



**President's Message**

By Sharon Davison

Our AGM was held in February and we now have some new executive members to welcome. I would like to thank Ruth Stewart and Aleda Spring for allowing their names to stand for election, and I would especially like to thank Jocelyn Howat and Donna MacIvor for their many years of service on the executive.

Our planned seminar for March of 2020 continues to be on hold. A decision has been made to refund all registration fees at this time. We are hoping to reschedule the seminar, possibly in the coming fall or winter.

We are also looking forward to meeting again in person for our monthly general meetings, possibly after September, but the decision will be dependent on COVID restrictions. Our intention is to continue providing access through Zoom to members who reside out-of-town or are unable to attend in person. We will keep everyone updated.

Our writing contest attracted six entries, all of which will appear in *AncestryTree* beginning with this issue. Congratulations to Greg Skala, Susan Garcia, and Barry Kemp, our top three winners.

President's Message continues on page 2

**"You are the fairy tale told by your ancestors."**  
Toba Beta, contemporary Indonesian author and poet.  
from *My Ancestor was an Ancient Astronaut*

**What's Inside**

President's Message	Pages 1-2
Mini How to Zooms	Page 3
Genealogy News Briefs	Pages 4-8
Supernatural Supper	Pages 9-12
Using Local History Books	Page 13
The Grandfather I Knew	Pages 14-17
Maiden Names and the GRO	Page 18-19
Future Guest Speakers	Page 20
Faces of Our Ancestors	Page 21
Web Links	Page 21
Members' Miscellany	Page 22
Editor's Notes	Page 23
Contact Information	Page 24

**Save the Date!**

Nanaimo FHS Apr Meeting (Zoom)	Apr 11
Nanaimo FHS May Meeting (Zoom)	May 16
Nanaimo FHS Jun Meeting (Zoom)	Jun 20

President's Message Continued from page 1

Just a reminder that the Mini How-To's presented through Zoom are scheduled well into June. These sessions have been very successful. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to present a topic, as well as to everyone who has participated. We have had very positive feedback on these sessions, so don't forget to check the list of spring topics found on page three of this edition. You can register by clicking on the blue links.

Sharon



To the left, Jocelyn Howat (centre) is presented with a "tree of knowledge" pendant by president Sharon Davison and vice-president Dean Ford. Jocelyn not only served as president of Nanaimo Family History Society, but also served as treasurer and assisted on many committees over the years. Jocelyn continues to be an honorary member of our society.



**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 guest at our Zoom meetings.

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.



**NFHS CO-OP FUND RAISER**

Don't forget to use our membership number at a Mid Island CO-OP! In 2021, members helped to raise \$171.12 for NFHS. Well done!



### Zoom "Mini-How-To" Sessions, Spring 2022

All of the Zoom sessions will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required, so please click on the link in blue below each session to register. Once your registration has been approved, click to add the session to your calendar. Alternatively, you can save the registration to an email folder where you can find it later.

#### Thursday Mar. 24: Brick Wall Busters, Donna MacIver

Do you have a dead-end on your tree that you're trying to break through? Please bring your problem to this session along with the ideas you've already tried. Donna MacIver will facilitate a discussion amongst the participants to brainstorm potential solutions.

[Register in advance for this meeting.](#)

#### Thursday Mar. 31: Family Tree Software, Family Tree Maker, Lorie Heshka

Please join Lorie Heshka as she demonstrates Family Tree Maker genealogy software.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### April

#### Thursday April 7: Genealogy Pitfalls & Successes, Sharon Bennett

"Being Persistent." Join Sharon Bennett as she tells us how persistence paid off in finding biological parents.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### Thursday Apr 14: A First Look at your Autosomal DNA Results from Ancestry, Susan Bates

Please join Susan as she covers your ethnicity break-down, your matches, including how closely related they are to you, and the importance of "shared matches."

