

# Family History Newsletter

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**The Family History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.**

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### Family History Group Meetings

The February meeting will be February 1, 2012.

## Happy 2012

*By Andrea Lister and Annette Fulford*

Another year of family history adventuring has begun. Have you made any resolutions?

Here are ours:

- Interview relatives
- Back up everything
- Citation, citation, citation
- Organize what I have

2012 brings some interesting anniversaries that could provide new materials to focus our research.

It is the centenary of the sinking of the *Titanic*.

<http://www.titanic100.ca/about/>

<http://museum.gov.ns.ca/mmnew/en/home/whattoseedo/permanentexhibits/titanic/default.aspx>

The centenary of the Calgary Stampede.

<http://calgarystampede.com/>

It is the bicentennial of the War of 1812 so look for events celebrating 200 years of peace.

<http://www.warof1812.ca/>

<http://www.visit1812.com/>

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/on-line-exhibits/1812/index.aspx>

<http://www.1812niagaraonthelake.ca/home-s11386>

<http://www.discover1812.com/>

## Seeing the Full Picture

*By Andrea Lister*

I was recently searching the City of Vancouver Archives online photographs for images from 1922 trying to get ideas for the upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of *British Columbia History*.

As I scrolled through the 257 results I suddenly recognized a picture from my own collection:



**Stuart Thomson, City of Vancouver Archives, Image A17762**

However, the picture in our family collection is only the one corner:



**Courtesy of Robin Lister, left to right Julia Grossman, Margaret Grossman, May Barton, ???**

I already knew that our picture was taken at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting National Chapter I.O.D.E. Vancouver B.C. May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 3, 1922. The information from the City of Vancouver Archives has

provided me with a more exact location; the photo was taken on the steps of the Courthouse.

What is interesting is that the two photographs are different as the ladies are looking in different directions but clearly taken at the same time.

My next steps are to read the *Chilliwack Progress* to identify what I.O.D.E. chapters the women represented and hopefully identify the fourth woman and then to take that information to the archives.

## Online Resources

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### BillionGraves

People collect photos of headstones with an iPhone camera app and then upload the mapped-out photos. Contributors then transcribe information from uploaded headstone photos and then descendants everywhere can easily search for their ancestors.

<http://billiongraves.com/>

### New website for the BCGS

The BC Genealogical Society

<http://www.bcgs.ca/>

### Saskatchewan Probate Estate Files 1887–1931

The estate records contain loose papers relating to the settlement of estates including such matters as provision for heirs including minor children as well as distribution of funds, land and property. Browse only, not searchable.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://>

[www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1918293](http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1918293)

### View Infirmity Column

findmypast has just published the 'infirmity' column of the 1911 census on [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk). Under data protection regulations, this sensitive information remained hidden until now – now you'll be able to see information about your family's health in 1911.

### New Records Online at LAC

- Commonwealth War Graves Registers, First World War Circumstances of Death Registers, First World War <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/index-e.html?PHPSESSID=pf868q7td101us1usidkvu8pl1>

## Family History Events

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### Langley Library

- **Casting the Net: Where to Seek Your Ancestors on the Internet**, with Brenda L. Smith, Saturday, Jan 28 2:00pm–3:00pm. Registration required.

### Ladner Pioneer Library

- **Key Websites for Canadian Immigration and Census Records**, with M. Diane Rogers Thursday, March 22, 2:00pm–3:30pm. Drop in.

### Maple Ridge Library

- **Start Searching your Family History: A Beginners' workshop in Five Lessons** with Brenda L. Smith, Sundays, 1pm–4pm: January 22, February 5 and 19, and March 4 and 18. Fee: \$100.

Contact the Maple Ridge Museum to register.

### Tsawwassen Library

- **Key Websites for Canadian Immigration and Census Records**, with M. Diane Rogers, Thursday, March 29, 2:00pm–3:30pm. Drop in.

### Surrey Libraries

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

- **Discover Your Past, Discover Yourself! An Introduction to Family History** with Laurie J. Cooke, Saturday, January 28, 2012, 10:30am – Noon. Fee: \$10.

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

For more information please contact Fine Arts and History at 604-331-3716.

### Vancouver Public Library

- **Chinese Genealogy Research with Ancestry Library Edition**, Saturday January 28, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm. Fee: free, registration required.
- **Ancestry Library Edition: Gateway to Your Family History**, Tuesday February 21, 2:30 pm–4:00 pm. Fee: free, registration required.
- **Wired for Learning FamilySearch.org: Your History at Your Fingertips**, Sunday March 4, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm. Fee: free, registration required.