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Family History Newsletter

Adding Layers to the Story of Maple Ridge

By Andrea Lister

There was a time in Maple Ridge history when the eligible voters numbered only 30 men. The history of Maple Ridge is often simplified to a group of settlers meeting at John McIver's farm on September 12, 1874 and deciding that they should incorporate and become a municipality." The choice of the name came from the trees and topography of John McIver's farm. Was becoming a municipality really that simple in 1874?

Traditionally, the area was known by its Halkomelem name 'Z'wa?acstan' which translates into "place where the golden eagles are". Settlers began to arrive in the area during the 1850s.

A newspaper search from 1860 to 1874 shows that John McIver had named his home Maple Ridge by 1867 when he listed it for sale (he did not sell the property).

The Governor declares and proclaims a fence district all that parcel of land known as the Maple Ridge Settlements, being on the north shore of the Fraser, commencing at the mouth of Pitt river and following the north shore of the Fraser as high as Peter Baker's eastern side line; thence north to the foot of the Golden Ears Mountain; thence west to the Pitt Lake; thence down Pitt river to the point of commencement at its mouth, by and with the name of the "Maple Ridge Fence District," subject to all the provisions and conditions of the "Fence Ordinance, 1869."

This 1872 Gazette Notice refers to the "Maple Ridge Settlement" three years prior to incorporation.

VICTORIA DAILY STANDARD, 17 JULY 1871, 3

FOR SALE.

JOHN MCIVOR'S RANCH.

MAPLE RIDGE,
WITHIN TEN MILES FROM THE CAPITAL.

THIS Property comprises 160 acres of land, of which 20 acres are cleared and well enclosed, with houses, farming implements, stock, &c. Also a wharf with every convenience for wooding the river steamers, for which the place is admirably adapted, having a plentiful supply of excellent wood, both fir and maple.

The above valuable property will be sold either with or without the stock and crops, as may suit the purchaser.

For particulars apply to
JOHN MCIVOR.

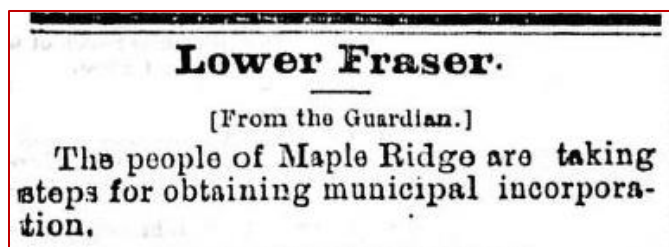
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THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN, NOVEMBER 2, 1867, 4

Further searches show the name "Maple Ridge Settlements" was already in common use to refer to the area by as early as 1871.

The June 11, 1874 issue of the *Daily British Colonist* reported that "the people of Maple Ridge" were taking steps for obtaining municipal incorporation.

Incorporation was not as simple as a group of people deciding Maple Ridge was a municipality. The "people" were two-thirds of the thirty eligible male settlers who



DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, JUNE 11, 1874, 2

gathered to write the petition. Eligible voters were male freeholders, householders, free miners, pre-emptors, and leaseholders, who were over twenty-one and had resided in the area for more than two years.

The receipt of the petition was acknowledged in a July 28, 1874 memorandum from John Ash, provincial secretary to Joseph Trutch, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.¹ The Township of Maple Ridge was declared by the Provincial Government on September 12, 1874.



DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, SEPTEMBER 13, 1874, 2

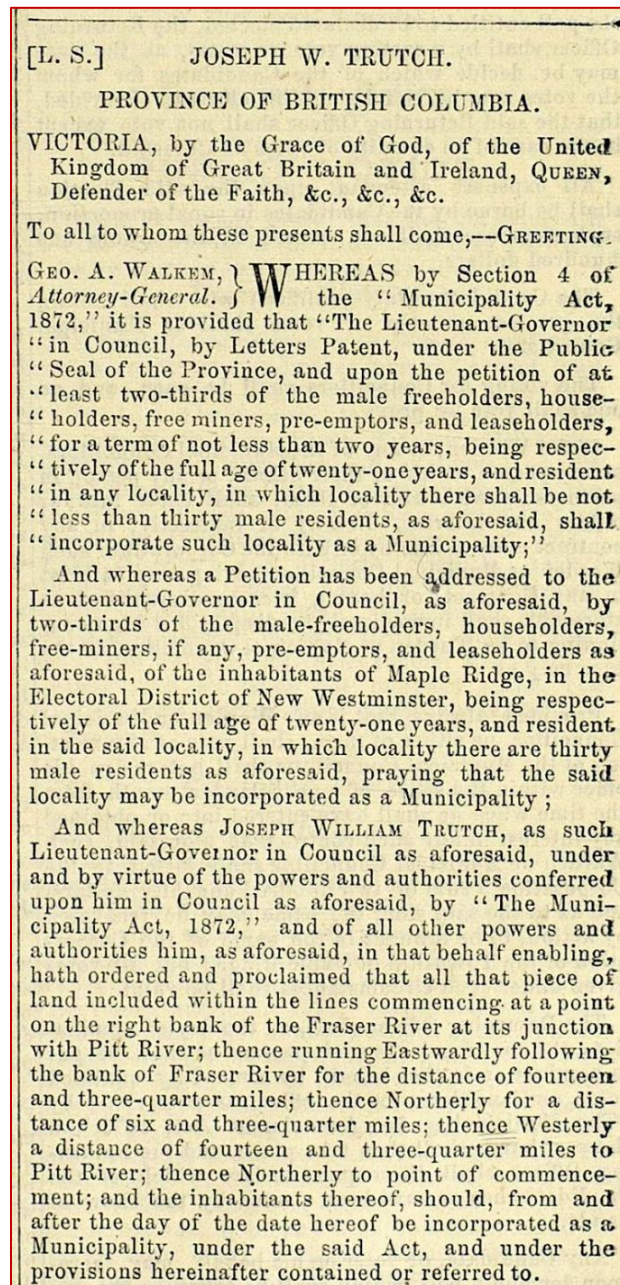
On October 3, fifteen electors, including John Hammond, George Howeson, John Bell, Henry Dawson, J. McKenny, Wellington Harris, Thomas Henderson, and John McIver voted at the first election of councillors held at McIver's home. Howeson, Harris, Bell, McKenny, Dawson, Henderson, and Hammond were elected.

In 1930, John McIver's daughter Mary (Mrs. J. C. McFarlane) recalled in her memoir "Early Days in Maple Ridge" that "on the hill above the river, from Hammond to the Slide Hill near Haney, for over two miles was a ridge of beautiful maple trees." Her memoir is in the museum's collection.

Sometimes researching your ancestors requires broadening your search. By searching for the incorporation of Maple Ridge and not for the names

of the men involved, the inspiration for the name of the community and the layers of the history are uncovered.

The only missing piece is a copy of the original petition with the signatures of the men, which is likely on microform at BC Archives. They have Executive Council records, including a sub-series GR-0444.F for Papers received by the Executive Council. This series starts in 1871, and includes petitions from citizens.



BRITISH COLUMBIA. 1874. THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GAZETTE. PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY. VOL. XIV. BC HISTORICAL BOOKS. VICTORIA, BC: GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY: DOI:HTTP://DX.DOI.ORG/10.14288/1.0357962.1

¹ Order in Council 816/1874.

www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/oic/arc_oic/0816_1874.

Political Advertising Before Social Media

As we approach BC municipal elections 17 October 2026 here are some glimpses of elections past.



Mary Ellen Smith, née Spear, 1863-1933, was the first woman member of British Columbia's Legislative Assembly and the first woman Cabinet minister in the British Empire. She served as an independent, later as a Liberal, from 1918 til 1928.

BC ARCHIVES F-09917 - MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1921 [15TH PARLIAMENT, FIRST SESSION]. ME SMITH STANDS IN THE SECOND ROW BEHIND THE SEATED SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE.

