

Family History Newsletter



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Edge Family Research Project

by Andrea Lister

The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society researches several local families each year and adds to the collective knowledge of pioneers and prominent citizens in Kelowna. Inspired by their work Brenda L. Smith suggested that the Maple Ridge Family History Group could use their skills to take on researching some Maple Ridge families.

In March 2015 Museum Director Val Patenaude asked the group:

How are the Edge families of Maple Ridge and Langley related? Specifically, is William Edge who died at Derby during the Haney Landslide related to Sam Edge who was first to climb Edge Peak on Golden Ears.



Samuel Edge (left?) and John Clapcott posed with rifles, cougar and dog. Image P03548 courtesy the Maple Ridge Museum & Archives

Val provided us with all the records that they have in their collection and the research that had been done into the families so we had a place to start.

Several members of the group took on the task of searching through census records; birth, marriage, and death records; directory listings; newspapers; and cemeteries.

We now have a family tree of 146 people and are in the process of fact-checking and organizing the files. Thanks go to Sandra Ayres, Annette Fulford, Gina Leigh, Toni Lush, and Alberta MacNamara for all their hard work.

In addition to answering the questions of how the families are related we also wanted to know what they contributed to Maple Ridge. We will present the project at the Community Heritage Commission Heritage Awards February 18, 2016 and hand over our research files to the Maple Ridge Museum & Archives.

Abbotsford Resources

by Brenda L. Smith

www.thereach.ca/archives

Family historians benefit from access to local archives. Abbotsford's The Reach is such a user-friendly resource. Newspapers of note are the microfilmed *Abbotsford Sumas Matsqui News* covering December 1922 to the present. Available in hard copy is the *Abbotsford Post*, covering 1910 to 1924. Users can find transcripts of interviews with early community builders. In partnership with the BC History Digitization Program, The Reach has made accessible online almost 27,000 images.

Also on site is the Abbotsford Genealogical Society Library www.abbygs.ca For more information about the archives contact 604 864-8087 x 112.

Military Uniforms

Need some help identifying military uniforms? Try these websites and books.

Websites

- British:
<http://militaryhistorynow.com/2013/11/22/from-red-coats-to-disruptive-patterns-250-years-of-british-army-uniforms/>
- War of 1812:
www.warof1812.ca
- Canadian military uniforms:
www.canadiansoldiers.com/uniforms/uniform.htm
- German/Prussian Military Uniforms, 1842 to 1918:
www.kaisersbunker.com/gtp/

Books

North, Jonathan. *An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Uniforms of World War II: An Expert Guide to the Uniforms of Britain, America, Germany, USSR and Japan, Together With Other Axis and Allied Forces*. Lorenz Books. 2015.

Online Resources

Saskatchewan Historic Newspapers

<http://sabnewspapers.usask.ca/>

The first stage of this project will focus on newspapers during the Great War from 1914-1918.

New at Ancestry

www.ancestry.ca/

- Canada, Imperial War Service Gratuities, 1919-1921
- England, Suffragettes Arrested, 1906-1914
- Scotland, National Probate Index (Calendar of

Confirmations and Inventories), 1876-1936

- UK, Civil Divorce Records, 1858-1914

New at Library & Archives Canada

www.bac-lac.gc.ca

- Immigrants to Canada, Porters and Domestic, 1899-1949
- England, Suffragettes Arrested,

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

www.abbygs.ca

- **Every Family Has a Story**, with Carly Butler Verheyen, Nov 19, 2015: 1:00 pm, The Reach, Studio 2.
- **Annual Christmas Social** Thursday Dec 10, 2015, Studio 2 The Reach; any time between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm; no meeting or speaker; donations to cover costs of the refreshments appreciated.

Cloverdale Library

www.surreylibraries.ca

- **Finding your Scottish Roots, part 2** with Lorraine Irving, Nov 14, 2015, 10:30am – 12:00pm. Fee: \$10.
- **Family History Show & Tell**, Nov 28, 2015, 10:30am. 7th annual Show and Tell! Bring in your own creations or even an artifact belonging to an ancestor.
- **Family History Orientation**, Dec 5, 2015, 2015, 10:00am, Free. Pre-registration is recommended.

Pitt Meadows Library

www.fvrl.bc.ca

- **Casting the Net**, with Brenda L. Smith, Nov 17, 2015, 7:00pm to 8:30 pm. Fee: Free. Registration required.

Vancouver Public Library

www.vpl.ca/programs/

- **Genealogy Workshop**, Wednesday, Nov 18, 2015, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms
- **Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with FamilySearch and Library and Archives Canada**, Wednesday, Nov 25, 2015 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Computer Training Lab

Willowbrook – Muriel Arnason Library

www.fvrl.bc.ca

- **Your Family History Tool Kit** with Brenda L. Smith, Nov 18, 2015, 7:00pm to 8:30 pm. Fee: Free.

Qualicum Beach Family History Society

www.qbfhs.ca

- **Unlocking The Past** International Genealogy Conference, Parksville, BC, April 23, 2016

Abbotsford Family History Day

www.abbotsfordfamilyhistory.com

- May 14, 2016

Kelowna and District Genealogical Society

- **Harvest Your Family Tree**, September 24–26, 2016

Maple Ridge Family History Group, Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library. Family Christmas Traditions. Where did it start? How did it get passed down? Also, an identify that person with Santa guessing game.