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

**Zoom
with us
March 9th**

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Message from the President

Eunice Robinson #112, president@bcgs.ca

You probably all recall the little poem, "*Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the birdies is!*" Not grammatically correct, but you get the idea. The days are getting longer, so we might be thinking about venturing out of our genealogy dungeons, now that some of the restrictions are being lifted. Should you be visiting any cemeteries, do check with our Find-a-Grave Team Leader **Marianne Cote-Malley** – we can always use photographers.

I hope you enjoyed our new *Member Memories* feature that we introduced in the February newsletter. Did this get your creative juices and memories flowing? We are hoping that you will share with us, but even if you don't, writing about these topics will create a great legacy for your descendants. I was talking to my granddaughter about the changes in telephones, and have a photo of the lovely black wall mounted unit we had in our kitchen, complete with party line. It wasn't

until my parents moved to their next home that we had a counter phone. What changes our children and grandchildren have seen—more than one phone in the house, the hands-free units in almost every room, to cell phones. Our first cell phone was huge! Then our flip phones got really small. Then they got bigger again, and now they can do everything but make toast. What's next?

March will be a busy month—check your schedules and try to come to the library for a visit – and to see our improvements. We're having another **Begins with Books** day on Sunday, March 20th. We invite you to bring your research, check out the new additions in our library collection, and bring your FamilySearch queries.

Our March meeting includes our AGM, as well as a presentation about the Mount Seymour Ski Club's history. And don't forget to register for **Janice Nickerson's** Hudson's Bay Company Ancestors March 26th seminar.

Till next month, happy researching!



WEDNESDAY, March 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.

MARCH MEETING SPEAKER

History of the Mount Seymour Ski Club

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



Join us at the BC Genealogical Library

Begin With Books Workshop



Sunday, MARCH 20TH, 2022—10am to 3pm

The Begin with Books Workshop this time has an Irish theme. We are hoping that "**The Luck of the Irish**" will be sprinkled on your ancestors to make them easier to find. The Irish have emigrated to just about every country in the world, especially England, Scotland, Wales, Australia, Europe, USA, and Canada.

This event will also have a BOOK SALE of used and duplicate books.

Several of the coffee chat facilitators will be available to help you with your research. If you want a particular time or facilitator, please email info@bcgs.ca to make an appointment. The BCGS Library and Resource Centre will be all sparkly with new flooring and carpeting.



The workshop is designed to introduce genealogists and those who wish a refresher to the books and databases available in the **BC Genealogical Library:**
211-12837-76 Avenue, Surrey, BC

SUNDAY— March 20, 2022
from 10am to 3pm

Please note that this is NOT a zoom meeting. Attendance is in-person at the BCGS library.

Mask protocol to follow established guidelines by BC Health


[REGISTER](#)

BCGS Spring 2022 Seminar Series

9:30 am to 12:30 pm PDT • [Register at bcgs.ca](https://bcgs.ca)

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

Attend all seminars for FREE by joining BCGS

My Ancestors in the Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trade

Janice Nickerson—Saturday, March 26

Before there was a country called Canada, First Nations people were trading furs, food and labour with men from England and Scotland who came to the “New World” as employees of the Hudson’s Bay Company. One of the things the “Company men” did best was to keep records. The archives of the Hudson’s Bay Company at the Provincial Archives of Manitoba are vast and rich with information. And much of their collection is now accessible online, if you know where to look and are willing to invest the time. And that’s not all! From published records to private collections around the country, fur trade research is blessed with an abundance of sources. In this lecture I will introduce you to my ancestors – English mariners and fur traders, First Nations women, and their ‘country-born’ children – and the records I used to discover their stories.

Janice Nickerson,

UpperCanadaGenealogy.com

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.

The next Seminar is planned for Saturday, April 30, 2022

Speaker TBA

Final 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 billclayton@shaw.ca if you would like further information or to obtain a Nomination Application. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

2022 GOAL
\$2750

BCGS LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT

TO DATE 2022
TOTAL:
\$478.00

2022 YTD
5400 PIECES
DONATED!

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.