March 10—The Election of Members! Bill was taken up in committee. Considerable discussion ensued on a clause prohibiting public houses from being open during the time of an election within five miles of any polling place. The Attorney General advocated the principle, but moved an amendment that the five mile portion of the clause be struck out. Dr. Helmcken was in favor of the clause as amended. Mr Humphreys approved of it, but thought it could not be carried out. Mr Bunster thought it the most unmanly thing he ever heard of to say in a bill what a man should eat or drink. He thought the class of men who would be qualified by the election bill would be able to take care of themselves, and should be allowed to judge for themselves what they should drink; besides, if a steamer were to arrive at Victoria on an election day, it would be unfair to deprive passengers of the privilege of open public houses. A great many people came over from the Sound on election days, and it was wrong to deprive them of the pleasure of having a good spree. He accordingly moved an amendment striking out the whole clause. Mr Nathan supported the latter amendment. He considered it was unfair to a class of persons who contributed so largely to the revenue to deprive them of the great benefits that would accrue to them at such a time. Mr Bunster's amendment was carried, and the report of the committee having been accepted the bill was read a third time and passed. A Bill to Prevent Bribery at Elections was introduced and read the first time.

Drunkenness and Bribery: The colonial council creating laws to manage the election of the first Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia upon joining the Confederation of Canada.

CARIBOO SENTINEL (BARKERVILLE), 08 APRIL 1981



Politicians at work: Iona Campagnolo talks to Mayor A.F. Shorttreid in Smithers ca 1979.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, 2009.6.13.49.1265

HERE'S HOW QUESNELITES VOTED

The Dec. 9 municipal election in Quesnel saw 1,235 turn out to cast ballots, for a percentage of 55.48 per cent of those eligible.

In the municipal voting there were 2,226 eligible to cast ballots. The turnout of 1,235 was only eight greater than in the last mayoralty contest, in 1969.

FOR ALDERMAN (Three to be elected)

	GODFREY	GRAY	HILBORN	PANAGROT
Townhall	494	500	350	453
Westside	268	293	241	268
Advance	14	18	4	13

Elected for two-year terms were Andrew Gray, Lon Godfrey, and John Panagrot. There were 25 spoiled ballots.

FOR MAYOR

	DONAHUE	LAZZARIN	TINGLEY
Townhall	208	222	301
Westside	115	92	244
Advance	5	9	5
TOTALS	332	333	550

Mayor Carl Tingley was re-elected for a two-year term.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES (Two to be elected)

	FOOTE	HARRY	RIDDELL	SPOILED
Townhall	391	503	327	13
Westside	223	260	244	21
Advance	12	12	8	0
TOTALS	626	775	579	34

Elected for two-year terms were Garnett Harry and Carl Foote.

How the votes were cast in municipal elections.

CARIBOO OBSERVER, 13 DECEMBER 1969, PAGE 1

ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS LIST?

The provincial voters' lists are now being revised.

If you are not registered you will not be able to vote at the next provincial election.

It is your duty as a citizen to see that you are properly registered on the British Columbia provincial voters' list, just as it is your duty to vote.

Do not wait for the Deputy Registrar to call on you. He may have no opportunity. Make it a point to find out for yourself and if you are not registered.

WRITE, PHONE OR WIRE, OR APPLY PERSONALLY TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS IN YOUR DISTRICT

Registration on the Dominion or Municipal voters' list does not mean your name is on the provincial voters' list. To vote in a provincial election your name must be on this provincial voters' list.

Be a good citizen! Be sure you are registered. Be sure you vote!

If you are not registered you cannot vote.

Government of the
Province of British Columbia

Election is called.

CARIBOO OBSERVER, 16 APRIL 1949, PAGE 4.

Research News

Maple Ridge Historic Resources

www.mapleridge.ca/build-do-business/planning-land-use/heritage-conservation/historic-resources-and-research

There are a number of digitized resources available on the City of Maple Ridge website.

- Historic maps
- Council minutes from 1874 to 1958, and 1974
- Historic bylaws from 1874 to 1913
- Tax assessment and collector rolls from 1881 to 1947

Have your say on advancing AI transparency in Canada

<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en/have-your-say-advancing-ai-transparency-canada>

To help advance the vision set out in Canada's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy: AI for All, the Government of Canada has launched a public consultation on increasing AI transparency.

The survey is very slanted to the notion that AI usage is inevitable and that all is needed is transparency to build trust. It does not address the more important questions around copyright, who is collecting your data, or the social and environmental impacts.

You are invited to take the survey and share your views on these issues. The survey closes September 23, 2026.

