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## 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. 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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### A Visit to Two Manitoba Cemeteries

By Gina Leigh

Research over the past few years has revealed new branches of my husband's family tree. Thus, a holiday to Manitoba this summer included a stop at two cemeteries to locate the grave markers of some of those family members.

Minnedosa is a bustling community with a long history, about a forty-minute drive north of Brandon. The clerk at the town hall had helpfully provided the plot locations in the Minnedosa Cemetery for Hannah Greenlaw and her husband Thomas Turner, my husband's maternal great great-grandparents. I've been to this cemetery several times however I hadn't previously explored this section. I was happy to also find the graves of some of the Turner descendants nearby.



Grave marker for Thomas Turner, Hannah Turner (Greenlaw), and Thomas Turner, 2022.

PHOTO BY GINA LEIGH

In the early 1880s Thomas and Hannah came to Manitoba from Simcoe County, Ontario with Hannah's brother Robert Greenlaw and his wife Elizabeth Campbell. Both families farmed in nearby Clanwilliam before the Turners moved to the larger Minnedosa in their advancing years.

A fifteen minute drive north of Minnedosa brought us to Clanwilliam to locate the graves of Robert and Elizabeth Greenlaw, Hannah's brother and sister-in-law. Although the town is much smaller than when the Greenlaws and Turners

lived there, the two cemeteries have always been well maintained when I've visited, and new burials are evident. My focus was the Clanwilliam United Church Cemetery.

Robert had been a prosperous farmer and had been involved in the political life of Clanwilliam. As with the Turners in Minnedosa Cemetery, markers of Greenlaw descendants were nearby. Robert and Elizabeth's marker stands in the centre of the plot which is ringed with marble posts which appear to have been linked with chains at one time.

## Review Past Research

By Annette Fulford

Recently, I was reminded of the value of reviewing your research after a couple years. I received an email from someone who was interested in my Barna family. She found an article I had written for the *Maple Ridge Family History Newsletter* back in 2008 about my grandfather's family from Hungary and wondered if we were connected. ("Uncovering My Maternal Ancestry", June 2008).

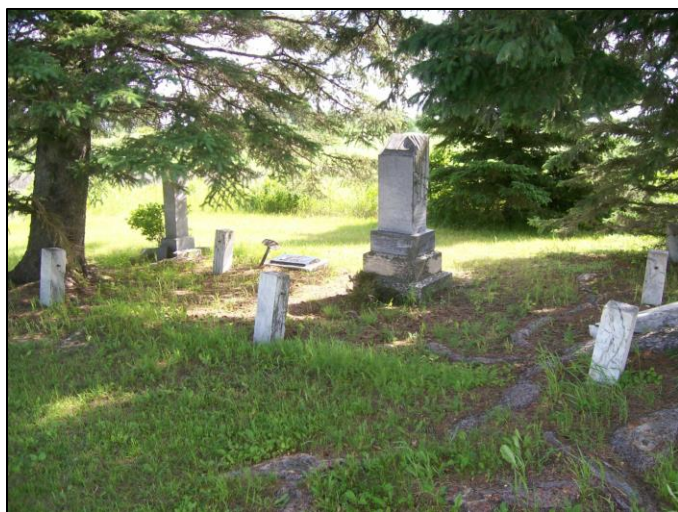
One of the reasons I was able to research my maternal family history was because of the small paper trail left by my grandfather's brother Mihaly Barna, who was born in Urmenyhaza, Hungary in July 1883. He arrived in North America in 1907 on the ship Pannonia and was headed to Lethbridge, Alberta to a relative named Janos Barna.

The passenger list contained the vital clue I needed to trace my Barna family—the name of the town he was from in Hungary. It was when he crossed the border in 1912, that he confirmed his relationship to my grandfather, who was living in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Mihaly was headed to Chicago, Illinois.

Over the course of our exchanges, the other researcher located a document that I had never seen before about my great uncle. It was his US Naturalization papers which date between 1919–1927. His *Petition for Naturalization* as Mike Barna, a miner was filed in Springfield, Illinois in 1919 and states his address was in Auburn, Illinois but his *Declaration of Intention* was filed in Mount Harris, Routt County, Colorado by 1920. Despite having additional information about him, he still eluded me in the census records.