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### Thursday Apr 21: Writer's Group, Helen Webster

[Register in advance for this meeting \(you only need to register once for all Writer's Group sessions\)](#)

#### Thursday Apr 28: Charting your DNA Matches, Terry Hartley

#### May

#### Thursday May 5: Genealogy Pitfalls & Successes, Susan Garcia

Murder on Mayne Island: Join Susan Garcia as she tells us about the murder of her 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandpa and its consequences.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### Thursday May 12: Searching for Edward, Bronwyn Frazer

Searching for Edward: Combing the Kent Archives for a Runaway Homechild

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### Thursday May 19: Writer's Group, Helen Webster

[Register in advance for this meeting \(you only need to register once for all Writer's Group sessions\)](#)

#### Thursday May 26: Family Tree Software, Reunion for Mac, Carolyn Kemp

Attention Mac Users! Please join Carolyn as she demonstrates *Reunion* Mac genealogy software for desktop and laptop computers.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### June

#### Thursday June 2: Genealogy Pitfalls & Successes, Lori Heshka

Who is Levi Jenkins? That must be a transcription error!" Join Lorie Heshka to find out the answer.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### Thursday June 9: An In-depth Look at your DNA Matches, Susan Bates

Join Susan as she covers using Ancestry's "Thru-Lines" to identify unknown matches, all about the risks, benefits and how-tos of copying your raw data over to GEDmatch and *My Heritage*.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

#### Thursday June 16: Writer's Group, Helen Webster

[Register in advance for this meeting \(you only need to register once for all Writer's Group sessions\)](#)

**GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF****FROM LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA**

- Library and Archives Canada (LAC) "is pleased to announce the launch of the [My Account](#) platform on its website. As part of LAC's dedicated efforts aimed at [improving your web experience](#), this new platform allows you to personalize multiple features on a single interface. Once registered in My Account, you can research, save, and review your material from Collection Search, easily access your Co-Lab contributions, and keep track of your registrations for upcoming events. The My Research feature will enhance your interaction with our collection, offering the ability to save lists and document categories, save notes, and share your discoveries with others. In the future, LAC plans to add new features to the platform to better respond to your needs. Share your comments and feedback with the [My Account team](#)
- Some current news articles in a number of Canadian newspapers indicated that Library and Archives Canada were to purge "offensive content" from its website. Ms. Weir, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, issued a statement to clarify the position of LAC, . She stated, "Hear from Library and Archives Canada and me, the Librarian and Archivist of Canada, about what is actually happening with access to historical documents, library materials and archival records on LAC's website."

Library and Archives Canada's statement said, "Misinformation is circulating that we are censoring or deleting historical documents, library materials or archival records. This is not the case, as doing so would go against every part of our mandate."

"Here are the facts:

We are not removing any historical documents or publications. You can still search all of our archival records and library materials in Collection Search. We are making necessary updates and changes to many of our outdated web pages, which are completely separate from our historical collections. Like many interpretive texts written decades ago, older web content often does not hold up to today's standards.

"These are texts written about historical events and public figures that offer mainly colonial perspectives. For example, some fail to include Indigenous perspectives or do not address the legacy of certain policies, such as the Chinese Head Tax. These web pages did not reflect the diverse realities of Canada, realities that are well preserved and protected in our actual collections. Many Canadians object to seeing such outdated and imbalanced attitudes on a website of national scope. Web pages are not historical documents and should be updated when times change. This is why we took the step of removing some web pages."

**FRANCO AMERICAN ANCESTORS?**

If you have early Québec ancestors, chances are that some migrated south to Maine and other American states. Patrick Lacroix, director of Acadian Archives at the University of Maine, has a [blog that lists books about French Canadian migration](#) that are available on line for free.

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES**

[Deaths registered in Newfoundland and Labrador](#) from 1950 to 1968 are now available online. Images of the death certificates include place of birth. This site will continue to grow with more dates available.

GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF continues on page 5

GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF continued from page 4



### WELLINGTON CEMETERY AND NANAIMO ARCHIVES

Christine Meutzner, at Nanaimo Archives, has indicated that the museum receives numerous queries about the cemetery and the people buried there. She suggests researchers contact the [museum via email](#) with queries. Christine also advises that researchers view the [YouTube video](#) about the cemetery in order to provide context for research about those buried in the cemetery. If you missed Christine's talk at one of our meetings a few years ago, the [Wellington Cemetery video is well worth a viewing!](#)

### CHINESE CANADIAN RECORDS

Héritage Canadiana has added over five thousand new Chinese Canadian records on their site. [Linda Yip in her blog](#) explores this new release and demonstrates how to use the collection. As of March 18, the record collection has been [indexed by Family Search](#) allowing for easy access.



### DIGITAL ARCHIVISTS PRESERVING UKRAINIAN HERITAGE

Due to the war in the Ukraine, a number of Ukrainian websites have gone offline. A group called Saving Ukrainian Culture Online or SUCHO have been racing to record and archive these Ukrainian websites before they go off line and possibly disappear. More information about SUCHO and how you might be able to help is found on [SUCHO's webpage](#).

### ONTARIO WILLS AND ESTATE FILES 1811-1864

*FamilySearch* (a free site) is currently digitizing pre [1930 Ontario wills and estate files](#). Some are already available and indexed online! Currently the files are not indexed so viewing is limited browsing images one by one. It is anticipated that *FamilySearch* will be unlocking and indexing the files in the near future. Gail Dever in her January 17, 2022 blog details how to access the files:

#### Locating the online images

The easiest way to find these records is to scroll down to the bottom of the [Archives of Ontario's home page](#) to find and click on *Access Our Digitized Microfilm Collections on FamilySearch*. Then, scroll down the new page and click on *Surrogate and Probate Court Records*. This will take you to another page on the Archives of Ontario's website that lists the counties and dates. Clicking on one of the collections will take you to *FamilySearch* where you'll find a more detailed list. On the detailed list of titles, select one of the microfilms. Click on the camera to the far right of the title to browse the images. If there's a key above the camera, it means the film is locked for now. *Note*: On the Archives of Ontario's website, it looks like there are no records prior to 1900, but click on the county you want because *FamilySearch* seems to have made many of the 19<sup>th</sup> century records available.

To look at the digitized microfilms, you'll need a free *FamilySearch* account. If you don't already have an account, it will take about 30 seconds to create one. A good guide to how to find a York County estate file on *FamilySearch* is found in [Jane E. MacNamara's blog](#) from September 17, 2021.



### NEW YORK CITY BIRTH, DEATH, MARRIAGE RECORDS RELEASED

The New York City Department of Records and Information Services has released about 9.3 million historical records on its site. The [vital records](#) date from 1862 to 1949. The site is easy to navigate and free to access.

GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF continues on page 6

**GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF continued from page 5****BRITISH WILLS TO 1858 STILL FREELY DOWNLOADABLE**

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.

**HEAR YOUR ANCESTOR'S DIALECT**

The University of Leeds has taken a survey of English dialects from across the country, and uploaded their audio files for anyone to freely listen to the dialects. "The Survey of English Dialects (SED) was a groundbreaking nationwide survey of the vernacular speech of England, undertaken by researchers based at the University of Leeds under the direction of Harold Orton. From 1950 to 1961 a team of fieldworkers collected data in a network of 313 localities across England, initially in the form of transcribed responses to a questionnaire containing over 1300 items. The informants were mostly farm labourers, predominantly male and generally over 65 years old as the aim of the survey was to capture the most conservative forms of folk-speech. Almost all the sites visited by the researchers were rural locations, as it was felt that traditional dialect was best preserved in isolated areas."

**MY HERITAGE ANNOUNCES LIVE STORY — CREATE FAMILY VIDEOS**

"Live Story" allows you to create a video biography of your ancestors. The name "LiveStory" comes from "live life story". "A LiveStory" is a video biography, where the narrative is told by a speaking portrait of your ancestor or relative, based on details from your family tree and manually entered text, and is enriched by photographs that illustrate various life events. Learn more about the program from a [MyHeritage video](#).