APRIL 13TH MEETING

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

Wallace B. Chung & Madeline H. Chung Collection.

Donated in 1999 by Drs. Wallace and Madeline Chung, the Chung Collection is held at UBC Library's Rare Books and Special Collections. 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.

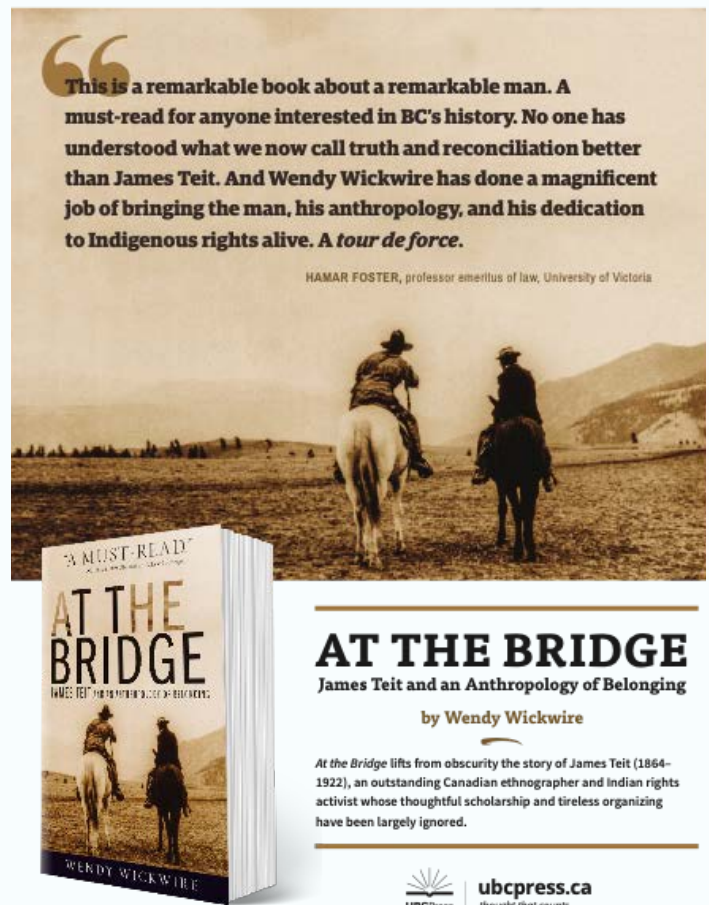
MAY 11TH MEETING

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.

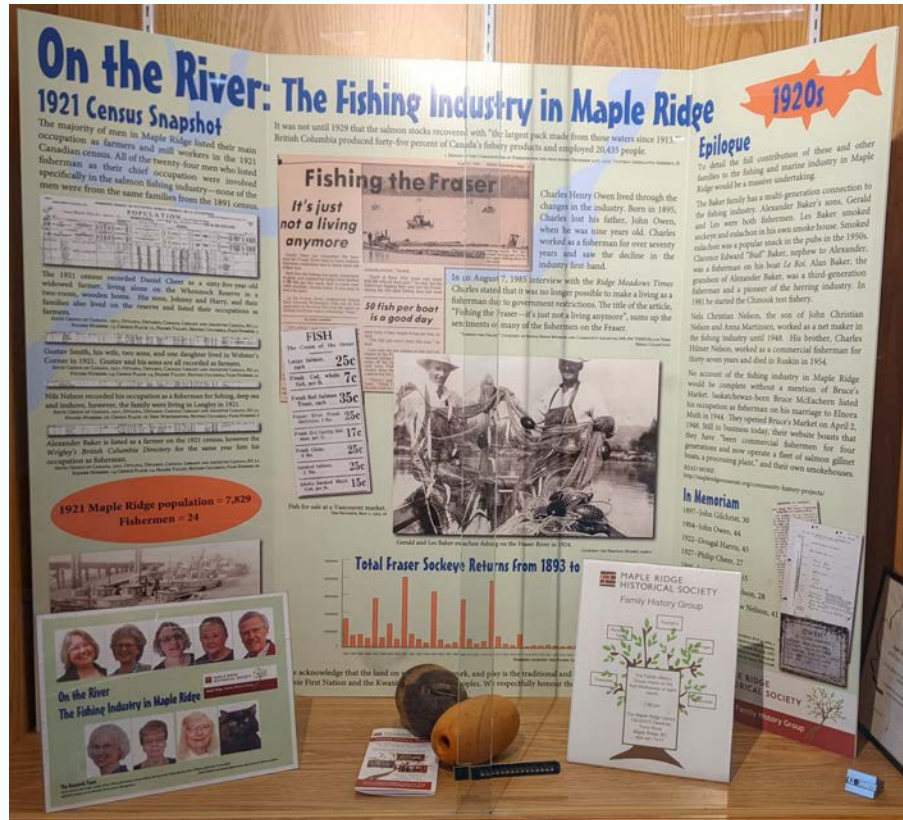
The BCGS Genealogical Library has a copy of **At The Bridge**. Visit the library and have this book read before the May meeting!



