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BCGS 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS begin on NOVEMBER 1st

Renew from **November 1 – December 31**
and have a chance to win a prize!

Our **Membership Renewal campaign** starts today - November 1st.
Please click [here](#) to go directly to our Membership Renewal webpage.



All renewals received in the months of November and December will be entered in a **raffle** and five winners will be drawn each month. Winners will be able to choose a prize from a list of great genealogy books. Winners will be contacted via email or phone and names will be announced in a GenBlast and Newsletters.

We hope to see each and every member return – we may not know what 2021 will bring, but we all know there is always more research to do and tips and tricks to learn. Behind the scenes, your executive and membership team are always at work – improving and adding value to your membership dollar. Don't forget – we welcome any comments you may have – there is a section at the bottom of the on-line renewal form where you can enter comments.

If you are one of those hard-to-buy-for people, perhaps suggest to your family that you'd love a BCGS Membership Renewal for Christmas. Memberships can be renewed [here](#) or we can email a form to you.

Just contact membership@bcgs.ca

All memberships not renewed by January 31, 2021 will be removed from our mailing lists and from website access to Members Resources.

THE BCGS 50th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Available at www.bcgs.ca/the-store or at
the BCGS Genealogical Library

(Saturdays only - see end of article)

Submitted by Sharon Clayton - member 5332,
on behalf of George Caldwell and Susan Davis
Sullivan, your BCGS 2021 Calendar Team



The BCGS Calendar Team is pleased to tell you that our 2021 calendars are selling like hotcakes! By the time you read these words, we'll have fewer than 42 calendars left to sell from the 200 we had printed.

Each month of the calendar features news items from 1971, when the BCGS was born. The calendar's colour themes reflect the four seasons - flowing from soft blue for winter, lilac for spring, aqua for summer and burnt orange for fall.

In last month's newsletter, we highlighted the calendar's January to June content. Here are the stories featured from July to December:

- **July** brings back memories of a shocking **train derailment near Vinsulla**, just north of Kamloops. Several rail cars exploded, devastating an area 25 miles long and 3 miles wide.
- **August** highlights Kamloops-born **Ted Bethune**, who designed the BC Centennial postage stamp that appeared on Canada's First Day Covers in 1971. We are grateful for archival research and photos from the Kamloops Family History Society and the Kamloops Museum and Archives.
- **September** showcases **Gertrude Weinrobe**, a recipient of BC's Centennial Pioneer Medallion. Gertrude was the first Jewish child born in Vancouver. Thanks to Mountain View Cemetery for invaluable research support.
- **October** celebrates Olympic medal winner **Harry Jerome**, who became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1971. Did you know his sister, **Valerie Jerome**, was an acclaimed athlete too? A memorial bench for her is situated close to the Stanley Park statue of her brother.
- **November** tells the story of Burnaby's 1971 Centennial project—the creation of **Burnaby Heritage Village**, which was renamed Burnaby Village Museum in 1984.
- **December** honours Kelowna's **CKOV radio station**, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1971. Thanks to the Kelowna & District Genealogical Society and the Kelowna Archives for research assistance and for tracking down an elusive high-resolution image of CKOV's founder "Big Jim" Browne.

People buying calendars as **Christmas gifts** (or to commemorate 1971 birthdays and anniversaries) can give us their recipients' mailing addresses. **We will mail calendars** on your behalf, with custom-designed gift cards. Name of gift givers and short personal messages can be hand-written (on your behalf) inside the personalized cards.

Calendars can be picked up at the BCGS Library on Saturdays for \$18, including taxes. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, please call 604-502-9119 between 10 am and 1 pm before arriving at the library.

Prices for calendars sold online include taxes and mailing costs:

\$21 for Canadian addresses \$23 for USA addresses \$28 elsewhere in the world.

We don't need Paypal accounts to purchase them through www.bcgs.ca/thestore - just look for this box on the Paypal site:

Pay with Debit or Credit Card

to enter your credit card information.

PS. The photo above is the BCGS calendar back page collage.

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Check our website www.bcgsc.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@bcgsc.ca or the eJournal editor at journal@bcgsc.ca. Your stories encourage others.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bill Clayton, BCGS President president@bcgs.ca



November – the beginning of the dark days of winter. Think of it as more time to work on your genealogy!

Have you bought your BCGS **2021 calendar** yet? They have been flying out the door to mailboxes all over the world. You can pick one up at the library on Saturdays while we still have some or on the website to take advantage of the mailing option.

I hope that everyone in your extended families and circle of friends are staying well and free from Covid. The pandemic is making the Board think about how to manage our next **Annual General Meeting**. We are already thinking about how to have an AGM via Zoom and possibly mail-in ballots for all the election issues. Stay tuned, it's early days yet, and there is much to think about. Your suggestions are always welcome.

November marks the beginning of the BCGS **membership renewal program**. We hope that most members will renew, either in person at the library (while picking up a calendar), on-line at the website or even by mail. It is interesting to note that our membership numbers are continuing to climb even at this late date in the year.

We are offering lots of **genealogy chats** via Zoom over the next six weeks. Check them out (pages 16 & 17) and see if there's one or two or more in which you might like to take part.

Be sure to join us for our monthly **Members' Meeting** via Zoom on Wednesday, November 11th when **Annette Fulford** will talk about **WW 1 war brides**. See page 9 for more information.

Because we can't have our regular Christmas Social at our December Members' Meeting, we're going to try something new. We'd like you to send us one or more of your Christmas photos, which we'll put in a Powerpoint presentation entitled "**Christmas Past & Present**" and show at the December meeting. Please send your photos to Eunice Robinson by **November 30**. See page 4 for more details.

The library continues to be **open on Saturdays** for research. If you have been missing access to the LDS films on-line, this is a good time to **book an appointment** with our Library Administrator, Corrine Jubb, by email to Library@bcgs.ca.

THE NEXT BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING

will take place on

WEDNESDAY, November 11, 2020

via ZOOM

SPEAKER - ANNETTE R. FULFORD

FIRST WORLD WAR BRIDES

See page 9 for details

REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2020





In Flanders Fields



BCGS
Nov 2020

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders Fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from falling hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- by Lt. Col. John McCrae
Canadian Army Medical Corps
May 3, 1915

Not
Forgotten



Photos and poster by June Gauntley, member #5112
June writes: I had used a lowered opacity on the poppy picture that I took in the Okanagan last year for the 2019 BCGS November poster, so now I am using it again again in full bright colour. Editor - a wonderfully appropriate poster for Remembrance Day.

MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS WEBSITE TEAM

BCGS WEBSITE FEATURES OF THE MONTH



"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance."
- George Bernard Shaw

Photos for the BCGS Website

The BCGS Website is not only for the members - we would like it to be "by" the members, as well.

Photos add colour to BCGS Website pages and spark interest in the topics. We would like to encourage our membership to **share images** that they would be prepared to have the web team feature on the BCGS Website. As you can see on the current [Home Page](#), we will give credit to the photographer or provider of the photo whenever possible.

Photos from around BC, some historical but also some showcasing the beauty and nature of our lovely province, will definitely be welcome. Also, photos from around the world, with historical or genealogical significance, would be appreciated.

The web team is hoping to build a **photo library** from which we can select photos to post. We want to be able to rotate them now and then, to enhance the website and keep it interesting. New images will always be welcome.

If you are interested in sharing photos please contact the Web Team at webmaster@bcgs.ca

Upcoming Events

Check out the busy [Calendar of Events](#) page on the BCGS website.

Although we are still 'zooming' our meetings and chats, there are more of them available for you to participate in and enjoy this fall. It is so nice to see our **Genealogy Groups** getting back together - see pages 16 & 17 for more information.

Have a look at the [Local Events](#) now listed on our website. There are many interesting topics to choose from, from Cemeteries to Genetic Genealogy to Quebec, and more. Pick one or many. *Don't forget to email the facilitator for each group with your request to attend.* They will make sure you receive an invitation.



MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS eJOURNAL EDITOR



Lynne Fletcher, BCGS eJournal Editor

As these autumn days grow shorter, the dark evenings grow longer (and cooler). This is a good month to review this last year, to see what projects have been completed and which ones somehow got 'stuck'. Perhaps this 'stuckiness' is just an unexpected delay caused by the new responsibilities put onto us by the Covid virus and its fallout, or maybe it's a messy brick wall that suddenly popped up in the middle of your research. Tracking down family trees can require following as crooked a path as the root from an alder tree, but alders do spring up on barren soil and create enough nutrients so that other native plants can grow. A revisit of that stalled project/research might just lead to that detail or new leaf that will put your project on the right path again.



