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to our new members

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COVER

By **June Gauntley #5112**



Message from the President

Eunice Robinson #112, president@bcgs.ca

A friend sent me an email and asked 'if I remembered'. As I read through the list, I did remember, rather vividly, 99% of the memories. The comment suggested that if I remembered these items, then I might be 'older than dirt'. I don't feel that old, for sure, but reflected on how much our world has changed since my youth.

Take, for instance, communication devices. When I was young, we didn't have a phone, then eventually we did get one of those beautiful black wall hung units – complete with party line. So a suggestion: using our friend 'Google', maybe search out a photo of the old phone, and include in your story. And then include a photo of your latest communication device.

How far we have come! Flashlights were another separate device, but now our phones have that feature built in. Music can flow from your phone to a small speaker that boasts big sound. How many of you or your kids had one of those huge 'boom boxes'? We're not quite at the flying cars stage, but I'm not sure I'm ready for a driverless one yet.

As the days get shorter, many of us are turning back to our computers and family research. Check out our Coffee Chats schedule and register for our upcoming 50th Anniversary seminars.

If you have some spare time on your hands, we have several interesting projects you can help us with.

Till next month, happy researching.

WEDNESDAY, October 13th BCGS MEMBERS' ZOOM MEETING

- A Zoom invitation to the BCGS Members Meeting will be sent to members, so watch your inbox for the Zoom link, meeting number and password.
- If you don't receive the email by the day before the meeting, please contact info@bcgs.ca for assistance.
- A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.




 REGISTER

BCGS 50th Anniversary Fall Seminar Series

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

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

Attend all seminars for FREE by joining BCGS



Dave Obee
Saturday, Oct 30

- Eastern Europe;**
- Finding Your Way
 - Changing Borders



Johanne Gervais
Saturday, Nov 27

- Quebec Notarial Records
- Early New France
 Census Records

OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKER

DEBORAH ROSS
PERSONAL PHOTO ORGANIZING

Flashback in Time

Flashback In Time Personal Photo Organizing specializes in organizing and digitizing printed photos, documents, negatives, slides and video, along with digital photo organizing. Her business operates in the Greater Vancouver Regional District and is located in South Surrey.

The business was conceived in 2015, as a result of organizing and scanning her mother's and her aunt's collection of photos, and then sharing the results, along with her own genealogy research, with relatives.

Deborah's philosophy is that everyone should have a digital copy of the family photos and videos, and it's better to start the project before loved ones pass, so that the stories can be properly told.

Join us at the October zoom meeting to learn more information about FlashbackinTime.ca services.

THANK YOU TO BLAINE BETTINGER

by Kathleen Graham, member #5735 – A more DNA experienced perspective

There were over 100 attendees! Blaine Bettinger is well known in Genetic Genealogy as an author, speaker and creator of the Shared cM Project. In his session on **DNA's Latest Developments**, he presented an expert's overview of the evolution of YDNA, mitochondrial and autosomal DNA testing.

We learned ethnicity results over time are changing. Estimates at the country level are much less accurate than those at the continental level. He also cautioned about unexpected results for nonparental events (NPEs) and unknown adoptions. He always advises people about these potential surprises, prior to their agreeing to take DNA tests.

Many testers have no interest in family history (they are after ethnicity results), and frequently do not respond to our messages. He shared his strategies to encourage replies and repeated (several times) that if we ask anyone to test, we should be prepared to pay.

In the later **DNA Case Studies** session, Blaine shared his background, comparing and contrasted his results with testing companies. It was interesting to see the analyses involved in complex situations that involve half siblings and endogamy. Many of us can relate to Blaine's endogamy issues with the French Canadian branches of his tree!

by Eunice Robinson - A less knowledgeable perspective on DNA

Although I have been researching my family histories for over 40 years, DNA has not figured prominently as a tool. I do check my DNA matches from time-to-time, and have reached out to a couple of people, but nothing more than that. I found Blaine's presentation and explanations very easy to understand and gave me a better background on the usefulness of doing more research encompassing DNA. Showing the comparisons, commonalities and differences between the various DNA companies was very useful. The case studies presentation was also interesting. I plan to delve into the DNA aspect more. I'm also really looking forward to the BCGS cruise in September 2022 as a chance to hear Blaine speak again. Until then, I'd better join our BCGS DNA Coffee Chats to get more up to speed.



