

# Family History Newsletter

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## Back to School?

By Annette Fulford & Andrea Lister

Welcome back from summer vacations. We hope that your summer was fun and full of genealogical discoveries. If you would like to share any of your discoveries in an article for the newsletter or at one of our meetings please contact us.

## McCord Museum's Online Collection

By Andrea Lister

[www.mccord-museum.qc.ca/en/keys/collections/](http://www.mccord-museum.qc.ca/en/keys/collections/)

"The McCord Museum conserves and presents over 1,375,000 objects, images and manuscripts that are irreplaceable reflections of the social history and material culture of Montreal, Quebec and Canada. Currently, the "Keys to History" digital on-line collection -- created in collaboration with seven other museums -- is made up of 135,000 artifacts. Almost 117,000 artifacts held by the McCord and some 17,500 artifacts held by the partner museums are available for viewing."

I did a keyword search for the name PLATT. The result showed fourteen images as part of the Notman Photographic Archives Collection. One of the results is a portrait of John Platt, my 5th great-grandfather.



Photograph  
John Platt, painting, copied for Mr. Skaife, 1903

Wm. Notman & Son  
January, 1903, 20th century  
Silver salts on glass - Gelatin dry  
plate process

25.4 x 20.3 cm

Purchase from Associated Screen  
News Ltd.

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Keywords: Photograph (77678)

You can download the image in different resolutions; McCord Museum provides the HTML code so you can link to the image from your own website ; you can print, it, send it as a postcard, or order a print for CDN \$20 per image plus shipping and handling and applicable taxes.

As well, the information about the print also proved to be a useful clue as well: "copied for Mr. Skaife". I had no idea if the Skaife family was connected to my tree. Further research determined that John Platt's great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Platt married Adam Skaife. Adam Skaife turns out to be the first non-Molson family member to participate in brewery ownership.

## Footnote Celebrates Moon Landing Anniversary With Big Announcement

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[www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com)

“Footnote is excited to announce their partnership with the largest newspaper publisher in the U.S., the Gannett Company. Gannett publishes over 84 daily newspapers, including USA Today. Through this partnership, Footnote Members can access historical newspapers never seen before on the internet.

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Moon Landing and Woodstock, we have kicked off our partnership by digitizing the newspapers covering these events. Recently, we launched the first runs of Florida Today and the Poughkeepsie Journal (NY). Footnote will continue to digitize the full run of those newspapers including all of the Poughkeepsie Journal, which dates back to 1785.

Visit our Moon Landing and Woodstock pages today and relive the 60s, man! “

## New Online Resources

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### Census of Ireland 1911

All 32 counties are available online free at:

[www.census.nationalarchives.ie/](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/)

Once you find an entry that looks promising click on the link. Do not forget to scroll down and view the original census pages.

### Canada Gazette

Often referred to as "the official newspaper of the Government of Canada," the Canada Gazette has been an important instrument in the Canadian democratic process for more than 160 years.

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/canada-gazette/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/canada-gazette/index-e.html)

## Family History Events

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### Maple Ridge Family History Group – Maple Ridge Library

- **Computer Lab Time: Focus on Specific Online Resources,** Wednesday, November 4, 2009 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Fee: Free.

### Cloverdale Library

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

#### Fall 2009

- **First Steps on the Ancestral Trail** with Brenda Smith, Saturday, September 12, 2009, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. Fee: \$10.00.
- **Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest: Tips and Tools** with Laurie J. Cooke, Saturday, September 26, 2009, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Fee: \$10.00.
- **Start Searching Your Family History - a Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons** with Brenda Smith, Mondays: September 21, October 5 & 26, November 9 & 23: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Fee \$100.00.

- **Digging up the Dead on All Hallow's Eve: Finding Interments, Headstones and Obituaries** with Laurie J. Cooke, Saturday, October 31, 2009, 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Fee: \$10:00.
- **United Kingdom Roots** with Chris Longley. Saturday, November 14, 2009, 10:30 am – Noon. Fee: \$10:00.
- **Family History Show and Tell!** Participants will be given up to 10 minutes to have the floor for Show and Tell. Saturday, November 21, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Free.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Genealogy section of the Surrey Public Library website [www.spl.surrey.bc.ca](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca) or call us at 604-598-7328.

### Vancouver Public Library

- **Exploring Canadian Census Records on the Web,** Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Level 7 Computer Lab at the Central Library. Fee: Free.

If you would like to attend please call 603-331-3716 or register in person with the information staff.

### Surrey Family History Centre

- **Tri-Stake Family History Seminar "Finding Your Roots",** Saturday, October 17, 2009, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. 6270 126th Street, Surrey, British Columbia. Fee: Free.

For more info call 604 597-9695