rev. David ESDAILE, married to Mary Chatterton LOUSON. Grandma WADDELL's mother and Alice Margaret THOM's mother were sisters. The company, WILLIAM MUIR, BOND 9 exported whisky to Europe and imported wine from Portugal. The family paid four hundred pounds to have this document prepared for their mother's seventy-fifth birthday.

35th GG CHARLEMAGNE, Emperor of the Franks m. Hildegarde

34th GG LOUIS I Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire m. Judith of Bavaria

33rd GG CHARLES II The Bald, Emperor of the West m. Ermentrude of Orleans

32nd GG JUDITH of Flanders, m. to BALDWIN I, Margrave of Flanders

31st GG ANULF I, Count of Flanders m. Adele de Vermandois

30th GG BALDWIN II, of Lisle, Count of Flanders m. Aelfthryth

29th GG BALDWIN III, Count of Flanders m. Mathilde, Billung of Saxony

28th GG BALDWIN IV, Count of Flanders m. Ogive of Luxembourg

27th GG BALDWIN V, The Forester m. Adele of France

26th GG MATILDA of Flanders m. William the CONQUEROR

25th GG HENRY I, King of England m. Matilda of Scotland

24th GG EMPRESS MATILDA m. Geoffrey V, Count of Anjou

23rd GG HENRY II, King of England m. Eleanor of Angouleme/Aguitaine

22nd GG JOHN "Lackland", King of England m. Isabella of Gloucester

21st GG HENRY III m. Eleanor of Provence

20th GG EDWARD I m. Eleanor of Castile

19th GG EDWARD II m. Isabella of France

18th GG EDWARD III, King of England m. PHILIPPA of Hainault

17th GG JOHN, "of Gaunt" m. Kathryn SWYNFORD

16th GG John BEAUFORT, Lord High Admiral m. Margaret HOLLAND

15th GG Joan BEAUFORT, Queen Dowager of Scotland (m1. JAMES I) m.2. Sir James STEWART,

"The Black Knight of Lorn"

14th GG John STEWART, 1st Earl of ATHOLL m. Eleanor SINCLAIR

13th GG John STEWART, 2nd Earl of ATHOLL m. Janet CAMPBELL

12th GG Jean STEWART m. James ARBUTHNOTT

11th GG Isobel ARBUTHNOTT m. Robert MAULE of Panmure

10th GG William MAULE, Merchant in Edinburgh m. Bethia GUTHRIE

9th GG Margaret MAULE m. Sir Archibald MURRAY of Blackbarony

8th GG Margaret MURRAY m. Sir John HOPE, of Craighall

7th GG Mary HOPE m. William GORDON, 3rd of Earlston

6th GG Sir Alexander GORDON, of EARLSTON m. 2, Marion GORDON

5th GG Grizel GORDON m. Alexander GORDON, 5th of Carleston

 4^{th} GG Catherine GORDON m. David BLAIR, 4^{th} of Borgue



Charlemagne



William the Conqueror



John of Gaunt

3rd GG Margaret BLAIR m. Rev. James ESDAILE DD of Perth

2nd GG Rev. David ESDAILE m. Mary Chatterton LOUSON of Arbroath

1st GG Ann Stevenson ESDAILE m. William Campbell MUIR of Inistrynich

Grandmother - Florence Campbell MUIR m. Robert WADDELL of Bathgate

Mother - Florence "Jean" WADDELL m. Gerald Edward WHITE of Victoria

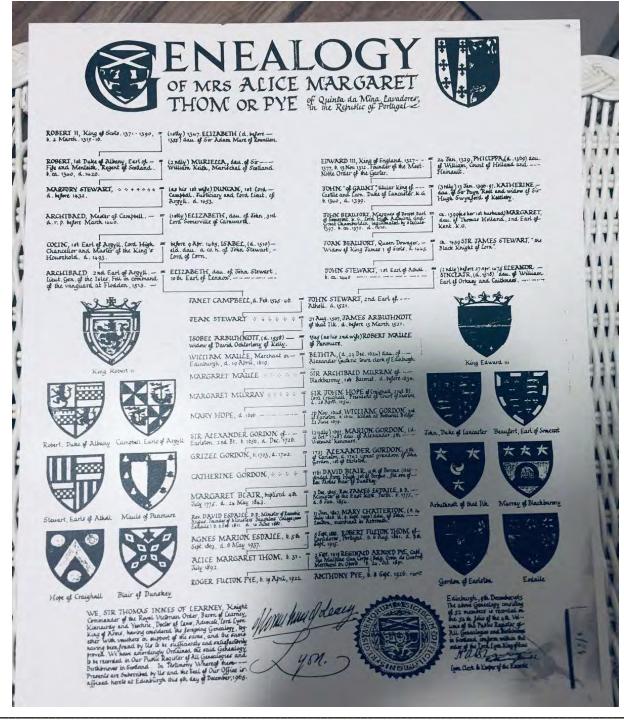
Daughter - Janet Elizabeth WHITE (m. 1.R.HARRIGAN) with 2.Kenneth Robert (ne SMITH) TAYLOR

Granddaughter - 1.Christine Judith WHITE m. Ewan Raeyadh WILKINSON

-Great Grandsons 1.Brody Matthew WILKINSON & 2. Connor Edward WILKINSON

Granddaughter - Catherine Jean WHITE (m. 1.K. JOHNS) with 2. Frederick Aaron MORRIS

-Great Grandson Frederick "Mason" Murray MORRIS



******* MARK YOUR CALENDAR ****** BCGS EVENTS

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

August 6	Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am
August 8	Quebec Questers Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon
August 12	BCGS Members Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm

August 17 Parental Puzzles (NPE) - Exploring Genetic Genealogy - via Zoom - 1 to 3 pm

September 3 Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am
September 9 BCGS Members Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm
September 12 Quebec Questers Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon

Happy BC Day!



Monday August 3, 2020

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