Hiring a
Professional
Genealogist or
Researcher

Eunice Robinson
September 8, 2021

Thank you to Eunice Robinson for the presentation developed by our own two professionals, Kim Kujawski and Linda Yip.

It was great information to consider when you are thinking about hiring a pro to bust your brick wall!

CONNECTIONS

We would love to feature **Member's Voice**, **Small World Stories**, and all the **DNA Coincidences** you are willing to talk about! Email newsletter@bcgs.ca or email President@bcgs.ca so you can tell us about it at the meeting!



MEMORIALS PROJECT

The Memorial Benches project has had a name change and will now be known as the **Memorials Project**. This name change reflects the inclusion of non-bench memorials, such as a stone, picnic tables and road-side crosses.

When taking photos of a memorial, aim for:

- 1. Full view of the memorial**
- 2. Up close of the inscription**

Please submit your photos with details of the location to benches@gmail.com

**Memberships (Individual & Affiliate Societies)
until end of 2021 are only \$40.**

Membership Sale
Only \$40 for the balance of 2021

Affiliate Society Membership Sale
Only \$40 for the balance of 2021

FUNDRAISING NEWS

BCGS LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT

2021 GOAL: \$2,200

\$1,889.95
SEP 26

\$1727: Aug 31

\$1416: Jul 30

\$1142: Jun 25

\$973: May 27

\$727: APR 30

Up to the end of September, BCGS members have donated **\$1,889.95** to the Alice Marwood Fund in 2021. Members are starting to make donations through our Return-It account at Return-It Express recycling centres closest to wherever they live in BC - which is a great thing!

Members (and their family members and friends) can drop off their donations, in clear plastic bags, at their local **Return-It Express Center**. Use the BCGS phone number - **604.502.9119** to print up to 6 labels at the Return-It Centre and attach one label to each bag.

Donations can still be dropped off at the BCGS Library or in Bill Clayton's South Surrey driveway if that is more convenient. If you need clarification, please email billclayton@shaw.ca or call Bill at 604.329.1721.

Thanks to all who give so generously. Your donations are much appreciated.



**Thanks to all of you—
your generosity is much appreciated.**

These funds are for the **Alice Louise Marwood Fund (ALM Fund)**, which is dedicated to the upkeep of the Library. Bill processes the donations each week and makes monthly deposits to the BCGS.

Stories from BC's past

by **Meg McLaughlin, member #3847**

Bowen Island

It's strange what can trigger memories. September's BCGS meeting reminded me of previous research I'd conducted into stories of British Columbia's past. The mention of how non-white people were recorded in things like hotel registers as just Indian or Chinese rather than by name reminded me of something I'd stumbled across when researching Bowen Island's past.

In 1909, when Bowen Island was well on its way to becoming a seaside destination for people from Vancouver, the *Daily Colonist* of August 17 and 18, 1909 carried stories of an explosion in the dynamite factory on the island. It was a deadly accident, according to the report, which named the American man killed, but the other men who died were only described as four Chinese. That no names were given in the report for the majority of the men shows a lack of regard for those not of the racial majority.



That wasn't the only thing that gave me pause about the incident, however. I found it surprising that there was a dynamite plant operating so close to a place that was setting itself up to be a peaceful resort, a

retreat from the city in the summer. Not that the August explosion in the dynamite plant, or the one that happened seven months later, seemed to put a damper on the plans of the Terminal Steamship Company to make Bowen Island into a successful picnicking place for Vancouverites.

Bowen Island grew as a resort and the operations of the Terminal Steamship Company were taken over by the Union Steamship Company. Cottages were built to accommodate those who wanted to prolong their time on the island and, at a time when many women stayed home with the children, it became the custom for some families to live in island cottages during the summer, with the husbands and fathers joining them for the weekend. It was a history and way of life that, no doubt, played out in other places.

Times have changed and those days are gone. Steamships no longer ply the waters; you can get to Bowen Island by boat or on BC Ferries. It is still a tourist destination, although it has become known as more of a residential offshoot of Vancouver. But those bygone days are not forgotten.

During my internship with Bowen Heritage, I sometimes worked in one of their cottages in Davies Orchard. There were other cottages also standing at that time, but no one was able to live in them. They had deteriorated over the years, and didn't meet current building standards.

Finding out that the cottages couldn't be lived in was a reminder of how different standards were then, not only when it came to our treatment of others, but also how we lived ourselves.

