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 Kathlene Sadiq, Surrey #5963
 Leisa Marlowe, New Westminster #5964
 Angela Gilchrist, Langley #5965
 Wilma Nicholson, Victoria #5966
 Erin Coburn-Cumming, Calgary #5967

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

EUNICE ROBINSON #112, PRESIDENT@BCGS.CA

I came across a list that I made up about this time last year, of all the **'things'** that I planned to do with my genealogy. Surprisingly, I actually accomplished a few of them. **How about you?**

I updated several of my family stories, contacting family members about facts that I was missing, and getting some more updated photographs. The most frustrating item on my list was making contact with several DNA matches. I am aware that people just want to have their DNA, but aren't necessarily family historians. Reality, but frustrating nonetheless.

I also started to review the files in my file cabinets. Do I really want this piece of paper – yes or no? No, it went into the recycling pile. Yes, I decided to scan, and now have a digital copy, and the paper has gone bye-bye. But before I did scan or throw out, I re-read each piece and double-checked my file. I must have been very thorough, as I didn't find anything that I missed, but it gave me a few ideas which are now written down for me to check out.

Were you aware that you can enter a person into FindaGrave, even if they weren't buried in a cemetery? I have several family members in this situation – cremated, but their remains not placed in an official cemetery. I am now in the process of adding them to FindaGrave. It gives a closure to their record, and a way to memorialize them.

The next few months are going to be busy with various seminars – both BCGS and other groups. Then there is also RootsTech. So do try and take advantage of some of these learning opportunities. And if you need a bit of a break, remember there are also some tasks that BCGS could use some help with. Or come and visit us at the library.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at our March meeting. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

Until next month – Happy Valentine's Day!

MONTHLY
MEMBERS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

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

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

A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.



SPRING 2023 SEMINARS

Saturday, February 18 – Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation, details below

Saturday, April 22 – Jenny Mallin, A Grandmother's Legacy; a 2-Part Presentation

The Second Winter/Spring Seminar — Saturday, February 18 at 10am Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt, Ulster Historical Foundation



**REGISTER
HERE**

by Gillian Hunt, Research Officer, Ulster Historical Foundation

In addition to baptisms, marriages and burials, the material generated by the various religious denominations is considerable and varied. This talk will explore lesser-known administrative records of the churches in Ireland, highlighting sources of relevance in family history research. This will include records such as vestry minute book and session minute books, congregational and parish censuses, confirmation and communicant lists and ministers' notebooks. We will look at the type of information each of these records can contain and where they can be accessed.

by Fintan Mullan, Executive Director, Ulster Historical Foundation

This presentation will look at sources which can throw light on families in the seventeenth century. It identifies documents relating to the Plantation period (1610–41) and also considers sources from the second half of the seventeenth century, such as hearth money rolls, the Civil Survey and poll books, which are of use to genealogists. We will also present information on a range of resources published in the past few years which can help researchers. The sources discussed will relate to the island of Ireland generally and not only the northern province of Ulster.

AT THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

BEGIN WITH BOOKS is Back! Sunday, March 19



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS STILL WANTED

Volunteers are needed at the BCGS Library for morning or afternoon shifts on the third & fourth Tuesdays (10 am to 3 pm)

Volunteers open and close the library, answer phone calls, log books being borrowed by members, and log back and refile returning books to the shelves. Duty days are changeable for those volunteers who need flexibility in their schedules.

The **most fun** and important part of the job is to welcome and assist walk-in researchers. When there are no visitors, volunteers have bonus time to work on their own genealogy.

The library is open and needs more volunteers.

If you would like more information on what this position is all about, feel free to contact Library Administrator **Corrine Jubb** at library@bcgs.ca



Welcome to the LIBRARY!
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
10am to 3pm.

\$5 per day for non-members
The library is closed all holiday weekends and if there is extreme weather. Please call to confirm hours **604.502.9119**.

Unit 211, 12837 - 76 Avenue, Surrey
There is no parking in the fire lanes. You must park in a designated BCGS parking stall or on the street. Check with the library assistant on duty if in doubt.

Articles, photos, illustrations and images have been submitted by the writers. The material in this newsletter may be reprinted unless otherwise noted. Please give appropriate credit to the original source. Feel free to pass on the newsletter to anyone who has an interest in family history – genealogy and/or genetic genealogy.

