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The Family History group supports members with 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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Sometimes Stories Come in Pieces

By Catherine J. Magee

The pieces of a very old family story have just come together through a remarkable series of events that I'll try to explain here.

My maternal grandparents moved from Scotland to Canada, arriving in Halifax in February 1921, and eventually settling in Kamloops, BC. The family moved to Burnaby around 1940 when my mother, the youngest in the family, was about twelve years old. Their father was killed soon after, and my mother and her mother stayed in the area, but both of my mother's older brothers moved back to live and work in the Kamloops area, so I have two sets of cousins up there.

In February 2022 I was contacted, through Ancestry, by Fiona who turned out to be a second cousin. Thanks to the magic of DNA, we discovered that her grandfather and my grandfather (the one who moved to Canada) were brothers who grew up in Scotland. My grandfather (Matthew) was the oldest of five boys and her grandfather (James) was the youngest. In our correspondence she asked if I was aware of the family secret! I said I knew of some secrets (thinking of one it might be) but she proceeded to tell me a story that I did not know.



Fiona's grandfather is sitting on his mother's knee. My grandfather is standing on the right. Their father is wearing his Boer War medals.

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The gist of her story is that a secret record exists that was "shocking" and was passed confidentially through the male line of the family. It had to do with a Duke and a Milk Maid who had a romance that led to the birth of what was likely my 3rd-great-grandfather! Apparently, the Duke was an honourable chap who "always" gave his surname to his illegitimate children and, in this instance, also gave his son a glassworks in Glasgow!

The son, Peter Campbell, ran the business very successfully, but sadly, his own son who inherited the business ran the company into the ground and lived off the proceeds. So, it wasn't a coincidence that I have a "glassworks stoker" and a "glass blower" in my tree back in the early 1800s.

The November 1845 marriage of Duncan Campbell, glassmaker, to Sarah Wallace in Glasgow.

1845 CAMPBELL, DUNCAN (OLD PARISH REGISTERS MARRIAGES 622/BARONY) PAGE 681 OF 717. NATIONAL RECORDS OF SCOTLAND VIA SCOTLANDSPEOPLE

I let my new second cousin know that the Kamloops part of the clan might have some of that old glass and I would try to get a picture of it, now that I could see there was more to the story than it just being old glass. Fiona's father recalled seeing the glass as a youngster and said it was so pretty. He was then 89 and ailing but hoped to see a picture of it after all these years since all the glass was smashed when the factory closed. Fiona had tried to trace some of the glass but without any luck.

I knew about the glass in Kamloops because of a visit to my Aunt and Uncle's in the 1980's or 1990's. I noticed some pieces of lovely old-looking glass in their china cabinet. I've always been drawn to glass and for many years attended antique shows and would often come home with a new vase, or an old paperweight: I just liked how colourful and shiny different glass objects could be. When I asked my Uncle about it, he said it was a very old family piece, but didn't explain any more. I could look at it, but not touch it, because it was that important.

The memory of that glass came back to me last year when the monthly research challenge issued by Alberta in the Maple Ridge Family History group was to write something about an ancestor in the military. I had many ancestors I could have written about but chose my maternal great-grandfather who had fought in the Boer War with the British Army, and I knew his medals were in my Aunt and Uncle's house in Kamloops. I contacted one of my cousins, Jean, who was into genealogy, and asked if she could take a picture of the medals for my challenge. And, if she was there with a camera, could she also take a picture of some old glass that I remembered being in the china cabinet many years ago. I got the picture of the medals, but there was only modern glass in the cabinet.

Now we jump to last month, May, after a great day at the Abbotsford Family History Centre. I was having dinner with friends before heading home. I had a call on my cell phone, and noted that it was from another cousin, Dianne, in Kamloops. Sadly, it was to let me know that my Aunt had just passed away at the great age of ninety-eight. After offering condolences and sharing some special memories, we said we would be in touch. We chatted a couple times more and I learned that the house that had been in the family since the early 1950s would be going up for sale.

A couple of days later I awoke in a panic, thinking of the glass if it was still somewhere in the house. I didn't want anyone to toss it in the flurry that happens when packing up a household, because it appeared to be just old glass. Luckily, Dianne called that day so I was able to explain what I had learned about the Duke, the Milk Maid, and the glass. I explained that Jean had not been able to find it, but I wanted someone to know about it because it had been so important to my Uncle.

