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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bill Clayton, BCGS President, president@bcgs.ca

2021 marks **BCGS's 50th Anniversary!** How did we ever get to be so old? The same as many of our members – by putting one foot / project in front of another. All those who have gone before us, and all those who are still active, are to be congratulated for their perseverance and hard work to build and expand our Society.

While Covid-19 has curtailed our in-person meetings, the **Members' Meetings via Zoom** keep expanding. Not only are they being increasingly well attended, many of the online SIG meetings are also very well attended. Check out the Calendar of Events and the Special Events pages in each newsletter or on the [website](#) to find meetings, events or seminars that fit your needs & timetable.

Elections are coming up in March for various Board and committee positions. Before this year's **Annual General Meeting** on March 10th, 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 announced at the AGM. Watch your email for your ballot and instructions about how to vote.

Have you considered **volunteering** for any of the jobs / positions that make our society vibrant? Some tasks will allow you to get your feet wet without jumping into the deep end. Contact Eunice Robinson at president@bcgs.ca.

Treasurer Judy Rosmus reports that our **2020 calendar sales** netted a profit of \$1,900.00. Members of the Calendar Team are suggesting that the funds be used as seed money for some kind of temperature control or air conditioning system for our Library. If anyone has ideas or recommendations, please contact any member of the Board of Directors.

We are hoping that it won't be too long before Dr. Bonnie Henry will allow us to open our Library again. Until we meet again, in person or electronically, as Bugs Bunny used to say, *'That's all folks'*.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US!

1971 to 2021 - 50 YEARS

We will be marking our 50th anniversary with some special events. Plans include an online Seminar over three separate Saturdays with renowned speakers, the special Alaska Cruise - when we can - and, of course, our 2021 BC Celebration Calendar. Watch for the page of the month highlighting events during 1971.



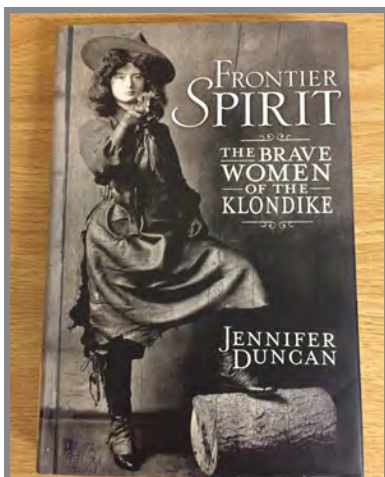
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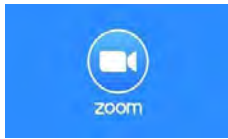
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We'd love to hear from you! Please share your ongoing research, your personal searches, your exciting successes, your frustrating challenges, your research trip, your discoveries, how you broke down that brick wall, found a long lost relative, a story about an ancestor, or an interesting family story. If you have an idea about a story, feel free to talk to or email the newsletter editors at newsletter@bcgs.ca or the eJournal editor at journal@bcgs.ca. Your stories encourage others.

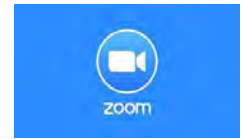




THE NEXT BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING

will take place on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021



PRESENTER - KAREN INKSTER VANCE

Storytelling 101: Write & Share Your (Short) Family Stories

See page 10 for details

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL RAFFLE WINNERS FOR 2021

The Membership Team is pleased to announce that many 2021 membership renewals were received. All of the renewals and new members received up to December 31st were entered into a draw to receive their choice of a wonderful genealogy book. The second draw took place at our January 13th meeting. The lucky members are:

Member #5382 - Jan Graf
Member #5770 - Yvette Howard
Member #3416 - Marlene Dance
Member #5151 - John Romein
Member #4891 - Lenore Montgomery

Congratulations to all of them.

As of the end of January, we have 75% of our membership renewed and 25 new members.

NOTICE of CALL for NOMINATIONS & BCGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 7:00 pm

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be holding our **March Meeting and AGM** via Zoom on **Wednesday, 10 March 2021, at 7:00 pm.**

In addition to the regular business of the Society, **elections will be held for the positions of President, 2 (two) Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer for the 2021 – 2022 term, 1 (one) Director for the 2021 – 2022 term, and 2 (two) Directors for the 2021 to 2024 term.**

Any member can nominate another member for any of the positions. Please complete a **Nomination Application** for each BCGS member whom you would like to nominate and email or hand deliver it to Eunice Robinson, BCGS Past President. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

A BCGS Nomination Application is available from Eunice by email upon request at president@bcgs.ca. We will be creating a separate email address for members to return their ballots. These ballots will be tabulated by 3 scrutineers, who will provide the results the night of the AGM. Remember, all full members are eligible to vote.

Eunice Robinson, BCGS Past President Responsible for Nominations

2021 is the 125th anniversary of the
KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH 1897-2021



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Gold fever hit big in 1896 after three men found nuggets of gold in a remote creek bed near Dawson City. The news spread like wildfire throughout the west coast and in the summer of 1897 steamships brought thousands of would-be prospectors in their quest to amass riches in the Klondike region of the Yukon. They quit their jobs and outfitted themselves with provisions and equipment, and purchased steamship tickets north, bound for Dawson City. This mass exodus was known as the Klondike Stampede.



Dawson City, in 1897



Sluicing in Spring, 1899

The winter of 1898/99 was arguably the golden era of Dawson City, when extravagance was the rule. The city's population was at its height, and its saloons, dance halls and game rooms were perpetually packed with prospectors, adventurers, bartenders, gamblers, businessmen, and entertainers who hailed from all walks of life. Gold and whiskey flowed like water.

As the 1898-99 winter turned to spring, a few had struck it rich and some had made enough to buy their steamboat ticket for home, but most of the prospectors who had laboured all winter were left empty handed.

Later in 1899, Dawson City received rumors of a fresh strike in Nome, Alaska. Thousands of prospectors immediately abandoned Dawson and flooded towards the new diggings. The Klondikers were off on another Stampede. Just as quickly as it had begun, the Klondike Gold Rush came to an end.

If you are looking to stay in BC for your vacation this year, here's an idea: Tour companies are creating customized Klondike packages. Great Canadian Trails (www.greatcanadiantrails.com)

Photos and information from: <https://mysteriesofcanada.com/yukon/klondike-gold-rush-dawson-city/>



Photos and poster by June Gauntley, member #5112. By a happy coincidence, June has chosen to highlight an event that was also chosen by our Library Administrator, Corrine Jubb, with a BCGS Library book "Frontier Spirit, The Brave Women of the Klondike".

MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS WEBSITE TEAM

BCGS WEBSITE FEATURES OF THE MONTH



*"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook
without a source, a tree without a root."*

Chinese proverb

BCGS Website – Updates & Additions

BC Church Records

About ten years ago, the BCGS was given access to church records of baptisms, marriages, and burials from various communities around the province. BCGS volunteers transcribed the records, and they have been available in the Reference section of our library. We are now in the process of uploading the transcriptions to our website, so they will be available to all of our members across BC and beyond.

