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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 7:00 PM PST.

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In Memoriam: Val Patenaude



Maple Ridge Family History Group with Val Patenaude at the Heritage Awards in 2017. L to R: Erica Williams, Brenda Smith, Gina Leigh, Val Patenaude, Sue Sochasky, Sandra Ayres, Susan Sullivan, Alberta McNamara.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DARREN DURUPT

Val Patenaude, who was the director of the Maple Ridge Museum from 1993 to 2020, passed away on Friday, May 16, at the age of 72.

Val was supportive of the role that family historians play in researching local history. The Maple Ridge Family History Group is unique in that it is standing committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society rather than its own non-profit society. In 2015, we suggested to Val that we could use our research skills to do community history research; she suggested the Edge family and provided some questions that they wanted answered. The Community History Projects were born.

Val left a legacy in the historical community and beyond with the work that she did and the friendships that she forged.

A celebration of life is being planned for the fall in Maple Ridge. The Maple Ridge Family History Group extends its heartfelt condolences to Val's friends, family, and the many people who mourn her passing.

Read more in the May 20, 2025 *Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News* article by Colleen Flanagan, "Maple Ridge history advocate passes away."

<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/community/maple-ridge-history-advocate-passes-away-8017297>.

Adelaide Langford, Canadian Artist

By Gina Leigh

I've written previously about research I've undertaken for my friend Mike. One of the interesting people has been his great grandmother Adelaide Elizabeth Wynyard (nee Hurd) Langford. Adelaide was a Canadian landscape artist whose paintings can be seen at the Skytrain waterfront station in Vancouver.

Adelaide was born in Toronto in 1854, fourth child of Thomas Gladwin Hurd and Louisa Pierce Turquand. In 1874 she married Horace Ayliffe Langford (called Ayliffe) in Toronto. She died in Vancouver in 1939.

Several biographies have been written about Adelaide with reference to her being a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago (ARTIC) and having studied art at the Slade School in London, England. To date I haven't tracked records from Slade so when her studies took place is not known.

J T de la Torre, archivist at ARTIC, emailed copies of the student register pages for 1897-98, 1898-99 and 1900-01 where Adelaide's name appears. Their earlier records no longer exist. Her obituary stated that she had been an instructor at the University of Chicago at some point.

However, Adelaide appeared in the 1880 United States census for Chicago¹ with her widowed mother Louisa, husband Horace, five-year-old son Gladwin, and two unmarried sisters Laura and Gertrude. Her art lessons may have started earlier than the ARTIC records suggest. Son Gladwin was born in Toronto in 1875 and according to his obituary in the July 16, 1885 *Toronto Daily Mail*, died in Chicago in 1885, age nine. Another son Horace was born in 1890 and a daughter Dorothy was born in 1892, both in Chicago.

Adelaide's sister Gertrude Wynyard Hurd married Francis (Frank) White Peters in 1884. Frank White worked for Canadian Pacific Railway, rising to General Superintendent of the British Columbia Division.

According to her obituary in the December 29, 1939 *Vancouver Sun*, Adelaide came to Nelson, BC in 1897.

Her brother-in-law Frank Peters was posted in Nelson from 1896 to 1901,² and his name appeared in the Nelson city directories for that period. Ayliffe Langford's name only appeared in the Nelson directory for 1900. In 1900 Adelaide had a show and sale of her paintings. "Water Colors from the brush of Mrs H A Langford...The collection comprises scenes in England, America and Canada. The English scenes are mostly from Oxford and Westminster, being architectural and interior work, while the American and Canadian scenes are all landscapes."³

Adelaide does not appear in the 1901 Canadian census. Ayliffe is in the 1901 census and 1902 Henderson's directory, still in Nelson. The 1901 census⁴ lists Adelaide's daughter Dorothy living with her uncle and aunt Frank and Gertrude Peters in Vancouver.

Information received from Jared Wiercinski, Head Librarian, Vancouver Art Gallery, states Adelaide "taught art in Vancouver in 1902-03. Then moved to Winnipeg, where she worked for the Provincial Government where she designed art books."

In the fall of 1904 Adelaide attended the St Louis World Fair in Missouri (called the Louisiana Purchase Exposition) "Mrs Langford...[has] been appointed as a Canadian on the jury of awards, Department of Liberal Arts."⁵ According to her obituary Adelaide was also a judge at the 1906 Dominion Exhibition in New Westminster, BC.

