

## Family History Newsletter

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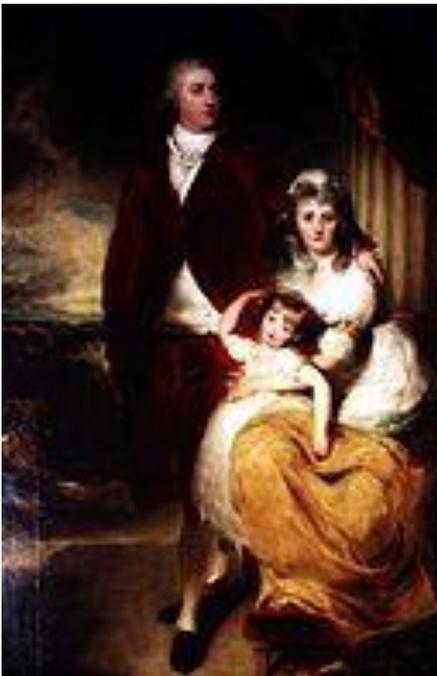
The Family History group supports members in researching their family history research. Members have ancestors from around the globe.

They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm virtually until further notice.

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### A Love Story

By Brenda L. Smith



Portrait of Henry, 10th Earl and 1st Marquess of Exeter, with his wife, Sarah and their daughter Lady Sophia Cecil, circa 1794.

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In anticipation of Valentine's Day, we share this transcription of a bittersweet fairytale romance from the village of Bolas Magna in Shropshire. Henry Cecil, 1st Marquess of Exeter (1754–1804) was a British politician who sat in the House of Commons 1774 to 1790, a peer in 1793. When his first wife Emma Vernon abandoned him in 1789, Cecil retired to Bolas Magna where the story below begins. The 1790

marriage to Sarah Hoggins (1773–1797) was bigamous until 1791 when Cecil divorced Emma and remarried Sarah in a secret ceremony. Cecil and Sarah had two children, Sophie and Henry, who died in infancy. Brownlow, born in 1795, inherited his father's titles. Sarah died in 1797 at the birth of Thomas.

*History, Gazetteer & Directory of Shropshire, 1851: A General Survey of the County* by Samuel Bagshaw, Sheffield, p. 369–370.

*Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage* (1990 edition). Kidd, Charles, Williamson, David (editors). New York: St Martin's Press, 1990.

Bolas Magna, or Great Bolas is a parish and small rural village in a retired part of the country, seven miles W. by N. of Wellington....

Bolas is celebrated as the place where the late [Henry Cecil] Marquis of Exeter domiciled for a time under the assumed name of Mr. Jones, courted and married Miss Sarah Hoggins, and finally raised her to the rank of a British peeress. At the time Mr. Cecil visited Great Bolas, Mr. Hoggins maintained a farm and kept a small shop. One evening, just as the day had closed, a stranger presented himself at the door, and stated that he was benighted in a strange part of the country, and would be grateful for the accommodation of a bed, or, in case that would be inconvenient, to rest on a chair or otherwise. Mrs. Hoggins, however, very abruptly gave a refusal, but Mr. Hoggins expressed it was his opinion that it was their Christian duty to befriend the stranger; to which Mrs. Hoggins eventually assented.

In the morning, the stranger arose, and went to survey the farm premises and stock; but the

principal object that attracted his attention was the farmer's daughter, Sarah, feeding the poultry. She was a handsome girl, with a lively and cheerful countenance, bespeaking sensibility and happiness. The heart of the stranger was no longer his own, but he determined not to be too premature, and therefore made an agreement to become an inmate of the farmer's dwelling. He employed his leisure hours in assisting Mr. Hoggins in the rural affairs of his farm, and in domestic matters as occasion occurred, frequently visiting Wellington in the market cart.

Mr. Jones eventually began to manifest a partiality for Miss Hoggins and placed her at a school in Wellington. This circumstance did not escape the notice of the neighbours, and the mysterious stranger was the talk of the surrounding district. Most people could discover that he was no ordinary person, and various were the suppositions as to his true character; but generally the idea prevailed among the gossips of the neighbourhood that he was captain of a gang of robbers, and this opinion was strengthened by the occasional visit of strangers and the absence of Mr. Jones every now and then for a few days, after which he had always plenty of money.