That's when Dianne said that her dad (the Uncle who had spoken about the glass decades earlier), had some years ago given her an old piece of glass and said that it was very old and very important so it was up to her, as the oldest child, to look after it. It was on a wooden stand and covered with a glass dome and was at their house! I asked for a picture of it and sent her the information that Fiona had told me about.



A picture of the old glass on a stand and under a dome.

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The bottom line is that the story about the importance of the glass as a family heirloom was held in pieces by various people.

- Fiona knew something about the potential parentage of her 3rd-great-grandfather — the family secret that is only shared through the male line.
- Fiona’s father was sworn to secrecy about the parentage of his 2nd-great-grandfather. I still don’t know if an actual document exists to prove this.
- My grandfather who moved to Canada, and who would have brought the glass with him, died in 1940 when he was forty-nine and his children were still fairly young. If he knew the story about his grandfather, he wouldn’t have had a chance to pass the information along in any great detail to his children.
- My Uncle who inherited and protected the glass was only fifteen when his father passed away suddenly, so he might not have known any of the story from his father, and his mother might not have known either because it was not about her direct family.
- My cousin who was given the glass to continue to protect as an old family piece would not have heard the story from her father because he probably didn’t know much more than it was “a very old and important family piece”.
- We are fortunate that Fiona’s father has a memory, now at the age of ninety-one, to know at least something of the story, and be an actual witness to the old glass as a young man.
- And I will take some credit as the connector of the story pieces, with enough memory left to recall a brief conversation with my Uncle, many years ago.

Without all those pieces coming together we might not have ever known more about the old glass than it was “important”. Perhaps now we can use those breadcrumbs to follow more of the trail of the glass and the story of the Duke and the Milk Maid.

This is why we call genealogy a life-long hobby!

Editor’s Note

Further research avenues include church records, census, trade directories, wills, newspapers, and museums to see if there is more to discover about the glassworks, the Duke and the Milk Maid.

Technology Tips: Databases are not Created Equal

By Annette Fulford

When you are researching in a particular area or record set, do you check the details about the database to make sure it covers the time period you are searching in? If you do, you will find that not all databases are created equal. Take the British Columbia births, marriages, and death records as an example. Check the BC records out at the following websites and you will find they do not have the same range of records. The BC Archives website has the most complete index of these records and even includes some original records, but the database at FamilySearch has more details in their search results.

BC Archives BMDS

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

- BC Births 1854–1903
- BC Baptisms 1836–1888
- BC Marriage 1871–1947
- Colonial Marriages 1859–1872
- BC Deaths 1872–2002

Ancestry BC BMDS

www.ancestry.ca

- BC Birth Index 1851–1903
- BC Marriage Index 1872–1935
- BC Death Index 1872–1990

Family Search BC BMDS

www.familysearch.org/search/location/canada/british-columbia

- BC Birth Registrations 1854–1903
- BC Marriage Registrations 1859–1932; 1937–1938
- BC Death Registrations 1872–1986; 1992–1993

Find My Past BC BMDs

<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records-in-birth-marriage-and-death-parish-registers>

- BC Baptism Index 1772–1888
- BC Baptism Index 1836–1888
- BC Birth Index 1854–1903
- BC Birth Registration Index 1872–1903
- No BC Marriages
- BC Death Index 1872–1992

Next time you do not find a record in a certain database, make sure you check the details of what it contains. You just might have better results by searching another database.

Down the Research Rabbit Hole

Ed. Brenda L. Smith



Share the stories of your discoveries off the beaten track.

def. a rabbit hole currently connotes “a time-consuming distraction of one’s attention as happens when clicking through online links, following social media posts, or pursuing information.”

dictionary.com

You are invited to share your rabbit hole experiences. This is a safe space for you to confess your whims, because we have all been lost in the rabbit warren. And we especially welcome hearing about the amazing finds you make on these journeys.

A Trip Back To A Familiar Warren

Getting lost in a rabbit burrow is often rewarding if you are alert to the value of context. Returning to known ground gives you a chance to rethink the familiar geography of research you have done before. Those who attended Abbotsford Family History Day on May 11 had the chance to learn from Andrea Lister’s new presentation *Canadian Census: Techniques For Finding People*.