I had to locate him in other types of records. I started my search in Springfield, Illinois. The first item that caught my eye was a 1942 draft card that matched the info I'd already discovered about him. It gave his address as 118 ½ N 7th St, Springfield and he worked for the Mine B Coal Company. As I scrolled down further, I also located another draft card, but this one was from the First World War. In 1918 he was living on 732 Bogart Street, Clinton, Vermillion, Indiana and worked as miner for the Jackson Hill Coal Company. This card said his nearest relative was his brother Steve in Canada.

All these documents had the same birthdate, some listed his actual place of birth, some just the country

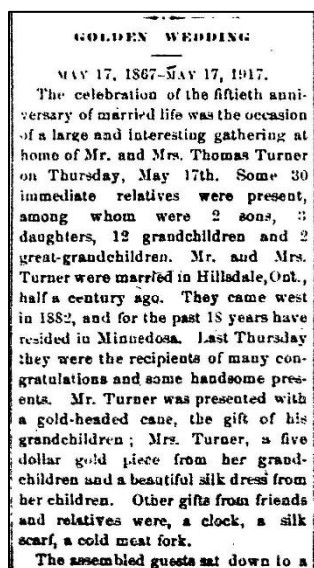


Grave marker for Robert and Elizabeth Greenlaw, 2022.

PHOTO BY GINA LEIGH

Thomas and Hannah Turner celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 17, 1917; an article in the *Minnedosa Tribune* reported on the anniversary festivities.

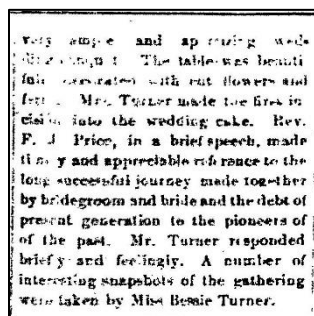
Thomas and Hannah Turner were married for fifty-six years before Hannah died in 1923.



"Golden Wedding",  
*Minnedosa Tribune*, May 24,  
1917, 3.

Thomas and Hannah  
Turner.

FROM COLLECTION OF GINA  
LEIGH





but all had the same signature. Would I be able to find more info on him?

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER	1581	ORDER NUMBER	1153
1. NAME		Barna	
2. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:		732 Bogart St. Chicago, Ill.	
Age in Years	Date of Birth		
36	July 22 1883		
RACE			
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
5	6	7	8
U. S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant
10	11	12	13
15. If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?		Hungarian	
PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME	
16. mmer		17. Jackson Hill	
18. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:		Chicago, Ill.	
19. Name		Steve Barna	
20. Address		Gibson, Canada	
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
P. M. G. O.		Mike Barna	
Form No. 1 (Red)		#2-0171 (Registrant's signature or thumb)	

#### Mike Barna in the U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

ANCESTRY.COM. U.S., WORLD WAR I DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS, 1917-1918 [DATABASE ON-LINE]. PROVO, UT, USA: ANCESTRY.COM OPERATIONS INC, 2005

My next record to search was the directories. I was able to track him in Springfield in quite a few starting in 1950. By the time I was finished I had located him in directories from 1934 to 1956. But where do I go next?

I changed focus and looked for people who died in Springfield, Illinois with his name on FamilySearch. I found one reference to a Michael Barna, age 76, who died there in November 1959. With a bit more research I was able to locate his obituary in an Illinois newspaper. It said he was buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Springfield. I searched up the cemetery and found that it was a German Catholic Cemetery. My family was German Catholics from Hungary so I believe I may have found his final resting place. I am hoping the cemetery will be able to confirm my research.

It is beneficial to update your research every couple of years because you never know when a new record will be the catalyst to help you discover more about your family.

## Technology Talk: Top 6 Reasons to Digitize Your Home Movies

By Deborah Ross

Deborah Ross is the owner of Flashback In Time Personal Photo Organizing. She specializes in organizing and digitizing printed photos, documents, negatives, slides and video, along with digital photo organizing. [flashbackintime.ca](http://flashbackintime.ca).



