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For Our Members and About Our Members – Celebrating 51 Years in 2022

**Zoom
with us
February 9th**

February Beauties

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW
BOUNDARY BAY, BC

Feb 1st Openings!

BCGS Library
Tues, Thurs and Sat

**Surrey BC Family
Search Library**
Tues and Wed

Mask & Vaccine protocols in place

Reveal the timeless beauty of
Nature's special places.
-Fennel Hudson

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Welcome

to our new members

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Interactive BCGS Month at a Glance

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COVER ART

By June Gauntley #5112



Message from the President

Eunice Robinson #112, president@bcgs.ca

When Barbra Streisand wrote her song, *The Way We Were*, you have to wonder, was she a family historian? She mentions *misty watercolour memories* and *scattered pictures*. Perhaps she recently came upon a box or trunk of old family photos.

A friend of mine sent me some old family photos that she unearthed, and yes, they definitely brought back some great memories of the *way we were*. Did we ever look that young? Did we actually have that much hair? And talk about the fashions of the day. What were we thinking??

Starting with the February Newsletter, we have some ideas to inspire you to think about capturing those memories. We hope you will find these ideas and suggestions a way of motivating you to preserve the past for future generations.



Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in March. This means elections too, for various Board and committee positions. We plan to follow the same format as last year - ballots will be delivered by email to all members. Members will submit their ballot choices to a special secure email address. The votes will be counted by scrutineers, and the results will be announced at the AGM. Watch your email for your ballot and instructions about how to vote.

We are hoping that we can reopen our library this month. Looking forward to seeing you there.

WEDNESDAY, February 9th BCGS MEMBERS' ZOOM MEETING

- A Zoom invitation to the BCGS Members Meeting will be sent to members, so watch your 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.



Feature 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. Please feel free to pass on the newsletter to anyone who has an interest in family history - genealogy and/or genetic genealogy.

FEBRUARY 9TH



Marnie Burnham & Susanne Sulzberger
from Library and Archives Canada will be speaking on



Genealogy and Family History: **An Introduction to LAC Vancouver**

This presentation will provide a brief introduction to Library and Archives Canada's (LAC) vast collections and highlight the services and resources available at LAC's service points in Vancouver. Susanne Sulzberger, Archivist, and Marnie Burnham, *Manager of Regional Services*, will provide an overview of LAC's databases and tools supporting genealogy research as well as opportunities to engage with LAC's various teams and collections.

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

**The March meeting & AGM will be held on Zoom on
Wednesday, 9 March 2022, at 7:30 pm.**

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

- **President**, 2022/2023 term
- **Two Vice Presidents**, 2022/2023 term
- **Society Secretary**, 2022/2023 term
- **Treasurer**, 2022/2023 term
- **One Director**, 2022/2023 term
- **Two Directors**, 2022/2025 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 2022/2025 term.

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

If you have a background in finance, we are especially interested in speaking with you for the Treasurer's role.

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.


[REGISTER](#)

BCGS Spring 2022 Seminar Series

The **British Columbia Genealogical Society** presents three morning Zoom seminars with popular genealogists

9:30 am to 12:30 pm PDT • Register at bcgs.ca

BCGS Members FREE • Non-Members \$25 per seminar

Attend All Seminars For FREE By Joining BCGS. Seminars start at 10 am.



Marie Palmer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Travelling Back in Time Using
Google Earth Pro

Marie Palmer, BAsC, BEd, MLIS, is a professional genealogist based in British Columbia and currently working with Legacy Tree Genealogists. After earning a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University and completing ProGen 40, Marie began focusing on client research and speaking engagements. She has completed a number of advanced DNA courses and practicums, which have fueled her passion for combining genetic and documentary evidence to help solve challenging genealogy mysteries.



Janice Nickerson

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

My Hudson's Bay
Fur Trade Ancestors

Janice Nickerson, *Upper Canada Genealogy*. Janice is focused on the Upper Canada period from 1791 to 1841—it is the toughest to research (for beginners and professionals alike!). There are no colony-wide censuses, no civil registration and no centralized repository for church records. Research is not impossible—it just takes a little more time, effort and expertise. My goal is to provide the best and most comprehensive set of resources for family history research in this period. This includes professional research services, indexes for hard-to-access records, free reference resources with information about history, geography and resource centres.

A Third Seminar is Planned for Saturday, April 30, 2022

SPEAKER TBA

BCGS LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT

Eazy-Peazy RETURN-IT Recycling! Thanks to Members (and friends) from all over the province who have been donating through their local Return-It Centres. They have been printing deposit labels at their local depots and attaching the coded labels to clear plastic bags that contain donated bottles and cans. As of Feb 1, Milk and plant-based beverages are part of the deposit system!



604-502-9119 (the BCGS library's phone) **is the code for printing labels at the Return-It Centre.** Return-It employees count the contents of each bag and credit our BCGS bank account.

Donations of bottles and cans can still be dropped off at the Library or in Bill's driveway in South Surrey if that is more convenient. If you have questions or need clarification, please email billclayton@shaw.ca or call 604.329.1721.