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

See-em-ia & Eihu

Mary See-em-ia was my Indigenous second great-grandmother and the granddaughter of Chief Capilano. She married two different Hawaiians, Joe Nahanee and Eihu.

Their waterfront acreage was at Denman and Georgia Streets in Vancouver, sometimes referred to as **Kanaka Ranch**, where several Hawaiian families lived and worked in the Coal Harbour area from 1869 to 1925. The homestead and its orchards did not survive development, but many descendants did survive: Mary See-em-ia's children were Margaret Eihu, Lucy Nahanee (my great grandmother) and William Nahanee. You can read more in Jean Barman and Bruce McIntyre Watson's book, *Leaving Paradise* and in Tom Koppel's, *Kanaka*.

Kanaka was the term for Polynesians, usually from Hawaii (also known as the Sandwich Islands).

Click on these links re the naming of the lanes:

[Vancouver is Awesome](#) & [CBC News](#)



· Located between Pendrell and Davie streets, and runs from Burrard to Denman streets.



Located between Alberni and Robson streets, runs from Burrard Street to west of Bute Street, and from Jervis to Chilco streets

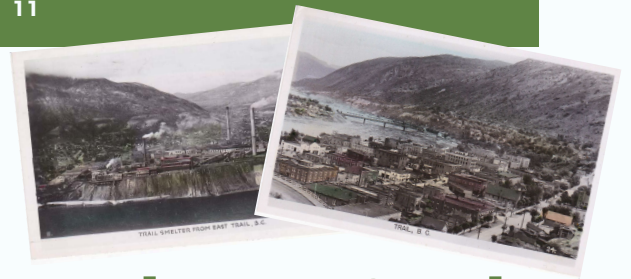
by Susan Garcia,
Nanaimo Family
History Society





BCGS POSTCARD COLLECTION

by Janice Kidwell, member #5033



The Story Behind a Postcard—History of Trail

In 1890, the discovery of gold/copper ore on the face of Red Mountain (and the five stakes claimed by Joe Moris and Joe Bourgeois) was the single most important event in the history of Trail and the Trail/Rossland area. This led to Rossland becoming the premier mining center in North America and the birth of what is now the City of Trail.

In 1895, land was provided to F.A. Heinze of Butte, Montana to build a smelter to treat the Rossland ores. In 1898, the C.P.R. purchased the smelter expanding its production to include lead ores. The smelter was a success, the town of Trail grew, and the City of Trail was incorporated in 1901.

In 1906 the smelter the War Eagle, Centre Star, St. Eugene mines and the Rossland Power Company amalgamated to form the

Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited (CM&S). With good management the smelter operations solidified. In 1910 CM&S purchased the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley, resulting in the smelter relying primarily on lead/zinc ores for its livelihood. World War I increased the demand for lead and zinc, which led to Ralph W. Diamond being hired to develop a process to treat the lead/zinc ores of the Sullivan Mine. His research led to success in treating zinc ore with the development of the zinc electrolytic refining process.

During World War II, production at the smelter was increased to assist with the war effort. West Kootenay power plants were expanded and CM&S participated in the development of the atom bomb. The Post-war era brought development of





TRAIL SMELTER FROM EAST TRAIL, B.C.

residential areas, as the Trail smelter grew to become the largest lead/zinc smelter in the world, and Trail became British Columbia's fourth largest city.

Along with Silver City Days, parades, Baseball and Hockey Championships there were lots of festivities and local attractions to enjoy throughout the year. The 1961 Trail Smoke Eaters won the World Hockey Championships and in 1995, the community hosted the Babe Ruth World Series for 16-18 year olds. The arrival of Italian immigrants in the early 1900's has lent a distinctive character to Trail.

The **Teck Cominco Smelter** (aka the Teck Cominco Lead-Zinc Smelter, Cominco

Smelter, and Trail Smelter) owned and operated by Vancouver-based Teck Cominco Metals Ltd. (renamed Teck Resources) is the largest integrated lead-zinc smelter of its kind in the world.

The two featured postcards, sent in 1950 and 1951, were written by the same person who was staying at the **Crown Point Hotel**. It appears that he was writing to family members while he was in Trail carrying out inspections at the smelter and other plants. The stamp on both postcards portrays King George VI. Both postcards were made in Canada by Gowen Sutton Co. Ltd. in Vancouver, BC.