Old home movies, whether they are on 8mm film or VHS tapes, contain priceless footage of events throughout our lives. They allow us to revisit moments with loved ones and hear their voices no matter how long it has been. So, it makes sense that we would want to preserve these captured moments from our personal history for as long as possible – digitizing them is key to their longevity.

Many people have a collection of videotapes or film reels stashed away in their attic or basement, where they have been for decades. If this sounds like you, you might think that they're perfectly safe since they've been there for so long and nothing bad has happened. Or maybe having your home movies digitized is something you want to do but it is on the back burner because "hey, what's another few years?" The fact is if you truly value the memories housed within those tapes, digitizing them should be a top priority.

### Analog media was never designed to last forever

Over time, magnetic tape (what is in VHS and camcorder tapes) and 8mm/16mm film will degrade. Movie film is made using a variety of chemicals, and those chemicals begin breaking down shortly after footage is recorded. It can become dry & physically break apart, the colours can blend, it can develop mould and actually start to smell really bad (vinegar syndrome).

Meanwhile, VHS and camcorder tapes will naturally lose their magnetic properties over time, especially if not stored correctly. One day you may put your tape into a player and part of the footage will be discoloured, distorted or completely missing.

Converting your videotapes to digital solves this problem because digital files never degrade; so the sooner you digitize your home movies, the better quality footage you'll have.

### ***Mother Nature can take your memories away!***

Whether it be a flood, a fire, or a hurricane — these memories are one of a kind and all sorts of natural disasters can ruin your home movies forever. Insurance can't cover the memories lost when a tape is ruined due to water damage or the film is burnt to a crisp. Digital files can easily be stored on a computer, flash drive, or even the cloud. Back-ups are so simple to make that you'll have one less thing to think about should disaster strike.

### ***Home movie wear and tear***

If home movies aren't stored properly, there are several things that can put your movie memories at risk. Dust and other debris lead to scratches on tapes and film, moisture causes warping, sunlight causes images to fade away, fluctuations in temperature and humidity leads to further deterioration, and the list goes on. In fact, every time a videotape is played some loss of quality occurs. Digital video files do not succumb to any form of wear and tear, preserving your memories for life.

### ***What's a VCR?***



**VHS tapes and VCR.**

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When was the last time you actually enjoyed your home videos? It can be pretty difficult these days to even find equipment that will play your obsolete video media. Not to mention, faulty projectors and VCRs have been known to "eat" the originals and ruin them. Digital files can be enjoyed instantly on any of your devices, from anywhere you are.

### ***Sharing is caring***

Similar to easy viewing, digitized movies can be shared with the click of a button. You can create DVDs or put them on flash drives to give as gifts. Even better, you can store them on the cloud and share the link with the whole family. This way, you and your loved ones can enjoy those precious memories that have been hidden away for years, from anywhere at any time.

### ***A pocket full of history***

Last, but not least, digital movies can be transported with ease and barely take up any space. If you are moving, redecorating, etc., boxes of VHS tapes and film reels are a pain to deal with, often heavy, and need somewhere to be stored. All of your digital movie files can fit on a thumb drive small enough to get lost in your pocket. You can finally get rid of those bulky boxes and make better use of your space.



**USB thumb drive or USB stick storing all your digital movies.**

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### ***Final Thoughts***

Whether it be old footage of a great-grandmother you never met or a video of your childhood dance recital, it is a real treat to relive and enjoy these precious moments from our past. Home videos are a great way to bond with your family and friends. By digitizing VHS/camcorder tapes and 8mm/16mm film, you and generations to come will be able to enjoy your amazing moments and life's history. In fact, invite everyone over for a viewing party and some popcorn once everything is all set! Add one more memory to your history and make it a great one.



## Points to the Past

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

By Brenda L. Smith

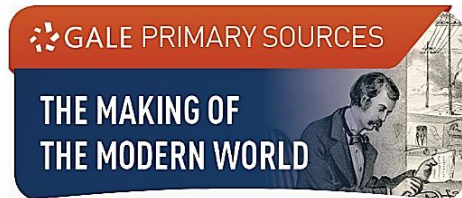
## Points to the Past



*Points to the Past* is a portal for original publications provided free to the residents of British Columbia through the Electronic Learning Network, a consortium of the libraries of University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, and Simon Fraser University. The agreement allows access to Gale Primary Sources, nearly 200 million pages of digitized historical content—maps, photos, newspapers, manuscripts, pamphlets, portraits, and more. Access is available either through libraries or directly at the site with no log in or authentication.