Adelaide then probably returned to Winnipeg where in 1906 her daughter Dorothy was living with the Peters. A July 17, 1907 *Vancouver Daily Province* article records that "...Mrs Langford...[of] Winnipeg, arrived in town [Vancouver] last evening..."

Several newspaper articles from the early 1900s mention visits to Vancouver from Winnipeg, some for extended stays. Frank Peters was promoted and posted to Vancouver in 1912; Dorothy continued to live with her aunt and uncle. Christmas 1913 saw Dorothy going to Winnipeg to spend the season with her mother.⁶ Adelaide was not enumerated in the 1911 Canadian census.

¹ 1880 US Census, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, pp 44-45, June 15, 1880.

² "F.W. Peters is Called By Death", *The Vancouver Daily Province*, May 13, 1933, pp 1-2.

³ "Water Colors from the brush of Mrs H A Langford", *The Nelson Tribune* [N], November 16, 1900.

⁴ 1901 Census of Canada, British Columbia, Vancouver, Burrard, p 14, Library and Archives Canada.

⁵ "Personals" *The Vancouver Daily Province*, October 1, 1904, p 3.

⁶ *The Vancouver Daily Province*, December 24, 1913, p 8.

Adelaide appears to be living permanently in Vancouver by the beginning of the First World War. Her husband Ayliffe and son Horace were in the Canadian forces during the war. Newspaper articles of the time note that she was involved with the Soldiers' Welcome Club for returned soldiers in Vancouver, a committee of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

Adelaide's paintings were displayed in a Vancouver art show in September 1916: "The very fine work of Adelaide Langford, with its depth and glow, and richness of color, stands boldly out. She has also a masterly little water color sketch, "The Shack," which...are so typical of the country, and will in years to come, undoubtedly be topographically valuable."⁷

In 1916 Adelaide was commissioned to paint a series of murals in the Canadian Pacific Railway station in Vancouver, today's Skytrain waterfront station. The paintings circle the main hall at ceiling height. Her brother-in-law Frank Peters may have assisted in Adelaide securing the commission, although Adelaide already had a fine reputation as an artist. "Mural Decorations in the C.P.R. Station Painted by Adelaide Langford. The...walls of the waiting hall of the C.P.R. station at Vancouver have recently been beautified by a series of mural decorations representing the principal mountains seen from the line between Calgary and the coast...Mrs Langford was also a member of the international jury on art works at the St Louis Exposition, and holds several medals."⁸ A brief description of each of the 16 panels followed in the article.

The article ends with: "...she has been a hard working organizer in the way of art. She was the manager of the artistic educational work of the normal and model schools of the Manitoba government at Winnipeg. And it was she who with others helped in the starting of the Vancouver Studio Club, out of which grew the B.C. Society of Fine Arts."

The B.C. Society of Fine Arts held an exhibition in 1916. An article in the September 27, 1916 *Vancouver Daily Province* noted: "Adelaide Langford is represented by three strongly-painted and, if the term is permissible, virile works...The three are in a class by themselves and they would not be out of place in any British or Continental gallery..."

An article in Regina's *The Morning Leader* on August 6, 1927⁹ said: "Duke of Cambridge and other noted collectors have acquired paintings from brush of Vancouver artist...a truly western artist of no mean ability...paints in a broad free style...She is a wonderful colorist and her canvases are truly decorative as well as restful."

The article goes on to say that Adelaide had completed an oil painting of the buffalo at Banff which hung in the rotunda of the Royal Alexandra Hotel in Winnipeg [the hotel was demolished in 1971 and I have yet to discover whether the painting survived], and that she "inherits her artistic gifts from parents and grandparents who were painters."

Jared Wiercinski of the Vancouver Art Gallery provided a catalogue of artists and paintings from their 1932 "All Canadian Exhibition" where one of Adelaide's paintings was exhibited.

Adelaide Langford died in Vancouver on December 28, 1939. She outlived her husband Ayliffe (died 1920) and daughter Dorothy (died 1924). She was survived by her son Horace and daughter-in-law Daphne, and three grandchildren.



Paintings by Adelaide Langford at the Skytrain waterfront Station, Vancouver, BC

PHOTOS GINA LEIGH

⁷ "Vancouver's Art Display", *The Standard* [N], September 30, 1916.