Postcard #2 on the next page.

For more information please go to the following websites.

<http://www.trailhistory.com/>

<http://www.bcadventure.com/adventure/explore/kootenays/cities/trail.htm>

CROWN POINT HOTEL

The original Crown Point Hotel, located on Bay Avenue and named after the Crown Point Mine, was built in 1896 by S. E. Petersen who had come to Trail with his family.

The original hotel had all the "modern" conveniences and in the early days, was often the centre of Trail's social life. At one point it was demolished and the current structure built in 1929. Through

the years the hotel has had various owners and undergone several renovations. It is now named the Crown Columbia Hotel.

It has been designated a heritage site by the City of Trail Historical Society. On the postcard displaying downtown Trail, the hotel is situated centre-left. The building behind it is taller and looks like it has a small structure on the top.

CLICK on these links to learn more about the Crown Point Hotel
[Crown_Point_Hotel_Trail_BC](#) AND [/crown-point-hotel-to-crown-columbia](#)



TRAIL, B. C.

The Newsletter team needs your stories!

Member's Voice, Small World Stories, and all the DNA Coincidences
 you are willing to share! Please write something short
 (up to 300 words) and Email newsletter@bcgs.ca



Presented by the Surrey BC Family History Centre

Google and Its Genealogy Tools

with Mary Kathryn Kozy

Google has been recognized for many years as a great search engine for genealogy, but it is so much more! It also provides a number of other tools that can be of great help to family historians.

In this presentation, we'll examine several of these and discuss how to:

- **Carry your research** with you and kick your research into gear through collaboration on Google Drive.
- **Meet up** with those who are like-minded (and maybe even related!) using Google's social media tools.
- **Use Google Earth** to unearth information about where your ancestors lived.
- **Take advantage of its other tools** to educate yourself and to share the information you've collected about your ancestors.



Pre-Registration required

Morning class Registration Link: Monday October 18th 2021—10am PST

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pce-ppj8oHNej3ZcvUBeyphW-OCfpq95y>

Evening Class Registration Link: Wednesday October 20th 2021—7pm PST

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvfu2uqjwE9QA6FN4CzY7xXwllCN4vdqR>

This is an exceptional offering. We are so pleased that Mary Kozy has consented to teach this class for us. It will be useful to both beginners and those who are very experienced at family history.

\$20 USD per class, \$55 USD for non-members for all three

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Skagit Valley Genealogical Society presents:

ONLINE GENEALOGY SEMINAR 2021

Legal Lessons for Family Historians: From tracing black sheep, resolving conflicting evidence to using circumstantial evidence!

with the Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL



3-CLASSES FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS

**Thursdays:
Oct. 21, 28 & Nov. 4
10am - 11:30am
via Zoom**

To Register Visit:

skagitvalleygenealogy.org

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**SVGS SEMINAR 2021
PO Box 192**

Burlington, WA 98233

Registration for an individual class
must be received one week
prior to the class date.

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Individual Classes: \$20/class

Members: All 3-Classes \$50

Non-Members: All 3-Classes \$55

After Oct. 14 deadline discounts
end, everyone's tuition is: \$20/class
or \$60 for all 3-classes

Thurs., October 21 That Scoundrel George

Tracking a black sheep ancestor can be great fun – and a great challenge when every record he left appears to be a lie, where is the truth to be found?

Suitable for all levels of experience. 60 minutes + Q&A

Thurs., October 28 When World's Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records

The Genealogical Proof Standard says to resolve conflicts in data... but like so many things that sound good, it's easier said than done. What exactly are we supposed to do when we encounter conflicting evidence? What are the basic types of evidence conflicts and the methods - tips and tricks -- we can use to resolve them?

Suitable for all levels of experience. 60 minutes + Q&A

Thurs., November 4 No Vitals? No Problem! -- Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence

When there's no birth, marriage or death record, what's a genealogist to do? Learn how to use circumstantial evidence to build a family. Case study: *Who in the world is Paul Knop?* (tracing an unknown relative named by 20th century German immigrants.)

Suitable for all levels of experience. 60 minutes + Q&A

**REGISTER EARLY AS A LARGE TURN OUT IS EXPECTED
AND ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 100 ATTENDEES/CLASS**
skagitvalleygenealogy.org/judys-zoom-registration

Your Zoom invitation/link from the
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will be emailed to you the
day before each class with any class materials.

