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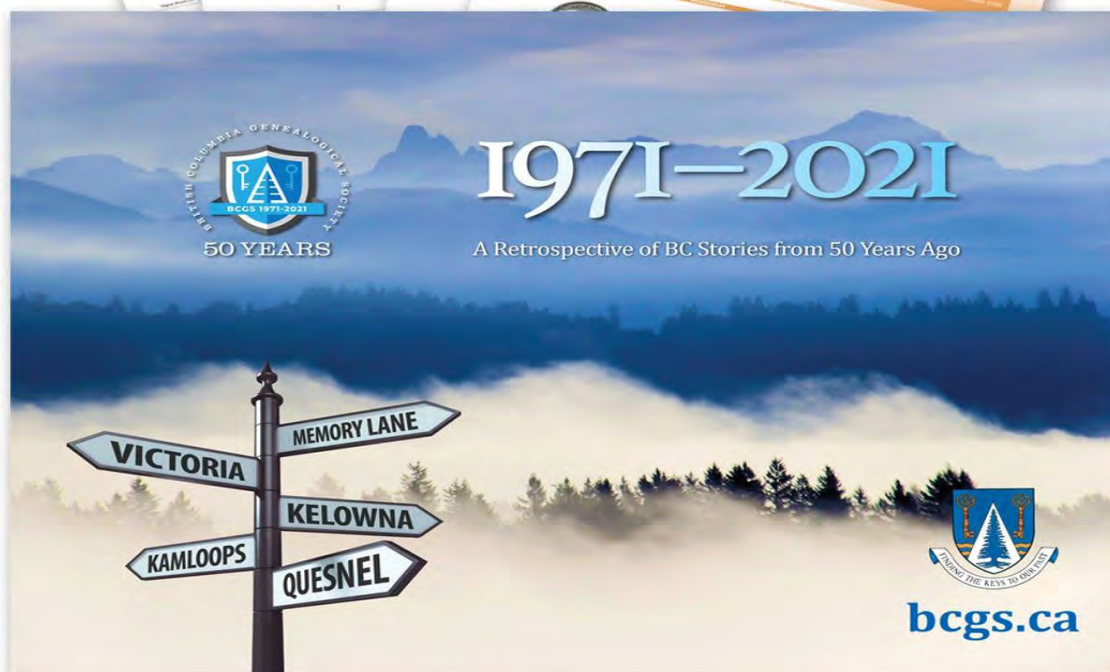
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THE BCGS 50th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

50th Anniversary 2021 Calendars - A Visit Down 1971 Memory Lane



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

After a six-month gestation period, the **BCGS 2021 Calendar Team** is proud to announce that our BCGS fundraising calendar is ready for purchase. We hope you will enjoy the stories and images that we collected for a retrospective view of 1971 British Columbia. Here's a sneak peak about what we chose for January to June. We'll tell you about the July to December pages next month.

- On **January 1, 1971**, British Columbians began celebrating the **100th anniversary** of our **Province** joining the **Confederation of Canada**. Check out the acknowledgements page for all the people who helped with this including Ann Nightingale, daughter and executor of William E. John, who took the amazing photo.

- In **February of 1971**, 11 people attended the first BCGS meeting. **Betty Harvey**, our 4th member, is the only charter member who is still on our membership list. Thanks to Betty for her sharing her recollections and to her husband, Dave, for the lovely photo of Betty.

- In **March**, we wanted to publish a photo of **HRH Queen Elizabeth** chatting with the newly married Prime Minister **Pierre Elliott Trudeau** and his bride, **Margaret Sinclair**. Copyright issues put the kibosh on that plan, but thanks to Dave Obee - journalist, historian and genealogist - you'll be intrigued with the calendar's colourful image of **Amor De Cosmos**, BC's second premier. The stylized portrait graced the cover of "*Century of Adventure - 1871-1971*", a 1971 book that is now part of our BCGS library collection.

- **April** is devoted to Quesnel's **Cariboo Pulp & Paper** (now *West Fraser Timber Ltd*). Construction of the plant created more than a thousand jobs and Quesnel's budget increased by half a million dollars between 1971 and 1972. Shout out to the Quesnel and District Museum and Tara Knight at Cariboo Pulp and Paper.

- **May** features **Georama Growers** from the West Kootenays. This family-owned nursery is also celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021. We appreciate Muriel Walton at the West Kootenay Family Historians Society for giving us the story idea.

- **June** shines a spotlight on the beloved **The Beachcombers** television series. The first six shows were filmed in 1971, continuing for 387 episodes over 19 years. Lola Westell at the Sunshine Coast Family History Society and Jackson Davies, the actor who played "Constable Constable", helped us with this page.

Pricing for the calendar (including taxes and mailing): \$21 in Canada, \$23 in the US, and \$28 outside of North America. Calendars **picked up** (only on Saturdays) at the **BCGS Library** are \$18. Postage is slightly less expensive when ordering and paying online. If you choose to buy at the library, please call 604-502-9119 between 10 am and 1 pm to notify us that you're coming.

If purchasing as **Christmas gifts** (or to commemorate **1971 birthdays** and **anniversaries**), you can provide your gift recipients' names and mailing addresses on the website order form. **BCGS affiliate societies** may purchase in bulk (10 or 20 copies at a time) for a reduced rate. For more information, email president@bcgs.ca.

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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 or the eJournal editor at journal@bcgs.ca. Your stories encourage others.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bill Clayton, BCGS President president@bcgs.ca



October! Already!

Time flies when you are having fun. Or so they say.

Little did we know when this 'pandemic thing' started right after our AGM that it would still be here **6 months later** and not showing any signs of disappearing.

Although we have not been able to meet in person, we have been **meeting by Zoom** in greater numbers than we have had in many years. From the comments I hear from members, there is a silver lining to this Covid thing.

We have been able to have many more members join our meetings on a regular basis and hear great education presentations. And this month, we have **Linda Yip 'Zooming in'** from Saskatchewan to introduce many of us to **Evernote** as an aid to keeping our genealogical notes and thoughts on course.

The **2021 BCGS Calendar** is now for sale on the website and ready for pick up at the library on Saturdays. The calendar team of George Caldwell, Sharon Clayton and Susan Sullivan has created a great keepsake calendar featuring well-researched stories from across BC in the year of the BCGS' founding: 1971. Each month features another great story from across BC. They are available on the website or in person each Saturday at the library. Make sure you get at least one before they have all flown out the door.

Our **membership renewal campaign** starts on **November 1**. We encourage you to renew your membership as early as practical to ensure that all your BCGS benefits are not interrupted. You can renew on the website or in person each Saturday at the library.

In spite of the covid-19 restrictions, the BCGS Board is planning for the future and for more benefits for all our members.