**FIND A GRAVE POLICY CHANGE**

*Find a Grave* had been receiving numerous complaints about erroneous memorials for recently deceased people on their site. Following a lengthy moratorium on the problem, the site now has changed its policy as of January this year. Before posting a memorial, submitters will be asked if they are close relative and what their relationship to the deceased is. In part, the new policy reads "If the member adding this memorial is not related within our updated transfer guidelines, to be sensitive to family members, the memorial displays with limited information to others on the site for the first three months after the death date."

"After three months from the death date, the view of the memorial is no longer limited. The memorial will show as others do except that for up to a year from the death date, the option for a close relative to 'Manage' the memorial will show on the memorial."

If the person adding the memorial is not related, the memorial will display limited information to others on the site for the first three months after the death date. After three months from the death date, the view of the memorial will no longer be limited."

**SURROGATE COURT RECORDS FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO**

[Jane E. MacNamara's blog](#) from February 22, 2022 explores how to access surrogate court records for northern Ontario that are freely available on *FamilySearch*.

**GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF continues on page 7**

GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF continued from page 6

### IMMIGRATION FROM GERMANY?

The University of Winnipeg [German Canadian Studies](#) is looking for collections of personal papers, diaries, photographs and letters of immigration stories. "By creating this archive at the University, not only can we fill an existing gap in Manitoba's documentary heritage by assuring the long-term preservation of German-Canadian immigration records, but we can ensure their wide-spread access and use by students and faculty in the German-Canadian Studies program, those within the local German-Canadian community, and the general public."

If you have a collection of personal papers, letter correspondence, diaries or pictures that cover German immigration to Canada and would like to donate it to the University of Winnipeg, please contact, Claudia Dueck at [cl.dueck@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:cl.dueck@uwinnipeg.ca) or call 204.258.3837

### VANCOUVER HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Vancouver Archives has added 5,000 [photographs by Don Coltman](#) to its online collection. Most are from the post World War II era.

### IRISH GENEALOGY.IE UPDATES ITS FREELY ACCESSIBLE RECORDS

Records now available on the [Government of Ireland free site](#) have been supplemented:

- Birth Register records for the years 1864 to 1921
- Marriage Register records for the years 1845 to 1946
- Death Register records for the years 1864 to 1971

### NEW TOOLS FROM ANCESTRY

At RootsTech 2022, *Ancestry* announced two new tools to assist researchers. A video from *Ancestry* describing the new additions is [available at YouTube](#).

Genealogist Gail Dever in her [March 4, 2022 blog](#) describes the additions to *Ancestry* tools:

"*Ancestry* announced its exclusive partnership with media preservation and archiving specialist company *Photomyne*. *Ancestry* customers are now able to scan, upload and share photos with their cell phone, using the *Ancestry* app that auto crops. Other new tools allow users to enhance and colourize photos and upload them to their online tree.

Unlike other scanning tools, *Photomyne's* AI technology uses the cell phone's processor and their proprietary algorithms to

- Auto-detect image boundaries and auto-crop photos
- Scan multiple images from one page and split into individual images
- Enhance and restore the quality of images

Story-telling tool

*Ancestry* also introduced its new story-telling tool that allows users to create short stories about an ancestor. You can easily add photos and photo techniques, such as panning and zooming out, to animate the story.

No subscription is required for *Ancestry's* new tools. My understanding is that anyone can get started by downloading the *Ancestry* app and creating a free account. The scanning app is available only for iPhones, with an Android application to come soon."

## A Supernatural Supper with Otto Kucera by NFHS Member Greg Skala

**Greg:** In my mind's eye, Grandpa, you look just great, even younger than I remember from the days of my childhood.

**Otto:** Thanks. For fun, I decided to appear to you tonight as I had looked in this photo<sup>1</sup> I've called up from 1946, the year *before* you were born<sup>2</sup>, so, of course, you never actually saw me just like this.

**Greg:** In any case, it's wonderful to sit down with you again in this private, *imaginary* dining room to share a meal and to be able to ask you some questions that have been on my mind and in my heart.

