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The Family History group supports members in researching their family history research.

Members have ancestors from around the globe. We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we live, work, and play is the traditional and unceded territory of the Katzie First Nation and the Kwantlen First Nation Peoples.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm virtually until further notice.

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1921 Census of England & Wales

By Annette Fulford

The 1921 UK Census was released on January 6, 2022, on the *Findmypast* website at www.findmypast.co.uk/1921-census. These records are separate from the rest of the databases at *Findmypast* and you have to pay for each indexed entry or image you view. The census was originally intended to be taken in April but was postponed until June 1921.



John and Jessie at Scarborough.

ANNETTE FULFORD COLLECTION

My great grandparents, Francis Oliver Gibson and Jeanie McCalman were British but were living in Italy since 1920 for about a year. I didn't know when they arrived back in England so they were the first family I searched for, to no avail. Francis Oliver Gibson gave his address as Via Mazzini 62, Turin, Italy on the death certificate of his father in April 1921 at Glasgow, Scotland.

Instead, I checked for family members that I knew were living in England at the time but what I found came as a surprise. I had the feeling that my grandmother's sister and her brother married people who were related but I was not 100 percent sure how. Her sister Sarah married Thomas Crichton

McCall and her brother John married Jessie Crichton Silson. Based on the fact that they both had the middle name Crichton I wondered how they were related.

Imagine my surprise when I found them living in the same household in the 1921 Census! The census page indicates that their address was 86 Shepherds Lane, Leeds, England and that they were cousins. Both Thomas McCall and his father Andrew Tod McCall were travelling salesmen for the soap company Lever Brothers. Thomas and Jessie's mothers were sisters.



Cissie and Thomas McCall.

ANNETTE FULFORD COLLECTION

When Francis Oliver and Jeanie Gibson returned to England after their stay in Italy, they moved to Leeds and were living at 79 Dorset Road. They were just a short distance away from where the Silson family was living on Shepherds Lane, a street where all three of their remaining children met their spouses.

To learn more about how to make the most out of searching the 1921 *England Wales Census*, go to <https://youtu.be/aKUi2tAxSzk> on the *Findmypast* YouTube channel.

Library and Archives Canada launches My Account

www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2022/Introducing-My-Account-your-personalized-online-space-at-LAC

Latest



"Library and Archives Canada (LAC) announces the launch of the My Account platform on its website. As part of LAC's dedicated efforts aimed at improving your web experience, this new platform allows you to personalize multiple features on a single interface. Once registered in My Account, you can research, save, and review your material from Collection Search, easily access your Co-Lab contributions, and keep track of your registrations for upcoming events. The My Research feature will enhance your interaction with our collection, offering the ability to save lists and document categories, save notes, and share your discoveries with others."

"In the future, LAC plans to add new features to the platform to better respond to your needs. For technical reasons, the URL for Collection Search has changed. Please update your bookmarks. You are invited to share your comments and feedback. To that end, as the website continues to change, we will be carrying out several user tests throughout the project. In addition to user testing, you may be invited to fill in a user satisfaction survey at the end of your visit. The information gathered will help us build our new website."

LAC will continue to move material from CollectionsCanada.gc.ca to the new platform. Archived and removed content will be reviewed and discarded or updated to reflect current technology and content policy. LAC also manages the Web and Social Media Preservation Program, which archives and preserves websites.

"Babes In the Woods" Identified

www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/babes-in-the-woods-identified-1.6352438

Vancouver Police Department announced, in mid-February, the successful identification of two homicide victims found in Stanley Park in 1953. Family history research techniques including analysis of DNA derived from a small bone fragment, helped discover the identities of brothers David and Derek D'Alton who disappeared about 1948.

While identification has been made, police are still unable to solve the mystery of their deaths. See the CBC news article for more on the progress made by police to date, and to follow up with other stories about DNA analysis and cold case investigations.

Indexing the US 1950 Census on Family Search

The US 1950 census of 150 million records is scheduled for release on April 1. FamilySearch will participate in leading a community project and is inviting online volunteers to assist in making the 1950 US census searchable for family historians.