THE NEXT BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING

will take place on

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2020

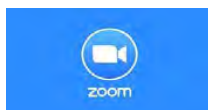
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BCGS MEMBER **LINDA YIP** WILL PRESENT

"Introduction to Using Evernote for Genealogy"

See page 10 for details

THANKSGIVING - OCTOBER 12, 2020

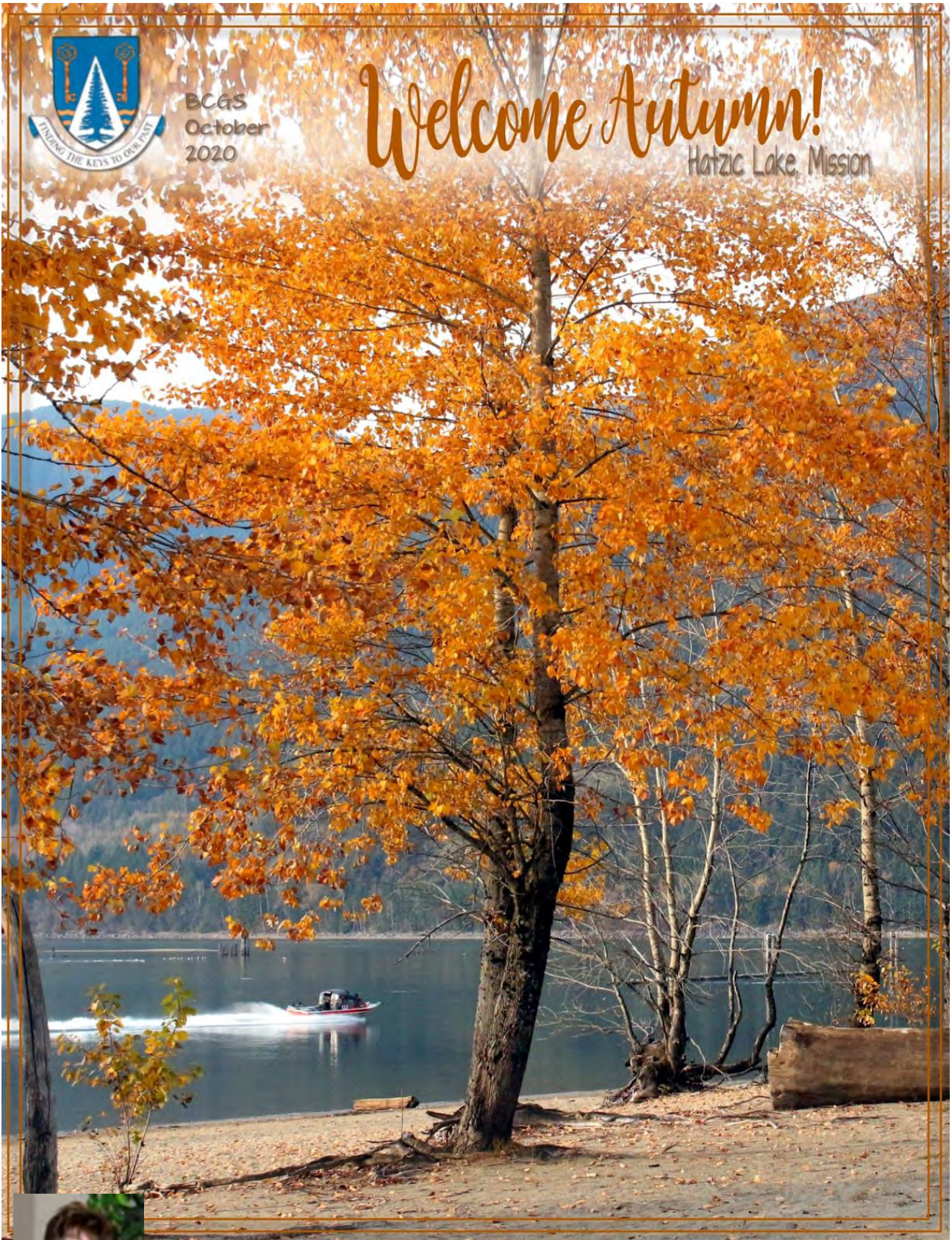




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Welcome Autumn!

Hatzic Lake, Mission



Photos and poster by June Gauntley, member #5112

This poster is from June's visit to Hatzic Lake, Mission, BC last year. She says the trees seemed amazingly oranger than usual and the lighting was just right to take this special photo.



TINKER, TAILOR...OBSOLETE OCCUPATIONS



When you are researching your ancestors, do you wonder what they did for a living and then when you find out, you are still baffled? The BCGS website has a section that can help you understand what some old and obsolete occupations are. It can be found under Member Resources/Research Help & Tools/General/Tinker, Tailor ... Obsolete Occupations. Below you will find a fun quiz to test your knowledge.

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| 1. Ale Draper | 6. Catchpole | 11. Huckster |
| 2. Joiner | 7. Turner | 12. Neatherd |
| 3. Slop seller | 8. Kellogg | 13. Lavender |
| 4. Slater | 9. Cordwainer | 14. Tipstaff |
| 5. Fellmonger | 10. Egglar | 15. Whittawer |

Answers are on page 16



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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.

Renewals open on November 1st

MESSAGE FROM THE BCGS eJOURNAL EDITOR



Lynne Fletcher, BCGS eJournal Editor

Our calendars often have notes about special events penciled in on a specific day, but I noticed an article in my morning paper about a new (to me) special day: **Military Family Appreciation Day**, to be held on the third Friday of each September - September 18th this year. It's a Canadian memorial day to thank and remember the people who stand behind our members serving in the military, overseas and at home. This year, the **Together We Stand Foundation**, a non-profit devoted to supporting Canadian military families, designed a creative stay-at-home initiative for military families

and regular citizens to take part in as they celebrate the day: *the Home Fort Challenge*. To take part, you only need to build a "home fort" (pillow forts will qualify), then take a photo or video clip of your fort and post that photo or video on your own social media using **#homefort challenge**. Participants were asked to include a message of thanks or a challenge to others to build their own fort.

Our Society members recall family with stories about their time in the Forces, during wartime, and afterwards. Often these stories include the efforts of their stay-at-home families, who worked hard to support the family, the business or a farm. Do you have any family stories about the efforts of your family who kept home fires burning, the responsibilities that they had to take on, or the solutions that they created to manage. Could you share them with our members?



I'm looking forward to your stories. Let's build some word forts! Please send them to Journal@bcgs.ca



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 party** that anyone has ever seen!