This unique resource is a treasure for anyone researching in BC. It includes thousands of records from as early as 1859 through to the 1970s (we will, however, only publish baptisms for births more than 100 years ago, and marriages more than 75 years ago). The first few datasets are online now and more will be added over the next couple of months. Check it out and come back often to see what has been added. Click [here](#) or search for "Church Records" in the A-Z List.

Memorial Benches

Memorial benches are a way for families to honour their deceased loved ones, in places that they knew and loved in life. Memorial benches (or sometimes, picnic tables) are commonly seen in parks, on trails and beaches, and they provide a place for everyone to stop, rest and perhaps reflect on the individual they honour. Click [here](#) or search for "Memorial Benches" in the A-Z List.

Both of these fabulous new additions are a paid members feature and can be viewed in our Member Resources section of the website. You must be logged in to access and then search under the A-Z

We will continue to add to both of these record sets over time.

These databases are yet more great reasons to purchase, gift or renew your membership now. This can be done at [Become a Member](#) or [Renew my Membership](#).



MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS eJOURNAL EDITOR



Lynne Fletcher, BCGS eJournal Editor

Well, that was a surprise! While clearing out odd boxes of bits and stuff in the garage last month, we found one box of carefully wrapped items. Unfurling the old newspapers that were wrapped around the bits, we found vases, a whole collection of them, and various ornaments and decorations that had belonged to my mother-in-law. These items had been packed up decades ago when Doris moved from her apartment to a seniors' home, sent to our garage and forgotten about.

I said, "Well, this stuff can go to Value Village", but my husband put on his horrified face and insisted that we keep them. We settled for keeping a few of the special ones that he remembered from his childhood and found a new home for the rest.

Have you ever found a small trove of treasures from your childhood home? These things do connect us to our families, and are often special because they help us remember a special time or unusual event. Could you tell us about that event, and how it affected your family, or why they bought/constructed that special item? Did you need to find a way to dispose of the item, or perhaps a way to give it to another family member?

Our members (and myself) would enjoy reading your story!

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

Photo: Doris' cats



MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS of the BCGS

We welcome these new members to the BCGS. We're here to help you with your research, so please ask us any questions at all.

- 5827 Catherine Smith, Vancouver, BC
- 5828 Gail McRae, Surrey, BC
- 5829 Brian Hutchison, Nanaimo, BC
- 5830 Corine Farrell, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire, UK
- 5831 Mary Ann Higgins, North Vancouver, BC
- A5832 Campbell River Genealogy Society, Campbell River, BC
- 5833 Debra Biro, Vancouver, BC
- 5834 Wendy MacRae, Port Moody



MEMBERSHIP



YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP includes *FREE ACCESS* to the BCGS RESEARCH TEAM
Ann Buchanan, BCGS Research Co-ordinator

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions, the BCGS Research Team can still search the **Clippings Index, Cemetery Recordings, Vancouver Sun Newspapers** - 1999 to 2012 obituaries, and various other databases which BCGS has digitally produced. In 2020 an additional 61,403 names were added to the Clippings Index. The photos of several hundred **memorial benches** are currently being coordinated into a database by Yvette Howard. Also, Eunice Robinson has been working on creating **Vertical Files** for England, Wales, Canada, Scotland and USA. She has recently updated the Irish Vertical Index. These Indexes are all on the website and open to queries through the BC Research Team.

If you are a member of the BCGS, email Ann with your queries at queryrequest@bcgs.ca. There is no charge to members but donations for extra research would be helpful.

A non-member is charged specific fees based on what they are asking. The [library catalogue](#) is available online to help you prepare for your next visit to the library when we are open again.

Zoom FAQs



Information about Zoom to enable our members to join our meetings and use the Zoom website feature.

What is Zoom?

- Zoom is a web based video conferencing tool that allows people to share and participate in meetings in 'real time'

What device do I need to access?

- Zoom will work on a desktop / laptop / smart phone or tablet – both Apple and Android will work!
- Note – depending on which device you are using, the location of Icons and some other features might be different

How much does it cost?

- The Zoom application is free, and you can download the link at 'zoom.us'
- There is no cost to join a meeting as a guest, just follow the link when you receive the invitation
- BCGS has a corporate account which allows for extended time limit and multiple guests
- If you have an account, you can host your own Zoom call with restrictions:
 - o Maximum of 40 minutes
 - o Maximum of 50 Participants (note: in Gallery view, you can see 25 people per screen)

Accessing by Telephone only

- If you decide to use a toll number to join a Zoom meeting, you will be charged based on the rates of your phone service provider

Join a Meeting

- Click on the link provided by the meeting Organizer. Make a note of the meeting ID number – you may or may not need to enter a password
- Select if you want to connect audio and/or video and click 'Join'
- Select 'Gallery view' to see everyone in the meeting – 25 participants per screen
- Use the arrows to scroll left and right to view everyone
- There will be a yellow outline box around whoever is speaking

Who allows me into the meeting?

- When you sign on to the link to join the meeting, you will be put into the 'waiting room'
- The Host will admit you. For large groups, it is suggested to have a Co-host who can assist with allowing participants into the meeting
- If you see a small screen, just hit 'Gallery View' on top right to enable a full screen of participants

How do I change my name under my photo?

- Move the cursor to the top right corner of your photo box where you see 3 dots
- Click on this and you will get a list of options
- Select 'rename' and type in the name you want on your profile photo
- Note: The host can also change your name!

How do I mute myself?

- Hover mouse over bottom of screen (or top if on a MAC) until icons appear. You will see a microphone icon – hit this until a red line crosses, and you are now muted
- Or you can select the 'mute' button on the top right of your photo screen
- The host also has the ability to 'mute' and 'unmute' participants

How do I unmute myself? Several options

- Hover mouse over microphone icon again & click so the red line is gone – participants can now hear you
- Go to the top right corner of your photo box and hit 'unmute'
- You can tap and hold the space bar to unmute temporarily
- You can hit 'ALT & A' to unmute

How do I allow video?

- If you have selected audio and video when you first signed on, your video will be on
- Remember to remove any tape or covering on your computer camera!

How do I turn off the video?

- Go to the 'Stop Video' button and click it. A Red line will appear and your video feed will be stopped. Participants will see a black box with your name, or a still photo if you have uploaded one

How do I add a Photo to my Profile?

- Sign on to your Zoom Account
- Select 'Profile' from menu at left
- Under user image, click 'change'
- Click upload – select photo from your computer. This is what participants will see when you turn off the live video function. Your name should also appear

What else can the Host do?

- Allow participants into the meeting
- Assign one or more Co-hosts
- Rename participants
- Share screens

Sharing your Screen (As Host, you can allow others to share their screen)

- At bottom of window, click 'Share Screen'
- Only one person at a time can share
- When finished, click 'Stop Sharing'

How do I use the 'Reactions'?

- When you hover the mouse over the top or bottom of the screen (depending on which device you are on) you will see a button for 'Reactions'
- Click on this button and you can select any of these emojis to use – clap for a presenter, raise your hand to speak, celebrate, etc, and they will appear briefly on the top left corner of your picture box.