This column explores a selection of individual collections nested within the site to introduce some of the potential for family historians to further their research. For a list of the collections see

[www.pointstothepast.ca/files/P2TP\\_Flyer\\_2018.pdf](http://www.pointstothepast.ca/files/P2TP_Flyer_2018.pdf)

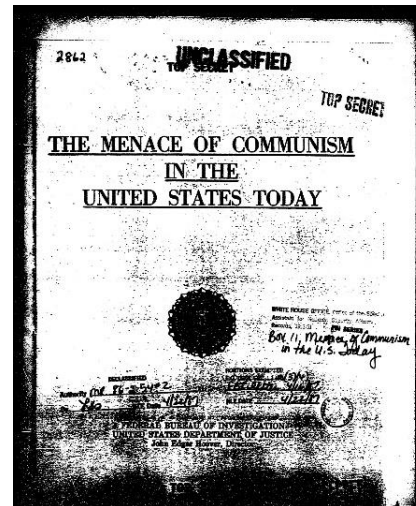


We frequently hear the phrase “executive privilege” used in the media and tossed into conversation. What it means in the American legal system is not always what we mean as we repeat it in daily use. Many Canadians have strong family ties to the recent history of our southern neighbour. *U.S. Declassified Documents Online* provides access to previously classified United States federal records spanning the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

The *Presidential Libraries Act* 1955 mandated the private establishment of libraries under the auspices of The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). As each collection is created, classified documents are sequestered by NARA. This data set consists of those formerly classified materials as they enter the public domain. Sources include: the Department of State, Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other executive agencies

from the years leading up to the First World War through the end of the Cold War.

The site lists topics that include: the outbreak and course of the Second World War, the end of colonialism in the global south, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, U.S. relations with non-aligned states in the 1960s, U.S.-Soviet relations in the era of détente, international trade, nuclear proliferation, conflict in the Middle East, and the War on Terrorism. The collection also traces important sources on sensitive episodes within the United States such as domestic surveillance, the civil rights and anti-war movements, abuse of government power, and home-grown terrorism.



**FBI report, *The Menace of Communism in the United States Today*.**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION  
(UNITED STATES),  
1955

A truism of family history methodology is to start with ourselves and build our research back in time. This contemporary document collection helps me build context for my own youth. Prior to the Second World War and throughout the Cold War the threat of communist infiltration pre-occupied western European and North American governments. Growing up in the 1950s and 60s in Dawson Creek, BC at the southern terminus of the Alaska Highway (built after the Pearl Harbor attack of December 1941 to discourage Axis invasion from the Pacific) I was aware of domestic and military goods being transported not only to Alaska but to supply the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line system to protect the Arctic from Soviet invasion. As a university student in metro Vancouver, and later working in the Cariboo, I was very aware of Americans who had come north to evade Vietnam War service. All of these topics are revealed in these original documents from the desks of the decision-makers. I am looking for the “Aha” moment when the decision was taken to deliver 10,000 US soldiers to my childhood home.

## While We Are Apart...

By Brenda L. Smith

Family historians speak of “brick walls” and “rabbit holes” as undesirables in our quests for the family story. I think of them as opportunities to learn. In the case of “brick walls” I assume that I need to learn more about the environment my ancestor inhabited, and more about research methodology to find the answer. The “rabbit hole” often turns into an intriguing field trip, sometimes leading to an entire warren of discovery. To meet the August meeting’s mini-challenge about choosing a photograph and developing the story it tells, I slipped into the rabbit hole of my father’s Alaska Highway album. Thinking of half-a dozen photos of my father’s experiences during the building of the route from the Canadian prairie to Alaska during the Second World War.

After the meeting I went back to the album and spent hours digging out the story of the 1943 Dawson Creek explosion, Dad’s 1944 crash of a transport truck off Steamboat Mountain, and the reasons for the 1957 failure of the Peace River Suspension Bridge at Taylor, BC. What a wonderful opportunity to write, not just my father’s wartime story, but to add another dimension to the larger story of our country’s wartime experience.