The new FamilySearch indexing tool will be launched at RootsTech the first week of March. Visit this page for an overview of indexing, and an interactive guided tour. www.familysearch.org/indexing

2022 Maple Ridge Heritage Awards Presented

By Gina Leigh

www.mapleridge.ca/240/Heritage-Awards

Sheila Nickols Award

Andrea Lister received the 2022 Sheila Nickols Award from the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission. Andrea's award recognizes her redesign of the Maple Ridge Family History Group webpage and her contributions to the group's newsletter. She brings her considerable skills to showcasing the work of the Family History Group and to making family and community history more accessible to the public.



Andrea Lister received the 2022 Sheila Nickols Award.

PHOTOGRAPHER: OLIVER RATHONYI FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE

The exciting new look for the MRFHG page, hosted on the Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives website, includes portals for our newsletter, community history projects, family history activities, and the Local Voices program. The page also features a video, co-created by Andrea, with an introduction to many aspects of our group's history and activities.

www.mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/family-history

Andrea is co-editor of the newsletter which includes writing articles and sourcing genealogical content. She applied for ISSN numbers from Library and Archives Canada meaning copies of our newsletter will be permanently deposited with LAC to form part of the historical archive.

Andrea has a decades-long interest in family and community history. She has published books based on her own research and, in her professional capacity, serves as editor for the BC history and genealogical history books of others. Andrea served as editor of *British Columbia History* magazine for 10 years. She is active on the provincial history stage as a presenter at numerous conferences and workshops.

History Hero Award

The Maple Ridge Family History Group was recognized with a History Hero Award. The group was nominated for outstanding contribution to the recognition of Maple Ridge in its historical context.



Some members of the Maple Ridge Family History Group at the wharf.

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In addition to helping people explore and document their own family history, the group has been telling the stories of early Maple Ridge families through research and various publication forms. In previous years four projects were undertaken that describe the family ties that brought four individual families together in our region to build the foundations of this community

The group's most recent project, *On The River: The Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge*, tells the story of the early fisher families of Maple Ridge. This is the first project that has been designed from the beginning as both a digital display and a physical form. It is on display at the library until the end of March.

The MRFHG has been a Standing Committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society for over 20 years.

Presentation of the 2022 Maple Ridge Community Heritage Awards was virtual again this year, and can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/wLViCH9oDsk>



Community Cookbook Indexing Project

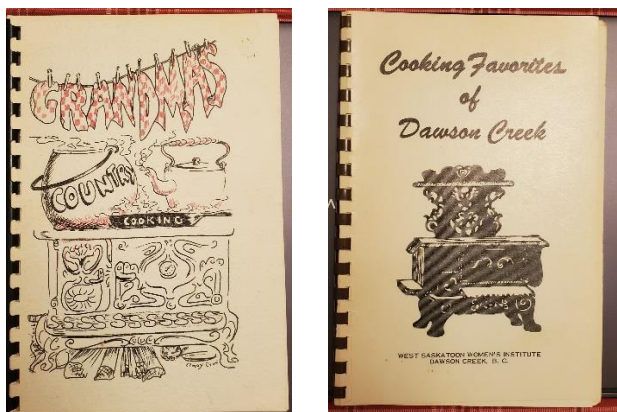
By M. Diane Rogers

Some years ago I found myself paging through an old community style cookbook and realized these recipes were personal – each had the name of someone who created or produced it or was glad to share it. Some donors were remembering the person who used it before them – often a grandma, an aunt, a mum, a sister. Since I was already indexing lots of books and documents, I thought ‘Why not?’ Next thing I knew – I had a cookbook collection!

I index the contributors’ names and address as given, along with the recipe title and page #, along with any notes I want to include, like “Family Recipe- From 50 YR Old Letter”. Some of the indexes have been published as articles and I am updating my database which I hope to share online soon.