**Questions? genealogy0715@gmail.com
or post your question when you register online.**

SCOTTISH SIG WEBINARS - FREE

Organized by Christine Woodcock -
Offered by the Scottish SIG of Ontario
Ancestors — All Webinars take place at
10am EST/ **7am PDT**.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WEBINARS

OCT 20 Lothian National Health Archives
presented by Archivist Louise Williams
[REGISTER HERE](#)

NOV 18 Scottish Marriage: Instantly Buckled
for Life presented by Genealogist Chris Paton
[REGISTER HERE](#)

DEC 9 Customs, Traditions and Superstitions
presented by Christine Woodcock
[REGISTER HERE](#)

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (UK)

Ongoing Talks, Webinars and Live Q & A's

[Click here to get to the National Archives online page of Events!](#)

OCTOBER LEGACY FAMILY TREE WEBINARS

Webinars are FREE to attend. Subscriptions are available
if you wish to have unlimited access to all webinars and
handouts. [CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS](#) There are
17 free webinars listed for October 2021.

Campbell River, BC Genealogy Society
Join us online Saturday November 6th, 2021

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION via ZOOM
with

Lesley Anderson



Lesley Anderson has worked for Ancestry.ca for over 14 years as their Canadian Spokesperson and has done numerous presentations for genealogy societies and conferences across Canada as well as TV and Radio appearances.

She has been involved in the personal research of her family tree for over 50 years. Her passion for genealogy has branched out to DNA genetic genealogy, teaching, speaking, consulting and doing research for others.

Online Trees & Searching

Viewing and Building out matches' tree Tree tags Notes and Comments
 Inviting to view your tree Hints Profiles Searching Tips

Powering your research using AncestryDNA

DNA basics & What is AncestryDNA? DNA Settings - attaching your tree to your DNA
 Managing and Collaborating other AncestryDNA tests

VIEWING YOUR DNA RESULTS

Ethnicity Estimate & Communities Your DNA Match list
 Understanding what you are seeing Your match's page
 Grouping your matches Shared Matches

THRULINES - ARE THEY TRUE LINES?

CASE STUDIES

Saturday Nov 6th 2021 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

This will be two talks with a break between sessions.

Registration is Required by all and CRGS members are FREE
 For more info or member registration send email to crgs.seminar@gmail.com

\$15 non-members (includes CRGS membership to Dec 31st 2021)
 (See website for details www.crgenealogysociety.ca)

To register send fee by eTransfer to crgstreasurer@gmail.com
 Include name and email address in note section
 eTransfer due by Nov 5th (non-refundable)



Lost Families Found

REGISTER

September 2021 Meeting–It was good to see you there!

Aidren Kayce, Ann Petty, Ann Ryder, Barbara Benoit, Barbara Nielsen, Barry Kirk, Betty Harvey, Bev, Bill & Sharon Clayton, Bob Scales, bwalld, Cathy Lawrence, Celia Lewis, Christine Manzer, Christol James, Claire Belzer, Clark Shea, Claudia Cote, Colin Vanderfluit, Cyndi Smith, Daphne Kelly, Don Calder, Donalda James, Dorothy Jones, Doug McMillan, Elizabeth Christie, Eunice Robinson, Frances Ingram, Frank Gavaghan, Geof Kraemer, Gordon C, Gwen Dumfries, Jan Graf, Jane Baggott, Janet White, Janice Wilkin, Jo-Ann Blomquist, Judith Galpin, Judith Ueland, Judy Isaac, Karen Inkster Vance, Kathryn, Linda Drake, Linda Maitland, Linda Yip, Lisa Blackburn, Lois, Loretta, Lorie Harris Heshka, Lorraine Irving, Lynne Fletcher, Marcia, Margaret Sharon, Marianne Cote-Malley, Marilyn, Marilyn Ponting, Marlene Dance, Marnie Thomson, Mary Robinson, Mary Turnbull, Meg McLaughlin, Megan Riter, Noreen Gunn, Pat Keilly, Phyllis McConnachie, Sandra Cunliffe, Sean Vanderfluit, Sheila Albrecht, Sheryl, Sue Sullivan, Susan Snalam, Terri Mackenzie, Tony Sainsbury, Yvette Howard.



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Ask how you can volunteer!



WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

- Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Island
- Thompson/Okanagan area
- Lower Mainland

The four UELAC Pacific Region Branches are here to help you discover your Loyalist history.