**2022 GOAL
\$2750**

February 19th History Expo Museum of Surrey, 1-5pm



Like most in-person events this year, this has also been cancelled.

History of the Mount Seymour Ski Club



MARCH 9TH MEETING

Speaker: Alex Douglas

The Mount Seymour Ski Club started in the 1940s.

Club members work in conjunction with the Archives of North Vancouver (MONOVA)

to organize archival material and photos.

 **Mt Seymour Ski Club**

APRIL 13TH MEETING

Claire Williams & Chelsea Shriver from UBC return
for a new talk about

Wallace B. Chung & Madeline H. Chung Collection.

This outstanding collection of archival documents, photographs, books and artifacts is related to three broad themes: British Columbia History, Immigration and Settlement and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Donated in 1999 by Drs. Wallace and Madeline Chung, the Chung Collection is held at UBC Library's Rare Books and Special Collections.

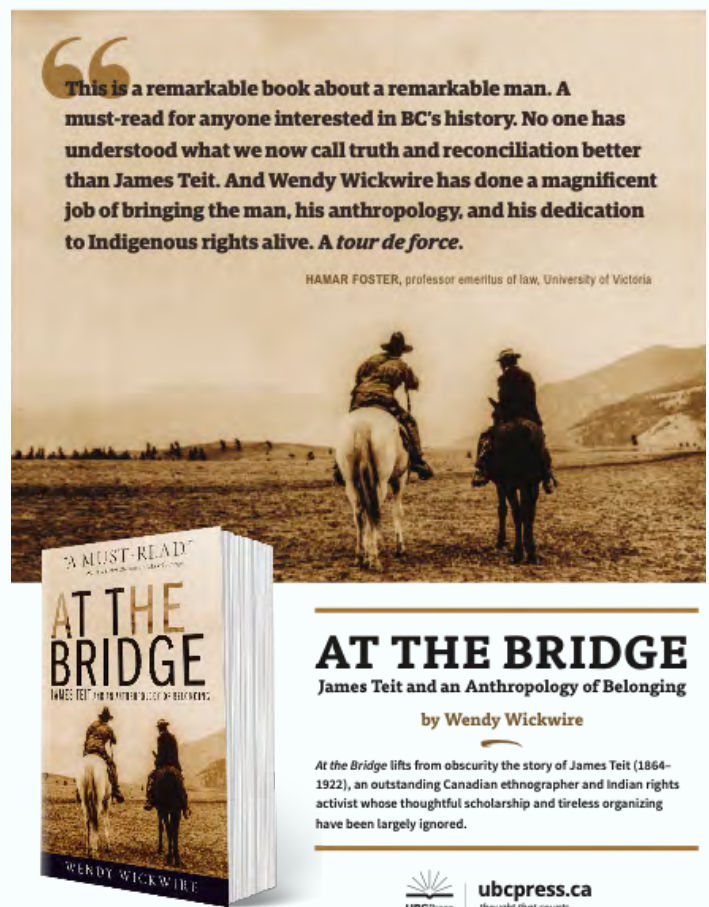
MAY 11TH MEETING

From Shetland to British Columbia: James Teit and the
Struggle for 'Indian Rights' in Early 20th C. British Columbia

Every once in a while, an important figure makes an appearance, makes a difference, and then disappears. James Teit (1864-1922) was such a figure. From his base at Spences Bridge, BC, Teit spent four decades working with and advocating for BC's Indigenous peoples. In this talk, **Wendy Wickwire** will draw from her 2019 book, *At the Bridge: James Teit and an Anthropology of Belonging* to show how Teit's journeys – between Shetland, UK and British Columbia; between Boasian anthropology and Indigenous forms of knowledge; between socialist politics and Indigenous political campaigns – fostered cultural bridges that were rare, even by today's standards.

Wendy Wickwire (emerita) is a member of the Department of History at the University of Victoria. In addition to teaching courses on Indigenous history, oral history, and the history of Anthropology in BC, she has published several other books.

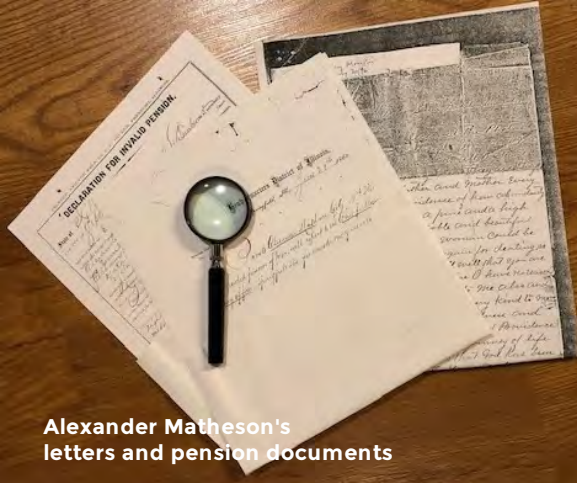
The BCGS Genealogical Library has a copy of ***At The Bridge***. Visit the library and have this book read before the May meeting!



Adding Perspective

by Meg McLaughlin, #3847

Lately, between trying to watch all the Roots Tech 2021 sessions on my playlist before they disappear, my genealogy research has consisted of extracting information from letters.