BCGS POSTCARD COLLECTION



POSTCARDS OF THE MONTH

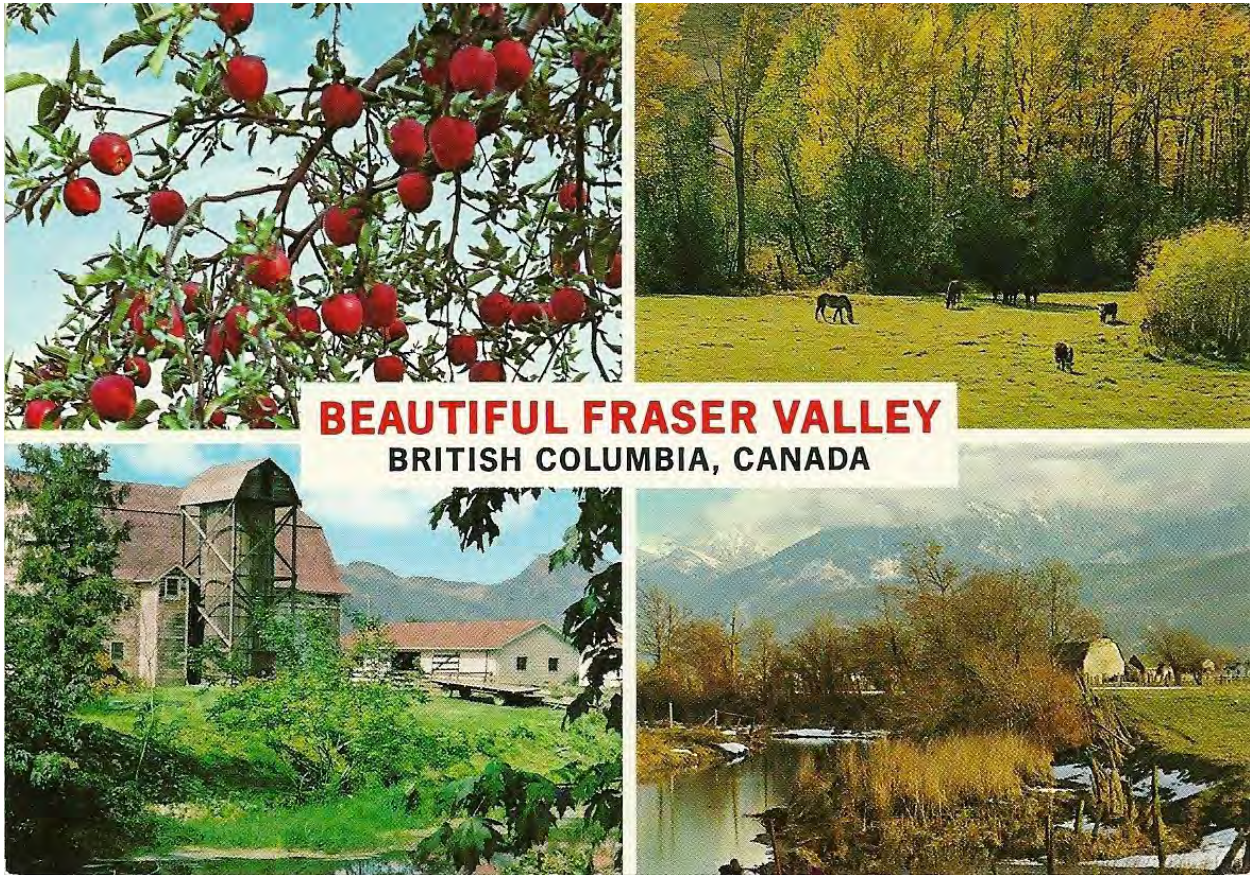
The Story Behind a Picture Postcard

Janice Kidwell, member #5033

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

Lucy Maud Montgomery

Anne of Green Gables



BEAUTIFUL FRASER VALLEY
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

The beautiful Fraser Valley consists of more than 100 miles of wonderful farm land producing a large variety of crops and fruit that you can enjoy through fall fairs, a corn maze, pumpkin patch, berry farms, roadside stands, and farmers' markets. Visit Campbell Valley Park, shuffle through autumn leaves, and admire the rivers and mountains that help to make this area so beautiful.

#4 photo by H.D. von Tiesenhausen

This postcard was published and copyright by Natural Color Productions Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.

There is neither a message nor a stamp on the back of the card.



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.

5805 Carol O'Connell of Renton, Washington
5806 David Fletcher of Lincoln, Lincolnshire, UK



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



MEMBERSHIP FEE REDUCTION until October 31, 2020

Do you have friends or family members who would like to join the BCGS? Now is a good time to introduce them to the Society.

A **partial year** membership for newcomers to our society is available from now **until October 31st** for **\$35.00** - and the membership would continue until December 31, 2020.

Those joining as of November 1st will receive the last two months of 2020 and the membership will be valid until December 31, 2021 - the fee is \$65.00, as voted for at the 2020 AGM.



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.

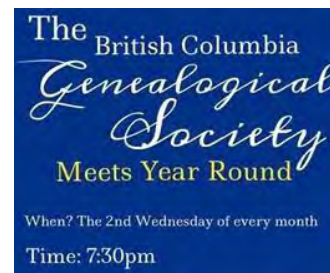
If you are a member of the BCGS, email Ann with your queries at queryrequest@bcgs.ca. There is no charge to members but donations for extra research would be helpful.

A non-member is charged specific fees based on what they are asking. The library catalogue is available online at <https://20575.rmwebopac.com/> to help you prepare for your next visit to the library.



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, OCTOBER 14, 2020

Introduction to Using Evernote for Genealogy



Linda Yip, APG, Ancestry Canada Advisory Board of Genealogists

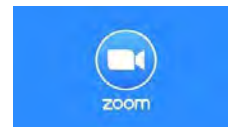
Are you afraid to close your browser for fear of losing something important? Ever filed something away carefully on your computer in a folder, never to see it again? Is your desktop a mass of random documents you put there so you could find them again? Want to learn a better way of handling the things you find? I use a program so good you'd think it was made for genealogy. I'll talk about the dos and don't of filing, and how Evernote has made me a better genealogist.

To help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus,
The **OCTOBER MEETING** will be held via **ZOOM**.

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

ABOUT the WEDNESDAY, October 14th BCGS MEMBERS' MEETING via ZOOM

- Our previous Members' Meetings via Zoom were well attended; therefore, we are continuing with this program for the October meeting.
- An invitation from the BCGS to the October 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 October 12th, 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.



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020



All group meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

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

Join us via Zoom

SPEAKER at the NOVEMBER 11th MEETING: ANNETTE FULFORD - FIRST WORLD WAR BRIDES

LOOKING BACK at the SEPTEMBER MEETING

The SIXTH BCGS Members' Meeting via Zoom

Our sixth Members' Meeting proved as or more popular than previous meetings via Zoom with some **72** members logging in. The business portion of the meeting was begun with the Approval of the Minutes of the August Members' Meeting; moved by **Barbara Onsted** and seconded by **Sheila Albrecht**.

There were a number of distance members on board including some researchers who are attending **Celia Lewis' Beginners course**. We heard from **Barbara Scott**, **Don Calder** and **Judy Galpin**. The **Campbell River Genealogy Society** had two representatives: **Christol James** and **Robert Scales**, who hails from Comox but attends the CRGS. Half Moon Bay brought us **Sandra Cunliffe** and **Barbara Scott**. **Linda Yip**, our Saskatchewan representative and Chinese research facilitator, logged in, and **Patrick Keily**, our regular BCGS Newsletter columnist, sat in from Washington. **Christine Manzer** and **Carl Stymiest** of the **United Empire Loyalists** are regular attendees. Christine was interested in the process of Zoom meetings as she is preparing to hold the UEL Vancouver Branch's first meeting via Zoom on the 15th of this month.



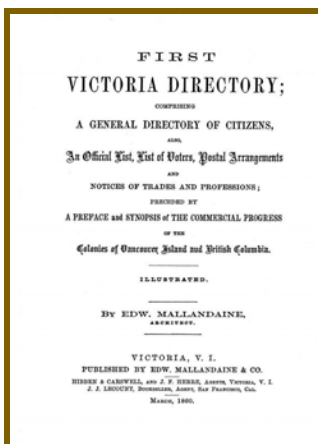
A brief discussion ensued about the **FREE Roots Virtual Conference 2021** to be held **February 25-27th**. More information is available on page 3 of the BCGS Genblast of September 12th and in this Newsletter in the Virtual Genealogy area, page 26.



LOOKING BACK at the SEPTEMBER MEETING, cont'd

Susan Sullivan presented a review of the **BCGS 2021 Calendar** (see page 1 for details), which is now available. Susan is working with **Sharon Clayton** and **George Caldwell**, both of whom have been instrumental in the production of previous years' calendars. This calendar is in celebration of the **British Columbia Genealogical Society's 50th Anniversary** and has been divided into sections representing the four seasons of the year. Each month's photo will picture an event which took place in BC during 1971 with an historical commentary accompaniment.

Susan regaled us with the trials and tribulations experienced by Sharon and herself of acquiring both the photos and permission for use. Some of the original choices, including one of the Queen, Prince Philip and Princess Anne's visit to BC, had to be rejected as the copyright fee proved far too dear for our budget. Members are encouraged to order their calendars through the BCGS website at <https://www.bcgs.ca/the-store>. They can be mailed or picked up at the BCGS Genealogical Library.



Jan Graf informed the members about new content on the BCGS website. This month, they are highlighting the **Victoria, BC 1860 Directory**. It holds much information about the province during this early period of BC history. Jan showed, via screen sharing, an excerpt of citizens' and voters' names, business advertisements, prices of goods, locations and pictures. Many other lists - churches, hospitals and police - are also a part of the book. Some inserts are from as far away as San Francisco.

Bill Clayton, our President, recognized one of his relatives by the surname of Young in one of the lists. Jan made the point that this publication shows the history and language of the times as it really was. The Directory is a summary of life in the Victoria of 1860. The complete screening can be viewed on the BCGS website [bcgs.ca](https://www.bcgs.ca) in the Members Resources area under the Research Help and Tools section.

