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President's Message

By Dean Ford

Well, who would have thought that we would still not be able to have our meetings face to face? I sure miss those days. Let's hope we can get together for our meetings sometime this year. Things will be a little different when and if we meet in person. Our society now has a new president and some of the other executive have new jobs. A warm welcome to our newest executive member, Terry Hartley.

Our new executive promises to provide our members with a vibrant and helpful society.

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"Every breath is a sacrament, an affirmation of our connection with all other living things, a renewal of our link with our ancestors, and a contribution to generations yet to come."

David Suzuki, Canadian broadcaster and environment activist.

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Save the Date!

Nanaimo FHS March Meeting	Mar 15
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Let us not forget the members we lost during the past year. They were all a big part of the society and executive and will be missed.

As you are aware, the executive and the workshop committee had to make a difficult decision to cancel our workshop that was scheduled for March last year. I know that once things are back to normal this will be held. Who knows maybe in the fall? I also want to thank the speakers for their understanding of not just our group, but I'm sure numerous others.

A special thank you to retiring secretary, David Blackburn, whose fine note taking and wonderful sense of humour added much to our executive meetings.

Another big thanks to Maureen Wooten and her group for lining up our past speakers and future speakers. For those that were not able to zoom for our AGM you missed our member Dr. Prouty give his presentation. Great job and thanks. If any other members have a presentation they would

like to share, please let Maureen know. Also, If you know of any non-member who is thinking of joining, please pass on our [website](#) address so he or she can check out our events calendar. Maybe something will be of interest to them. If they are interested, all they need to do is [send an email](#) to the society requesting to attend as a guest.

On a final note, I do want to thank all the other committee members for everything you do to help make this society what it is. Without you stepping up and being on a committee, we would not have such strong membership support.

Dean



We were saddened to learn of the passing of long time member and friend Paul Shaw. Paul worked on many committees for NFHS and helped so many members with their genealogy research. Paul's family sent the following to our society:

Our family wanted the Nanaimo Family History Society to know that our Father, Paul Bailey Shaw passed away last evening, January 8, 2021. He died peacefully with some of his family by his side. The Society and family history were such a major part of Dad's life and even in the last few days he could be counted on to provide answers to questions like, "Hey, Dad, when was someone born in Ireland?"

Thank you to the members of the Society for the friendship and support given to Paul over the years.
DOUG SHAW

GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF

FROM LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

♦ LAC CAN USE YOUR HELP WITH ITS PLANNING EXERCISE

Vision 2030 is LAC's strategic plan to envision its needs in the next decade. This includes better access online and in person to LAC's collections. It also hopes to address the long delays in the public's acquisition of files in the collection such as Second World War Service files.

LAC wants public input and now has a short [on line survey](#) on its website.

♦ IMMIGRATION BY SHIP AND RAILWAY

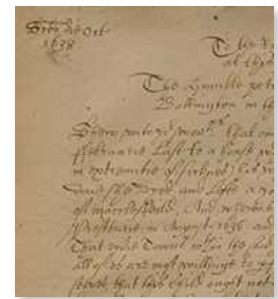
Updated [Flicker Albums](#) with photographs from the first half of the twentieth century. Easily downloadable.

♦ WW II SERVICE RECORDS — VERY LENGTHY DELAY

LAC has just begun inquiries received in October 2018, so if you're thinking of ordering, expect a very long wait. LAC advises "Due to the high volume of urgent request, priority will be given to requests where documentation is required for medical or employment purposes, bursaries, benefits and services, which clearly demonstrate an urgency or deadline." If you've been thinking of acquiring these documents, order them now!

BRITISH HISTORY ONLINE EXTENDS FREE ACCESS

[BHO is providing free access](#) to its English, Scottish, Welsh, and Irish resources through to April 30, 2021. The focus of the site is 1300 to 1800 and contains printed primary and secondary sources — a great site to get a feel for the time and places your ancestors may have lived. Many documents are easily downloadable.



1638 document at BHO

THE LOST CEMETERY OF STANLEY PARK

If you have relatives buried at Mountain View Cemetery [this story in Eve Lazarus's blog](#) may be of interest to you. The story is from her book *Vancouver Exposed*.

PRINCE GEORGE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CLOSING

Sadly, another family history society is folding. The COVID-19 epidemic has caused difficulties, but the society also states that their "membership has been declining and ageing."



NANAIMO FREE PRESS 1874-1928 PART TWO NOW DIGITIZED

UBC has announced that its library has completed the second part of its [digitization of the Nanaimo Free Press](#). Begun in 1874, the newspaper is the second oldest on Vancouver Island. It began as a four page paper published twice a week from a log house on Front Street. By 1888 it was a daily paper. The issues on line are freely accessible, and easily searched.

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MyHeritage introduces Photo Enhancing Program

MyHeritage is "thrilled to announce the release of yet another revolutionary photo feature: [colour restoration](#), which beautifully restores the colours in faded colour photos. Unlike colourization, which simulates colours of black and white photos, the new colour restoration feature is ideal for restoring scanned photos from the 1950s to the 1990s that were originally taken in colour, but have faded over the years. This gives you the chance to revive your favourite moments from the days before digital photography. With colour restoration, you get the authentic colours revived in seconds, and no colours are guessed in the process. As a bonus, colour restoration also sharpens photos and improves their level of detail. When colour restoration is applied, the original photo is left intact and a separate copy is created with the restored colours."



Above is an original and a restored photo of the editor's parents in 1977. (and yes, his tanned face did match his shirt!)

ANIMATE YOUR OLD PHOTOS!

A further innovation by MyHeritage is its "Deep Nostalgia" tool. Some people call the startling results "creepy," but others have enjoyed seeing their ancestors "come alive." The animation tool is part of the company's subscription service, but non members can try the program out on about nine photos. You can download the animated photograph and also delete it from the site. The program is good fun! Samples can be found on the [MyHeritage blog post](#). Also, there is an interesting [interview with the CEO of MyHeritage](#) in which he reveals the company's aims with the Deep Nostalgia program.

ROOTS TECH CONNECT SESSIONS

Roots Tech live sessions began in February with sessions being recorded and available online for a year. [Past sessions of RootsTech are freely available online.](#)

WAR OF 1812 ANCESTORS?

A [collection of War of 1812 stories](#) includes names and contains intriguing information about this part of Canadian history.

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BRITISH WILLS TO 1858 STILL FREELY DOWNLOADABLE

Due to Covid, the UK's National Archives is continuing free downloads of digital records from their website. Of particular note are wills to 1858. If you are researching in Britain, wills are exceptionally valuable resources. Wills prior to 1858 are available at the National Archives, which has a good [question and answer page regarding downloading digital records](#). [Wills and probate records from 1858 to 1996](#) can also be ordered online, but these have a download fee of £3.50.