JUNE 8TH MEETING

On the River: The Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge by the Maple Ridge Community History Team

On the River: The Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge is the Maple Ridge Family History Group's fifth community history project. Join the project team to learn how we used our genealogy skills to discover the untold stories of families who were active in our community for generations but whose voices have not been part of the dominant narratives. Follow the team from transcribing and analyzing the 1891 Census of Canada, to studying the nature of federal census records. Learn how participants expanded the search to find fisher families, using many record types to reveal six families and a lost industry.



[Website Link](#)

Looking for descendants of John/Jack Johnstone



I live in Western Australia & am writing the story of the Johnstone side of my family. One of my grand uncles migrated to Canada in abt. 1910 and lived in Vancouver BC for 50 years. He was **John/Jack Johnstone born in 1871 in Ardersier, Inverness-shire, Scotland.**

His wife was **Elizabeth Anderson** and he had two daughters that I know of – Mrs Jessie MacGregor Hogg & Mrs Lyle Mowat—and from his obituary, he had four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was a **motorman** with the BCE Company for 29 years & he died in 1960.

I would love to make contact with any of his descendants, so that they can become part of this Johnstone story. Contact me by email at donmunro36@hotmail.com

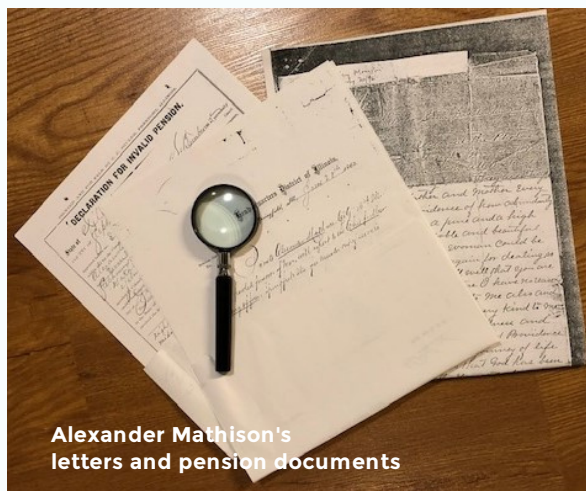
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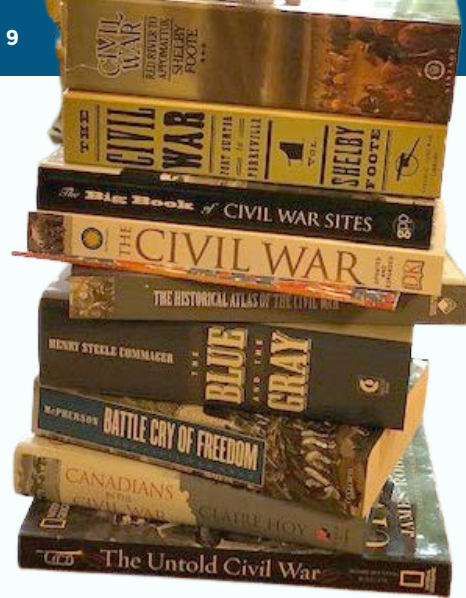
The books in my personal library skew heavily toward history. A good many of those books are about war. I've found that many men, and some women, in my family tree were involved in some of the major conflicts in history. Currently, I'm researching Alexander Mathison's story.