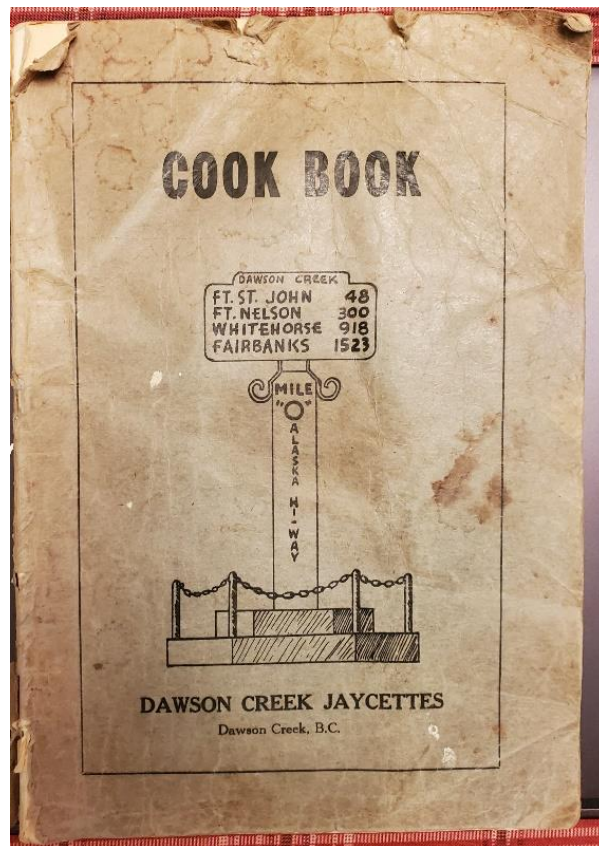
If you have any cookbooks with the names of contributors you may want to do the same. I indexed and scanned my mum’s and grandmother’s recipe collections too. (I included a few in my 2021 family memories Advent calendar.)

Cookbooks put together by local organizations can give us a sense of ‘who was who’ in the area, and you may be able to identify friends and neighbours. The recipes themselves give us ideas about everyday cooking, and ‘dress up’ recipes too. We see ‘tried and true’ recipes recommended, but often you get a sense of what’s new in the kitchen and now available at local stores, or sometimes, from the land and sea.



Most of my cookbooks are from BC – that’s still my main focus. I already had a few from Manitoba and Ontario, courtesy of my Mum and Na and, yes, I’ve acquired a few more. I look for cookbooks that include Canadians and Canadian recipes, for e.g. “Old and New British Recipes... (published as a fundraiser

by the British War Relief Association of Northern California in 1940, and I’ve been known to dip into local newspapers looking for recipes with known contributors too. Some were published later as in the annual Woodward’s recipe books or, my current favourite, the ‘Tropic Isle’ books. In the 1950s, Tropic Isle Coconut of Vancouver, BC paid contributors \$25 for a recipe they published, a very tidy sum then!



Puddings Are Us

Sharing Comfort Food from the Kehler and Nock Family Kitchens

By Brenda L. Smith

Twenty-eight years ago, standing in the Tudor kitchens of Hampton Court Palace, I grasped the relationship of ancestral foods and tastes with the foods I prepare and enjoy eating. The scents, textures and flavours that I respond to can help me understand my connections to those who lived farther from me on the branches of my family tree.

The recipes I share here are for dishes I have made since I was a child. They are my invitation to you to think about how your food inclinations offer glimpses of connections to your ancestors. Bon appétit! Priyatnogo appetite! Guten appetit!



**Bill and Dorothy
Kehler 2000.**

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William “Bill” Kehler

Bill Kehler worked on the building of the Alaska Highway during

the Second World War. Trucking up the muddy, dangerous trail day after day, he learned to prepare a couple of nutritious puddings that would see him between construction camp cook houses. Later, Bill sold Watkins Products and “Pure Vanilla Extract” became an essential ingredient. When he married Dorothy in 1945, he did not choose his bride for her culinary skill; she could make toast and tea but not much more. Bill taught her his two standby recipes, and I learned them as I grew to be the family cook. Both recipes can be made larger by adding proportions of one egg and one cup of milk to each additional cup of rice or bread. Our preferred accompaniment is thick, fresh cream.

RICE PUDDING

Cook a pot of rice. Start with 1 cup of rice and 2 cups of water, and a little salt. Bring to a boil, and keep on low heat until steamed through and all water is absorbed. This gives about 3 cups of cooked rice. For each cup of cooked rice, stir in about one cup of milk to the pot and mix well until hot but not boiling. Stir in some raisins or chopped apples, sugar to taste (brown sugar is good), and cinnamon. Beat well 1 large egg for each cup of milk, stir in vanilla extract. Put a little hot rice mixture into the eggs and stir well to warm the eggs. Then add the rest of the rice mixture, stirring well. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, or cool with thick cream.