LOOKING BACK AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, cont'd



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:

Gordon Coburn tells us that he will be taking the **Legion Remembrance Books** to the Mount Pleasant centre in early October. He is hoping the new book will be out by then. Contact Gordon at 1-778-317-1222. The legion information can be found online at [Mount Pleasant #177 | Legion BC/Yukon Command](#)

Suzanne Spohn commented that, with help from BCGS correspondence team member, Dorothy Jones, she recently received an e-mail from a family historian in Ireland. The Irish historian had seen a reference to an article Suzanne wrote for the March 2019 issue of our eJournal, The B.C. Genealogist. The article describes Suzanne's 3x great-uncle, **Ruthven Emerson**, b. 1810 in Rostevor, Northern Ireland. Ruthven was a poet, watercolour artist and postmaster in Rostrevor. The Irish historian shared that Ruthven Emerson became a tutor to her grandfather in Rostrevor. An even greater connection was that the Irish historian has a painting by Ruthven of the historian's family home in Rostrevor. Some joking transpired to the amusement of all, that Ruthven had not painted the actual house, but, as an artist, had painted a PICTURE of the house. The Irish researcher sent Suzanne a photograph of the water colour painting. Both the house and painting still exist today.



Janet White once again had a DNA find. A person from England, **Madeleine "Maddie" MORELAND** contacted Janet to confirm that her (Maddie's) grandmother had married Janet's grandmother's brother, **Esdaile Campbell MUIR** (1873-1951). He proved to be a 'scoundrel' – Janet's words – marrying at 38 a young woman of 18, also called **Madeleine "May" Montgomery CHAMBERS** (1893-1924). Janet has a box of articles, a binder and booklets about him (collected and/or written by another relative) and is sharing these with Maddie in England. See Janet's article in the Focus on an Ancestor section of this Newsletter on page 31.

Claire Belzer spoke about Find A Grave and a missing graveyard in Spences Bridge, BC. **Geocaching.com** shows the graveyard to be named as "**Widow Smith's Cemetery**" and has three printed pages of names. These do not seem to appear in any other publications so are a special 'find'. Following is Claire's story:

*"I pulled up a geocache page called WIDOW SMITH. This page gave the location of the memorial N49 25.470 W121 20.438. This is near the Log Cabin Pub property on the north side of the river. I then printed the info for this cache as it gave the history of **Jessie Ann Smith**."*

"Jessie came to the area before 1887 when they moved to the Voght Valley. In 1897, the Smiths returned to Spences Bridge where they purchased the John Murray estate. They worked hard to improve the orchards, which had over 3000 trees; 37 varieties of apples were part of the orchard. Most famous were the McIntosh Red, the Delicious and the award winning Grimes Golden."

Jessie was 93 when she passed away on the 7th of February 1946. Her gravestone reads, "Safe in the arms of Jesus".

Bibliography and Sources: "The Smiths" Gold Country Geo Tourism Adventures Field Guide Volume 1, 147,
Ward, A & Campbell, J.M. (1989) Widow Smith of Spences Bridge. Merritt, BC, Sonotek Publishing

Claire sent another note about the term 'geocache'. Geocaching is about "using million dollar satellites, a hand-held GPS unit and finding containers hiding in the woods".

Elvin Meyers spoke about a friend's use of Geocaching.com and being directed through this site to **Raymond Burr's** grave in the **Fraser Cemetery** in New Westminster and finding directions to many other tourist sites throughout **New Westminster**.

CELIA LEWIS, BCGS Webinar Coordinator, member #5183 - WEBINAR

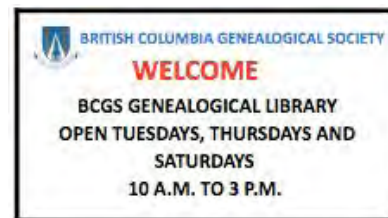
Celia introduced the Webinar: **Scotland's Old Parish Registers, How to access, Use and Interpret, Part 1 by Paul Milner**. The first part of the presentation informed us how to access the program through familysearch.org and then proceeding to Search, Research Wiki (with a side comment that this holds 'lots of good stuff') and then on to "Online Classes & Webinars". Scrolling down brings us to a long list of webinars and the first and second parts of the talk. The course handout covers both webinars and is clickable on the introductory page.



Celia recommends that one watch the webinar but not download as it is easy enough to rewatch from the FamilySearch website. The first segment covered a number of useful research areas such as historical dates, maps, gazetteers, Genuki, Scotland's People and Family Search parish records. Cautions are given about varying dates for births, marriages and a bit about 'mort cloth' rates, a particular charge of the time which might give a clue to an ancestor's burial. Another helpful research item was the recording of women's maiden names on records which, once known, can give openings to finding previous generations. A discussion followed the completion of the first segment. Celia recommends Family Search as a learning site. Those of us listening in considered the webinar a useful and interesting talk. Much appreciated.

BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

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

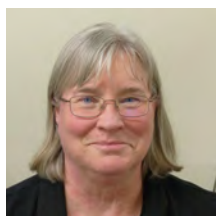


BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

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

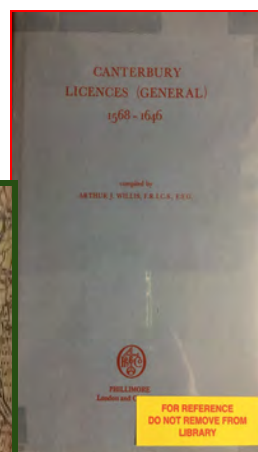
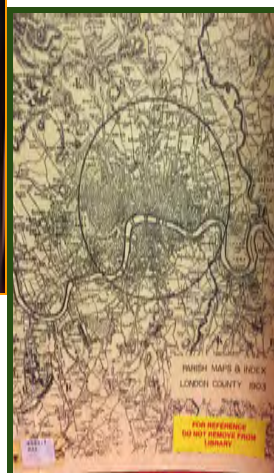
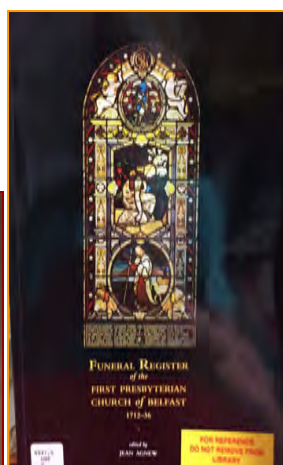
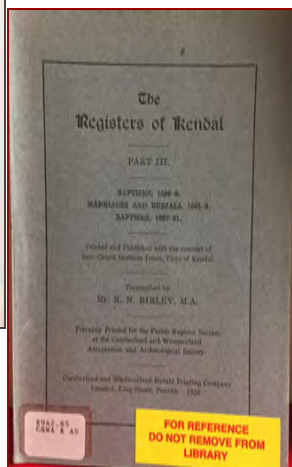
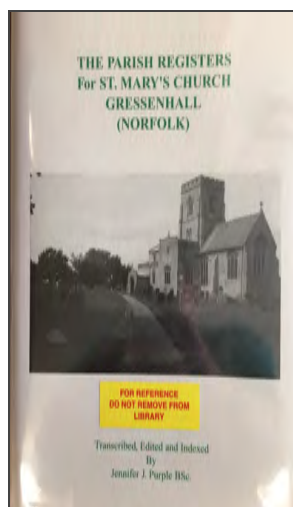


Corrine Jubb, Library Administrator

At a couple of recent BCGS Members' Meetings via Zoom, we were shown the variety of Family Search webinars for topics such as parish records in England or Scotland. More and more information appears online but books can also help our research. The following are just a few of parish topic books at the BCGS Library.