Alexander Matheson's letters and pension documents

The first letter was dated June 21, 1895 and was the initial contact, after 40 years, between Alexander Matheson and his eldest sister, Margaret. It's interesting stuff and a genealogist's gold mine, containing a synopsis of events in his life during those years. A lot can happen in the time between your 20s and 60s.

When he finally found his sister Margaret Thomson, she was living in Owen Sound, Ontario. I was surprised to see that Alex had visited that location himself in the mid-1850s which, in a later letter, he described as a backwoods village and added: "It was the poorest place for my trade. That was the reason I did not stay there." There were quite a few places mentioned in his correspondence, so I'm accumulating a lot of potential research areas as I go along.

After a time, Alex went to visit his sister and her family. He must have found Owen Sound a lot different from the place he remembered. He got around well for a man troubled by rheumatism, the aftermath of his wounds that he came by as a soldier in the Union Army during the US Civil War. By the time he went to visit the Thomson family, he had exchanged letters with not only his sister, but her husband and many of his nieces and nephews. It must have been quite something to see them in person, many of them for the first time, and wonderful that the ice was already broken through the exchange of correspondence.

I'm only about halfway through the letters. Did I mention that there are 19 of them? It's a long slow process, particularly as

various passages make me stop and think. There was one that made me pause for a while. It was in a letter that Alex wrote on March 9, 1916 and was in the closing sentiments of the missive. Alexander Matheson wrote: "I sincerely hope our beloved country will not be drawn into this war. We know what war means. Our people are neutral of course at the same time their sympathies are with the allies. Our country furnishing the allies a great deal of material. Our good President has done everything possible to keep out of the war." Until I read these words, I had never before thought that the US Civil War was still in the living memory of people in the US when WWI started. I had always thought of the two wars separately as they were fought in such different eras. For me, it put a different perspective on the US reluctance to join the allies in WWI.



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

The Story behind a Postcard

THE HISTORY OF REVELSTOKE, BC

by Janice Kidwell,
#5033

The postcard is dated February 25, 1914; the stamp is of King George V. It is addressed to a Mrs. A. Urquhart in Vancouver. The message is: *"Thanks for the invitation. Sorry I cannot be with you tonight. Many happy returns of the day to you and Mr. Urquhart". Signed "GAD".*

The postcard was made in Great Britain; W.B.4111.



Revelstoke Dam, BC



Revelstoke is in the southeastern part of our Province, located on the Columbia River and the Trans Canada Highway between the Monashee and Selkirk Mountain ranges. It borders on Mount Revelstoke National Park.

The Revelstoke Dam, also known as Revelstoke Canyon Dam, is a hydroelectric dam spanning the Columbia River, 5 km north of Revelstoke, BC, Canada. The powerhouse was completed in 1984.

Craigellachie, the site of the 'driving of the last spike' to complete the Canadian Pacific Railway and unite our country, is a 30 minute drive west of Revelstoke.

Revelstoke was founded in the 1880s during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR.) The original name of the settlement was Farwell, named after local land owner

and surveyor A.S. Farwell, who applied for a Provincial grant for land. In earlier days, the spot was called the Second Crossing to differentiate it from the first crossing of the Columbia River by the Canadian Pacific Railway at **Donald**. The CPR had assumed that all the land would be under their control, as part of a deal they had with the Dominion government. When the CPR reached here, they disputed Farwell's claim to this land, refused to deal with him, and located their station and yards east of his townsite. This created a rival townsite, and within a few years, resulted in the business district relocating from Front Street, on the riverbank, up to Mackenzie Avenue and First Street, where business owners would be closer to the station and have easier access to their goods.

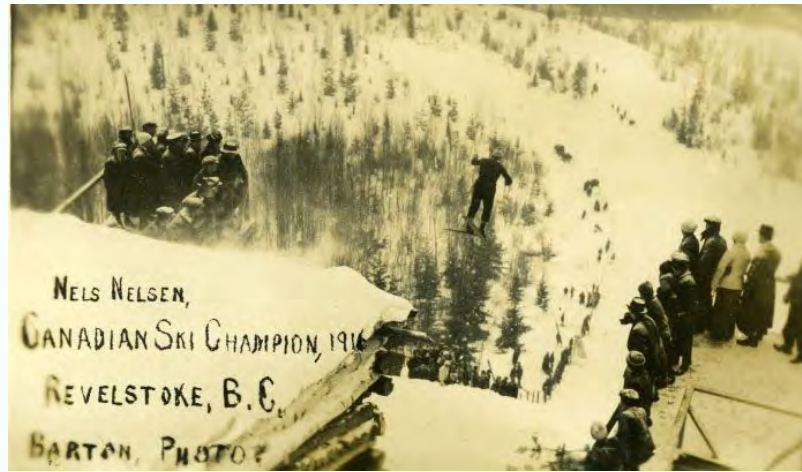
In 1886, the CPR asked the federal post office department to change the name

of the settlement to honour Lord Revelstoke, whose British investment and banking firm—**Baring Brothers & Co.**—had provided the funds to ensure the completion of the railway. A court case between the CPR and Farwell delayed development of the town for many years, and it was 1897 before landowners could get clear title to their property and 1899 before the City of Revelstoke was incorporated.