**Otto:** Of course, Greg. I've been "resting in peace" since July 3, 1965,<sup>3</sup> so I'm just delighted to have somebody invite me back. By the way, I went ahead and ordered. We'll have three kinds of soup:<sup>4</sup> Zelňačka, that's the sauerkraut and smoked meat soup, some Fazolová bean soup, and be sure you save room for some of the Bramboračka, creamy potato with mushroom. Surely, you remember that I always thought a hearty soup made a fine full meal.

**Greg:** I do remember that, Grandpa.

**Otto:** I ordered three of my favourites because, heh heh, I don't get out to a Bohemian restaurant much anymore. Even though I was born in Chicago on today's date, one hundred and thirty-seven years ago,<sup>5</sup> my parents and the other settlers from the old country still cooked in the old traditional way, and that's what I was used to all my life. By the way, since you're in your seventies now yourself, you could feel free to call me Otto.

**Greg:** Thanks, but I loved you as "Grandpa" when I was growing up, and you were eighty when I saw you last, so I still think of you as my elder, and "Grandpa" seems right.

**Otto:** Very well, now what were some of the questions you wanted to ask?

**Greg:** One thing I'd like to know is how you met your wife — Grandma, as I called her.



Otto Kucera at his son Edward's wedding,  
February 12, 1946

<sup>1</sup> Family photo original, in possession of Gregory Skala.

<sup>2</sup> Du Page County, Illinois, Memorial Hospital Certificate of birth for Gregory Lance Skala, October 16, 1947, in possession of Gregory Skala.

<sup>3</sup> Ancestry.com, Binotti-Zielinski family tree, Nick Binotti, unknown source.

<sup>4</sup> Selections from "10 Most Popular Czech Soup," <https://www.tasteatlas.com/most-popular-soups-in-czech-republic>.

<sup>5</sup> U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, Registration State: Illinois; Registration County: Cook; Roll: 1503984; Draft Board: 81—confirming December 28, 1884 birthdate.



**Otto:** That would be my darling **Antonie Kapek**. She came over from the old country<sup>6</sup> and worked as a domestic servant for my parents. Here's a picture of her when she was nineteen, and I'm sure you can see why I fell in love with her and asked her to be my bride.



**Antonie Kapek in 1904 Family photo, digital copy of original from the collection of Helen Houda (née Kucera).**

**Greg:** Definitely, and I'm certainly glad you two did marry. That was a factor in my own eventual birth! Now, here's another question: was the old country you've referenced, the Czech Republic?

**Otto:** That's the same region our people came from, but it was called the Kingdom of Bohemia then, administered by the Austrian and Austro-Hungarian Empires, but without its own crowned king from 1848 to 1918.<sup>7</sup> Bohemia was the western section of what is now the Czech Republic. I brought along this map drawn in 1891<sup>8</sup> in that era when there was no crowned king in Bohemia. You can at least see where the kingdom was located. Bohemia is that rounded-top triangular section in the upper left of the coloured-in collection of regions due north of the Adriatic Sea that made up the Austro-Hungarian Empire back then.



<sup>6</sup> 6 US Federal Census, Year: 1910; Census Place: Chicago Ward 10, Cook, Illinois; Roll: T624\_251; Page: 12B; Enumeration District: 1607; FHL microfilm: 1374264.

<sup>7</sup> 8 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Bohemian\\_monarchs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Bohemian_monarchs).

<sup>8</sup> 9 [commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Austria-Hungary\\_\(Rand\\_McNally\\_and\\_Company,\\_1897\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Austria-Hungary_(Rand_McNally_and_Company,_1897).jpg); public domain.

**SUPERNATURAL SUPPER continued from page 9**

**Greg:** Thanks. Now, tell me about your working career, Grandpa.

**Otto:** I was a long-time, proud employee of the Chicago Screw Company,<sup>9</sup> a machinist and a foreman. I felt especially honoured that they needed me and re-hired me out of retirement during the Korean War.

**Greg:** And besides your working career, what other activities were special satisfactions for you?

**Otto:** Well, you and I played a lot of checkers.

**Greg:** Yes, you really played that game well! If I actually managed to win a game, you would reward me with one of those wild cherry cough candies you always kept in good supply.