Finishing a research project, and the report that goes with it, and then sending it out into the genealogical world would be a stellar way to end a year, especially one as troublesome as 2020.

Please consider sharing your story with fellow genealogists by sending it to our eJournal at Journal@bcgs.ca. We will all celebrate with you!

MEMBERSHIP

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.

- 5807 Peter Stanbrook of Farnham, England
- 5808 Krystal Holland of Vernon, BC
- 5809 Heather Brown of New Westminster, BC
- 5810 Tamara Quiring of Aldergrove, BC



BCGS GIFT CERTIFICATE

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

If you would like to purchase a gift certificate, please contact **Membership** at membership@bcgs.ca



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. **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.

BCGS POSTCARD COLLECTION



POSTCARDS OF THE MONTH - The Story Behind a Picture Postcard

Janice Kidwell, member #5033

Victory Square – Vancouver, B.C.

The **Victory Square monument**, located in a small park in downtown **Vancouver**, was at one time on the grounds of the city's provincial courthouse. That building was torn down in 1911–13 when the new Francis Rattenbury-designed courthouse on Georgia Street was opened (now the Vancouver Art Gallery).

The location had significance when it was chosen, as it stands at the intersection of the old **Granville townsite** (aka **Gastown**) and the **CPR Townsite**. Victory Square is bordered by West Hastings Street to the northeast, West Pender Street to the southwest, Cambie Street to the southeast and Hamilton Street to the northwest.

The Victory Square monument was designed by **Major G.L. Thornton Sharp**, architect, town planner, and park commissioner, to conform to the triangular shape of the park.



The engraved inscriptions are:

Facing Hastings Street: "Their name liveth for evermore" and, within a stone wreath, "1914-1918."

Facing Hamilton Street: "Is it nothing to you."

Facing Pender Street: "All ye that pass by."

Slots in a receptacle of three bronze maple leaves hold the staffs of the **Union Jack**, the **Canadian Red Ensign**, the **Flag of Canada**, the **White Ensign**, and **RCAF Ensign**, and are always flying,

The Cenotaph was unveiled on **Sunday, 27th April 1924** by His Worship **W.R. Owen**, Mayor of Vancouver, in the presence of a gathering of 25,000 persons - naval, military and civilian, and included the Old Contemptibles, 7th British Columbia, 29th Vancouver, 72nd Seaforths, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, 47th New Westminster, and 102nd North British Columbian Battalions, C.E.F., and others. It was dedicated by **Hon. Major the Rev. Cecil C. Owen**, M.B.E., V.D., D.D., chaplain of the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion, C.E.F.

*"To the Glory of God, and in thankful remembrance
of those who served their King and Country overseas
in the cause of truth, righteousness and freedom."*

The postcard has neither a message nor a stamp on the back but does have the Royal Coat of Arms displayed on one side and *Made in Canada* where a stamp would go.

References: J.S. Matthews, City Archives, City Hall, Vancouver, 1944.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victory_Square,_Vancouver

www.cdli.ca/monuments/bc/victory.htm

BCGS MEMBERS' MEETINGS

News about both upcoming and previous members' meetings



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

THE NEXT MEETING is

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

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

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



SPEAKER - ANNETTE FULFORD

First World War Brides

Thousands of war brides came to Canada after the First World War, yet we rarely hear their stories. Many of these pioneering war brides travelled during the Spanish flu pandemic and made their homes in small towns and cities across Canada after the war. Join Annette Fulford as she brings the history of these war brides to life.

Annette Fulford is a family history researcher and writer who has been researching her family history since 1992. She is a founding member of

the Maple Ridge Family History Group and has written over 40 genealogy articles for their newsletter since the group began in 1999.

In February 2007, Annette received a **Maple Ridge Heritage Achievement Award for History and Heritage Research and Publication** for her work on the Maple Ridge Historical Society Family History Newsletter. For the past 16 years, Annette has specialized in researching the Canadian First World War Brides and has done extensive research on these pioneering war brides.

ABOUT the WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING via ZOOM

- Our previous Members' Meetings via Zoom were well attended; therefore, we are continuing with this program for the upcoming meeting.
- An invitation from the BCGS to the 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 November 9th, please contact the editors of this Newsletter at newsletter@bcgs.ca
- Each member needs a free Zoom account to participate.
- The meeting will follow the usual format for in-person meetings. There will be some time for a Q&A session.



DECEMBER 2020 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

All group meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

We will resume when we are allowed by our medical professionals.

Join us via Zoom

CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT

Send your Christmas photos to eunice@genbug.ca by November 30, 2020
for inclusion in the Christmas presentation via Zoom



LOOKING BACK at the OCTOBER MEETING

The SEVENTH BCGS Members' Meeting via Zoom

Our seventh Members' Meeting via Zoom proved as or more popular than previous meetings with some **70** members logging in.

The Business portion of the meeting was begun with the Approval of the Minutes of the September Members' Meeting; moved by **Barb Onstad** and seconded by **Eunice Robinson**.

The Business portion of the meeting was then repositioned to allow Linda Yip time for her Evernote presentation.



LINDA YIP: Introduction to Using EVERNOTE for Genealogy

Linda Yip zoomed in from Saskatchewan to join the BCGS October meeting for a shortened version of her Evernote PowerPoint presentation, which was somewhat reduced as we only had an hour and her talks have previously taken two and a half hours. The time frames are by way of explaining how extensive and thorough is Linda's

knowledge of this program. She enthusiastically explained about tables and tabs and the preservation of genealogy records by using her large personal collection.

With Linda's broad-ranging research, it was not surprising she was able to discover and connect a previously unknown family to her father's line and to share it quickly with a distant cousin. This also allowed her to demonstrate how to compile research into a Notebook and explain the ease of sharing one's research with others.

She is well on her way to compiling a Canadian Chinese Archive, with emphasis on the BC community.

A few BCGS members make use of Evernote to some degree. With the examples shown by Linda, it will enable them to extend their usage in a more efficient manner. For those of us unaware of the many facets of the program, Linda advises, "Start with your recipes or just one family" - meaning start small and expand as you become accustomed to the program. A series of Special Interest Group lessons is being discussed.

Members can find Linda's jam-packed [handout](#) full of hints plus more [free videos](#) on using Evernote for genealogy by clicking on these links.

[Past Presence](#) - Linda Yip - Genealogy specializing in Chinese Genealogy. Linda is a proud member of the SK and BC genealogy societies in Canada, and the Seattle Genealogical Society in the USA, plus the Chinese Canadian Historical Society. She also hosts a monthly Chinese genealogy coffee chat on Zoom with the BCGS and is a member of the Ancestry.com Board.



LOOKING BACK at the OCTOBER MEETING, cont'd

A review of ongoing projects within the BCGS was given by President, Bill Clayton, which included the Surrey property tax deferral to the BCGS, BCGS calendar sales and the inclusion in the Members Resources area of the website of exchange journals from genealogy societies throughout the world. The cans and bottle donations are ongoing and the TV in the BCGS Genealogical Library is installed and ready to go when we are able to resume meetings. We notice that members are much more comfortable with the Zoom app and are using the chat section to pose and answer questions. Many are also quite willing to speak during the Members Voice section and to ask a question or contribute to research puzzles posed by others.