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Richmond, BC V6X 3T6
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Submission Deadline for the April newsletter is March 28, 2023
Email newsletter@bcgs.ca

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BOOK DONATIONS

What happens to the donations? Where do they go? How are they absorbed into the BCGS Genealogical Library?

The BCGS Library is fortunate to receive ongoing book donations that can arrive one at a time or by the boxful. Books pass through many hands and steps on their way from our door to the shelves.

1. A Library volunteer accepts the donated book(s).
2. The C Plus team checks if we already have the book and that it is suitable for a genealogy library. Some books are additions to existing sets or involve topics such as family histories; these go straight to cataloguing.
3. Other books are reviewed at an acquisition meeting of BCGS members with various genealogy backgrounds and interests. Rejected books are given to other genealogy societies or sold at events like **Begin with Books**.
4. Cataloguers determine where the books fit best re topic & appropriate subjects for searching in the ResourceMate catalogue. Accession forms are filled in for each book, then the information is added to the computer database and labels, faceplates with donor names, and loan cards are added.
5. Books are filed on the shelves by library volunteers, ready for researchers to use.



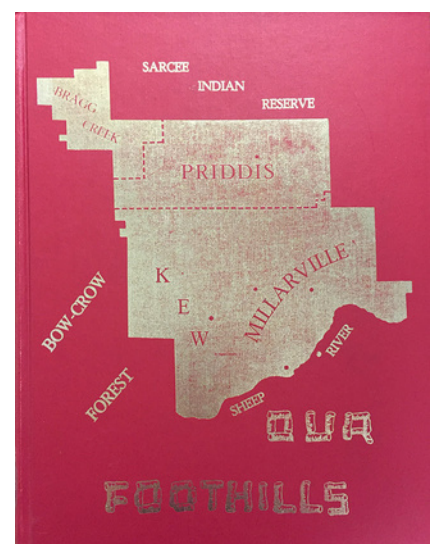
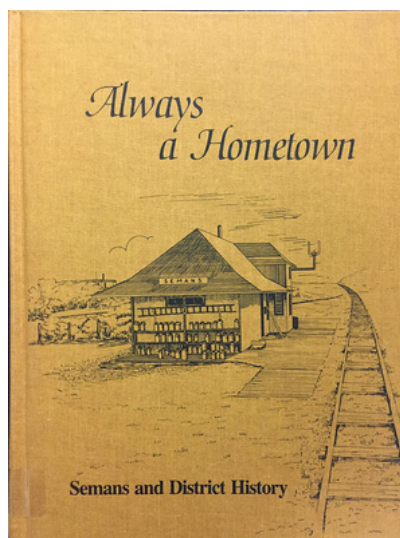
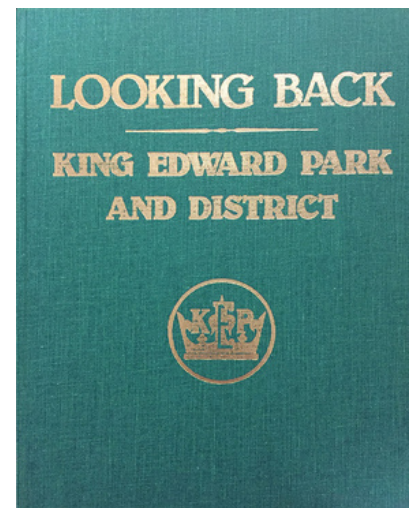
[This crest is a link to the Catalogue. Enter any Cat# to find a book](#)

The BCGS Library has many town histories which include photos and information on their residents, such as these from the prairie provinces

971.233 CHA—Looking Back, King Edward Park and District (Edmonton, Alberta area) by John W. Chalmers

971.234 MIL—Our Foothills: Millarville, Kew, Priddis, and Bragg Creek (Alberta) by Priddis & Bragg Creek Historical Society

971.244 SDHS—Always a Hometown, Semans & District History (Semans, Saskatchewan) by Semans & District Historical Society



GENEALOGICAL GEMS & ODDITIES

FROM THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

CELIA LEWIS, #5183

This is a reference book in our library, as noted by the capital "R" before the Dewey Decimal identification number. If you cannot get in to visit the library and search through the book for your ancestors, remember that you can make a request for assistance.

