

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 *AncesTree*.

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.