



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 March meeting will be March 6, 2013.

Google News

By Annette Fulford

I've known for a number of years that my earliest ancestor living in Canada was married somewhere in Quebec in 1781, but I didn't know which city – Montreal or Quebec? I also didn't know the church they might have married in.

Recently, I checked out the website United Empire Loyalists' at <http://www.uelac.org/> and did a search for my ancestor Archibald Thomson.

When I read the results, I found additional information I had not seen in previous searches of the UEL books. One record stated that the marriage of Archibald Thomson to Miss McKay was published in the Quebec Gazette on 2 August 1781. Where could I find a copy of this newspaper?

My first choice to look for the newspaper was at Google News where I found issues of the newspaper for the year I needed.

I did a quick browse of the paper listed and was able to find a copy of the above mentioned marriage notice for my ancestors. I'd still love to locate a copy of their marriage in church records but I will leave that for future searches.

FHS Policy Change

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah has changed their policy for patrons who are requesting copies of records that you otherwise could not get a copy, for example books that do not circulate. This does not replace ordering films.

All requests for information will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons at no charge.

Go to Family Search blog for more information:

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/policy-change-patrons-requesting-photocopies-family-history-library-salt-lake-city-utah/>

eighties, which will carry a superior weight of metal to any of the old ships of that rate.
March 20. The Hollanders, it must be owned, have deservedly provoked the resentment, and brought upon themselves the just vengeance of a brave, a patient, and inflexible king, by treacherously aiding and abetting with her enemies, in defiance of all remonstrances, and in direct violation of the most solemn treaties. 'Tis to be hoped they will now be convinced, by dear bought experience, which makes *his* wife and *his* own honest, that national as well as personal honesty is the best policy; and that they have been miserably duped by listening to French politics, and adopting French treachery. Had the States General adhered faithfully to their old friends and allies, the loss they have most deservedly sustained had been happily avoided, and their national honour remained unimpached, which has now contracted an indelible stain.

Q U E B E C, August 2.
Married on Friday last in this City, Mr. ARCHIBALD THOMPSON, of Carleton Place, Merchant, to Miss M'KAY, Daughter of Mr. Hugh M'Kay, Merchant in this place — a young Lady possess'd of every qualification to render that state happy.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, QUEBEC.

Brig Fly, William Edgar, from Mountserrat.
Perseverance, Philip Renaud, — Jersey.
Brig Venus, O. T. W. A. R. D. S.
George Kerr, for Antigua.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Le 20 Mars. Il faut avouer que les Hollandais ont provoqué le ressentiment et se sont attiré la juste vengeance d'un royaume brave, patient, et qui avoit été intérieurement si longtemps parvenu à se lier avec ses ennemis, malgré toutes les remonstrances qu'on a pu leur faire, et en infraction directe aux traités les plus solennels. L'on espère qu'ils seront actuellement convaincus par l'expérience qu'ils ont achetée si chère, qui rend les *sau* sages et les *frisons* honnêtes, que l'honneur national aussi bien que personnelle est la meilleure politique; et qu'ils ont été bien misérablement dupés en s'enrolant sous la politique Française et en adoptant leur trahison. Si les États Généraux étoient restés fidèles à leurs anciens amis et à leurs alliés, ils n'auroient pas souffert les pertes qu'ils ont fait à juste titre, et ils auroient conservé sans tâche leur honneur national qui en a contracté une irréparable.

Q U E B E C, le 2 AOUST.
Vendredi dernier s'est marié en cette ville Mr. ARCHIBALD THOMPSON, Marchand de l'île Carleton, à Mademoiselle M'KAY, fille de Mr. Hugh M'Kay, Marchand de cette place—cette jeune personne est douée de toutes les qualités capables de rendre cet état heureux.

AVERTISSEMENTS.

Du Bureau du Secrétaire de la Province, le 27 Juillet, 1781.
SON EXCELLENCE le Gouverneur de cette Province aiant, en conséquence de la Proclamation du 10 Avril dernier, fait l'arrangement antérieures au premier Mai, 1775, ou dans les Commissions délégués on a fait des changements relatifs aux limites, sont requis d'en prendre incessamment de nouvelles à ce Bureau.

(Jean Antoine Pons)

Online Resources

Manitoba Histories

Launched Feb 11, 2013, the local histories, covering Manitoba communities from Altona to Zbaraz, bring 100,000 pages' worth of digitized Manitoba history to the website www.manitobia.ca.

New at Family Search

FamilySearch added 8.5 million new, free indexed records and images to its collection. Included:

- 1855 New York State Census
- Texas Birth Certificates collection from 1903-193
- Italy, Catania, Diocesi di Caltagirone, Catholic Church Records collection from 1502-1942
- Manitoba, Census Indexes, 1831-1870 (includes census records taken by Hudson's Bay Company)
- Quebec Notarial Records, 1800-1900
- Argentina, Santa Fe, Catholic Church Records, 1634-1975

New at FindmyPast.ie

Findmypast Ireland is a new website partnering Eneclann, an award-winning research and publishing house with extensive experience in family history in Ireland, and findmypast.

- 2.1 million records from the Petty Sessions order books (1850-1912: 25 new courts from counties Cavan, Clare, Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kilkenny, Louth, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary and Waterford)
- WW1 Irish Soldiers Wills, 1914-1920

- Kiltullagh Parish, Roscommon, Baptismal & Marriage Registers

New York Newspapers

<http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

Search over 21,790,000 old New York State historical newspaper pages.

New at LAC

Library and Archives Canada has released a new version of the Census of the Prairie Provinces, 1916 database. In 1916, the Canadian government enumerated Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta in order to track the high rates of population growth in western Canada.

Previously, users could search only by geographical information such as province, district and sub-district. It is now possible to also search by nominal information such as name, given name(s) and age for an individual.

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1916/Pages/1916.aspx>

Family History Events

BCGS

- BCGS Seminar: The British Army in Canada 1750-1871; Canadians at War – 1885 Rebellion; South African 1899-1902; First & Second World Wars; Pre 1865 Immigration; What's new at Ancestry? with Glenn T. Wright and Lesley Anderson, Saturday, April 27,

2013, 8:30am – 4:30pm Danish Lutheran Church, Burnaby.
Fee: \$45 for BCGS & Affiliate [Society] Members; \$55.00 for non-members.

Details on the BCGS website. www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=2511

Surrey Libraries

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

- **Autosomal DNA: Genealogy Testing that Delivers!** with Laurie J. Cooke, Saturday March 9, 2013, 10:30am – 12:00pm. Fee: \$10.00.
- **A la Carte: Using Maps in Family History** with Brenda L. Smith, Saturday, April 6, 2013, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Fee: \$10.00
- **Tracing your English Ancestors from Canada** with Susan Snalam. Saturday, May 4, 2013, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Fee: \$10.00.

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

Vancouver Public Library

Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street.

- **Genealogy Brickwalls**, panel discussion with experienced members of the British Columbia Genealogical Society, Monday, March 11, 2013, 7:00 pm. Central Library. Fee: Free.
- **FamilySearch: Finding and Sharing Your Family Story**, Thursday, April 18, 2013, 2:30 pm. Central Library. Fee: Free.