- R 942.61 PUR, editor J. J. Purple - "The Parish Registers for St. Mary's Church Gressenhall" (Norfolk)
- R 942.85 C&W & AS, transcribed by R. N. Blrley – "The Registers of Rendal part III baptism 1596-1599, marriage and burials 1591-9 baptisms 1607-31"
- R942.1 MAI, by Lorne W. Main – "Parish Maps & Index London County 1903"
- R941.5 UFH C, edited by Jean Agnew – "Funeral Register of the First Presbyterian Church of Belfast 1712-36"
- R 942.23 WIL, compiled by Arthur J. Willis – "Canterbury Licences (General) 1568-1646"

The BCGS library has reopened by appointment on Saturdays. Please email library@bcgs.ca if you wish to book an appointment.



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.



FUNDRAISING - POP BOTTLES and CANS

Bill Clayton advises us that he has returned pop bottles and cans to the recycling depot to the tune of **\$136.75** for the month of September and a total of **\$475.95**. No longer a small amount, these funds are for the **Alice Louise Marwood Fund**, which is used for upkeep of the Library.

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

TINKER, TAILOR...OBSOLETE OCCUPATIONS - Answers from quiz on page 6

1. Ale draper - an innkeeper, a publican
2. Joiner – a carpenter who specializes in furniture and fittings
3. Slop seller – a seller of ready-made clothing, not a tailor
4. Slater - a roofer
5. Fellmonger – Dealer in hides and skins
6. Catchpole – Sheriff's deputy usually responsible for debt collection
7. Turner – someone who uses a lathe to turn wood for spindles
8. Kellogg – Animal slaughterer (literally, “kill hog”)
9. Cordwainer - a shoemaker
10. Egger – an egg seller
11. Huckster – Street seller of ale, usually a woman
12. Neatherd – Cowherd
13. Lavender- Washerwoman
14. Tipstaff - Policeman
15. Whittawer – Saddle and harness maker



The link below is to the website page that can help you find the answers. It is quite long:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e7552a1d485ac5ecd7e8d8e/t/5f3d784c7298a761565d92f1/1597864013533/ObsOlete+Occupations.pdf>



BCGS GENEALOGY CHATS **SOME CHATS ARE TAKING PLACE via ZOOM***

Coffee Chats at the BCGS Genealogical Library



When the Covid-19 lockdown is over, 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

2nd Saturday of each month

Oct 10 & Nov 14 via Zoom*

10 am to noon

With Linda Maitland

lindamaitland@telus.net



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

1st Monday of most month

October 5 via Zoom*

1 pm to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

Featuring Andy Lee's webinar on Gedmatch's DNA Triangulation tool.

Please pre-register sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

Parental Puzzles (NPE)

3rd Monday of most months

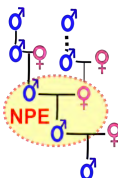
October 19 via Zoom*

1 to 3 pm

With Sharon Clayton

Featuring CBC Radio's documentary, "How a Toronto Woman Discovered She Has Up to 600 Half-Siblings"

Please pre-register sharonjmclayton@gmail.com



BC GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Janet White

jwhite@telus.net



SCOTLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

October 29 via Zoom*

7 pm to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



ENGLAND GENEALOGY CHAT

October 22 via Zoom*

7 pm to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



IRELAND GENEALOGY CHAT

October 15 via Zoom*

7 pm to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson & Lorraine Irving

eunice@genbug.ca



ATLANTIC GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Keith MacNutt

jkeithmacnutt@gmail.com



ONTARIO GENEALOGY CHAT

Next chat TBA

With Janet White

jwhite@telus.net



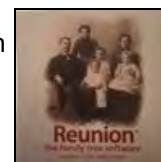
MAC/REUNION GROUP

3rd Wednesday of most months, 2 to 4 pm

Next chat TBA

With Bill Clayton

weclayton45@gmail.com



SOFTWARE for GENEALOGY

Next chat TBA

With Angus Glass

liliardsedge@aol.com



***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

October 1 & November 5 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.



SURREY MUSEUM EXHIBIT VISIT

Susan Sullivan - member #4887

BCGS has 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, page 4.



BCGS FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR

Kim Kujawski - member #5575

Kim has agreed to become the BCGS Facebook Administrator for both the **BCGS page and the BCGS Discussion group**. She has already made updates to the page and we look forward to many new posts.

Kim is the founder of The French Canadian Genealogist at www.tfcg.ca. Her article entitled **"Smallpox in New France & Canada"**, How 'The Speckled Monster' wreaked havoc on the lives of Canadians for over 300 years" is an extremely well researched and informative article and speaks to the situation with the corona virus we are currently experiencing. Thank you, Kim, your volunteering is appreciated.

BOARD ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

Bill Clayton (left) and Laurie Malley (right) have been hard at work removing the window in the boardroom at the BCGS Genealogical Library and replacing it with a wall. This wall is now supporting our new large-screen smart TV, which was donated last year and is to be used for research presentations and webinars when the library is open to groups again.



BCGS 2020 CALENDAR - OCTOBER, 2020

DOUKHOBOR DOM - DOUKHOBOR DISCOVERY CENTRE, CASTLEGAR, BC

Image courtesy: Doukhobor Discovery Centre; www.doukhobor-museum.org

Photo construction: George Caldwell, written commentary: Sharon Clayton



Image courtesy of Doukhobor Discovery Centre
www.doukhobor-museum.org

Doukhobor Dom - Doukhobor Discovery Centre, Castlegar, BC

In 1908, almost 6000 Doukhobors immigrated to British Columbia from the Canadian prairies. They built 80 communal villages throughout the Kootenay-Boundary Region. When they first arrived in B.C., the Doukhobors built temporary log houses. After brick factories were built, permanent brick houses (also known as doms) were constructed. Each village usually had two large doms built side by side, about 60 feet apart. The two storey doms were 32 feet by 40 feet, with attics and half basements for storage.

This communal living home was the first structure built at the Doukhobor Discovery Centre. With the help of more than 1000 artifacts donated from Doukhobor villages that no longer exist, the Discovery Centre dom recreates the Doukhobor way of life between 1908 and 1938.



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: <https://www.facebook.com/bcgenealogy/>

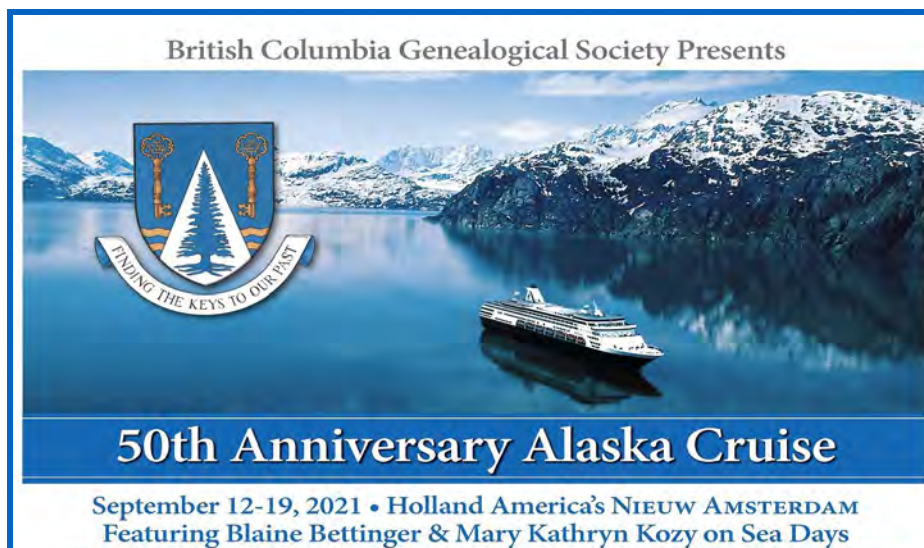
BCGS Genealogical Discussion Group - for genealogical collaboration and discussion. You can easily communicate with all members of the group, post your research questions, share a brick wall, a genealogical success, and other members of the group can reply or comment. Others can help you and you can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

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.

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



OCTOBER'S UPDATE - CRUISE LINES INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES NEW HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Travel uncertainty has become the norm during the past stressful six months, so know that the cruising industry is taking action toward a more promising future. 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.