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Jennifer McIntock has shared many interesting “rabbit holes” as a member of our family history group. Here she shares a poignant story that many families will recognize.

Jennifer McIntock

In 2019 I was asked to fly to the United Kingdom (UK) as my aunt was in the hospital with terminal cancer. Her home needed to be cleaned out and readied for sale. Her relationship with her daughter, my cousin was not good and so I flew to the UK. I arrived at my aunt’s home to find she had become a hoarder, things were not good. My cousin had never been told who her birth father was, it was always a big secret. There were no seniors left to ask, but I had asked my Mum when she was still alive about this. She couldn’t remember much other than many knew, didn’t talk about it, and it was hush hush. She just couldn’t remember his name.

I visited my aunt every day at the hospital. She enjoyed the visits and when I brought out my

phone and started recording, she loved it. Because it was my aunt and not my own mother, it was easy for me to ask questions and because she liked being filmed, she started talking. I eventually got her to admit who the father was and the story behind it all. When I was cleaning out the house in all the boxes and clutter, I found all kinds of information for my cousin which I put aside showing who her father was.

When I returned to Canada, I shared all the video footage with my cousin and she was able to connect with her half-brother who lived in the United States. He was open to connecting but his sister was dead against it. My cousin’s birth father died within a few years of connecting with her half-brother and because the father was in poor health, they decided not to tell him about my cousin, which I found sad. My cousin opted to respect their wishes but was given a few pictures of her father. Things didn’t work out the way we had hoped, but at least my cousin found out who her father was and what had happened. I was honoured to have been the one who pulled the information out of my aunt and revealed the secret.

### British Columbia Historical Newspapers

[www.discover.clarivate.com/ProQuest\\_BCHistoricalNews\\_papers](http://www.discover.clarivate.com/ProQuest_BCHistoricalNews_papers)

Readers may recall the new resource from BC Electronic Library Network that was announced in the May 2022 issue of the *Maple Ridge Family History Newsletter*. The three principal papers are available free to all residents of the province. Chris Hay tells us here of how he discovered the site and made use of it to learn more of the Stanley Park Rock Garden.

Chris Hay

One day in late April I opened my emails to find a short message from my close old friend Gerry.

His note suggested that I might find the enclosed link of great interest. My curiosity aroused I quickly clicked on the link which opened up to the heading *Vancouver is Awesome* followed by the title “Massive repository of Vancouver history made available to anyone in BC with an internet connection.” The ProQuest Company has now made available for free the following fully scanned BC newspapers: *The Province* 1894–2010; *The*

*Vancouver Sun* 1912–2010; *The Times Colonist*–1884 – 2010.

My first attempt to search was for a long associated personal historical project, the Stanley Park Rock Garden, a now recognized historical site of Vancouver. After a few attempts at trying various possible word searches I finally made a search hit with a fascinating discovery previously unknown to me.

In the *Vancouver Province* of Thursday May 22, 1919 there appeared a small article tucked away on page 26 stating “Stanley Park gardeners have completed the sowing of several packets of poppy seed which originated in Flanders and were placed in the rockery just behind the Pavilion.” This provided a past military connection to the Stanley Park Rock Garden that had been previously unknown. Also wonderful was the news article also identified the exact location of the planting behind the Stanley Park Pavilion as this was in fact the only part of the Rock Garden that I previously had known very little about. Strangely enough, just a few steps away from this First World War military planting, an Airforce Memorial Garden would also be created over two decades later following the Second World War. This long forgotten and significant piece of Stanley Park history, now revealed, shows there are many park secrets and stories yet to be discovered.

**Stanley Park gardeners have completed the sowing of several packets of poppy seed which originated in Flanders. They were secured and donated by Chairman Jonathan Rogers of the Park Board. The seeds were placed in the rockery just behind the pavilion and it is planned to erect a suitable sign drawing attention to the flowers when they have reached the proper stage of development.**

**Sowing of poppy seeds from Flanders at the Stanley Park Rock Garden.**

VANCOUVER PROVINCE, 22 MAY 1919, P. 26

This site is useful for all family researchers and historians. Various key words or names can be used to search as well as numerous options regarding the possible date that an article may have appeared. If the date is not known it is often best to narrow down the search dates to lower the

number of possible listings. If the exact date is known then the newspaper for that particular day can be reviewed page by page if needed.

