



# BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**GENEALOGY NEWS - ABOUT OUR MEMBERS - FOR OUR MEMBERS**

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## HAPPY GENEALOGY NEW YEAR 2020



### MEMBERS' MEETING - JANUARY 8, 2020

EDUCATION at the JANUARY MEETING

***You'll Never Guess What I Found!***



Reviewing our research and uncovering clues and buried treasures

Celia Lewis & Eunice Robinson



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER for 2020

If you haven't already renewed, here are several ways to do so:

- At the Members' Meeting on January 8
- By mail - print the membership form from our website at [www.bcgs.ca](http://www.bcgs.ca)
- Right now - on the BCGS website with PAYPAL at:

<https://www.bcgs.ca/membership-account/membership-levels/>

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

**Please note:** There is no price increase this year.

**Remember:** We have a reciprocal arrangement of a \$5 discount with the Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan Genealogical Societies.

**HATS ON** (or rather, toques) for **Marilyn Ponting** and **Kenneth Livingstone**, Membership Committee, ready to handle membership renewals from members at the Christmas Social and into the New Year. It's never too late to renew.

We value your interest in and your support of our society.



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## A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

You may notice that this NEWSLETTER has arrived a few days later than usual. Our aim is to have the BCGS Newsletter in your in-box on the first of every month - apart from January, that is. Your editors, reviewers, and dispatcher all need a few days to catch their breaths between the Christmas season and publication date so this is why the January issue is always published a few days later than usual. Please note the two Coffee Chats that are happening this Tuesday, January 7th - see pages 7 & 16 for details. Judith Ueland & Linda Maitland



Check our website [www.bcgs.ca](http://www.bcgs.ca) for more detail about our Society

Please share. Just click FORWARD from the email and send this to your friends. Thank you!

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

**Happy  
New Year!**



# Happy New Year!!



Ellen (Nell) Bloomfield 1875-1933

BCGS  
January  
2020



## WHAT ARE YOUR GENEALOGY GOALS FOR 2020?

It's a brand New Year! Have you been thinking of genealogy goals for 2020? It has been said that goals should be those which are within your control. Here are a few examples:

- a) target so many hours per week for researching your family.
- b) target so many hours for organizing your digital genealogy files.
- c) determine a number of days per month to visit cemeteries, museums, archives of churches, city halls, counties, employers and census addresses.
- d) start a genealogy map or add pins to your map.
- e) make DNA research a priority and research some of your 4th and beyond cousins.

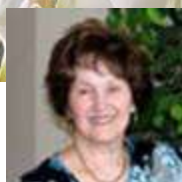
And perhaps the most important of all:

- f) schedule a visit to your eldest living relative and interview them about their early life and other facts - all of which will delight your children and grandchildren.

June Gauntley

HISTORY REMEMBERS ONLY THE CELEBRATED,  
GENEALOGY REMEMBERS THEM ALL.

Laurence Overmire



Photos and poster by June Gauntley, member #5112

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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**Eunice Robinson, BCGS President** [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca)

This year, **2020**, the British Columbia Genealogical Society turns **49 years old!** I wonder what our *founding Mothers & Fathers* would think of how the Society has grown and improved these past few decades. I do know that researching our family histories has certainly changed over this time.

In the beginning, the monthly meetings were held in Richmond, BC – which is why we still have our Richmond post office box address. We have changed our meeting venue and moved our library a few times over the years. Records weren't computerized such as they are now, and researching a census record on microfilm took about an hour to go through – being as the record you sought was in the last few frames of the film (*Murphy's law of family history*). Filling out information on forms was the way that we tracked all those important bits and pieces that we discovered. And of course, the letter writing to all and sundry as we searched far and wide.

Today, we have so much information at our fingertips (via our keyboards). In fact, so much information is available, that it is sometimes mind-boggling, and you wonder how you can possibly keep up with all the new records and methods that seem to spring up each day. And now we have DNA added to the mix. What an amazing tool this has become in our arsenal and quest!

What hasn't changed is the need to suss out the information that we might have in our own homes, or in the intriguing collections of older relatives and stacks of family photos that need identification. So why not make this year, your year to get organized? Reach out to those relatives, tackle that pile of paper on your desk, scan those photos and documents, or write up the story of one of your ancestors – and then enter our **2020 Most Improved Genealogy Contest!**

On behalf of the **Board of Directors**, we'd like to wish our members and their families, a **Very Happy New Year**. And don't forget, if you run into a brick wall, **Just Ask Us!**

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## BCGS eJOURNAL NEWS



**Lynne Fletcher, BCGS eJournal editor**

In Swedish, there's a useful expression when it starts feeling too late to say Merry Christmas or Happy New Year one more time ... **God fortsättning**, which means Happy Continuation!

I'm sending this greeting to all, to all readers of our newsletter and eJournal, and to all genealogists who might be thinking about sharing their research and family stories. During 2019, many of our members wrote about the hardships that early settlers to British Columbia lived and worked through. Stories about the War Brides, the British Home Children, the early school teachers in Victoria come to mind, and how these new B.C. residents just kept going.

For 2020, we're inviting stories about those ancestors who came to this new land, and despite all the challenges, just kept moving forward and building our province. 'Where there's a will, there's a way' must have been standard practice for many pioneers!