I began by extracting information from his letters. Through his own words, I'm piecing together a timeline of the places he had been and those in which he had settled for a while. There were many. While all that movement adds interest to his tale, it means lots of research into different places and events: like the development of Canada West in the 1850s and the movement west in the United States. But one of the events that had the most impact on his life was the Civil War.

I am fortunate to have many of his records from that conflict preserved in his pension file. While some of the papers are forms like muster rolls and medical records, others are affidavits recounting the story of Alexander Mathison's state after he was wounded. It must have been dire as he was shot in the leg which fractured his tibia. Not only was he no longer unable to fight, he had also been taken prisoner of war. That couldn't have been good.



Alexander Mathison's letters and pension documents



Meg's books about the Civil War

I have ordered a book which I hope will give me insight into how Alex was treated as a wounded POW. It will join the other books in my library about the conflict. Now that I'm ready to write Alex's story, it's probably time to delve into those volumes. It will take a while, as they are some of the weightiest tomes in my library.

As he was active in the Grand Army of the Republic from 1861 until his wounding in October of 1864, my Civil War research will cover a lot of ground and many significant engagements. Unfortunately, his army records don't give chapter and verse on his or his company's roles in those fights but, as his records tell me his regiment and company, I can find out the movement of this company from various websites. Of course, his service in the Union Army was only a small, if significant, part of his life. Finding out how to balance this part of his story so that it doesn't weigh too heavily on the narrative will be key. Luckily, I have his letters to his sisters, recounting events in his life. He was able to contact them after losing touch with them for 40 years. But his words would have been tempered by who he was sending them to, like they were in the government form he filled out in 1915 that gave his birthplace as Hamilton, Ontario. The lie is a reminder that he could be economical with the truth.

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

Tracking Indigenous Roots Coffee Chat



A brand new Coffee Chat, facilitated by the **Aboriginal Genealogy Association**, which is one of our *Affiliate Member Societies*.

There are 4 chats scheduled for the last Tuesday of March, April, May & June. You can find these on the last page of the Newsletter. To request the "Chat Link" please email coffeechat@bcgs.ca.

Find a little bit of history in Clinton

Clinton BC is a community that has strong roots in the Gold Rush. A prime location on the Cariboo Wagon Road meant that a host of miners, ranchers, farmers and proprietors passed through and settled in the small town, leaving behind amazing stories, beautiful artifacts and family histories, just waiting to be found.

The South Cariboo Historical Museum Society is the area's biggest resource. It operates the Clinton Museum, located right on the main road. The schoolhouse features display cases filled to capacity with artifacts of every description. Visitors can spend an afternoon in the yard out back, wandering through

farming equipment, wagons and a forestry display, housed in an RCMP horse barn. The Society is also an excellent source of documents, photos of the area and records for anyone looking to unfurl a branch of a family tree.

The local library in Clinton also has a collection of books from the museum, some with "hard-to-find" titles. With an appointment, these books are available for reference reading. They feature local history and authors. If you would like to stroll through time, the Village of Clinton has a historic walking tour that features 25 of the most notable locations in the community.

For more information on any of the resources listed here please

reach out to kchatten@tnrd.ca or visit these websites

village.clinton.bc.ca/visit/historic-walking-tour

clintonmuseumbc.org

<https://www.tnrl.ca/location/clinton-library/>



The Region of BC's Best



PART 2: How To Create A Digital Estate Plan

by Deborah Ross, #5892

Estate planning experts recommend creating an inventory of all your digital assets with the relevant user names, passwords and security questions as part of the instructions you provide to the trusted person who will settle your estate.