BREAD PUDDING

Butter a deep baking dish. Break up into bite-sized chunks about ten or twelve slices of bread. Add raisins, chopped apples, semi-sweet chocolate chips, or berries to taste. In a saucepan, heat 3 cups of milk with 1 cup of brown sugar until bubbles form around edge of pan and milk steams. Beat well 1 large egg for each cup of milk. Put a little hot milk into the eggs and stir well to heat eggs. Stir in the rest of the milk and add vanilla and cinnamon to taste. Pour over bread chunks and fruit till covered. Dot generously with dabs of butter. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake in

350° F oven about 40 to 50 minutes until knife inserted in custard comes out clean, and the top is crusty. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, or cool with thick cream.

Dorothy Louise (Nock) Kehler

Dorothy developed a basic repertoire of recipes encouraged by the *Five Roses Guide to Good Cooking* that she was given as a wedding shower gift. Bill and Dorothy became snowbirds in 1988 and she gave me most of her cook books then, although not the now tattered *Five Roses* stand-by. I discovered Dorothy’s recipe for Christmas pudding pencilled on a back page of the *Dawson Creek Jaycettes Cook Book* published sometime in the 1950s. This pudding benefits from a month or so of ageing, wrapped in baking paper and stored in a cool, dry place.

STEAMED CARROT PUDDING

1¼ cups flour
½ tsp. baking soda
¾ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
½ cup shortening
½ cup brown sugar
1 egg beaten
1 tbsp. water
½ cup chopped nuts
1 cup grated carrot
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
¼ cup chopped dates

Blend shortening and sugar til creamy. Add egg, water, carrots, nuts, lemon rind, and dates. Mix in dry ingredients. Put batter into buttered ovenproof dish. Cover with waxed paper [or parchment] and overlay with a layer of aluminium foil to prevent steam from getting into package. Steam in a large, covered kettle of simmering water for 1 hour.

Dorothy served this pudding with Spicy Vanilla Sauce, adapted from *Watkins Cook Book*, The J.R. Watkins Co., 1938.

1 cup brown sugar
¼ tsp. nutmeg
⅛ tsp. allspice
1 tbsp. flour
1 cup boiling water
2 tbsp. butter or more
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix dry ingredients, rub in butter. Add water. Cook until thickened. Cool and add vanilla. Serve over pudding, slightly warmed.



Beverly Joan Nock
1947.

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Beverly Joan (Nock Alexander) Crampton was Dorothy's younger sister. She was taught to cook by her grandmother Ada Louisa (Davis) Pugh and her mother Adeline Dorothy (Pugh) Nock. In the West Saskatoon Women's Institute Cooking Favorites of Dawson Creek, Bev shared the family recipe for Yorkshire pudding.



**Bert Nock with
Adeline and Ada
Pugh (back row left
to right) and Vera
Pugh (front) circa
1924.**

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YORKSHIRE PUDDING WITH SAVOURY OPTION

2 eggs, separated
5 tbsp. flour
1 cup milk
salt and pepper
1 large onion finely chopped, optional

Beat egg whites stiff and set aside. Mix egg yolks, milk, flour, and seasoning together. Add onion. Fold in egg whites. Pour excess fat out of roaster in which roast beef has been cooked. Pour pudding mixture into pan. Bake 20 minutes at 375° F oven. Serve at once with gravy made from roast drippings.

Brenda Louise (Kehler) Smith



**Brenda Louise (Kehler)
Smith.**

BRENDA L. SMITH
COLLECTION

I began my culinary career at the age of two by shelling peas, working up to cooking the vegetables for family meals. By the age of twelve, I was preparing daily meals for our family of five. I thank my teacher and family friend Mabel

Rogers for teaching me to make baked custard.

BAKED CUSTARD

3 cups milk
3 eggs
¼ cup sugar
vanilla
nutmeg

In a large bowl, beat eggs and set aside. In a saucepan over medium heat, scald milk and sugar, stirring continuously until bubbles form around edge of pan and milk steams. Put a little hot milk into the eggs and stir well to heat eggs. Stir in the rest of the milk and add vanilla. Sprinkle the top generously with nutmeg.