Compiled on behalf of the BCGS by **Cathy Lawrence**, member #4975





POSTCARDS OF THE MONTH - The Story Behind a Picture Postcard

Janice Kidwell, member #5033

GREETINGS FROM MINTO CITY, BC

Located in the traditional territory of the St'at'imc People, Minto City, originally known as Mento's Landing for C.R. Mento, who had the sternwheel ferry [Minto](#) built in 1900, gradually changed its name to Minto Landing and then to Minto.

Minto was a gold mining town located at the junction of [Bridge River](#) and [Gun Creek](#), in the [Bridge River Valley](#) of [British Columbia](#). It was established in 1934 by Warren "Big Bill" [Davidson](#) and was planned as a model mining community with houses for 300, a hotel, post office, and stores. The larger mine of [Bralorne](#) was nearby.

The Minto Mine operated from 1934 to 1940 during which over 2130 metres of underground work was done, producing various amounts of gold, silver, copper and lead. The mine shut down in 1936 due to productivity issues, but restarted in 1940. By the start of World War II, the combination of poor mineral showings and most men enlisting and serving in the war brought the Minto mine to an end.

In 1941, Minto was one of four locations in the Bridge River-Lillooet area which was used for [Japanese-Canadian relocation centres](#). It was a huge change for urban dwellers to live in such a remote mountain locale, but during this period the Japanese-Canadian presence, through their hard work and resiliency, transformed the town, which soon had vegetable and flower gardens becoming a source of produce for the larger mining towns of Gold Bridge and Bralorne and making Minto become one of the many "self-supporting" internment locations. The traditional name of "Skumakum", or "Land of Plenty" was realized.

The town was mostly abandoned and derelict in the wake of a disastrous flash flood in 1949, although the town's hotel and bar remained open until the end. The Minto Hotel was moved before the 1951 inundation by Carpenter Lake to Gold Bridge, where it operated as the Gold Bridge Hotel until burning down. A newer modern building stands on the site.

With the completion of the Bridge River Power Project in 1958, the waters of Carpenter Lake swallowed Skumakum and the township of Minto.

At the site of Minto, there is a public campground and picnic site on the alluvial fan of Gun Creek, which is on higher ground than the old townsite. At low water, Minto's old street grid and some building foundations can still be seen.

Click [here](#) to see a black and white photo of the former town.

On the back of the postcard is the following:

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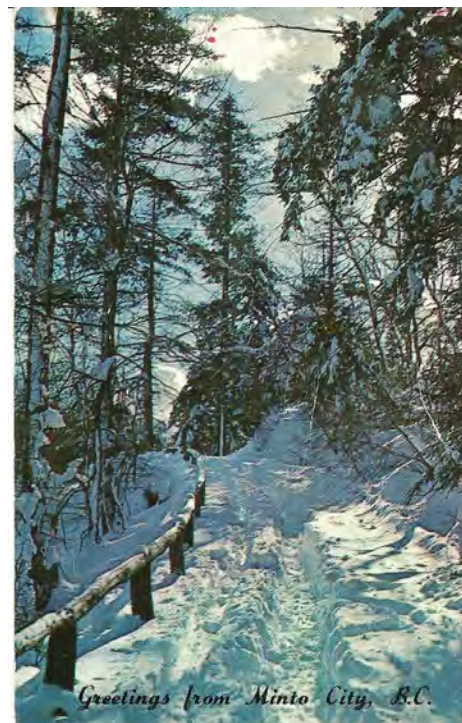
There is neither any writing nor a postage stamp on the back.

Sources:

Wikipedia

<http://lillooet.ca/Recreation-Activities/Golden-Miles-of-History/Japanese-Canadians-in-Lillooet/The-Minto-Japanese-Canadian-World-War-II-Internment.aspx>

<http://www3.telus.net/bradian/minto.htm>



BCGS MEMBERS' MEETINGS

News about both upcoming and previous members' meetings



Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

THE NEXT MEETING is

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The **FEBRUARY MEETING** will be held via **ZOOM**.

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

PRESENTER - KAREN INKSTER VANCE

Storytelling 101: Write & Share Your (Short) Family Stories

Family history research is more than just tracing names and dates; it's finding, preserving and sharing the personal stories that go along with each person on your family tree.

Feel overwhelmed by the thought of writing an entire book or not sure that you have enough material? Come and be inspired by examples, tips and ideas for writing and sharing short family vignettes and essays. If you are your family's story-keeper and are worried these stories might be lost, then this class is for you.



BIOGRAPHY

Karen Inkster Vance, MA, is an educator, family storyteller, researcher and writer who has enjoyed documenting her family history for over 30 years. She is the author of *Voices from the Past: A History of North Roe* (2006), a social history of the village in Shetland, Scotland where her great-grandfather was born. She conducted over 150 oral history interviews as part of the Ex-Cadet Oral History Project at Royal Roads University and oversaw the writing and production of two documentary films, *Coming Full Circle: Remembrances of Royal Roads Ex-Cadets* (2009) and *Ingrained in Us: Remembering Royal Roads* (2013), both of which aired on local television.

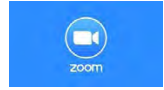
After travelling the world to tramp through cemeteries, wade through archives and interview numerous family members, Karen has discovered that true joy comes not from just filling in the names and dates on her family tree but from piecing together the lives that her ancestors led. Gathering social history clues, analyzing photos and oral history interviewing are just a few of the creative approaches Karen uses to bring her ancestors to life. She is on a mission to write down and share her ancestors' stories and help other family historians do the same.

Karen resides in Surrey, BC, Canada. For further information about Karen and her current projects, visit: www.KarenInksterVance.com



ABOUT the WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING via ZOOM

- Our previous Members' Meetings via Zoom have been well attended; therefore, we are continuing with this program for the upcoming meeting.
- An invitation from the BCGS to the Monthly Meeting using Zoom will be sent to members, so watch your inbox for details about the website address, meeting number and password.
- If you don't receive the email by the day before the meeting, please contact info@bcgs.ca for assistance.
- Each member needs a free Zoom account to participate. See the Information on page 7 of the Newsletter.
- The meeting will follow the usual format for in-person meetings.
- There will be some time for a Q&A session.



MEMBERS' VOICE - Please advise our President if you wish to present a family history story or anecdote



MARCH 2021

All group meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future.
We will resume pending orders from BC's public health officials.



Join us via Zoom

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER - PATRICIA SKIDMORE - COWICHAN VALLEY

Watch this space in our March 1st Newsletter, as well as the website, GenBlasts and Facebook pages for information about the Education portion of the March meeting

BCGS SEMINAR SERIES - CELEBRATING THE BCGS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

With BCGS celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021, we had planned to have a special seminar; however, Covid put an end to those plans.

In lieu of a one day seminar, we are offering three morning seminars with well known genealogists and presenters
Dave Obee, Janice Nickerson and Lucille Campey.

These seminars will be held via Zoom. They are free to BCGS members, but are \$25.00 for the three seminars to non-members.

Look for more information on the topics and how to register, which will soon be on our Website and Facebook page, and in the weekly GenBlast and the March Newsletter.