The task can be overwhelming, but a first step is to write down all the devices you own and the passwords needed to unlock each device, and then make a list of the electronic records you use, own or control. While this list is not comprehensive, it should serve as a good starting point to assist you in compiling an inventory of all your digital assets:

- Computing hardware: computers, external hard drives or flash drives, tablets, smartphones, digital music players, e-readers, digital cameras and other digital devices
- Email accounts: Gmail, Yahoo, work email
- Social media: FaceBook, WhatsApp, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
- Storage and file sharing: DropBox, iCloud, Google Drive, Google Photos
- Rewards: Travel rewards, credit card points, retailer loyalty programs
- Shopping services: Amazon, Walmart, Etsy, eBay
- Blogs and online businesses: hosting services, GoDaddy, TripAdvisor
- Gaming accounts: Xbox, PlayStation, Kongregate
- Video services: Netflix, Crave, Apple TV+, YouTube
- Music services: Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora
- Books: Kindle, Goodreads, Audible, Apple Books
- Photo sharing and storage: Shutterfly, Flickr, Photobucket, SmugMug, Blurb
- Online dating accounts: Match, Tinder, eHarmony
- Virtual currency: Bitcoin, Ethereum, Zcash, Dash
- Computer software subscriptions: Microsoft, Adobe,
- Other membership/subscriptions: Family Tree Maker, Ancestry

Once you complete your list, specific instructions on how you wish your digital assets and online accounts to be handled can be passed on to the person in charge of your estate, who can then manage and maintain them, or close and dispose of your email and social media accounts, based on your preferences. These instructions can be detailed in a simple letter, or incorporated into your Will, trust or power of attorney.

Do not include your passwords or other digital asset access information in your Will. When you die, your Will becomes a public document, which means that anyone can read it—including any sensitive information it may contain. A good solution is to refer in your Will to an outside document that contains all the necessary information needed to settle your digital estate. This way, you can continue to add to, revise and update the document without either having to formally change your will, or putting your digital assets at risk.

Use a Password Manager for Your Digital Assets

A password manager is a computer application that allows users to store, generate, and manage their passwords for local applications and online services. A password manager assists in generating and retrieving complex passwords, storing such passwords in an encrypted database, or calculating them on demand.

Password managers store your login information for all the websites you use and help you log into them automatically. They encrypt your password database with a master password — the master password is the only one you have to remember. A master password or passphrase is a memorized phrase consisting of a sequence of mixed words with or without spaces. Your passphrase should be at least 4 words and 15 characters in length.

Top Password Managers

- Keeper
- Dashlane
- LastPass
- Bitwarden
- 1Password
- LogMeOnce
- Password Boss
- RoboForm
- McAfee True Key

A good password management application should enable you to designate and manage trusted emergency contacts. Your emergency contact would have access with a configurable level of permissions.

*Deborah Ross is the Owner of Flashback In Time Personal Photo Organizing.
604.671.4162 or flashbackintime.ca.*

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Most Improved Genealogist Contest 2022

Are you making big breakthroughs in your family history research this year? Or have you finally scanned and filed all those stacks of paper on your desk and in your office? Maybe you have completed a training course or published a book detailing your research. Whatever it is you are focusing on this year, consider nominating yourself for our **Most Improved Genealogist!** Keep track of your goals, challenges and successes during the year, and submit a note to [Eunice Robinson](#) by November 30th, outlining your achievements. Winner(s) will be announced at our December members' meeting.



Monthly Questions

W MEMORY LN

by Susan Snalam, #4403

Last month we asked:

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?



The Newsletter team would love to share your reflections. A story will be chosen each month.

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: As long or as short as you like.

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.

1.

Did your family celebrate Easter or other religious events? If so, how?

2.

Did you ever move house, move to a different town, or even a different country? If so, when and why?

3.

What are your memories of elementary school? Who were your best friends? Are you still in contact with any of them? What games did you play at lunch time, etc.?

4.

Which forms of transportation have you used during your life?

