

Family History Newsletter

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The Family History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

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Family History Group Meetings

The April 7, 2010 meeting is in the computer lab upstairs.

The May meeting, May 5, 2010 will be about Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Getting Results with Google News

By Annette Fulford

Google News

<http://news.google.com/news?pz=1&ned=ca> has millions of newspaper articles archived but it can be frustrating to find the ones you are searching for and not all of them are free. Here are a few tips I have used to help me narrow down the results and find the articles I want.

There is a list of papers covered in Google News at <http://www.google.com/support/news/bin/answer.py?answer=148418#live> but it is not always obvious where the paper is from or how long each paper is covered for. To learn more about the papers you are interested in put the name of the newspaper into the source and click on the search archive button at http://news.google.com/archivesearch/advanced_search.

Results for the Montreal Gazette tell me at the top of the page that it has coverage between 1870 and 1989. However, if you look at the coverage graph you will see that they have very little newspaper results in 1870 with varying degrees though-out the following decades. If you click on a decade such as the 1910s, it breaks it down even further.



Once you have established that the paper has records available for the time period you want, introduce a search term into Find Results with the Source as Montreal Gazette (or any paper you want). If you get too many results, try adding information into the Date field. I have also found that if you keep clicking on the results graph it narrows down the results even further to a decade, a year, then by months.

Another drawback to using Google news is the inability to print copies of the articles you find. In most cases you can capture the article by using the Print screen button, pasting it into Microsoft® Office Word or Paint and cropping the excess, however this can be time-consuming.

Free software such as Picasa™ can also be used for screen captures. Press PrtScn on your keyboard to take a screen capture of the entire screen. Press the Ctrl and PrtScn keys at the same time to limit your screen capture to the selected window on your screen.

I've used Google news to locate articles on a given subject, find obituaries, and articles about ships arriving in Canada during and after the First and Second World War.

New Online Resources

New From Ancestry.uk

New Alien Arrivals 1810-11 and 1826-69

http://www.ancestry.co.uk/arrivals?o_iid=42857&o_lid=42857

Irish Church Records

There are some transcribed Irish Church Records online for Dublin and Kerry at:

<http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/index.html>

Blogs to Follow

Ancestry Insider

<http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com/>

Genealogy Insider

<http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/>

Ask Olive Tree Genealogy a Question

<http://askolivetree.blogspot.com/>

Olive Tree Genealogy

<http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/>

Canada GenWeb

<http://canadagenweb.blogspot.com>

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

Meetings at Clearbrook Library
32320 George Ferguson Way
Abbotsford, BC

Doors open 6:00 pm. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm

- April 20: Chilliwack Military Museum Jim Harris
- May 18: Chilliwack British Library Hails
- June 15: Sharing Genealogy Research AGS Members

Cloverdale Library

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1st Saturday of every month 9:30 – 10:30am.

- **Finding Your Female Ancestors: Paper Trails and DNA** with Diane Rogers and Laurie J. Cooke. Saturday, April 17, 2010, 10:30am – 12:00pm.
- **Ukrainian Roots** with Vera Shpolyansky. Saturday, April 10, 2010, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm at the Surrey Museum, 17710 - 56A Avenue, Surrey, BC. Fee: \$10.00
- **Fast and Easy Digital Collages Using Picasa** with Laurie J. Cooke. Saturday, May 8, 2010, 10:30 – 11:30am. Fee: \$10.00.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Genealogy section of the Surrey Public Library website www.spl.surrey.bc.ca or call us at 604-598-7328.

The Jewish Museum and Archives of British Columbia

- **Stephen P. Morse: One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Tools and Webpages: A Hodgepodge of Lesser-Known Gems**, Sunday, March 28, 2010, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Fee: \$7.50/ JHSBC, JGIBC, or BCGS member, \$10.00/ non-members

Seating is limited, reservations are recommended. To reserve a seat, contact Cissie Eppel at (604) 321-9870

For more details check:

http://www.jewishmuseum.ca/info/current_events/.

Mountain View Cemetery

- **The Final Disposition: Demystifying Death, Funerals, Cemeteries & Ceremonies**, Saturday, April 24, 2010, 10:30 am-4:30 pm. Fee: free.

But registration is mandatory as seating is limited. Please phone or email the office to confirm your space.

For more details check:

<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/NONMARKETOPERATIONS/MOUNTAINVIEW/final.html>.

Vancouver Public Library

- **Women's History Fair**, Saturday, April 10, 2010, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Promenade, Central Library. Fee: Free.
- **Canadian Church Records**, Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level, Central Library. Fee: Free. Registration required.
- **Genealogy in England**, Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in Alma VanDusen Room, Central Library. Fee: Free. Registration required.

If you would like to attend please call 603-331-3716 or register in person with the information staff.