Saturday, April 3 – Dave Obee – 9:30 am to 12:30

Saturday, May 1 – Janice Nickerson – 9:30 am to 12:30

Saturday, June 5 – Lucille Campey – 9:30 am to 12:30

LOOKING BACK at the JANUARY MEMBERS' MEETING

The TENTH BCGS Members' Meeting via Zoom

The **tenth** meeting via Zoom had over 80 members attending the first meeting of 2021. Once again we had members from throughout the province, other areas of Canada and the United States.



We are all becoming more accustomed to meeting online and some of our members have chosen to use very interesting backgrounds. **Terri Mackenzie** chose a Stanley Park background. **Kim Kujawski** appeared to be attending from a tropical island with a beach scene background. And many of us have home offices with our research books and binders as our backgrounds.

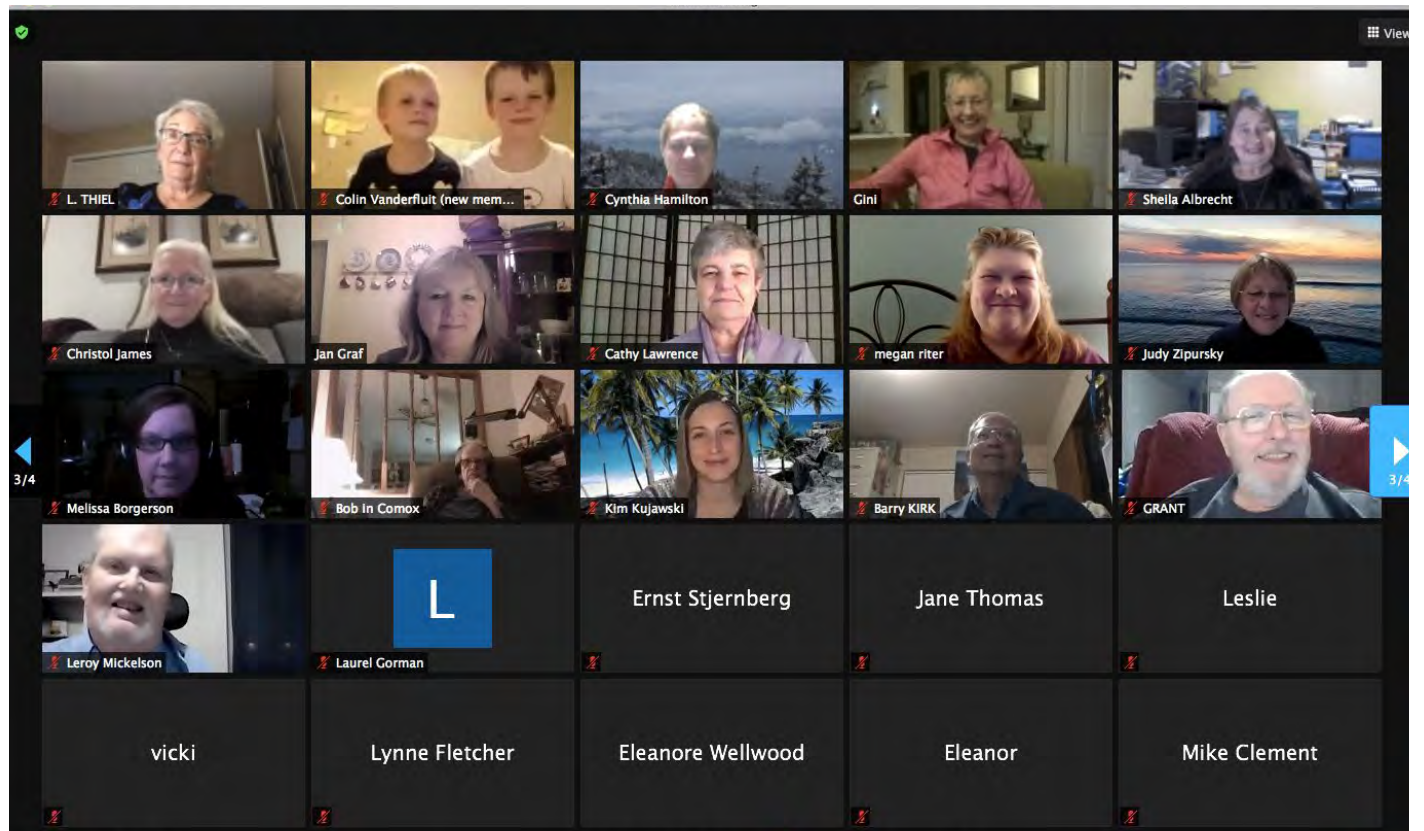


Prior to the official opening of the meeting, there were greetings among members and casual comments. **Penny Christiansen**, a former member and outstanding presenter, was mentioned. **Janet White** related that Penny got her started in genealogy and recalled Penny's comment that "**Genealogy is for Sharing**". **Eunice Robinson** remarked on the new season of the television series "**Finding Your Roots**" with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Many members have watched the series and joined in with reminiscences of past programs. Our youngest member, **Colin Vanderfluit**, logged in with his younger brother. Their father, Sean Vanderfluit, was able to attend a bit later in the meeting.

A discussion took place about **Linda Yip's** blog concerning the BCGS Legacy. Linda offered the [web address](#) for those who wished to read it.

Bill Clayton, President, officially opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

The Minutes of the December meeting were discussed. **Judith Ueland** moved that we accept the minutes and **Linda Maitland** seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.



LOOKING BACK at the JANUARY MEMBERS' MEETING, cont'd

Bill spent some time discussing the **nominations** for the Executive and Director positions open for the 2021 Board of the society. Details are posted on page 3 of this Newsletter. Voting will take place at the AGM on March 10th. The **method of voting** was also a topic for discussion. Bill attended the voting process for the Ontario Ancestors (OGS) and felt it was far too involved and lengthy for our society. He has chosen to include a process where, for the first time, all members of the society will have the opportunity to vote. Other systems of voting were discussed as well and anyone preferring another system is welcome to contact Bill at President@bcgs.ca. Information about the process will be provided in the March Newsletter and on the BCGS website.



The BCGS Genealogical Library remains closed until February 6, 2021, pending orders from BC's public health officials.

Financial Reports for the society are posted on the website in the Members section.

New **exchange journals** for **Dorset and Yakima** have been inserted in the Members' section of the website. Copyright declaration is inserted in the society's details and the exchange journals on our website will be available to our members and will not be distributed outside of the BCGS. There are 40 plus journals available for members to read at home. **Celia Lewis** spoke on behalf of Corinne Jubb, Library Administrator, about a project to determine which journals are hard copy and which are digital. There are over 900 journals in the library listing.



**BCGS MEETING PRESENTATION - EUNICE ROBINSON
WHERE SHOULD I PUT MY FAMILY HISTORY?**



**WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR
RESEARCH WHEN YOU ARE NO
LONGER HERE?**

Genealogy researchers often ask the above question. Eunice began by urging a review of one's record system beginning with the organization and storage for computer programs, books, photos and memorabilia.