Pour into an ovenproof baking dish or individual ramekins. Set the dish(es) in a larger, deep pan and pour boiling water into the outer pan (the water bath controls the heat and yields a tender custard). Bake in 350° F oven about 35 to 40 minutes until knife inserted in custard comes out clean.

While We Are Apart...

By Brenda L. Smith

In this column in the January 2022 newsletter, we read Linda Sanford's Christmas letter eloquently describing how one small neighbourhood in BC has endured the pandemic and climate disaster over the past year. Linda's husband Barrie is a railway historian. While I have worried so much about my friends through two evacuations and recovery processes, I have also fretted to think about the great potential for losing the tangible evidence of not just their family and professional history. At the

beginning of wildfire season we lost two museums. So my concern is for all the documents and memorabilia that represent our family and community story.

As family historians we take on the task of recovering and interpreting the lives of our ancestors. And when we accept custody of the often fragile, tangible evidence in the form of photographs, personal writing, and treasured belongings, we are also accepting the responsibility of protecting them from harm.

We can make good choices about how we store the evidence we have collected, analyzed and reported. We can ensure that digitized materials are safely backed up. Ensure that your digital records are regularly transferred for accessibility on modern media. We can share compilations of our findings with family members and repositories such as archives and local museums. We can think ahead and learn about what to do if disaster strikes.

Make a plan now that prioritizes what needs to go with you as the ground shakes, and what can be rescued later. You won't have time to think when a pipe burst in the basement. Start now to choose storage materials that can be easily moved and organized by what must go with you first and fast.

There are some resources that can help us prepare for the possibility of flood, rodents, and extreme temperatures. Educate yourself about optimum storage and recovery best practice. My first go-to for all topics, conservation, preservation, and risk management is the Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) www.canada.ca/en/conservation-institute Portions of this site are intended for museum and archives professionals, but don't let that stop you from delving into this useful information. CCI also has a library of videos to inform and educate about services and techniques www.canada.ca/en/conservation-institute/services/videos

You may also call your local museum/archives to talk directly with staff who can either help you with your problem or refer you to specialized advisors. The bottom line is: make a plan, take action, and hope for the best.

Alberta McNamara coordinates Maple Ridge Family History Group programs. Her creative approach to this task encourages members and guests to revisit their research to focus on specifics that often end up in our "do it later" files. Here she offers her thoughts

on the ways that she is helping members share their research results.

Alberta McNamara

For several years I have been coordinating the Short Program for our monthly meetings. This has been both challenging and rewarding. I'm always grateful for the input received from our members.

Two of the programs offered recently were particularly interesting because of enthusiastic as well as hesitant participation.

December 2021 was a shared topic, encouraging input for giving a family history Christmas gift. My thought was what an interesting way to share family history. The meeting was buzzing with ideas from framed pedigree charts, picture collages, craft inspired ideas such as embroidery or cross stitch cushion covers to passing on of family heirlooms. Another great idea was to put together a story of one family, focusing on an interesting aspect of their life, such as immigrating to another country for a new start. It could easily be told using PowerPoint or by a printed booklet format.

Keeping in mind, that my family is only mildly interested in family history, I shared my concept of wanting to do a different type of pedigree chart, focusing on one family only. I wanted something different from the usual boxes and connecting lines. Suggestions were abundant from using PowerPoint templates to directing me to websites such as Family Tree Maker and PaintShop Pro and even offers to help in creating an innovative design.

I'm well on my way to highlighting my Orr Family and have saved my file as "The Christmas Gift That Keeps on Giving". This is just the beginning!

Next, we had the January New Year's Challenge – What Makes You, You. The theme was an imagine approach of a future family historian finding you and the desire to know more about you beyond the regular records available. Members were asked to think of three aspects of their life that would give this researcher an insight to them.

I sensed some hesitancy at the January meeting and thought I might be the only participant. To my delight, the group slowly started to open up about parts of their lives. As the stories started to unfold, we were amazed by interesting and unusual events

shared by the group. What we took away from the exchange was that only you can tell your story and how special that story will be for future generations.

Our monthly meetings have become more interactive as members volunteer to do either a short presentation or just talk about where they are with their research and guest speakers contribute a variety of family history research topics.

Gina Leigh has researched the Leigh family in Cheshire England for many years and finally broke through a long standing brickwall. Here she shows us another example of her generous sharing of her research with family members.