He finally made proposals of marriage to Miss Hoggins, whose heart had from the first felt a kindred flame, and he was accordingly accepted. He then pressed his suit with the parents but the cautious mother sternly refused, and thought there might be some truth in the supposition of her neighbours as to the real character of her guest; but the father had observed their mutual attachment, and the conclusiveness of his reasoning, "Has he not plenty of money to keep her?" eventually prevailed with the good old dame.

After his marriage to Sarah he engaged masters in every branch of polite education to accomplish his bride. In the course of time the lovely bride had a daughter, who died, and was buried at Bolas. Her second child, Brownlow, became Marquis of Exeter.

On the demise of his uncle, in December 1793, he [Sarah's husband] became entitled to the honours and estate of the Earldom of Exeter;

he, therefore, found it necessary to repair to London. He accordingly set out, as on a journey of pleasure, taking his wife with him, and on the route called at several noblemen's houses, where, to the astonishment of his wife, he was welcomed in the most friendly manner. At length they arrived at the beautiful patrimonial seat of the lordship (Burleigh, in Northamptonshire), and on approaching the house he asked his wife, with an air of unconcern, whether she would like it to be her home; which she immediately assenting, he then said, "My dear Sarah, it is yours!" and on making his appearance in front of the house, he was instantly recognized and received with acclamations of joy by the family and domestics.

His lordship shortly afterwards returned to Bolas, discovered his rank to his wife's father and mother, put them in a house he had built there, and settled on them an income of £700 per annum. He further provided for the brothers and sisters of his countess; and generously pensioned all the servants and workpeople of the villa.

The countess, from her pleasing and unassuming manners, was received with the greatest cordiality in the high circle of her noble husband, and was introduced to her majesty the late Queen Charlotte. She, however, lived only a short time to enjoy her exalted station, dying in child-bed January 8th 1797.

### **February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Short Program—A Secret Romance**

February is the month of romance- celebrating relationships. How can we link this to our family history? I think we have an intriguing approach.

Have you discovered a secret romance in your ancestry? What are the details? This is the month to share the story with us.

Depending on the times, there could be many reasons why a couple kept their relationship secret. Perhaps they were not socially equal, belonged to different religions or knew their families would object to their choice.

Have another look at your ancestors' relationships. Maybe you've missed a romance - a secret one!

# When did the Christmas Bells first appear on the streets of Haney?

By Lynne Currie

December 24th, 2020

Our local Library branch obtained a new microfilm scanner and dedicated computer in 2019 just a few months before the first COVID-19 lockdown. Hopefully, the library will soon have special software to go with the scanner and computer in order to help facilitate digitization of their newspaper microfilm collection. I also hope this will help me finalize the story of the Haney Christmas Bells and where my mom fits in that story.

To begin. My father, Art Carlson, loved Neon signs. And my mother, Vi, loved all things Christmas.

So there was little doubt that they would have a large flashing neon sign attached to their brand new commercial building strategically built on the corner of 7th Avenue (now 223rd Street) and Dewdney Trunk Road. A prime spot which was chosen to take advantage of a growing business section in a growing BC community in the 1950's.

Our family lived on the second floor of that building above my parents' upholstery and drapery business. I lived there from 1957 until 1970. I still remember the ticking sound and flashing pink light of that Neon sign outside my bedroom window. And I also remember that every year by December 5<sup>th</sup> (my mom's birthday) my parents would have the store windows and showroom decorated for the Christmas season.

They always put as much effort as possible into their Christmas displays. Remember silver Christmas trees with blue strobe lights? My daughter decorates her front porch every Christmas with the colourful carolers that came into fashion right after silver Christmas trees were no longer in vogue.