Genealogy and Family History at Library and Archives Canada: An Introduction to LAC Vancouver

Review of February Speakers by Judy Isaac, #5652

The mandate of Library and Archives Canada is to serve as the memory of Canada. The collection contains 20 million books published in various languages; 250 linear kilometres of government and private textual records; more than 3 million architectural drawings, maps, and plans; 30 million photographic images; 90,000+ films; 425, 000+ works of art; 550,000 items of Canadian sheet music; Canadian Postal Archives; newspapers from across Canada.

The LAC Vancouver office, located at Library Square in the federal tower, offers appointments for reference, orientation, and access to local archival records from RG10 BC/Yukon. Indigenous-related research is the main reason why LAC is in Vancouver.

Partnership with the Vancouver Public Library has allowed LAC to have a second service point on the 7th floor of the library. This service desk (currently closed) offers orientation and reference services plus digital kiosks with genealogy resources.

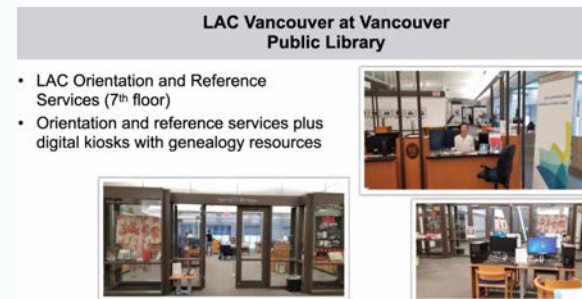
Their online presence is quite extensive. The link for **Genealogy and Family History** is prominent on the home page. **Ancestors Search** holds databases for census, military, land, immigration, naturalization, and more. **Topics** and **Places** gives you information about where to find these records. For those just starting their family history research, **How to Begin** has topics helping you learn how to start your research, organize information, etc. Family tree charts are available too.

Though Library and Archives Canada does not hold civil registration records, some

Vital Statistics are available, including divorce records from 1841-1968, under federal jurisdiction until then.

Other topics that you can search individually include ethno-cultural groups and employment. You can also search multiple collections using Collection Search. Co-Lab, a crowd sourcing tool, and LAC's Social Media Channels and webinars on YouTube round out the sources available. And don't forget to check out Ask Us a Question which will link you to the Genealogy team in Ottawa.

It was also interesting to note that the LAC Vancouver office has been the only one to stay open these last couple of years. LAC offices in Ottawa and Gatineau have been mostly closed during the pandemic and recent protests, resulting in the huge WWII records request backlog.



- LAC Orientation and Reference Services (7th floor)
- Orientation and reference services plus digital kiosks with genealogy resources





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.](#)

Celtic Fest

Saturday
March 26,
1pm to 4pm

museum
of SURREY
Connecting people & stories.

Join organizations from across the region as we celebrate all things Celtic. BCGS will be hosting a booth!



International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

March 12th—8am PST

UNDERSTANDING OLD HANDWRITING
with *MARGARET FOX*

March 26th—8am PST

TITANIC: HONOUR AND GLORY
with *SEAN SZMALC*

[REGISTER HERE](#)

2022 LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

Webinars are **FREE** to attend. Subscriptions are available if you wish to have unlimited access to all webinars and handouts.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS](#)

There are 12 free webinars listed for March 2022



Join us on **March 19th** from 7am PST to hear four fantastic speakers on **Emigration from Scotland** as we kick off our 2022 events for Visit Scotland's Year of Stories.

[Register Here](#) \$17



Qualicum Beach Family History Society

is pleased to invite all your members to our Spring 2022 presentations.

All events are held via Zoom and are now open for registrations.

More information on all the events can be found here:

www.qbfhs.ca/category/speakers/

Presentations are free for Members (membership fee of \$25).

Non-member fee is \$10 per presentation.

Tuesday March 8th - 7:00 PM PST via Zoom

Catherine Gilbert presents "**The Fort at Yorke Island, 1937-1945**"

Based on Catherine Gilbert's book about Yorke Island:

"Yorke Island and the Uncertain War". Catherine Marie Gilbert is a Vancouver Island author, historian and lecturer with a fascination for the region's history.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3sD3AmV>

Tuesday April 12th - 7:00 PM PDT via Zoom

Pam Vestal presents "**Beyond Names and Dates:
Filling in the Stories of Our Female Ancestors**"

Pam Vestal is a professional genealogist and speaker who turned her focus to her long-time love of genealogy after a 20-year writing career.