Wills and probate lists can provide you with many details about your ancestors. Not only will they often affirm for you the names of spouses, children and siblings of your ancestor, but they can also paint a picture of his or her life through the important possessions named in a probate inventory. NFHS member **Doug Toms** forwarded the following transcribed will and inventory of **Ellis Haslam**. This is the oldest will that Doug has seen in his research, but many earlier wills can be found. Your editor has been delighted to find wills of ancestors from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

A true inventory of all the goods of Ellis Haslam of the Halgh, late deceased, pyssed the xiiijth day of Maye 1609 by Anne Haslam, with John Lowe, Wilhm Laptrcott, Richard Smalecroste and James Howell as ffolloweth:	
Imprimis, one arke	Will of Ellis Haslam of Boulton, 1609
Item, one cowffer	
Item, one coverlet	In the name of God Amen, the second day of Maye Anno Dom 1609, I Ellis Haslam of Boulton pishie in the County of Lancaster, husbandman, beinge sicke in body, but of good and pfit remembrance, God be prayesed, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme ffollowinge, first I hequeath my soule into the hands of God, trusting assuredlye by the precious blood sheedinge of Christ, my redeemer everlastinglye to be saved. And my body to be buried in the pishie house of Boulton, at the discrecon of my executors here after to be named. Item I do give unto every child that I am grandfather unto xijd. Item I give unto Ellin the wyef of John Seacon iij s iij d. Item I do give unto my sonne George Haslam all my best clothes. Item, the residue of my goods after my ffunerali expences discharged I give unto my children equalivlye to be devidid amongst theym. Item y ^e ys my will that yf my daughter Joane be lyvinge and come hither thus then she shall have her porcon of good with the rest, but yf not, that then her porcon shall be devidid amongst the rest. Item I owe unto George Haslam my brother xvjd. Item, I make Richard Haslam my sonne, and Edmund Whythew my sonne in lawe my full executors as my sure trust is reposed in theym. And here unto have sett my hand the day and years above written.
Item, one hillinge	
Item, three old hillinge	William Hewell
Item, one payre of blanketes	
Item, one old payre of blanketes	Edmund Fletcher
Item, one chaffe bed & five bouldsters	
Item, one payre of bedshetes & one forme	John Leit
Item, one payre of sheetes	
Item, one payre of sheetes	Adam Grundy
Item, one old payre of sheets	
Item, one bord chest	Summa total xxvi, xxxd
Item, one one daybord & one other bord	
Item, one old payre of comber	
Item, three old spinninge wheelles	
Item, in money	
Item, his apparel	

KENT ENGLAND ANCESTORS??

For those of you researching in Kent, England, [Maureen Rawson's transcribed wills site](#) now has over 6000 wills transcribed. This is an amazing source of pre 1858 wills. Most of the wills have been transcribed by Shelagh Mason of Canterbury, a friend of your editor, who has for many years assisted others with research at the Canterbury archives. She has been a tremendous help to your editor and now has taken on the task of transcribing wills, probates, and other documents for those with difficulties reading older writing. These transcriptions are forwarded to Maureen Rawson's site and are free to download.



New Image Viewer at Findmypast

Findmypast has introduced a new viewer that is designed to make your searches easier. The new tools include brightness and contrast adjustors and previews of previous and subsequent pages. A [seven minute video](#) details the new viewer and explains how to use the new tools.

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ONTARIO IMMIGRATION RECORDS AVAILABLE

Now available at Ancestry and for free is the [Toronto Emigrant Office Assisted Immigration Registers](#). "This database is an index to the four volumes of assisted immigration registers created by the **Toronto Emigrant Office** between **1865 and 1883** (series **RG 11-3**). The registers are a chronological listing of those new immigrants who were assisted by the government to travel to many different destinations across southern Ontario. Over 29,000 entries have been transcribed from the registers."

Name:	Gooderham, W.	Male Adults:	1
Date of Application:	Oct'r 16 1871	Female Adults:	1
Nationality:	English	Children:	4
Trade:		Children Male:	
Ship:	Moravian	Children Female:	
Landed:	Quebec	Infants:	
Destination:	Hamilton	Total Number in Party:	6
Railway:		Reference Code:	2

Sample Results Page from the Toronto Emigrant Register



NEW BOOK ON IRISH IMMIGRATION TO CANADA

March is Irish Heritage month in Canada and fittingly, noted Canadian historian Lucille H. Campey has released another valuable book for Canadian genealogists. *Canada's Irish Pioneers* is Lucille Campey's third book on Irish immigration to Canada. It incorporates material from her two previous books relating to Atlantic Canada and Ontario and Quebec and describes settlements in the Prairies and British Columbia. Information is also given on the financial assistance provided by landlords to their tenants during the famine years and by the custodians of workhouses later on. *Canada's Irish Pioneers* is the first, fully-documented account, produced in recent times, of the great migration of Irish people to Canada. It is packed full of data on sea crossings and settlements, and the phenomenal geographical progress which the Irish made across Canada can be viewed in twenty six maps. The Irish were ambitious people with big dreams who were desperate to escape from the poverty in their homeland. This saga is all about the thrusting, brave and well-organized immigrants who prospered in Canada. Extensively documented, the book contains much of vital interest to genealogists and historians." (Amazon)



SCOTLANDSPEOPLE KIRK SESSION RECORDS FREE

Now available to browse for free are over a million images of kirk sessions and other court records from 1559 to 1900. You will need to set up a free account, but then browse away. Genealogist Dick Eastman states: "These records offer remarkable insights into the everyday lives of ordinary Scots, recording important moments such as births, marriages and deaths. The church also adjudicated on paternity of children and provided basic education, as well as disciplining parishioners for what could be called anti-social behaviour – drunkenness, cursing and breaking the Sabbath. The newly-added records also include accounts of how people dealt with exceptional historical events such as wars, witchcraft trials, epidemics, crop failures and extreme weather."

Check [Alison Spring's blog for more information and an instructive video](#).

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CAUTION WITH COMMERCIAL GENEALOGY SITES



We're all aware of the need to look at original records rather than just transcriptions of registers, censuses and so on, and we're all aware of the many errors on family trees posted on commercial sites or even *FamilySearch*. Another caution about incomplete databases was posted on the Kent Family History site in March. In essence, the post notes an indexing problem in which numerous records are missing. So, if possible, be sure to check multiple sites for your relatives. If you've looked on *Findmypast*, check *FamilySearch*, *MyHeritage*, *Ancestry*, and other sites. Obviously it may be too expensive to check all the sites, but perhaps a friend has access to one of the sites to which you have no free access.

The contributor writes "I thought I'd just let you all know about a major indexing issue I've discovered in the *Ancestry* database which I've already reported to them and had confirmed. On Saturday I was searching in *Ancestry* once again for the national marriage records of two people in my family tree, records which I knew existed through my subscription to *FindMyPast*. As I couldn't find either person by searching on their names, I decided to search through the register manually by accessing the set from the card catalogue and then using the drop down menus to get the year, the quarter and then the first letters of their surnames. However, upon tracking down the relevant index pages, I discovered none of the names on those pages had been indexed. Indeed when I investigated further, I discovered many of the other pages in that set of records either had very few names indexed or worse, no names at all, and I only looked at two letters of the alphabet. If you realize that there may be around three hundred names per page and many, many pages are affected, this could mean tens of thousands of names have not been indexed!