All of us who have booked the BCGS 50th Anniversary Cruise won't have to make any new decisions until June 14, 2021. Until then, Dr. Bonnie Henry says she's keeping an optimistic eye on 50 vaccine trials that are in various stages of development around the world.

<https://www.slyoumag.com/2020/09/23/cruise-ship-new-safety-protocols-adopted-as-cruise-sector-prepares-for-relaunch/>

GENEALOGY NEWS in BC

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in BC



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



A note from Vancouver Public Library

Ancestry Library Edition

VPL cardholders can now enjoy access to Ancestry Library Edition from home for free until **DECEMBER 31, 2020**. A popular database for genealogical research, it includes census, baptism, marriage and military records. Visit their genealogy guide for more research help. <https://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/ancestry-library-edition>



An email from Surrey Libraries Family History

Hello everyone!

I'm happy to report that we will be reopening for limited access on Wednesday, September 9! Please see this link for our new hours and other information about reopening: <https://www.surreylibraries.ca/news/we%E2%80%99re-opening-september-9>.

Our Covid-19 protocols and safety measures are very thorough, as noted in the link above. I would like to highlight the following aspects:

- limiting the number of people within the branch at any given time
- limiting computer time to 45 minutes – computer time is first-come-first-served, as before
- limiting time within the branch to 1 hour

I'm pleased to share that access from your (Surrey) home to our Surrey Libraries Ancestry account has been **extended to December 31, 2020!** (This is generously provided to us through ProQuest and their partner Ancestry).

Our first online program, **Fun Family History Friday**, will be held on Friday, February 25, from 2:30 to 4:00pm. Here are the details about the program and how to participate.

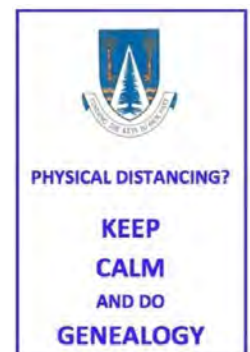
<https://www.surreylibraries.ca/events/fun-family-history-fridays?eventdate=%20%20%20%20%20%20Fri%20Sep%2025%20|%202:30%20pm>

If you have an exact reference to a specific microfilm, book, or database you are welcome to use our document delivery service: <https://www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history#D>

If you have any questions, please contact us at familyhistory@surrey.ca or call 604-598-7328.

We look forward to seeing you again!

Best regards, Carmen Merrells | Information Services Librarian
SURREY LIBRARIES, Cloverdale Branch, Family History Department



CENTENARY of FIRST TRANS CANADA FLIGHT - October 7, 1920

Submitted by Jack McGee, member #5477

On October 7, 1920, a flight set out from Shearwater near Halifax, Nova Scotia on a leg of a flight across Canada that would be shared by others. The flight was under the auspices of the Canada Air Board which had responsibility for the fledgling Canadian Air Force formed four years prior to the RCAF.

The destination was Vancouver and the flight ended up landing in **Minoru Park, Richmond** on October 17 - 10½ days instead of 48 hours later. A few days later, the flight continued to **Victoria** – Atlantic to Pacific.

You can imagine the challenges – a lack of infrastructure as the first municipal airport in Canada was only built at Edmonton seven years later, maps weren't what we would expect, etc. This flight changed attitudes across Canada towards the potential uses of aeroplanes for commercial purposes other than barnstorming and sightseeing.

There will be a low key re-enactment of this flight in the very near future. Watch for details of this in December's BCGS eJournal.



Photo - Caption from Winnipeg Evening Tribune, 2 October 1920, page 3: *This plane will be flown from Winnipeg to Moose Jaw by **Capt. Horne Hay** in the trans-Canada flight. It is now at the Canadian Aircraft company airdrome at St. Charles, and is of the type described as "D.H.9A." Its engine generates 420 horsepower. The pilot seated in the plane is **Capt. G.H. Pitt**. **Capt. C.W. Cudmore, M.C., F.F.C.**, is in uniform in the foreground. CAVM 4638*

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Nelson Daily News Goes Online

Snipped from Stuart Hill's article on UBC Library Digitizers' Blog, 26 August 2020

<https://digitize.library.ubc.ca/digitizers-blog/nelson-daily-news-goes-online/>

Though it's old news by now, phase one of the digitization project to make copies of [the Nelson Daily News](#) available online was completed this spring. In partnership with the rights holder, Touchstone Nelson, and using microfilm from the BC Archives, over 60 microfilm reels were scanned. Ranging from 1902 to 1920, 5597 editions were made available online. Since going live in September, the collection has received over 128,000 views and over 700 item downloads.

Library and Archives Canada in Vancouver reopens

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 2 September 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=32959>

As part of its gradual, staged approach to reopening its public service points across Canada, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) yesterday reopened its research room in Vancouver, located at 420 – 300 West Georgia Street. It will be open from Tuesday to Friday.

British Columbia naturalization records on FamilySearch

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 6 September 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33006>

FamilySearch is indicating its collection, British Columbia Naturalization Records, 1859-1926, is new or has recently been updated. These are naturalization records from the counties of Victoria and Cranbrook for people who immigrated there from the United States, Italy, France, Germany, China, Japan, Russia, and elsewhere, but not from the United Kingdom.

The cemeteries of New Westminster, BC, from the BC Pen to Woodlands, and the ones under the high school

Snipped from Linda Yip's blog, Past Presence, 4 August 2020

<https://past-presence.com/2020/09/09/>

This is a post about the various cemeteries serving historic New Westminster, including the ones under the high school, and those used by hospitals and prisons: Essondale, Woodlands, BC Pen, Oakalla.

University of British Columbia creates online guide to Chinese-Canadian materials

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 14 September 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33059>

One of the projects by staff at UBC Rare Books and Special Collections during the COVID-19 shut-down of on-campus operations was to develop a new [online guide](#) to Chinese-Canadian materials in their collections.

BC Ancestors: The Bill Silver Digital Archive

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 13 September 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/09/bc-ancestors-bill-silver-digital-archive.html>

Free online newspaper sites are always a good thing. If your ancestors lived in and around Vanderhoof, British Columbia, you'll want to explore [The Bill Silver Digital Archive](#). Provided free of charge, it is hosted on the Vanderhoof Public Library website.



GENEALOGY NEWS in CANADA

Upcoming events and new genealogical resources in Canada



Death and Suicide in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, 1784-1850

Snipped from Leah Grandy's article on *Atlantic Loyalist Connections*, 26 August 2020

<https://loyalist.lib.unb.ca/atlantic-loyalist-connections/death-and-suicide-new-brunswick-and-nova-scotia-1784-1850>

During the seventy years after the Loyalists arrived, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia remained prosperous, albeit cold and unforgiving. When first settled, not only did Loyalist families have to cope with a drastic change in scenery and general quality of life, they also had to contend with the regret of what they had lost: [thousands of casualties](#) associated with the Revolutionary War, a slew of separated families, and £9 million in property losses, only £3 million of which was ever repaid by [the Loyalist Claims Commission](#).

Book Review: *Canada's Irish Pioneers: Their Story*, by Lucille Campey

Snipped from John Reid's blog, *Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections*, 27 August 2020

<https://anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com/2020/08/book-review-canadas-irish-pioneers.html>

Ask a Canadian about the Irish in Canada and you'll hear tales about immigration of impoverished farm families in coffin ships escaping the potato famine. As Lucille Campey documents in her latest book, the final one in her Irish series, that's just a small part of the story of Canada's Irish settlement, and while there was a lot of hardship the horrendous death rates associated with immigration mostly occurred in 1847. There's much more to the story.