Labelling and filing are important parts of genealogy as are collections of family stories and remembrances. These are important points in order to decide where to delegate one's research.

Members were instructed to first check with their own families for a relative who might be interested. Eunice has a unique demand of her family. They are to retain her research for 25 years after she is gone and that person must hand it on and have it remain for another 25 years after that person has left 'this mortal coil'.

That sounds a good solution for many of us but she also recommends checking with societies such as the Salt Lake LDS library and/or 'sharing' on a website or blog. Organizing one's material to suit archival preservation is important. Scanning oversized certificates can be done at the BCGS Genealogical Library when, of course, it is allowed to reopen.

There was a discussion about many of these points following Eunice's powerpoint presentation which took the place of Members' Voice. Some of the comments follow:

Eunice suggested one choose a family and do a time-line to discover what you may be missing. Many people are aspiring to be paperless. Most aren't that far.

Suzanne Spohn asked a question about storage boxes for preservation of photos. The main office supply stores will carry appropriate materials. Just ask for 'acid free'.

Ann Buchanan: There is a new program being written by a member for the BCGS's use which will enable CDs to be read. Much of the information on CDs is no longer available as they are not compatible with newer computers.

Aidren Kayce asked about a Zoom class regarding learning about digital copying technology. Ann Buchanan suggested perhaps a Special Interest Group (SIG) could be set up for this topic in the future.

Jane Thomas feels one should share their information. She has a closed Facebook group with her many cousins in which she put up her old pictures with stories. She now has hundreds of pictures which are available to all the members of the group. A SIG chat on how to set up a Facebook group such as this would be of interest.

Megan Riter advised starting with one's earliest colour photos when scanning. Old colour fades faster than black and white. MyHeritage now has three programs that can colourise black and white photos, restore colour and enhance photos.

Christine Manzer, President of the United Empire Loyalists', reported the UEL has a mug celebrating the BCGS 25th Anniversary. She plans to return it to the BCGS for their Archives.

Eunice noted that **vertical files** are being set up for the United Kingdom countries; England, Scotland and Wales as well as for Canada and the United States.

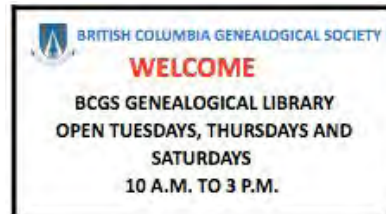
The **vertical files for Ireland** - a long standing resource at the BCGS Library - are now on the website.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.



BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

News about our library as well as the events that took place and will take place at the library

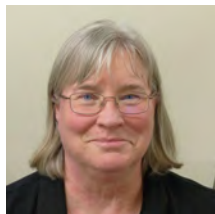


BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

Unit 211, 12837 – 76th Avenue, Surrey, BC

Normally open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Due to the recent Public Health Orders issued by Dr. Bonnie Henry, the BCGS library will remain closed until Saturday, February 6, 2021. We will reopen on that date if allowed.



Corrine Jubb, Library Administrator

BCGS celebrates 50 years in 2021. The BCGS Library remains closed at this time and we hope to reopen to researchers in the spring. Library books include topics such as maps, census, immigration and biographies. Researching female ancestors can be difficult but a variety of our books also feature some amazing women.

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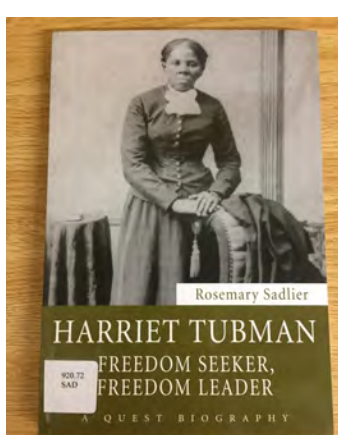
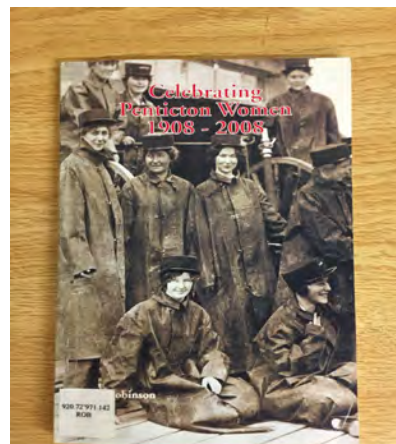
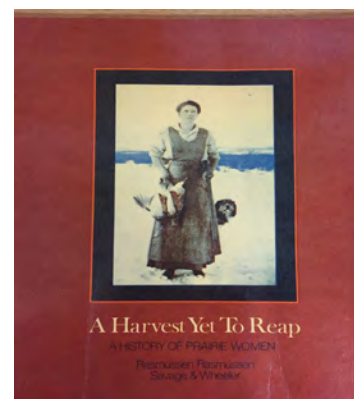
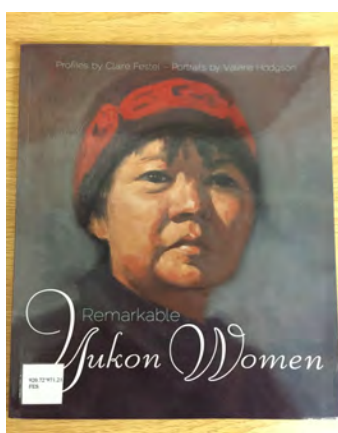
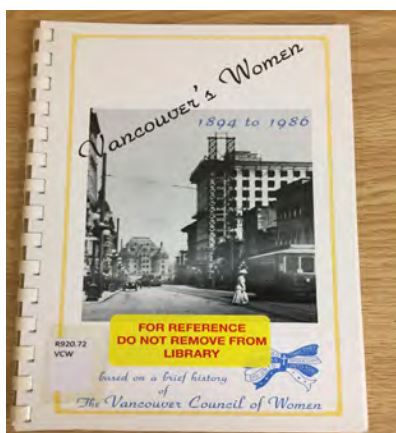
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BCGS GENEALOGY CHATS

CHATS ARE TAKING PLACE **via ZOOM**

Click [here](#) for Local Events

Genealogy Chats at the BCGS Genealogical Library

When the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, come by the library for a chat about your research or advice on where to begin. Bring a coffee mug, a friend, your favourite resources or just bring yourself. \$2 drop-in fee. Spend the day and browse our wonderful resources. Until then, join us **via Zoom**.