As the days slowly get longer, and spring starts to peak around the corner of that far tree, I hope that you will consider sharing your searches with our readers in this new year.

Please send your story and pictures to [Journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:Journal@bcgs.ca)

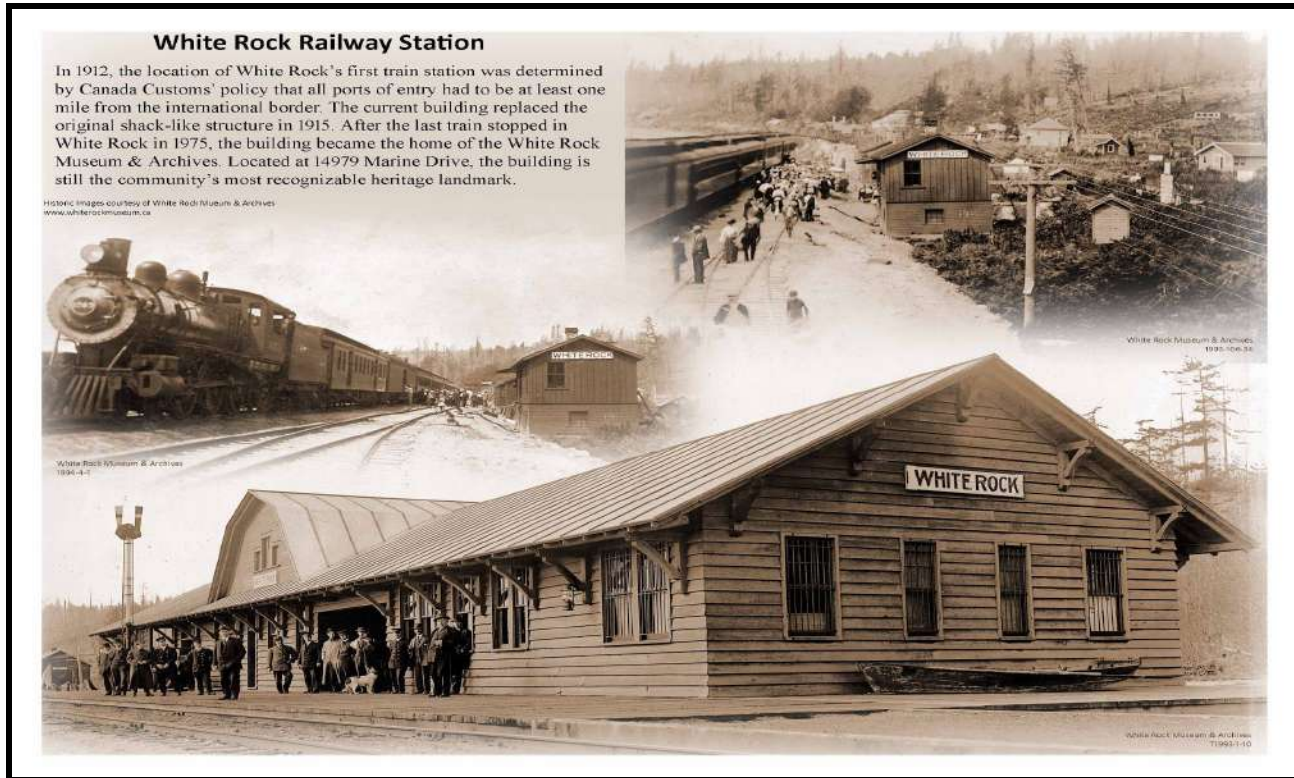
**Tack så jät!**



# BCGS 2020 CALENDAR - JANUARY

Historic Images courtesy of White Rock Museum & Archives [whiterockmuseum.ca](http://whiterockmuseum.ca)

Photo construction: George Caldwell, written commentary: Sharon Clayton



## BCGS POSTCARD COLLECTION



### POSTCARD OF THE MONTH - A Story Behind the Picture

Janice Kidwell, BCGS member #5033

**CARLIN & DURICK GENERAL STORE -  
FORT STEELE PROVINCIAL HISTORIC  
PARK, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

By mid-1898, the town newspaper was claiming that this was "one of the most prominent and successful businesses in the interior of B.C."

A customer browsing in the Carlin and Durick General Store in 1898 would have found the shelves filled with everything from clothing, jewellery and food to mining supplies, ammunition and medicine.

Fort Steele Historic Park is located on Highway 93/95, 16 km northeast of Cranbrook, B.C.



## Donations ARE Keeping the BCGS Afloat

All of the Society's operating costs have continued to increase. These costs can only be covered by our **membership fees**.

Our largest single source of extra funds is **annual donations** from members who add a donation when they pay their membership fees or who donate a substantial amount annually.

BCGS finances are covered by our membership fees and although we continue to attract new members each year, lapsed memberships have outnumbered those gains. Those of us 'in the know' realize that everything is NOT on the internet and that new members can take advantage of our extensive library resources as well as our knowledgeable and helpful members.

### Where does all the money go?

We are one of very few remaining societies to maintain a functioning **genealogical library** and 95% of our annual budget is spent on the library. These costs include maintenance and necessities such as hydro, telephone & internet, strata fees and insurance.

