

# 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 October meeting will be October 3, 2012.

## NEW! BC Vital Events Database

*By Annette Fulford*

The BC Archives is in the process of unveiling a new vital events database with digital images online at <http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch>. It went live on September 4 with historical registrations of births from 1854-1903, marriages, 1872-1936 and deaths, 1872-1991.

They were experiencing difficulties between September 6 to 9, but it was up and running again by mid-morning on September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you log onto the site and have a problem searching, be sure to check back on a regular basis to see if it's working again. I've downloaded a number of the free registrations in jpg form already. Some of the records do not have digital images attached yet but they may in the future.

There is a basic search page with options for first name, last name, and a date range. Or you can do an advanced search that includes name, gender, age, place of event, registration number, and date range. Please note that some of these options only work for certain searches. The bottom half of the advanced search page has a place to enter Bride, Groom, Mother or Father based on whether it's a search for a birth or marriage. You can also browse

the database, which might help if their name is spelled incorrectly. Options with this search are: Browse by either Last name, First name, place or reel number; Words beginning with letters A-Z; or by a single keyword.



Family Search has digital images of the BC marriage registrations online at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list?page=1&region=CANADA>.

I'm sure they plan to add images for birth and death registrations as well. These are free to download but you have to register to see the image. Remember that BC records at Family Search do not have the same range of years as the BC Archives. Their database includes the following: Birth Registrations, 1854-1903, Marriage Registrations, 1859-1932, and Death Registrations, 1872-1986.

## Online Resources

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### Scottish Post Office Directories

Over 700 digitised directories covering most of Scotland and dating from 1773 to 1911.

<http://digital.nls.uk/directories/index.html>

### New from Family Search

1906 census of Canada for the Northwest provinces, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1584925>

### Indexes to Lloyd's Captains Registers

The Lloyd's "Captains Registers" are held by London Metropolitan Archives.

<http://www.history.ac.uk/gh/capintro.htm>

## Family History Events

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### Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **Family Curator and Archivist**, Oct 16, 2012, 6:30 pm. Clearbrook Library.

### Finding Your Roots

- **Tri-Stake Seminar**, Saturday Oct 13, 2012, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, 6270-126 Street, Surrey, BC
- Check their website  
<http://www.findingyourroots.ca/>  
to register and view a list of seminars to attend.

### Hope Library

- Canadian Military Genealogy Research, Wednesday, Oct 3, 2012, 3:00 pm to 5:00pm. Registration required for this program. Fee: Free.

### Langley Library

- **First Steps on the Ancestral Trail** with Brenda L. Smith, Saturday, Sept 22, 2012, 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

### National Nikkei Museum & Heritage Centre

- **Nikkei Family History Workshop** with Ted Ohashi and Linda Kawamoto Reid, Thursday, Sept 27, 2012, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Fee: \$10.

Workshop will be limited to 25 participants. Information & registration (required):

604.777.7000 ext.109 |

[jcnm@\[nikkeiplace.org](mailto:jcnm@[nikkeiplace.org)

<http://centre.nikkeiplace.org/nikkei-family-history-workshop/>

### Surrey Libraries

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month 10:00 – 10:50am.

- **Military Records** with Colin Stevens, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, 10:30am to 12:00pm. Fee: \$10.
- **Start Searching Your Family History: A Beginners Workshop in Five Lessons** with Brenda L. Smith, Mondays Oct. 1, 15, 29 and Nov. 19 and 26, 2012, 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Fee: \$100.
- **Fourth Annual Family History Show & Tell!**, Saturday Nov 24, 2012, 10:30am-12:30pm. Fee: free. Donations welcome.

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.

### Terry Fox Library (Port Coquitlam)

- **Ancestry.com - Search For Your Roots**, Tuesday, Oct 23, 2012, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Registration required for this program. Fee: Free.

### Vancouver Public Library Central Library

350 West Georgia Street

- **Beginning or Returning to Your Family History Research**, Monday, October 22, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level. Fee: Free.
- **Wired for Learning. Personal Digital Archiving: Safeguarding your digital assets**, Thursday, Nov 29, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Registration required Training Zone, Level 5. Fee: Free.

## History Events

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### Fraser Valley Library

There are numerous history events being hosted by the Fraser Valley Library. Everything from the Cariboo Gold Rush, the Chilliwack Hospital Auxiliary, Barkerville, Canadian Heroines, Early Delta History, to the Construction of the Fraser-Hope Bridge. Check the fall program guide at the library for more information:

<http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/index.php>