

Family History Newsletter

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Family History Group Meetings

The May meeting will be May 6, 2015.

Proving Family Connections

by Annette Fulford

Recently I was asked to research the family of Henry Zart and his wife Julia Ples. All that was known about this couple was the names of their children and whom they married. I was not given any information about where they lived. I set out to learn more about this couple and find out where they were from.

I found Henry Zart with his wife and family in the 1921 Canadian Census at Vancouver. It confirmed the names of the children and approximate ages of everyone in the family. I did a search for the family at familysearch.org and learned that Henry died just a few years later in Vancouver in September 1923. His death registration indicated the family was now living at Deroche, BC. It only listed his father as C. Zart.

Next I located what I thought was Henry's wife Julia arriving in Canada with son Henry in 1911. She was listed as Julie and her son Heinrich (Henry is the anglicized version of Heinrich). It is not a very common name and the ages fit the information I found in the census records. It looked like she was travelling with other family members (Christof and Christina Zart with their daughter Christina), possibly Henry's parents and

sister but I needed to confirm these relationships. I found the same family (without Julia and her son Henry) going across the border to the US in 1913 to visit a son named Jacob Zart in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I established that Christof and Christina Zart lived in Saskatchewan by finding them in the 1916 Prairie Census at Moose Jaw. This confirmed that they didn't stay in the US with their son Jacob. Next I found a grave marker in the Regina Cemetery with the name C. Zart (1859-1924) at www.findagrave.com. Also listed on the marker was an E. Dubois (1914-1935). Was this Christof or his wife Christina and who was E. Dubois?

I still needed to confirm who Henry's parents were. I did another search for the Zart name at *FamilySearch* but this time I limited the records to just those in Canada. In the results was a probate record for Christina Zart in Saskatchewan dated 1924. This was an original record and it contained 46 pages. I was able to confirm that her husband was Christof Zart and that she had three children: sons Jacob and Heinrich and a daughter Christina. Daughter Christina was married with last name Dubois. The probate goes into great details about the children of Christof and Christina Zart and talks about where they were living and that both sons were

now deceased (as of 1924). It says the son Heinrich died in Vancouver in September 1923.

After finding the probate for Christina Zart in Regina, I thought I would try my luck with finding one for Henry in Vancouver. I found an entry for an estate record for him at the BC Archives in their textual records database and wrote down the information for future research. By chance, I looked at the records at *FamilySearch* once more and found BC Estate Files, 1859-1949 were online but they weren't indexed yet. I had to browse through the entries until I found Henry's estate file. This confirmed that his wife was Julie/Julia and gave a list of all the children they had. I was finally able to establish family connections by using a set of records that were not readily available previously.

Thomas Carlaw Steele

Thomas Carlaw Steele, a member of the Maple Ridge Family History group passed away Mar 8, 2015. In his retirement took up genealogy. He was a long time member and a tireless volunteer for the BCGS. We join his family in mourning his passing. Memorial Service 1:30, May 9, Pitt Meadows Golf Club. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/>

Online Resources

UK Pub History and historical street directory of London
<http://pubshistory.com>

The (deadpubs) pub history and historical street directory is a listing of open & closed pubs that show the address changes through time, and obviously from a historical perspective.

New at FindMyPast

www.findmypast.uk

- London, Bethlem Hospital Patient Admission Registers and Casebooks 1683-1932
- British Mariners, Trinity House Calendars 1787-1854
- Ireland Diocesan and Prerogative Marriage Licence Bonds Indexes 1623-1866
- Roll of Honour from Clacton in Essex, England, 1914-1918

England's immigrant Records 1330-1550

www.englishimmigrants.com

Fully-searchable database containing over 64,000 names of people known to have migrated to England during the period of the Hundred Years' War and the Black Death, the Wars of the Roses and the Reformation.

New at Family Search

<https://familysearch.org>

- Newfoundland Census, 1921

Family History Events

Abbotsford Stake Family History Day

abbotsfordfamilyhistory.com

- A day of speakers. 30535 Blueridge Drive, Abbotsford, BC, Saturday. May 2, 2015 8:00am to 3:30pm. Fee: \$Free.

BCGS

www.bcgs.ca

- **A day with Jill Morelli**
Saturday, May 9, 2015, At the South Arm United Church, Richmond, BC, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Fee: \$55.

Cloverdale Library

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

- **Finding your Scottish Roots** with Lorraine Irving, April 18, 2015, 10:30 am. Fee: \$10.
- **Basic Book Repair** with Kayla Powell, Monday April 20, 2015, 7:00 pm. Fee: Free.
- **Family History Orientation**, Saturday, May 9 2015, 10:00 am. Fee: Free.

Kamloops Family History Society

www.kfhs.org

- **Family History: Past and Present**, May 1 & 2, 2015 at the Calvary Community Church, 1205 Rogers Way in Kamloops, with keynote speaker Cyndi Ingle. Fee: \$100.

Langley Centennial Museum

<http://museum.tol.ca>

- **Book Design with Bill Glasgow** of William Glasgow Design, Thursday, April 16, 2015, 7:00 to 9:00pm. Fee: \$12.
- **Creating Memoirs** with Philip Sherwood of Lifewriters, Thursday, April 23, 2015, 7:00 to 9:00pm. Fee: \$12.

Pitt Meadows Library

www.fvrl.bc.ca

- **Ancestry Library Edition**, with Annette Fulford, Andrea Lister and Brenda Smith, Tuesday, Apr 14, 2015, 7:00 pm. Fee: Free.