⁸ "Mural Decorations in the C.P.R. Station Painted by Adelaide Langford", *The Vancouver Daily Province*, September 16, 1916, p 2.

⁹ "Pictures by Canadian Woman Adorn Many European Homes", *The Morning Leader*, Regina, Saskatchewan, August 6, 1927, p 5.

Maple Ridge Pets in History

Inspiration from Alberta McNamara

The number of photos that include family pets is amazing in the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archive's collection.. There are several albums that should provide some inspiration for the Maple Ridge Family History August short program, **Are There Pets in Your Family History?**

Album: The Love of Dogs

www.flickr.com/photos/mrcommunityarchives/albums/72157714209973373/



Young Eddie Escola hugging his dog.

MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM & COMMUNITY ARCHIVES, IMAGE P01479



Four soldiers, two dogs and family group, 1915-1916.

MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM & COMMUNITY ARCHIVES, IMAGE P01109

Album: Cats, Bunnies & Ponies, OH MY

www.flickr.com/photos/mrcommunityarchives/albums/72157714209339416/

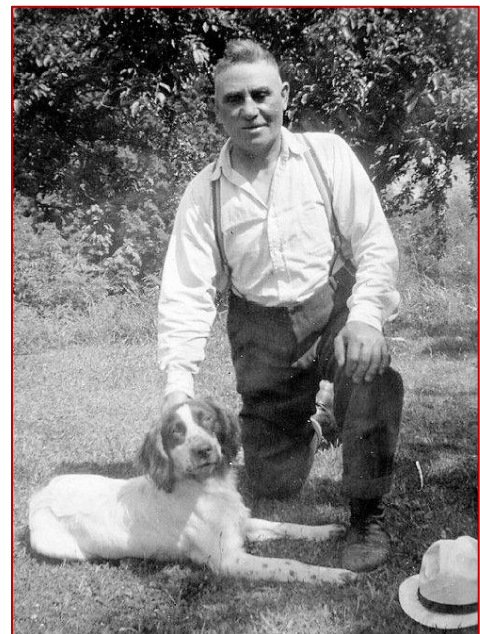


Edith Pope as a young woman posed with her cat, 1900.

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Album: Haney Family & Their Pets

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James Hawley and his dog, Patch, in 1939.

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Down the Research Rabbit Hole

Editor 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.

The Elite Directory of Vancouver

By Andrea Lister

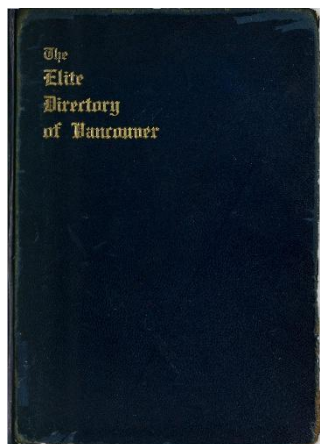
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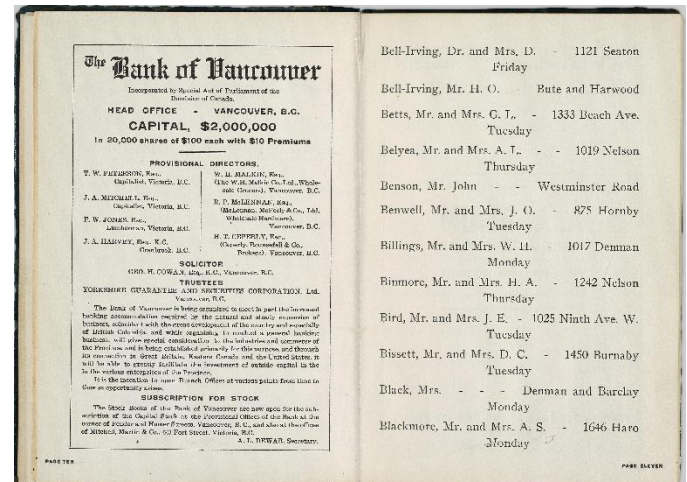
Published in 1908, the foreword of *The Elite Directory of Vancouver* stated that Vancouver was "growing so rapidly" the need for "a reliable and complete roster of the various clubs and of all persons properly recognized as constituting society" was imperative.

An ad appears in several January 1908 editions of the *Vancouver Province* for "ladies that are residents and known in Vancouver to gall and gather data from parties whose names are to appear in the Elite Directory of Vancouver. Reference required." The address for the unnamed publisher is the Vancouver Hotel.