As of September 2019, our library catalogue has grown to more than 18,000 books and periodicals. All library services are provided by the hard work of **98 library volunteers**, under the direction of Library Administrator, Corrine Jubb. Donations from individual members, ranging from \$10 to \$1000, have been an invaluable source of funds.



Two years ago, the Society received \$5,000 for website renewal from the estate of Billy Williamson. The website provides both distance and local members with **digital resources** exclusively in the Members' Area.

Please **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020 & please, INCLUDE A DONATION TODAY. ANY AMOUNT will be GRATEFULLY RECEIVED via VISA, PAYPAL, CHEQUE OR CASH.**

The BCGS Board of Directors 2019

## NOTICE of CALL for NOMINATIONS

The **BCGS Annual General Meeting** will be on Wednesday, 11 March 2020. At the AGM, in addition to all the other business of the Society, elections will be held for the positions of President, Two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer for the 2020 – 2021 term and 2 (two) Directors for the 2020 – 2023 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 Rob Whitlock, BCGS Past President. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

A copy of the BCGS Nomination Application is available from Rob by email upon request.

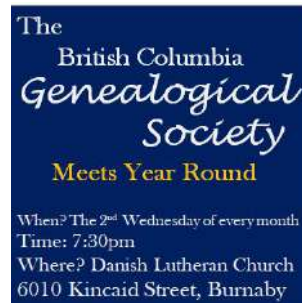
The elections will be held at the **Annual General Meeting at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, 11 March 2020** at the Danish Lutheran Church, Downstairs Hall, 6010 Kincaid St, Burnaby, BC. All full members are eligible to vote.

**Rob Whitlock, BCGS Past President Responsible for Nominations**

[robw.whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:robw.whitlock@gmail.com)

# BCGS MEMBERS' MEETINGS

News about upcoming meetings as well as previous meetings



Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Danish Lutheran Church Hall, 6010 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, BC

THE NEXT MEETING is on -

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**

See our front page for details of the upcoming **JANUARY** meeting

*The doors open half an hour before the meeting starts, and you're welcome to chat with other members and get settled in. Our business meeting begins at 7:30, followed by a coffee break where you can chat with others. We then have our 50/50 draw and break out into our education sessions - usually about an hour. Then there's time for more chatting while we tidy up.*



**FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER 2020**  
A new year begins  
Education Schedule for Members' Meetings to be determined  
Watch This Space



## NOTE: GENEALOGY COFFEE CHATS in early JAN & FEB 2020

Tuesday, January 7 - Atlantic Genealogy - 10 to noon - Keith MacNutt

Tuesday, January 7 - Software for Genealogy - 1 to 3 pm - Angus Glass

Saturday, February 1 - England Genealogy - 10 to Noon - Rob Whitlock

See Pages 16 and 17 for all Coffee Chats scheduled for January and February 2020

## BCGS WEBSITE ACCESS REMINDER!

Members are reminded that it is important to create their profile after they receive their email confirmation for the Free Access registration. They MUST help us out by providing their **Member Number and Full Name** in their profile. If they don't, it will definitely delay their update to Paid Access. If anyone needs a new copy of the instructions to sign up, they can send a request to [webmaster@bcgs.ca](mailto:webmaster@bcgs.ca) and the instructions will be emailed to them. **NOTE:** Your update to Paid Access is what gives you access to the **MEMBERS ONLY** part of the website.



**Happy  
New Year!**



## LOOKING BACK at the DECEMBER MEETING - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

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Above left: BCGS President, **Eunice Robinson** with **Kim Kujawski**, who now produces the meeting's **Slide Shows** each month. Centre: Items for the **Silent Auction** that brought in over \$600.00 for the society. Right: Books donated by members for the **Pocketbook Sale**, which were on the table and behind on the stage area beneath the Slide Show. It was another successful fundraiser - thank you to everyone who generously supported these events. The Christmas tree and red tablecloths were provided by the Danish Lutheran Church and added to the festivities.



Left to right: Most Improved Genealogy winners: **Jane Murphy Thomas** for her Family Reunion depictions of 1998 and 2019; **Susan Sullivan** for her, "An Adventure of Nurture vs Nature or My Long-Winded DNA Story"; **Elvin Meyers** for his research entitled, "Willie Maier (aka Bill Meyers)". Right: **Eunice Robinson** with **Judith Ueland**, Volunteer Appreciation for having produced the meeting Slide Shows since 2013.

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**Happy  
New Year!**



**LOOKING BACK at the DECEMBER MEETING, cont'd**

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Some of the fun at the meeting: Top left to right: **Janice Kidwell** and **Darleen Austin**, Refreshments. Janice's Christmas season-inspired socks. Food table setting for snacks during the break. Centre: left to right. A donated Christmas sweets platter, **Susan Snalam's** famous trifle cups - always coveted by our members, **Frances Ingram**, Hospitality, presenting **Colin Stevens** with the 50/50 winnings.

Bottom: Members paying for their Silent Auction winnings: Left: **Jean Stevens**, **Jim Graham**, **Sherry King**, **Susan Snalam**, **Jane Murphy Thomas**. Centre: **Linda Prochaska**, **Celia Lewis**, Right: **Sharon Clayton**, **Linda Drake**. **Eunice Robinson** and **Peter Whitlock** handled the money collection and distribution of items records.

