

Family History Newsletter

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Tips for Accessing Family History Records

By Annette Fulford

There are a myriad of records available to family historians and just as many ways to access these records. Applying for copies of records can get expensive. If you do your homework, though, you may be able to locate copies of the records that are a fraction of the price.

For example, the BC Archives, <http://search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca> used to offer digital copies of original vital records for almost \$20, but you can obtain a copy of the same registration at selected BC libraries for much cheaper. At Cloverdale they charge \$2 to use their microfilm viewers and 50¢ per copy. Vancouver Public Library allows you to use the microfilm viewers for free but charges a small fee for copies.

The libraries that hold copies of original BC Vital Events are Cloverdale, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nelson, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver and West Vancouver. It best to check with each individual library to learn the extent of their collection and if there are fees charged to use it.

Another free source of information for BC deaths is the Bowell Funeral Home Records at the New Westminster Public Library, www.nwpl.ca/bowell/bowell.php.

The online database includes copies of original funeral home records for the New Westminster and Cloverdale Bowell Funeral Home between 1932 and 1956. These records include many people who lived in surrounding communities as well.

A number of the records that are available through www.ancestry.ca, a pay-for-view website, are also available free elsewhere. Some libraries even subscribe to Ancestry Library Edition, which can be used in library at no cost save for the number of copies printed.

One example is the Canadian Census records for 1901, 1906 and 1911, which are available at Ancestry. These records are also indexed and online for free at Automated Genealogy, <http://automatedgenealogy.com>.

The database Canadian Soldiers of World War I, 1914-1918, also at Ancestry, is the same database that the Library and Archives Canada calls Soldiers of the First World War – CEF:

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/cef/001042-100.01-e.php.

The original recruitment papers are available to view online for free and it gives you further information on how to order copies of the full service records too.

These are just a few examples of records that can be found for free or for a nominal price. Before you

pay full price for a record, find out if it's available elsewhere for less. It pays to do your homework first!

Notes on Citation and Copyright

By Brenda L. Smith

I have received some questions lately about permissions and copyright, as they pertain to citing our sources. For many family historians, the idea of recording the sources of information is now a given, but I still see quite a bit of resistance to the idea of asking permission to use photos and quotations in writing our family stories.

The rules for copyright are nearly international in scope, with Canada a signator to the World Intellectual Property Convention. For many applications, family historians can act within the range of "fair dealing" for the purposes of research or private study. But when we send an email to our cousin, or otherwise publish our work, we are legally required to cite the sources of all information we use.

When we directly quote from a source, we need to credit the author/publication using the correct citation. The mechanics of creating that citation are straightforward and well-illustrated in such publications as the following:

- Chicago Manual of Style. 15th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003. 0-226-10403-6 Chicago Manual of Style Q&A (updated 03 October 2005) www.chicagomanualofstyle.org

- Crouse, Maurice. "Citing Electronic Information in History Papers." *Families*. 39:1, 2000, 3-32. Revised online 07 July 2004. <http://cas.memphis.edu/~mcrouse/elcite.html>
- Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence! Citation and Analysis for the Family Historian*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997. 0-8063-1543-1

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http://www.ic.gc.ca/sc_mrksv/cipo/cp/copy_gd_protect-e.html#6

Requests for permission need to be addressed to the author (in published examples often via the publisher). Be as clear as possible about the uses you intend for your publication. For example: "a limited edition of 500 copies of your family history for cost-recovery sale to members of your family." And I recommend that you secure permissions as you collect the material, because the job is much harder if you wait until you are ready to publish.

I think that the rule of thumb for family historians, for all our writing, is to respect the authors of the material we are using. We can best do that by rigorously citing our sources as we encounter them.

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **AGS Member Scotland's People Database**, with Chris Longley, May 20, 2008, 6:30 pm.
- **Breaking Down Brick Walls**, AGS Members Round Table Discussions, June 17, 2008, 6:30 pm.

British Columbia Genealogical Society

- **Some Underused Sources for English Genealogy | Tracing Birth, Deaths & Marriages at Sea | World War I Army Service Records at The National Archives & Elsewhere**, with Dr. Chris Watts, International Speaker & Author, Saturday, May 10, 2008, Doors open at 8:30 am / Seminar 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. www.bcgs.ca

British Columbia Historical Federation

Conference Workshop

- **Financial Planning and Reporting for Non-Profits**, with Albert Foster Certified General Accountant, Harry Peterson of Shaw Sabey and Associates (Insurance Brokers), and Debbie Lucas of CRA, Thursday, May 8, 2008, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. \$45 for members of BCHF member organizations; \$70 for non-members. www.bchistory.ca

Cloverdale Library

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1st Saturday of every month 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Surrey Archives

- **Surrey's Early Years**, Saturday, April 26, 11:00 am – 12 noon. Must pre-register. Fee: \$10.
- **Light Rail Transit in Surrey**, Saturday, May 3, 2008. 11:00 am – 12 noon. Must pre-register. Fee: \$10.
- **Protecting Your Family Photos**, Saturday, May 10, 2008, 11:00 am – 12 noon. Must pre-register. Fee: \$10.