

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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Family History Group Recognized

by Gina Leigh & Alberta McNamara

At the 2018 Heritage Awards on February 22nd the Family History Group unveiled their latest community history research project – Community Builders: The Haney Family. [See [the February 2018 newsletter](#) for an article describing this project.] Research material is again being handed over to the Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives to add to their store of information about the pioneering families we have investigated.

Alberta McNamara, the Project Coordinator, designed a clever means to present the research. She framed the image of a tree (family history after all!) and attached the flashdrive to a large leaf image representing the Haney Project. The presentation was made to Erica Williams, President of the Maple Ridge Historical Society.

The Maple Ridge Family History Group was honoured with a Heritage Commendation Award “For excellence in producing the Community Builders: The Haney Family history project to enhance our understanding of community history.” Congratulations to the Haney Project team members: Alberta McNamara, Sandra Ayres, Lindsay Foreman, Gina Leigh, Brenda Smith, Susan Sullivan, Erica Williams.

Changes to Maple Ridge Family History Group Mailings

The Maple Ridge Family History Group has moved from gmail to MailChimp for communications. MailChimp gives us more features and flexibility in the layout of our emails to members, as well as, more control for you as the recipients in updating your contact information.

Current and past newsletters continue to be archives on the Family History page on the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives website.

<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/family-history/newsletter-fh/>

Our direct contact email remains the same and we can also be contacted through the website.

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



Left to right: Alberta McNamara and Erica Williams. Photo by Darren Durupt

Online Resources

New Brunswick Ancestors: The Genealogical Files of Monseigneur Robichaud

<http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/FatherRobichaudTranscriptions/Default.aspx?culture=en-CA>

The Mgr Donat Robichaud Genealogical and Historical Research Collection at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick contains two databases: the Genealogical Files, and the L'Evangeline Database. This is a compilation of more than 3,000 pages of research on the families of this area of New Brunswick.

Among the source citations are churches, newspapers, wills, and deeds. The collection is sorted alphabetically by surname and is grouped by letter.

New Brunswick Great War Project

<http://archives.gnb.ca/Search/NBGWP/>

It's part of the larger Provincial Archives of New Brunswick website. It's a great place to check if you have New Brunswick family in the Great War. They recently updated the site with newspaper articles from the following newspapers:

- The Campbellton Graphic, Campbellton
- The Daily Telegraph and Sun, Saint John
- Daily Times, Moncton
- Tribune, Campbellton

OnLand

www.onland.ca/ui/

The new OnLand system introduced by Teranet and ServiceOntario in December 2017. Genealogists can do a

preliminary search of their ancestors' properties that were located in Ontario, from the comfort of their own home for free. Those requiring printed records will still have to visit the Land Registry Office to obtain them. Phase Two, introduces the ability to search Property Titles, Documents, and Writs, and will be implemented later in 2018.

Family History Events

Abbotsford Family History Day

www.abbotsfordfamilyhistory.com

- Schedule to be announced. Saturday, April 28, 2018. 30635 Blueridge Drive, Abbotsford, BC.

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, Apr 7, May 5, 2018. Pre-registration recommended. Fee: free.
- **Fun Family History Fridays**, Fri Apr 6, May 4, June 1, 2018, 2:30–4:00 pm.
- **Western Canadian Land Records Unscrambled** with Brenda L. Smith, April 7, 2018, 1:00pm. Fee: \$10.

Fraser Valley Regional Library

<http://fraservalley.rbdigital.com>

The Great Courses series, available from FVRL RBDigital, is a collection of audiobooks that deliver college-level course subjects in an accessible, enjoyable format without lectures, exams or homework assignments. Download courses on parenting, religion, history, communications using your FVRL library card.

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society

www.kdgs.ca

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

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, April 4, 2018, 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.