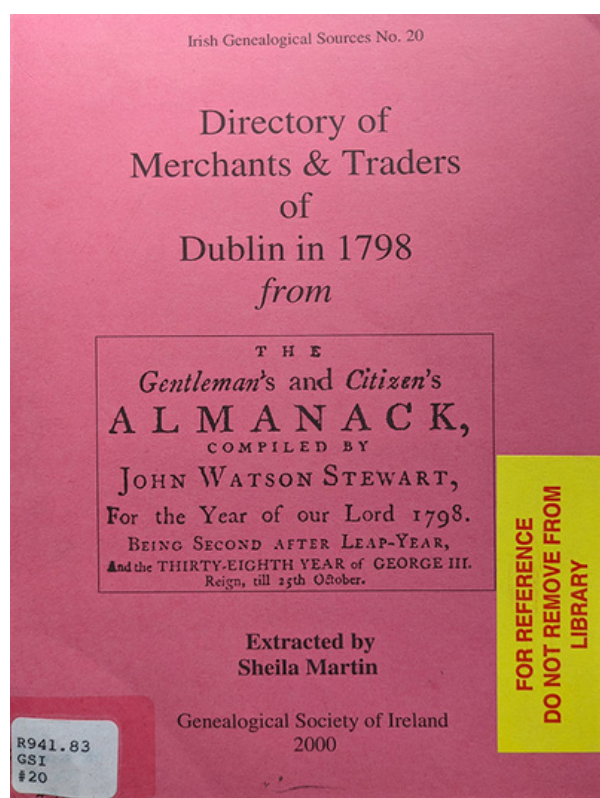
The majority of this 232-page little gem consists of the alphabetized surnames of merchants and traders in Dublin, providing an index by surname, plus first name, street address, and the occupation of the individual. Most are men, but I found several women listed on a quick viewing, e.g., Mary GILLIARD, on 23 Dawson St, Haberdasher; Mary Ann HEVEY, on 20 Thomas St, Grocer & Tobacconist; Mary KEARNEY, on Vicar Street, Pawn Broker. And down a rabbit hole I went, looking for more women Merchants or Traders!

Following the Surname Directory, there is an index by streets, giving the surname only, so one could search by address if known - but still need to search by surname to find the occupation.

This city directory is particularly helpful if you have been able to search your ancestors back to early 1800s, seen their occupation, and then wondered if they might be found in an earlier record or book. Happy researching!

R 941.83 GSI #20—Directory of Merchants & Traders of Dublin in 1798

published by the Genealogical Society of Ireland 2000
(Extracted by Sheila Martin)



*There was a researcher named Vern
Who found some ancestors, but learned
For each one you find...
(it's really unkind!)*
There are still two more to discern!

(by Vern Taylor in Gen-Events-L on [Rootsweb](#))

MEG MCLAUGHLIN, #3847
GENEALOGY BLOGGER

Regrets, we all have them. Like not asking questions when members of the older generation were around. Finding out the bones of a family story at this late date is more hit and miss. Sometimes research can dig up a clue or a series of facts that lead to an event that coloured or even irretrievably altered ancestors' lives. These days, some of this information can be found online. For more in-depth information it's often best to visit archives or other repositories in the places where they lived. Just being in the same area and getting a lay of the land can bring insight—that feeling of walking in an ancestor's footsteps.

One of my regrets is that I didn't start my family history journey earlier. Why did I wait until I was in BC, a place with only a few fleeting traces of my family? I've lived places much closer to the information I seek. If I'd been on the trail already, the pilgrimage to Belle Creek in PEI, where my Mathesons first lived after they arrived from Skye, would have been so much easier from Charlottetown. I spent two summers working in PEI's capital city.

I've never lived close to Canada's largest repository, Library and Archives Canada, but my parents moved there with my younger brother after I'd left home. That was in the '70s during the English exodus from Quebec. It wasn't until much later that I took advantage of family proximity to LAC to do research there. I found some gems, but I'm sure I could have found more. My time at the archives was limited, but I could have visited more often with an earlier start.