I also have many old family newspaper clippings with no date or newspaper source mentioned. Some old local news clippings might suggest an already known family date while many others can often reveal some interesting clues on their opposite side such as another news headline or even a clue as to a possible date. It is nice to be more precise in finally identifying the source of these old saved clipped articles and also very interesting to see how the article fits into the context of the entire page. The newspaper page images appear to be scanned very clear and can be easily downloaded. This local BC historical newspaper site is exciting to search and with a little patience you will soon be well rewarded.

## Research News

### BC Archives

Did you know that the BC Archives is back to being open six days a week, no appointment required? Check out their plan a visit page for a detailed run down on what to expect in the reference room:

<https://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/archives/visit/plan-visit>

### Volunteer for Project Infant

<https://projectinfant.ie/>

*Project Infant* is an undertaking by Daniel Loftus dedicated to every victim of the mother and baby homes in Ireland. He is looking for volunteers to help with transcribing and researching.

Institutional mother and baby homes emerged in 1922 intended to provide refuge for primarily unwed mothers and orphanages for vulnerable children. The homes were funded by the Irish government and run through churches. Approximately 56,000 women spent time in these homes until 1998 when the last one closed. In 2015. Investigations began into the living conditions at the homes, mortality rates, treatment of mothers, and legality of the adoption processes that took place. The report also revealed that an estimated 9,000 children died during the seventy-six years that the homes operated – an infant mortality rate which was nearly double the national average.<sup>1</sup>

1. “Historic abuse: Mother and baby homes in Ireland,” EARS, the European Academy on Religion and Society, 08 March 2021, <https://europeanacademyofreligionandsociety.com/news/historic-abuse-mother-and-baby-homes-in-ireland/>



## Online Resources

### Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto Parish Records

[www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/administrative-offices-1/archives/home/historical-parish-registers/](http://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/administrative-offices-1/archives/home/historical-parish-registers/)

The Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a new digital collection's portal, ARCAT Online. Access to pre-1910 historical parish registers within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto: the City of Toronto; the regional municipalities of Peel, York and Durham; and Simcoe County. The burial registers for St. Paul's Basilica, as well as St. Michael's cemetery up to 1910, can also be found on the site.

### Improving your online experience: What to expect at LAC's new online home

<https://library-archives.canada.ca/>

Library and Archive Canada's home page will have a new web address. The website will have new navigation under Collections, with all pages listed by topic, sub-topic and type. For example, a webpage on the First World War personnel files we have available would be appear as follows: *First World War Personnel Files – Military History – First World War (1914-1919) – subject guide*. Even more important: this table will be filterable and searchable. This means users can easily see all of the resources that we have on a particular topic and find their way back without difficulty.

To learn more:

<https://thediscoverblog.com/2022/08/05/improving-your-online-experience-what-to-expect-at-lacs-new-online-home/>

### Catholic Archdiocese of Grouard McLennan IRS Photo Galleries

[www.archgm.ca/irs-photo-galleries](http://www.archgm.ca/irs-photo-galleries)

With funding from Library and Archives Canada's Documentary Heritage Communities Program, more than 3,000 digitized images from the Indian Residential Schools that operated within the missions of northern Alberta, over the region we today call the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan., can be viewed online.

- Assumption (now Chateh), Our Lady of Assumption Mission (1928) and IRS (1951–1973)
- Desmarais-Wabasca, St. Martin Mission (1897) and IRS (1901–1973)
- Fort Vermilion, St. Henry Mission (1876) and IRS (1900–1968)
- Grouard, St. Bernard Mission (1864) and IRS (1886–1961)
- Jossard, St. Bruno Mission (1912) and IRS (1913–1969)
- Sturgeon Lake, St. Francis Xavier Mission (1896) and IRS (1907–1961)

### North Carolina Digital Collections

<https://digital.ncdcr.gov/>

North Carolina's Digital Collections that may be of help in your research. the collections include:

- Alien Registration and Naturalization Architectural Survey Reports
- Colonial Court Records
- District Superior Court Records
- Confederate Pension Applications
- Tax Lists and Records
- War of 1812 Pay Vouchers

### Families in British India Society

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

FIBIS has launched its new website. Find out more about the updated appearance and explore the recent uploads to the FIBIS database.