At one time, Revelstoke was one of the largest and most prominent communities in the interior of the province, mostly due to its importance as a railway centre. Steamboat traffic from the south connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway making this an important transportation centre. The city had big city amenities and large businesses, including C.B. Hume's Department Store, which in the early 1900s was the largest department store in the interior of the province. Settlers came from many places including Great Britain, Europe, Ukraine and Asia.

Mining, forestry (logging, sawmills) and transportation have always played an important part in Revelstoke's economy and provided notable employment. A gold rush along the Columbia River just north of Revelstoke took place in the 1860s, prior to the establishment of a

townsite, and it is estimated that in two years, over \$3,000,000 in gold was mined. Mining in this region has taken place intermittently since that time.



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The history of skiing in Revelstoke dates to 1890, when a Norwegian miner arrived in town wearing what the locals referred to as "Norwegian snowshoes." Soon after, the first ski club formed, and in 1915, the local Scandinavian population started the Revelstoke Ski Club and held the first Winter Sports Carnival. In successive years there have been additions—ski jump, downhill and slalom runs built — an international Tournament of Champions and since the 1970s, heli-skiing. Nels Nelsen was the local ski hero from 1916 to the 1930s, setting a world record in 1925 with a jump of 250 feet.

Renewal Winners



Thank you to everyone who renewed by December 31st! We promised prizes and there were winners.

5683 - Jeffrey Rouger Terrace
5062 - Leslie Grant
5443 - Bernard Euland
1046 - Sheila Albrecht
5859 - Kerry Snider

Kicking-Off of a NEW Regular Feature



W MEMORY LN

by Susan Snalam, #4403

One of the ways our family members have kept connected over the past couple of years is to communicate via Zoom, Skype or Facetime with friends and family all over the world.

We have a very special genealogist friend in London, England, who we meet with weekly via Zoom, and we never run out of things to talk about!

At the beginning of 2022, we decided to challenge each other to start writing a page or two on a given subject. The objective was to record our **memories** for our children and grandchildren.

Some of us type, others use speech to text technology. We get a lot of pleasure out of locating old photographs to illustrate our writing, or even finding suitable pictures on the Internet, if we don't have any personal photos available. None of us are authors and we are not intending to publish our writing, just to pass it on to those we care about the most. We are finding that doing this with a close friend keeps us accountable and helps to motivate us.

After mentioning this idea to Eunice, we decided to put the idea out there at the January BCGS meeting. As a result, we will be providing four questions in the Newsletter each month for anyone who would like to take up the challenge to write down their past experiences.

If you don't have much time, even one short article per month would mean that by the end of the year you would have a collection of short stories recorded.

If you are interested in seeing yourselves in print, Sue Sullivan and the Newsletter team would welcome your memories to publish in a future newsletter. *Submissions directions are on page 12.*

We have endeavored to find four interesting and diverse questions each month. If you don't feel like any are suitable for you, you can make up your own. The objective is to **have fun and collect memories** for others to enjoy!

Monthly Questions



1.

When and where were you born? Write about your home, neighborhood, town, country etc.

2.

Who were your parents and grandparents? What were their occupations etc.

3.

What are some of your earliest (first 4 or 5 years) childhood memories? Write about both happy or sad.

4.

What do you remember about the changes in telephones over the years?

Guidelines for submissions:

Send to: newsletter@bcgs.ca

Subject heading: Member Memories

Include/attach:

- Your name & member #

Formats to use:

- Typed directly in email **OR**
- a Word doc attachment

Length:

You can write as much or as little as you like. Space is limited in the newsletter, so you can send highlights of what you recorded or a summary to keep it shorter. The suggestion is **350 words or less**.

Photos: optional. *Your own personal photos only, without copyright. Do not send photos found on the Internet, unless you took the photos.*

Submission deadlines:

The **18th of each month** for publication in the following month.

Note: Depending on the number and length of submissions, proofs will not be sent before publication. Please take the time to check spelling, grammar, and remove all double spaces. If it is too long, we may ask you to reduce the number of words.

FEBRUARY MEMORY



Memories of My Elementary School Building

by **Brenda Jones, #5852**

A red bricked school house, built in the early 1900s, now torn down. The front of the building faced a busy, four-lane street. The sides of the building followed quiet suburban streets with simple single framed houses on good sized lots.

The local history documents the location of the school. The library keeps record of some who shared their experiences while attending the school. The classroom photos and records of those who worked in the school are well preserved.

It has been over 50 years since I graduated from this red bricked school building, but it seems like only yesterday that I walked through it. I vividly recall the location of each room in the building, the hallways and staircases that connected the building, and the playground that jutted out at the back of the building.

Photos of the building do not capture these unique attributes, and stories usually leave out the physical environment that stays in my memory. I felt it important to document this memory for future generations to appreciate.

