



Family History Newsletter

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The Family History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

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Family History Group Meetings

The November meeting will be November 2, 2011.

Women's History Month in Canada

By Annette Fulford

<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/whm-mhf/index-eng.html>

October is Women's History Month in Canada. This year's theme is Women in the Canadian Military Forces.

There are many women who dedicate their lives to helping others. One such woman was nurse Frederica Wilson. Frederica was born in circa 1869 in Goderich, Ontario, the youngest child of Frederick Wilson and his wife Jane McDonald. Her father died not long after she was born. Her mother died in 1878 when she was 9. She went to live with her older sister Alice and husband Charles Naftel (according to the 1881 and 1891 Census records). She is listed as Frederica Naftel in 1881 and Frederica Wilson in 1891.

In 1899, she graduated from the Winnipeg General Hospital Training School for Nurses and went on to become a Lady Superintendent at the hospital. In 1915, while in BC on leave from the hospital, she joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force as a Nursing sister. She was 46 years old and was recorded as 5 ft 5 inches tall with dark complexion, dark eyes and grey hair on her attestation paper. Her

next of kin was N.J. Halpin of Whonnock, BC, which I believe was Nicholas John Halpin, her sister Louisa's husband. Frederica went overseas with the No. 5 Overseas General Hospital as its superintendent and later became a Matron for the unit. While overseas she also served with the No 2 General Hospital, Shorncliffe Military Hospital, and Westcliffe Eye and Ear Hospital. She returned to Canada on the Scotian in April 1919 and was headed to Whonnock.

According to the newspaper account Frederica's death in 1935, she lived at Whonnock for the remainder of her years where she "was constantly assisting any and all of her neighbours who needed care in sickness."

Family Search Labs Tip

By Annette Fulford

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

Using Family Search Labs can be daunting while viewing all the results you may get with one search. Usually, I try and narrow down the results after the search with the options given. But it won't let you narrow the info down to the exact year of birth or place this way. To narrow down results you must click on the advanced search option. This can be done from the main search page listed above or while using individual records. If you want the search engine to search for

the exact search term, then click on the box located next to the first name, last name or place name options. To have the search engine search for the exact term for everything you have included, click on the "Match all terms exactly" box.

Remember that if you don't find the records you are searching for at first, try varying the information. Names can be spelled incorrectly or the age of the person may change during the year depending on when the record was collected.

Online Resources

Scottish Census Records

You can now search the 1841 and 1851 censuses for Scotland on findmypast.co.uk.

Soldiers of First World War

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/cef/001042-100.01-e.php>

The database Soldiers of the First World War at the Library and Archives Canada now has 6,282 service files online. To view a list of these files, click on the Digitized files option. It will allow you to view up to 2000 files at a time. To view all, put an alphabet letter with * after it (such as A*) and it will show you all the files with the surnames starting with A.

Genealogy in the Classroom

www.victoriags.org

The Victoria Genealogical

Society is proud to announce the launch of a new internet based

resource for students and teachers called *Genealogy in the Classroom*. Their solution was *Genealogy in the Classroom*.

Family History Events

Delta, George Mackie Library

- **Family Curator – Taking Care of Your Family Artifacts**
Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 7:00pm–8:30pm. Drop-in.

Hope Library

- **Find Your Family in the Library** with Brenda L. Smith,
Tuesday, October 25, 2011,
7:00– 8:00pm. Drop-in.

Langley Library

- **Casting the Net: Where to Seek Your Ancestors on the Internet**, with Brenda L. Smith,
Saturday, Jan 28th 2:00pm–3:00pm. Registration required.

Surrey Libraries

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1st Saturday of every month 9:30 – 10:30am.

- **Third Annual Family History Show & Tell!** For the last 2 years we've invited people who document their family history to bring in their creations – there have been family quilts, artfully done scrapbooks, storyboards, digital collages and much more. We invite you once again to join us and bring whatever you've made to honour your ancestors. Visitors without stories are welcome to

see and listen. Note!

Participants will be strictly limited to a maximum of ten minutes talk time! Saturday, November 5, 2011, 10:30am - 12:30pm

- **Were Your People Really Irish?** with Eunice Robinson, Saturday, November 26, 2011, 10:30am – Noon. Fee: \$10.
- **Discover Your Past, Discover Yourself! An Introduction to Family History** with Laurie J.Cooke, Saturday, January 28, 2012, 10:30am – Noon. Fee: \$10.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Family History section of the Surrey Libraries website www.spl.surrey.bc.ca or call us at 604-598-7328.

Vancouver Public Library

- **Scandinavian Ancestors**, Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 7:00pm–8:30pm. Fee: Free.
- **Getting Started with the FamilySearch Website**, November 29, 2011, 2:30 pm–4:00 pm. Computer Training Room, Level 7, Central Library, Prerequisite: Basic computer and Internet skills. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. Fee: free.

For more information please contact Fine Arts and History at 604-331-3716.