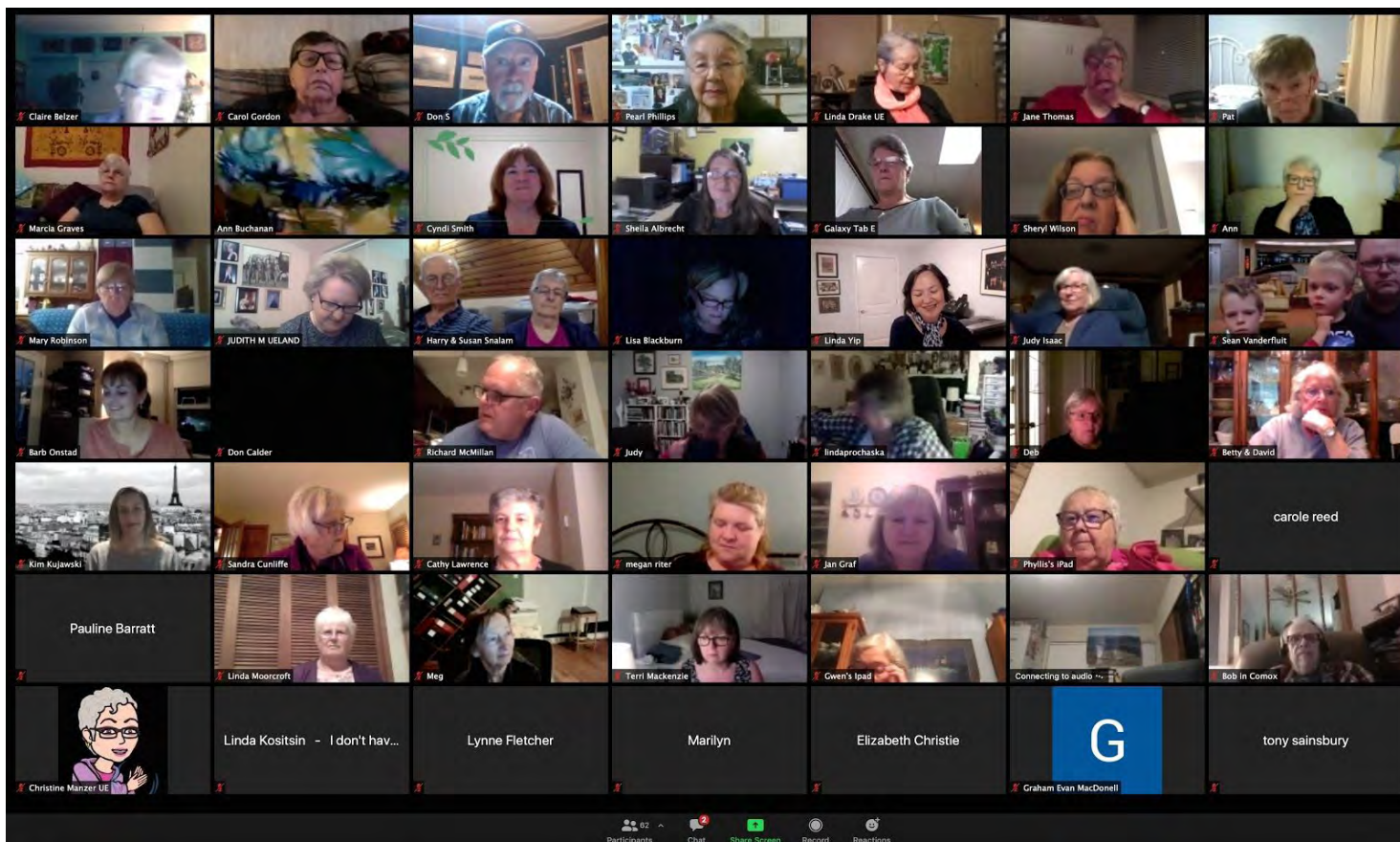
Members Voice Section of the Meeting

Anyone with a story to relate about a research discovery is welcome to contact our President, Bill Clayton, president@bcgs.ca to ask for time to speak during the meeting. It is a casual undertaking and we are always glad to hear about members' genealogical successes. Members Voice brought comments from a number of members this month:

Eunice Robinson: A former workmate contacted Eunice about her ancestry. Sent the information she had on her parents – surname Stiene. Eunice then went to Ancestry and in a couple of hours, found four people in the trees posted online with the friend's parents listed. One of the families was the Flack family of Germany dating back to about 1720. Her friend was 'over the moon' with these discoveries as she had spent several years with no headway. As a family historian, Eunice loves to embark on a new search, but also knowing about what resources exist definitely makes the search more successful.

Sandra Cunliffe reminded our members of the Campbell River Genealogy Society's **FALL VIRTUAL SEMINAR** at which BCGS Past President **Eunice Robinson** will be speaking on Saturday, November 7, 2020. See the CRGS poster on page 26 for full information.

LOOKING BACK at the OCTOBER MEETING, cont'd



Barry Kirk: Barry has recently discovered a new portion of his ancestry (50%) due to what is termed as a non-parental event. He now has many more ancestors to research. The terminology has also been called a 'misattributed event'.

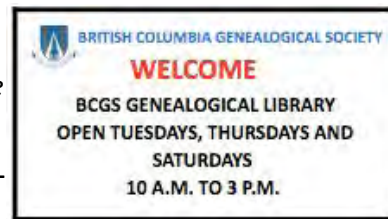
Sharon Clayton and some of her Jamaican DNA cousins are doing DNA research to learn whether or not Kamala Harris, Joe Biden's Democratic running mate, might share some of Sharon's Jamaican Harris genes. Sharon's great-grandfather Eustace Leopold Harris (1868-1938) was born in Browns Town, St. Ann, Jamaica, where his father and paternal grandfather lived after immigrating from England to Jamaica. Kamala Harris' father, Professor Donald Harris, also grew up in Browns Town, which is a small, rural market town. Several of Sharon's Harris-descended DNA cousins are currently collaborating with Professor Harris, using DNA research to identify a possible common ancestor. When there is more to tell, Sharon will write an article for a future newsletter.

Susan Sullivan: One simply never knows where or when genealogy can bring people together. Susan belongs to Business Network group, BNI, and the new accountant in the group asked if she could look at his DNA results. When Susan said a family pedigree really helps to identify matches, he gave her permission to cobble his family tree together. She began to recognize some names and returned to his match list, did a search on HER name and to her surprise the accountant and Susan turned out to be 5th cousins!

Bill Clayton: Another bit of odd usage is "donor diblings". Bill has a distant DNA cousin who is descended from one of his Yorkshire families. MV is a young woman using DNA research, along with four female half siblings, to identify their common sperm donor father. Some donor-inseminated people refer to themselves as "diblings" instead of siblings - the "d" indicates a sperm donor father. Bill is helping the young women with family tree research. Sharon is working with them to separate their maternal and paternal DNA cousins.

BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

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

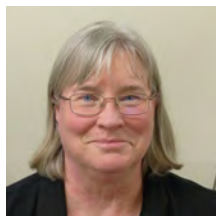


BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

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

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

NEWS from the LIBRARY STACKS - A LIMITED LIBRARY RE-OPENING

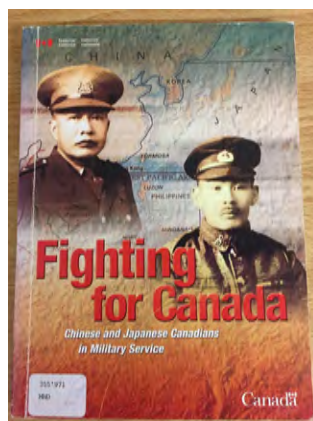
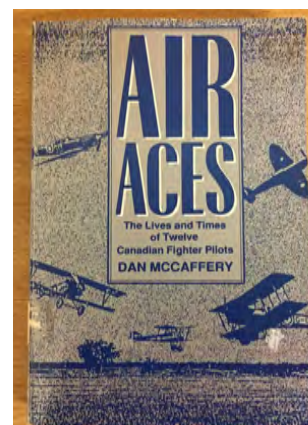
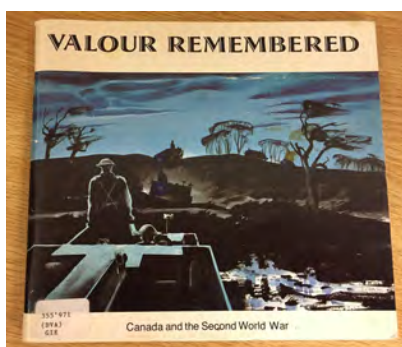


Corrine Jubb, Library Administrator

November 11th, Remembrance Day, is commemorated in many countries to honour those who died serving their country in the military.

