

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.

They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

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The Haney Family – A Different Perspective

by Gina Leigh & Alberta McNamara

The Maple Ridge Family History Group's most recent community history project deals with the Haney family. The Haney family are arguably the best known pioneer family name in Maple Ridge; a great deal of information is known about them, and has been written about them. How to bring something new to the table and, perhaps, tell their story from a different perspective? Let's start with where they came from before arriving in what is today Maple Ridge.

Thomas Haney's father, Dennis and his grandfather, Thomas Hanlon were both early Irish settlers to Cape Breton Island. They are listed in the 1838 Census for Cape North. Both were fishermen — Thomas Hanlon had a household of eight and Dennis Haney was single. By 1839, Dennis Haney was married to Thomas Hanlon's daughter, Bridget. The couple settled into farming in the Aspy Bay area and by 1849, they had seven children.

Dennis died in a drowning accident in the spring of 1849, leaving Bridget to pack up her seven young children and move to Oxford County, Ontario to join her father and other family.

Thomas Haney married Anne Callaghan, the daughter of another Irish immigrant, Daniel Callaghan, 14 October 1873. This was the beginning of an

enterprising life for both families. In 1876, Thomas Haney was joined by his father-in-law, Daniel and brothers-in-law, Daniel Thomas and John on a journey that would bring them to Wickwire's Landing, today's Maple Ridge. Finding the location ideal, Anne joined her husband in 1877 with their young daughter, Mary Florence and brother, Jeremiah.

This would be the last leg of the journey for Thomas Haney and his extended family.

Five more children were born to Thomas and Anne in Port Haney. Daughter Mary Florence died of diphtheria at age 11, three days after the birth of her youngest sister Margaret Maud Mae.

The Haney family were devout Catholics and were instrumental in the building of the first two St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church buildings. They set aside land for Catholic burials at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Anne collected donations for construction of the first church. Amongst other endeavours, Thomas and son Daniel Thomas worked in the community for decades on road building and maintenance. Thomas was instrumental in the establishment of a Port Haney Water Works system that Daniel and his wife managed for a number of years. The Haney family and their extended family became community builders in the growth and development of Maple Ridge.

Did we bring a fresh perspective to the Haney family? You decide. Our presentation, with additional information both before and after the family's arrival in Maple Ridge, will be unveiled at the **Heritage Awards** on February 22nd at 7:00 pm (see page 2 for details). The presentation will be on display at the Maple Ridge Library after February 22nd.

Online Resources

Salvation Army

<https://salvationist.ca/about/history/war-cry-salvationist-archived/>

The *Canadian War Cry* was first published on November 1, 1884. The archives offers 105 years of the *Canadian War Cry* in PDF format online. Most issues are word-searchable.

Personnel Records of WWI

www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx

543,142 of 640,000 files are available online in Library and Archives Canada's Personnel Records of the First World War database. Latest box digitized: Box 9247 and last name Staunton.

Scotland's People

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

More than 233,000 newly-released Scottish records of births in 1917, marriages in 1942 and deaths in 1967 are now available.

Jersey BMDs

www.findmypast.co.uk

Transcripts for Church of England baptisms, marriages and burials for the Bailiwick of Jersey, a British Crown dependency in the Channel Islands.

- Jersey Baptisms 1540–1915
- Jersey Marriages 1542–1940
- Jersey Burials 1541–1940

Family History Events

Abbotsford Family History Day

www.abbotsfordfamilyhistory.com

- Details to be announced.

BCGS

www.bcgs.ca

- **DNA Seminar 2018**, Keynote speaker Mary Kathryn Kozy, Saturday, April 7, 2018. Early bird prices until March 24, 2018, tickets \$55.00 for BCGS & Affiliate Members, \$75.00 for non-members. Register at any BCGS meeting or contact Susan Snalam 604-273-8209, or domers@shaw.ca

British Columbia Historical Federation

www.bchistory.ca/conference

- **History. Springs. Eternal.** May 24–27, 2018. The 2018 BCHF conference is being held in Nakusp, hosted by the Arrow Lakes Historical Society.

Cloverdale Library

www.surreylibraries.ca

Register a 604-598-7327 or by email: familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Limited Parking until further notice, parking is unavailable at Cloverdale Library due to construction. Two 2 hour street parking is available in the area.

- **Orientations**, Saturdays, 10:00–10:50 am, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, 2018. Pre-registration recommended. Fee: free.
- **Fun Family History Fridays**, Fri Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, 2018, 2:30–4:00 pm.
- **The Lady in the Search** with Andrea Lister, Saturday Feb 17, 2018, 10:30 am–noon. Fee: \$10.
- **“Ted and Louie’s Wedding”:** **Building the Context for a Family Event** with Brenda L. Smith, March 3 2018, 1:00pm. Fee: \$10.
- **Western Canadian Land Records Unscrambled** with Brenda L. Smith, April 7, 2018, 1:00pm. Fee: \$10.

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society

www.kdgs.ca

- **Harvest Your Family Tree Conference**, Sept 28–30, 2018. Details later at Kelowna and District Genealogical Society.

Maple Ridge Heritage Week

www.mapleridge.ca/240/Heritage-Week-Awards

- **Maple Ridge Cemetery Walking Tour** with Erica Williams, Sunday, Feb 18, 1:00pm–3:00pm. Maple Trees at entrance to the Cemetery. Fee: By donation.
- **Heritage Property Management Plan: A Process – Webinar and Moderated Conversation**, Monday, Feb 19 at 7:00pm, Maple Ridge City Hall.
- **History Is... The Story of Banned Books** with Brian Murdoch, Wednesday, Feb 21, 7:00pm, Maple Ridge Library.
- **2018 Heritage Awards Evening**, music of Bruce Coughlan, Thursday, Feb 22 at 7:00pm St. Andrew’s Heritage Hall, Maple Ridge. Fee: Free.
- **Downtown Walking Tour** with Erica Williams, Saturday, Feb 24, 1:00pm–3:00pm. Meet by “the Beast” clock outside City Hall. Fee: By donation.

Qualicum Beach Family History Society

www.qbfhs.ca

- **Unlocking The Past seminar**, April 20–21 2018, Parksville, The Beach Club Resort.

Maple Ridge Family History Group, Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library Our Short Program for March is a presentation by Gunter Rebele, covering his recent trip to Alsace, located on France's eastern border.