I therefore reported this to *Ancestry* and they have confirmed that there is indeed a problem generally which they have now escalated to their web content team. I don't know if this is a recent issue, but I'm fairly sure that I would have searched for these records a number of years ago when I first added these two people to my family tree. However, having failed to find them at the time, I never bothered to take it any further. It's therefore quite possible these records may have been missing for some time.

The records to which I'm referring they are England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915, Year 1887, Q2-Apr-May-Jun."

Lately, Many transcription errors have also been noted in Norwegian church records found on commercial sites. **The bottom line is we must check multiple sources — indexes and transcriptions are not error free!**



NFHS CO-OP FUND RAISER

Don't forget to use our membership number when you visit a Mid Island CO-OP!

In 2019, members helped to raise \$214.51 for NFHS. Well done!

CAPTAIN ZACHARY BAILY (1788-1860)**by NFHS Member Grant Bridgeman**

In my experience the most interesting stories about our ancestors are often the ones that arise unheralded out of the research. These often provide the details that allow us to peek into the conditions, character and personalities of our forebears and to see them as real people and not just names, dates and relationships. This article has been written in an effort to document the paper trail defining the previously unrecognized military history of one of my maternal great great grandfathers.

Captain Zachary Baily was born in Frome, Somerset, England in 1788¹. Because he was the “head of household” when the ship carrying him and his family arrived in New York in 1834, Zachary is the pivotal figure in the story of that branch of the Baily family of Frome, Somerset, England that emigrated to Upper Canada in 1834.

The initial mention of Zachary's name is a reference discovered in a local history book, *Bradwardine and District – A Century and More* published in 2003 which covers the histories of the families that settled in the surroundings of that small western Manitoba village². The opening paragraph of the article records the family of Zachary's son, also named Zachary³: “Zachary Baily (b. July 27, 1821) at Frome, England, second son⁴ of Zachary Baily of Frome, Somerset, England, his father, mother (Elizabeth Jones) and four sisters came to Ontario, Canada in 1839.”⁵

Surprisingly, this book makes no mention of the elder Zachary's military life. However, some data that was uncovered to help describe Zachary (1788)'s history suggested that he had some connection to the military. *Reid's Marriage Notices of Ontario*⁶ records the marriage of his daughter Elizabeth in 1848, and Zachary he is referred to as Captain. The *1834 Ships List*⁷ identifies Zachary as a lieutenant. These references prompted some research into his possible military activities. The Canadian regular military is well documented, but the militia not quite so much. Library and Archives Canada (LAC) yielded no specific military information but, resorting to their “Fonds and Papers” page within the LAC site, in a search for Zachary Baily I found a relevant letter. The cover of the letter was labeled, obviously for filing purposes, “2 Jan'y 1840 “Cap't Zachary Baily 9th Oxf Rge Applies for a commission in the Incorporated Militia.”

**Canadian Militia****Upper Canada Militia
1812****CAPTAIN ZACHARY BAILY continues on page 9**

¹ Somerset Archives and Local Studies, Southwest Heritage Trust - Frome Selwood, St. John: Zachary Baily b 29 Nov. 1788 s/o Joseph and Ann

² *Bradwardine and District – A Century and More*, Bradwardine History Book Committee, ISBN0-9733797-0-7, p142.

³ Since both men had the same name, the elder is differentiated in this document with the year of his birth, 1788,

⁴ The first did not survive infancy.

⁵ The 1839 date was apparently a typo. The 1834 date in the ship's manifest is clearly written and has been adopted as correct.

⁶ Reid, William D. *Marriage Notices of Ontario [1813-1854]*. Baltimore, MD, USA: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000.

⁷ <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/Arrivals/1834b.shtml>

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The body of the letter, apparently written by Zachary himself, I transcribed roughly with some illegible blanks and some transcription guesses:

Grand River Near Paris [Ontario] Jan'y 2nd 1840

1840 Sir I understand that it is the intention of our excellent Lieu't Governor to reinstitute the force of the incorporated militia of the Province. If so I beg to offer my service for a company, in that Corps:

I have served in the second [foot] and on coming to this country by grant, with letter of recommendation from the Commander in Chief to Sir John Colborne for 21 years service and one month service as captain in the 9th Regiment of the Oxford Militia under Col: Winnicett who has kindly added a few lines to accompany this application.

Having a young family to support with monies being expended on (___jects?)

– (sizable) loss of _____ has rendered the appointment of _____ to one I shall therefore extend with a great I _____ence if you will have the kindness to further my efforts in any way that may strike you to be beneficial.

I have the honour to be your most obedient and humble servant Zachary Baily

Based on the filing label, this letter implies that Zachary was seeking any position he could get in the military. This is not surprising, since he was only fifty-two years old and was still responsible for a family of five. His military references, though, were more extensive than those contained in his letter.

It so happened that my search for details about Zachary's life had been dormant for some time when the COVID-19 pandemic arrived. Given the mass of on-line data now available, research from self-isolation was not only possible, but almost

therapeutic. In addition, the weekly Special Ancestry newsletter of the Nanaimo Family History Society continued to appear. One gem of information from that source stated that the British National Archives digital databases were free on line for the duration of the pandemic. A search for Zachary Baily, filtered to include only military records, came up with only one item, but it was quite an informative one. It

was one of about eight hundred applications for pensions by British army officers contained in one bound volume. It took a bit of self-training to find out exactly how to extract the specific application, but it proved to be possible. Each application was in the form of a spreadsheet (1828 non-digital style) that provided many details, and confirmed others, of both the applicant's military history and his family status. The download was easily accomplished, but the quality of the downloaded item was not good. The on-line version was excellent and yielded the following information by means of direct manual transcription⁸:

- Zachary Baily, aged 22, Ensign in the Regiment of Second Foot, Feb 14, 1811
- Lieutenant in 2nd Foot, Aug 21, 1812 Lieutenant in 9th Foot, Dec 25, 1813 Reduced to half pay, Sept 25, 1814 The application also included details of his family as it existed in 1828,
- Married 18 Feb 1819 in Frome, County Somerset
- Son Zachary born July 17, 1821
- Daughter Elizabeth born Sept 20, 1823
- Daughter Jane, born Jan 23, 1828

Zachary's application for a pension included time served on both full-pay and half pay with a total of seventeen years and seven months up to September 1828 when the application was filed. It appears he was in the regular infantry for three years and the Somerset Militia for fourteen years up to that date. Six years later, when he and his family reached New

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⁸ British National Archives, Zachary Baily, Regiment 9th Foot, Date of Service 1828, Ref. No WO 25/750/53

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York aboard the ship *Bristol*, he was still referred to as Lieutenant,⁹ Foot. His letter of request for a commission in 1840 includes references to service in the Oxford, Ontario, Militia probably explaining his claim to twenty-one years of service. It is unclear whether his 1828 application was ever approved and what the terms were if it was. It is also unclear if the 1840 letter requesting a commission gained any response. The use of the title "Captain" in the 1848 *Reids Marriage Notices* implies that he had achieved the rank at some point in his career. He also makes reference to one month as "Captain" in his application for a commission in the Militia. Perhaps that was sufficient to allow him to use the rank to maintain his social status permanently. In the 1851 census of Ontario his occupation is "farmer"⁹

However, subsequent searches led to an archived LAC database entitled *Upper Canada Land Petitions (1763-1865)*. Digitized copies of the petitions and supporting documents were available from that source. Of the documents related to Zachary's application the most informative one was the letter from a senior officer to the Lieutenant Governor dated August 13, 1834. The document is a letter of recommendation establishing Zachary as a potential recipient of a grant to assist him in his quest to become a "settler" in Canada. The "General Order of August 1831" referred to in this letter spells out the funds available, ranging from 100 to 300 pounds, according to the rank and length of service of the individual. The second line of the letter states "that he is desirous of becoming a settler" which leaves little doubt that the lure of free land was the major influence drawing Zachary, along with his family, to Canada. Although there is no specific property

mentioned, the 1851 census shows Zachary and his family living on a sixty acre parcel in Brantford Township in the County of Brant.