My journey through the building begins with the kindergarten room at the end of the school, farthest from the busy road. This large room had large bay windows that brought sunlight from the playground. It could be accessed through the back entry doors, at the far side of a small foyer outside the classroom. After entering the doors and walking past the kindergarten room, going down a few steps led into a hallway of classrooms that lined the side of the building facing the quiet street.

Each classroom looked the same - desks and chairs in straight rows, chalkboard at the front of the classroom, and large windows on the far wall with a door leading to the outside in the farthest back corner of the room. The last classroom in the row



differed from the others, since it was the Home Economics room, equipped with an area for sewing and another for cooking.

Walking up the hallway, towards the front of the building, was another foyer with entry doors to the playground on one side and to the quiet street on the other. Right by the playground doors was a short flight of stairs down to the Industrial Arts room.

Continuing to walk through the foyer, it was necessary to climb a longer staircase leading to the second floor. After passing one classroom on the left, there were two classrooms on the right, facing the playground. Both were large rooms.

The front hallway quickly ended with a right turn to a shorter hall, ending with another staircase leading down to the main floor, but on the opposite side of the building. At the bottom of the staircase, entry doors on the right led to the playground. Turning left, double doors led into the school gym.

My mind and growth were nurtured in this building through the most influential years of my youth. I developed my creative and intellectual interests, learned from instructors with distinctive traits, and managed to survive the emotional ups and downs of childhood.

Even though the building was torn down, I will continue to walk, in my mind, through the hallways and classrooms where I spent my growing years, and recall the people and events that made the building more than just red brick walls.

Digital Assets Estate Planning PART 1

by Deborah Ross, #5892

Technology has changed the way we go about our lives — and the way we go about planning for death. As our digital footprints continue to grow, so does the importance of managing our digital assets after our demise.

When we pass on, we leave behind an abundance of digital assets, which are essentially any type of record in digital form — such as documents, accounts, photographs, emails and social media posts. If we have a Will, then it is our executor's responsibility to secure our physical assets as well as our digital assets.

In terms of securing digital assets, there are a few categories to keep in mind. The more obvious ones are financial accounts—including bank accounts and online payment services, such as PayPal—as well as any crypto currencies the deceased may have owned. Online rewards points, such as Air Miles, also will need to be transferred to the estate. Digital collections, such as photos, videos and music files, may not have financial value, but are likely to carry sentimental value and are worth including in an estate plan.

Securing an asset also may mean terminating or “memorializing” a social media profile such as a Facebook or LinkedIn account. Memorializing means the account is locked but viewable, with an indication that the owner has died. If you want an account memorialized, you have to document that decision in your estate plan.

Also important to note is the difference between digital “property,” such as purchased music or a manuscript stored online, versus accounts with streaming services, such as Spotify or Netflix, where you do not own any rights. The latter types of accounts need to be properly administered, but are not “assets.” Digital assets unaccounted for in an estate plan can present a challenge for executors. Uncovering the extent of a person's life online, and securing those assets, can be more challenging than working with physical assets. For example, there are many online accounts for which there is no physical record to alert executors of their existence.

Digital assets can be likened to a storage locker. In the same way you would never know that there is a storage locker somewhere, you wouldn't know what digital assets there are and the value they may have if they are not documented.

Certain tech giants, such as Alphabet Inc. (Google's parent), Facebook Inc. and Apple Inc., have introduced options that enable users to select what happens to their accounts when the user dies. However, the vast majority of people have yet to take advantage of this feature.

There also is the question of the costs versus benefits of acquiring someone's digital assets. In some cases, recovering the asset may not be worthwhile, as some types of digital assets hold little or no value—financial or sentimental.

There is great value in a person cleaning up their digital life while they are alive, such as deleting accounts that are no longer in use. Much like you would downsize your physical life — you should do it online as well.

Many online organizations have increased their security and authentication requirements in recent years to protect users' identities, creating yet another hurdle for executors. If you have not provided clear instructions — or logged those instructions with the organization — your executor may be forced to close all accounts to avoid identity theft.

Facebook Account

www.facebook.com/help/103897939701143/?helpref=uf_share

Google Account

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/3036546>

Apple Account

<https://appleinsider.com/articles/21/01/02/what-to-do-about-apple-devices-and-icloud-content-when-the-owner-dies>

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THE DISCRIMINATING GENEALOGIST: TELLING GOOD EVIDENCE FROM BAD by Judy G Russell

Presented by Qualicum Beach Family History Group

February 8 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm,

\$10 for QBFHS non-members

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

The “best evidence” rule in law requires the presentation in court of an original rather than a copy, and a copy won’t even be admitted if the original is available. In genealogy, our rules require us to do the same: to discriminate, choose in favor of, prefer certain types of evidence to others, certain bits of information to others, certain sources to others.

An internationally-known lecturer, course coordinator and faculty member at numerous genealogical institutes, Judy holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM from the Board for Certification of Genealogists®. Her award-winning blog appears at The Legal Genealogist here <https://www.legalgenealogist.com>.