The BCGS library has military books on a variety of topics including medals, uniforms and famous battles for countries including Canada, the United States and Great Britain. Here are five of our many military books:

- 355 SWI edited by M. Fowler – “A Duffle Bag, Close Friends and Lots of Memories, the photo diary of Marion Swinton WRCNS”
- 355 ‘ 971 GIE – “Valour Remembered, Canada and the Second World War”
- 355 ‘ 971 MCC by Dan McCaffery – “AIR ACES, The Lives and Times of Twelve Canadian Fighter Pilots”
- 355 ‘ 971 MND – “Fighting for Canada, Chinese and Japanese Canadians in Military Service”
- 355 ‘ 971 ROB – “Relentless Verity, Canadian Military Photographers since 1885”



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**. 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.

THE BOARD OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE CITY OF SURREY

The Property Tax Exemptions for the year 2021 from the City of Surrey; published in the Peace Arch News, Thursday, October 1, 2020.

NAME	ADDRESS	ESTIMATED TAXES 2020	ESTIMATED TAXES 2021	ESTIMATED TAXES 2022
Alak Academy Society	204, 12639 - 80 Avenue	1,808	1,853	1,899
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC (Camp Alexandra)	2916 McBride Avenue	12,091	12,432	12,782
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC	12210 Agar Street	5,001	5,136	5,275
Atra Women's Resource Society	Confidential	2,309	2,373	2,439
Atra Women's Resource Society	Confidential	2,075	2,132	2,191
B.C. Family Hearing Resource Centre	15220 - 92 Avenue	22,268	22,907	23,564
B.C. Genealogical Society	211, 12837 - 76 Avenue	3,198	3,283	3,371
B.C. SPCA	16748 - 50 Avenue	4,912	5,047	5,186
B.C. Wildlife Federation	101, 9706 - 188 Street	3,480	3,574	3,670
Bethesda Christian Association	16321 - 108 Avenue	2,181	2,241	2,303
Buddhist Compassion Relief Tze Chi Foundation	5724 - 176 Street	6,135	6,306	6,482
Coast Hills Community Church	102/109, 17828 - 65A Avenue	5,928	6,086	6,248
Community Union Society	15450 - 66 Avenue	4,890	4,990	5,090

SECTION 224 TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW 20155 - SCHEDULE A

NAME: B.C. Genealogical Society, ADDRESS: 211, 12837 - 76 Avenue, ESTIMATED TAXES 2020: 3,198; ESTIMATED TAXES 2021: 3,283; ESTIMATED TAXES 2022: 3371

An email was received by BCGS Treasurer, Judy Rosmus, which reads in part:

Re: Tax Exemption [Bylaw No. 20155](#), Section 224 of the Community Charter

On October 5, 2020, Council approved the recommendations of [Corporate Report No. R136](#), for permissive property tax exemptions for the Tax Year 2021. Your application for property tax exemption for the year 2021 was approved and included in the Bylaw adopted by Council on October 5, 2020 for either all or a portion of the following property: BC Genealogical Society, #211, 12837 - 76 Avenue.





FUNDRAISING - POP BOTTLES and CANS

Bill Clayton advises us that the total amount of money collected as of October 3rd was **\$480.15** and he has returned at least **\$50** worth of empties to the recycling depot just this weekend. No longer a small amount, these funds are for the **Alice Louise Marwood Fund (ALM Fund)**, which is used for upkeep of the Library.

Members - please do save and bring your returnables when you stop by the library on Saturdays and Bill will see them returned and funded to the library. Each donated can or bottle makes a difference to our BCGS budget.

DONATION - THE PAGÉ FAMILY BOOK of GENEALOGY

Submitted by **Kathleen Graham, #5735**

The BCGS Library recently accepted a book titled, "**Livre Généalogique de la Famille Pagé**" (the Pagé Family Genealogy Book).

The manuscript includes the family history of the **Pagé family** from **LeQuercy, La Picardie, France** in 1604 and the **D'Aoust family** from their 1681 arrival in Canada (New France). It also includes some religious and local history about **Buckingham, Quebec**, including the Parish of Saint Grégoire de Naziane.

This 94 page book was written in 1955 by **Rev. Lucien Pagé**. Ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in the Order of Saint-Viateur in 1925, he taught at the Institution of the Deaf in Montreal. His studies on deafness led him to develop an educational program, to write articles, and give lectures. Well known in his field, he was Chair of the Department of Phonetics at the University of Montreal. In 1936, he was appointed Superior of the Institute of the Deaf until 1947 when he became Superior General of the Clerics of Saint-Viateur. At the time of his death on Nov 20, 1964, he was Superior of the Institute for the Deaf at Charlesbourg, near Quebec City, which he had founded five years previously.



The book was donated by the author's grand-niece, Gladys Pagé, who resides in Montreal. She learned about the BCGS library through her second cousin, Kathleen Gratton Graham (BCGS #5735 and Quebec Questor). Gladys and Kathleen met online through their shared DNA match in April 2019 and have become good friends and genealogy colleagues sharing discoveries and commiserating over brick walls.

The motto, "Comme les chênes étend ses rameaux" in English is, "As the oak spreads its branches" and so we hope to spread this information.



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

2nd Saturday of each month

Nov 14 & Dec 12 via Zoom*

10 am to noon

With Linda Maitland

lindamaitland@telus.net



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY CHAT

1st Monday of most months

November 2 via Zoom*

1 pm to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Parental Puzzles (NPE)

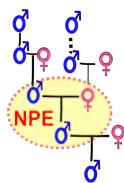
3rd Monday of most months

November 16 via Zoom*

1 to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



CEMETERIES GENEALOGY CHAT

November 5 via Zoom*

7 to 9 pm

With Lorraine Irving

lorraine.irving42@gmail.com



BC GENEALOGY CHAT

December 3 via Zoom*

7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

jwhite@telus.net



SCOTLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



ENGLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



IRELAND GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



USA GENEALOGY CHAT

December 10 via Zoom*

7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



ONTARIO GENEALOGY CHAT

November 12 via Zoom*

7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

jwhite@telus.net



STORING YOUR RECORDS GENEALOGY CHAT

November 26 via Zoom*

7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



GERMANS from RUSSIA GENEALOGY CHAT

November 19 via Zoom*

7 to 9 pm

With Elvin Meyers

ewmeyers@telus.net



***Via Zoom - email the facilitator and you will be sent an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom.**

BCGS NEWS

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

BCGS Special Interest Groups

These are BCGS genealogy groups that meet elsewhere

WELSH GROUP

3rd Wednesday of most months

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

Postponed until further notice



CHINESE GENEALOGY - Going Beyond Basics

1st Thursday of each month, 10 - 11 am

November 5 & December 3 via ZOOM*

With Linda Yip, BCGS member and Ancestry Advisory Board of Canadian Genealogists.

Are you new to Chinese genealogy and don't know where to start? Or have you been doing your family genealogy for a while and are stuck?



Come join BCGS member Linda Yip as we talk about Chinese genealogy issues, brick wall busters and the hidden gems of Chinese genealogical research. Bring your questions.

*Via Zoom - email Linda Yip at hello@past-presence.com and you will be sent an invitation to join the meeting via Zoom.

FROM THE MAILBAG RE: Obsolete Professions in October's Newsletter - Joiner

I think you give the more modern definition of the profession of **joiner** in your newsletter and it is even further from the true obsolete form in the pdf that is linked to from the newsletter.

A joiner was not a carpenter. A joiner was a woodworker making frames and fittings on pieces for large works and also small works, such as furniture, but the professions and guilds for carpenters and joyners/joiners were distinct in medieval times. According to <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joiner> "By the height of craft woodworking (late 18th century), carpenters, joiners, and cabinetmakers were all distinct and would serve different apprenticeships."

The reason I make this correction is because in my family there were distinctions even up to the 1800s. On one side were the shipbuilding joiners who did the framing for ships. On the other side were the cabinetmakers who did furniture for the home. In the 20th century these all became carpenters by profession and my grandfather, not finding much work as a cabinetmaker in Canada, gave his trade as carpenter but became a logger instead. The other side were shipbuilders some of which specialized in the profession of joinery as opposed to others who were labeled carpenters and did not do the framing as the joiners did.

I know that a short description is what you aimed for so I would say: *A joiner was a woodworker (distinct from carpenters) who did framing for large works, such as buildings and ships, and later for smaller works, such as furniture.*

Xenia Stanford

Family Roots Tracer



When this 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 - party that anyone has ever seen!

BCGS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the BCGS Genealogical Library is only open by appointment on Saturdays until further notice; however, many of our projects can easily be done at home.



TURNING THE CLOCK BACK – WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS TIME?