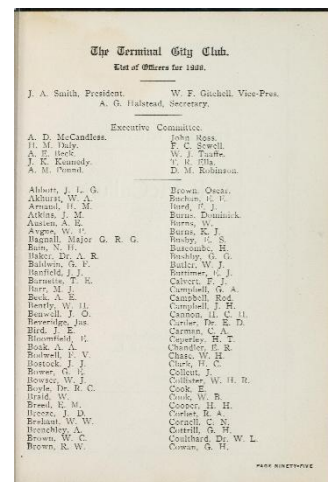


The book was published in April 1908 "handsomely bound in Royal Blue goat skin... printed in Cheltenham type on Dresden antique finish paper."¹⁰ It was available for \$5—approximately \$136.25 in 2025 money.¹¹ The money was payable to Mr. Arthur H. Lewis.

The book contained a list of 600 Vancouver individuals and their "at home" days. "At Home" days were a social custom in Britain, where women of society would receive visitors on a specific day of the week. Women often had calling cards that indicated when she would be at home and available to receive guests. The popularity of the telephone eroded the need for "At Home" days.



At the back of the book, it lists all the members of the various clubs: The Terminal City Club; The Western Club; Vancouver Tennis Club; The American Club; Royal Vancouver Yacht Club; and the Canadian Club.



The *Saturday Sunset* and the *Vancouver Daily World*, both Liberal-leaning newspapers, were quite critical of the publication. According to the 2 May 1908 *Saturday Sunset*, the book was put together by "a couple of Seattle society experts". The article is quite disparaging about what the "United States standards of 'eliteness'"

might be. The author of the article goes on to mock the vulgar advertising that was sold at \$25 a page (approximately \$681.25 in 2025). While the *Vancouver Daily World* decided that the directory did not "matter a hill of beans."

No other editions of *The Elite Directory of Vancouver* seem to have been published but it provides an interesting snapshot in time.

¹⁰ "Vancouver's Six Hundred." *Vancouver Daily World*, 2 April 1908, 6.

¹¹ \$1 CDN in 1914 converts to approximately \$27.25 CDN in 2025 money. The consumer price index (CPI) did not exist prior to 1914. "Inflation Calculator,"

Bank of Canada, accessed 15 May 2025,

<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/>.

Pitt Meadows Retirement News

Leslie Norman, the Curator at the Pitt Meadows Museum and Archives since October 1995 has retired after twenty-nine years. The post on Facebook, notes "Through the hard work of many people, the Museum has thrived over the years, but Leslie has been such an important backbone of this place during her time here. We will miss her more than words can ever do justice. We know this isn't the last time we'll see her around here, and we hope we can carry the torch that she has so lovingly passed on to us."

The new Curator is Keagan Nagy.

Work in Progress

Editor Brenda L. Smith



Report your research undertakings here!

We want to hear about your research projects as they happen. Since we hear from people who discover information in our newsletters, you can take this opportunity to reach out to the world.

SFU Research Update

At our February 2024 meeting, Dr. Barbara Mitchell and Project Manager Asli Ozer described the Family Genealogists and Long-Lost Relatives Project.

Here is an update and renewed invitation to take part.

The Family Genealogists and Long-Lost Relatives Study

By Barbara Mitchell

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our SSHRC-funded study at Simon Fraser University. This project is focused on adults aged 55+ who have searched for, and successfully located and connected with an immediate genetic relative (or proxy) over the past 5 years using home-based DNA kits.

This international study covers topics related to the psycho-social impacts of these discoveries. The results will be of interest to a wide audience, such as the general public, academics, professionals, and many hobby/leisure or community groups interested in family history/genealogy.

To date, over 230 individuals have participated in our online survey, and we have conducted over 50 in-

depth interviews. We are also producing a short video documentary profiling some fascinating personal stories.

While our data collection efforts are ongoing, below are some early highlights:

- The most common relatives that respondents were searching for (in rank order) were: siblings (half or full), fathers, grandparents, cousins
- The majority (60%) stated that their family history activities usually led to strong positive emotions, such as joy or pride
- The most common reasons for the search were 'personal curiosity' or to solve a family mystery
- Over 1/2 purchased more than one DNA kit, and used a variety of other methods during their search (e.g., genealogical archives/databases, family stories)
- 40% of respondents had their first meaningful contact experience directly with the long-lost relative, and most had a positive experience
- Almost 1/2 shared that the discovery presented a moral or ethical dilemma (e.g., sharing the news with certain family members)
- Most offered advice to those undergoing searches, such as "never give up," "prepare yourself emotionally for the possibility of finding something unexpected, for possible rejection and finding answers about understanding who you are," and "continue your search with eyes wide open and expect the unexpected."