RootsTech 2022–March 3-5

Registration is now open for RootsTech 2022, the largest family history event in the world. The annual event, sponsored by FamilySearch, will be online

[Click here to Register.](#)



International Society for British Genealogy
and Family History

February 12th– 8am PST

EMIGRATION FROM ISLE OF MAN
with *SUE MCNELLY*

February 26th–8a m PST

JUST ACROSS THE BORDER: CANADIAN
BORDER RECORDS
with *KATHRYN LAKE HOGAN*

March 12th–8am PST

UNDERSTANDING OLD HANDWRITING
with *MARGARET FOX*

March 26th–8am PST

TITANIC: HONOUR AND GLORY
with *SEAN SZMALC*

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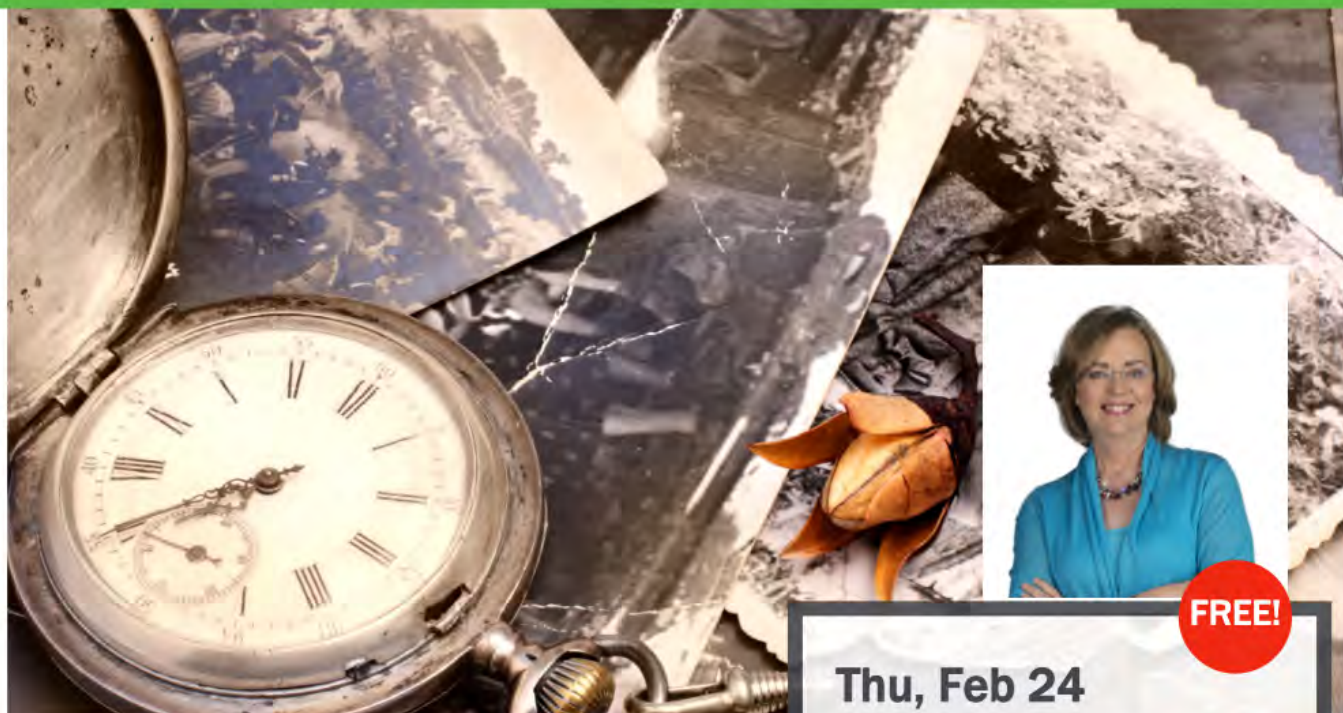
Subscriptions are available if you wish
to have unlimited access to all
webinars and handouts.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS](#)

There are 10 free webinars listed for
February 2022

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER BY EMAIL FOR THIS SEMINAR](#)

HISTORICAL PHOTO DETECTIVE: ROADSHOW!



FREE!

Thu, Feb 24

10:00am–12:00pm

Registration required

604-598-7328 or

familyhistory@surrey.ca

JOIN THE PHOTO DETECTIVE MAUREEN 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).



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Vernon & District Family History Society

PRESENTS
Five Virtual Seminars
 over three days
25, 26, 27 February 2022

FRIDAY EVENING



Editor, Publisher and
 Lecturer
DAVE OBEE
 7:00 p.m.
**“Destination
 Canada”**
 Immigration into Canada
 from Europe, Asia,
 United States.