The remaining documents available from the Upper Canada Land Petitions data base follow a standard pattern of written application, recommendation to the Council by staff and notice of approval. A transcription of Zachary's letter of application follows:

*To His Excellency Sir John Colborne K. C. B.
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper
Canada and Major General Commanding His
Majesties Forces therein.*

*The Petition of Zachary Baily Lieutenant of the 9th
Regiment of Foot. Humbly Shewith That your
petitioner is a native of England. That he served
twenty one years in His Majesties Army, and that he
has not received any lands or orders for lands from
the Crown.*

*Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your
Excellency will be pleased to grant him such
allowance as is usually made to officers of his rank
and service. And your petitioner as in duty bound
will ever Pray Zachary Baily York, Nov 27, 1834*

From all of the above, it is concluded that this request was granted. Zachary Baily (b 1788) died January 30, 1860 in Burford, Ontario¹⁰, his death recorded in the local newspaper : "Baily:— At his residence, in Paris, Upper Canada, on the 30 January, Zachery Baily, Esq., late Captain in H.M.9th Regt., and of Frome, aged 71 years, deeply regretted by his family and a large circle of friends."



⁹ 1851 Census, Canada West, Brant County, Brantford Township, Part 1, Page 31

¹⁰ *Findagrave*, Headstone Inscription, Zachary Baily, d. Jan 30, 1860, Buried Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery, Burford, Ont



DID YOU KNOW?

March 8, 2021 was International Women's Day. Perhaps as genealogists we should be reminded to give a nudge to our female ancestors. [Research taken by a marketing company for Ancestry](#) in 2020 revealed that only three in ten Canadians know inspiring stories of women in their family tree. Some Canadians knew about Laura Secord, but the survey revealed that more knew Secord's story than knew their own grandmother's birthday! The survey also revealed that "Canadians find female historical figures, such as Viola Desmond and Laura Secord to be the most inspiring kind of women (35%), ahead of female celebrities (15%) or women in public office (24%)." Further details from the survey suggest that "Canadians want to know more about their own legacy with most (68%) in agreement that knowing more about the challenges and achievements of the women in their family history would be inspiring and empowering. Yet only 15% of respondents said they were very familiar with the women in their family history."

Researching our female ancestors can be difficult, but there are ways to discover more about their lives other than simple facts from census returns. One suggestion is to explore social history. [Lisa Lisson's Findmypast blog of March 21, 2021](#) provides an excellent guide to using social history sources to "flesh out" your female ancestors. It's well worth a read!

"When you start searching for your female ancestor, always remember the fact she was living a full life. She was a person with likes and dislikes. She had causes she was passionate about. She had friends. We may not see the evidence in traditional genealogy records, but your female ancestor was absolutely participating in her community."

ARE YOU AWARE OF CANADA'S 1940 NATIONAL REGISTRATION FILE?

"Are you looking for a Canadian ancestor or someone who was living in Canada during the Second World War? The National Registration was a result of the *National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940*, which enabled the government to identify military and labour resources that could be mobilized for the war effort. Since most sources for that time period are still subject to access or privacy restrictions under Canadian legislation, Statistics Canada's [National Registration File of 1940](#) is an alternative to census records that can provide you with some answers. This very valuable source for genealogists and family historians is the result of the compulsory registration of all persons, 16 years of age or older, between 1940 and 1946. If the person has been dead for more than 20 years, and you can provide proof of death, you can order a search of these Statistics Canada records. Please note that research fees apply. The questionnaires provide particulars such as address, age, date and place of birth, general health, and occupation. For immigrants, key details such as the year of arrival in Canada and their parents' country of birth are given."

LAC Blog August 8 2013.

An excellent [guide to using this source](#) and details of what information is provided in the files is found on "Finding Your Canadian Story" February 23, 2020.



MEMORIES OF OF DAVE POLLOCK'S VEHICLES**by NFHS Member Maureen Wootten**

An Austin A-40 came into the Pollock family's life in approximately 1952 in Victoria, B.C. The car was green and had a certain leathery smell. This is the first vehicle I can remember my dad, Dave Pollock, owning during my childhood. I remember riding buses now and then, but that was all.

However, from pictures I have seen prior to the purchase of the Austin, my dad, Dave Pollock, had won a 1929 Pontiac vehicle when he was twenty-three and a half years old. I have a photo of Dad taken on June 10, 1939, with his "1929 Pontiac Prize." My dad had bought the winning raffle ticket from a man called Cec Ross in Victoria. It was not until I was dating my future husband Bob Wootten that I discovered that Cec Ross was best buddies with my future father-in-law Roy Wootten. In fact, I see Cec Ross in Roy and Edna Wootten's wedding picture. Small world.

In early 1950, prior to the purchase of the Austin, my dad borrowed an old car with a rumble seat from a friend of his. Dad took his wife Lena, our mother, my sister Doreen and myself on a fabulous up-island trip in that antique car. We drove up the Malahat, continued up-Island to Parksville, turned toward Coombs and carried on until we tackled the Hump on our way to Alberni to visit family friends. En route we had to stop on the Malahat while my father trekked up the highway looking for a house where he could fill up his large water bottle at a well. The radiator had boiled over and he had used all the extra water he had brought with him. Have you ever sat in a rumble seat with your head covered with tarp, trying to keep dry? My sister and I had quite an experience doing that on this drive because of course it had to rain, especially close to Alberni. A similar problem with the radiator occurred going up the Hump, but once we got to the top, it was clear sailing downhill to Alberni.

I can still feel the excitement when Dad bought his Austin A-40 vehicle. We used to take Sunday afternoon drives in the countryside outside Victoria. On one of our many trips in that Austin, we were able to watch the air show at the Patricia Bay Airport in 1953. My father drove the Austin A-40 vehicle with the passengers being myself, my sister Doreen and second cousin Davey Long who was a few years older than we were. At the air show I vividly recall watching a boy standing with his bicycle watching the show with a little blond-haired girl sitting in his bicycle carrier. I can remember thinking I wish I had had a big brother who would have taken me for a ride in his bicycle basket. I had always wanted a big brother like my girlfriend had. Instead I got a big sister! Watching the boy and girl at the air show, I was quite taken by the kindness of the boy to the little girl. I would have been about nine years old and my sister Doreen eleven at the time.

