

Family History Newsletter

 **MAPLE RIDGE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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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 virtually until further notice.

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Industries' Exchange of B.C., the Record primarily covered news related to building, contracting, engineering, real estate, and industrial finance. The Record was published by the Record Publishing Company, which had previously published the paper under a number of different titles, including the Daily Building Record and the British Columbia Building Record. The Record subsequently evolved into the Journal of Commerce.

Reading Among the Lines...Developing Context

by Brenda L. Smith

<https://open.library.ubc.ca/collections/bcnewspapers>

A while ago, Annette Fulford went looking for *The British Columbian* newspaper and came upon another publication entirely, *The British Columbia Record*. She had happened on one of those rabbit holes that are irresistible to family historians.

The *British Columbian* was our province's second newspaper, founded by John Robson, and published in New Westminster from 1861 to 1883. Searching for online versions of this publication requires you to know its various names: *The Columbian*, *The Daily British Columbian*, *The Weekly British Columbian*, and the *Weekly Columbian*. Search this comprehensive record of early mainland history under each of these titles at University of British Columbia (UBC) Open Collections – British Columbia Historical Newspapers.

However wildly off track, Annette's search led her, she discovered a quirky publication at the UBC site called *The British Columbia Record*, published three times a week from June 1916 to July 1922. Its catalogue description states:

The British Columbia Record was published in Vancouver.... As the official publication for the Architectural Institute of B.C., the B.C. Builders' Exchange, and the Building and Construction



British Columbia Record, Vancouver : Record Publishing Company, 14 June 1916, page 4, doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.14288/1.0170203>.

While the *Record* was not aimed at a general audience, it captures an interesting picture of what was being built in BC during the second decade of the 20th century. The first issue displays advertisements for building supplies and services, marine notes, political gossip, the scoop on proposed construction projects, “contracts let and work started”, and “new business telephone installations and changes” complete with telephone numbers.

AUTOMOBILE RECORDS				
Following is a complete list for Vancouver and District of new Automobile Licences, Transfers and Relinquishments. Records for the last several days only are included.				
NEW CARS.				
No.	Name	Address	Car	Use
4762	Dr. J. G. McKay	New Westminster B. C.	Studebaker	Private
4761	Alex McPhee	Murrayville, B. C.	Ford	Private & Hire
4907	D. F. Carswell	49 Albert Crescent, N. W., B. C.	Ford	Private
5223	Cameron & Gilland	636 Howe St., Vancouver, B. C.	Ford	Private
5250	H. Brown	121 Fifth Ave. W., Vancouver, B. C.	Ford	Private
5251	G. G. Abernethy	Port Haney, B. C.	McLaughlin	Private
5255	J. W. Bishop	1222 Pender St. E.	Maxwell	Private
5272	Mrs. Nellie Farnell	2209 Stephens St., Willys-Overland	Chevrolet	Private
5274	Miss D. M. Hornby	1671 Keefer St.	Chevrolet	Private
5251	Peter Chevalley	Sardis, B. C.	McLaughlin	Private

British Columbia Record, Vancouver : Record Publishing Company, 14 June 1916, page 4.

One never knows where family history will pop up. In the first issue, 14 June 1916, on page 3, I found a change of address and phone number for Cope and Son, Ltd, the electrical company that three of my great uncles worked for in the 1920s.

Changes	
Abbott & Wright, Painting and Roofing	from 523 Georgia St. W. to 605 Granville St. Sey 3315
Berry, F. Furn. Repairing Experts	from 1127 Howe to 1176 Haro Sey 6129
Blair & Armstrong, Ltd., Whol. Prod.	from 95 Water to 135 Water Sey 3220
Broadway Shoe Store	from 808 Broadway E. to 757 Broadway E. Fair 17460
Browns, (The Two) Gent's Furn.	from 652 Granville to 606 Georgia Sey 7512
Campbell Bros., Excavating Contrs.	from 3523 Kitchener to 540 Helmcken Sey 1230
Canadian-Pacific Junk Co.	from 37 Alexander to 31 Alexander Sey 1697
Chinese Labor Contractor	from 336 Main to 434 Main Sey 1140
Clarke, A. C., Contractor	from 739 Hastings W. to 509 Richards Sey 6253
Commercial Agency	from 544 Pender W. to 526 Seymour Sey 6592
Continental Development Co., Ltd.	from 470 Granville to 510 Jasl. W. Sey 2187
Covent Garden, Fruit and Poultry	from 1136 Robson to 1149 Burrard Sey 3702
Cope & Son, Ltd., Retail	from 338 Hastings W. to 150 Hastings W. Sey 8602
Cramer & Co., Ltd., Ins. Inv.	from 516 Pender W. to 414 Seymour Sey 94

Cope & Son, Ltd. are the second line up from the bottom.