If you or someone you know may be interested in participating in this study, please contact the P.I., Dr. Barbara Mitchell (mitchelo@sfu.ca), Chair, Dept. of Gerontology, or the Project Coordinator, Asli Ozer (asli_ozersfu.ca).

Link to our website:

<https://www.sfu.ca/gerontology/research/agegen2.html>
and survey: www.surveymonkey.ca/r/VCBGJ7H-

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Technology Tips: BC Historical Directories

By Doug Brigham, Head, Koerner Library at UBC

https://bcdirectories.wikibase.cloud/wiki/Main_Page

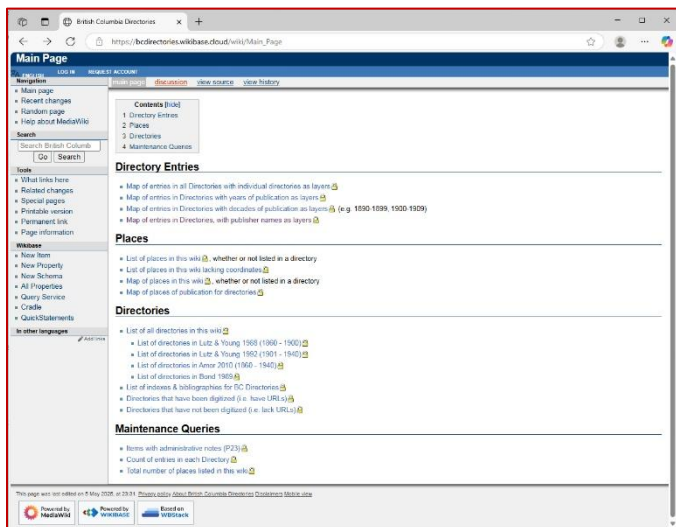
I have been developing a map-based search interface for British Columbia directories for the past year. The interface builds on the indexing work of John Lutz and George Young, the microfilming done by UBC Library's Preservation Microfilming Program, and the digitization work done by many local and international organizations.

It pulls in digitized directories from the UBC Open Collections, Vancouver Public Library, Internet Archive, Canadiana, and HathiTrust. A researcher may be looking for an ancestor who lived in Maple Ridge but be unaware that they should also look at Albion or Yennadon as neighbourhoods of the area. By using the map they can see what years those are listed in directories. It also provides users with the ability to see places that no longer exist such as Argenta or Annieville.

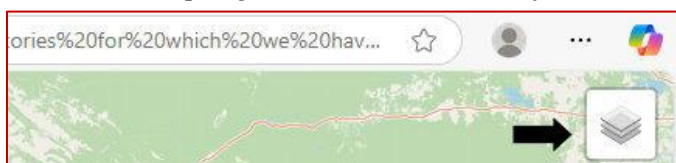
It is currently still in development, but I am looking for feedback as to whether local historians find the system a useful tool to support their research.

How to Use BC Directories WikiBase

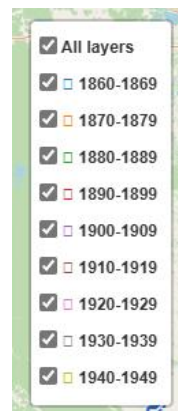
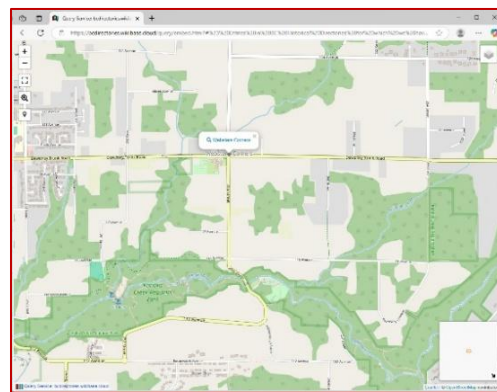
1. From the **Main Page**, click on **Map of entries in Directories with decades of publication as layers**.



