

# Family History Newsletter

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### Family History Group Meetings

The April meeting will be April 2, 2014.

## Supplies for Looking after your Documents

by Brenda L. Smith



Putting the papers away is one of many chores that family historians fret about. Where to put them? How to track where they are stored? How to keep them safe?

I recently heard again the sad story of losing everything in a fire. If the photos had been scanned and shared the tragedy would have been minimized. So good back-up is essential.

But some papers are one-of-a-kind, often old and irreplaceable. To get started, I recommend we spend a little time and effort creating digital versions, writing good citation for them, and then putting them away in archivally safe storage.

To create safe storage we can usually use cheap, simple supplies:

- polyester sheet protectors
- acid-free copy paper to support frail documents in the sheet protectors
- polyester storage boxes
- acid-free pens

These materials can all be found at stationery, craft or art supply stores. Check the Staples web site product information for data about papers. Find photo storage at photo shops, and now even Canadian Tire. Most importantly, we need to be skeptical of any clerk telling us that material is acid-free. Read labels and ask questions to be sure you are choosing the best for your priceless family history.

If you have a small job, or feel wealthy, check these sources:

- Bro-Dart  
[www.brodart.ca/archival-supplies](http://www.brodart.ca/archival-supplies)
- Bury Museum and Library Supplies [www.rbury.com](http://www.rbury.com)
- Carr-McLean  
[www.carrmclean.ca](http://www.carrmclean.ca)

## Halvor Moorshead, R.I.P.

By Dick Eastman, reprinted from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, [blog.eogn.com](http://blog.eogn.com)

The many friends and acquaintances of Halvor Moorshead will be saddened to learn that he passed away suddenly yesterday at the age of 71. He was well-known in the genealogy community as the founder of *Family Chronicle* magazine in 1997, followed by other publications including *Internet Genealogy*, *Discovering Family History*, and the companion title, *History Magazine*.

## Online Resources

### Toronto Historic Maps

[peoplemaps.esri.com/toronto/](http://peoplemaps.esri.com/toronto/)

The Google Maps-style interface lets users explore maps of Toronto that date back almost two centuries. The result is a timeline of maps from 1818 to 1924 with aerial views from 1947 and 2012. Read full story here: [http://www.blogto.com/city/2014/02/map\\_project\\_ties\\_together\\_centuries\\_of\\_toronto\\_history/](http://www.blogto.com/city/2014/02/map_project_ties_together_centuries_of_toronto_history/).

### LAC

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2014/digitize-first-world-war-files.aspx>

As part of the centennial commemoration of the First World War, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) will digitize 640,000 personnel service files of the First World War's Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) members.

### New from FamilySearch

<https://familysearch.org/>

- Indiana, Marriages, 1811-1959
- Maine, Vital Records, 1670-1907
- New York, Bronx Probate Estate Files, 1914-1931
- Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh City Deaths, 1870-1905
- United States Census, 1880
- United States Census, 1900
- United States Census, 1920
- Austria, Upper Austria, Catholic Church Records, 1581-1910
- Belgium, Antwerp, Civil Registration, 1609-1909
- Belgium, Brabant, Civil Registration, 1582-1912

- Belgium, East Flanders, Civil Registration, 1598-1906
- Belgium, Liège, Civil Registration, 1621-1910
- Belgium, Limburg, Civil Registration, 1798-1906
- Belgium, West Flanders, Civil Registration, 1582-1910
- England, Norfolk Bishop's Transcripts, 1685-1941
- France, Protestant Church Records, 1612-1906
- Germany, Bavaria, Traunstein, Family Group Sheets, 1830-1900
- Netherlands, Overijssel Province, Civil Registration, 1811-1960

### New Brunswick Government

<http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/FEDS/Default.aspx?culture=en-CA>

The New Brunswick Government now has a federated search engine for 30 of their databases

## Family History Events

### Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **Little Used British Sources** with Robert Whitlock, Thursday March 20, 2014, 6:30 pm.
- **Donald and Kiefer Sutherland** with Graham McDonell, Thursday, April 17, 2014, 1:00 pm.
- **Seafaring Ancestors** with Andrea Lister, Thursday, May 15, 2014, 6:30 pm.
- **WWI War Brides** with Annette Fulford, Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

### BCHF Annual Conference

Cloverdale: Surrey's Historic Centre, June 6-7, 2014

<http://bchistory.ca/conferences/2014/index.html>

### BCGS May 2014 Seminar

- With Audrey Collins from England and Geoff and Marg Doherty from Australia. Saturday, May 31, 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Fee: \$65 – non-members. [www.bcgs.ca/?page\\_id=2511](http://www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=2511)

### Cloverdale Library

5642 - 176A Street, Surrey, BC V3S 4G9, call 604-598-7327, or email [familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca)

- **Cemeteries** with Lorraine Irving, Saturday April 12, 10:30 am – noon. Fee: \$10.

### Kelowna And District Genealogical Society

- **Harvest Your Family Tree 2014**, Genealogical Conference & Marketplace, Friday, September 26 – Sunday September 28, 2014, Western Canada's Largest conference boasts a full day of seminars with renowned international speakers. Fee: \$75 for Saturday Sessions. Friday workshops also available. Must pre-register: [www.harvestyourtree.blogspot.ca](http://www.harvestyourtree.blogspot.ca)

### Surrey Museum

- **Historical Maps of BC**, with Derek Hayes, Saturday, May 10, 2014, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Fee: \$ 10 (16yrs+). Must pre-register by calling 604-502-6459.

### Qualicum Beach Family History Society

- **Unlocking the Past**, Saturday May 24, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Fee: \$90 – non-members. <http://qbfhs.ca>