At the bottom of page 4, Annette spotted a list of automobile purchases and transfers, complete with licence plate numbers, that includes the purchase of a new luxury automobile by G. G. (George Gordon) Abernethy of Port Haney. As the President of Abernethy and Loughed Logging Company, the largest railway logging company in the province, he could well afford his new McLaughlin Buick. You can learn more about our community’s early industrial history at <https://mapleridgemuseum.org/abernethy-loughed-logging-company>

Happy discoveries that may not directly name your ancestors can be rich sources for understanding the environment where they lived and help each of us appreciate the history of the places where we live.

Stronger Together, Tous Ensemble

The Maple Ridge Family History Group extends heartfelt thanks to all essential service workers and to everyone for helping with care for our neighbours by social distancing.

We are grateful to institutions and individuals for providing us with access to webinars, databases, magazines, books, and more to keep us connected and engaged.

We are impressed by the innovations of individuals to find methods and practices to keep people safe and make people’s lives a little better:

- Open Source Face Shield: <http://fentonstreet.ca/the-temp-face-shield/>
- 3D printed ear guards: www.thingiverse.com/thing:4249113
- Free face mask sewing patterns: www.thesprucecrafts.com/diy-face-masks-4800726

Giving Tuesday – May 5

<https://givingtuesday.ca/gtnow>

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/>



#GivingTuesdayNow is an opportunity to celebrate the strength of the community sector in Canada and across the world in the fight against COVID-19.

Community non-profits like museums, theatres, and food banks, have had to make major changes quickly and your support can help organizations be resilient and innovative in a challenging time.

The goal is to do what GivingTuesday does best: rally the world to drive a massive, collective spike of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for communities and non-profits.

GivingTuesdayNow encourages global unity. Together we give. Together we stand. Together we thank. Together we help. Together we heal.

Online Resources

Farber Gravestone Collection <http://farber.davidrumsey.com/>

The Farber Gravestone Collection from the American Antiquarian Society documents the sculpture on over 9,000 gravestones most of which were made prior to 1800 in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Boston, Nova Scotia. The data accompanying the photographs include the name and death date of the deceased, the location of the stone, and information concerning the stone material, the iconography, the inscription, and (when known) the carver.

Home Access to Ancestry Library Edition www.fvrl.bc.ca

Ancestry.ca has extended access until May 31 to Ancestry Library Edition for library card holders. Remember, you can apply for an e-card online.

To access Ancestry from the FVRL website, from the menu bar select digital content, databases, then ancestry library edition.

VE Day and Ancestry

www.ancestry.ca/search/categories/ca_military/

The 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, (May 8, 1945) is next week. Ancestry.ca will be providing free access to all 10 million Canadian military records from May 4–8. In addition, Canadians can access for free all content on online newspaper archive Newspapers.com, as well as all records on Fold3 — a site that provides access to military records, stories and photos.

National Archives UK

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The UK National Archives are making digital records available on their website free of charge for as long as their Kew site is closed to visitors.

Registered users will be able to order and download up to 10 items at a time, to a maximum of 50 items over 30 days. You need to create an online account with **Discovery**, the online catalogue, to download free digital records.

Records include:

- First and Second World War records, including medal index cards
- Military records, including unit war diaries
- Royal and Merchant Navy records, including Royal Marine service records
- Wills from the jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
- Migration records, including aliens' registration cards and naturalisation case papers
- 20th century Cabinet Papers & Security Service files
- Domesday Book

Canada Online Historical Newspaper Links

www.theancestorhunt.com

In total there are about 3,970 historical newspapers available online for free and the links are included in the blog post.

MyHeritage US Yearbooks

www.myheritage.com/

MyHeritage — FREE access to the entire Yearbook collection through May 23, 2020. They've also colorized all of the black and white photos throughout.

Free Family Tree Magazine

www.familytreemagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FTM_MarApr20_giveaway.pdf?genealogybargains

Free March/April issue.