As we have now turned the clock back an hour, are you wondering what to do with that extra hour? BCGS is looking for volunteers to help with some of our major projects. You can do this from home!

Newspaper Indexing – In our library, we have a huge stack of pages from several newspapers containing **obituaries, wedding and birth** announcements. One of our volunteers has photographed 11 years of these papers and now we need to index them before we take more photos.

It's a very **simple Excel spreadsheet** (see below). You will be emailed 5 pages at a time, in jpg format, plus the master Excel form. Follow the easy instructions, and return the completed spreadsheet along with the 5 jpgs. This project is perfect for someone who has an hour or so – as it takes about that long to do it.

Benefit: This project will be added to the Members' Resources section of the Website, and members can search this database for the events for their family members. Ann Buchanan is the Project Team Leader - ibbotsonab@gmail.com

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68	OSBOURNE	Clayton 'Clay' Murray	Sep 21 1929				Dec 15 2008	Coquitlam	Vancouver Sun	Dec 19 2008		VS2008Dec19	

REMEMBERING remembering.ca

Announcement lines are open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 604-605-7355. Fax ads to 604-605-2206, fax deadline 2 p.m. Deadline for next day's paper: Notice with photo 12 noon, without photo 2 p.m. Mon. to Fri.

BIBLOW — Helen
 Helen Biblow passed away peacefully at the age of 92 years, early in the morning of December 13th with family present. Helen was born on the farm south of Tiny, Sask on July 26, 1916. She was the 5th of seven children born to George and Dora (Teressa) Dutkack. Helen took her education at Wynia School, and completed that school started in April and ended at Christmas each year because the school couldn't be heated properly in the cold winter months. On November 19th, 1933, Helen married Peter Biblow at the Drobnit Church. They bought a farm north of Buchanan where they lived for the next 37 years. While on the farm, they raised five children, George, Ivan, Elaine, Dave and Donna. Along with her husband Peter, Helen was involved in the organization and building of the St. John the Baptist, Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Buchanan. Helen was also a member of the Ukrainian Women's Association serving as president for several years. In 1970, they retired from the farm and moved to Yorkton. After her retirement to Yorkton, she ran a pizza restaurant and then worked for a few years at the lunch counter in the Metroplex. Helen was a great cook and everyone, whether family or friends, always enjoyed her meals and her baking. Helen loved a beautiful day, company and the visiting of card-playing that

CADDY — Hilda (nee Drinkwater)
 October 21, 1906 - December 11, 2008
 Hilda passed away peacefully at Eagle Ridge Manor in Coquitlam on Thursday, December 11th at the age of 102. Survived by her loving and devoted son and daughter, Harry (Thema), Dorothy and Beverly. Predeceased by her husband Reg, and sons-in-law Don (Pottery) and Ray (Saw). Her legacy includes 7 grandchildren - Karon (Tha), Diane, Kathy, Brian (Dent), Barry (Jeweller), Jan and David - and 8 great-grandchildren - Jeff, Erica, Laura, Jeniska, Hilary, Jill, Laurie and Diana. She was born in Manchester, England but immigrated to Canada with her family at a very early age. She was raised in Kamloops, and still walked some distance to travel back there one last time. In 1925, at age 18 she married Reg Caddy and they raised their son and two daughters in Coquitlam where they remained, lifelong residents. Hilda will always be remembered for her great cooking, legendarily Christmas cake, and scrumptious shortbread. She was very civic minded, always cast her vote and held staunch political views which she expressed openly in family circles letters to many politicians throughout the years. Very fearful of speaking her mind, her strong Irish temper was known by many, and frequently caused my grandfather to retreat to the relative safety of his workshop.

CHAMPION — Gordon Frederick
 November 19, 1930 - December 12, 2008
 Gord passed away peacefully and with grace on the Palliative Care Unit, at Peace Arch Hospital, with his wife, Barbara Morningstar at his side. He is predeceased by his first wife, Ruth Champion, his young son Brad and sister Doris. Survived by his loving son Steve (Marilyn) Champion and two loving grand daughters Katie and Niky. They will miss their Grandpa dearly. Also survived by his brother Jim and many relatives and friends. This wonderful, vibrant, gentle force and has now departed. He had a deep love for life and embraced each moment fully and with passion. Gord had many successful business ventures in the earlier part of his life but his commitment to and love for the spiritual teachings of Eckankar were what defined his life. He was touched many times on his journey here and was blessed to have friends and family who loved him dearly. All will miss his engaging nature. Many thanks go to the incredible team of Palliative Doctors who worked with him, most specifically Dr. King and Dr. Flitt. His 13th of many years, Dr. Glen Anderson, Anesthetists, Dr. Friesen and Dr. Robertson and the many specialists who supported him over the years. A big warm hug of gratitude goes out to all the Palliative

FITZGIBBONS (OSTRANDER) — Mary Elaine (Marilyn)
 December 25, 1921 - December 7, 2008
 It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved mother peacefully at Lions Gate Hospital. Mother was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Christmas day and grew up in the Horwood area. She was an avid speed skater, golfer and curler. She was active as a Red Cross Volunteer and for the Canadian Cancer Campaign until age caused her to stop. She loved to play Whist, Cribbage and Poker. One of her greatest joys was the many friendships she gained through these activities. Predeceased by her parents Lawrence and Elizabeth (Betty) Ostrander (Harvey), her sister Margaret (Peggy) Cutler and an infant daughter. Survived by her daughter, Hawley Anderson (Dave), son James M.L. Fitzgibbons and grandson Devon Alder. Also survived by her sisters Diane Dilphant (Gary) in Hamilton, Joan (Bill) Johnston in Winnipeg and many nieces and nephews. Fondly loved and remembered by many good friends. Their support during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. Heartfelt thanks to the staff on Site East at Lions Gate Hospital. No flowers by request. No service by request. A Memorial fee will be held on January 17th, 2009 at St. Andrew's United Church, 1044 St. Georges Avenue, North Vancouver at 1:00

BCGS GENEALOGY EDUCATION - ONLINE CLASS

Genealogy – The Next Step

Classes to be held using “Google Meet”

Each class will meet on consecutive Mondays

January 4, 2021 to February 1, 2021

7:00 to 9:00 pm



When you have learned how to find birth, marriage, death, and census records, what's the next step in your genealogy research? This 5 week class will focus on in-depth research tips and techniques with the goal of helping you make your ancestors come alive to you and your family.

Whether you can spend 20 minutes a day, or hours and hours, you will continue to learn more efficient and effective ways to research and how to share your findings with others in your family.

Celia Lewis and **Eunice Robinson**, two member genealogists from the British Columbia Genealogical Society, will be presenting this class.



Register at education@bcgs.ca

The classes are free to members of BCGS. There will be handouts.

Week 1 - Strategies that work	Monday, January 4, 2021
Week 2 - Out of the box	Monday, January 11, 2021
Week 3 - Chasing crumbs	Monday, January 18, 2021
Week 4 - People/Places/Events/Dates & FAN	Monday, January 25, 2021
Week 5 - Writing and sharing for posterity	Monday, February 1, 2021



SURREY MUSEUM EXHIBIT VISIT

The exhibit is on until December 13th

BCGS joined with the Museum of Surrey and the Surrey Family History Center to present an exhibit focusing on family history and discovery. The exhibit is called [“Discover Your Story”](#) and is presently available via Facebook and Instagram from your own home. Many thanks to BCGS members **Susan Sullivan** and **Eunice Robinson** who helped make this exhibit possible.