**Otto:** I also bowled, the ten-pin American variety, and I once had a "three hundred game." About that perfect bowling score, though, I do believe that the boys who were pin-setters started to set the pins closer and closer together whenever a customer was getting close to a 300, so, I'm not sure my bowling was really that good. I did like to get my exercise, and sometimes I did that at the American Sokol branch of the gymnastics organization Sokol, which had been founded in the old country in 1862.<sup>10</sup>

**Greg:** I know you were musically talented, too, Grandpa. Remind me about that.

**Otto:** I played the concertina, with which I used to entertain guests at weddings, mostly with polkas and schottisches. I also enjoyed singing.

**Greg:** Right, I did hear you play the concertina once, Grandpa, and I remember you singing frequently.

**Otto:** Especially "On the Good Ship Lollypop." Remember that one?

**Greg:** I surely do. Now tell me about your pets.

**Otto:** Before you were born, I sometimes had a dog for a pet. In the 1950s, though, the years you were ages two through twelve and we could really get to know each other, I always had a parakeet or two in the house. I never had to buy one. Other people lost track of theirs or maybe turned them out. When the weather got cold, there'd sometimes be one on our window ledge, pecking on the pane. I'd let it in and, presto, I'd have a new pet. One is in this photo that you took at our place in the mid-1950s. Now, you can recall the way Grandma and I looked while you were growing up — more so, anyway, than how we looked in those earlier photos. Your mother, **Olga Kucera Skala**, is in this picture, too, and if you look closely, you can see one of my parakeets perched on her hand.



**At the Kucera home, circa 1956 Family photo in possession of Gregory Skala**

**Greg:** My little Argus 75 camera was new then, Grandpa.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.madeinchicagomuseum.com/single-post/chicago-screw-company/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sokol>.

**SUPERNATURAL SUPPER continued from page 10**

**Otto:** Over the years, I taught quite a few of my little feathered friends to talk. Some folks call these birds budgies, I know, but we called them parakeets in Chicago. Your grandma was tempted to call them bad names, I'm sure, because I let them fly freely around our flat. She said they made messes, which I admit was true. She also often said that, since another soup I liked was chicken soup, she was going to pop my parakeets into her next batch of that. She was just teasing me, of course.

**Greg:** Yes, I remember being highly amused by the ways the two of you teased each other. I remember when I came to your place sometimes to have lunch, Grandma would have the places nicely set for us, and you would come to the table and pointedly sit down where there wasn't any place setting at all. She would step behind you, mutter something in Bohemian, and tap the back of your head 'til you'd moved over.

**Otto:** Ah, those were fun times, Greg. Look, our feast of soups is arriving, and I will need to be getting back to your Grandma soon—yes, I'm glad to say we're together again in the hereafter — so let's dig in.

**Greg:** Great idea, Grandpa, and thank you so much for this very special rendezvous.



### FROM NANAIMO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

#### LOOKING LOCAL

from Susan Garcia

If you are interested in the Area history of Nanaimo, here's an update from the Nanaimo Historical Society.

**Membership changes:** Memberships are from January to December 31: Individuals \$10 families \$15, Student, \$5. [To join, see our website.](#)

#### Upcoming events

- **April 14** In Person General Meeting at Bowen Park Complex, **7:00 pm:** "A Conversation with Charlie: An Evening with the Chemainus Hermit" By Nanaimo playwright, Sean Enns
- **Late May or early June** Guided tours of the Chemainus Museum and Cowichan's Old Hillcrest Chinese Cemetery, a Provincial Historic Site. (Members and guests may attend (at a cost) a field trip to Chemainus Museum and the Chinese cemetery in Duncan. Availability to be determined.)
- Darrrel Ohs writes about the 1951 Mt. Benson plane crash. "On Hallowed Ground. The Crash of Queen Charlotte Airlines Flight 102" in *British Columbia History Magazine*, Spring 2022.
- Also in town, check out the Nanaimo Museum travelling exhibit "Enemy Aliens" about WW1 interment camps. The exhibit is on display from February to May 2022.
- [Look for us on Facebook!](#)



### LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS — IMPORTANT RESOURCES!

Local history books are important resources for the genealogist. Not only do they provide facts about your ancestors' lives, but they also allow you to understand where and how your ancestors lived. You'll not be able to put your agricultural labourer's life into context without understanding where and how he or she lived.