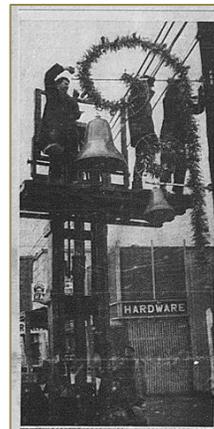
In 1959, two years after Haney Upholstery opened, the Haney Plaza had their grand opening one block to the west. The anchor store for Haney's first mall was a big, modern, Safeway store.

But now came the pressure from the older, well established downtown businesses comprised of three grocery stores, as well as a local Eaton's Catalogue Store and Fuller Watson. These were some of the larger businesses serving the residents of Haney and the surrounding communities of Maple Ridge. The older businesses were finding the Haney Plaza and

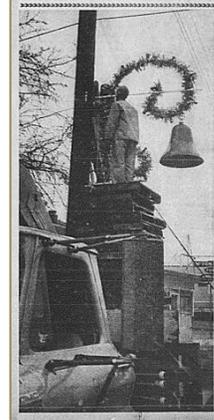
the other new businesses on Dewdney Trunk had the advantage of better parking than in the older town core, especially on Lougheed Highway. Needless to say, the competition was high between the two business areas and especially at Christmas time.

I do not know which year it was, but I feel sure that it was before 1966 when the Dewdney Merchants decided to add Christmas decorations to their few blocks on Dewdney Trunk starting at the Haney Plaza and ending near 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

I do remember hearing my mother complain one year in the late 1960's that the Christmas bell on the telephone pole outside my bedroom window was not the large bell they originally purchased, but a much smaller bell that came from the ones the downtown merchants purchased.



ERECTOR of decorative street lighting system was done on Sunday by group of merchants. Lighting is purchased by property owners along Lougheed, 6th to 10th; 8th avenue from Lougheed to Dewdney. The property owner is paying \$20 a lot per year for 5 years. Public review of the lighting, which will be completed by Friday, has drawn wide appreciation of residents and shoppers. This is part of a town appearance improvement program to be evident in Haney commercial core in next few months.



My quest now is to find a newspaper article in the *Haney Gazette* prior to the December 7, 1966 edition where I found the photo and caption shown here. And perhaps that illusive article will also confirm if that was the same year when Haney Upholstery won the best Christmas window display for local businesses. Did I mention how much my mom loved all things Christmas and how my dad loved large bright lights?

Funny how our memories get stuck on such little points which can change the history of a town's traditions, if only in our minds. Or am I about to learn a poignant lesson about family lore not being as reliable as the local newspaper?

I do promise that I will let you know before next Christmas, whatever I may learn about the origin of the Haney Christmas Bells.

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December 7, 1966

## WHILE WE ARE APART...

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It has been a while since we last gathered in Maple Ridge Public Library. To keep in touch while we stay safe, and to supplement our Zoom meetings, we are sharing our research experiences in this column. With awe I learn about new facets of the ways that our friends and colleagues approach their family stories.

Chris Hay is a very accomplished member of Maple Ridge Family History Group. His discovery and advocacy for the Stanley Park Rock Garden, built by his great grandfather, resulted in a Vancouver Heritage Foundation award in 2015. Here Chris shares his search for Richard Sandys Deveber.

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*The arrival of the COVID pandemic quickly curtailed all of our regularly established social activities. Surprisingly, I soon discovered that Fraser Valley Regional Library would be offering free use of Ancestry Library Edition to their patrons at home. This was very exciting news as I had never before subscribed to this site for home use. I decided that I would try to fill in my earlier family relations that were still missing personal details of their later lives. I started to search for my New Brunswick Loyalist family records of Captain John Cogle.*

*My Loyalist line from my 5th great grandfather Capt. John Cogle follows through his eldest son Peter Cogle (1770–1831). Upon reviewing my family notes, as expected, Peter's female siblings were missing the most information. I had very little information regarding his sister Ann Cogle (1768–1796) other than she had married George Leonard Jr. I soon discovered they had two children, Thomas (1795) and Ann (1796). In 1815 Ann had married Thomas A. Beer (1777–1857) of the British navy and they had two children, Caroline (1823) and Eleanor. In 1848 Caroline had married Richard Sandys Deveber, a prominent Saint John merchant and ship owner. This New Brunswick Loyalist family was now starting to pique my interest, but any further clues now ended with both Ancestry and Family Search.*