QUEBEC QUESTERS GENEALOGY CHAT

Saturdays, Feb 13 & March 13 **via Zoom***

10 am to noon
RSVP Linda Maitland
lindamaitland@telus.net



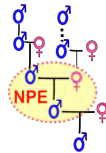
EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Mondays, Feb 1 & March 1 **via Zoom* 1 to 3 pm**

Feb 1 topic: Chromosome Mapping at DNA Painter
March 1 topic: TBA
RSVP Sharon Clayton sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY CHAT
Parental Puzzles (NPE)
Mondays, Feb 15 & March 15 **via Zoom* 1 to 3 pm**
Round Table Discussion
RSVP Sharon Clayton sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



WALES GENEALOGY CHAT

TBA
Facilitator Lynn Owen-Whalen
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



BC GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, March 4 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm
With Janet White
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



CHINA GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursdays, Feb 4 & March 4 **via ZOOM***

10 - 11 am
RSVP Linda Yip
hello@past-presence.com



SCOTLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

TBA
With Lorraine Irving
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

TBA
With Ann Buchanan
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



IRELAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursdays, Feb 4 & March 18 **via Zoom****

7 to 9 pm
With Eunice Robinson
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCANDINAVIA GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, March 11 **via Zoom****
7 to 9 pm
With Eunice Robinson
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ONTARIO GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, Feb 11 **via Zoom****
7 to 9 pm
With Janet White
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ATLANTIC CANADA GENEALOGY CHAT

TBA
With Janet White
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



GERMANS from RUSSIA GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, March 25 **via Zoom****
7 to 9 pm
With Eunice Robinson
RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



***via Zoom - email the facilitator**
**** via Zoom - email coffeechat@bcgs.ca**
In both cases, you will be sent an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom.



We have just finished the last of our **January Coffee Chats via Zoom**, and from the attendance, our members are enjoying these opportunities to learn and share. Coming up in **February** is another 'round' – Ireland – Feb 4th; Ontario – Feb 11th; Scotland – Feb 18th; and English – Feb 25th. The Coffee Chats are held every Thursday, via Zoom, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. To receive an invitation, please contact coffeechat@bcgs.ca and you will be added to the list(s) and sent the invitation. Looking forward to *seeing* you. Eunice Robinson

BCGS NEWS

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

BCGS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are lots of volunteer opportunities within the BCGS. **Many hands make light work and ALL help is appreciated!** **The BCGS Genealogical Library is now closed. Unless there is a new health order, the BCGS Library is scheduled to reopen on February 6th, 2021; however, many of our projects can easily be done at home. Contact Eunice Robinson at president@bcgs.ca for more information.**



BCGS NEWSLETTER EDITORS POSITIONS

Our co-editors, Judith Ueland and Linda Maitland, are approaching the end of their five year term in May 2021 as compilers of the monthly BCGS Newsletter.

This is an opportunity for two people who wish to participate more fully within the society. Requirements are simple: a working knowledge of a computer - most genealogists have already been through the upward curve of learning an online genealogy program - an interest in the workings of the society and, of course, in genealogy. The Newsletter is the Society's way to contact our members and outreach to those who are beginning their research and need some ideas and information. So many members already participate by contributing a monthly column or volunteer within the society and send us their reports that this is not an onerous position but a very well received publication. Preparation of the Newsletter can be done at home. Contact: Judith Ueland and Linda Maitland at newsletter@bcgs.ca or Bill Clayton and Eunice Robinson at president@bcgs.ca



BCGS GIFT CERTIFICATE

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

It's easy to order. **Go to our [website](#)**. The order form is under "**Membership**" in a category called "**Gift Membership**". The first page explains what happens, then click the "**Gift it**" button and it takes you to the page where you can select and add to the shopping cart.

There is a very short form for the purchaser to complete since the membership committee will have to contact the new member to give privacy notice and permission to send them emails. This method allows the purchaser to pay on-line. Our membership team will then send the certificate to either the person purchasing the gift or the recipient. If you would like to purchase a gift certificate using a cheque or cash, please contact membership@bcgs.ca

BCGS 50th ANNIVERSARY ALASKA CRUISE - SEPTEMBER 2021



A NOTE from the BCGS BOARD of DIRECTORS re the 2021 BCGS 50th Anniversary Alaska cruise. At this time with the current pandemic, it is impossible to speculate on where the world will be in September 2021. The organizing committee is hopeful that the cruise will proceed as scheduled or possibly be postponed past the point when a vaccine is available.

To keep up with the latest news about the cruise, join our [Facebook group](#).

NEW HEALTH PROTOCOLS: In a press release dated September 23, 2020, the Cruise Lines International Association (CILA) announced, "a new set of health protocols as part of a phased-in, highly controlled resumption of operations in North America". New regulations would require that ALL passengers and crew be tested for Covid-19. Air management and ventilation strategies are being re-examined to increase fresh air on board. When physical distancing is not possible, face masks would be compulsory. Cruise lines could deny boarding to passengers who do not comply.

FEBRUARY UPDATE: Our travel agent Robert Marcoux is staying in close touch with our Holland America group booking representative. We will share updated information as it becomes available.

The optimists among us are hoping that by June, we'll be able to move into a "full steam ahead" planning mode to prepare for a September 12th, 2021 departure date.

CBC News published this chart (right) to give its citizens a rough idea of when they will be eligible to receive their Covid-19 vaccinations.



BCGS 2021 CALENDAR - FEBRUARY

1971 to 2021 - 50 YEARS AGO - The President's Page

Photo construction: George Caldwell, Written commentary: Sharon Clayton, Susan Sullivan, Graphic Design



1971-2021



In February 1971, eleven people attended the first meeting of the **British Columbia Genealogical Society**. The founding President was **Gay Curran Husband**. In September of 1971, the newly elected president **Alan Barnard** published the society's first newsletter.

Joanne Hughes (*Member 9*) was appointed as the society's first librarian in 1971. She created the first tiny library in a small room in her home, where she held an Open House for library users every Wednesday evening. Of the 12 charter members, **Betty Harvey** (*Member 4*), now a proud octogenarian, is the only current member. She enjoyed attending several of 2020's Zoom meetings when we weren't able to meet face-to-face. Betty's husband **Dave Harvey** (*Member 3934*) continues to be an active genealogy researcher.

In 1971, **Alice Marwood** (*Member 12*) was living a few houses down the street from the Harveys. After Alice's death in 2017, the Board of Directors created the **Alice Louise Marwood Memorial Fund**, which supports the advancement and preservation of the BCGS Library and Resource Centre.

1971	PAID MEMBERS	
March	HUSBAND: Mrs. Gay Curran,	Richmond/Port Moody
	BURGESS: Mrs. Lila	Richmond
	ORLANDI: Mrs. Margaret	Richmond
	Harvey; Mrs. Betty	Richmond
	BARNARD: Mr. Alan	Burnaby
	BARNARD: Mrs. Christine	Burnaby
	BUTLER: Mr. Tom	
	BUTLER: Mrs.	
	HUGHES: Mrs. Joanna	Burnaby
	BUNCH: Mrs.	
	FORD: Walter P.	Coquitlam
	MARWOOD: Mrs. Alice	Richmond




CHARTER MEMBERS

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

MESSAGE OF OUR FIRST PERMANENT PRESIDENT:
 This first issue of our society magazine is the culmination of an idea first expressed last February, when a small group of people got together to form the British Columbia Genealogical Society. I was not one of that gathering, and so I am not inhibited in any way from saying "thank you" to those responsible for taking that first step, and worthwhile tradition, but the point should be the forerunner of a long and worthy strength and quality of our magazine will depend primarily upon the support our editor receives from the membership of the society. The members should make clear the type of membership information they want to see in the magazine.
 At the moment our magazine does not have a name. Whatever the name finally agreed upon, there is no doubt that this magazine can be invaluable in conveying genealogical information throughout our membership and beyond.
 It is appropriate that this first message should be closed, with a general and warm invitation to all those who are interested in their family and family history, to come along and join us in the British Columbia Genealogical Society, and discover with us the fascination of hunting your very own ancestors.