We'd love to hear from you! Find us at uelac.ca/branches/

Message from the BCGS eJournal Editor

When I'm chatting with members, and invite them to send along an article about their family and its history, they often tell me "my family is very ordinary, we don't have anyone interesting to write about."

I used to think my family was rather 'ordinary', too. Then one day, as I was sorting some old pictures, I remembered a comment from my father that Uncle Louis was a rum-runner. As I wondered how to check this story out, I checked through the

Lynne Fletcher
eJournal Editor
#5353

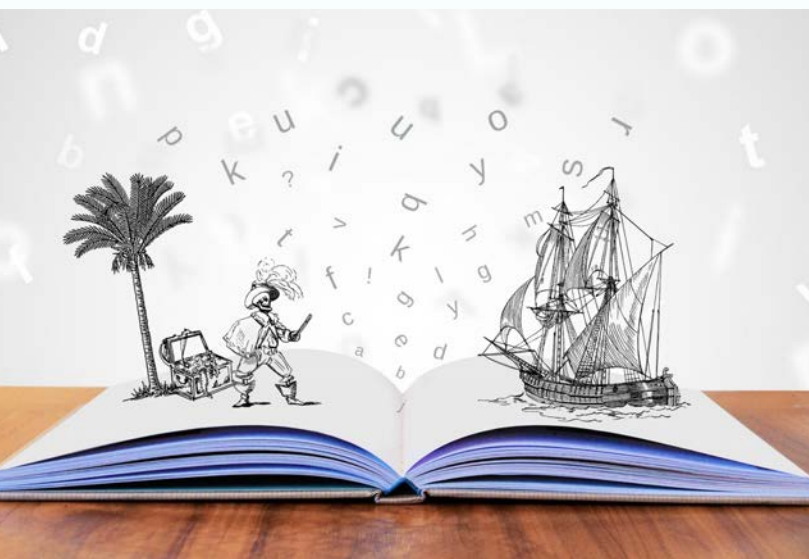


few documents that I had for this side of the family. All that I could be sure of is that Louis had been born in Quebec, emigrated to Alberta sometime in the 1910s, and married an American woman named Mary. There's a lot more research work to be done before I can say that Louis was or was not a rum-runner!

Do you have memories of your parents or grandparents telling stories about their family? Did these stories turn out to be true? Could you share some of those tales with us?

We look forward to reading your story!

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



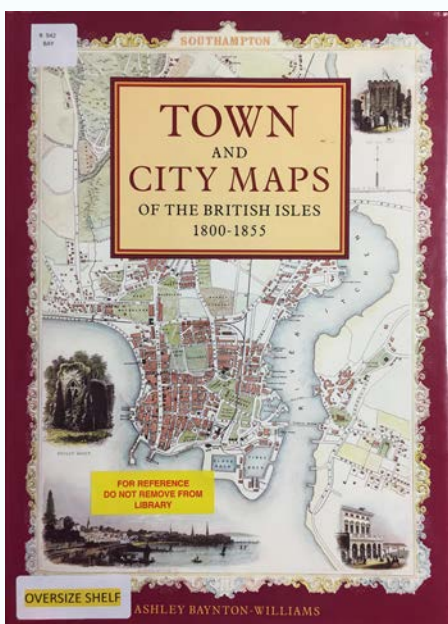


Report from between the Library Stacks

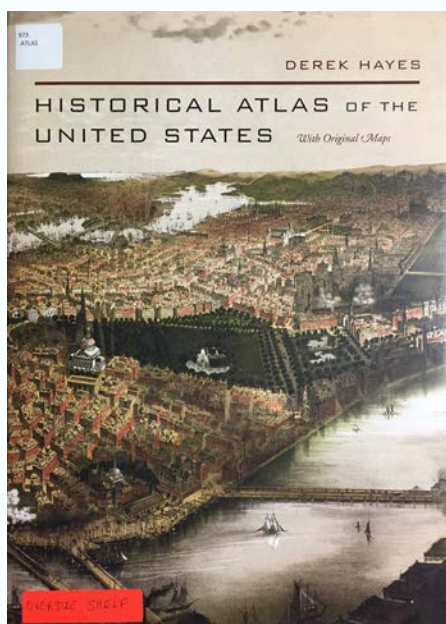
**Corrine Jubb #5215,
BCGS Library Administrator**

Maps, both historical and current, help in genealogy research. They allow us to see boundary changes for countries to church parishes, topography for mountains to oceans, transportation routes past and present, etc. Atlases can be specialized such as star charts, surname distribution, and natural resources. The BCGS library has many of the large Illustrated **Historical Atlas of Ontario** series.