*I then decided to use my old standby and just do a Google search for Deveber.*

*This brought up an old RootsWeb site on the Richard Sandys Deveber family of New Brunswick and included the amazing story of their son Leverett George Deveber (1849–1925). He had studied as a doctor, and in 1882 had joined the North West*

*Mounted Police. He soon became a Regimental Surgeon for the Rocky Mountain Rangers. Successfully elected in Alberta's first election, he was appointed to the Alberta Cabinet and eventually was elevated to the Alberta Senate. In recognition of his services an Alberta mountain was named in his honour. I was very pleased to have uncovered this incredible story of my third cousin three times removed. My greatest thanks to Ancestry and the Fraser Valley Regional Library for offering this free feature during the COVID pandemic which has greatly helped to save my sanity at least thus far.*  
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Alex Pope is especially lucky to be engaged in his research with his daughter and niece. Since joining our family history group, he has often reported amazing discoveries, and has shared some of the more recent findings in his process.

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*On Nov 11, when I dropped by the Hatzic Cemetery, I was on my way back from picking up my niece from college in Abbotsford. I have talked with her about my search for my birth parents and she has been quite interested because she is also adopted. Her adoption was an open adoption arranged through her church, so she knows who both her birth parents are, and is Facebook friends with a couple relatives on her birth father's side but she doesn't know much about her family history. After we got back from finding my great grandparents' gravestone, I showed her on my Ancestry account how I was related to them. This motivated her to create a free account on Ancestry and enter what information she knew about her family tree, and message her parents in Bella Coola to ask for an AncestryDNA kit for Christmas. She also gave me editing access to her tree so I could help her fill in some additional information.*

*My niece had been able to fill in some of her birth father's genealogy but nothing on her birth mother's side, so I set about to see if I could find her maternal grandparents for her. I found a couple newspaper articles about her birth mother winning medals at the Paralympics, which she was pleased to see, but nothing I found on her birth mother had any information about possible parents. I think took a different approach and did some searches of deceased people with the same surname (because she has an uncommon surname) and found a couple who are buried in Surrey with the same last name using Find A Grave. Once I had found them, I was able to do some searching on them to find additional*

information including obituaries, which listed their children, including someone with the same name as my niece birth mother. I also found someone who is their grandchild (possible first cousin to Smy niece) who has an Ancestry account as her family tree was displayed in one of Ancestry's hints. I explained to my niece that this couple is "likely" her maternal grandparents and that we would know for sure once she has done her DNA test. This couple was born in the Netherlands so tracing back two more generations of their ancestors was easy, once I had found them.

I asked my adoptive sister Margaret to send me the GEDCOM for a family tree that she had set up of our adoptive family so I could fill in additional details and be able to sync it with Family Tree Maker. I had editor access to her family tree on Ancestry but I can only sync a family tree when I am the owner. I've been able to fill that tree in a bit as well. I was showing this to my daughter Danika and she asked me about a couple boxes of old photographs and documents that Margaret had sent me a while back. I had just set them aside in my office because I wasn't sure what I should be doing with them, although there is plenty of family history to be found there. Danika pulled the boxes out and looked through them and found some family history documentation that I was able to add to the family tree and was wondering what we should do with all the photographs. I said that we should probably scan them at some point but that it would take some time. She offered to do some scanning, so I ordered a not-too-expensive photo scanner and she has now scanned several hundred photographs which we put on DropBox and also shared with Margaret (we still have quite a few to do). We also used our regular multi-purpose scanner/printer to scan some of the documents, including a variety of letters. The highlight of the photo scanning was discovering a photograph taken for Christmas 1888 of my adoptive mother's maternal grandparents and their first five children, including my adoptive mother's mother at the age of four. I added the scan of this photo to Ancestry's gallery (I have been adding a few photos to Ancestry as I have seen other people doing this in their tree's and it creates a richer history in the family tree).

