

Family History Newsletter



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The Family History group supports members in researching their family history research. Members have ancestors from around the globe.

They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

Come share your research triumphs, your family treasures, and your family research challenges with the Maple Ridge Family History Group.

Perserverance Pays Off

by Sandra Ayres

For the longest time it bothered me that I was unable to find where my grandfather, Clarence, lived in 1911. He was not found anywhere in the *1911 Census of Canada*, until I had my breakthrough.

Clarence Earl Liddicoat was born in 1907 around Emo, Ontario, a small town in the Rainy River District, just north of the Ontario/Minnesota border.¹ He was the middle child born to James Liddicoat, a shoemaker in his 60s and Janet Ireland, a woman in her 30s. As near as we can figure, they were married after 1903 (Janet had another marriage in 1903 and James was widowed in 1900). Both of Clarence's sisters were born in Minnesota.

This could not have been a happy marriage as in 1909 Janet crossed the BC/Washington border with Clarence and the younger daughter Blanche, but without James and the oldest daughter, Dorothy. Further investigation has shown that Dorothy was adopted by Henry and Margaret Foster, no relation to the family.² The March 29, 1924 *Lethbridge Daily*

Herald obituary for James Liddicoat has no mention whatsoever of his marriage to Janet.

It was upon reading an article in the *Nelson Star* (BC) newspaper regarding the towns of Grand Forks and Columbia amalgamation and naming that spurred another visit to the question.

When crossing the border in 1909, Janet stated her intention to live in Phoenix, a booming mining city at the time.³ First try, I checked the BC directories that are archived on www.vpl.ca/bccd/index.php [Vancouver Public Library]. I checked Grand Forks, Columbia, Greenwood and Phoenix to no avail.

I decided to try the *1911 Census of Canada* yet again. Instead of looking through www.ancestry.ca or Library and Archives Canada, I chose www.automatedgenealogy.com, a website that has some Canadian census records indexed. I narrowed down my search to the pages around Grand Forks and Greenwood. After going through about a dozen sheets, I noticed a wonderful button to the bottom left of the page. It allows for the ability to filter for a specific year of birth for the people listed on the page. A few pages of looking at the birth years of 1906, 1907 and 1908, and I had found a Clarence; Clarence Coat in fact. A quick look at the actual page showed him living with sister Bianca Coat and mother Lizzie Coat. Really? Liddicoat had become Coat with the Liddi part becoming the Lizzie for the mother. No wonder I could not find it! Janet was a servant in a divorced man's home which makes sense.⁴ Perseverance paid off!

¹ Archives of Ontario; Series: MS929; Reel: 188.

² Year: 1911; Census Place: 26 - Delta Riding, Langley Municipality, New Westminster, British Columbia; Page: 12; Family No: 134.

³ Library and Archives Canada; 1908-1935 Border Entries; Roll: T-546.

⁴ Year: 1911; Census Place: 55 - Grand Forks, Kootenay, British Columbia; Page: 1; Family No: 8.

Online Resources

National Folklore Collection of Ireland

www.duchas.ie/en

A collection of folklore compiled by schoolchildren in Ireland in the 1930s. Material from nine counties in the Schools' Collection is available and is searchable by place, school, and person. The person could be the storyteller, the collector and/or the teacher.

Deaths of Seamen

www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk

Deaths of Seamen, which list Scots along with other crew members of all nationalities who were serving on British registered vessels between 1909 and 1974.

New at FamilySearch

<https://familysearch.org/>

- Texas, County Marriage Index, 1837-1977
- Peru, Lima, Civil Registration, 1874-1996
- Wales, Glamorganshire, Parish Registers, 1538-1912
- Italy, Bergamo, Civil Registration, 1866-1901
- Italy, Cremona, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1744-1942

New at Ancestry

www.ancestry.com

- Compiled List of Jews in Concentration Camps, 1945
- Ansbach, Germany, Lutheran Parish Register, 1550-1920
- Pomerania, Germany, Passenger Lists, 1869-1901
- Speyer, Germany, Domestic Help, 1875-1914
- Prenzlau, Germany, Births, 1874-1901

- Victoria, Australia, Lunatic Estates and Register, 1867-1906
- Tasmania, Australia, Baptisms of Children of Convicted Women, 1833-1854
- UK, Apprentices Indentured in Merchant Navy, 1824-1910

New at FindMyPast

www.findmypast.co.uk

- Manchester electoral registers, 1832-1900
- New Zealand, Petition After The Wairau Incident 1843
- Derbyshire Hospital Admissions & deaths
- Hertfordshire parish baptisms, marriages, burials
- Deserters and Absentees in Police Gazette 1914-1919

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

www.abbyqs.ca

- **General Meeting and M. Diane Rogers**, she will highlight how to organize your documentation and speak to analysis, proof and citations. Thursday, September 17, 2015, 1:30 pm, The Reach, Studio 2.

Cloverdale Library

www.surreylibraries.ca

- **Start Searching Your Family History: A Beginners Workshop in Five Lessons** with Brenda L. Smith, Mondays 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Sept 21, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 16. Fee: \$100.
- **Intro to Family History at Cloverdale Library** with Jamie Brown, Sept 26, 2015, 10:30am – 12:00pm. Fee: No cost.
- **Family History Orientation**, Oct 3, 2015, 10:00am, Free. Pre-registration is recommended.
- **Finding your Scottish Roots, part 2** with Lorraine Irving,

Nov 11, 2015, 10:30am – 12:00pm. Fee: \$10.

Community Centred College for the Retired, Burnaby

www.cccrburnaby.org

- **Genealogy 202 – Unearthing Your Family Tree** with M. Diane Rogers, Fridays, Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 1:30 – 3:30. Fee: \$56.
- **Genealogy 302 – Online Research using Ancestry Library Edition** with M. Diane Rogers, Wednesdays, Sept 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, 1:30 – 3:30. Fee: \$56.

Finding Your Roots Seminar

www.findingyourroots.ca

- **Family History Seminar** with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, schedule and instructors TBA. 6270 - 126 St Surrey. Saturday, Oct 17, 2015. Fee: Free. Sack-Lunch: \$5.

Fraser Valley Library

www.fvrl.bc.ca

- **Sardis Library Genealogy Group**, Thursday, September 17, 2015, 10:30am – 12:00pm.
- **Canadian Women in World War II**, Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 7:00pm – 8:30 pm.

Vancouver Public Library

www.vpl.ca/programs/

- **Genealogy Road Show**, Saturday, October 3, 2015, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Central Library.
- **Introduction to Audio Recording**, Friday, October 2, 2015, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Central Branch.
- **Vacation Brag: Creating Slideshows Using Windows Movie Maker**, Friday, October 16, 2015, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Central Branch.