Gina Leigh

For many years I've been unable to get past the stumbling block that was John Leigh. The name Leigh is common in the southeast of Cheshire county in England, and "John Leigh" was not distinctive enough to narrow the search.

From censuses and vital records I had traced John to his 1822 marriage to Elizabeth Turner. At that time, and through the 1841 to 1871 censuses, John lived in Wistaston. His birth year was about 1792. John's birth location was usually given as either Wistaston or the registration district of Nantwich, and as a result I thought he was probably born there. We know where assumptions get us!

Finally (one might say) I took the time to investigate the birth location he gave in 1861 which was Barthomley. I was also able to search in Find My Past for parish registers which were not on other genealogical sites I have usually accessed. Well, Barthomley was the key. A search for John Leigh in Barthomley, birth year 1792, resulted in a christened on December 30, 1792 at Haslington, Barthomley, and happily included that John Leigh was born November 29, 1792 to Richard and Mary Leigh.

I searched for other children born to Richard and Mary Leigh and christened in Haslington, Barthomley with an expanding range of birth years and located four other children. (Possibly more, however because of the birth years I think they belong to a different Richard and Mary Leigh couple.) Through a lot of cross-referencing with information I already had and with the names that

came to light, I am confident (dare I use that word!) that I have the correct family unit.

I have yet to search further but am excited about taking the family back another generation and finally breaking through this brickwall.

Chris Hay is a diligent and determined researcher who has discovered the most amazing chapters of his family history. Here he brings us another example of sharing his research experience in this newsletter contribution.

George Bowness – Master Carter of Liverpool

By Chris Hay

For centuries as the large cities of England grew in both size and power, they attracted many new workers from the many villages and towns in the outlying areas. Ambitious individuals of various ages came to fulfill their dreams of increased wealth and independence which might otherwise never be achieved had they remained in rural areas.

George Bowness was one such person who had arrived in Liverpool as a young man. George was born in the village of Beetham, Westmoreland on 29 November 1799 to John Bowness and Mary Theckston. It appears that George had arrived in Liverpool by the early 1820s. It is not known whether George's parents and other family members had also come to Liverpool or if George had arrived alone. Although there were possibly other children in this family, no other siblings have yet been identified.

The 'Bowness' surname is believed to have originated from the village of Bowness in the old county of Westmoreland, England and the name was generally confined to that county in early records. This is a relatively uncommon name in Liverpool, and often appears in earlier records in a wide variety of alternate spellings such as Bonus, Bonis, Bonas, and Boonas. The many different spellings were a result of the different interpretations that various officials had written on official documents probably according to the way the name had sounded to them.

George Bowness married Eleanor Waugh in Cartmel, Lancashire 18 February 1822. They likely

had settled in Liverpool a few years later going by the date of their first child, daughter Mary Bowness born in 1827. By the 1841 census, eight other children followed.

During the early 1820s the City of Liverpool had one of the largest and busiest seaports in England. Its docks were very busy with the shipping of many goods including wheat and corn. Plenty of work was available for new labourers and it was there that George Bowness would soon, after making what would become several new close friendships, begin a new long and successful business career as a carter.

Shortly after his arrival in Liverpool it appears that George Bowness was to have made the acquaintance of Nathan Singleton,, an established carter on the Liverpool docks. It was likely that George gained a great amount of experience with the carting trade through his long association with this successful friend The occupation of carter was the earlier horse-drawn term for a truck driver. Thomas Haythornthwaite, another close friend working the docks, had also appeared at this time and about 1853 these three individuals had formed a carting company called Knight, Bowness and Singleton Cartage Company.

The successful cartage company continued for over ten years with the George Bowness family through the death of partner Nathan Singleton and the later withdrawal from the company of close friend Thomas Haythornthwaite. Following the death of George Bowness 05 September 1864 the family business passed to his wife and children as stated in his will.

It is not often that one can find history of an early family business such as this but early census records and trade directories help to open windows on this early family business. It is possible that even more information can be found as to how long the family business of Knight, Bowness and Singleton Cartage Company lasted in its various forms. Piecing together the story not only provides an interesting family story but also provides an interesting look at one of the important early trades that helped to make the Liverpool docks one of the greatest seaports in England.