Ukrainian Records

<https://lostrussianfamily.wordpress.com/2026/07/18/familysearch-fills-up-searchable-databases-with-more-than-100-million-ukrainian-records/>

The effort for digitizing Ukrainian archive records has built up the FamilySearch databases to more than 100 million records available to search. All these records can be searched from FamilySearch's free 21 databases in English.

Alberta Death Index, 1903–1974 on MyHeritage

www.myheritage.com

The Alberta Death Index can be found in the card catalogue under the Research tab. Search and then, with the date information, go to the Provincial Archives of Alberta and order the certificate.

Technology Tips: Basic Advanced Searching at UBC Open Collections

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By Katrina Yaskowich on July 23, 2026

<https://digitize.library.ubc.ca/2026/07/23/teach-me-how-basic-advanced-searching/>

This blog post covers some more advanced search techniques, so if you have not already, we strongly recommend you check out our previous blog posts on how to search Open Collections.

EXAMPLE SEARCH: CHARLIE CRANE

Content Warning: This blog post features items that may contain outdated, ableist, and derogatory language about blind, deaf and disabled people.

Those who read our previous blog posts on the Crane Library at UBC will know that Charles Allan Crane (1906-1965) was a student who attended UBC between 1931 and 1933, and made history as the first deafblind person to attend a Canadian university.

PERSON OR ORGANIZATION METADATA

For many items in Open Collections, especially images, there is a field called Person or Corporation where the names of significant people or organizations are listed.

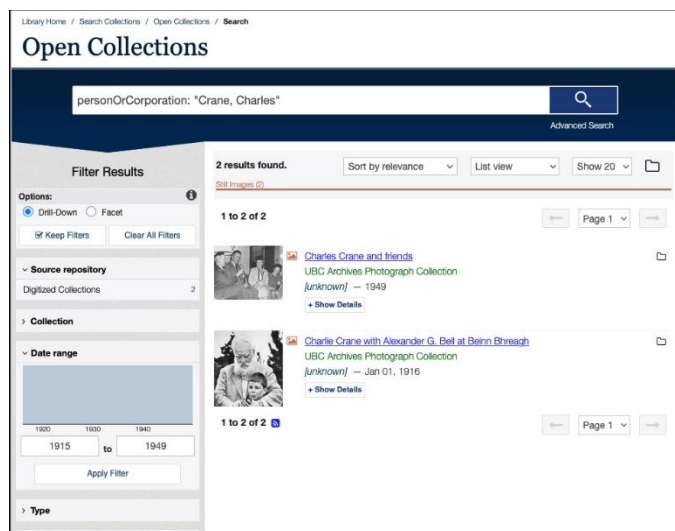
For example this image of Charlie with Alexander Graham Bell includes the linked name: "Crane, Charles"

The screenshot shows the 'Open Collections' interface for the 'UBC Archives Photograph Collection'. The title of the item is 'Charlie Crane with Alexander G. Bell at Beinn Bhreagh'. The 'Item Metadata' table lists various details: Title, Creator, Date Created (1916-01-01), Extent (10 x 16 cm), Person Or Corporation (Crane, Charles), Genre (Photographs), Type (Still Image), File Format (Image/jpeg), Notes (Print), Identifier (UBC 1.1/15800), Collection (UBC Archives Photograph Collection), Source (Original Format: University of British Columbia Archives), Date Available (2003-05-01), Provider (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Library), Rights (Images provided for research and reference use only. Permission to publish, copy or otherwise use these images must be obtained from the UBC Archives: https://archives.library.ubc.ca/contact-us/), DOI (10.14288/1.0137101), and Aggregated Resource Repository (CONTENTdm). To the right of the metadata is a thumbnail image of an elderly man (Alexander Graham Bell) holding a young boy (Charlie Crane).

CHARLIE CRANE WITH ALEXANDER G. BELL AT BEINN BHREAGH, 1916,
UBC ARCHIVES PHOTO COLLECTION

When we click on it, the link brings up everything else Open Collections tied to the same person or organization.