Alan Barnard.

THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT: Mrs. Gay Curran Husband.
 The British Columbia Genealogical Society was formed because of a need felt for a meeting place for genealogists in B. C., and connecting Societies in other parts of Canada and genealogical sources throughout the world. Our first meeting, held at Richmond Arts Centre, 12 February 1971 brought out eleven people to elect interim officers and make plans for a future. We now have over 200 members and a mailing list of over 100 names.
 is our hope...



THE BCGS 50th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

See our PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE for an update on the success of the sales of the 2021 calendar. The eight extra calendars have now been spoken for.

OBITUARIES

Remembering those who have left us recently and, over the years, were dedicated to the pursuit of genealogy.



ELVIN MEYERS - 1937 - 2020

BCGS Member # 5031

I am sorry to report that my dear friend, Elvin Meyers, passed away Wednesday, December 30th, three hours ahead of his 83rd birthday on December 31st. He had a short stay in hospital then was transferred to a hospice in Surrey. I was fortunate enough to be able to have a visit with him a couple of weeks ago, which I am so grateful for. It was the same day that our quarterly journal came out so I was able to report that his family story entitled "*Edgar Powell Reappears*" had been published in the British Columbia Genealogist eJournal - he was so happy to hear that. His son has told me that

there is one more story that Elvin had been working on and I will forward it to the eJournal team when I receive it.

Cathy Lawrence

Elvin was a long-time member of the BCGS and held a number of volunteer positions over the years. He kindly took on the demanding position of Treasurer in March of 2010 for the requisite five year term as well as sitting as a Director on the Board. It was a pleasure to work with him as he was both knowledgeable and fascinated with genealogy research. His good humour made all genealogy problems less difficult. As much of his family research took him to Eastern Europe, he became a BCGS Facilitator, centering around Germany, Russia and Poland, and he was always willing to help others find the oftentimes difficult connection to that area of the world. He will be missed. **Judith Ueland**



NOTE: Elvin's family obituary can be read [here](#).

COMPLIMENTS from our READERS

Terri Mackenzie, BCGS Membership Chair, has kindly passed along comments she has received with the 2021 membership renewals. The co-editors, Linda and Judith, are pleased and grateful that the Society's efforts are so well received.

Celia Lewis - Cheers to those of you doing all these memberships - much appreciated!!

Linda Prochaska - Thanks to all who make the society what it is. Well done in adapting to COVID.

Jane Thomas – Thanks to all of you for your hard work and inspiration.

Beverley Huggins – Thanks for your efforts. Always well done, Team, and much appreciated. Keep well, be safe, Seasons Greetings.

Virginia Moore – Thanks for all you do!



FUNDRAISING - POP CANS and BOTTLES



Each donated can or bottle makes a difference to our BCGS budget

Bill Clayton advises us that the total amount of money collected in 2021 as of January 28th was **\$153.50**. These funds are for the **Alice Louise Marwood Fund (ALM Fund)**, which is used for upkeep of the Library.

As the Library is closed until further notice, you are welcome to drop your pop cans and bottles off in Bill's driveway in South Surrey, if that is convenient for you. Bill will see them returned and funded to the library. Email Bill at president@bcgs.ca



Keep an eye on our Facebook pages during the Covid-19 pandemic. We're posting genealogical links to help with research while you're physical distancing, self-isolating, in quarantine or recuperating.

British Columbia Genealogical Society - Information about the BCGS and announcements for upcoming BCGS events are posted in this account. Open to non-BCGS members too. You can join [here](#).

BCGS Genealogical Discussion Group - For genealogical collaboration and discussion. You can easily communicate with all members of the group, post your research questions, share a brick wall, a genealogical success, and other members of the group can reply or comment. Others can help you and you can help others. As well, genealogical items of interest are posted. Open to non-BCGS members too. You can join [here](#).

Images Available

To view these images you must do one of the following:

- Access the site at a family history center
- Access the site at a FamilySearch affiliate library

BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY has AFFILIATE LIBRARY STATUS with FamilySearch.org

When you are using FamilySearch.org and you see the image on the left, remember that the **BCGS Genealogical Library has Affiliate Library status with FamilySearch.org**. When we reopen, while using FamilySearch.org at the BCGS Genealogical Library, you will be able to view many of the digital images of documents that are locked to home users.



When this pandemic is all over, we are all throwing the biggest St. Patrick's - Easter - Passover - Vaisakhi - Earth Day - Ramadan - Mother's Day - Victoria Day - Father's Day - Canada Day - August Long - Labour Day - Thanksgiving - Christmas - New Year's - Groundhog Day - Robbie Burns Day - Family Day and Valentine's party that anyone has ever seen!



GENEALOGY NEWS in BC

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in BC



To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Surrey Libraries, FamilySearch FHC, Vancouver Public Libraries and all other BC libraries are closed or have reduced hours and services until further notice.



A note from Vancouver Public Library

Ancestry Library Edition

VPL cardholders can now enjoy access to Ancestry Library Edition from home for free until **MARCH 31, 2021**. Click [here](#) to visit their genealogy guide for more research help.



Surrey Libraries Family History

Ancestry from Home – Extended to MARCH 31, 2021!

(This is generously provided through ProQuest and their partner Ancestry). Access through the website [here](#) and scroll down until you see the Ancestry login button.



Fun Family History Friday

Join us for some lively, open family history discussions. All levels welcome. Fridays, February 6 to March 26. Pre-registration is required. Via Microsoft Teams.

Genealogy Orientation & Consultation

These are in-person, one-on-one sessions (with full covid safety protocols in place) for anyone new to genealogy OR needing a new direction in their research. A session will include a tour of our department and the resources, databases, and services we offer, as well as some personal consultation to discuss your specific research needs and create a new research plan with you. Please call or email us to make an appointment – 604-598-7328 or familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Remember: We are open for in-person visits and research. Time in the library is limited to one hour, with 45 minutes on the computer. We are hoping this will be extended soon. Library and Family History Department hours are [here](#).

If you have **any questions**, please email familyhistory@surrey.ca , or call 604-598-7328.



UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS OF CANADA

Learn more or celebrate your Loyalist ancestor(s) with involvement in the UELAC VANCOUVER BRANCH –

<http://www.uelac.org/Vancouver/>

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @7:00 pm:
Branch Annual General Meeting via Zoom
followed by our “Year in Review” slide show



“If you find you have one UE Loyalists among your family ancestors then you likely have a few more.”

Our Branch Genealogist helps members to confirm the links to obtain a UELAC Certificate.



MEMBERS' CORNER

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



Patrick Keily, member #5414

As I Recollect - I Remember Vic Brandecky - February 11, 1907 - July 4, 1987

Where does one start when writing about Vic? Brilliant musician? Bum? Dreamer? BS artist? Freeloader? Unappreciative so and so? Great

friend? The answer is yes, yes, and more.

