

MEET MY ANCESTOR CONTEST 2017

Nanaimo Family History Society

Nanaimo Family History Society members are invited to enter a "Meet My Ancestor" contest. \$100.00 will be awarded to the entrant whose entry, in the opinion of the judging panel, best meets the contest criteria. The prize will be awarded only if we receive at least four entries.

A CHOICE OF TOPIC

Two topics for you to choose from this year. The first topic is in honour of Canada's 150th anniversary and the second is for those of you with a special item that belonged to an ancestor. We've provided you with some guide questions, but you do not need, necessarily, to follow these guide questions.

1. My Ancestors Chose Canada

- from where and when did they emigrate? why?
- had this place been their home for long?
- why did they choose Canada?
- how did they travel? passenger ship? overland?
- did they migrate between places in Canada?

2. An Heirloom's Tale

- is there an heirloom in your family's possession that can tell a tale about your family? Perhaps it's a piece of china, a ticket stub, a ship's menu, a piece of clothing, a toy? Who are the people to whom it belonged? What is their story?

Entries are to be submitted to Nanaimo Family History Society and received by midnight, December 31, 2017. Submit entries by email to cfkemp1@shaw.ca or by hand to a member of the NFHS executive.

The winning entry will be announced at the Annual General Meeting in February, 2018, and will be published in the spring edition of *AncesTree*. Other submitted entries, at the *Ancestree* editor's discretion, will be published in later editions of our society's journal. Entries may be edited as necessary before publication in *AncesTree*.

CONTEST CRITERIA

1. The author is a current member of Nanaimo Family History Society on December 31, 2017.
2. The entry has not been previously published.
3. The entry is an interesting, coherent read with a specific focus of genealogical interest.
4. The entry demonstrates the reader's methods of research including any problems encountered and their resolution.
5. The entry includes family tree diagrams **and/or** photograph(s) **and/or** other illustrations if appropriate. These visuals are appropriately placed to support the context of the entry.
6. The length of the entry is not more than 3000 words and not less than 1000 words.
7. The entry includes footnotes and sources as necessary.