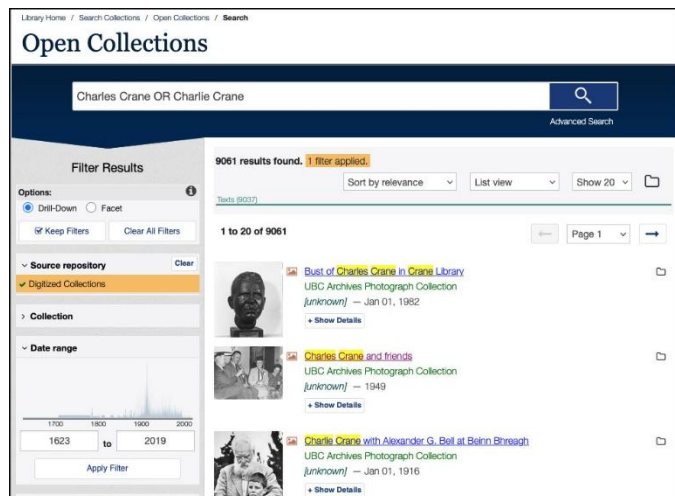
In this case only two images pop up.



This means we need to dig further and find some written sources.

REGULAR SEARCH

If we do a regular search on Charlie using two variations of his name we find a lot of potential sources. A lot of this might be relevant but this is too many results to sort through! This is a common issue when researching people with generic first or last names.



So, let's see if we can do a more precise search to find out what Charlie was up to while in Vancouver.

ADVANCED FULL TEXT SEARCHING

This is where background research becomes very important. Some pieces of info that are good to have before searching for a more obscure person are the basic facts of their life including name variations, where they lived and when they were born and died.

For Charlie we know the following from biographies written about him.

Name(s): Charles Allan Crane (1605-1965)

Alternative Names: Often goes by "Charlie" or "Charlie Crane" with or without middle name Allan or Allen (if misprinted). Sometimes shortens Charles to "Ches." when publishing journalistic articles

Place: Born in Ontario, lived in Nova Scotia, moved to BC in 1922 (17 years old). Attended UBC between 1931 and 1933, and spent the rest of his life in Vancouver. Contributed to the UBC student newspaper The Ubysey

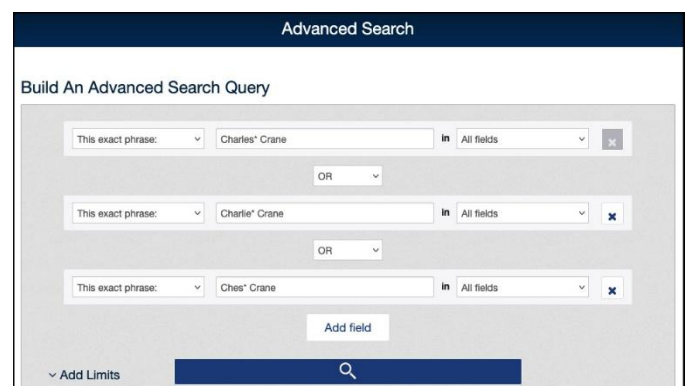
To do an advanced search on Charlie we would take the following steps:

1. Click **Advanced Search** on the Search page. You'll notice that below the search there are some details of how the search syntax works to make searching more efficient, but we won't be trying all of this in this blog post.



2. Build Your Search.

For our search we will be searching variations of Charlie Crane's name with an asterisk (*) where his middle name would be. In Open Collections this works as what is called a wildcard operator.



If we wanted to expand the search more we could select "Any of these words" or "All of these words"

instead of “exact phrase”. But in this case we want only people with the first name Charles followed by the last name Crane.

Every time we add a new phrase to our search we also make sure “OR” is between them.

AND vs. OR

It’s important to make sure you choose the right option when picking between AND and OR. AND will give you a much smaller amount of results but can exclude too much, and OR will cast a wider net.

As an example:

“Cats” AND “dogs” -> Results that mention BOTH cats and dogs

“Cats” OR “dogs” -> ONLY Cats + ONLY dogs + BOTH cats and dogs

Check out this Libguide for more details:

<https://guides.library.ubc.ca/c.php?g=697790&p=4955644>

3. Select Filters

Under Limits I’ve chosen to limit the search to our digitized historical collections and limit the date to the years Charlie lived in British Columbia, 1922-1965. We can apply more filters later if needed

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar at the top. Below it, there are several filter sections. The 'Add Limits' section is expanded, showing 'Source repository' with 'Digitized Collections' selected, 'Collection' with 'cPride' and 'Research Data' listed, and 'Date range' with '1922 to 1965' selected. There is also a 'Genre' section with 'Arts '35' selected. A date range slider is visible, showing the years 1922 to 1965. An 'Apply Filter' button is at the bottom.