To register: <https://bit.ly/34uZ16p>

Tuesday May 10th - 7:00 PM PDT via Zoom

Jill Morelli presents "**The Orphan Train Movement**"

The Orphan Train Movement removed children from the streets and orphanages of New York City (mostly) from 1854 to 1929.

Jill Morelli, CG, is a writer, lecturer and co-founder of Applied Genealogy Institute, providing practicum-based educational opportunities for high-intermediate and advanced genealogists.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3uKTEKN>

Tuesday June 14th - 7:00 PM PDT via Zoom

Lisa S Gorrell presents "**Breaking Down Brick Walls**"

Lisa S. Gorrell is a Certified Genealogist®. She teaches genealogy courses, lectures to societies, and researches for others.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3syA4is>

Report from between the Library Stacks

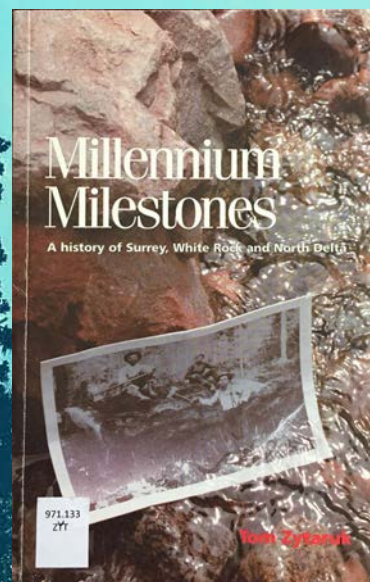
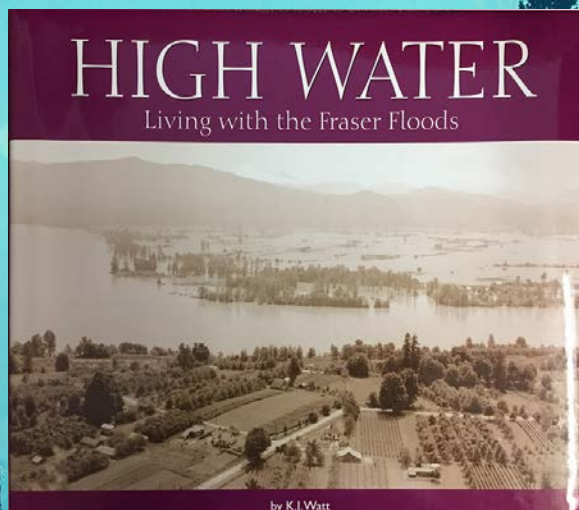
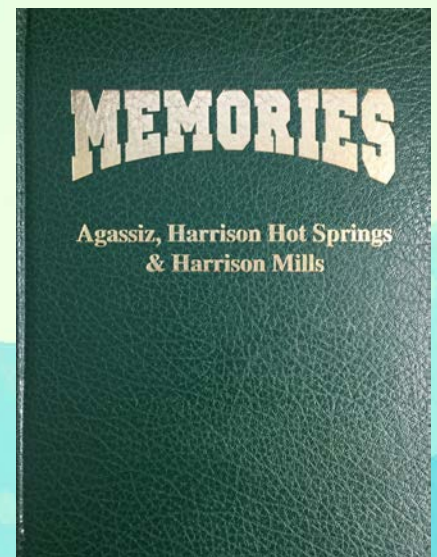
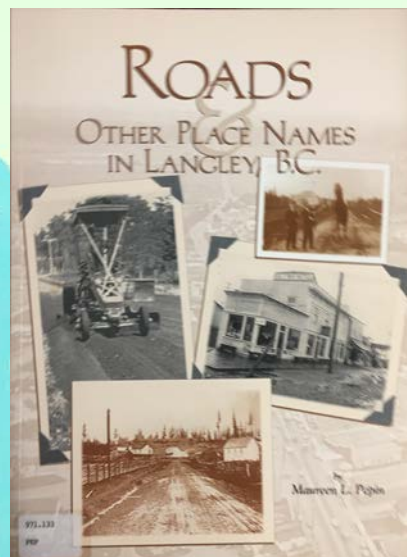
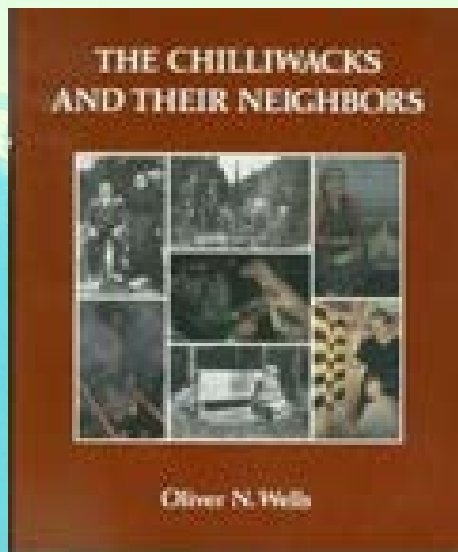
Corrine Jubb #5215,
BCGS Library Administrator