Charles Birkholz, a friend of mine, was recovering from wounds in a hospital in France during World War 2. A man in the bed next to his struck up a conversation, telling Charles of a plan to join a friend in Wisconsin after the war. This friend had a thousand acres of timberland and they were going to turn that land into a major logging operation. That land baron just happened to be Charles' friend, Vic Brandecky, and that 1000 acres was a 200 by 200 foot lot in Butternut.

Vic was born in Chicago, came to Butternut in the 1930s, was "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat Sajak's uncle, was a great trumpet player, and never did a day's work in his life apart from a very short stint as a part-time high school teacher. He told me in 1968 that his first Social Security check of \$68 was the most money he ever made in a month. He was kind of a kook, a dreamer with great ideas but no capital and no plans to get his hands dirty.

He had strange ways of thanking a person - he didn't, like when my wife, Barb, made him two quarts of borscht out of the goodness of her heart. It was four in the afternoon when I stopped at his house; he came to the door in his underwear and sleep in his eyes. He looked at it and said, "Oh good, borscht." Then, staring at me, he said, "Well?" I said, "Well, what?" He yelled, "You woke me up just for this!?" and slammed the door in my face.

One cold winter day in 1965, I stopped for fuel oil at Knoop's gas station. Vic was there playing cribbage and absorbing free heat. He said to me, "You know, skiing is getting to be popular. I've got that land east of town with that big hill. We could clear cut the trees, use the

logs to build the lodge, get Wagner to build a stone fireplace, and be open for business next fall. I'm gonna make you the manager, but if I catch you with your fingers in the till, I'll break your goddam skull!"

I played trumpet and banjo in his oom pah pah (polka) band for three years. A graduate of the Chicago Conservatory of Music, Vic was very talented. He taught music part time for a few years in the Butternut school system, probably what brought him there in the first place.

There's no question he knew music, but business sense? No. Not even a little. In the summer of 1966, he created an eight-piece orchestra with the best musicians around the area. His plan was to introduce the local clientele to the old German polkas, waltzes, and the schuhplattler. We were all excited about it and we practiced two nights a week for two months. We were all pretty excited because we sounded really good. The night of our unveiling, Vic said, "I don't think they'll like this kind of stuff" and we played the same old stuff as before. We played two four-hour sets, afternoon and evening. When the dance was over, Vic said, "They didn't make as much as they'd hope to, so they asked to not be held to the contract." For my eight hours, I was paid \$3. I know the others got more, how much more I never found out, but they never played in his band again. I, on the other hand, was happy just to be getting all the free beer.



Next month - How to Lose Friends and Irritate People



Meg McLaughlin, member #3847

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

The Magic of Family Connection

A recent discussion got me thinking about the family connections we make when exploring our family trees. These days numerous websites and apps like Facebook and Zoom make collaborating with others who are working on the same family lines easier than it used to be. But way back before there was even Ancestry.com, when you could only sit in front of the microfilm reader at the local Family History Library for two hours because there was someone waiting to take your place, we found ways to collaborate on family trees long distance as well.

Shortly after email became widespread, there were RootsWeb surname lists where you could link up with people who shared names in common with you. I'm not sure if it was a post on one of these lists or a connection to a connection which linked me up to researchers who I shared family lines with. I remember lots of mailing of information back and forth, but what was most memorable were the people I met in person.

In the middle years of the 2000s, I started to venture out and explore my family history in person. For me this involved travel to England. I set up visits with my email contacts as part of my itinerary. On a visit to Northamptonshire, I met up with Maggie, my seventh cousin, and ventured into the church (below) in Kilsby where our relative, the Reverend Thomas Strange, had



been founding minister. There a woman, finding out what our interest was, presented us with a short written history of Reverend Strange.

On another trip, I explored Dorset. While there I met up with Peter and his wife, who took me to Evershot, where Peter's and my Chubb ancestors had lived for a time. We found the village church and were about to undertake the daunting task of reading all the gravestones in the churchyard when the minister came out to see what we were doing. After we explained our interest, she said, "I think we have a book about that." She disappeared into her house for a few minutes and came back with a soft bound book that recorded the wording on the stones. We were able to find "our" stones with no problem after that which gave us plenty of time for lunch at the Acorn Inn (below), which we believed also figured in our family history.



These experiences were made possible through internet collaboration. Even in the early days of email contact we reached out to our family lines and formed special bonds. But taking it further confirmed the connection. Meetings with people who already knew each other through their words was easy but true magic happened when we met in person and walked in our ancestors' footsteps together. May it be possible to do again sometime soon.



Janice Kidwell, member #5033

Scottish Hebridean Carigin*

For this article, Janice had input from her second cousin, Donald John Morrison, who had the experience of gathering and processing carigin and knows of its health benefits. He recently mailed Janice a crop.



In the photo, you'll see the carigin inside the casserole dish along with a photo of my grandfather's croft at Hosta and some stones from it that I took on my second visit after the croft had been dismantled.

Carigin, like some other seaweeds, is rich in Vitamin D and is a rare natural source of it when boiled / simmered for about 10 minutes before draining and left to set like jelly.

Carigin can only be reached at very low tides for about two or three days each month when there is a 'full moon'. The times of low tides change every day by about 40 to 45 minutes.

After WWII, Donald John recalls the family going to collect carigin and tangle, winkles, mussels and cockles, crabs and lobsters from the shore to subsidize their diet as money was in short supply.

After storms, the seaweed 'tangle' was in plentiful supply on Hosta Beach. They collected the tangle above

the high water mark and allowed it to dry before sending it away to the mainland in special bags where it was processed for paracetamol purposes like iodine etc. The red 'bubbly' seaweed was used not only for fertilizer for growing potatoes and corn but also for making poultice for the treatment of boils on the skin and was found to be very effective.

Donald's grandmother, Peggy MacDonald, (who married his grandfather Roderick MacDonald**) recalled how the local Dr. Mackenzie visited a lady in Balmartin (two villages north of Hosta) who was unwell. She was about 40 years old at the time. He diagnosed that she was suffering from TB. The doctor went down to the sea every second day to gather long strips of seaweed and warmed it up in front of the open fire in her home and wrapped it around the lady's body. The lady made a wonderful recovery and lived for over 20 years.

**Also spelled cairgein or carrageen*

***My 2nd cousin's grandfather Roderick and my grandfather Alexander were brothers.*



Hosta is on the Isle of North Uist in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland.

***** **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** *****

BCGS EVENTS

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

February 1	Exploring Genetic Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 1 to 3 pm
February 4	Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am
February 4	Ireland Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
February 10	BCGS Members' Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm
February 11	Ontario Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
February 13	Quebec Questers Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon
February 15	Exploring Genetic Genealogy (NPE) Chat - via Zoom - 1 to 3 pm
February 18	Scotland Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
February 25	England Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
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March 25	Germans from Russia Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm



Valentine's Day - Sunday, February 14, 2021
See our February Calendar Page for other special event days



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