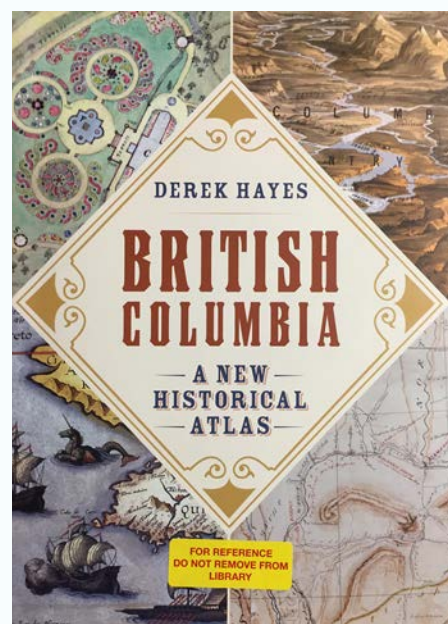
Three other historical atlases at the library include:



942 BAY—*Town and City Maps of the British Isles 1800 – 1855* by Derek Hayes



973 ATLAS—*Historical Atlas of the United States* by Derek Hayes



971.1 HAY—*British Columbia, a New Historical Atlas* by Derek Hayes



A library volunteer

is wanted for the **2nd Tuesday each month**—
afternoon shift from
12:30 to 3 pm.

Training and library familiarization will be provided. If interested please email the librarian at library@bcgs.ca



JANE STRINGER

Started cataloguing for the BCGS Library in 2004. Since that year, the catalogue team has grown to include six more people. Jane has retired as our **Catalogue Team Leader** to enjoy time with her granddaughter Lucy, as they work together on genealogy and family photos. We wish her all the best and will miss her smile, her support and her expertise.



GENEALOGY GEMS & ODDITIES in our BCGS Genealogical Library!

by Celia Lewis, #5183

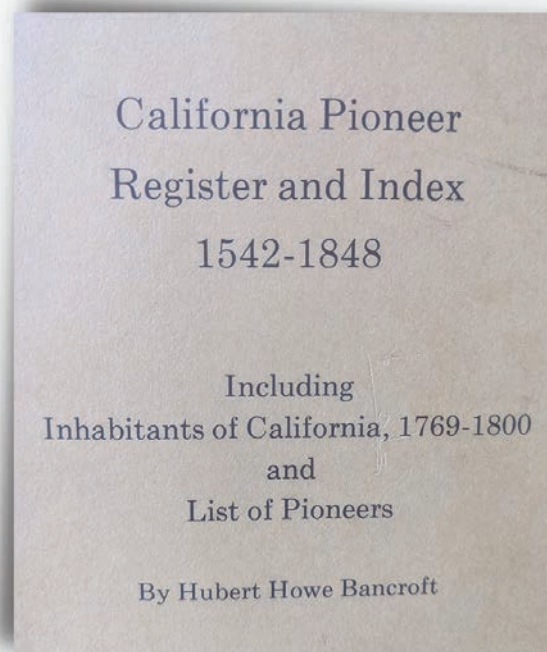
CALIFORNIA PIONEER REGISTER and INDEX 1542-1848

For those who have very early California pioneers or residents, this Reference book will be indispensable for their research. This amazing GEM is a "...*compilation extracted and reassembled from the monumental seven volume History of California*" by H. H. Bancroft. Now of course, I wish we had the full seven volumes! However, this book is an amazingly detailed register of literally thousands of people. As Spain had early governance of California, there are many Spanish names in the first dozen pages or so. This first group are in the section named **"INHABITANTS OF CALIFORNIA, 1769-1800."** One finds their occupations given as soldier, settler, captain of vessel, padre, muleteer, teacher, etc., and there were many children listed as well.

As early pioneers are listed in the book after the first dozen pages, the descriptions of their occupations, histories, challenges, and more, vary immensely. I found one man with a two page biography, others with 2 lines only. The detailed names begin with **Abbott (Austin R)** all the way to **Zimmerman (Bernard)**. Here is a brief example:

Adler (Lewis), 1846, German cooper who came from Honolulu on the Euphemia. Clerk for Leidesdorff and Dickson & Hay, at S.F. [San Francisco] in '46-7, also owning a town lot. A trader from '48 at Son., where he still lived in '85, at the age of 65. [Son. could be Sonoma].