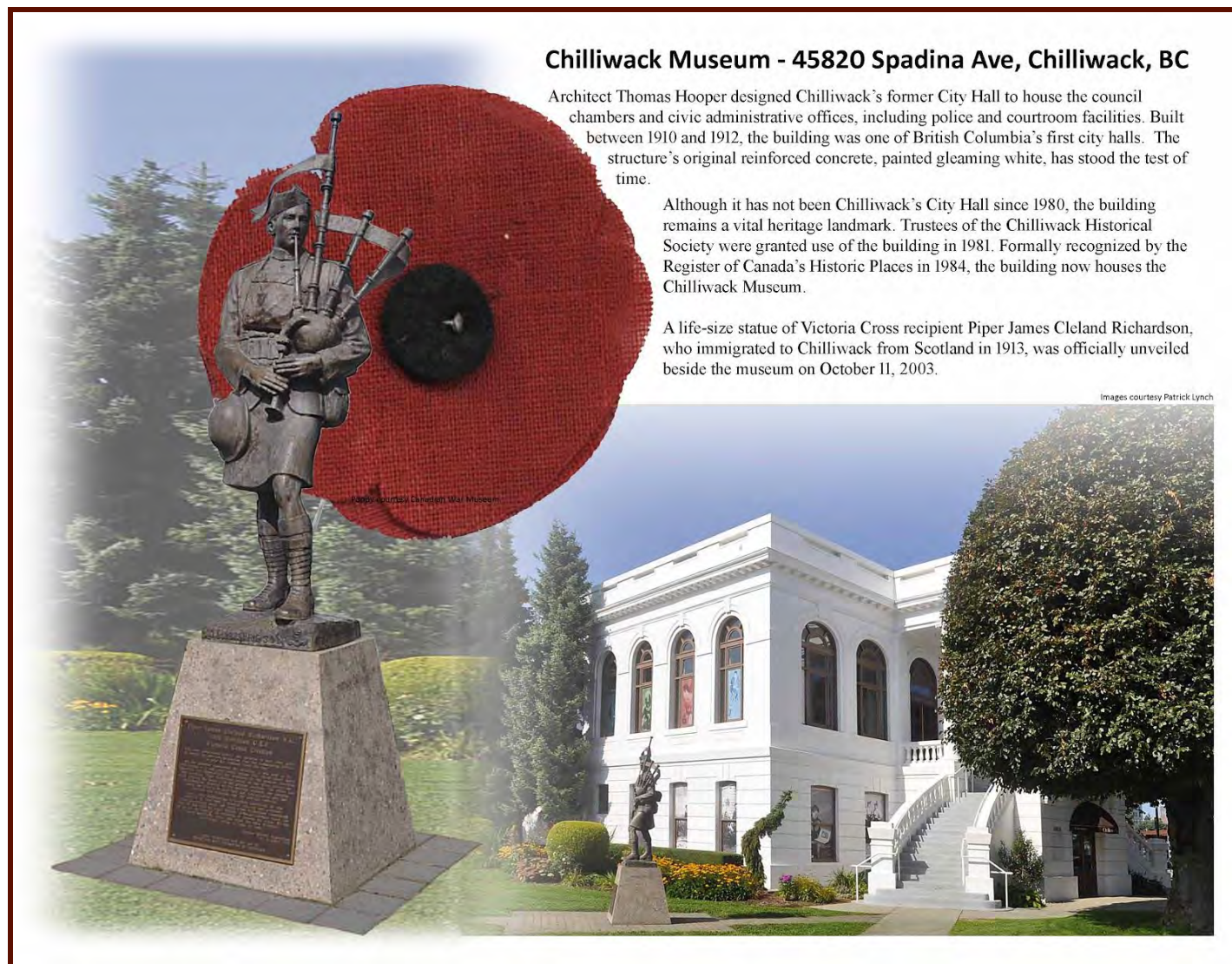
If you would like to take a **private in-person tour** (with Covid-19 restrictions), please contact Susan Sullivan at graphics@familyancestrees.com. More information about the exhibit can be obtained via the BCGS July 1 Newsletter, p. 4.



Chilliwack Museum - 45820 Spadina Ave, Chilliwack, BC

Image courtesy: Patrick Lynch

Photo construction: George Caldwell, written commentary: Sharon Clayton



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 or in quarantine.

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](#).

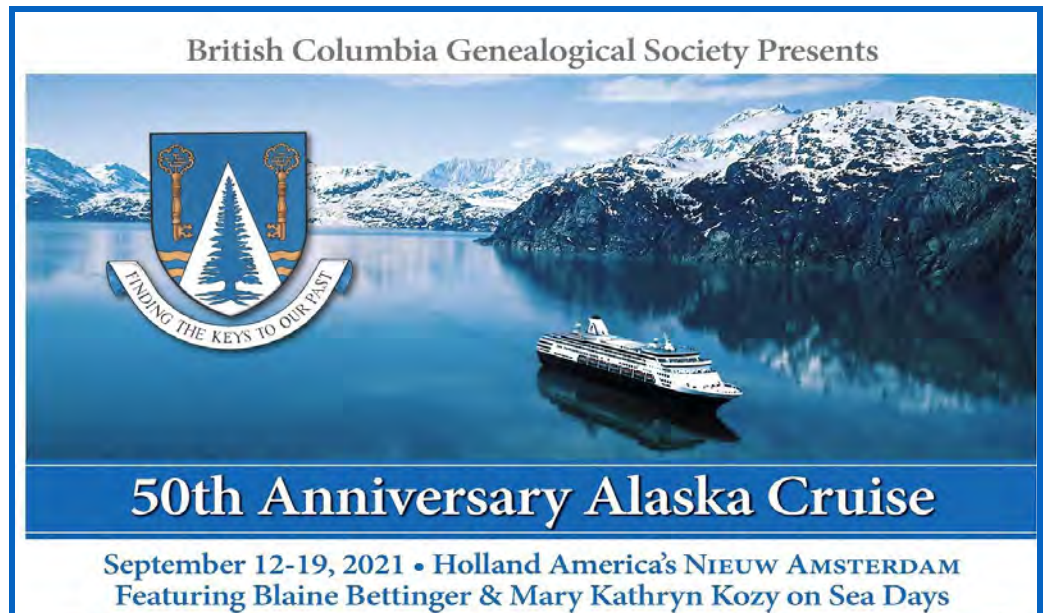
BCGS 50th ANNIVERSARY ALASKA CRUISE - OCTOBER 2021

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 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.



NOVEMBER'S UPDATE

Here's a [link](#) that takes us on a video tour of Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam. This ship will be our home for 7 days, when we travel to Alaska to celebrate BCGS's 50th anniversary. The narrator is a travel agent who has been on 24 previous cruises. He is mostly complimentary, but comments on a few things that he liked better on other cruises.

BCGS 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS begin on NOVEMBER 1st

Renew from **November 1 – December 31**

and have a chance to win a prize!

Five winners will be drawn in both November and December.

Winners will be able to choose from a selection of wonderful genealogy books.

Look out for a few reminders over the coming weeks.

All memberships not renewed by January 31, 2021, will be removed from our mailing lists and from website access to Members Resources on the BCGS website.



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 **DECEMBER 31, 2020**. A popular database for genealogical research, it includes census, baptism, marriage and military records. Click [here](#) to visit their genealogy guide for more research help.



An email from Surrey Libraries Family History

Hello everyone, just a few program updates:

Genealogy Orientation & Consultation Sessions

These are **in-person**, one-one-one, in-branch 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. Pre-registration is required -- 604-598-7328 or familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday, November 4; 6:30 – 7:30pm

Saturday, November 7; 10:30 – 11:30am

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Fun Family History Friday

Join us for some lively, open family history discussions. All levels welcome. For this **online** program, we will be using Microsoft Teams. You will need a computer with a microphone (or headphones) and webcam; or your smartphone, or iPad/tablet. Pre-registration is required by emailing libraryprograms@surrey.ca.



Upcoming dates:

Friday, November 27; 2:30 – 4:00pm

Friday, December 18; 2:30 – 4:00pm

In-person Visits & Research

Remember: We are open for in-person visits & 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](#).

As always, if you have any questions, please email us at familyhistory@surrey.ca, or call us at 604-598-7328.

Remember that access from your (Surrey) home to our Surrey Libraries **Ancestry** Account has been extended to **December 31, 2020**.

Best regards,

Carmen | Information Services Librarian

SURREY LIBRARIES, Cloverdale Branch, Family History Department



***“Moving Ever Westward:
Loyalist Descendants Come to British Columbia”***

**UELAC Vancouver Branch’s CENTENNIAL PROJECT
(1914 – 2014)**

UELAC Branch Book - 149 pages / spiral bound.

Stories about branch members’ Loyalist ancestors and
which descendant first arrived out West



CAD \$20.00 per copy (including
postage)

To Order: please e-mail:
UELAC Vancouver Branch at
cemanzer@mac.com

GENEALOGY NEWS in CANADA

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in Canada



Newfoundland Ancestors: Directories online at Memorial University

Snipped from Candice McDonald’s blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 7 September 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/09/newfoundland-ancestors-directories.html>

Newfoundland did not become a province until 1949. However, the first official accounts of Europeans setting foot on Newfoundland goes back to the late 1400's. Memorial University has digitized several varieties of directories and indexes on their site.