Years later, in 1962, I met a young man called Bob Wootten. While we were dating, we were discussing air shows and it came out that he was the young man who had ridden his "Rudge Whitworth" bicycle to the air show all the way from Saanich Road in Saanich, BC with his little sister Teresa Mary Wootten (in the bicycle basket)! What a coincidence!



Dave Pollock standing by his 1929 Pontiac

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In the early 1950's our Austin A-40 drove our family from Victoria, BC to the Yorkton-Ebenezer area of Saskatchewan to visit my mother's relatives, in particular the Bonnets, Kimmels and Neibrandt's. We took another passenger, a schoolteacher, who needed a ride to her parents' home in Regina. On that trip we suffered from car trouble while driving through Idaho and Montana. It was necessary to take a detour back to Canada to pick up car parts in Lethbridge as they were not available where we were travelling in the northern U.S.A. We stayed in a bed and breakfast in northern Montana — my very first experience at a B&B. In the evening, the lady passenger had Doreen and I doing an exercise workout of the 1950's Royal Canadian Air Force XBX Plan for women. Does anyone else remember those exercises, and the 5BX Plan for men? In the morning we headed up to Canada. I recall the back seat was very crowded on that long trip and my sister and I were relieved once we left the lady in Regina — more room to wiggle around. I can still visualize us driving up a certain rural driveway on the Saskatchewan Prairies, with the Austin going much too slowly. I was sure I could run faster! I was eager to reach my great aunt and great uncle Neibrandt's farm in Ebenezer near Yorkton. Thankfully, we arrived safely with no further problems. One other memory of that trip was my dad constantly after me to "put away those *Classic Comics* and watch the scenery!"



**Dave Pollock with daughters
Maureen and Doreen with their
1952 Austin**

Another noteworthy trip we took in our Austin was through the Fraser Canyon heading north to visit the Lewis family relatives in Quesnel, British Columbia. The roads were under construction north of Williams Lake so we had a rough ride. However, the Austin A-40 was a sturdy car and made it through. My mother's aunt Grace and her husband uncle Jack had recently moved from Victoria, B.C. Jack was a barber in Quesnel for years and Grace was a hair stylist. Their only child, our second cousin Lorne Lewis, was a few years younger than Doreen and I. He showed us how to catch guppies from a deep mud puddle and dissect them. He also took us to a nearby home where they sold homemade donuts. What unusual memories!

My sister and I discussed our memories of that Austin A-40 and agreed we were lucky to have been able to go on adventures in it. It widened our horizons. I just wish my dad were alive today so I could obtain more details and he could share his retrospect.

**NEED HELP VISUALIZING YOUR RESEARCH?**

Our society has 12 generation blank pedigree charts for sale. These charts are ideal for beginners and "seasoned" genealogists who prefer to consult a paper visual rather than a smaller on-screen version.

Here's Sharon Davison displaying her hard work! Many members have found these extensive charts a boon to their research. [email NFHS](#) to purchase one.



*Faces of Our Ancestors — A Collection of Early photographs Shared by
Members of Nanaimo Family History Society*



from NFHS member Holly Shipman

To the left are Holly's grandfather, **Daniel Gates Shipman** his brother, brother-in-law and three friends just prior to shipping overseas in 1916. The photo was taken in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on their enlistment with the 96th Battalion, Canadian Highlanders. After the death of Holly's grandfather in 1922, Holly's grandmother married Daniel's brother, **William Albert Shipman**. **L to R Back row:** Daniel Gates Shipman, **George Heatherington**, **William Albert Shipman**, Holly's great uncle. **Sitting L to R** Ralph McRay, John Angus Stewart, another of Holly's great uncles, **James Pye**.



Daniel Gates Shipman, Holly's grandfather, on right standing in front of Charlie Richard's Store, Plenty, Saskatchewan circa 1910. Daniel Norman Shipman, his father, standing on left.



William Albert Shipman circa 1910.
Holly's great uncle and step grandfather

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from NFHS member Barry Kemp

To the left is a lovely photo of Barry's great great aunt **Isabella (Bell) Adcock (née Davidson)** (1861-1931) and her nieces **Edith** (1895-1996) and **Bessie** (1893-1996) **Adcock**. The girls were the daughters of Bell's sister **Jane Adcock (née Davidson)**. In a curious family twist, Bell, late in life, married Christopher Adcock (1836-1908), grandfather of Edith and Bessie. So, Bell became both the aunt and step grandmother of the girls!

Below is the family of **Francis Arthur Tetreau**, one of Barry's maternal great grandfathers, and his family in 1909 at Bad Axe, Michigan just prior to their emigration from the United States to Colgate, Saskatchewan where they farmed. Arthur was born 1868 in Huron County, Ontario and married **Amelia (Emily) Mousseau** in Grand Bend, Ontario in 1889.



Front Row L-R Alexander, Arthur holding Helen, Amelia holding Arbutus, Ella Mae.

Back Row, L-R :Emery, Laurabel, Robert

PROPER TOOLS FOR LABELLING PHOTOS

By NFHS Member Beth Skala

If like many of us, you've been busy sorting old photos and trying to organize them for your descendants, the article below offers some excellent tips. This is the second in a series from Beth Skala.

You've scanned your photos into the computer and carefully written the who, what, where, and when in the little caption box attached to each one. No special tools needed. But you still have the original photographs and they didn't come with handy caption boxes. How do you label *them*? The good news is that you don't have to buy a lot of equipment or spend much money. The bad news is that it will take time. Here are some tips and cautions to help you do the job efficiently and safely.

Label your photos on the back, not the front. (Polaroid instant photos are the one exception.) Label close to the edge (top or bottom) so that if your technique fails you will not have compromised the picture on the front. Give as much information as possible, using correct names (not nicknames), dates, locations, and anything of particular historical interest about the photo. Do not write an essay on the back of the picture, just note the basic facts. Be sure to print the information. Handwriting can be hard to read, especially for the growing number of young people who are not taught cursive in school.

The easiest photos to label are the oldest ones. Most heritage photos are printed on fibre-based photographic paper, sometimes also mounted on cardboard. All the experts agree that there is only one tool you need: a 2B soft-lead pencil. (If the back of the photo is black, then you will need a white pencil as described below.) Place the picture face down on a hard surface and write with a light hand. The last thing you want to do is press so hard you make an impression on the front of the picture.

Modern photographs, including recent reprints of old photos, are printed on coated paper. A regular pencil will not work on the backs of these pictures. Ballpoint pens transfer indentations to the front of the photo and have the added disadvantages of smearing, changing colour, and containing chemicals that may damage your photos over time. Sharpie pens and other non-archival felt pens may slowly bleed through to the picture and are chemically unstable, according to the archivists. Creating computer labels to stick on the backs introduces questionable adhesives that could affect your pictures.