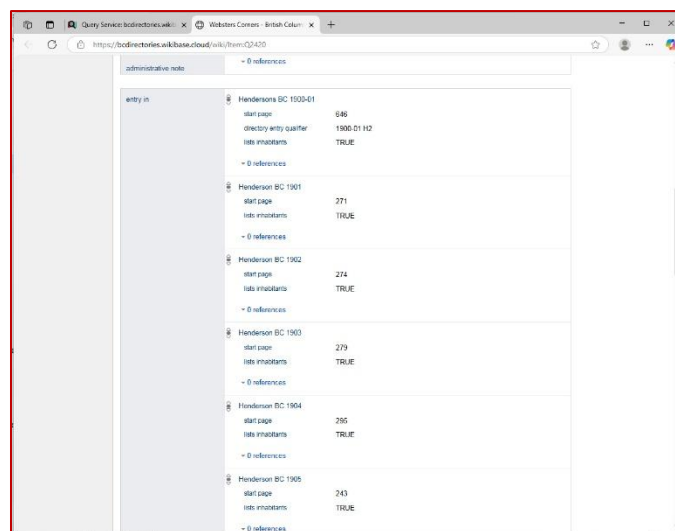
2. From the top, right-hand, click on the layers icon.



3. From the pop-up you can filter for specific decades.



4. Use the zoom function to zoom in to a specific area, for example, Webster's Corner.
5. Click on the dot and then the link to **Websters Corner**.
6. A new window will open, scroll down to entries and you can see a list of all the directories that list Webster's Corner.
7. Click on **Hendersons BC 1900-01** and you will find links to digitized Hendersons at Internet Archive, VPL, HathiTrust, UBC, and Canadiana.



Please let me know if you are interested in contributing to the project or have any feedback.

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<https://dx.doi.org/10.14288/1.0445481>

Research News

Loyalists Map

<https://tinyurl.com/mwzfhnvu>

Historian and author Brian McConnell has written extensively about those Loyalists in several books, focusing on local families and their journeys. To make his books interactive, he's created a free, online map that augments them.

His 'Loyalist History of Nova Scotia' map shows more than 100 pins that, when clicked on, show sidebar text and images that help tell the story and take the reader to the place in question.

Black Loyalists of Annapolis County

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5c1813d3e40a4e5eb73e59cf7b071971>

More than 2,700 Black Loyalists: free, indentured, apprenticed, or still enslaved, arrived in Nova Scotia in 1783 alone as a result of the American Revolution. By 1785, they were the largest group of people of African birth and of African descent to come to Nova Scotia at any one time. Annapolis County property transaction records show Black Loyalist names as early as 1784. Local historian Ian Lawrence made his original research available to Mapannapolis, it forms the framework for this story map.

The Canada Gazette (1841 to 1997)

<https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/help/cangaz>

The *Canada Gazette* is the official newspaper of the Government of Canada. It informs Canadians about government operations and involves them in the legislative process. It includes statutes, new and proposed regulations, administrative board decisions and public notices. You can search for appointments, divorces, land transactions, court proceedings, and Distinguished Service Orders and medals for soldiers. You may search the collection of Library and Archives Canada (LAC) for digitized issues from 1841 to 1997.

BC Vital Statistics Agency 2025 Release

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

The BC Vital Statistics Agency has provided a release of records for 2025. Newly released records include marriage registrations from 1949 and death registrations from 2004. The Vital Statistics Agency is working to provide birth registrations from 1904 to BC Archives.

ScotlandsPlaces

<https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/>

ScotlandsPlaces is a free resource that lets you explore thousands of records about Scotland simply by searching for a place name, clicking on a map or typing in a postcode. Search results bring together three national collections so that you can easily find maps, photographs and written records about your chosen place.

New Brunswick Archives adds more birth registrations

<https://archives.gnb.ca/Search/VISSE/?culture=en-CA>

The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick yesterday added 23,133 digitized images of birth registrations, from 1920 to 1929, for Northumberland, Queens and Restigouche counties.

VPL's Virtual Vault

<https://archive.org/details/vancouverpubliclibrary?tab=collection>

Vancouver Public Library (VPL) and Internet Archive Canada has partnered to digitize rare and historical books from VPL's collection. This collaboration will make it easier for people to access unique and historically valuable materials that were previously only available to those visiting the library in person.