If your ancestors lived in Saskatchewan, MemorySask will become your best online archival resource

Snipped from Gail Dever’s blog, Genealogy à la carte, 30 September 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33257>

The Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists yesterday launched **MemorySask**: the Saskatchewan Archival Information Network, which is described as a database of descriptions of archival material held in Saskatchewan archives.

Prince Edward Island Ancestors: Looking for Ancestors in Probate Records on Family Search

Snipped from Candice McDonald’s blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 3 October 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/10/prince-edward-island-ancestors-looking.html>

If the pandemic has been good for one thing, it's been making Archives and Museums rethink their strategies. FamilySearch has always been ahead of the curve in bringing genealogy into people's homes digitally. But what a lot of people don't realize is that only a fraction of what they have on line is indexed. It's always good to check their catalogs for digitized material that hasn't been indexed.

Ontario Ancestors: School and Teacher Directories on Internet Archive

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 25 October 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/10/ontario-ancestors-school-and-teacher.html>

If your Ontario ancestor was involved in education, then you'll want to look at Internet Archive's selection of School and Teacher Directories.

Special memento for living Canadian WWII veterans

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 23 October 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33475>

You can honour a living Canadian Second World War veteran by nominating them to receive a special memento through Veterans Affairs Canada's Second World War Tribute program.

The Second World War Tribute program honours the sacrifices and achievements of Canada's WWII veterans.

Any living Canadian or Newfoundland veteran of the Second World War who served with the Canadian Forces, the Canadian or British Merchant Navy or any Allied force is eligible to receive the tribute lapel pin and certificate.

Back Again: MyHeritage Canadian Newspapers, 1752-2007

Snipped from John Reid's blog, Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections, 24 October 2020

<https://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/2020/10/back-again-myheritage-canadian.html>

When MyHeritage added a Canadian searchable newspaper collection earlier this year it was a significant contribution for Canadian subscribers. I was dismayed when it went away shortly after I said how great it is on a webinar on Canada Day.

Now, unannounced, it's back and every bit as good. You may not need a separate subscription to newspapers.com to access archives of many Canadian newspapers.

DNA GENEALOGY NEWS

Some web links to help with genetic genealogy research



Why map your chromosomes?

Snipped from Johnny Per's blog, DNA Painter, 12 October 2020

<https://blog.dnapainter.com/blog/why-map-your-chromosomes/>

Chromosome mapping has a dedicated following, but it might not be for everyone. So why map your chromosomes? In this article I'll attempt to explain it concisely so you can figure out if it's worth your time.

GENEALOGICAL WEBINARS

Upcoming webinars that you can take part in from wherever you are

OGS Toronto Branch lecture series — Researching your military ancestors

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 26 October 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33505>

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will hold another great lecture series, War and Rebels, from November 18 to 26. This will be the branch's third lecture series. The four webinars in this lecture series are about researching Canadian ancestors, especially those living in 19th and 20th-century Ontario, who served in the military. In this series, you will learn about the background to these conflicts, the personalities involved and the records that can help you trace your ancestors. Were they in the regular army, home militia, merchant navy or perhaps war brides? Or were they rebels looking to challenge the established order?

Quebec Family History Society - email of October 26

Past is Present: Using Digital Resources to Find Your Family's First World War History (Lectures)

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom

Caitlin Bailey is the Curator and Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for the Great War, and the Executive Director of the Vimy Foundation, and has many years of experience researching Canadian First World War Personnel. While publicly available, First World War records are spread over multiple agencies, in multiple countries and often hard to understand. During her presentation, Caitlin will familiarize participants with where to look, who to ask for help, and how to get the most out of the information available to reconstruct the often fascinating stories of your family during the First World War.

This event is free for MEMBERS of the Quebec Family History Society. Members, please email gfhf@bellnet.ca in advance to join this presentation. The cost for NON-MEMBERS is \$10.00 CAD. Please sign up by making your payment through the Store at www.gfhf.ca.



VIRTUAL GENEALOGY SEMINARS

Virtual genealogy fair recordings now available online

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 30 October 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33536>

Recordings of the presentations delivered at Barrie Public Library's Virtual Genealogy Fair last weekend are now available on the library's website to watch for free until November 30. Handouts are also available.



Lisa Lisson - Oh No! The Courthouse Burned! Finding Your Ancestors When Courthouse Records Were Lost

Devon Noel Lee - Yikes! How am I Going to Keep My Genealogy Research Organized for Difficult Questions?

Jen Baldwin - British Bonanza! Exploring England's Records from Home

Michael W. McCormick - Forensic Genealogy, Unclaimed Inheritances, and Missing Persons

The poster has a stone wall background. In the top right corner, there is a teal box with the text "Early Bird \$19.99". The main title "Overcoming Common Genealogy Challenges" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below the title, it says "Virtual Conference - 7 Nov 2020". At the bottom, the website "familyhistoryfanatics.com/researchconference" is listed. Four speaker portraits are arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each portrait has a name label below it: Jen Baldwin (top left), Devon Noel Lee (top right), Lisa Lisson (bottom left), and Michael W. McCormick (bottom right).

Note from the Campbell River Genealogy Society: NEW REGISTRATION DEADLINE!!! We have extended the Fall Virtual Seminar registration deadline to **November 6th**. Be sure to send your \$25 registration fee by e-transfer. Thanks and hope to see you online!

Campbell River Genealogy Society
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Saturday Nov 7th 2020



Eunice Robinson
Genealogy Educator &
Researcher

9:30 - 10:30

Family Reconstitution - Why should family historians trace the siblings of their ancestors? What are the benefits of doing so? This session/talk will explore the reasons, and the benefits of taking a 'more encompassing' view of the family.

11:00 - 12:00

Where Should I Put My Family History? - One of the biggest dilemmas facing family historians is what to do with my research when I'm no longer here. What format? Who to leave it to? Public or private? These questions and more will be answered during this session/talk.

Saturday Nov 14th 2020

9:30 - 10:30

Trusting Your Sources - How Do You Know You've Found the Right Record? You've worked hard to collect records for your ancestors, but how do you know you have the right records for the right people? This session/talk gives tips on how to evaluate records to ensure your research is top-notch.

We'll also discuss a compelling case study that seemed watertight... until it wasn't.

11:00 - 12:00

DNA Testing for Genealogy - Find out about the different types of DNA testing that are available and which might be best for your needs. We'll talk about ethnicity estimates, privacy issues and how to use your results and matches to help break through brick walls in your family tree



Marie Palmer
Genealogy Educator &
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Lost Families Found

MEMBERS' CORNER

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



Patrick Keily, member #5414

As I Recollect - I Remember...Mary Boness

Albert Fred Boness - August 5, 1879 - August 19, 1961

Mary Pepke Boness - November 12, 1881 - February 26, 1964

Three doors down from our house in Butternut lived the Boness'. They were the oldest couple I knew when I was a boy, both having been born in the 19th century. They were also the oddest couple I knew. Mary was always so happy to see us kids, Albert hardly giving much more than a nod as he sat on a wooden bench in the sun with a boater hat and puffing on his pipe. And for reasons unknown to any of us, Albert and Mary hated one another.

Like so many people in that part of Wisconsin, finding work wasn't easy. Many had farms but the milk checks weren't enough to pay the bills. The only job I know Albert had was as a security guard at Northern Hardwoods Veneer during World War 2. Veneer produced in Butternut was shipped to England to be used as the skin on the de Havilland Mosquito dive bombers, so it was important to prevent Nazi agents from infiltrating Northern Wisconsin. After the war, I'm sure he found work. What it was, I don't know, but I'm sure it paid very little. My mother would try and help out by having Mary darn socks, or take in a dress, shorten pants, and the like. Most of the work was done for a dime and sometimes a quarter, money most welcomed by her. When Albert retired, he, like many others, found the \$68 per month Social Security checks to be more money than they'd ever made working.

But I'm not writing about Albert, I'm here to write about Mary. I remembered Mary because it's Halloween, and when I was a kid, Halloween meant Mrs. Boness! Oh, the excitement of knocking on her door, the anticipation of what she was going to put in our crayon-colored paper bags, and the joy of seeing chocolate cupcakes, or handmade popcorn balls, or a dime if you were late arriving. On October 31st, the Boness front yard looked like Grand Central Station.

