

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.

Family History on a Budget

by Annette Fulford

Do you think it takes a lot of money to research your family tree? Believe it or not there are quite a few ways to do your research with little or no cost to you. Here are some of the websites I use regularly and many hold copies of original documents that you can download for free.

Ancestry Library Edition

www.fvrl.bc.ca/databases.php

FOR IN LIBRARY USE ONLY. You can use Ancestry Library Edition at Fraser Valley Regional Library. It can be found under the heading Digital Content – Databases. This popular database of records world-wide can be searched and records you find in the database can be sent to your home email address for viewing and downloading copies of the original documents.

Automated Genealogy

<http://automatedgenealogy.com/index.html>

Automated Genealogy is another free website with original Canadian Census records for 1851, and 1901 through to 1911.

BC Directories at VPL

www.vpl.ca/bccd/index.php

The Vancouver Public Library has various BC Directories online from 1860s to 1955. You can look for your ancestor each year by address or by name.

BC Vital Events Index

<http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch>

The BC Vital Events index contains records of Births (1854-1903), Marriages (1872-1938) and Deaths (1872-1993). While there are a number of original records included with the database, the archives has not completely finished adding original records for all entries. Check back on a regular basis to see if they have updated the records for the entry you want. You may also be able to find copies of these original records at FamilySearch.org. They have much of the same records but are adding to them on a different schedule. Note: Marriages are indexed to 1932 and Deaths to 1986.

Bowell Funeral Home Records

www.nwheritage.org/bowell/bowell.php

The Bowell Funeral Home records online at the New Westminster Library website have records from 1932 to 1956 but the library has original records from 1911 to 1960 on site. I believe they will allow you to view records that are not online at the library. Phone the library first to make sure this is the case. I wrote an article about his database in June 2002, which is available in the genealogy section of our library in the book with the Family History newsletters. These records contain a lot of information depending on the year.

FamilySearch

<https://familysearch.org/search>

Family Search is a website run by the Mormon Church. They have world-wide indexes and many original records online that can be downloaded for free. You can search by location or just do a search for a name from the main search engine. Some records are indexed, while others you have to browse through. Check back on a regular basis because they add and index new records regularly.

Library and Archives Canada

www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/search/Pages/ancestors-search.aspx

Library and Archives Canada holds copies of original document from Canadian Census records to Military Records from WWI. There are search engines to help you locate your ancestors in Canada and you can view copies of the original census documents from 1851 to 1916. They are currently uploading copies of full WWI service records right now. You can view attestation papers for most soldiers who enlisted during WWI and full records for those with surnames A-C.

Edge Family Research Project

by Andrea Lister

In April, the Family History Group began a research project at the request of the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives to answer the question: how are

the Edge families of Maple Ridge and Langley related? Is William Edge who died at Derby during the Haney Landslide related to Samuel Edge who was first to climb Edge Peak (a summit on Golden Ears mountain)?

The tree has rapidly grown from 4 people to 59 and the number of records collected has increased accordingly. We look forward to presenting the Edge Family Project during Heritage Week in February 2016.

Online Resources

New at FindMyPast

www.findmypast.uk

- Baptism Index from Derbyshire, England, 1538-1910
- Marriage Index from Derbyshire, England, 1538-1910
- Burial Index from Derbyshire, England, 1538-1910

New at The Genealogist

www.thegenealogist.co.uk

The addition of tithe maps for Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Lancashire, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire & Yorkshire together with tithe apportionments for Wales.

Registry of Deeds Index Project

<http://irishdeedsindex.net>

The purpose of this project is to index all of the names that appear in the memorial books at the registry of deeds. The Registry of Deeds is located in Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland and is a repository of records of

wills, land transactions in Ireland and other deeds from 1709.

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

www.abbygs.ca

- **Irish Research and Determining Place of Origin** with Eunice Robertson, Thursday, May 21, 2015, 6:00pm. 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.

Langley Centennial Museum

<http://museum.tol.ca>

- **Understanding Your Publishing Options** with Lynn Duncan of Vivalogue Publishing, Thursday, May 21, 2015, 7:00 to 9:00pm. Fee: \$12.
- **Editors as Partners, not Enemies** with Andrea Lister of *Absolutely Literate*, and editor of *British Columbia History* magazine, Thursday, May 28, 2015, 7:00 to 9:00pm. Fee: \$12.

Vancouver Public Library

www.vpl.ca/programs/

- **Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition**, Sundays, May 3 and 24, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
- **Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with FamilySearch and Library and Archives Canada**, Sundays, May 10 and 31, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
- **Genealogy Workshop**, Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 2:00 – 3:30 pm.