Olive Tree Genealogy Founder Lorine McGinnis Schulze has Passed Away

<https://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2022/02/lorine-mcginnis-schulze-1946-2022.html>



Lorine Olive McGinnis Schulze Massey of *Olive Tree Genealogy* died suddenly February 16, 2022.

Lorine's husband, Brian Massey wrote on Facebook: "It was Lorine's wish that Olive Tree Genealogy live on. So I will continue to maintain the Olive Tree family of Websites with the hope that they will continue to provide a valuable genealogy resource for many years to come."

Maple Ridge Historical Society AGM

<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/>

Mark your calendar! You are invited to the Annual General Meeting to hear about the business and events of the past year! Join the Maple Ridge Historical Society through Zoom on Sunday, March 20, 2022, at 4:00pm.

The Family History Group is a standing committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and we encourage, but do not require, that our members join the society. Reminder that memberships are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for a family.



You are Invited!

**Maple Ridge
Historical Society
Annual
General
Meeting**

Join us over Zoom on Sunday March 20th at 4:00 pm
Zoom link can be found on our website mapleridgemuseum.org
We will review our amazing 2021 year!
All are welcome but only current members will have voting powers.



Online Resources

Archives of Ontario

www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/access/digitized_microfilm_collections_on_familysearch.aspx

The Archives of Ontario has digitized some of their most popular microfilm collection through a partnership with *FamilySearch*. These records are free through their website and includes: pre-1930 wills and estate files; immigration records, and records for Ontario.

Chinese Canadian records

<https://past-presence.com/2022/02/22/over-5k-new-chinese-canadian-records-are-now-online-at-heritage-canadiana/>

Héritage Canadienne (HC) has released almost 5700 digitized Chinese Immigration no. 9 certificates from the Port of Vancouver, 1928-1930. The images come from two sequential microfilms held at Library and Archives Canada (LAC): T-16603 and T-16604.

Linda Yip of *Past Presence* shows you how to access them and shares some thoughts the collection.

Napoléon Military Muster Roll Registers

<https://en.geneanet.org/genealogy/blog/post/2022/01/searching-the-napoleon-military-muster-roll-registers>

Did your ancestor fight for Napoléon? Learn how to effectively search the *Geneanet* database of a million-plus of Napoléon's soldiers.

Geneanet, has a volunteer project indexing the muster roll registers of Napoléon's soldiers. Late last year, they reached the milestone of 1 million soldiers indexed.

BC Regional Digitized History

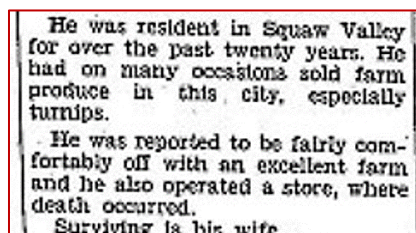
www.bcrdh.ca

British Columbia Regional Digitized History (BCRDH), based at University of British Columbia Okanagan, is the home for Digitized Okanagan History and Kootenay/Columbia Digitized History.

These two collections consist of historical sources belonging to community heritage institutions in the Okanagan, Shuswap, Similkameen, Boundary, West and East Kootenay, and Columbia regions. The site includes a Toolkit that provides a glossary of digital terminology, and "Teaching Primary Source Literacy". The blog introduces personnel and collections.

Brenda Smith notes:

"I am thrilled to be back to reading the *Vernon News* for information about my great great uncle Frank Nock who lived north of Lumby, BC from 1912 until his death in 1939. Over those years the Lumby correspondents and the "Town and District" column in later years give me glimpses of Frank's life that alleviate the otherwise opaque view of his participation in his north Okanagan community."



Vernon News, August 24, 1939, p. 9.

Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives

www.agra.org.uk/podcasts

AGRA has a number of family history podcasts and factsheets

on a variety of topics available for download. The February broadcast was *Poor Law, Settlement Records and Workhouses*.

Jewish Historical Records

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/02/myheritage-adds-28-collections-of-jewish-historical-records/>

MyHeritage has published 5.8 million records from 28 historical record collections of Jewish historical records. The collections span the 18th–21st centuries and contain vital records such as birth, marriage, death, as well as tax, voter, immigration, and obituary records, from Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Germany, Hungary, the U.S., the U.K., Ireland, and more.