So what works? After testing the products suggested on genealogy and commercial web sites, I found only one was acceptable. ALL the archival felt pens I tried (Zig, Creative Memories, Micron, Staedtler Silver Ball) still smeared after an hour of drying time. I don't know about you, but if I am going to label a lot of pictures I don't want to have to wait hours for them to dry. In fact, I left one sample for twenty-four hours and it STILL smeared! Despite the hype, felt pens are **not** a good solution.



Staiblo-All (8046)

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My recommendation is the black Stabilo-All (8046) pencil (note that on Amazon the number is wrong in their description, but you can see the correct number on the pencils pictured). This pencil works beautifully on the backs of coated photos. It does not smear, but can be erased if necessary. I purchased a box of twelve and split them with a friend. White Stabilo-All pencils (8052) can be used on black-backed photos.

The photo below from my husband's family collection was riddled with pin holes. You can see the lengthy commentary on the back, written in pencil and ballpoint pen. We reprinted the photo and I labelled it with the basic information, using a black Stabilo-All pencil.



Otto (1) Kucera
 Antonie Kapak Kucera
 1640 S. Kedvale Ave,
 Chicago, Illinois
 c1920-22

on Kedvale Ave, Chicago Ill.
 1920-22
 Mr & Mrs.
 Otto Kucera
 one Parents:
 Antonie Kucera
 mother:
 Family of
 5 children:
 Otto - son
 Helen - daughter
 Ernie - son
 Olga - daughter
 + Edward - son

Perhaps you have a great system of keeping your photos in archival polypropylene or polyester sleeves and don't see a need to label the photos themselves. Maybe you have sorted your pictures into acid-free index boxes or envelopes, and written on the containers. These are all great ways to organize. However, the archivists warn that pictures can easily be separated from their sleeves, boxes, or envelopes. You are preparing your collection for future generations. Who knows what will happen down the line? Whatever your photo storage system, you still need to put the information directly onto the photographs where it cannot go astray.

Did You Know ...



Nanaimo Family History Society has a [Facebook Page](#) hosted by NFHS director at large Lorie Heshka. If you would like to join this group, you will need a Facebook account. To do this, first Click "Google "Facebook Account" and follow instructions to set up your account. Once you have an account, you can "Search" for "Nanaimo Family History Society" inside Facebook then click "Join." Currently there are ninety-one members in the group.

Veronica's story demonstrates how the smallest details can help in our research and create our Aha! Moments. In this case, the names of neighbours on census pages provided the vital clues.

WHICH ELIZABETH IS THE CORRECT 3rd GREAT GRANDMOTHER?

By NFHS Member Veronica for Dean Ford

I think the only good thing about COVID-19 restrictions and staying at home is that I am getting more family research done. On to the steps I took to figure out the answer to my question.

I knew that my 2x paternal great grandmother was **Jane Gray** b.circa 1825 in England and she was baptized on February 8, 1826. The name of Jane's parents were Thomas Gray and Elizabeth. As I looked at birth and baptism records¹¹ there was no maiden name listed for Elizabeth. It was always listed as just Elizabeth or Elizabeth Gray.

My next step was to search marriage records of Thomas Gray and Elizabeth, another conundrum. I found two marriages for Thomas Gray marrying an Elizabeth, both in 1824. One marriage was on May 24th to Elizabeth Coward¹² and the other on December 30th to Elizabeth Coombes¹³. So, which Elizabeth was the correct 3x great grandmother?

The 1841 England Census¹⁴ was next on the list and I found two families. The first listed Thomas Gray and Elizabeth with five children but no Jane, although at fifteen years of age she could have been visiting or working elsewhere. The other family in the 1841 England census¹⁵ for Thomas Gray and Elizabeth had four children with Jane the second born and the correct age. Jane's brother James was born circa 1824 and baptized December 25, 1824. Was Elizabeth Coward his mother since the marriage was in May? This family was a possibility.



I went back to the marriages and looked at the witnesses to match those names. Success! The witnesses, Richard Sheppard and Mary Moore for the marriage between Thomas Gray and Elizabeth Coward are on the following page of the Grays in the 1841 England census. The Moore family is listed, although there is no Mary. but Richard Sheppard, however, is listed with his family. They must have been neighbours. I have concluded that **Elizabeth Coward** is the missing 3x paternal great grandmother. Remember to check the neighbours!

¹¹ Baptism Information for Jane Gray – Dorset History Centre, Dorchester, England; Dorset Parish Registers; Reference: PE/GIL

¹² Dorset, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1921 – Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/GIL: 3/2-5 Page 72

¹³ Dorset, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1921 – Dorset History Centre; Dorchester, England; Reference: PE/GIL: 3/2-5 Page 80

¹⁴ 1841 England Census – Class: HO107; Piece: 759; Book: 10; Civil Parish: Felbrigg; County: Norfolk; Enumeration District: 9; Folio: 3; Page: 6; Line: 16; GSU roll: 438853

¹⁵ 1841 England Census – Class: HO107; Piece: 290; Book: 16; Civil Parish: Gillingham; County: Dorset; Enumeration District: 3; Folio: 28; Page: 5; Line: 22; GSU roll: 241341

Future Guest Speakers

Monday, March 15, 2021



ZOOM SPEAKER TERRY ROGERS The Canadian Maritimes

Terry and Margaret Rogers have been genealogists for more than forty years and have travelled extensively in the Maritimes to research ancestors in all of the provinces and areas included in this talk. A refresher on both the low hanging research fruit for the Canadian Maritimes and some of the more obscure but useful resources available. An outline with web links will be provided. This talk will be recorded and available after March 15.

- Where to start your research in each Maritime province:
- The major influxes of immigrants in each province, when they happened, and where to find the best records.
- The major emigrations from each province, when they happened and their destinations.

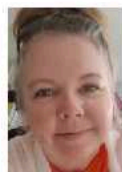
Monday, April 19, 2021



ZOOM SPEAKER MARIE PALMER Travelling Back in Time Using Google Earth

Google Earth is a free program that gives you a way to map out your ancestors' lives and add in as many visuals and text as you can find. It can help us better understand the places where our ancestors lived and sometimes even leads us to answers we've been searching for. Children especially love to "fly" through time and see where their ancestors lived.

Monday, May 17, 2021



ZOOM SPEAKER MONICA Sheridan Finding Ethel, a Search for Family Connection

Shortly after her father's death in 2006, Monica Sheridan came upon old photographs and documents in his effects that identified her father's birth family. Further investigation revealed the tragic murder of a grandmother she never knew, and started a nearly fifteen year long search for answers. This presentation shows how, through research, road trips, phone calls, letters and countless emails, as well as good old fashioned detective work, she has uncovered the poignant story of her grandmother's life and death, and created a bond with a family she never knew. **Monica Sheridan** has been Vice-President of the Victoria Genealogical Society since 2014 and has been proud to be a part of watching it grow and change. She came to the society by giving this very same talk at a Speaker Series meeting in 2014. It wasn't long before she became as passionate about the Society as about her own research. In addition to working full time and travelling as often as possible (usually to research Ethel but not much in the time of Covid!), she has started work on a book about her experiences in finding her lost family.