Japanese Canadian internment: Over 40,000 pages and 180 photographs digitized by the DigiLab

Snipped from Gabrielle Nishiguchi's article on *Library and Archives Canada* blog, 3 September 2020

<https://thediscoverblog.com/2020/09/03/>

The [DigiLab](#) has hosted many projects since its launch in 2017, two of which were carried out by Landscapes of Injustice. Landscapes of Injustice is a major, seven-year humanities and social justice project led by the University of Victoria, joined to date by fifteen cultural, academic and federal partners, including Library and Archives Canada. The purpose of this project is to research and make known the history of the dispossession—the forced sale of Japanese-Canadian-owned property made legal by Order in Council 1943-0469 (19 January 1943) during the Second World War.

Saskatchewan Ancestors: "Saskatchewan History" Magazine

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, *Finding Your Canadian Story*, 30 August 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/08/saskatchewan-ancestors-saskatchewan.html>

Because those essential BMD records aren't as readily available as in a province like Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, those with Saskatchewan ancestry have to be a little more "out of the box" on resources. This week I found a great resource on Internet Archive that will appeal to both genealogists and history lovers in general. *Saskatchewan History* is a magazine that was published by the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Internet Archive has issues from 1948 to 1957. It was published 3 times a year. History lovers and those wanting to know what their ancestor's life was like will find it a great read.

Many more Canadian yearbooks on The Ancestor Hunt

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, *Genealogy à la carte*, 11 September 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33038>

Kenneth R. Marks has more than doubled the number of free Canadian yearbooks available online on his website, The Ancestor Hunt. There are now 364 yearbooks for all of Canada, and 200 recently added for British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. All the links to Canadian and American yearbooks, including New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador, can be found on The Ancestor Hunt.

GENEALOGY NEWS in CANADA, cont'd

Yukon Ancestors: Find your Yukon ancestors with the Yukon & Alaska Genealogy Centre

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 20 September 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/09/yukon-ancestors-find-your-yukon.html>

One of the drawbacks to Yukon genealogy research is the lack of online record sets. A good site to help your research is YukonAlaska.com.

Four free videos on researching Canadian military ancestors

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 22 September 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33176>

The presentations were about researching Canadian military ancestors, and they are now available to watch on YouTube, no matter what the weather or season. Canada has a rich and varied history of military involvement, from the 18th century to the present day, and records on Ancestry.ca reflect this great military tradition.

Newfoundland Ancestors: Directories online at Memorial University

Snipped from Candice McDonald's blog, Finding Your Canadian Story, 27 September 2020

<https://findingyourcanadianstory.blogspot.com/2020/09/>

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. The historic site L'anse aux Meadows is over 1,000 years old, and attributed to Leif Eriksson. The province is considered England's first overseas colony, going back to Elizabeth the first.

New book on Loyalist cemeteries and gravestones in Nova Scotia

Snipped from Gail Dever's blog, Genealogy à la carte, 27 September 2020

<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=33208>

In *Loyalist Cemeteries & Gravestones of Nova Scotia: Annapolis & Digby Counties*, Mr. McConnell provides the locations of United Empire Loyalists' gravestones. Annapolis and Digby Counties have more Loyalist gravestones than any other county in the province.

DNA GENEALOGY NEWS

Some web links to help with genetic genealogy research



Fast Ways to Cluster Your DNA Matches at the Beginning of a Research Project

Snipped from Robin Wirthlin's blog, Family Locket, 8 September 2020

<https://familylocket.com/fast-ways-to-cluster-your-dna-matches-at-the-beginning-of-a-research-project/>

Imagine starting on a brand-new research project with DNA matches and an unfamiliar family tree. You want to get the most out of your precious research time and efficiently organize the DNA matches so you can focus on the family line(s) of interest. What do you do first? What's the most effective method?

DNA Research Flow

Snipped from Robin Wirthlin's blog, Family Locket, 8 September 2020

<https://familylocket.com/dna-research-flow/>

Have you thought about the steps to take to work through a DNA research project? Have you ever been stuck or lost during a project and wondered what you should do next? What do you do? I've thought about it a lot, and it motivated me to create [DNA Process Trees](#) that have a stepwise model/instructions/flowchart of the main steps to take when working through a DNA research objective. The steps help me maximize the research time I have available.



South King County Genealogical Society

Fundraising Seminar

Our June 2020 Seminar with Diahan had to be cancelled but now we have



Diahan Southard
Presenter

Diahan began in the genetic genealogy industry when she helped pioneer the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF). Now having spent nearly 20 years in the genetic genealogy community, all of her knowledge and experience have culminated as owner of *Your DNA Guide* where she and her team provide personalized, interactive experiences to assist individuals and families with interpreting genetic results in the context of their genealogical information.

She has written quick sheets to aid in DNA test interpretation and produced an online DNA tutorial series on genetic genealogy. She and her team also provide expert genetic genealogy research and DNA mentoring services to directly impact genealogists seeking to use DNA in their family history research. She writes for *Family Tree Magazine*, *Your Genealogy Today* and her own blog.

Diahan is well known for her lectures which are always fun, upbeat, and full of energy, as well as her graphics which are clear and easy to understand. She has a passion for genetic genealogy, a genuine love for people, and a gift for making the technical understandable.

Visit Diahan at www.yourDNAguide.com

**Saturday,
October 24, 2020**

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Connecting Your DNA Matches
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Editor's Note: Learn more from blog posts by [Gail Dever](#) and [Dick Eastman](#).

Campbell River Genealogy Society
Join us Saturday Nov 7th and Saturday Nov 14th

FALL VIRTUAL SEMINAR

\$25 includes all 4 sessions

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 &
Researcher

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Aboriginal Genealogy Association

All My Relations: Tracking Indigenous Ancestors - via Zoom

Tuesdays, 3:00 to 4:15 pm

A four-part series for people who want to create or expand on a family tree, whether you are just starting or are ready to explore. Attend just one session, or all four. Each will include a short overview, a few slides to illustrate practical steps to locate and record information. There will be lots of time for examples, questions and discussion. Handouts will be available when you pre-register, or after the Zoom class.

Tuesday, September 29 – Getting Started

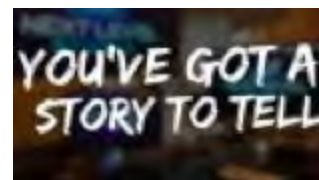
Where do I fit? Parents? Siblings? Dates and locations? Who can I ask? Understand the terms – First Nations, Metis, Aboriginal, Indigenous, status, non-status, 'half breed', Indian, band, tribe? The first step is to record what you already know, using forms for keeping track of your progress, and then six simple steps to a successful beginning.



Tuesday, October 6 – Research Success and Challenges

Where can I find records and documents to confirm the family connections? Are there free sites? When is it worth it to pay a membership? How do I keep track of the sources where I find information? Is it safe to put my family tree on-line? Keep track of what you discover, and where to look next when the trail seems to have vanished.

Tuesday, October 13 - Writing a Family History Collecting all that information is just a start. Every family has memories, photos, and stories that are waiting to be shared. Who do you want to share with? Self-publishing options are now easier and less expensive, so it is possible to create a book. Social media has made many other options possible – from facebook, to blogs, to podcasts.



Tuesday, October 20 - Creative Legacies and Presentations - your family collection of treasures - baskets, carvings, weavings, old letters, tools, medals - heirlooms can be used to create a unique presentation or a new 'work of art'. Go beyond scrapbooking – create a quilt, collage, shadow box, framed display of your needlework or watches – endless ideas to connect to your past.

Email ancestorconnections@gmail.com to let us know if you are interested; you will receive instructions and be invited to attend a free Zoom meeting.

Aboriginal Genealogy Association - a cooperative network of enthusiastic volunteers with big hearts and willing spirits. Expand your family tree, track indigenous ancestors, share culture, knowledge, skills, and connections. Together, we are creating a legacy of stories, photographs and memories.