At the time, no thought was given as to why such a poor lady would be so generous to us, but as I got older, much

older, I've come to the conclusion that it was probably because she had no children of her own. I think she adopted us as her grandchildren, and we were unknowingly and happily being treated as such.



The last time I saw Mary Boness was in September of 1961, a month after Albert died. She went to live with a niece in Milwaukee and passed away three years later, having never returned to Butternut. I went trick or treating that year, my last time. Maybe I was getting too old for it, but I think it was deeper than that. The most wonderful lady who ever graced 1st Street was gone, and with her went the joy of a most special October evening. The visions of those cupcakes still dance in my head every Halloween. And that sweet lady's smile still warms my heart. There are still a lot of wonderful people in this world, but you'll have to look long and hard to find another like her.



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.

Looking Back at a Different World

Scattered and sporadic is how I would describe my recent forays into genealogical research. I'd like to be able to spend more time with my searches but there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day. It's either that, or I just have too many irons in the fire.

Too many irons in the fire, that's a quaint old saying, one that, if you really think about it, brings to mind days long past before electric irons and permanent-press garments. Some things I've discovered during recent sporadic searches have reminded me that my ancestors, while maybe similar to me in many ways, lived in different worlds.

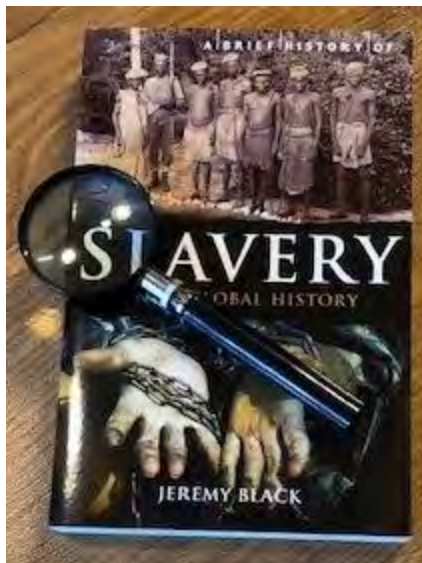


Recent searches have brought me to two different parts of the world in two different centuries. My current projects have centred on Australia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and Colonial America in the 17th and 18th centuries. In both places, I have found things that surprised me and reminded me that things really were different back then.

Australian research, of course, meant a trawl of the newspapers on [Trove](https://trove.nla.gov.au/). They are a wonderful, if frustrating

resource, because you can find people with the name you are searching but it's hard to tell if those are your people or just people who happen to have the same name. My search for the name Edward Woodley netted a story from 1882 about an Edward Woodley who was sentenced to one month in jail after a suicide attempt. Was a stint in jail supposed to make him think life was worth living? If so, it didn't work, as an 1884 story related a successful suicide of a person with the same name. The article also reported that his body was found at a mine at Mount Misery. At least the name of the place was appropriate even if the punishment didn't seem so to my modern sensibilities.

My other recent research, which took me back to Colonial American Rhode Island and Massachusetts, showed me another disturbing glimpse into history. This time it was the will of my 7-x great grandfather, James Tripp which showed me an unexpected aspect of the past. James spelled out in detail what each of his children was to receive. To his son Stephen: *"I give and bequeath unto my son Stephen Tripp one hundred pounds in good and lawful bills of credit to be paid unto him by his brother John Tripp and also I give unto him my son*



Stephen my negro boy Toby when his mother shall marry or decease also and one feather bed and furniture there unto belonging which is now in my house."

It was such a matter-of-fact reference to a person as a chattel to be bequeathed like furniture, truly a window into a different world.



Stanley Millis - Home Safe After a Trying Ordeal!

Marvin Millis, member #3526

In 1941 at age 21, my brother Stanley Millis joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers. His experiences as told here are what I learned through the

Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association website (www.hkvca.ca).

Stanley's group was first posted to Jamaica from June 15th to August 29th, they being sent to relieve a British battalion which had been reassigned to the European front. This was prior to Canada's agreement to provide a contingent of troops to assist the British forces at Kowloon in controlling the Hong Kong territory.

On October 25th Stan's group, " 'C' Company" of the Grenadiers, boarded a CPR troop train at Winnipeg, arriving in Vancouver where they boarded the **HMCS Prince Robert**. It docked at Kowloon on November 16th.

The Grenadiers were assigned to Hankow Barracks, Sham Shui Po Military Camp, Kowloon. They were under the command of General C.M. Maltby, the Commander of British troops in China. During the next few days, up to December 6th, senior officers and NCOs were ferried to Hong Kong Island to become familiar with the terrain and to establish artillery positions. On December 7th 'C' company took up their assigned positions on the SW side of Hong Kong Island.

The combined Allied forces held their own against the Japanese until Christmas Day 1941, when General Maltby raised the white flag, ultimately surrendering to the Japanese. They were taken to the Sham Shui Po camp now held by the Japanese.

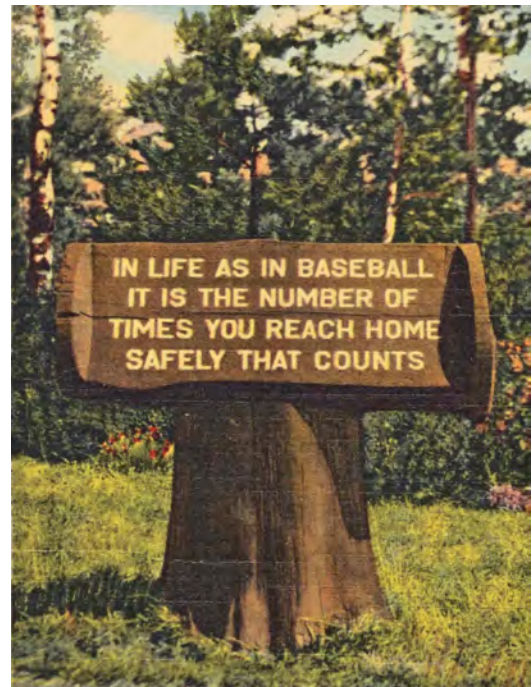
Then on August 15th, 1943, Stanley and some of his group were transported to Honshu Island, Japan, aboard the **Manryu Maru** (one of Japan's infamous "Hell Ships"), arriving at the **Oeyama** POW camp on September 1st. Here the prisoners laboured for the **Nippon Yakin Nickel Mine & Refinery**.

On September 15th 1945, at Kamaishi, Japan, the liberated prisoners were taken aboard the United States

Hospital Ship, **USS Rescue**. Here they were first sprayed with DDT to kill infestations of fleas, lice, and other parasites. Then they were bathed, clothed, fed and given medical examinations.

By October 2nd, 1945, Stanley was at Fort McDowell, San Francisco, CA where he was among those being debriefed by a Canadian Forces Recovery Team located there. By October 5th, he and other fellows arrived at Little Mountain Barracks, Vancouver.

The plaque below was erected in Itasca State Park, Minnesota.



It was probably while he was being debriefed in San Francisco that Stanley purchased the postcard shown here. The message is most appropriate, considering everything he had experienced during his almost four years of incarceration by the Japanese.

Stanley died in 1993 and is buried in the Field of Honour in Cedar Hills Cemetery, Saint John, New Brunswick.

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

BCGS EVENTS

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

November 1	2021 Membership Renewal starts
November 2	Exploring Genetic Genealogy - via Zoom - 1 to 3 pm
November 5	Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am
November 5	Cemeteries Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
November 11	BCGS Members Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm
November 12	Ontario Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
November 14	Quebec Questers Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon
November 16	Exploring Genetic Genealogy (NPE) - via Zoom - 1 to 3 pm
November 19	Germans From Russia Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
November 26	Storing Your Records Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
November 30	Last day to submit Christmas photos for "Christmas Past & Present"
December 3	Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am
December 3	BC Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
December 9	BCGS Members Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm
December 10	USA Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm
December 12	Quebec Questers Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon

**Remembrance
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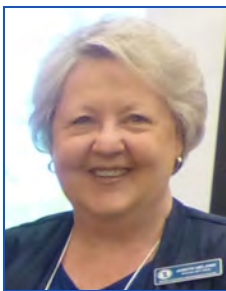


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