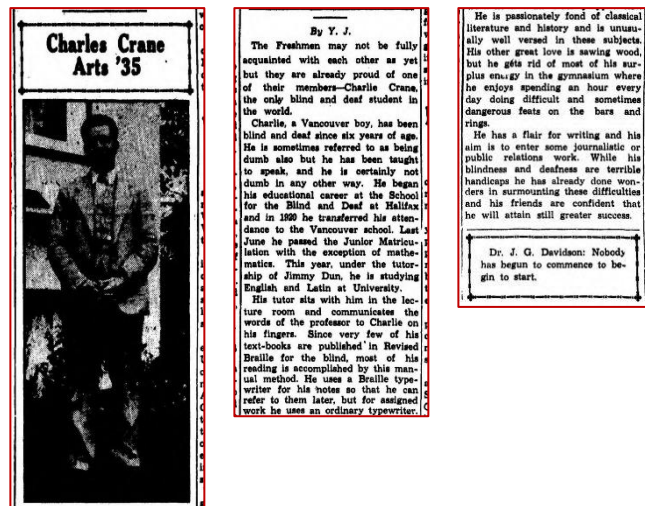
4. Search

Let’s hit search and see what we have!

After that we have a small collection of 13 results to sort through. We might have found the same items with a simpler search as well, but it was worth narrowing the results down.

Even with this narrower search, some of the results are about different people also named Charlie Crane. But when we click into some of the items we find some interesting things like this 1929 Legislative Report that cites his academic achievements at the BC

School for the Deaf and Blind. An article from the *Ubyyssey* introducing him to his classmates. A column from the October 2, 1932 edition of the *Ubyyssey*, and an article written by Charlie himself under the name Ches. Allen Crane. Articles from the *Nelson Daily News* and UBC Historical Newspaper Collections about his journalistic pursuits and public speaking. And a general interest article about Charlie published in the *Nelson Daily News* published 4 years before his death.



THE UBYSSEY, OCTOBER 9, 1931, PAGE 3

If we wanted to find more on Charlie from here we could expand the search criteria to include a broader set of dates from his birth in 1905 to 2026 to find materials published about him after his death, or expand our search in new directions.

CONCLUSION

This blog post was adapted from a longer post on the the UBC Digitization Centre—be sure to follow the link for the full article.

HELPFUL LINKS

Open Collections Advanced Search
Advanced Search Syntax – Explains wildcards, AND, OR and other useful features
UBC Libguide on Search Techniques

ADDITIONAL READING ON CHARLIE

“The Useful Citizen,” *Trek Magazine* (UBC Alumni Magazine), June 2013, 28–32. Also available online here.
Carbin, C. F., & Smith, D. L. (1996). *Deaf heritage in Canada: A distinctive, diverse, and enduring culture*. McGraw-Hill Ryerson. Available for free courtesy of The Canadian Cultural Society for the Deaf.

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.

Join us at the regular gathering via Zoom to hear how members' plans have progressed in the New Year Challenge to develop and make progress on a personal research project.

The Maple Ridge Family History Group's yearlong planning project is bearing fruit.

My plan involves recently revealed documents in the Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives. These documents are related, but not about, the Marc family who lived in Maple Ridge from 1911 to 1993. The documents relate to a branch of their family that lived in California and Victoria before returning to France in the 1920s. Several items are in French and needed translation. Some are personal writing that helps shape the story of the sojourners and the part of the family that shared our local community.

Bringing these otherwise fascinating but ambiguous records to light and writing the story are ongoing tasks.

See the meeting information on the events page in this newsletter to see more details on the September 2 meeting. For further reference see the planning handout in the *Maple Ridge Family History Newsletter* January 2026 issue.

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.

Private William Adolph Bostrom

By Joy Mooney

Rabbit Holes.... Oh my! But sometimes they lead back to meaningful family connections! While scrolling through Facebook, I noticed a post in the *Whonnock Neighbours* private group asking for information on behalf of Harrie van Ewijk, who lives in The Netherlands. He wrote, "I am looking for the family and descendants of Private William Adolph Bostrom (Service Number: K/41569), who tragically fell in action in Germany on March 8, 1945, and is laid to rest here in the Netherlands at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery."