Family History Events

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

- May 1 — **Mistakes I Have Made: Confessions of a Repentant Genealogist** by Cheri Hudson Passey
- May 2 — **Maintaining an Organized Computer** by Cyndi Ingle
- May 3 — **How I Built My Own Brick Wall** by Rebecca Koford
- May 4 — **3 Genealogy DNA Case Studies and How I Solved Them** by Roberta Estes
- May 5 — **United States Colored Troops Civil War Widows' Pension Applications: Tell the Story** by Bernice Bennett
- May 6 — **One Step to Remove that Photograph Scratch** by Geoff Rasmussen
- May 7 — **Quebec Civil and Parish Registers** by Michael Leclerc
- May 8 — **Secrets in the Attic: Break Down Brick Walls With Home Sources** by Denise Levenick
- May 9 — **A Month's Worth of Must-Have Tech Tips To Start Using Today** by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- May 10 — **Analyzing Probate Records of Slaveholders to Identify Enslaved Ancestors** by LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson
- May 11 — **Foundations in DNA 1 of 5: Genealogy and DNA** by Blaine Bettinger
- May 12 — **Full Circle: Tracing the Descendants of a Slaveholding Ancestor** by Nicka Smith

- May 13—**3 Ways to Use Gmail Smarter** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- May 14—**How to trace your UK ancestry** by Kirsty Gray
- May 15—**Time and Place — Using Genealogy's Cross-Hairs** by Jim Beidler
- May 16—**Advanced Googling for Your Grandma** by Cyndi Ingle
- May 17—**50 Records that Document Female Ancestors** by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- May 18—**DNA Rights and Wrongs: The Ethical Side of Testing** by Judy Russell
- May 19—**Lessons in Jewish DNA: One Man's Successes and What He Learned On the Journey** by Israel Pickholtz
- May 20—**The Best Built-in Windows 10 Storage Hack** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- May 21—**Emigration via Hamburg** by Andrea Bentschneider
- May 22—**Getting Started in Family History — 6 Census Records** by Cheri Hudson Passey
- May 23—**Seven Steps to Manage Digital Files** by Denise Levenick
- May 24—**Quality, Time and Completion: Developing a Research Plan (Part One)** by J. Mark Lowe
- May 25—**Which Spot Does X Mark, Anyway? X-DNA Testing in Action** by Debra Renard
- May 26—**Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA** by Schelly Dardashti
- May 27—**Need a Fillable Form? Word Has Your Back!** by Amie Bowser Tennant
- May 28 — **Effective Use of GENUKI: England's Largest**

Free Genealogy website by Paul Milner

- May 29 — **1910.— 1940 Federal Censuses & State Censuses to Fill in the Gaps** by Amie Bowser Tennant
- May 30 — **Microsoft Word Series.— #1 Getting Started with Microsoft Word by Microsoft Word Series.— #1 Getting Started with Microsoft Word** by Thomas MacEntee
- May 31 — **Ten Tools for Genealogical Writing** by Harold Henderson

National Genealogical Society
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

- **2020 Family History Conference Virtual**, starting with NGS 2020 Live! on May 20, 2020, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (EDT). In addition, conference registrants will receive streaming access to their choice of up to 45 on-demand audio-video sessions from July 1, 2020 through May 15, 2021. Fees for non-members: Light package \$185; Full package \$250; The Works Package, \$430.

Surrey Family History Centre
www.findingyourroots.ca

Finding Your Roots Seminar,
 October 17, 2020 all day.
 Schedule online. Free.

Seattle Genealogical Society
<https://seagensoc.org/cpage.php?t=135>

- **Spring VIRTUAL Seminar** with Dr. Fritz Juengling, "Old European Records Research" presented on-line via Zoom, Saturday, May 16, 2020, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. SGS Members \$30.00, Non-Members \$40.00.

West Vancouver Memorial Library

<https://westvanlibrary.ca/>

Grounds for Your Family Tree: Firm Steps [VIRTUAL], with Brenda L. Smith, a series of programs on genealogy. Registration with an email address is required for registration. The Zoom link will be emailed in advance of the program. Free.

- **Firm Steps**, Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm.
- **Organize Your Research – Part 1**, Wednesday, May 20, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm.
- **Organize Your Research – Part 2**, Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm.
- **Using Ancestry Library Edition**, Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm.

Maple Ridge Family History Group, 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.

May 6, 2020: Join our May 6th virtual meeting that will include a presentation by Annette Fulford — **Doing Forward Genealogy**. Annette outlines that she will “present two separate case studies on how to research family lines going forward. By using more recent documents such as Directories, Voters Lists and Obituaries we are able to research forward to find connections to collateral lines.” Looking forward to seeing you on camera!

June 3, 2020

July 8, 2020

August 5, 2020