SATURDAY MORNING



President of the
 Association of
 Professional
 Genealogists

**Annette
 Burke
 Lyttle**

9:00 a.m. **“Genealogical
 Proof for the
 Everyday
 Genealogist”**

10:30 a.m. **Border - What
 Border?**
 Learn how to find
 elusive ancestors that
 lived cross-border
 lives.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Genealogy
 Educator and
 Scottish Emigrant

**Christine
 Woodcock**

1:00 p.m. **“On-line resources for
 Scottish Research”**

Websites to consider for
 filling in the details of your
 Scottish ancestors’ lives.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Teacher,
 Facilitator,
 Lecturer

**M. Diane
 Rogers**

2:30 p.m. **“Adding DNA to
 your genealogy
 and family
 history tools”**

For more details about the presenters and the topics on which they will
 be speaking, please go to the Society’s web page:
 <www.vdfhs.com>

REGISTER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 24

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Report from between the Library Stacks

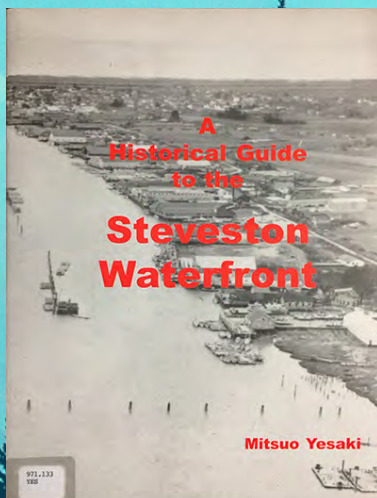
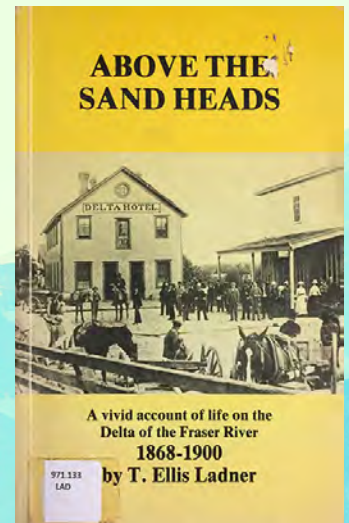
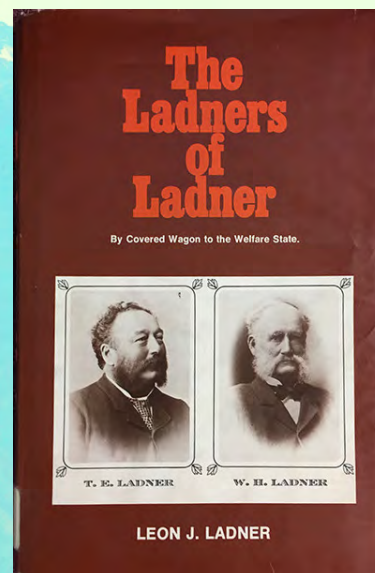
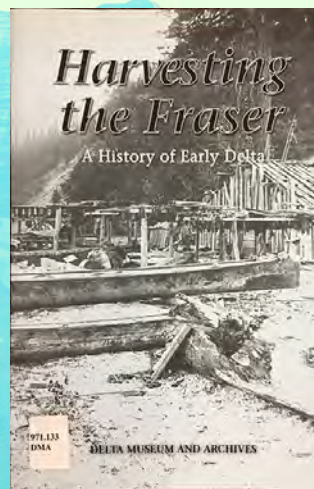
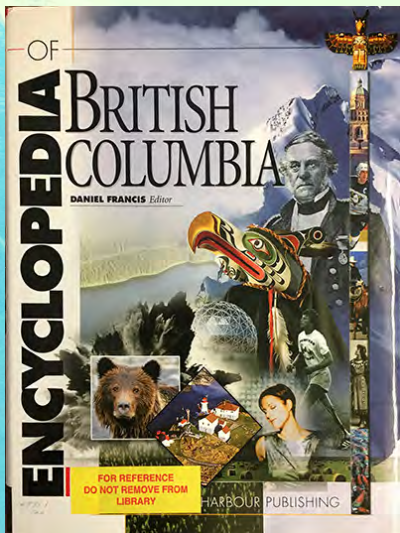
Corrine Jubb #5215,
BCGS Library Administrator



This year's submissions will all be BC books on a geographic tour of our province, starting in the lower mainland south of Vancouver, heading north in BC, then down the length of Vancouver Island to end in Victoria. Most of our genealogy research tends to focus as far back in time and place as we can go. But to add information to more recent ancestors in British Columbia, the BCGS Library books can add local context such as occupations, cemeteries, town histories, etc.

Books for places in the Lower Mainland, south of Vancouver:

- 971.1 FRA **Encyclopedia of British Columbia** by Daniel Francis (re places & people)
 971.133 DMA **Harvesting the Fraser, a History of Early Delta** by Terrence Philips
 971.133 LAD **The Ladners of Ladner** by Leon J Ladner
 971.133 LAD **Above the Sand Heads, a vivid account of Life on the Delta of the Fraser River 1868-1900** by T. Ellis & Edna G. Ladner
 971.133 YES **A historical Guide to the Steveston Waterfront** by Mitsuo Yesaki



LIBRARY POLL FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

Maybe you missed the meeting... Maybe it happened so fast, that you can't remember what happened... Maybe you don't understand why the poll was taken.

Here are the stats gathered:

Why were you asked?

The library is not being used nearly enough, and many volunteers put in a lot of love to keep it fresh, safe, and rich with information. The library is the diamond of our society - we want you to spend some time exploring and understand the tremendous value it holds for genealogists—even for "Online" family historians.