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The book is a miniature biographical dictionary, with much to be learned. The details should be enough to help family historians continue researching through land claims, newspapers, court records, church records including Mission records and registers, military records, and much more. A search on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) for "United States, California" showed a large categorized listing of a large number of records, including Vital Records, Voting registers, Taxation, Probate, Land and Property. With the details in this Pioneer Register, plus searching on both FamilySearch and Ancestry, I suspect some brick walls will be coming down! Highly recommended.

As this is a REFERENCE book, it may only be searched while patrons are at the BCGS Genealogical Library in Surrey. **Well worth the trip.**



50th Anniversary BCGS Genealogy Alaska Cruise

Report from Travel Advisor Robert Marcoux and Sharon Clayton, #5332

Robert Marcoux, our trusty Travel Advisor, changed travel agencies last month, after being sought by Vision Travel. He is arranging our BCGS Group's move to the new agency. Congratulations Robert!



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Don't hesitate to contact Robert – his phone number remains the same as before. Use this link for his Travel with Robert Facebook page: travelwithrobert.ca



Sept 17-24, 2022

Our September 2022 Alaska Cruise with Blaine Bettinger and Mary Kathryn Kozy has attracted more potential cruisers who have recently joined our BCGS Cruise Facebook group. At last count, the group has grown to **165** members. [Click here for the GROUP](#)



Coffee Chats on Zoom

—also known as Special Interest Groups [SIGs]—

Before COVID, Chats were held at the BCGS Genealogical Library. Although the library is open, Coffee Chats will continue on Zoom for now. Some dates may be subject to change.



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

COFFEE CHAT

Introductory DNA

Monday, October 4, 1 to 3 pm

RSVP Sharon Clayton

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BC COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, October 7, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



USA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, October 14, 7 to 9 pm

With Judith Ueland

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY

COFFEE CHAT

Parental Puzzles (NPE)

Monday, October 18, 1 to 3pm

RSVP Sharon Clayton

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ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, October 19, 7 to 9 pm

With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham

RSVP Terry Hartley terrhart1@gmail.com



GERMANS FROM RUSSIA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, October 21, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, November 4, 7 to 9 pm

With Lorraine Irving & Eunice Robinson

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



FRENCH-CONNECTION

COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, November 2, 7 to 9 pm

With Kim Kujawski & Sue Sullivan

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, November 11, 7 to 9 pm

With Ann Buchanan or Sandi Cunliffe

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IRELAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, November 18, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

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ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, November 25, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White

RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



CANADIAN PRAIRIES COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, December 2, 7 to 9 pm

With Judith Ueland

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ATLANTIC CANADA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, December 9, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson

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WALES COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, December 16, 7 to 9 pm

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50 YEARS

50 Years Ago—October 1971



“The will to do. The soul to dare.”

—Sir Walter Scott

North Vancouver's Harry Jerome was inducted into BC's & Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 1971.

After Harry Jerome retired from track competitions in 1969, he began working as a Physical Education teacher at Vancouver's Templeton Secondary School. That same year, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau invited him to help form Canada's new **Ministry of Sport**. In 1970, Governor General Roland Michener made him an **Officer of the Order of Canada**. The prestigious award is presented to those who exemplify *“desiderantes meliorem patriam,”* which translates from Latin as *“they desire a better country”*.

The Harry Jerome International Track Classic is held annually at Burnaby's Swangard Stadium, in honour of Jerome's legacy of athletic excellence.

Harry Jerome's Athletic Accomplishments

- First to simultaneously hold world records for the 100 metre and 100 yard dash
- BRONZE Medal Winner in the 100 metre dash at Tokyo's 1964 Olympic Games
- BRONZE Medal Winner—1965 Summer Universiade in Budapest, Hungary
- GOLD Medal Winner—1966 Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica
- GOLD Medal Winner—1967 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Represented Canada—1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, Mexico



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October Celebration Days:

World Smile Day, World Teachers' Day, Thanksgiving, Healthcare Aide Day (BC, MB), United Nations Day, Hallowe'en.

To-Do This Month:

In October we give thanks... Which of your ancestors' lives are you most guided by?