The area south and east of Vancouver includes farms and communities like **Surrey** and **Chilliwack**.

Some of the library books for this area of British Columbia include:

- 970.004 WEL ***The Chilliwacks and Their Neighbours*** by O. Wells
 971.133 PEP ***Roads & Other Place Names in Langley*** by Maureen Pepin
 971.133 AHH ***Memories, Agassiz, Harrison Hot Springs & Harrison Mills***
 by Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
 971.133 WAT ***High Water – Living with the Fraser Floods*** by K. Jane Watt
 971.133 ZYT ***Millenium Milestones, a history of Surrey, White Rock and North Delta*** by Tom Zytaruk



Message from the BCGS eJournal Editor

Last evening, I watched an English documentary about the early years of World War II in England, as recorded in personal journals from those years. Many of the journals written by women detailed their changing roles during that period, public opinions about the preparations for the war and the utter chaos and shock when German bombing began over London. BBC documentaries are wonderfully illustrated with actual film and newspaper reports from the era, but the difference between the actual feelings and experiences of the Londoners as recorded in their journals, and the reports sent out to the public was eye-opening. A view of the realities of war on the ground, drawn from real personal journals raises many questions about written history.

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Have you discovered a journal written by an ancestor during difficult times in the past? Has it changed the way in which you view our history? Would you share these stories with our BCGS members?

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



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Thursday, March 3, 10 to 11 am
 RSVP Linda Yip
hello@past-presence.com



EASTERN EUROPE COFFEE CHAT
 (INCL. GERMANS FROM RUSSIA)
Thursday, March 3, 7 to 9 pm
 With Eunice Robinson
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EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY
Introductory DNA COFFEE CHAT
Monday, March 7, 1 to 3 pm
 RSVP Sharon Clayton
sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, March 10, 7 to 9 pm
 With Ann Buchanan
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ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT
Tuesday, March 15, 7 to 9 pm
 With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham
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IRELAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, March 17, 7 to 9 pm
 With Eunice Robinson
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EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY
Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT
Monday, March 21, 1 to 3pm
 RSVP Sharon Clayton
sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, March 24, 7 to 9 pm
 With Lorraine Irving/Eunice Robinson
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INDIGENOUS COFFEE CHAT
Tuesday, March 29, 10:30 to Noon
 With Aboriginal Genealogy Assoc.
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USA COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, March 31, 7 to 9 pm
 With Judith Ueland
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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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FRENCH CONNECTION
(FRENCH-CANADIAN) COFFEE CHAT
Tuesday, April 19, 7 to 9 pm
 With Kim Kujawski & Sue Sullivan
 RSVP kim@tfcg.ca



ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, April 21, 7 to 9 pm
 With Janet White
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ATLANTIC CANADA COFFEE CHAT
Thursday, April 28, 7 to 9 pm
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