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**Happy  
New Year!**

BCGS GIFT CERTIFICATE



Barbara Stoppa (right) requested a BCGS gift certificate for her sister-in-law, Faye Orr (left), new member #5765, as a Christmas gift.

We did not have such an item and therefore promptly invented a form. Susan Sullivan volunteered to format the certificate using the BCGS colours and titles.

Barbara and Faye both attended the meeting in order to complete the membership process and present the certificate.

The BCGS now has a process for anyone wishing to gift a friend or relative with a BCGS membership.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Encouraging & Preserving Family History Research  
Since 1971


**The British Columbia Genealogical Society**

welcomes  
**New Member Name**  
as a member to the Society for 1 year

Compliments of  
**Gift Giver**

Membership year:  
January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020

Date of Issue      Authorized by      Membership #  
Issue Date      Who Authorized      **12345**



We look forward to assisting you with your family history research. As a member, you will receive our monthly e-Newsletter and our quarterly e-Journal. We invite you to attend our monthly membership meeting, held the **2nd Wednesday of every month** at the **Danish Lutheran Church**, 6010 Kincaid Avenue, Burnaby, BC.

The **BCGS Genealogical Library** is located at Unit 211, 12837 – 76th Avenue, Surrey, BC. The hours of operation at Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our phone number is **604-502-9119**. Our website is [www.bcgs.ca](http://www.bcgs.ca) – contact our webmaster at [webmaster@bcgs.ca](mailto:webmaster@bcgs.ca) for information on how to access the **Members Only** section.

If you require more information, please contact us at [bcgs@bcgs.ca](mailto:bcgs@bcgs.ca).

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

**BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY has a SUBSCRIPTION to AMERICANANCESTORS.ORG until summer 2020**



AmericanAncestors.org has more than 1 billion records spanning the US and beyond to help find your ancestors and solve your genealogical mysteries. Check it out and then come to the library to do some research.



<https://www.americanancestors.org/index.aspx>



# 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 – 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey, BC

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

### NEWS from the LIBRARY STACKS

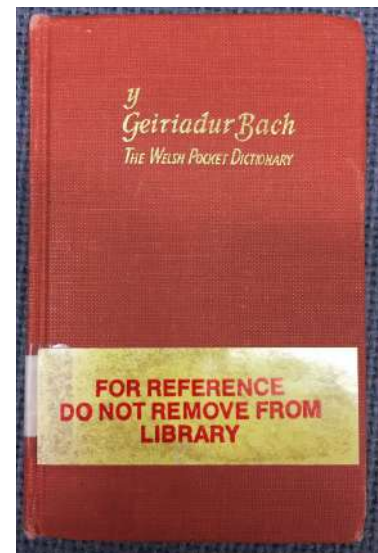
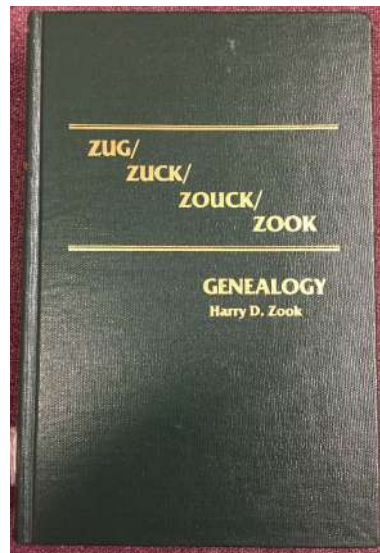
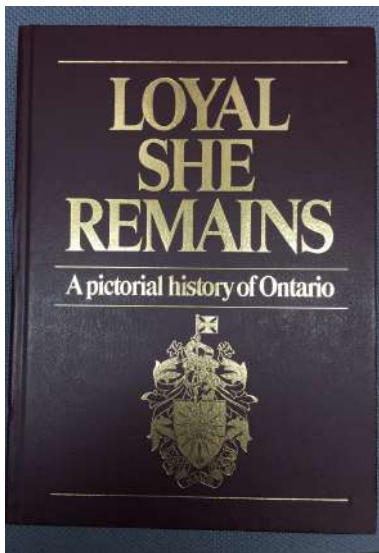
Corrine Jubb, Library Administrator



Another year of life and genealogy lies ahead in 2020. Come check out the BCGS Genealogical Library. Our collection might help your research with topics such as family histories, exchange journals, atlases, military info, county histories, memorial inscriptions etc. Our collection includes many, many resources such as the Bolton Project (a collection of Lancashire newspapers donated by a Victoria genealogy group), the complete UEL Collection from the UEL Vancouver Branch, and the Mountain View Cemetery cards (the cemetery may be online but the cards have the headstone inscriptions).

The following miscellaneous book titles caught the attention of our library volunteers.

- 971.3 UEL by the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada – “Loyal She Remains, a Pictorial History of Ontario” [Library Volunteer pick]
- R929.2 ZOO by Harry D. Zook – “ZUG / ZOOK / ZOUCK / ZOOK Genealogy” [Library Volunteer pick of a family history]
- R942.9 EVA by H. Meurig Evans & W. O. Thomas – “Y Geiriadur Bach, the Welsh Pocket Dictionary” (Library Volunteer pick)







**GENEALOGY GEMS & ODDITIES in the BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY**

**Celia Lewis, Member #5183**

**R 019 WORDS FROM WILLS and other probate records 1500-1800 A Glossary**  
**RAY Stuart A. Raymond**

The **R** in front of the 019 tells you this is for **REFERENCE** only, and cannot be taken out. A small book, totalling only 83 pages, it is filled with all those odd unusual old words you may find on old English wills or probate documents, and find yourself constantly googling for a reasonable definition!