Ancestry has been adding scanned yearbooks to their online database and I found that they don't seem to normally show up in hints but you can search for

them, so I've done some searching and found a few for family members. I knew my adoptive mother had gone to the University of Toronto to get a Diploma in Occupational Therapy but she didn't talk much about her time there. She grew up on a farm in northern Alberta, went to U of A in Edmonton and then taught school for a while before going to U of T. It always seemed to me to be a huge step to go from a farm girl to be a university student in Toronto. When I found her yearbook information, I was surprised to discover that she was class president in third year.

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Gina Leigh is my idea of a Super Volunteer and we are privileged to benefit from her role as secretary of Maple Ridge Family History Group. Here she reports success in a recent newer field of research.

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In 2019, while here for a visit, my niece said she was curious about her deceased father's family. She knew her paternal grandfather's full name and her grandmother's first name, that they were born in Saskatchewan and that they'd died in BC. A search of the BC Archives online records turned up their death registrations, noting that both were born in Battleford, SK. Although Mabel's death registration was incomplete, her daughter-in-law, the informant, at least knew the surname of Mabel's father and her birth date. Information on both registrations allowed me to search the Saskatchewan census for 1921 and I located Mabel and Harold in Battleford with their respective families.

Thus began my research into Mabel's family history which reached back generations in Canada. Mabel's family were almost exclusively Métis (something my niece didn't know) for at least 6 generations, having Indigenous, English, Scots and French Canadian ancestors. For me this opened an area of exploration and research I wouldn't have otherwise expected to pursue. It has been fascinating and has made Canadian history of the 1800s seem so much more relevant and personal (even though they aren't my relatives). I've traced the French Canadian voyageurs as being from Quebec, and look forward to (hopefully) discovering how many generations ago these ancestors arrived from France.

# January & March Short Programs

Traditionally, we have had a New Year's Challenge. It's always an interesting way to set family history goals for the New Year.

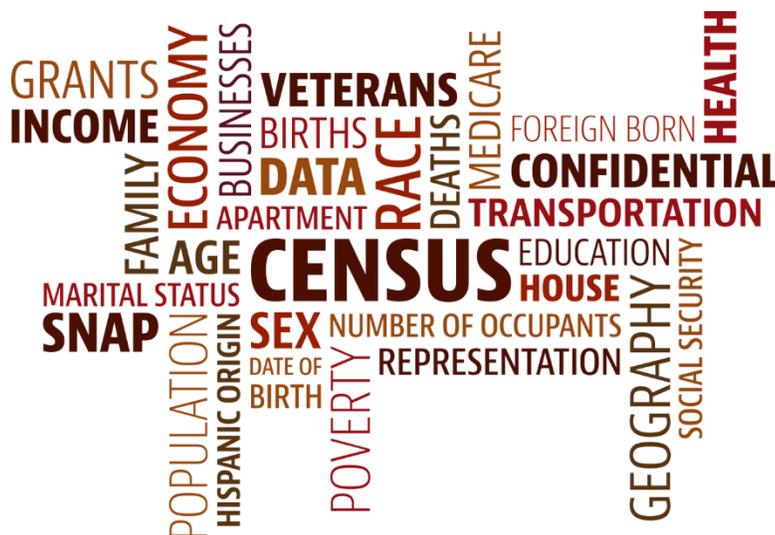
## The New Year's Challenge 2021 is—Census Records, The Story They Tell

We all know that Census Records are a great starting off point for those new to family history. However, how many of us go back and really analyze the information and often the misinformation we've found.

Recently, I've had an opportunity while working on a Family History Project with our group to really examine many aspects of census records.

Encouraged to review the purpose of census taking, the guidelines set for enumerators for the roll out of a census, possible reasons for misinformation and much more has made me look closer at the information collected.

Think of census records as keys that open up clues to expand your family history research. Start by visiting your favourite websites to review the excellent details on how to best search census records or substitute records when no census records are available.



### January 6th Meeting—Short Program—New Year's Challenge Kick Off—Part One

- Choose an ancestor that you want to research for census records (starting fresh or revisiting).
- Tell us the ancestor's relationship to you.
- Where did your ancestor live? Was there immigration to another country? What census years are available online?
- Was there a local census taken between the years set for a nationwide census?