Although I’ve been down this hole before, Andrea set me thinking.

My Volga German grandparents, Heinrich Köhler and Margaretha Scheidt (also known as Henry and Margaret Koehler/Kehler) have kept me searching for forty years. At long last, in spring 2023, my cousin Marina discovered their marriage registration in 1908 Lincoln, Nebraska under the names Kalar and Shaith. The birth of their first child Heinrich was registered in Lincoln in March 1909.

For some time, the next record we have had for Henry and Margaret is the registration of the birth of their second child Freda at 447 College Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba 21 June 1911. From that date, I had found the family in a cluster of northeast Winnipeg addresses until they moved to Saskatchewan in 1915. (See “Tracking Family Homes” in the May 2013 *Maple Ridge Family History Newsletter*.) From subsequent documents and city directories I had discovered that Henry and Margaret seemed to move house every year. I had also concluded that my family name could be spelled in nearly 40 different ways. And to date,

neither Henry nor Margaret has appeared in any Canadian census index.

It is theoretically possible that the family will appear in either or both of the United States 1910 *Federal Population Censuses* and 1911 *Census of Canada, RG 31, Manitoba*. Andrea’s technical information reminded me of the constraints we experienced in our last two community history projects, both relying heavily on the 1911 census to discover local fisher families and First World War soldier families. I came away from her presentation determined to do a page-by-page search of their area of Winnipeg

However, Andrea had also reminded me of the excellent volunteer Canadian census indexing project *Automated Genealogy*. And Happy Day! They have completed the 1911 *Census of Canada*.

www.automatedgenealogy.com/census11/index.jsp

Provincial Summary [Français](#)

1911 Census records for Manitoba

You are here: [Home](#) / [1911](#) / [Manitoba](#) [Sign on](#)

Surname search:

481,100 lines transcribed! (100%)

District	District Name	Lines
15	Brandon	41,752
16	Dauphin	48,295
17	Lisgar	24,103
18	MacDonald	38,250
19	Marquette	36,403
20	Portage La Prairie	29,850
21	Provencher	42,575
22	Selkirk	56,803
23	Souris	31,959
24	Winnipeg	131,110

1911 Census of Canada Records with Surname k?ler

The soundex code for k?ler is K460.

Below are other surnames with the same soundex code. (then click the merge button to produce one listing including)

[K??ler?](#) [K?hler](#) [K?ller](#) [Kahler](#) [Kaler](#) [Ka](#)
 [Kelahe](#) [Kelar](#) [Keleher](#) [Keler](#) [Kelher](#) [K](#)
 [Kilroy](#) [Klar](#) [Kleuyer](#) [Klewer\(?\)](#) [Kliew](#)

If you want to include a name with a different

Filters:

Givens contains Gender:

Surname **k?ler** occurs in the following par

There are 0 matching records.

Using the name variant tool, I was given the Soundex code K460, and 42 variants to try in a search of the Winnipeg pages. For each variant, I eliminated the Irish families, and those coming directly from Germany, looking for those who offered Russian origins, all the time thinking of the German pronunciation as expressed on the marriage certificate—*Kalar*. And there my grandparents were!

1911 Census of Canada Records with Surname Kaylor

The soundex code for Kaylor is K460.

Below are other surnames with the same soundex code. Click and then click the merge button to produce one listing including:

K?ller Kahler Kallar Kaller Keler Kellar

If you want to include a name with a different soundex enter:

Filters:

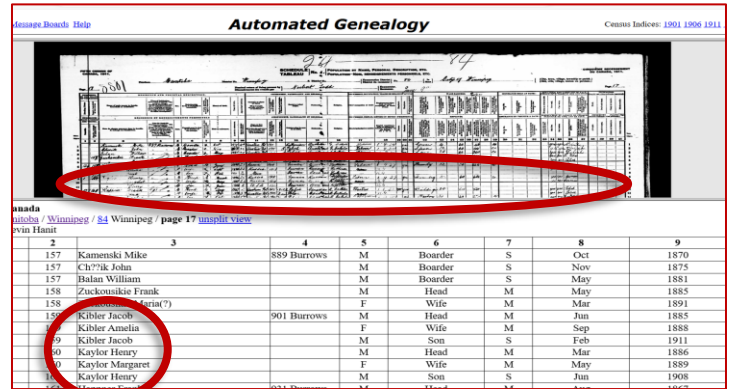
Givens contains Gender: Age:

Surname **Kaylor** occurs in the following provinces: [Alberta](#)

There are 3 matching records.