The one I really kick myself about though, is PANS, the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. It has been in its present location on the corner of University Avenue and Robie Street since 1980. I've visited it a few times, but those visits involved a flight and finding somewhere to stay while I was in Halifax. How much easier it would have been to visit the archives when I lived in Halifax. I lived just off Robie



The house in Prescott Street in Halifax

on Prescott Street, a walkable distance to the archives, if you don't mind a hike. I was there in the early '80s too, a fact I well remember because we held our wedding reception in that house. Maybe marriage was one of those life changing events in my own family trajectory? Not really. It didn't change as much as my family's move to Ottawa because of Quebec's changing language laws. Not even as much as the long drawn out move back to Vancouver that my husband and I took separately a few years after we wed. Still, it would have been good if I'd started my Nova Scotia research when I was there. Although, not everything is written down. When I think back, I did gain some historical knowledge while I was there. I might not have been poring over documented

sources, but living in the house on Prescott Street was a step back in time. The heat came from two oil stoves, a little nippy on winter mornings, just like things used to be back in the old days. Cooking on an oil stove was an adventure, too. I remember that well. I cooked all the meat for our wedding reception on that old behemoth. One of the memories that lingers, though, is the fragrance of lilacs in the spring as I walked through the North End towards the harbour. It reminded me of the history of the place. I like to think that the lilacs grew so well due to the ashes left when the North End shattered and burned in the explosion of 1917. That's a sense of history not gained in an archive.



In Ottawa with my father and younger brother

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



MEET THE MEMBER

SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

What did you like best about volunteering? *Collaborating with fellow genealogists!*—Bill C

During the pandemic, we moved online and communicating face-to-face became more difficult and less frequent. Over the last few years I have come to know Sharon and Bill Clayton. I didn't know that Sharon is a former "Non-Gen"—Bill got her interested and now she is as keen as him. It was my pleasure to interview Bill—Let me introduce Bill!

NAME: Bill Clayton, retired Roofing Consultant & Registered Home Inspector, BCGS Member #4439

ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH—

How old were you when you started/became interested in family history? I was about 44 when my parents died within months of each other in 1989. After my parents' death, I became curious about where my ancestral families originated.

Which branch of your tree is your favourite and why? My maternal Irish ancestors, even though they are the most challenging for finding documentation.

What have been your biggest breakthroughs? Using DNA research to break down some stubborn brick walls, especially my Gass ancestors from Cavan, Northern Ireland. Both times I visited Cavan's Family History Centre, I was told, "Gass is not a Cavan name."

Which is your most stubborn Ancestor? My GG Grandfather Henry Tighe and his brother Edward Tighe emigrated from Killala, County Mayo, Ireland. They were on the SS *Quebec* between Quebec City and Montreal on August 29, 1824, but I have been unable to find documentation for their journey from Killala to Quebec City.

ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BCGS—

When did you join the BCGS? In 1989, the first time. I let my membership lapse because I did not have enough spare time for research. I've been an active member of the society since re-joining more than 25 years ago.

Have you ever volunteered for the BCGS? I was on the Board of Directors long enough to serve in every position except Treasurer. For many years, I was Team Leader for the library's Facility Maintenance Team and Executive Liaison with the Strata Council.

What did you like best about volunteering? Collaborating with fellow genealogists!

Did you experience any great discoveries at the library? I've made lots of small discoveries at the library because of its affiliate status with the Family Search library in Salt Lake City.



A questionnaire is sent in advance so that each person being interviewed will be answering the same questions. We will have a short follow-up chat after the questionnaire has been completed. Each person being interviewed will get to see a proof before their article is published.



MAGS GAULDEN

Grandma's Genes

Mags has a Leader role with WikiTree—where she currently heads The DNA Innovators Project and The United Empire Loyalist Project. On January 28, she presented 2 seminars to the BCGS—from our Winter/Spring Series

BETTY JEAN'S STORY

CANDY-LEA CHICKITE, #A5832

Mags Gaulden's Forensic Genealogy presentation revolved around her cousin Betty Jean, who had been adopted in 1928. Little was known of her birth or adoption, outside of a cryptic note that was not a part of the official record. The written note appeared on her adoptive parents' Indenture Judgment that noted her birth as November 5th, 1927. Her Consent to Adoption document, dated September 5, 1928, simply said she was "...a female child approximately one year of age...". The Final Judgement on September 6, 1928 recorded: "That Betty is a child abandoned by it's [sic] parents..." and also, "That the names of Betty's parents are unknown."

Fast forward to the advent of DNA testing – it provided new hope! Another gem—Betty Jean's adopted mother wrote a letter stating they picked her up in January 1928. She wrote that Betty Jean was a "bottle baby" with "black hair and blue eyes". According to her adoptive mother, Betty was left at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, Asheville, North Carolina in 1927.