As the author points out in his introduction, spelling was so variant during this time period that it would have been overwhelming to have put in every possible variant for the spellings of the variety of specific words used in wills and probates. Here are a few examples in the image to the right.

If you saw the word “**letch**” would you have thought it was a vessel holding ashes for making lye? And who knew that in the southwest of England, the word “**leery**” meant empty-?! If your ancestor said in his will that he owed a debt to a “**swaler**,” would you know that person was a wholesale dealer in corn and provisions? Or perhaps your ancestor gave a “**panade**” to his daughter. What was it? A large knife, definitely a useful utensil. Perhaps your 4th great-grandmothers had a few “**gallipots**” - small glazed earthenware pots used by apothecaries for ointments and medicines.

Some words would have been used mainly or only in specific regions such as **DBY** = Derbyshire, **LAN** = Lancashire, **OXF** = Oxfordshire, and so on. The 3-letter Chapman County Codes for England are on page 12 - a very handy list to have ready.

It is easy to make assumptions about the meanings of words based on our current definitions. This little book is very helpful in clarifying some of the old English words we might see in some of our ancestors' wills. For example, a “**spinster**” is a woman who spins yarns as her occupation, not that she is single, unmarried. The word “**diaper**” is twilled white linen cloth woven with geometric patterns, used as towels or napkins for drying hands during meals; also as table cloths. They were originally made in Ypres, Belgium, hence the name (d'Ypres).

As you can see, I love words, and was sidetracked for some time, diving into pages of this book! Very helpful for interpreting words in wills or probate records from 1500 to 1800, this will be your go-to book when transcribing those documents, word by word. Although it is a Reference book, you may use it in the library, and make copies of specific pages for your own use, of course. Highly recommended.



# BCGS NEWS

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

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## NEW MEMBERS of the BCGS

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

5765 Faye **ORR** of Coquitlam

5766 Carol **GRAYDON** of Vancouver

5767 Doreen **KING** of Langley

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## THE BCGS 'STORE' ATTENDANCE EVENTS



**Mona Advocaat** (left) Manager of the BCGS Store and (right) **Frances Ingram**, representing the BCGS at the Chilliwack Christmas Fair, November 30, 2019. Photos: **Susan Sullivan**



The BCGS Store had a successful year between March to December 2019, attending genealogical conferences and cultural events: the Scandinavian Festival, Highland Games, and the Burnaby Heritage Village BC Day as well as the Abbotsford Seminar, the Finding Your Roots Conference in Surrey and the BCGS Seminar in March. The BCGS Store also attended Members' Meetings in June and October.

At the end of November, Mona took the BCGS Store to its first Christmas Fair at the Chilliwack United Church (see photos above). The booth had people stop by and pick up information about the Society, and the sales were able to cover the fee charged for the table. Thank you to two great ladies who came out to help at the fair, Francis Ingram and Susan Sullivan.

Mona has marked several books at \$5 to clear them out so that the BCGS Store can purchase NEW books in the new year. The Heritage Book Series has just released several revised books, which we will soon have available.

If members are interested in purchasing any items from the BCGS Store, please contact Mona through our website <https://www.bcgs.ca/> Click on the A-Z lists (upper right hand menu) to take you to the BCGS Store page.

**BCGS Mission Statement** *The British Columbia Genealogical Society's mission is to serve and to grow best practices, and is dedicated to discovery, collection, preservation and access to family history research.*

**BCGS Vision Statement** *Using collaborative leadership, the British Columbia Genealogical Society will provide a sustainable environment for meaningful learning opportunities for all.*

## BCGS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*There are lots of volunteer opportunities within the BCGS. Many hands make light work and ALL help is appreciated!*

**\*NEEDED IMMEDIATELY\*** THE BCGS STORE - Mona Advocaat needs the help of several members who would like to help her run the BCGS Store. Please contact Mona at [store@bcgs.ca](mailto:store@bcgs.ca)



**50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK** - The BCGS will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021 and volunteers are needed to work on the anniversary book. Please contact Eunice Robinson at [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca)

**DIGITIZING NEWSPAPERS - BC RESEARCH** - A few more people to help with the digitization of BC newspapers would make this project go much faster. If you'd like to help, please contact Ann Buchanan at [ibbotsonab@gmail.com](mailto:ibbotsonab@gmail.com)

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS** - Volunteers are needed for the morning shift (10 am to 12:30) or the afternoon shift (12:30 to 3 pm) or the whole day for the second Saturday of each month. Please contact Corrine Jubb at [library@bcgs.ca](mailto:library@bcgs.ca)

**BOOK INDEXING PROJECT** - More indexers are needed. Indexing is done on an Excel spreadsheet but no experience is necessary. Jacqueline Penney will be happy to teach those who would like to help out. Please contact Jacqueline at [jmpenney@me.com](mailto:jmpenney@me.com)

**HOLTEN NETHERLANDS CEMETERY PROJECT** - This project is to honour the World War II soldiers who fell and are buried in the **Canadian War Cemetery in Holten, Netherlands**. We are researching each of the 81 soldiers from British Columbia, producing a biography, and hoping that we might locate relatives too. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Melissa Borgerson at [melissa\\_n\\_cecil@hotmail.com](mailto:melissa_n_cecil@hotmail.com)

**PIONEER REGISTRY - THE NEXT WAVE - Project Update**  
Thanks to the members who are submitting their information to the Pioneer Registry – the Next Wave. If you are interested in submitting your pioneers, email Eunice Robinson at [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca) and she will send you the form.