[Sort by geographic location](#)

Surname	Givens	Age
Kaylor	Henry	2
Kaylor	Henry	25
Kaylor	Margaret	22



1911 CENSUS OF CANADA, LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA; OTTAWA, ONTARIO. RG 31, MANITOBA, WINNIPEG 84, PAGE 1, LINES 04-10, 901 BURROW

Thank you Andrea and Kevin for shining light on the darkness cloaking my Germans From Russia grandparents' story.

Further reading

Automated Genealogy www.automatedgenealogy.com

"Tracing Family Homes", by Brenda L. Smith, *Maple Ridge Family History Newsletter*, June 2013.

https://mapleridgemuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/FHG_June2013.pdf

Thanks for Abbotsford Family History Day



1911 Census of Canada
[Home](#) / [1911](#) / [Manitoba](#) / [Winnipeg](#) / [84](#) Winnipeg / [page 1](#) [split view](#)
Transcribed by: Kevin Hanit

Line #	1	2	3	4
1	157	Kamenski Mike		889 Burrows
2	157	Ch??ik John		
3	157	Balan William		
4	158	Zuckousikie Frank		
5	158	Zuckousikie Maria(?)		
6	159	Kibler Jacob		901 Burrows
7	159	Kibler Amelia		
8	159	Kibler Jacob		
9	160	Kaylor Henry		
10	160	Kaylor Margaret		
11	160	Kaylor Henry		
12	161	Happner Frank		931 Burrows

The bonus is another couple in the same household with their baby. By choosing the split view function, circled above, I linked to the Library and Archives image. Full marks to *Automated Genealogy* transcriber Kevin Hanit for decoding the impossible surnames on this census page; he came closer than any other indexer.

The residents of 901 Burrow Avenue, Winnipeg on 01 June 1911: Jacob, Amelia, and son Jacob Kehler (possible relatives previously unknown), and their boarders Henry, Margaret, and son Henry Kehler. On that day, Margaret was three weeks from giving birth to her second child in a new home across the river, and Henry had a new job working as a bricklayer for the City of Winnipeg.



Photo by Andrea Lister

What a pleasure to attend this May 11 event. Thank you to the Abbotsford FamilySearch Centre for a wonderful opportunity to share and learn together. Lunch was tasty and reconnecting with old friends and new is much appreciated.

Points to the Past

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's 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 from the 30 data sets 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/resources.html

The Early Coal Industry in British Columbia

I've been thinking about my friend Alice Marwood's research into her coal mining Marwick ancestors' migration to Fort Rupert in the 1850s when the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) sought to develop the first coal mine on the North Pacific coast. How early did coal become a driver of British Columbia's resource economy, and can *Points to the Past* inform this question?

An informal survey of friends and colleagues revealed limited knowledge of the earliest efforts to mine coal in British Columbia. It seems most people think of coal as gaining significance in the 1880s on the slopes of the Rockies as the Canadian Pacific Railway met its commitment to serve from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In 1836 the Hudson's Bay Company brought the SS *Beaver* to serve the fur trade's changing business model, providing passenger, mail, and cargo transport from Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River to Russian America (now Alaska). The *Beaver* was a two masted sailboat with auxiliary steam power. (See Nauticapedia for more about the ship.)

The first half of the 19th century saw HBC restructure its fur trade business model. American free traders, coal powered steam mechanization, Colonial Office

expectations for its overseas investments, and ever-increasing migration pressed the company to rethink its land base and economic potential.

Coal had been found at Fort Rupert in 1831 but lay largely untapped for lack of infrastructure and market. HBC consolidated its territorial claims, building Fort Langley in 1827 and Fort Victoria in 1855. As well, the Royal Navy was based at Esquimalt from 1842. In 1849 Vancouver Island was declared a British Colony, and the HBC was granted a lease to manage affairs on behalf of the Crown.