Despite taking a 23andMe DNA test for health issues, Mags also tested with Ancestry DNA and uploaded her DNA data file to GEDmatch and other sites. Getting Betty Jean's DNA into several DNA data banks was especially important, and since Mags is very proficient with WikiTree, she also posted the primary research story there. That allowed for both a biological profile with DNA information, and an adoptive profile. Overall, the search took place over two years, but the good news is that both of Betty Jean's parents were identified, as well as Betty Jean's half-brother.

For me, the two main take-aways from Mags' presentation were to search shared matches' public trees for photos, and then use online social media sites to research the people who show up in the trees!

Mags concluded her presentation with cautionary words about adoption cases. Be prepared for emotional rollercoaster rides and be respectful of everyone involved – make each decision with measured care and time.

WWW.WIKITREE.COM/WIKI/

JUDITH UELAND, #4913

Mags began the session by explaining that the intention of WikiTree is to build a single family tree for all. There are over 972,000 volunteers involved (and expanding) building all the profiles submitted by family historians into one single tree with stories, pictures and DNA.

WikiTree is completely FREE and the site also has an area called **Projects**, where (Team) members' volunteer activities are organized around topics where more information can be added.

A Welcome Post contains an overview of the teams and the project, with a "how to use" introduction. Teams include people who will provide assistance with the project's mission, goals, tasks and notables. Each contribution is vetted before being added to the tree.

One of these Projects is the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada** which can be found under the Canada Project. Another Project under Canada is **The British Home Children**, and she provided another example of trees for children sent to Canada. Mags detailed a case study of one young girl and, through her research, was able to discover parents, a brother and a birth surname for the child.

All of this information provides colour to a simple genealogy tree. Mags' enthusiasm is infectious and she inspired us to begin posting our family trees and exploring the many research aspects of WikiTree.

Second NOTICE of CALL for NOMINATIONS for the BCGS Board of Directors

The March meeting & AGM will be held on Zoom on
Wednesday, 8 March 2023, at 7:30 pm.

In addition to the regular meeting, elections will be held for the positions of:

- **President**, 2023/2024 term
- **Two Vice Presidents**, 2023/2024 term
- **Society Secretary**, 2023/2024 term
- **Administrative Secretary**, 2023/2024 term
- **Treasurer**, 2023/2024 term
- **One Director**, 2023/2025 term
- **Two Directors**, 2023/2026 term

We are grateful that several of our current Board members have agreed to stand for another term. We are, in particular, looking for a **Treasurer**, and a **Director** for the 2023/2025 term.

We need proactive participation from more of our members, to provide inspiration and guidance about the future endeavours of BCGS. Will you stand for nominations?

Contact [Eunice Robinson](#) if you would like further information or to obtain a Nomination Application. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting.



Barbara Stopa
#5728
from Delta,
BC sent in
these photos
from
December 20
& 22— Thank
you for
sharing!



EVERY CAN & BOTTLE COUNTS



TOTAL \$ FOR 2023: \$187.80

KEPT 1,888 BOTTLES FROM THE LANDFILL

Last year BCGS received a cheque totaling \$2,140 from everyone's donations to our Return-It account.

Every bottle & can donated helps BCGS provide for our members & the general public.

Donations can be taken to the BCGS Library, to the Clayton driveway at 14431 16A Avenue, S. Surrey, or to the Return-it Depot closest to you.

CHRISTOL JAMES, #5803

ABOVE: Although "Family Day" did not exist back in the day, many of our families celebrated a Family Day with reunions. This first James Family Reunion took place in Orillia, Ontario in 1937. The local newspaper reported over 100 attended. The widow Agness Hennah James and her seven offspring, ages 6 to 26, immigrated to Ontario from Cornwall, England in 1869.



JOANNE MONTGOMERY & COUSIN SANDI CUNLIFFE #3954 MEMBERS OF SUNSHINE COAST GENEALOGY CLUB

COVER PHOTO:

Joanne Montgomery's photo in recognition of Family Day in February. A Jacques/Pearce family picnic in Sandi Cunliffe's backyard in Burnaby in 1966: Showing off our local sites to visiting English relations. The folks in this photo are all related to us (by blood or marriage). It wasn't uncommon in the 1960s to have around 50 relatives get together for special occasions, especially during overseas visits from family members.



SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

Months	Pub	Deadline	Release	Meeting
March	E-Journal	Feb 15	Mar 15	Mar 8
April	Newsletter	Mar 28	Apr 10	Apr 12
May	Newsletter	Apr 25	May 8	May 10
June	E-Journal	May 15	June 15	June 14
July	Newsletter	June 27	July 10	July 12
August	Newsletter	July 21	Aug 3	Aug 9

Tuck this page away into your memory database! Here are the upcoming 2023 deadlines for the BCGS Newsletters and e-Journals. You can submit any time before each deadline, If you miss a deadline, you may have to wait until the next newsletter to see your published submission.

(PHOTO STORIES—YOURS COULD BE OUR NEXT COVER)
APRIL IS COMING!

April brings a profusion of spring flowers, along with longer and warmer days. Be careful, as this month begins with **April Fool's Day**. There is a profusion of fun and meaningful days, among them is **Administrative Professionals Day**, formerly "Secretaries Day". On **Take Your Daughter to Work Day**, our children explore career opportunities in our workplace.

This year, **Easter** and **Passover** are celebrated in April. Starting with Palm Sunday (2nd), Passover begins (6th), Good Friday (7th) and Easter Sunday (9th). Another significant day is **Vimy Ridge Day** (9th).



Show us your APRIL photo stories and let's see who makes it on the cover! Send photo submissions to newsletter@bcgs.ca

From the Cover; Sweet Valentine's Cards received in 1967

Thank you to Sheryl Wilson, #4937



My Grandfather gave this card to my Gram a long time ago and she saved it. I found the card with my Mom's things after she passed in 2021.

Sue Sullivan #4887

The luckiest day in all my life
 Was the day that I met you.
 The sweetest moment
 when I found
 You'd learned to love me, too,
 But the happiest time of all my life—
 The finest every way—
 Has been each moment of the time
 Since our happy wedding day..

They were married in 1934. He died in 1970 and she followed in 2006.

E-JOURNAL NEWS

Please send
your story and pictures to
Lynne: Journal@bcgs.ca

Next Deadline:
February 15th



LYNNE FLETCHER, #5353 E-JOURNAL EDITOR

THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT

And here it is, the Chinese New Year, the year of the Rabbit. It's a special holiday for some families, but not celebrated by everyone in Canada. I do not recall it being celebrated, or even mentioned in the local newspapers when I was growing up in the 50s. Perhaps that was a result of our location, in a small town in the mountains, but more likely it was because there were few Chinese families in the area.

After listening to reports about the New Year's parade in Vancouver, I discovered that San Francisco, California, claims its Chinese New Year parade is the biggest celebration of its kind outside of Asia, and that a Chinese New Year celebration has been held since the Gold Rush era of the 1860s, when many Chinese citizens immigrated to that region.

I know that there are many special traditions that connect to this celebration – special foods, new clothes, visiting relatives, gifts of many kinds – including little red envelopes of money, and household cleaning and sweeping to get ready. Many of these seem similar to traditions that are connected with my family's New Years celebrations. These were familiar Canadian practices, perhaps with a few Scandinavian items added in. Now there's an area to investigate.

In any case, I will continue to enjoy the special foods in the markets, and the pictures and posters, and to wish my neighbours a hearty "gong hei fat choy."

Oddly enough, when I sing out that wish to my Chinese neighbours, I get a chuckle with a covered mouth and a wave. Perhaps my pronunciation is not quite what it should be?

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A SPECIAL HOLIDAY, ONE NOT CELEBRATED IN CANADA WHEN THEY ARRIVED?

DOES IT INCLUDE DIFFERENT OR TRADITIONAL FOODS, OR SPECIAL PURCHASES OR COSTUMES?

WOULD YOU SHARE THIS SPECIAL EVENT/TRADITION WITH OUR MEMBERS?

2023 UELAC HYBRID CONFERENCE 01-04 JUNE RICHMOND, BC

Hosted by the UELAC Pacific Region Branches (Vancouver, Chilliwack, Victoria, and Thompson-Okanagan), the first-ever HYBRID Conference will be simultaneous with the AGM and other virtual events.



WHERE THE SEA MEETS THE SKY

2023 VANCOUVER CONFERENCE & AGM

Information for the Conference including: Registration, Accommodations, Flight Discounts and other detailed information can be found at www.uelac.ca/conference-2023/

**Mark your calendars and join us in beautiful British Columbia.
We have been apart for much too long!**

Members and Guests will join either, 'in-person' or 'virtually' for most conference events, including the AGM. Eleven Guest Speaker presentations have been arranged for all conference participants. On Friday, in-person attendees will have the opportunity to attend ONE all-day tour. A box lunch is included.

