

MEET MY ANCESTOR CONTEST 2020

Nanaimo Family History Society



Nanaimo Family History Society members are invited to enter a "Meet My Ancestor" contest. Entries must be submitted by **midnight, December 31, 2020**. Cash awards of \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be awarded to the authors whose entries, in the opinion of the judging panel, best meet the contest criteria. The prizes will be awarded only if we receive at least four entries. All entries will be published in future editions of *AncesTree*.

A Choice of Topic

This year NFHS has a variety of topics from which to choose. Length of papers should be approximately five hundred to one thousand words (about three to five double spaced pages).

1. Pre 1900 Rogues and Rascals!

Yes, they lurk in most of our families. Write about them and share their stories. What did they do? Why? How did the family react? What happened to these people?

2. Home is Where the Heart Is!

Describe a place (village, car, house, room, tree-house, lake, a rocking chair) that you loved as a child and the family or person you associate with it. How does that person fit into the family tree?

3. The Secret!

Write about a secret that you have discovered in your family tree that no-one in the family knew. You can elaborate on the family's reaction, or tell the story and describe how you came to your discovery.

4. The Explanation!

Describe a situation or tell a short story — then explain the real story. (For example — "my grandpa was always very quiet, didn't talk, and he walked with two canes. We children were afraid of him." Then tell what you found out about his history — it may have been a horrible accident or a war story or polio.

CONTEST CRITERIA

1. The author is a current member of Nanaimo Family History Society on December 31, 2020.
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 1000 words and not fewer than 500 words.
7. The entry includes footnotes and /or sources as necessary.