

## 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.

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### Heritage Week: Feb 19 through 25

The 2018 Heritage Week is February 19 through 25. The theme is "Heritage Stands the Test of Time."

<https://heritagebc.ca/events-activities/heritage-week/>

### Happy 2018 and Time to Renew

Happy new year from the Maple Ridge Family History Group team. The Family History Group is a standing committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and the group is supported through memberships to the Society. Individual memberships are \$20 and can be renewed or obtained through the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives' website:

<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/join-us/>

### 52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks

[www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52-ancestors-in-52-weeks](http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52-ancestors-in-52-weeks)

"You've worked hard on your genealogy. You've made some fantastic discoveries. But what do you actually do with it? Those discoveries don't do much good just sitting in your file cabinet or on your computer. That's where *52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks* comes in." Sign up for weekly prompts from Amy Johnson Crow, Certified Genealogist, to get you to think about an ancestor and share something about them.

### Caverhills?

Susan Sullivan recalls hearing talk of "Caverhills" at one of our meetings. If you have Caverhills in your tree please contact Susan at

[graphics@familyancestrees.com](mailto:graphics@familyancestrees.com)



City of Maple Ridge, Community Heritage Commission, and Maple Ridge Historical Society  
[www.mapleridge.ca/128/Community-Heritage-Commission](http://www.mapleridge.ca/128/Community-Heritage-Commission)

- **Maple Ridge Cemetery Walking Tour** with Erica Williams, Saturday, Feb 18, 1:00pm–3:00pm. Maple Trees at entrance to the Cemetery. Fee: By donation.
- **Heritage Property Management Plan: A Process – Webinar and Moderated Conversation**, Monday, Feb 19 at 7:00pm, Maple Ridge City Hall.
- **History Is... The Story of Banned Books** with Brian Murdoch, Wednesday, Feb 21, 7:00pm, Maple Ridge Library.
- **2018 Heritage Awards Evening**, music of Bruce Coughlan, Thursday, Feb 22 at 7:00pm St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall, Maple Ridge. Fee: Free.
- **Downtown Walking Tour** with Erica Williams, Saturday, Feb 24, 1:00pm–3:00pm. Meet by "the Beast" clock outside City Hall. Fee: By donation.

To RSVP and to pre-register call: Lisa Zosiak 604-467-7383 Email: [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca)

## Online Resources

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### FamilySearch Accounts

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

*FamilySearch* users are now required to create a free account to access records. On the December 24, 2017 *ExtremeGenes* podcast *FamilySearch* chief genealogical officer David Rencher explained the reason behind the need to set up a free account and log in. "So this is not about revenue, this is about contractual obligations that we have with our guys throughout the world. We're now in an electronic format rather than a microfilm format. ... They're requiring us to be able to identify users of their records." The login will give users online access to more images from mainly European records." Follow this link to listen to the whole podcast: <http://extremegenes.com/episode-219-chief-genealogical-officer-for-familysearch-org-on-whats-next-in-2018-janet-hovorka-on-inventorying-family-history-assets/>

### Ancestry.com and RootsWeb Security Notice

<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2017/12/23/rootsweb-security-update/>

On December 20, 2017, *Ancestry's* Information Security Team was alerted to a security breach that may affect about 55,000 subscribers who are registered on both sites. If you are one of those who lost access from that date, you may have received notification to create a new password the next time you visit *Ancestry*.

### Yukon Genealogy

<http://yukongenealogy.com>

*Yukon Genealogy*, maintained by Yukon Archives staff, is intended to help family historians search for ancestors with connections to the Yukon Territory and consists of three databases: Yukon Archives Genealogy, Speciality (deaths, professions, etc.), and Dawson City Museum Pan for Gold.

## Family History Events

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### Cloverdale Library

[www.surreylibraries.ca](http://www.surreylibraries.ca)

Register a 604-598-7327 or by email: [familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca).

- **Orientations**, Saturdays, 10:00-10:50 am, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, 2018. Pre-registration recommended. Fee: free.
- **Fun Family History Fridays**, Fri Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, 2018, 2:30-4:00 pm.
- **Digging Deeper into Family History** with Jamie Brown, Sat. Jan 13, 10:30 am-12:00 pm. Fee: Free.
- **Start Searching Your Family History** with Brenda L. Smith, 5 Saturdays: Jan 20 – Mar 24, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Fee: \$100 for the series.
- **Start Writing Your Family History** with Brenda L. Smith, 5 Saturdays: Jan 20 – Mar 24, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Fee: \$100 for the series.
- **The Lady in the Search** with Andrea Lister, Saturday Feb 17, 2018, 10:30 am – noon. Fee: \$10.
- **"Ted and Louie's Wedding": Building the Context for a Family Event** with Brenda L. Smith, March 3 2018, 1:00pm. Fee: \$10.

- **Western Canadian Land Records Unscrambled** with Brenda L. Smith, April 7, 2018, 1:00pm. Fee: \$10.

### Kelowna & District Genealogical Society

[www.kdqs.ca](http://www.kdqs.ca)

- **Harvest Your Family Tree Conference**, Sept 28-30, 2018. Details later at Kelowna and District Genealogical Society.

### Maple Ridge Public Library

[www.fvrl.bc.ca](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca)

- **Family Literacy Day**, Jan 27, 2018, 11:00am-2:00pm. The Family Literacy Day event demonstrates how families can learn, play and have fun together while developing literacy skills! The Family History Group will be there with displays and answering questions. Grab a passport and take part in the children's and adult activities and collect stamps. Hand in your completed passport for a chance to win cool prizes.
- **Preview of Haney Community History Project**, Feb 4, 2018, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Greenside Room.

### Qualicum Beach Family History Society

[www.qbfhs.ca](http://www.qbfhs.ca)

- **Unlocking The Past seminar**, April 20-21 2018, Parksville, The Beach Club Resort.

Maple Ridge Family History Group, Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018, 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

Delving Deeper into DNA  
Susan Sullivan will take us through steps to show the benefits of DNA testing with Family History Research.