**WEB PAGE TEAM** - We are looking for several volunteers to join the Web Page Team. If you have experience in working with web pages, we need your help for the new website. Please contact Eunice Robinson at [president@bcgs.ca](mailto:president@bcgs.ca)



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

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

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British Columbia Genealogical Society Presents



# 50th Anniversary Alaska Cruise

September 12-19, 2021 • Holland America's NIEUW AMSTERDAM  
Featuring Blaine Bettinger & Mary Kathryn Kozy on Sea Days



**7-DAY ALASKAN INSIDE PASSAGE**

September 12—19, 2021

Nieuw Amsterdam	FARES FROM*
Interior Stateroom	\$1,517 <sup>CAD</sup>
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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sep 12	Vancouver		4:30pm
Sep 13	Inside Passage (Genealogy Day)		
Sep 14	Juneau	1 pm	10 pm
Sep 15	Skagway	7 am	9 pm
Sep 16	Glacier Bay	7 am	4 pm
Sep 17	Ketchikan	10 am	6 pm
Sep 18	Inside Passage (Genealogy Day)		
Sep 19	Vancouver	7 am	



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**UPDATE from Sharon Clayton:** Happy New Year from the BCGS 2021 Anniversary Cruise Planning Team. Robert Marcoux, our BCGS Travel Consultant, booked 122 passengers in 2019, and he's keeping a close eye on Holland America's sales promotions that apply to our cruise. When we hear about the next promo, we will share that info here and on our Facebook group. Please share that info with others (including DNA cousins) who might like to join us.

Our Facebook group has 107 members - not all committed to being on board when the Nieuw Amsterdam leaves Vancouver's Cruise Ship Terminal on September 12, 2021. Anyone who is even vaguely interested in knowing the latest news about the cruise is welcome to join our Facebook group, and if necessary, ask for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/503171243562227/>

# BCGS GENEALOGY CHATS

## Coffee Chats at the BCGS Genealogical Library in **JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

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



## QUEBEC QUESTERS CHAT

Saturdays, Jan 11 & Feb 8  
10 am to noon  
With Linda Maitland  
[lindamaitland@telus.net](mailto:lindamaitland@telus.net)



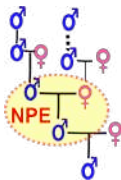
## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Saturdays, Jan 11 & Feb 8  
1 to 3 pm  
Please pre-register with Sharon Clayton  
[sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



## PARENTAL PUZZLES (NPE)

**EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY**  
Mondays, Jan 20 & Feb 17  
1 to 3 pm  
With Sharon Clayton  
[sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



## EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Mondays, Jan 27 & Feb 24, 1 to 4 pm  
A special 3-hour educational session for a maximum of 15 people. We will learn about Genetic Affairs, a programme that magically collects our DNA cousins into related groups of colour-coded clusters. Please pre-register with Sharon Clayton [sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



## RESEARCH TECHNIQUES

Saturday, February 22  
10 to noon  
With Celia Lewis  
[celia.winky@gmail.com](mailto:celia.winky@gmail.com)



## MAC/REUNION GROUP

Wednesdays, Jan 15 & Feb 19  
2 to 4 pm  
With Bill Clayton  
[weclayton45@gmail.com](mailto:weclayton45@gmail.com)



## SOFTWARE for GENEALOGY

**File Management for Windows** (desktop or laptop)  
Bring a thumb or flash drive  
Tuesday, January 7  
1 to 3 pm  
With Angus Glass  
[liliardsedge@aol.com](mailto:liliardsedge@aol.com)



## SCOTLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA  
With Lorraine Irving  
[lorraine.irving42@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.irving42@gmail.com)



## ENGLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Saturday, February 1  
10 to noon  
With Rob Whitlock  
[robw.whitlock@gmail.com](mailto:robw.whitlock@gmail.com)



## IRELAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Saturdays, Jan 18 & Feb 1  
1 to 3 pm  
With Eunice Robinson  
[eunice@genbug.ca](mailto:eunice@genbug.ca)



## ATLANTIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Tuesdays, Jan 7 & Feb 4  
10 to noon  
With Keith MacNutt  
[jkeithmacnutt@gmail.com](mailto:jkeithmacnutt@gmail.com)



## BC GENEALOGY CHAT

Thursday, January 30  
10 to noon  
With Janet White  
[jwhite@telus.net](mailto:jwhite@telus.net)