I learned the *Faces to Graves* project, with which Harrie volunteers, is a reputable, well known non-profit Dutch initiative based in Groesbeek, Netherlands. The goal of *Faces to Graves* is to write individual life stories and collect photographs for every single Allied soldier buried in Canadian war cemeteries in the Netherlands, transforming forgotten names and statistics into remembered individuals.

While investigating this rabbit hole, I cross-referenced the names of fallen Maple Ridge Second World War soldiers with the list of soldiers on the Groesbeek Cemetery list, but none appeared on both lists. Despite not having clear evidence of ties to Maple Ridge, I dug deeper!



Grave marker of William Adolph Bostrom.

JOHN S. BREHAUT,
PHOTOGRAPHER, CANADIAN
VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL,
VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA

I was intrigued by the story of Private Bostrom, as I have always had an interest in researching Canadian veterans, having worked on the MRFH group's *Honouring Those Who Served* project

in 2024 and, more recently, researching the Rosa brothers, two brothers from my extended family who died serving with the Canadian military during the First World War. Despite having several other projects

on the go, I immediately began researching Private Bostrom's life and attempting to trace his siblings and their descendants. My starting point was his military service file held by Library and Archives Canada, which provided valuable secondary source information about his parents and siblings.¹

Harrie noted that he believed that Private Bostrom lived in Whonnock prior to enlistment and may have siblings and descendants of siblings still living in the area. What I have learned from sources located to date, points to the family living in the Lakes District of Northern BC. In the 1931 census and again on Private Bostrom's military service records (see below), many of the family lived in Danskin, a rural community about 30 km south of Burns Lake, BC.²

As is my practise, when taking up new research unrelated to my personal family trees, I created a private, unsearchable tree on Ancestry for William Adolph Bostrom and used it to document sources and potential family trees. Through Ancestry, I was able to connect with a great-great niece of Private Bostrom, G.B. who has spoken with her grandmother to collect information about and photos of this soldier. Simultaneously, I reached out to other members of the MR Family History group for research suggestions. Andrea Lister reviewed Private Bostrom's military service file and noted that a photograph was taken when he enlisted but does not appear online. Brenda Smith connected with the Lakes District Museum curator, who was able to connect us to another descendant of the Bostrom family. So far, we have found no documented connection to Whonnock—like some undocumented knowledge, this is likely a red herring. I have linked back to Harrie and shared the information we have collected to date and will continue to communicate with him as new information is received.

3	Father of the Deceased.....	Carl Oscar Bostrom	64	Danskin, British Columbia	
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Lophie Bostrom	57	Danskin B.C.	
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Carl Harry Bostrom	30	Canadian Army Overseas
			Alfred Stanley Bostrom	24	Danskin B.C.
			Robert Sidney Bostrom	20	Danskin B.C.
			Arthur Walter Bostrom	17	Danskin B.C.
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Mrs. Mabel Lofie Nicholson	32	Francois Lake B.C.
			Helen Virginia Bostrom	26	Prince Rupert B.C.
			Ruby Lillian Bostrom	22	Burns Lake B.C.
			Alice Dorothy Bostrom	18	Danskin B.C.

We did find that several of William's siblings changed both their first and last names. From a family history perspective, researching family members who change their names can add an additional layer of complexity to the research process. Based on Private Bostrom's sister Mabel's obituary, all seven of her surviving siblings changed their names or went by "call" names. This family's oral knowledge was also confirmed by G.B. I have been able to document the name changes of three of these siblings.

On a very personal note, learning about the Bostrom family name changes, reminded me of my Aunt Diana (my uncle's wife) who changed her name in the 1950s. For many years, Diana and I had communicated primarily by emails and letters (she is deaf) but about five years ago she stopped responding. At one point, I went so far as to go to her last known address and knock on the door, being told that she no longer lived there. Every few months, I would try to google search her name or search for people who may know of her on Facebook or the internet, without success. While trying to track down Private Bostrom's siblings, I decided to, yet again, search on Facebook for her only surviving child, my cousin Terry. Although he is not on social media, his name came up attached to a recent photograph. I sent a personal message to the person who posted the photo, asking him to share my contact information with Terry. One afternoon recently Terry called me while visiting Aunt Diana! She was thrilled to hear from me. She is in her 95th year and now living in a retirement community. Because of several moves, technological losses and general frailty, she had been unable to contact me.

