

# Family History Newsletter

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### Family History Group Meetings

The April meeting will be April 1, 2015.

## Gathering the Ephemeral History of Family Photographs

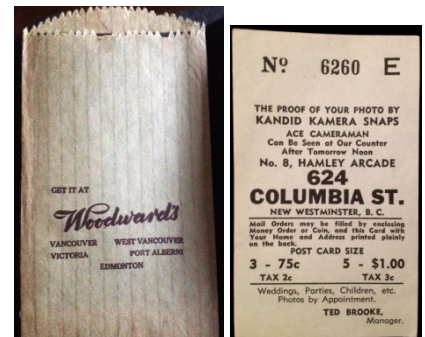
by Annette Fulford

Recently I was going through an old box of family items and I came across a collection of old film negatives that were stored in photograph bags or cardboard envelopes. Each one captured a moment in time and preserved a history of now-defunct department store or photography lab. I hadn't really thought about how my parents, grandparents or even great grandparents got their photographs developed.

We take it for granted today because we have so many options to get ours printed. We can print them at home; take them to our local drugstore or even a photography store where they can develop the images for us. But what choices did our ancestors have? It all depended on where they lived: larger cities would have places to develop images such as Eaton's or Woodward's department store; perhaps there was even a photo lab or two where they could be printed. But what choices did they have if they lived in a small town or on a farm? Did they have to wait until they went to the nearest city or could they send their negatives away by mail to be printed?

The many negatives packages I found in my grandparent's

collection, all told a story. There were several from department stores in Vancouver. The earliest one was from Woodward's, which dated sometime during the 1940s. My grandparent's moved to Milner, BC (now a part of Langley) in 1942 so this department store in Vancouver was most likely their closest option.



Courtesy of Annette Fulford

I also had several from the T. Eaton Co. Limited, British Columbia, which date to circa 1948 when Eaton's purchased the David Spencer department store in Vancouver on Hastings Street. One of the envelopes included a punch card for a free 7 x 11 enlargement once it was filled.

Another photograph envelope I found was for Del's Photo Labs at 1747 East Broadway in Vancouver. This was when my grandparents lived on 198 Street in Langley. They were living at this address in 1964 when they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. The envelope dates to the late 1950s or early 1960s.

This photo lab operated from between 1950 and 1975.

Another interesting piece of ephemeral history is a receipt for Kandid Kamera Snaps at 624 Columbia Street in New Westminster. I have several of these images in my collection, which date to the 1940s. The receipt says that the postcard images were 75 cents for 3, including 2 cents for tax or \$1.00 for 5 with 3 cents tax.

Additional information:

David Spencer, *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, [www.biographi.ca/en/bio/spencer\\_david\\_14E.html](http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/spencer_david_14E.html)

Woodward's Store Limited  
[www.hbcheritage.ca/hbcheritage/history/acquisitions/retail/woodwards](http://www.hbcheritage.ca/hbcheritage/history/acquisitions/retail/woodwards)

<http://www.historymuseum.ca/cm/exhibitions/cpm/catalog/cat2408e.shtml>

## Online Resources

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### New at Ancestry

[www.ancestry.uk](http://www.ancestry.uk)

- Northamptonshire Registers, 1813-1912
- Royal Navy, 1900-1918

### New at FindMyPast

[www.findmypast.ie](http://www.findmypast.ie)

- 7 million articles from Irish newspapers
- Lancashire, Manchester Cholera Victims 1832
- Britain, Trade Union Members, Service and Casualties
- New South Wales, Macquarie Park Cemetery Transcriptions, 1922-2001

- Queensland Immigrants nominated for passage 1884-1907
- Queensland Passage certificates 1887-1874
- Queensland Land Orders 1861-1874

### The Genealogist

[www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)

- Tithe maps for 4 counties (Middlesex, Surrey, Buckinghamshire and Leicestershire)

### Galician records Online

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

Gesher Galicia is a website for people with relatives from Galicia, formerly part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, but now split between Poland and Ukraine. Whilst the primary focus is on researching Jewish roots the records span all the ethnic and religious groups that once lived in this region.

## Family History Events

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### Abbotsford Stake Family History Day

[abbotsfordfamilyhistory.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca)

- **Family History Orientation**, Saturday, April 11, 2015, 10:00 am. Fee: Free.
- **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.

### Kamloops Family History Society

[www.kfhs.org](http://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: \$85 (early registration), \$100 after March 31.

### The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society

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

- **Spring Training Camp**, with Brenda Smith. Four workshops plus you can register for a one-on-one consultation. Saturday, Apr 11, 2015, 9:00 am to 4:15 pm. Fee: \$40 (\$35 for KDGS members), One-on-one consultations. \$12 (\$10 for KDGS members).

### Pitt Meadows Library

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

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