“Such a case is the grant of Vancouver's Island to the Hudson's Bay Company; with regard to which the whole Press of England have expressed opinions of the strongest disapprobation, with which as we most fully concur, we find it no easy task to address to our readers any new comments arguing the same views. Lord Grey defending the grant confessed that he felt a difficulty as to how to deal with the Island. It was uninhabited, something must have been done to give it a population, or in other words to occupy it as a British possession, the only proof of its being such was the edging of crimson drawn round it on the maps, but what this something was to be, further deponent said not, and not having Mr. Stephens at his elbow he looked abroad for some accommodating company to take the trouble off his hands. His eyes naturally fell on the Hudson Bay Incorporated Company; like an enamoured maiden, he threw out a gentle hint of his desire, it was received without repulse by the rotund form of Sir John Pelly; emboldened thus “he told his love”—it was fondly reciprocated, the fair one's relative hinted at a settlement, this the swain declined in toto, and without it his innamorata threw herself into his arms. The grant is for eleven years, at the end of which time government have retained the right of purchasing the Island back again.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND, THE FRIEND OF INDIA (CALCUTTA, INDIA),
VOLUME: XIV , ISSUE 722, 02 NOVEMBER 1848.

Those first efforts at Fort Rupert were terminated and the imported miners were reassigned to develop the coal deposits at Nanaimo. The first coal was shipped in 1852. And by 1884 Robert Dunsmuir had begun construction to deliver coal into Victoria via the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway.

Alice's mining forebears were part of this early industry, and were still represented in the Wellington area south of Nanaimo into the 21st century.

Further reading

- Access History <https://britishcolumbiahistory.ca/>
- British Columbia An Untold Story, Knowledge Network.
www.bcanuntoldhistory.knowledge.ca/1840/colony-of-vancouver-island
- Island Corridor Foundation www.islandrail.ca
- Nauticapedia Virtual Maritime Museum
www.nauticapedia.ca

Research News

Maple Ridge Community Archives Closed

May 17, 2024: "We are sad to announce that as of today, our archives are CLOSED. Unfortunately, the funding for the Archivist position was not permanent and has run out. Our Archivist has spent the last two years, moving the archival and collections databases to Collective Access, implementing a new numbering system for the archives, securing grants to improve storage, particularly climate-controlled storage, and conducting new research into the Katzie First Nation and Japanese Canadian communities. It is our hope in the future that we can secure permanent funding for an Archivist so this important work can continue. Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives."

Discover Alberta Ancestors

<https://albertaancestors.ca/>

There is a new project underway to document settlement and settler names in communities around Alberta. The project team is indexing settlement books from the Alberta Family Histories Society library, for viewing on a new section the Alberta Ancestors website. The scope of the project is about 200 books with about 10 percent complete so far.

Researchers can search by settlement name by using the interactive map or a drop-down list. Or researchers can search by settler name.

New Netherland Settlers

www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/new-netherland-settlers

New Netherland Settlers is a multiyear project to develop detailed, peer-reviewed sketches of all the people residing in New Netherland prior to 1664. This first-of-its-kind initiative combines new research and existing scholarship to provide a comprehensive, reputable, scholarly source for many generations of New Netherland families.

New Netherland encompassed parts of the present-day states of Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. Major settlements included New Amsterdam (present-day New York City), Fort Orange (near present-day Albany), and Pavonia (present-day Jersey City), in addition to numerous forts and outposts.

The aim is to document all residents of the colony, including settlers, those who did not settle, free and enslaved individuals, Indigenous people, and the many others who contributed to the diverse, multilingual dynamics of New Netherland.

Irish Civil War Fatalities Project

www.ucc.ie/en/theirishrevolution/irish-civil-war-fatalities-project/

The Irish Civil War Fatalities Project seeks to identify all of the conflict-related fatalities in Ireland between the opening shots of the Civil War on 28 June 1922 and the ceasefire and dump arms order on 24 May 1923. You can search the Fatalities map and index by place name or individual's names, as well as, read contextualising articles represent an important legacy project of the Decade of Centenaries.

Our Ontario

<https://search.ourontario.ca/>

The OurOntario.ca discovery portal provides one search across hundreds of sites in seconds. You can find audio, video, text, images and collections about Ontario or from libraries, archives, museums, historical & genealogical societies, and other community heritage collections. The collection includes photographs, postcards, maps, charts, videos, oral histories, research collections, digital directories, newspapers, vital statistics and more....