MEMBERS' CORNER

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



Patrick Keily, member #5414

As I Recollect - I Remember....Boom Boom Benny

*Bernard Joachim Kozlowski
31 July 1908 - 27 January 1978*

"Bernard Kozlowski, 69, of rural Butternut, passed away January 27th in Park Falls...."

In the 1920s and 30s, northern Wisconsin was a popular hideout for Chicago's most notorious gangsters. Al Capone in Couderay (corruption of Lac Courte Oreilles), John Dillinger at Little Bohemia, Ralph Capone in Mercer, and Polack Joe Saltis near Hayward, to name a few. Lesser known was Bernard Kozlowski. If you asked anyone in Butternut today, or even 50 years ago, who Bernard Kozlowski was, you'd probably get a blank stare. But mention Boom Boom Benny and you'd be overwhelmed with smiles, laughter and stories.

Boom Boom's son, Eugene (Pop Pop), and I were best buddies. His sister, Carolyn, (right) was a knockout! We dated for a while, she being the first girl I ever really kissed. This made me like a member of the family and gave me a bit of insight to the workings of Benny.



His front was a refrigeration business, but his real business was something else. What that was, no one knew, and no one cared. It was in Chicago, it most certainly dealt with criminals, and it made the people of Butternut quite happy. If you needed something, you'd talk to Boom Boom and if he liked you, you'd most likely get it. When I was getting ready for college, I told my Pa I needed a typewriter. He talked to Benny and two weeks later I had one, plus Pa had 4 brand new tires and all it cost was \$25.

His nickname was in reference to the revolver he always carried, a dangerous weapon when Boom Boom was drinking, which was frequently. Once, while playing pool in Charlie Birkholz's tavern (I was only 16), Boom Boom came in in a somewhat intoxicated condition and began

ranting.
"Charles, people are saying I shot a hole in your door. That's a lie. You're my friend, Charles. Friends don't shoot holes in friends' doors. I didn't shoot a hole in your door, did I?"
"No Benny, you didn't shoot a hole in my door, (pointing upward) you shot a hole in my ceiling!" "Well, that's different. A hole in the ceiling isn't bad. It's not like shooting a hole in a door".



Stories like this are numerous, everyone having their own recollection of this character. Stories like how he got a new color tv for the price of an eyebolt, or driving an old Dodge to Chicago, so broke he had to charge the gasoline to get there, and then returning in a new Lincoln Continental three days later. No, Boom Boom deserved more than a two-inch column, more like 20 pages on the police blotter!

It's sad to think we live, love, work, play and have our 15 minutes of fame only to have a measly 2-inch column in a newspaper. We all deserve better, we all deserve more, and we all deserve to be remembered, not just the number of days we were here to breathe, but what we did with those breaths and what they meant to our friends, our family, and to the world. You have made an impact on this world. You may fade from the minds of others but what you left behind surrounds us all. You matter.



Meg McLaughlin, member #3847

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

The Old Spoon

It sat at the back of the kitchen drawer. You know, the place where people toss miscellaneous items that have been around forever and get used occasionally. That dull old spoon got trotted out when all the others had been used, like at Christmas. We often had a full house for Christmas as my Uncle Cyril and his family drove to our house in Pointe Claire from their place in Ottawa on the years that we didn't drive to Ottawa to stay with them. With their family of four and ours of five all of the utensils were pressed into service.

I didn't like to use that spoon much. It was heavy and dingy but all of the other spoons must have been in use. I was stirring something at the stove, gravy maybe, when I noticed letters and a couple of numbers on the back of the spoon and wondered what they meant. That thought was quickly lost in the bustle as we got the food on the table.



Years later, when I started my family history research, I began with my mother's maternal family lines, following up on stories I

had heard about my Canadian and Scottish ancestors. As I delved deeper, I switched focus to my mother's paternal lines, which came through her English father. My grandfather's middle name of Strange was a link to a nonconformist past which led back to the **Reverend Thomas Strange**, who served as the first Congregational minister at Kilsby, Northampton.

Ministers can be wonderful to research; I've seen various accounts of Reverend Strange's life and even found one of his very long handwritten sermons in a book at Dr. William's Library. The church where he

ministered still stands and he was buried inside, as I discovered on a visit to Kilsby. But what does this have to do with the story of an old spoon?

As I found out more about the Reverend Strange, I had a sneaking suspicion about that spoon. When it came time to divvy up my father's things, my brother put pictures of the most valuable items on Dropbox so that my older brother and I could decide which treasures to claim. The dull old spoon wasn't one of the items so I asked about it. Yes, he had it. It became one of the things I received from the estate.

This time, I took a good look. I was right, the letters and numbers on the back of the spoon were an entwined T and S for Thomas Strange and the numbers? That 53 was the year Reverend Strange was ordained, 1753, and, you know, that spoon wasn't so dull when I used some silver polish. It goes to show that you never know the unexpected places family history pops up - maybe even at the back of a kitchen drawer.





**William Esdaile Campbell Muir - A Scoundrel
Janet White, member #1403**

Editors' Note: This story is a followup to the information that Janet shared with us during the "Members Voice" section of September's Monthly Meeting. See the

introduction on page 14.

William "Esdaile" Campbell MUIR apparently led an 'interesting' life with many different undertakings. It turns out he had a quick hand-fasting marriage to "**May**" at Munro's Garage (still there) in 1911, in Oban, Scotland.

Esdaile had inherited his father's estate, an island in Loch Awe, called Inistrynich, plus several homes. His grandfather, **William Campbell MUIR** (1803-1880 of Wm. MUIR Bond 9 Distillery), had left him a sizable trust, which he had blown, through gambling at Cambridge, and racing cars with his friend, Mr. Rolls (of Roll Royce fame).

By the time the "**Young Lochinvar**", as the newspaper called him, married "May" in 1911, he had apparently sold off (all the home and its contents on) Inistrynich and was virtually broke. In 1912, it was claimed he burned down his house *Hayfield* on the other side of the loch to collect insurance, and then in March, went to Florida with May. He was soon sued in Florida for \$50,000 for slander for a land deal gone wrong. The case was heard in Scotland, but nothing came of it.

A divorce decree ensued in 1920, after a child, **Lionel MUIR**, Maddie's* dad, was born to May in 1918, in Boscombe, Hants. At some point, Esdaile seems to have disappeared and turned up in South Africa. He was next seen to have arrived in 1943, in Southampton from Alexandria on the ship Mauritania. He had come to help Britain, in an outrigger, take soldiers off the beaches in Boulogne. He died in a nursing home, penniless, and is buried in an unmarked grave in Streatham. London.

Even as an older brother to my grandma, **Florence Campbell MUIR** (1878-1953), he would take her out on the loch and hold her head under the water, thinking it was funny. She said he would drive the maids to Oban and leave them there. I guess that was funny, too. Grandma did NOT like him. He would also shoot at people who came too close to fish near his island of Inistrynich (now connected to the mainland and renting outbuildings).

So, yes, he was a "scoundrel". To cap off all the story, May did marry again and although she claimed not to have a mother on her 1911 marriage certificate, as she was staying with an aunt in Oban, it seems she was with her mother at the end of her life.

It seems there is lots more to suss out.

***Madeleine "Maddie" MORELAND**

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.

Renewals open on November 1st

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

BCGS EVENTS

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

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| October 1 | Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am |
| October 5 | Exploring Genetic Genealogy - via Zoom - 1 to 3 pm |
| October 10 | Quebec Questers Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 am to noon |
| October 14 | BCGS Members Meeting - via Zoom - 7:30 pm |
| October 15 | Irish Genealogy Coffee Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| October 19 | Exploring Genetic Genealogy (NPE) - via Zoom - 1 to 3 pm |
| October 22 | English Genealogy Coffee Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| October 29 | Scottish Genealogy Coffee Chat - via Zoom - 7 to 9 pm |
| November 5 | Chinese Genealogy Chat - via Zoom - 10 to 11 am |
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*Happy
Thanksgiving*



*Monday,
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