"The family historians who wish to get 'under the skin' of their ancestors and understand their way of life, **as well as to interpret the records correctly**, need to switch their focus away from names and on to geographical places."<sup>1</sup>

- Many local history books can be found on line such as the collection of Manitoba local histories found at the [University of Manitoba site](#). Another good Canadian collection is the digital collection at the [University of Alberta, Calgary](#).
- There are also many collections for international local histories — simply Google "local history" and the location that you wish to explore. Many places, not just in Canada, will have online histories, often including bibliographies that can lead you to other books that may be of value.
- If you locate a title of interest to you, and it is not online, there are many used book sites whose prices are not too exorbitant. [Abe's Books](#) is one of many sites listing second hand and new books available from around the world. Your editor has accessed this site ordering (with no glitches). numerous titles What has she found? Ancestors' property and tithe lists including that of the elusive "agricultural labourers" and farmers in the UK. Anecdotes about her ancestors' lives. Historical notes that told her how her ancestors lived. Often these books contained bibliographies and chapter notes that suggested other titles to explore.
- Search for your ancestor's name in [Google Books](#). These books are not just what one thinks may be in books, but also include annuals listing members of organizations, breeders of animals and many other sources. Check it out!
- Have you checked our [NFHS online catalogue of books](#) listing our collection at the Nanaimo LDS library? These books are available for you to borrow.



The Nanaimo LDS library is now open from 10:00 to 2:00 on Tuesdays. Most of our NFHS collection is at this location and available for borrowing. The library is located at 2424 Glen Eagle Crescent.

<sup>1</sup> Osborn, Helen. *Our Village Ancestors. A Genealogist's Guide to Understanding the English Rural Past*. Ramsbury Wiltshire: Robert Hale, Crowood Press Ltd., 2021, page 8.



**THE GRANDFATHER I KNEW - JOHN ELSMERE BRIDGEMAN (1868 – 1953)**  
by NFHS Member Grant Bridgeman

**John Elsmere Bridgeman** was born in Arscott Hall near Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England February 6<sup>th</sup> 1868, the son of **John Bridgeman** born in Hanwood in 1827<sup>1</sup> and **Emily Anne Bridgeman née Elsmere**.<sup>2</sup> His birth was registered in the District of Atcham on March 2<sup>nd</sup> of the same year. The inscription on John E's headstone in the cemetery at Rapid City, Manitoba, indicates that he was born in 1866. The documentation, however, proves otherwise. I recall that the family thought he was eighty-seven at the time of his death in 1953, which likely explains the date on the headstone. The 1868 birth year is also confirmed by the 1871 census which shows him as age three.<sup>3</sup> Even things "written in stone" can be wrong!

The makeup of the Bridgeman family requires some detail to make sense. John Sr and his wife, **Anne Bryan**, had two children, John (b. 1827) and Anne (b. 1824)<sup>4</sup>. Anne married **Dr. John Glover** in Toxteth Park, Lancashire on June 21, 1860. They were both listed as twenty-eight years old on the marriage documents, but she was thirty-six. The couple had three daughters, Sarah Caroline Anne Glover (b. 1861), Louisa Bridgeman Glover (b. 1862) and Catherine Helena May Glover (b. June 1873). Anne Glover (née Bridgeman) died August 6, 1873. It appears that Anne's death was likely due to complications associated with childbirth.

John Bridgeman (b. 1827) married **Caroline Jones** in Miefod, Montgomery, Wales in 1857. The couple had no children and Caroline died in 1862. In 1865 John Bridgeman (b. 1827) married **Emily Anne Elsmere** <sup>5</sup> and the couple had three sons, John Elsmere (b. 1868), Thomas Orlando (b. 1870) and William Bryan (b. 1872). John (b. 1827) died of pneumonia February 14, 1873.