In the coming weeks, 2023 Conference Guest Speakers will be introduced. When the 2023 Conference Planning Committee began their search for speakers, we decided to focus within the five UELAC Regions: Pacific, Prairie, Central West, Central East and Atlantic. We looked for new, exciting, and informative presentations with topics on the Loyalist era. The 2023 Committee promises that our eleven presentations will educate, inform, and entertain all conference attendees, whether they are attending in-person or virtually.

For those who do NOT wish to register ONLINE, we are pleased to introduce the MAIL-IN Conference Registration Form for attendees, whether they are attending 'in-person' or 'virtually'. For those wanting to register online through PayPal, another Registration Form will be available soon on the Conference website.

















































**These four UELAC Pacific Region Branches
are here to help you discover your Loyalist history.
Chilliwack • Victoria • Thompson/Okanagan
and Vancouver**

Find us at www.uelac.ca/branches/



What's Up?
Click here

CALENDAR: FEBRUARY-MARCH 2023

Sunday–Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY MON/6-NEWSLETTER   Mon 6: DNA Intro Chat 1pm	 8 Meeting 7pm 	 9 Wales Chat 7pm	 10 Family History DNA Chat 2:30pm 	11
	EJOURNAL DEADLINE  15	 16 Canada/Ontario Chat 7pm	  17 Historical Photo Detective: Roadshow! 10am	 18 Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt–Ulster Historical Foundation 10am 
 Mon 20: DNA Parental Puzzles Chat 1pm Tues 21: Advanced DNA Chat 7pm	22	 23 USA New England Chat 7pm	 24 Fun Family History 2:30pm 	 25 Marie Palmer Google Earth Pro 9:30am \$10   Genealogy Orientation 10:30am 
MARCH  Tues Feb 28 Indigenous Chat 10:30am	1	 2 Scotland Chat 7pm		
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Coffee Chat Zooms



Also known as Special Interest Groups [SIGs]

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

Would you like to facilitate a Coffee Chat? Contact Eunice coffeechat@bcgs.ca



Wales COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 9, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 16, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT

Monday, February 20 & March 20, 1 to 3 pm

With Christene Hoffert & Sharon Clayton
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, February 21 & March 21, 7 to 9 pm

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham
RSVP Terry Hartley terhart1@gmail.com



NEW ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 23, 7 to 9 pm

With Judith Ueland
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



INDIGENOUS COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, February 28 & March 28, 10:30am to Noon

With Aboriginal Genealogy Association
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, March 2, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

INTRODUCTORY DNA COFFEE CHAT

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1 TO 3 PM

With Christene Hoffert & Sharon Clayton
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCANDINAVIAN COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, March 9, 7 to 9 pm

With Kathie Ross
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



GOING BEYOND BASICS:

CHINESE GENEALOGY COFFEE CHAT

Wednesday, March 15, 10 to 11 am

With Linda Yip
RSVP hello@past-presence.com



BRITISH COLUMBIA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, March 16, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, March 23, 7 to 9 pm

With Ann Buchanan
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca

WHAT'S ONLINE?

The BCGS is continually updating what's being offered on our website. All these great events are listed on the **BCGS What's Up?** page

Click here for a shortcut to the listings

**What's Up?
Click here**

Historical Photo Detective: Online Roadshow!

Fri Feb 17 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Register Here

Do you have an old family photo in your album that you can't date or place? Old photos are full of clues, if you know how to read the evidence. Join us online, with **"The Photo Detective"** Maureen Taylor, to learn how to analyze old photos.

Registrants will be able to submit their own photos for analysis in this Roadshow-style program (10-15 photos will be chosen). Submitting a photo is not required in order to participate in the program.

The deadline for submitting a photo for consideration is February 8.

For this online program, we will be using Microsoft Teams. You will need a computer with a microphone (or headphones) and webcam or your smartphone, or an iPad/tablet.

Brought to you in partnership with the BCGS, Museum of Surrey and Surrey Libraries.



Qualicum Beach Family History Society is pleased to announce its first Guest Speakers of 2023.