Monday, June 21, 2021



ZOOM SPEAKER KATHRYN LAKE HOGAN

Researching Upper Canada And Canada West

NOTE EARLY START TIME OF THIS MEETING — 6:00 P.M.

For over twenty years, what keeps Kathryn Lake Hogan up at night aren't the cries of young children, but the drive to research her ancestors. Since 2007, through her business, *Looking4Ancestors*, Kathryn has helped family history researchers learn how to find their ancestors in Canada. She is the producer and host of the popular webinar series, *Genealogy with a Canadian Twist*. Seeing a need for in-depth genealogical instruction of Canadian family history, Kathryn has partnered with Christine Woodcock as director of the Canadian Virtual Research Institute where she will also be teaching about Ontario and Quebec family history this summer.

The author of research guides featuring Canadian genealogy, Kathryn has written articles for *Family Tree magazine*, *The in-Depth Genealogist*, and the Association of Professional Genealogists journal *APG Quarterly*. Kathryn currently serves as a Director-at-Large, and Ontario Ancestors Conference 2021 Co-chair with the Ontario Genealogical Society. She is also studying for her Level 1 project for accreditation with the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists.



NEWS FROM NANAIMO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(note – this is not our Nanaimo Family History Society)

LOOKING LOCAL

from Susan Garcia

Hi everyone! I hope you can venture out to historic places in Nanaimo to enjoy some history of the local area. For a few years, I have been a board member of the Nanaimo Historical Society whose main delight is to invite and inform its members and the public about the area's heritage. We are like a sister society of the NFHS, looking at *place*, but caring about the historical *people*, too. I encourage you to check out our [Facebook Page](#) regularly. This page has interesting stories and links. Our website is coming soon.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and is now on Zoom. To request a link to attend our meetings, simply [email](#) us!

- Our April 8th speaker is **Dave Bodaly**, a Snuneymuxw member, whose topic is Indigenous sites in the area.
- On May 13th the topic for VIU historian **Kelly Black** is the historic gardens of Point Ellice House in Victoria.
- A field trip to McKay Lake is being planned for June, and then we break until September.

Simon Priest, a local researcher, offers impressive (free) [self-guided walking tours](#). Simon also encourages those interested in our local history to read the online history, experience the trails and send him an [email](#) feedback to improve the content of his website.

A last suggestion is [Hintertales](#) a podcast link on *Facebook* with a story about the piano at the Port Theatre.



HELP BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP! The larger our membership, the more resources we have and the more family connections that can be made. Do you have a friend wondering about his or her ancestry? Have your friend [send an email](#) to the society requesting to attend as a quest.

Why not invite this person to join in our next ZOOM meeting? Perhaps purchase a membership for your friend to help start someone else's genealogy search.



Our Memories of Those We Knew

We continue to enjoy these short pieces about people who were part of our lives. If you haven't already done so, we're inviting you to share your memory of the earliest born relative whom you knew personally. What do YOU remember about the earliest born person you knew?

MY GRANDFATHER

by NFHS Member Dean Ford

Over the last few months, I have tried to figure out the earliest born relative I have known. I was unfortunate to have never met my great grandparents, so that would mean my oldest relative is one of my grandparents. My paternal grandfather was born in 1904 which should make my story about him, but I don't have many memories of him. I do remember him buying my brothers and myself the same winter coats for Christmas one year and there was a road trip from Regina to Calgary with him and my grandmother and the continuous cigarette smoke coming from the front seat. They even had the bean bag ashtray between the seats. I am sure many members will remember those ashtrays.

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My story is about my maternal grandfather as I have many fond memories of him. My grandfather, **Joseph Arthur Roske**, was born on November 18, 1908, in Aston, Kansas USA. I am not sure how the family ended up living there or even where that is. The family shows up in the 1910 United States Federal Census for the Walton Township of Sumner, Kansas. The next census they show up in is the 1911 Canada Census in Battleford district of Saskatchewan. I have been told that they moved back and forth across the border for several years as they were horse traders (thieves). I haven't found that information yet so for now it is just hearsay. It might be another story in the future.

The family definitely moved around as my grandfather's siblings were shown on the census to have been born in different provinces or different states. I know through my mother that they lived in Saskatchewan for numerous years on a farm and my grandfather started a gravel delivery service at one time before moving to Kelowna, BC. where my memories are from.

When we visited during summer holidays, my grandfather spent many hours with my brothers and myself in his garage helping us create our own wooden boats. We would then proceed down the road to Okanagan Lake for many hours of mischievous adventure.

My grandfather was the type of man who knew everyone in the neighbourhood and all the employees in the stores. We spent hours walking around visiting people, and of course there was always the stop at the candy store where he would give us \$5.00 to spend on the condition that we not tell my grandmother. Let's just say she never did find out.

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When I was ten, we moved to Kelowna from Calgary, which meant I could spend more time with him. The high school I attended was close enough for me to walk to my grandparents' house and my grandfather would take the time to show me how to use various hand tools. It must have worked as I still have all my fingers! There was not much he couldn't do, and he would take the time to show me how to do things, hopefully correctly.



My grandfather was the kind of person everyone would want to have in their family. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend my wedding as he passed away two months prior while working in his garden, a favourite pastime. After he passed away, we found some of our old boats or at least pieces of them in his garage. I'm sure the time we spent making them meant as much to him as it did me.

MY GRANDMOTHER

by NFHS Member Sharon Davison



Alice with her brother
Robert circa 1917

The oldest relative I knew was my paternal grandmother, **Alice Elizabeth Morrison**. She was born in Strathclair, Manitoba, to **John Morrison and Eliza Jane (née Bacon)**, on May 18, 1905. John had arrived from Owen Sound in 1880 and homesteaded not far from town.

I have always marvelled at all the changes my Grandma Taylor saw in her lifetime — especially since she died in 2009, at the age of 104!

Alice and her nine siblings grew up on the original homestead. When I visited Strathclair in 2000 with my father and sister, we went to the property where the farm house had been and were surprised to see it still standing, although unlivd in and in poor condition. The huge barn that John Morrison had built was also still there.

Alice met and married **Malcolm Taylor** in Strathclair on January 26, 1929, and they went on to have six children, including my father Edward, and a set of twins. Life was extremely difficult for Alice and Malcolm, as they struggled financially. For reasons unknown Alice received no assistance from her family who were still farming.

In 1950, my father, Edward, travelled west with a friend, arriving in Vancouver at the ferry terminal, where they decided to continue to see where they would end up. Edward stayed in Victoria and settled down, marrying Helen Douglas in 1953. A few years after arriving on Vancouver Island, Edward convinced his parents to bring the rest of the family to Victoria with them. He thought they would have a better life in B.C. and sent them

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money for the train trip. He later regretted not sending them more when he learned that they travelled across Canada without the funds to buy food.

Alice and Malcolm did do well in Victoria. Malcolm was a hard worker and found employment. They went on to own homes in the area, at one point having a house in the country with a big garden to grow their own vegetables.