### March 3rd Meeting—Short Program—New Year's Challenge, The Results—Part Two

- Do you have a story unfolding? Consider sharing your results in a short presentation or timeline format. However, simply telling the story is fine too.
- You've hit a brickwall! Share the details—members might have suggestions for you to explore.

Looking forward to our January meeting and hearing your plans as you start to tackle our 2021 Family History Challenge.

Alberta

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Lister, Andrea, "Beyond Schedule 1 of the Census," *Maple Ridge Family History Newsletter*, January 2020, [http://mapleridgemuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/FHG\\_Jan2020-1.pdf](http://mapleridgemuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/FHG_Jan2020-1.pdf)

*Census Records*, The National Archives, <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/census-records/>

*Search Census Records Online and Other Resources*, US National Archives, <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/census/online-resources>

*Census records by Country*, FamilySearch, [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Census\\_records\\_by\\_country](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Census_records_by_country)

# Resources for Right to Work: Qualifying for the Job

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Presented to the MRFHG by  
Brenda L. Smith Dec 2, 2020

## The National Archives

The 1833 Factory Act: Did it solve the problems of children in factories?:

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/1833-factory-act/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/1833-factory-act/)

## Books

Some of the books can be found on Google Books:

<https://books.google.ca/>

- *The Apprenticeship System in Canada: Trends and Issues*, Andrew Sharpe, James Gibson Centre for the Study of Living Standards, 2005.
- *The Book of Privileges of the Merchant Adventurers of England, 1296-1483*, Anne F. Sutton and Livia Visser-Fuchs, 2009.
- *British Gunmakers: Index, Appendices and Additional London*, Birmingham, Regional and Scottish Records, Nigel Brown, Quiller Press, 2009.
- *Childhood and Child labour in the British industrial revolution*, Jane Humphries, Wiley, 2013.
- *Class and Gender in British Labour History: Renewing the Debate (Or Starting It?)*, Siobhan Brown, The Merlin Press, 2011.
- *The European Guilds: An Economic Analysis*, Sheilagh Ogilvie, Princeton University Press, Princeton Economic History of the Western World Series, Joel Mokyr Series Editor, 2019.
- *Factories Inquiry Commission: Supplementary Report of the Central Board of H. Maj.*

*Commissioners Appointed to Collect Information in the Manufacturing Districts, as to the Employment of Children in Factories, and as to the Propriety and Means of Curtailing the Hours of Their Labour; 1834, Volume 2*

- *Tracing Your Freemason, Friendly Society and Trade Union Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*, Daniel Weinbren, Pen and Sword Family History, 2019.
- *Working People: An Illustrated History of the Canadian Labour Movement*, Desmond Morton, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007.

## Ancestry

[www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)

- UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Indentures, 1710-1811
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Apprenticeship Records, 1627-1894
- UK, Articles of Clerkship, 1756-1874
- Washington County, DC, Indentures of Apprenticeship, 1801-1811
- Virginia, Apprentice Index, 1640-1800

## FindMyPast

[www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

- Britain, Country Apprentices 1710-1808
- London Apprenticeship Abstracts, 1442-1850
- City Of London, Haberdashers, Apprentices and Freemen 1526-1933
- City Of York Apprentices and Freemen 1272-1930
- City Of London, Ironmongers' Company, Apprentices and Freemen 1511-1939
- Devon, Plymouth & West Devon Apprentices 1570-1910

- Electrical Engineering Apprentices & Trainees, 1902-1934
- Lincolnshire Parish Apprentice Index
- Parish Apprentices For Somerset
- Parish Apprentices For Dorset
- Manchester Apprentices
- Scotland, Edinburgh Apprentices 1583-1700
- Surrey, Southwark, Newington Apprentice Register 1891
- Gloucester Apprentices 1595-1700
- City Of London, Gunmakers' Company Freedoms and Admissions, 1656-1936

## Grace's Guide to British Industrial History

<https://gracesguide.co.uk/>

*Grace's Guide* is a source of historical information on industry and manufacturing in the UK.

## Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers

[www.waxchandlers.com](http://www.waxchandlers.com)

The Wax Chandlers Company was established before 1330 in the City of London. The business of a Wax Chandler was the preparation, making and sale of beeswax and beeswax products.

The Company has deposited almost all its records with the Guildhall Library so that they may be easily accessible to interested persons.

## Worshipful Company of Woolmen

[www.woolmen.com](http://www.woolmen.com)

The Worshipful Company of Woolmen is one of the oldest of the Livery Companies of the City of London tracing its roots to 1180. Researchers can download the Roll Of Masters since 1574.

## Different Areas Within FamilySearch

Courtesy Jen Haddad

Many people new to *FamilySearch* focus on the Family Tree portion of *FamilySearch* and that is expected, BUT don't forget that there are lots of other areas — many of which are rather "disjoint" from the family tree. There are an incredible amount of resources on a very wide range of subjects and tools. Here are a few (but not all).

- **FamilySearch Family Tree:** a single updateable Family Tree database that all users share collaboratively  
[www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/](http://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/)
- **FamilySearch Memories:** An area where user scan upload photos, documents, audio files that can be connected to their family tree.  
[www.familysearch.org/memories/](http://www.familysearch.org/memories/)
- **FamilySearch Catalog:** a database of books and other compilations that are kept at the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City. A good portion of these (that don't fall under copyright), can be accessed digitally online.  
[www.familysearch.org/search/catalog](http://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog)
- **Family Search (digital) Books:** Similar to the catalog - but specifically items that can be viewed digitally.  
[www.familysearch.org/library/books/](http://www.familysearch.org/library/books/)
- **FamilySearch Indexing:** volunteer based projects indexing records with genealogical information.  
[www.familysearch.org/indexing/](http://www.familysearch.org/indexing/)

## Online Resources

### Home access to Ancestry through libraries Extended

[www.fvrl.bc.ca/databases.php](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/databases.php)

Access to this the library edition of *Ancestry* has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry until March 31, 2021. All you need is your library card.

### LostCousins is free until Twelfth Night

[www.lostcousins.com](http://www.lostcousins.com)

Until midnight on Wednesday January 6, 2021 the *LostCousins* site will be totally free – which means that you can initiate contact with any new relatives that you find (which normally require a subscription). This applies not only to existing members but also to new members.

### 52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks challenge in 2021

[www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52-ancestors-in-52-weeks/](http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/52-ancestors-in-52-weeks/)

A series of weekly prompts to get you to think about an ancestor and share something about them. You can blog, post on your favorite social media, send an email to your cousins — whatever you want to do to share something about that ancestor.

### 1939 Register

[www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

*FindMyPast* has just opened over 69,000 previously-redacted records. The *1939 Register* was taken on September 29, 1939. The information was used to produce identity cards and, once rationing was introduced in January 1940, to issue ration books. It is not a census.

### Manitoba Birth, Marriage, and Death (BMD) Record Links

<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/manitoba-birth-marriage-and-death-bmd-record-links#.X9eSVthKhPY>

*The Ancestor Hunt* has created a list with links to record collections for Manitoba.

### General Society of Mayflower Descendants Membership Applications, 1620-1920

[www.americanancestors.org/](http://www.americanancestors.org/)

American Ancestors | New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) released a new online database that contains authenticated lineages of passengers on the Mayflower who left descendants.

The earliest application dates to 1895. The searchable database is available to members of American Ancestors | NEHGS and members of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

### Irish Workhouses

<https://irelandxo.com/>

Filter for specific building types on *Ireland Reaching Out*.

### Ontario Newspapers

<https://search.adarchives.org/en/findingaid/newspapers>

Arnprior & McNab/Braeside has digitized a number of newspapers in its collection including, *The Arnprior Watchman*, 1913-1919, *Arnprior Chronicle*, 1890-1928, *Weekly News*, 1906, and *Almonte Gazette*.

<https://vitacollections.ca/digital-kingston/details.asp?ID=2766654>

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation in Kingston, Ontario has completed its project to digitize the *Daily British Whig*. It can now be searched from 1850 to 1926.