February 25, 2023: A Joint Presentation hosted by Campbell River Genealogy Society & Qualicum Beach Family History Society. "Google Earth Pro" by **Marie Palmer**

March 25, 2023: "DNA Workshop" by **Mags Gaulden**

April 19, 2023: "Through the Prairies to the Rocky Mountains: Records of Western Canada" by **Lianne Kruger**

<https://www.qbfhs.ca/category/speakers/>

Members attend for FREE

Registration is required.

Send your name and name of speaker to

presentations@qbfhs.ca

no later than a few days before the date.

Non-members are welcome to attend for a \$10 fee

Send \$10 by e-Transfer to treasurer@qbfhs.ca

no later than a few days before the presentation

(The fee is non-refundable)

Include your name, email address and name of speaker in "Notes"

FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT



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

Fri Jan 13, Feb 10

230-330 pm

Registration Required.
Email
familyhistory@surrey.ca



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5642 176a Street, Surrey BC
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FUN FAMILY HISTORY FRIDAY



Join us for some lively, open, family history discussions in this in-person program.

All levels welcome.

Friday, Jan 27
Friday, Feb 24
Friday, Mar 24
2:30 to 3:30pm
Registration required
604-598-7328 or
familyhistory@surrey.ca



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FAMILY HISTORY ORIENTATION



GET STARTED!

Learn to use one of the largest collections of family history materials in western Canada.

This orientation to our department will help you find online information, books, journals, and microfilm records.

SATURDAYS
10:30–11:30
JAN 21
FEB 25
MAR 25

REGISTER ONE OF 3 WAYS:

- in-person
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FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT

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

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

FUN FAMILY HISTORY FRIDAY

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

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

FAMILY HISTORY ORIENTATION

Saturdays: February 25, March 25; 10:30 to 11:30am

Get Started! Learn to use one of the largest collections of family history materials in western Canada. This orientation to our department will introduce you to our online resources, books, journals, and microfilm records to assist you with your family history research.

Registration required. Email familyhistory@surrey.ca or call 604-598-7328

Please leave a message if no one answers the phone.

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HISTORICAL PHOTO DETECTIVE: ROADSHOW!



JOIN THE PHOTO DETECTIVE MAUREN TAYLOR AND LEARN HOW TO DATE AND PLACE OLD PHOTOS.

Old photos are full of clues if you know how to read the evidence. You can submit your own photos for analysis in this **ONLINE** Roadshow-style program (10–15 photos will be chosen).



Fri. Feb. 17
10:00am–12:00pm
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WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

FREE



Join us for this two-part, hands-on writing workshop.

Presented by Sharon Syrette—author, editor, community historian, genealogist, lifetime learner and educator.



PART 1

THU, MAR 2

1–3:30pm at Cloverdale branch

PART 2

THU, MAR 16

1–3:30pm at Cloverdale branch

Registration for both parts is required.



Email to register:
familyhistory@surrey.ca

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5642 176A St
604-598-7327

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BELFAST CHARITABLE SOCIETY IRISH HISTORY TALK SERIES

February 2023

Our Spring Irish History talk series returns each Friday at 11am (PST) by Zoom.

Details of the latest series of history talks are below:
Social, Economic and Political Life of Georgian and Victorian Belfast

- **Friday 10th February 2023** – ‘Doing the Needful’: Belfast Charitable Society and its Outdoor Relief Scheme – with Aaron McIntyre
- **Friday 17th February 2023** – From New Orleans to Clifton Street: slavery and freedom in nineteenth century Belfast – with Dr Jonathan Wright.
- **Friday 24th February 2023** – The New Burying Ground, Père Lachaise and Belfast’s forgotten cemeteries – with John Ó Neill

Tickets for individual lectures will be released soon at £6pp. Visit our website for details.

cliftonbelfast.com/event/presidents-talks-series-february-2023-block-ticket/

HISTORICAL ROADSHOW

See page 17 for more details

WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS/ WAITLIST ONLY

Two Thursdays, March 2 and 16 (a two-part program)
1:00 to 3:30pm – IN PERSON @ Cloverdale Branch

Back by popular demand! We are repeating this popular program to appease the long wait list from our fall session 😊. Join us for this two-part, hands-on writing workshop.

Part 1 will get you started; for Part 2 please bring a photo to focus your memories.

Presented by Sharon Syrette—author, editor, community historian, genealogist, lifetime learner and educator.

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