**BCGS Special Interest Groups  
in JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

*These are BCGS genealogy groups that meet elsewhere*

**SOFTWARE FOR GENEALOGY**

Next session TBA

6:00 to 7:30 pm

Before the BCGS Members' Meeting  
in Burnaby

With Ann Buchanan

[ibbotsonab@gmail.com](mailto:ibbotsonab@gmail.com)



**SCANDINAVIAN GROUP**

Saturdays, Jan 18 & Feb 15

1 to 3 pm

With Poul Erik Rasmussen

Scandinavian Community Centre

6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby

[sonofrasmus@shaw.ca](mailto:sonofrasmus@shaw.ca)



**WELSH GROUP**

Wednesdays, Jan 15 & Feb 19

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

With the Vancouver Welsh Society

215 East 17th Avenue, Vancouver

(Downstairs, enter from the back of the building)

[csmythe@telus.net](mailto:csmythe@telus.net)



**\*NEW CHAT STARTING SOON\***

**DELTA GROUP**

First session TBA

Tsawwassen and Ladner

With Chris Williston

[cawilliston@gmail.com](mailto:cawilliston@gmail.com)



**Happy  
New Year!**

**GENEALOGY NEWS in BC**

*Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in BC*



**The CLOVERDALE branch of Surrey Libraries will remain  
CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS until March 2020**

**GENEALOGY PROGRAMS will continue at SURREY  
LIBRARY'S CITY CENTRE BRANCH in January**

The family history department with all materials and online resources will be fully functional at City Centre branch until at least the end of January and will close for transport sometime in February. The website will have all the updates: [www.surreylibraries.ca/familyhistory](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/familyhistory).

**Happy  
New Year!**



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E-mail: [surreyfhc@gmail.com](mailto:surreyfhc@gmail.com)

**Regular hours as follows:**

- Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Friday 10.00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday 8:00 am to noon

**Regular hours as follows:**

- Tuesday 10 am to 9 pm
  - Wednesday 11 am to 3 pm
  - Thursday 2 pm to 9 pm
- During inclement weather, call ahead.

**Learn more or celebrate your Loyalist ancestor(s) with involvement in the UELAC VANCOUVER BRANCH – Upcoming dates for the winter months of 2020**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 7:30 – 9:30 pm : Branch Meeting at Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby. “Year in Review” video with music + a time for members to give input on our upcoming April field trip. Guests are always welcome.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7:30 – 9:30 pm : Regular Branch Business meeting at the Bonsor Recreation Complex. Special guest speaker to be confirmed.



**GENEALOGY NEWS in CANADA**

*Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in Canada*



**What's in store for Canadian genealogy in 2020**

*Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 2 January 2019*

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=26930>

Most genealogists tend to start the new year hoping this is the year a new collection of records will be released that will break down a brick wall or two. At the very least, we know some birth, marriage and death records will be released in 2020.

**2019: A year of Canadian genealogy in review**

*Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 30 December 2019*

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=30133>

While 2019 was not a stellar year for genealogists researching their ancestors in Canada, there were a number of announcements and releases of online collections that made hearts skip a beat. By far the most anticipated event in Canadian genealogy this year was the public release of the 1926 Census of Prairie Provinces, and it didn't disappoint. The second most-anticipated event happened on January 1 when the Canadian Research Knowledge Network made the Canadiana website entirely free.

**Top history books for 2019 — Canada and US**

*Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 5 December 2019*

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=30136>

The history lovers on your gift list may enjoy reading some of the selections on Canada's History's 2019 Book & Gift Guide. The books cover a range of topics, including the Métis, the flight of the Scottish Highlanders to Canada, homesteading on the prairies, Franco-Americans, the Italian campaign during WWII, Polish veterans in Alberta, how food shaped the course of WWI, Newfoundland's entry into Confederation, and British Columbia's gold rushes. Canada's History also published a different selection of books in its list of the top ten bestsellers on Canada's history.

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**GENEALOGY SEMINARS & MEETINGS NEAR & FAR**

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

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**The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State**

**"Finding My Roots: Using the Entire Genealogy Toolbox"**

**by Coral Grant, Genealogical Lecturer**

**Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:15 pm**

Location: LDS Factoria Building, 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006

Free admission and refreshments

<http://www.jgsws.org/meetings.php>



**ABOUT THE PROGRAM** - The secrets that Coral Grant's grandparents thought were safe eventually became unraveled through the magic of DNA, archival research, and tenacity. The truth revealed an unknown ancestor and a truly rich Latvian heritage. Working back in time, this adventure begins in the Garment District of Toronto, Canada in the early 1930's and ends deep in the Latvian countryside of the 18th century. The journey includes a life altering deportation from the Latvian countryside during World War I, a survivor's struggle to return home, a deception to avoid military service, and a most reluctant immigration. Along the way, Coral encountered many genealogical roadblocks: name changes, protective descendants, and multiple individuals with the same name. Using her research to share her family story and Latvian Jewish history, Coral's presentation highlights the use of all the tools available to the genealogist. Ultimately, the goal of our genealogical research is to honor our ancestors and to make sure we do not forget their stories. Coral's presentation will leave you with the tools to break through your genealogical roadblocks and find your ancestors, for you to tell their stories.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER** - As a retired Public Health Administrator and now a business owner and motivational speaker, Coral Grant developed a fascination/obsession with genealogy. Researching and exploring her family's roots to preserve for the next generation has opened many new doors and fundamentally changed her life and perspective. Coral has had the privilege to have lived and worked from coast to coast in Canada but landed on the west coast of Vancouver Island, where she loves to run, hike and enjoy nature with her husband and dog.