## Family History Events

### BC Heritage Week, February 15 to 21, 2021

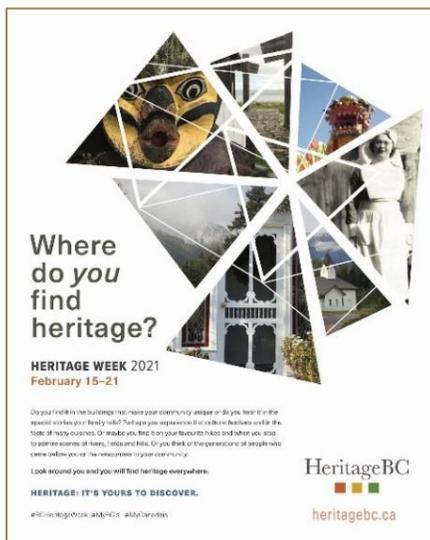
<https://heritagebc.ca/events-activities/heritage-week/>

#### WHERE DO YOU FIND HERITAGE?

Do you find it in the buildings that make your community unique or do you hear it in the special stories your family tells? Perhaps you experience it at cultural festivals and in the taste of many cousins. Or maybe you find it on your favourite hikes and when you stop to admire scenes of rivers, fields and hills. Or you think of the generations of people who came before you or the newcomers to your community.

Look around you and you will find heritage everywhere.

#### HERITAGE: IT'S YOURS TO DISCOVER



### Quebec Genealogical eSociety

[www.genquebec.com/en/2021-conference](http://www.genquebec.com/en/2021-conference)

- **The Art and Science of Quebec Genealogy**, from January 14 to 17, 2021, virtual. Over 20 live sessions to pick from. Fee: \$10 per session.

### Connections-Experiment

<https://connections-experiment.com>

Want to connect more with your family in 2021? Sign up for the free *21 Day Family Connections Experiment* starting January 1st. Each day they do easy and meaningful activities designed to bring us closer to our family – past and present.

#### FindMyPast

[www.youtube.com/user/findmypast](http://www.youtube.com/user/findmypast)

[www.facebook.com/findmypast/](https://www.facebook.com/findmypast/)

Upcoming live broadcasts:

- **Exploring School Records**, January 5
- **Advanced Search Techniques**, January 13
- **Edith Cavell: An Unexpected Hero**, January 20
- **Australia Day Panel Discussion**, January 26
- **Coats of Arms**, January 27

#### Legacy Family Tree

<https://familytreewebinars.com/index.php#>

Legacy Family Tree offers a vast selection of webinars for free. You can attend live and ask questions or you can often watch the session's recording for a about a week.

#### Qualicum Beach Family History Society

<https://www.qbfhs.ca/>

- **British and Irish Newspapers & Using the internet and PRONI for northern Irish Research** with Chris Paton Saturday January 23, 2021 10:00 am – 1:00 pm via Zoom. Fee: Free to all members of QBFHS. For an annual fee of \$25 per person, you can become a member.

### RootsTech Connect 2021

[www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org)

A Free Online Conference Experience: the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free. February 25-27, 2021.

#### Surrey Library

<https://www.surreylibraries.ca/>

- **Fun Family History Fridays**, Friday January 22, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Digital Branch, email address is required for registration.
- **Unlock Your Family Story: writing & publishing your family's history** with Brenda L. Smith and Andrea Lister, five online classes, Wednesdays January 27– March 24, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm, Digital Branch, email address is required for registration.
- **Genealogy Orientation & Consultation**, Wednesday February 17, 2021, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Cloverdale Branch. In-person, one-on-one orientation session with full COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

**Maple Ridge Family History Group, first Wednesday of the month, 7pm on Zoom until further notice. Email us at: [mrfamilyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:mrfamilyhistory@gmail.com) for information on how to join the meeting.**

**January 6, 2021: New Year's Challenge – Census Records – The Story They Tell Share the story of an ancestor through the details/clues found in census records.**

**February 3, 2021: the romance month. Have you come across a "secret romance" in your family history? This is the month to share the details with us.**