

# 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 November meeting will be November 6, 2013.

## 1921 Canadian Census

by Andrea Lister

What else could I write about but the long awaited release of the 1921 Canadian census? On August 8, 2013 the 197,529 images were free to browse on Ancestry.ca. Researchers can explore the 197,529 pages of information by province, district, and sub-district.

Ancestry.ca is indexing the 8.8 million names, addresses and other information for a searchable database. They will offer a choice of free or paid access; the paid access will provide the "extra convenience of doing advanced searches from the comfort of their home."

I know that a good portion of my family was living in sub-district 12, East Chilliwack, Cheam so I started there. I browsed through the 23 pages and saw so many names of neighbours and key Chilliwack people that I recognized: champion plowmen; grandfathers of people that I went to school with; founding families of Fairfield Island; past presidents of the Chilliwack Hospital Auxiliary, three of my own grandparents and various other relations. I quite enjoyed browsing through the records and seeing the whole community.

The key piece of information that I found was my grandfather, Thomas Lister, in Chilliwack in

1921. He is a lodger with Robert and Gertrude Phillipson. The handwriting of the census taker is a bit of a challenge but I cross-referenced it with the directories available from the Vancouver Public Library website, [www.vpl.ca](http://www.vpl.ca), to confirm the name of the head of household.

I knew from Thomas Lister's military records that he was in Esquimalt in 1919 after sustaining injuries in WWI. He married my grandmother in 1925 so I knew he was in Chilliwack by then but now I have narrowed it down to sometime between 1919 and 1921. The census record also lists his immigration date as 1911 so I will now be able to confirm that piece of information.

Perhaps when the Chilliwack Museum and Archives finishes digitizing the *Chilliwack Progress* I will be able to find out even more.

## Suggesting a Correction to the index at LAC

Have you had a difficult time finding your family in these free census indexes from Library and Archives Canada because their name was indexed incorrectly? Once you do find them you can suggest a correction. Just click on the item number for the family, preferably the head of household. It will give you a cover page with info on the person you found. Near the bottom of the page is a

link titled Suggest a Correction. Click on this and it will give you a place to send a message asking for a correction to the entry.

Remember, though, they cannot correct an item if the family name is spelled incorrectly on the original record to begin with.

## Lives of the First World War

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[www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org](http://www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org)

Lives of the First World War will bring material from museums, libraries, archives and family collections from across the world together in one place. IWM needs your help to explore those documents, to link them together and to start telling the stories of those who served in uniform and worked on the home front.

## Online Resources

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### New Brunswick Vital Statistics

<http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/VIS/SE/?culture=en-CA>

The provincial archives for New Brunswick have indexed Births up to 1918 on their website and marriages and deaths up to 1963. The births for 1917 include images. The images for 1918 are not available but the index information gives the names of both parents and details on how to obtain a copy of the registration.

### New from Family Search

- Argentina, Buenos Aires, Catholic Church Records, 1635-1981

- Argentina, Capital Federal, Catholic Church Records, 1737-1977
- Canada Passenger Lists, 1881-1922
- Denmark, Church Records, 1484-1941
- England, Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire, Parish Registers, 1603-1910
- Florida, Marriages, 1830-1993
- France, Quimper et Léon Diocese, Catholic Parish Records, 1772-1910
- France, Coutances et d'Avranche Diocese, Catholic Parish Records, 1533-1906
- Germany, Prussia, Brandenburg, Landkreis Ostprignitz-Ruppin, Miscellaneous Records, 1559-1945
- Ghana Census, 1984
- Italy, Campobasso, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1809-1918
- Italy, Napoli, Fontana, Parrocchia di Santa Maria della Mercede - La Sacra, Catholic Church Records, 1659-1929
- Italy, Napoli, Serrara, Parrocchia di Santa Maria del Carmine, Catholic Church Records, 1641-1929
- Italy, Udine, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1806-1815, 1871-1900
- Russia, Simbirsk Poll Tax Census (Revision Lists), 1782-1858
- Russia, Samara Church Books, 1869-1917
- Russia, Tatarstan Church Books, 1721-1935
- Ukraine, Kyiv Orthodox Consistory Church Book Duplicates, 1840-1845

## Family History Events

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### 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

- **Family History Show & Tell**, Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013 10:30am – 12:30pm. No charge, but donations welcome!

### Langley Centennial Museum

- **Look After The Paper** with Brenda L. Smith, Saturday Nov 23, 3012, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Fee: \$22.75.
- **Casting the Net** with Brenda L. Smith, Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 6:30-8:30pm.

### Maple Ridge Library

- **Family History in the Computer Lab**, with the Family History Group, Wednesday Nov 6, 2013, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Fee: Free.

### Vancouver Public Library

Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street.

- **Cemetery Research for Family History**, with the British Columbia Genealogical Society
- Monday, October 21, 2013, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Fee: Free.
- **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.