



Family History Newsletter

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Family History Group Meetings

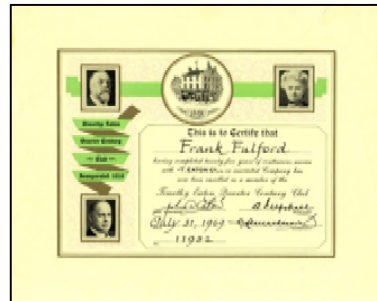
The December meeting will be December 3, 2014. Bring treats.

We Need Your Input

In order to keep this newsletter fresh and informative, we need information from a variety of people and sources. If you've come across a website or set of records that has been helpful to you in the search for your family history, please let us know about it and we will share it with our members. Articles are maximum 400 words. Email us at mrfamilyhistory@gmail.com.

Mystery Ring

by Annette Fulford



Timothy Eaton Quarter Century Club Certificate. Image courtesy of Annette Fulford

While going through old family jewelry we came across a gold ring with a jade center that had the following inscribed inside the band: F.F. T.E.Q.C.C. 11952. This was intriguing. I knew that the initials FF was for my husband's grandfather Frank Fulford. He was a longtime Eaton's employee but I wasn't sure what the rest of the inscription was about. Later while I was sorting through a stack of papers and photographs I found my answer.

Among the papers was a certificate which told the whole story. Frank Fulford was enrolled into the Timothy Eaton Quarter Century Club in 1969 for his 25 years of service to the company. The number 11952 was certificate number.

Mole Catching

by Andrea Lister

According to my great uncle George's memoir, his father James and brother Alex had worked through the winter of 1922–1923 digging ditches and trapping moles while living 3 km out of Leslie at Balhaulty, Scotland until it was time to leave for Canada.

Mole catchers were paid for every mole caught as pest control for farmers. They, in turn, sold the moleskins to fur dealers. A pest problem became a lucrative industry when Queen Alexandra, the wife of Edward VII, ordered a mole-fur garment. The Reid family was able to take advantage of this fashion trend.

An article titled "'Moling' for Profit" 14 July 1923 *Aberdeen Press and Journal* states mole catchers could make up to 10 shillings per skin. Ten skins would be 1£ (about \$87 CDN in today's money) and:

Three men employed on an estate in Hampshire earned over £50 in three or four months last year...

Mole catching has made a comeback with society moving away from the use of poisons and there still exists a *Guild* of British Molecatchers. The website has a history of the profession: <http://www.guildofbritishmolecatchers.co.uk/>

Online Resources

ScotlandsPlaces

www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk

Search across three national databases to access historical resources relating to places throughout Scotland: The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS); The National Records of Scotland (NRS); and The National Library of Scotland (NLS).

Available through the Cloverdale Library.

New at FamilySearch

familysearch.org

- Argentina, Buenos Aires, Catholic Church Records, 1635-1981
- Canada Census, 1911
- Dominican Republic, Civil Registration, 1801-2010
- Bahamas, Civil Registration, 1850-1959
- Belgium, East Flanders, Civil Registration, 1541-1910
- Belgium, West Flanders, Civil Registration, 1582-1910
- Belgium, Liège, Civil Registration, 1621-1910
- Belgium, Namur, Civil Registration, 1800-1912
- Belgium, Hainaut, Civil Registration, 1600-1913

- Czech Republic, School Registers 1799-1953
- Czech Republic, Censuses, 1800-1945
- France, Haute-Garonne, Toulouse, Censuses, 1790-1891
- France, Protestant Church Records, 1536-1863
- Isle of Man Parish Registers, 1598-2009
- Peru, Lima, Civil Registration, 1874-1996
- Peru, La Libertad, Civil Registration, 1903-1998
- Peru, Puno, Civil Registration, 1890-2005

FindMyPast Live Broadcast

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/>

FindMyPast holds several live how-to broadcasts and posts the recorded videos on their blog.

- Discover your ancestors in international records
- Tracing your Irish ancestors
- Exploring British Newspapers
- Discover your ancestors in the military records

Vita Brevis

<http://vita-brevis.org/>

- *Vita Brevis*, the blog of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Vita Brevis is designed to offer the reader short essays by the Society's expert staff on their own research as well as news of the greater genealogical community.

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

www.abbygs.ca

- **The Lady in the Search**, with Andrea Lister, Thursday

November 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm; presentation at 7:00 pm.

- **Annual Christmas Tea**, Thursday December 11, 2014, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm; Studio 2.
- Clearbrook Library**
32320 George Ferguson Way,
Abbotsford, BC V2T 6N4
- **Workshop for Ancestry Library Edition** with Brenda L. Smith on Saturday, March 7, 2015 during the Clearbrook Library **Celebrate Your Roots Program**. More on this event to be announced.

Cloverdale Library

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

- **Family History Collection Orientations**: Saturdays, 10:00–10:50 am: Dec. 6. No charge.
- **6th Annual Family History Show & Tell!** Nov. 22 10:30 am. Will feature a "home movie" theme this year. No charge.
- **Introduction to Family History**, with Jamie Brown Monday January 5, 2015, 7:00 pm. No charge.
- **Start Searching Your Family History** with Brenda L. Smith, Saturdays, Jan 17, & 31, Feb 14 & 28, Mar 14 2015, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Fee: \$100 for the series of five 3-hour classes.
- **Start Writing your Family History** with Brenda L. Smith, Saturdays, Jan 17, & 31, Feb 14 & 28, Mar 14 2015, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Fee: \$100 for the series of five 3-hour classes.