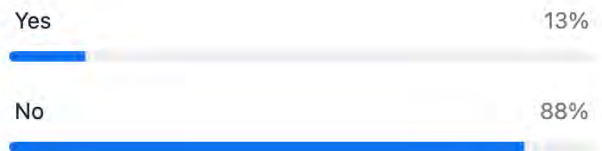
1. How often do you visit the BCGS Library? (Single Choice) *



2. If you do not regularly visit the library, is it because: (Multiple Choice) *



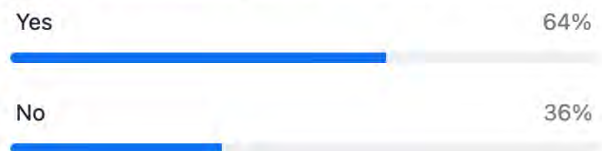
3. Would you visit the BCGS library more often if you could access Ancestry.com from there? (Single Choice) *



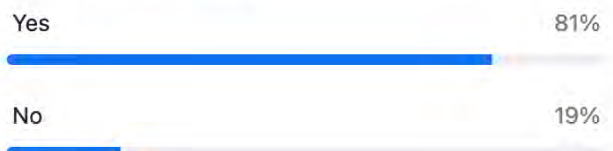
4. Would you visit the library more often if you could access Find My Past from there? (Single Choice) *



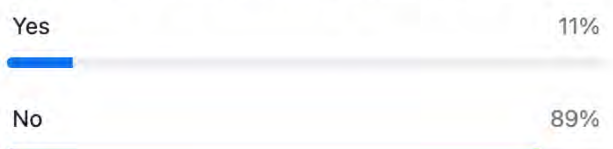
5. Would you visit the library more often if you could access Newspapers.com from there? (Single Choice) *



6. Were you aware that the BCGS is affiliated with FamilySearch.org, which means that many records not available to home users can be accessed at our library? (Single Choice) *



7. Can you suggest any other resources that we could add to the library that would make it more useful for you? If your answer is yes, please make a note of your suggestion in the meeting chat box. (Single Choice) *





It's time to check our passport expiry dates.

Holland America requires our passports to be valid for six months past our disembarkation date, September 24, 2022 – Expiry dates must be after March 24, 2023.

Do you have questions about insurance options?

Robert Marcoux can provide information about all our insurance needs, including coverage for Covid. Contact Robert at robert@travelwithrobert.ca

We can now use our Holland America booking confirmation numbers to sign in at hollandamerica.com and download personalized eBrochures.

604-401-0484 Robert@travelwithrobert.ca

EXCURSIONS TO START DREAMING ABOUT



Message from the BCGS eJournal Editor

I discovered a new word last week, and a new way to celebrate Christmas. This new word, **Jolabokafloð**, comes from an Icelandic word *Jólabókaflóðið*, that can be translated roughly as 'the Christmas book flood'. It represents a relatively new tradition, one that began in the 1940s, after Iceland gained its independence from Denmark. As paper wasn't rationed during World War II, books became a preferred gift, one that was easily available. This flood of books begins on Christmas Eve, when presents are exchanged. After this exchange, each person takes their book gifts, a cup of hot chocolate and retires to read them all immediately. A lovely tradition, one that sounds very practical for these times.

Lynne
Fletcher
#5353



Have you taken part in a Jolabokafloð? While I have not done so, I do clearly remember receiving a special book "Heidi" that I received for Christmas when I was seven. It was a gift from a favourite uncle and aunt, and I do remember reading it right away. I also remember reading it to my younger brothers, who were reluctant listeners.

Do you have a special book that you remember vividly? Was it part of your family's holiday traditions, or connected to a special part of your family? Would you share your story with our Journal readers?

Please send your story, and perhaps a picture, to Journal@bcgs.ca



WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

- Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Island
- Thompson/Okanagan area
- Lower Mainland

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Coffee Chats on Zoom

– also known as

Special Interest Groups [SIGs]

Coffee Chats are on Zoom. If you would like to be included in a chat please visit the website to register.



GOING BEYOND BASICS CHINESE GENEALOGY COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 3, 10 to 11 am

RSVP Linda Yip

hello@past-presence.com



IRELAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 3, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Introductory DNA COFFEE CHAT

Monday, February 7, 1 to 3 pm

RSVP Sharon Clayton

sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 10, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, February 15, 7 to 9 pm

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham

RSVP Terry Hartley terrhart1@gmail.com



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 17, 7 to 9 pm

With Lorraine Irving/Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT

Monday, February 21, 1 to 3pm

RSVP Sharon Clayton

sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



FRENCH CONNECTION

(FRENCH-CANADIAN) COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, February 22, 7 to 9 pm

With Kim Kujawski & Sue Sullivan

RSVP kim@tfcg.ca



ATLANTIC CANADA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, February 24, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EASTERN EUROPE COFFEE CHAT

(INCL. GERMANS FROM RUSSIA)

Thursday, March 3, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, March 10, 7 to 9 pm

With Ann Buchanan

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



USA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, March 31, 7 to 9 pm

With Judith Ueland

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



BC COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, April 7, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



WALES COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, April 14, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

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