### Waterford City Maps

<https://repository.dri.ie/catalog/1g05v267s>

New collection of Waterford historical maps are now available to view.

### National Archives (UK)

<https://caselaw.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Find Case Law: new free public database of court and tribunal decisions has been launched by the UK National Archives.

Judgments can be searched by a party name, judge name, neutral citation, a specific court or tribunal or a specific time frame. Users can contribute to the service by providing their feedback to the project.

### Free Access to Digital Records at the UK National Archives

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/)

While their reading room services are limited registered users will be able to order and download up to ten items at a time, to a maximum of 100 items over 30 days.

### Papers Past: National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Matauranga o Aotearoa

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

Papers Past delivers digitised full-text New Zealand and Pacific newspapers, magazines and journals, books, and other formats.



## Family History Events

### Alberta Family Histories Society

<https://afhs.ab.ca/>

- **Family Roots 2022 – Making Connections conference**, October 1, 2022, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm MDT, Crossroads Community Association Hall, 1803 14 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, \$65 (\$75 for non-members) OR purchase the digital recordings for \$35.

### BCGS

[www.bcfgs.ca/bcfgs-events](http://www.bcfgs.ca/bcfgs-events)

- **The City of Vancouver Archives: What's in it for Genealogists?** with Heather Gordon & Bronwyn Smyth, (Zoom) September 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm PST.

### British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ontario

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

- **2022 Virtual Conference: England and Wales: at Home and on the Move**, Explore English & Welsh ancestry and migration with 12 international speakers in 12 presentations over 4 days. Conference, Vendor and Society Connect sessions, Wednesday, September 28–Sunday, October 2, 2022. Price: \$40 CDN.

### Chilliwack Fraser Valley Library

<https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/evnts/62d829f17a5c6b360009cc59>

- **Genealogy Group: British Home Children Day in Canada**, September 21, 2022, 10:30am–12:00pm. Chilliwack Library, 45860 First Avenue, Chilliwack, BC.

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

A robust offering of live and recorded webinars presented by top speakers.

### THE Genealogy Show

<https://thegenealogyshow.uk/>

- **Winter Event**, 50+ speakers, exhibitors, articles, games, and competitions. Virtual. Fee. £20. December 2, 2022 to January 6, 2023.

### National Institute for Genealogical Studies

[www.genealogicalstudies.com](http://www.genealogicalstudies.com)

The National Institute for Genealogical Studies provides web-based courses for both family historians and professional genealogists.

### Surrey Libraries

[www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history](http://www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history)

- **Fun Family History Fridays**, Sept 23, October 28, 2:30pm–3:30pm, Cloverdale Branch.
- **Family History DNA Chat**, Friday Oct 14, 2:30pm–3:30pm.

### Surrey British Columbia Family History Centre

[www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Surrey\\_British\\_Columbia\\_Family\\_History\\_Centre](http://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Surrey_British_Columbia_Family_History_Centre)

Pre-register to receive Zoom link.

- **Accessing digitized Scottish Records from the FamilySearch Catalogue**, with George Caldwell, September 19 at 10:00am or September 21, 2022 at 7:00pm.
- **Ireland Research** with Eunice Robinson, October 17 at 10:00am or October 19, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.
- **English Research** with Rob Whitlock, November 21 at 10:00am or November 23, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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- **Connection to Kith and Kin** Tuesdays this Fall (Dates: TBD), 2:30pm–4:30pm. Experts help Indigenous participants search online records for family documents. Due to COVID-19, this program is now held entirely online.

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](mailto:mrfamilyhistory@gmail.com) for information on how to join the meeting.

September 7, 2022:  
**COMMON THREADS: Family and Local Research Skills Merge**, Andrea Lister and Brenda Smith will share the presentation they created to showcase our latest community history project, “On The River: The Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge.” Family historians bring specialized skills to community history projects. This presentation describes the process, lessons learned, and benefits of our community history program.

**October 5, 2022: Women's History Month**

We all have more than one special woman in our family history, so let's celebrate one every year in October. Review your research for this year's special woman and share her story.

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