Immigrants From the Russian Empire 1898-1922 (Li-Ra-Ma Index)

www.library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/immigration/Pages/immigrants-russian-empire.aspx

You can find this database of digitized files from the Likacheff-Ragosine-Mathers collection (MG30 E406). The records include genealogical information about immigrants from the Russian Empire who contacted the Russian consular offices in Canada for documents or services. The Russian Empire included areas that are now Ukraine, Eastern Poland, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and other eastern European regions. The Passport and Identity Papers series of the Likacheff-Ragosine-Mathers collection are digitized in the database. To see other series in this collection, visit Library and Archives Canada to view the microfilm.

You can learn more about this collection and access the database on microfilm in the Cloverdale Family History Collection of Surrey Libraries. See the Passport and Identity Papers description in the *Canadian Family History Resources: A Guide to the Materials Held at Cloverdale Library*, 3-56.

surreylibraries.ca/sites/default/files/CanadianFamilyHistoryResources.pdf

Family History Events

BCGS

www.bcgs.ca/bcgs-events

- **BCGS Members' Virtual Meeting: Coquitlam Archives**, with Jamie Sanford, City of Coquitlam Archivist, (Zoom) July 10, 2024, 7:00 to 9:00 PM (PST).
- **BCGS Members' Virtual Meeting: The 1862 Murder of James Webster** with Claire Smith-Burns, August 14, 2024, 7:00 to 9:00 PM (PST).

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

- **Researching Cornish Ancestors** with Lesley Trotter, PhD, July 12, 2024, 11:00 AM (PDT). Free.
- **Putting Them in Their Place: Understanding Localities for Your Mexican & Colonial Spanish Ancestors** with Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS, July 19, 2024, 11:00 AM PDT. Free.
- **English Occupation, Apprenticeship and Guild Records** with Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv. Aug 9, 2024, 11:00 AM PDT. Free.

Maple Ridge Historical Walking Tours

<https://mapleridgemuseum.org/historic-walking-tours/>

- **Cemetery Walking Tours** with Erica Williams. July 6, 2024, 2:00 PM meet at the gates at the end of 214 street (just off Dewdney Trunk Road). Free, please register.
- **Downtown Walking Tours** with Erica Williams. July 7, 2024, 2:00 PM. Meet at the large horse clock outside of City Hall. Free, please register.

Nanaimo Family History Society

<https://nanaimofamilyhistory.ca/>

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Algorithms** with Dave Obee. September 16, 2024, 7:00 PM PST. Beban Park Social Centre, Rooms 7 and 8, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC.

Ontario Genealogical Society

<https://ogs.on.ca/2024-webinar-lineup/>

Webinars are free for Ontario Ancestors members and \$10 for non-members.

- **Unearthing the Treasures in the Irish Registry of Deeds** with Natalie Bodle, July 4, 2024 7:00 PM EST.
- **Ireland in Your PJs** with Andrea Lister, July 11, 2024 7:00 PM EST.
- **Beyond the Page: Oral Histories in Genealogical Research** with Geneva Gillis, July 18, 2024 7:00 PM EST.
- **Researching Religious Repositories** with Dez Nacario, August 22, 2024 7:00 PM EST.

Qualicum Beach Family History Society

www.qbfhs.ca

- **Fall Seminar 2024 Joint Seminar** with Campbell River Genealogy Society with Diane Rogers, November 2, 2024, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM PST. \$10 for non-members. Registration required.

Surrey Libraries

www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history

Free. Registration required. Email or call to register.

- **Family History DNA Chat** Fridays, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, 2024, 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Cloverdale.

- **Fun Family History Friday.** Fridays, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, 2024, 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Cloverdale.

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.

July 3, 2024: After They Landed: Use Timelines to Develop Your Family Narrative Join Brenda L. Smith in examining this powerful tool to assemble your research findings into the narrative your family wants.

August 7, 2024: Resources & Services for Family Historian Learn what the Vancouver Public Library (VPL) has to offer genealogists in their family history research - books, microfilms, online resources and services. Presented by Grace Hama, an Information Services Librarian at VPL. Grace spends her time providing reference services, maintaining the library's genealogy and map collections and delivering Indigenous genealogy through the Connection to Kith & Kin library program.

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