Following this rabbit hole was beneficial to my own family history research! I reconnected with Aunt Diana who will hopefully be able to help me put names to faces of some old family photographs and with my cousin Terry, who is a direct male descendant from one of my brick walls, our 3rd great grandfather who lived in Virginia, USA. Contributing to the meaningful commemorative project Faces to Graves, even in a small way, was also a win!

Endnotes

1. Library and Archives Canada (LAC), Genealogy / Military / Second World War Service Files – War Dead, 1939 to 1947, "William Adolph Bostrom," Item ID 3333, Reference RG 24, Volume 25492, file level, textual material; service number K41569, Private, Royal Regiment of Canada, R.C.I.C.; born 18 June 1911, died 8 March 1945, Accessed 24 July 2026.
2. 1931 census of Canada, British Columbia, Skeena district, page 9, Carl Oscar Bostrom family; *Census Search, 1931*, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, microfilm reel T-27366; digital image, accessed 25 July, 2026.

Family History Events

2026 Abbotsford Family History Day

<https://abbyfhday.simplictix.ca/>

- Saturday, October 17, 2026.
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 30635 Blueridge Dr, Abbotsford, BC. Free. Pre-registration is encouraged.



Kelowna & District Genealogical Society

www.KDGS.ca

Free for KDGS members; \$10 CDN for non-members, online

- **Grandfather's First Family in India** with Mohini Singh, September 14, 2026, 7:00 PM (PDT).
- **Unraveling Family History with AI: Leveraging AI to Trace an Ancestor's Journey** with Diane Henriks, October 5, 2026, 7:00 PM (PDT).

Ontario Ancestors Webinars

Online. Free

<https://ogs.on.ca/2026-webinar-lineup/>

- **FNMI: The Indigenous Peoples of Canada** with Lianne Kruger, September 3, 2026, 7:00 PM (EST).

- **Home Children and Orphan Trains: North American Child Migration Schemes of the 19th and 20th Centuries** with Kate Penney Howard, October 1, 2026, 7:00 PM (EST).

Nanaimo Family History Society

<https://nanaimofamilyhistory.ca/>

Pre-registration required.

- **Our Unique Canadian System of Heraldry** with Steve Cowan, September 7, 2026, 1:30 PM (PST), Zoom only meeting.
- **Travelling Back in Time Using Google Earth Pro** with In-person & Zoom, with Marie Palmer, October 26, 2026, 1:30 PM (PDT), Hybrid.
- **Writing Your Family Story: Why It Matters and How Anyone Can Begin** with Nancy Haight Penrose, November 23, 2026, 1:30 PM (PDT), Hybrid.

Surrey Libraries

www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history

Free. Registration required. Cloverdale.

- **Family History Orientation**, Saturdays, Sept 21, Nov 23, 2026, 6:00 to 7:00 PM (PST)
- **Family History 101**, Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 10:30 to 11:30 AM (PDT). Ocean Park.
- **Family History DNA Chat**, Friday, Sept 11, Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 18, 2026, 2:30 to 3:30 PM (PDT).
- **Family History for Beginners**, Wednesday, October 14 2026, 1:00 to 3:30 PM (PDT).

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.

September 2, 2026: New Year's Challenge—Planning Your Family History Research: THE RESULTS

What planning did you put in place to achieve your family history goals for 2026? Did the tools/guides outlined through our presentations help you set a goal with a doable plan? Are you ready to share your results? Remember this is a "work in progress" but sharing what you have uncovered to date will inspire our members to focus on the importance of planning when setting goals for their family history research. As an added feature, we will also take a few minutes to look at the benefits and pitfalls of using indexes and document transcriptions.

October 7, 2026: LIFE CYCLE STUDIES: Join Brenda as she presents the last part of the Life Cycle Studies. Making sure your ancestors died can give you the best launch in discovering the stories of their lives. Consider how the information compiled at the end of one's life can provide a summary, guiding your research deep into the past.

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