As I said, I often wondered what Alice thought of all the advancements that occurred since her youth on the farm. Travel was by horses and buggy when she was young. (Alice and Malcolm never did own a car.) Two World Wars occurred. Indoor plumbing was a huge change — Alice had an outhouse in Strathclair. Washing machines and dryers, television, air travel, space travel, technology — all the things that were invented in the last one hundred years that we take for granted now. What enormous changes must have occurred for her and I wonder if she ever looked back at the way life had been in her youth with awe and astonishment.



Alice Taylor (née Morrison) age 102

Malcolm passed away in 1984 and Alice continued to live in their small home. And live she did! She baked bread, kept her house clean and gardened in the summer. When she was 100, the family had a party at her home. She played the piano -- not from music sheets -- and then played the mouth organ. She had a wonderful day.

Alice eventually had aides come to the house to help her, but I think she was pretty indignant about the whole thing. She was in exceptionally good health for being over 100 — I do not remember there being anything wrong with her at all. That ended, though, when she had a stroke at the age of 102 and had to be moved into a care home.

Alice lived two more years, still in pretty good health, until one evening she told the nurse that she had had enough and was ready to go. She died peacefully the next day at 104 years.

Music, when soft voices die,

Vibrates in the memory -

Odours, when sweet violets sicken,

Live within the sense they quicken.

Rose leaves, when the rose is dead,

Are heap'd for the beloved's bed;

And so thy thoughts, when thou art gone,

Love itself shall slumber on.

Percy Bysshe Shelley



NANAIMO FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY MEET MY ANCESTOR CONTEST 2021

Nanaimo Family History Society members are invited to enter a "Meet My Ancestor" contest. Entries must be submitted by **midnight, December 31, 2021**. Cash prizes 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 *AnceTree*.

1. MY ANCESTORS WERE HOMESTEADERS!

Why did they homestead? Where? What were the difficulties? The benefits?

2. OOPS, I WAS MISTAKEN!

Have you discovered a mistake in your earlier research or been misguided by your family's erroneous stories? What steps did you take to clarify the facts?

3. MULTI-GENERATION OCCUPATIONS

Did at least three or four generations of your family have the same occupation? Perhaps they were tailors, sailors, oyster dredgers, seamstresses or another occupation. Who were these ancestors? Describe their occupation in its historical and geographic context.

4. DINING WITH AN ANCESTOR!

With what ancestor born before 1900 would you like to share a meal? What do you know about this person? What questions would you have? What answers would you expect or hope to hear?

5. WHAT DID YOUR FAMILY EXPECT?

How did your ancestor's socio-economic origins influence family expectations? Were they emigrants? Why did they emigrate? War? Famine? What was important to your ancestors? Was someone the first in the family to receive a higher education? Did members of the family have similar occupations?

CONTEST CRITERIA

1. The author is a current member of Nanaimo Family History Society on December 31, 2021.
2. The entry has not been previously published.
3. The entry is an interesting, coherent read responding to one of the five topics, 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 1500 words and not fewer than 750 words.
7. The entry includes footnotes and /or sources as necessary.
8. The entry has page numbers and is submitted in *PDF*, *Word*, or *Pages* format.

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[Canada Halifax Fatality Records RMS Titanic](#)
[Nova Scotia Census, Assessment and Poll Tax Records 1770-1795, 1827, 1838](#)
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[Ireland Valuation Records 1824-1856](#)
[USA Texas Select County Marriage Records](#)

FAMILY SEARCH (free)

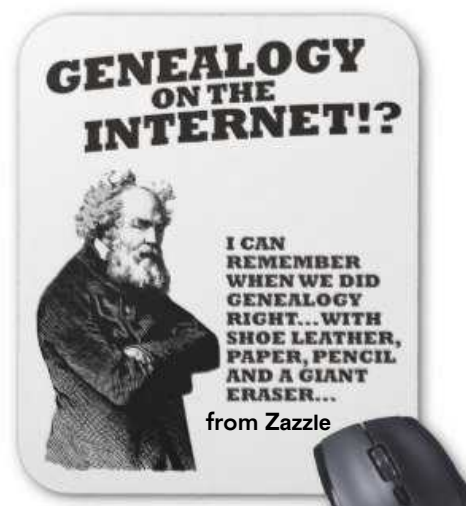
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[National Burial Index for England and Wales](#)
[UK England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935](#)
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[BC Newspapers](#)
[BC Free Historical Photographs](#)
[Manitoba Newspapers](#)
[Saskatchewan Newspapers](#)
[Irish Government Free Website for B, M, D's](#)
[Researching 20th Century Canadian Ancestors with the 1940 National Registration](#)
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Thank you to all our AncesTree contributors! It's been most gratifying over the last year to receive such a variety of submissions to our journal not only from regular contributors, but also from those of you who have "braved the writing world" and have penned articles to add to your family's story. Your contributions and enthusiasm for our journal is inspiring not only to your editor, but also to those who have yet to contribute. And, more importantly, look at the legacy for your descendants with your research and writing! Please continue to contribute to *AncesTree*! If you submit to Ancestree and haven't received an acknowledgement from your editor within a day or two, please resend the article.

Our 2020 writing contest had six entries, entries that due to their excellence certainly caused problems for our judges! Congratulations to our 2020 contest winners: first place, Beth Skala, second place Grant Bridgeman, and tying at third place, Lorie Heshka and Greg Skala. We hope that the topics for our 2021 contest, detailed on page twenty-four, will provide another fine batch of entries!



As always, a special thanks to **Maureen Wootten** and **Jan Nelson** for their proof reading prowess!

Carolyn

Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist

Blessed are the great-grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters, For they tell the story of their time.

Blessed are all grandfathers who filed every legal document, For this provides proof.

Blessed are grandmothers who preserved family Bibles and diaries, For this is our heritage.

Blessed are fathers who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry, For--some--they are the only link to the past.

Blessed are mothers who relate family traditions and legends to the family, For one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are the relatives who fill in family sheets with extra data, For them we owe the family history.

Blessed is any family whose members strive for the preservation of records, For theirs is a labour of love.

Blessed are the children who will never say, "Grandma, you have told that old story twice **today**."



Just a reminder that unfortunately, due to health restrictions, our mini library at Beban and our library collection at the LDS are unavailable for the time being.



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VIRTUAL WORKSHOP via ZOOM

Genealogy and the Canadiana collections



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Saturday Apr 24th 2021 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This is a two-hour workshop with time for self-guide practice and Q&A between sections.

In this presentation, staff from the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) will share genealogical research possibilities for the Canadiana collections. We will present a brief overview of the history and materials in the collections before diving into possible research avenues and approaches for both Canadiana (digitized historical publications, published prior to 1921) and Héritage (Library and Archives Canada's most popular archival collections). Using examples from community researchers who have consulted the Canadiana collections in the past, we will share examples of the different types of materials in the collections that can support genealogical research. To wrap-up, we would like to present a few of the recommendations recently made by CRKN's Heritage Content Priorities Task Group in their final report. These recommendations will help guide CRKN's work as we grow the collections. There will be time for questions throughout and at the end of the presentation.

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