# MEMBERS' CORNER

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



**Patrick Keily, member #5414**

## As I Recollect - The Christmas Catalog

I have yet another birthday coming up. It seems like it's every other week Father Time is ratcheting up another number in the OMGJHOAY (Oh My God, Just How Old Are You) department. Unfortunately, there's only one way to make that stop and I'm not particularly keen on the idea. Birthdays have never meant much to me or my five siblings. There was always a reason for no gifts or parties in a house as poor as ours. Property tax being due was the reason I didn't get anything other than a quarter or a second pork chop for supper. No, birthdays were just another day. But Christmas, now that was a whole different story.

In the 1950s, Pa worked for my uncle Ed at the Butternut Feed Store. He didn't earn much more than minimum wage, maybe a dollar per hour. In lieu of a decent wage, Ed, who was never accused of being free with his money, gave Pa the title of manager. Being manager (as well as the only employee), he was given leeway in the operation of the store. He soon discovered a type of feed for chickens or cattle or whatever that the maker of that feed gave points to the seller. These



points could be used to purchase products from a catalog they supplied. I don't know if Ed knew about this, but we did! Along about October, we were given the catalog and told to circle what we wanted for Christmas. Each December we each received

about \$100 worth of toys, an incredible amount considering the average household income was about fifteen hundred dollars. Skis, sleds, telescopes, you name it, it was there at our fingertips.

All good things must end, of course, and this ended in 1960 when Pa and Ed got into an argument that saw my father shoot my uncle. Okay, that's not true, I'm just checking to see if you're reading this. It did end though after an argument and seeing him walking home with his radio under his arm meant the end of a Christmas miracle for us. We never saw another Christmas like those in the previous decade.

No, birthdays don't mean much to me. And Christmas lacks the joy it brought me when I was a child or when our kids were young, but the memories of those days are all a person needs. Memories of just another day, and memories of the purest magic a child could ever know. The good old days may have not been that good, but they had their moments, even for a poor family.



Photo credit - left column: Pat's sister, Kelly, taken by Pat

Photo credit - above: The LaCrosse (Wisconsin) Tribune, 1950s Christmas display at Monroe County Local History Museum sparks nostalgia, Emily Pyrek. Dec 24, 2017





**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.

**Too Busy to Research**

In the last little while I haven't been doing much genealogy as I finish up an online course and work on the new exhibit for PoCo Heritage's museum. I was keeping my hand in by watching webinars but it was my research that was suffering.

That is probably a familiar feeling to many volunteers. But lately, it is as though this lack of research time is being brought to my attention. My love of mysteries has made me somewhat of a Ripperologist. When I read of *The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper*, it gave me a view of the place and time where one line of my ancestors had lived, and two of the victims had come from backgrounds similar to women in my family on two different family lines. I was tempted to see if it would add anything to those lines right away, but that would have to wait.

Photo on right: Charles Booth map of Whitechapel



Next, an episode of *Midsomer Murders* I watched on Acorn TV (Series 5: Episode 4) had a village archivist as one of the characters. Her family line went back hundreds of years in the village. Can you imagine? That would never happen with my lot. That episode did make me want to see if I could get any of my lines further back, though.

Then, a webinar caught my attention. The presenter talked about the Highland Regiments recruited to fight against the Americans during their revolution. She said that the soldiers were given land grants and that they

were known as Loyalists. I know that my research included a soldier who obtained a land grant in Nova Scotia. Had he fought in the American Revolution? That would be interesting to find out. I had my doubts that he would have been called a Loyalist but it was that strange statement that made me want to find out more. But that research would have to wait. Photo above: Revolutionary War Soldier



There is always time for reading no matter how many deadlines are looming and just today a book I was reading spit out a familiar name, Hinton. Was the Dr. James Hinton who appeared in the graphic novel, *From Hell*, one of mine? I was more likely to connect my Cavanagh line to the story of Jack the Ripper because they lived close to his hunting ground than I was the potential offshoot of my very reverend ancestor, the nonconformist



minister, Thomas Strange, who I had last left in Northamptonshire. But was this James Hinton a descendent of Thomas Strange's sister, Mary, who had married Thomas Hinton in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire? That remains to be seen. Photo above: Rev. Thomas Strange's church in Kilsby, Northamptonshire

Isn't it always the way, when I have the time, it is hard to figure out what to research but if I am busy then research projects present themselves in bunches?

Image #1 info: Charles Booth map of Whitechapel, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=9361611>  
Image #2 info: Revolutionary War Soldier <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=46447639>

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

**BCGS EVENTS**

January 7	Atlantic Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 to noon
January 7	Software for Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
January 8	Members' Meeting - Danish Church Hall, Burnaby - 7:30 pm
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January 20	Parental Puzzles (NPE) - Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
January 27	Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 4 pm
January 30	BC Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 to noon
February 1	England Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 to noon
February 1	Ireland Genealogy Chat - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 3 pm
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February 22	Research Techniques - BCGS Genealogical Library - 10 am to noon
February 24	Exploring Genetic Genealogy - BCGS Genealogical Library - 1 to 4 pm

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