The Virtual Vault features an impressive range of rare and unique books, periodicals, directories, and pamphlets focused on the history of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest. Here are a few of the titles you can view:

- *Early History of the British Columbia Electric Power System in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia*
- *Fifty years of progress in pharmacy, 1891-1941: golden jubilee souvenir*
- *Report of the Royal Commission on Chinese and Japanese immigration. Session 1902*
- *Development of the fishing industry in B.C. up to 1900*

Understanding Day School Records at Library and Archives Canada

<https://thediscoverblog.com/2025/06/05/understanding-day-school-records-at-library-and-archives-canada/>

The Day Schools Project at Library and Archives Canada aims to identify, digitize, and describe records related to the federal Day Schools system, making them more accessible for survivors, their families, and researchers. These schools established in the 1870s with the last closing or transferring to community control in the early 2000s were part of a broader system of colonial assimilation policies.

Family History Events

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

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

- **The Six-Folder Genealogy Organizing System** with Nancy E. Loe, July 2, 2025 11:00 AM (PST)
- **Forgotten Records: Pension Ledgers and the Payments they Represent** with Craig R. Scott, July 11, 2025, 11:00 AM (PST)
- **Researching your Ancestors in Surrey England** with Sarah Pettyfer, July 15, 2025, 11:00 AM (PST)
- **Civil War Records: What is a Reasonably Exhaustive Search?** with Craig R. Scott, July 16, 2025, 5:00 PM (PST)
- **Tracing Scots Ancestors Before 1855** with Alison Spring, July 18 2:00 PM (EST)
- **Strategies for Sorting Out and Documenting Mexican Names and Families** with Colleen Robledo Greene, July 22, 2025, 11:00 AM (PST)
- **Unlocking Notation Codes on Alien Passenger Lists** with Elizabeth Williams Gomoll, July 23, 2025, 11:00 AM (PST)
- **Top Newspaper Sites That You MUST RESEARCH!** with Ari Wilkins, July 30, 2025, 11:00 AM (PST)
- **Foundations in DNA 4 of 5: Using Shared Matching** with Blaine Bettinger, August 6, 2025, 11:00 AM (PDT)
- **Exploring Nigeria Genealogy: A Guide to Researching Your Nigerian Ancestor(s)** with Chukwudi Emmanuel Ewa, August 8, 2025, 11:00 AM (PDT)

Maple Ridge Family History Group

<https://mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/family-history/>

- **Are There Pets in Your Family History?** This shared topic is about recognizing the importance of pets as part of our family history. The bond between pets and families can be evident throughout generations. Whether a working pet, a loyal companion or specially trained, these animals add significantly to your family stories. Most likely they have been included in family photos, and in some cases even made their way into newspapers as part of community events. August 6, 2025: 7:00 PM (PST) via Zoom.

Maple Ridge Historic 75 Minute Walking Tours

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

Free, cash donations are welcome. Tour attendance is capped at 15 people per tour. Registration required.

- **Maple Ridge Cemetery** with Erica Williams, Saturdays: July 5, August 2, September 6, 2025, 2:00 PM (PST).
- **Downtown Maple Ridge** with Erica Williams, Sundays: July 6, August 3, September 7. 2025. 2:00 PM (PST).

Surrey Libraries

www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history

Free. Registration required. Cloverdale.

- **Family History Orientation** Saturdays, September 25, 2025, 10:30 to 11:30 AM (PST)
- **Fun Family History Friday**, Fridays, September 19, 2025, 2:30 to 3:30 PM (PST).

- **Family History DNA Chat**, Friday, September 12, 2025, 2:30 to 3:30 PM (PST).

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 2, 2025: André and Alice Marc Project: An Interim Report Marc Family with Brenda L. Smith. This French couple came to Maple Ridge in 1911 to start life on the flank of Golden Ears Mountain. Their home, still standing in the Malcolm Knapp Research Forest, is a rare remnant of their legacy. Alice Claudie Pichon's family arrived in North America in 1892, making its way to Victoria where her father was a well-known gunsmith. Emile André Marc trained as a lawyer but yearned for a different life. They married in Victoria in 1909 and embarked on an adventure that our research is beginning to unveil. Join us to see the story so far.

August 6, 2025: Are There Pets in Your Family History? Have another look at your family photos with a different focus. You might be surprised at how many pets have been included. Share your photos and hopefully, you have a story about these special friends.

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