

Family History Newsletter

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Family History Group Meetings

The December meeting will be December 4, 2013.

What I Learnt at Finding Your Roots 2013

by Andrea Lister

Dave Obee is my hero, let's get that out there right off the bat. I attended his session *Your Library in the Cloud: Locate Digital Records at Finding Your Roots* in October.

The key thing I learnt is how to harness the power of Google search for other websites. For example, if I go to the Internet Archive <https://archive.org/> and do a search for *Mittleberger* I get two results.

If I go to Google www.google.ca and type *Mittleberger site:archive.org* into the search box I get 629 results. Some of the results are duplicates of similar records but that is still a BIG difference. Try the site search with your family name or town and see what you can uncover.

I also learnt that JSTOR <http://www.jstor.org> has a register and read program where I can sign up and read, for free, a limited number of articles per week. I had encountered records there before but had not taken advantage of the free option.

At Donald Davis' class on British Newspapers I learnt that Welsh newspapers are available online: <http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=4723>. I also learnt that if an official notice of one's bankruptcy was published in *The Gazette*, you were referred to as

having been "gazetted". What a great way to add some colour to your family story.

I also attended Annette Fulford's *Love Will Find a Way: Researching WWI Soldiers and their War Brides* session and was reminded that I need to look for the war diaries for my grandfather. I did not know that they have diaries for some of the returning ships.

I finished off my day by attending *Putting It All Together: Your Publishing Options* with Naomi Pauls. She brought along some samples of different ways to publish your story and provided a checklist for self-publishers.

A day very well spent and there were so many sessions that I did not attend. If you missed *Finding Your Roots* this year, you might want to put October 18, 2014 on your calendar.



The Maple Ridge Family History Group table at Surrey Tri-Stakes, 2013 was well attended.

Photos: Erica Williams

Online Resources

The London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes

<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

The Gazette's treasure trove of 350 years' worth of trusted information will be more accessible and easily searchable than ever before.

New from Family Search

<https://familysearch.org/>

- Argentina, Baptisms, 1645-1930
- Brazil, Mato Grosso, Civil Registration, 1848-2013
- Brazil, São Paulo, Immigration Cards, 1902-1980
- Brazil, Sergipe, Catholic Church Records, 1785-1994
- Canada Census, 1911
- France, Coutances et d'Avranche Diocese, Catholic Parish Records, 1533-1906
- France, Quimper et Léon Diocese, Catholic Parish Records, 1772-1910
- Germany, Bavaria, Traunstein, Family Group Sheets, 1830-1900
- India, Hindu Pilgrimage Records, 1194-2013
- Indonesia, Jawa Tengah, Banyumas, Naturalization Records, 1954-2012
- Indonesia, Jawa Tengah, Kebumen, Naturalization Records, 1951-2013
- Indonesia, Jawa Tengah, Wonogiri District Court Records, 1925-2013
- Mexico, Archdiocese of Guadalajara, Miscellaneous Marriage Records, 1605-1910
- Minnesota, Naturalization Card Index, 1930-1988

- Montana, Big Horn, County Records, 1884-2011 Montana, Judith Basin County Records, 1887-2012
- Nevada, Marriage Index, 1956-2005
- South Africa, Cape Province, Western Cape Archives Records 1792-1992
- South Africa, Eastern Cape, Estate Files, 1962-2004
- South Africa, Western Cape, Estate Files, 1966-2004
- Spain, Province of Sevilla, Municipal Records, 1293-1966
- Spain, Province of Cádiz, Municipal Records, 1784-1951
- Washington, County Records, 1856-2009

Memory BC

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

MemoryBC.ca is a portal where you can access descriptions of archival materials preserved in repositories throughout the province.

Newfoundland's Grand Banks Site

<http://ngb.chebucto.org/>

The purpose of this site is to provide original genealogical and historical data in the form of census information, Provincial wide directory publications, church, parish, and cemetery records, and many other original source documents. It has been created for those desiring to do research in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **Lost Cousins Mystery** with Chris Longley. Thursday, Nov 21, 2013, 6:00 pm.

Cloverdale Library

5642 - 176A Street, Surrey, BC V3S 4G9, call 604-598-7327, or email familyhistory@surrey.ca

- **Family History Show & Tell**, Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013 10:30am – 12:30pm. No charge, but donations welcome!
- **Start Searching Your Family History: A Beginners' Workshop in 5 Lessons** with Brenda L. Smith, Saturday mornings, January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22, March 8, 2014. Fee: \$100.
- **Start Writing Your Family History: A Communications Workshop in 5 Lessons** with Brenda L. Smith, Saturday afternoons, January 11 and 25, February 8 and 22, March 8, 2014. Fee: \$100.

Langley Centennial Museum

- **Casting the Net** with Brenda L. Smith, Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 6:30-8:30pm.

Vancouver Public Library

Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street.

- **Writing the Family Story**, Tuesday, Nov 19, 2013, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Fee: Free.
- **Denise Chong: Lives of the Family Book Launch**, Friday, November 22, 2013, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Fee: Free.