The Shared cM Investigator tool

<https://blog.dnapainter.com/blog/put-your-sibling-tests-to-work-with-the-shared-cm-investigator/>

Intended for those who have siblings tested, but not the parents of those siblings, the tool uses segments and a simple mathematical equation to estimate how much DNA the parent might have shared with a match. Jonny Perl, creator, explains how it works.

Ten Facts about Irish Workhouses

<https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/ten-facts-about-irish-workhouses>

"The workhouse or poorhouse, the most-feared institution in Ireland, has many a local story to tell. Rising to infamy during the Great Famine, few realise how long they were around before that, or how many of them are still extant today."

There's much to discover in workhouse records.

Family History Events

American Ancestors

www.americanancestors.org/events

- **Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy**, with James Heffernan, Carolyn Kohlman, JGSG, Rhonda R. McClure, and Melanie McComb. Live Broadcasts Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. EST. Fee: \$115 US.
- **An American Meeting: The Irish and Jews in the Nation's Urban Caldron**, March 17, 2022, 3:00 pm EST. Free
- **Virginia Genealogy: Go-To Published Resources**, with Kyle Hurst, March 24, 2022, 3:00 pm EST. Free

BCGS

www.bcg.ca/bcgs-events

- **Going Beyond Basics: Chinese Genealogy**, with Linda Yip, (Zoom) March 3, 2022, 10:00 am to 11:00 am.
- **Meeting and AGM**, with Alex Douglas, *History of the Mount Seymour Ski Club*, (Zoom) March 9, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Guild of One-Name Studies

<https://one-name.org/chancery/>

- **Hiding in the Chancery Cupboard**, with Sue Swalwell. March 9, 2022, 7.30 pm GMT. Available to both members and to non-members. Free. Registration required.

RootsTech 2022

www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/

- Unlimited access to over 1,500 sessions, March 3–5, 2022, Virtual, Free.

THE Genealogy Show

<https://thegenealogyshow.uk/>

- **Spring Event**, 50+ speakers, plus exhibitors, articles, games, and competitions. April 1–3, 2022, virtual event. Fee: £20

Qualicum Beach Family History Society

www.qbfhs.ca/category/speakers/

Fee: Free for members, \$10 for non-members. Via Zoom, register to get the link.

- **The Fort at Yorke Island, 1937–1945** with Catherine Gilbert, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7pm via Zoom.
- **Beyond Names and Dates: Filling in The Stories of Our Female Ancestors**, with Pam Vestal, Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 7:00 pm.
- **The Orphan Train Movement**, with Jill Morelli, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:00 pm.
- **Breaking Down Brick Walls**, with Lisa S. Gorrell, Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 7:00 pm..

Strathcona County Library

Zoom program, registration required.

www.sclibrary.ca/calendar?month=2022-03

- **Family Tree Trackers: Intellectual Property - Yours and Mine**, with Brenda Smith, Thursday, March 10, 2022, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm MST. Free.
- **Prison and Court records Ireland, England, Canada**, with Andrea Lister, April 14, 2022, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm MST. Free.

Your DNA Guide

www.yourdnaguide.com/webinar

- **Your DNA Guide—the Webinar** with Diahan Southard, March 10, 2022, 2:00 pm EST. Free

Ulster Historical Foundation

www.rootsireland.ie/2022/02/uhf-online-genealogy-course-march-2022/

- **Irish Genealogy Essentials**, 21 pre-recorded lectures, four live "Q and A" sessions with the

course lecturers, downloadable lecture handouts and reading list OR sign up for individual modules. Fee: £374.99 or £74.99 for modules.



The Family History Group is a standing committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and we encourage, but do not require, that our members join the society.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, 7pm on Zoom until further notice. Email us at: mrfamilyhistory@gmail.com for information on how to join the meeting.

March 2, 2022: Canadian Ports and Train Stations 1900-1940s

Presentation by Annette Fulford illustrating all the Canadian Ports through a series of postcards.

April 6, 2022: FamilySearch: Be A Power User

Presentation by Jeannie Vance, Director of the Surrey BC Family History Centre. FamilySearch is always changing, always adding records and features. This presentation will explore some of the changes and update you on some exciting new features; show all the places where records can be located on FamilySearch; and offer tips on searching the records more effectively.

Have something to share? There's always time to hear about an exciting new find or an interesting family story.