As a result of the above deaths, the two families of cousins, Dr. John Glover and his three daughters and Emily Anne Bridgeman and her three sons, each lost one parent partner within a matter of months. It seems probable that the merging of the two families was at least as much a business decision as it was a romantic one. Regardless of the motivation, Dr. John Glover and Emily Anne Bridgeman were married in Manchester in 1875<sup>6</sup>

Subsequent census documents located the family in Dorrington, Shropshire, where John Glover continued with his medical practice. In the 1881 census, John E. and his brother Thomas are shown as boarders at Milton

<sup>1</sup> There are three successive generations of "John Bridgemans" referred to in the early paragraphs of this article. In an attempt to help the reader keep track of which one is being referenced at any point in the text, I have used the following designations: John Elsmere, the most recent, is identified as "John E." His father is identified as "John(b1827)". John E's Grandfather is "John Sr."

<sup>2</sup> Copy of birth registration BXCD 218243

<sup>3</sup> 1871 Census of Berrington, Shropshire, page 17

<sup>4</sup> Film 0992152, Births, Great Hanwood

<sup>5</sup> Marriage record of John Bridgeman and Emily Ann Elsmere, December 14, 1865, Manchester Parish, Lancaster.

<sup>6</sup> Marriage of John Glover and Emily Ann Bridgeman, October 14, 1875, St. Albans Church, Parish of St. Albans, Rochdale, Lancaster.

THE GRANDFATHER I KNEW continues on page 14

**THE GRANDFATHER I KNEW continued from page 13**

College, Little Claybrook, Liecester.<sup>7</sup> The place of birth for both was listed as Berrington, Shropshire. The youngest brother, William, was still a nine year old member of the John Glover household in Dorrington.

I knew my grandfather, John Elsmere Bridgeman from the time of my earliest memories until he died when I was about fifteen. He lived in the same household that I did during those years, so my personal memory of the man is derived from that family relationship.

During the discovery of the above events, I was reminded that my grandfather had told me he had reached the "fourth form" in school, which I understand corresponded roughly to grade ten or eleven in the Canadian educational system at that time. He must have had a fairly agreeable experience at this boarding school, since until he died, he had a small framed photograph of the headmaster on the wall of his bedroom.

By the time the 1891 census was taken, John E. had left the Glover household in the Shropshire countryside and could be found in the Manitoba census records. Based on family lore and one or two very brief discussions with him, the remainder of his life was dictated by the intervention of fate. In 1889 John E was booked to sail to Argentina with two close friends whom he referred to as the Marsden brothers. However, a few days before he was to sail, he came down with the mumps and was not able to travel. After he recovered, he caught the next ship available which was sailing to Halifax. With his ultimate destination listed as Manitoba, he arrived in Halifax aboard the *Carcassian* in March of 1889 at the age of twenty-one. By the end of the following year he had acquired a farm, a wife and a much different life style than he was used to.

At some unknown date, John made a return trip to England to visit his mother and his family. Pictures of two of the ships he travelled on hung in the living room over his chair for many years. Although I had forgotten the names of the ships, I did remember that he had said that one of them was known as *The Rolling Polly*." Online research of ships of the era revealed that the *Polynesian* was indeed known as the *Rolling Polly*, so that identified one of the ships. It is probable that both pictures were purchased as souvenirs of the return trip and therefore do not relate to the original immigration date.

It appears that almost as soon as he reached Canada, my grandfather started farming near what is now Rivers, Manitoba. He bought the farm where the farmstead was located (East ½ Section 36-Township 12- Range 22), from a John Marsh who had been granted title to the land through the Dominion Lands Act in 1884. The document referred to in the previous paragraph suggests the date that he started farming was in 1889. John E. homesteaded an adjacent ¼ section (NW ¼ - 31-12-21 W1) and bought the SW ¼ of the same section from his brother Billy some time later. Title to these homestead properties was granted to him on October 24, 1890.



<sup>7</sup> 1881 Census, Milton College, Little Claybrook, Leicester, England, p. 18

**THE GRANDFATHER I KNEW continues on page 15**

**THE GRANDFATHER I KNEW continued from page 14**

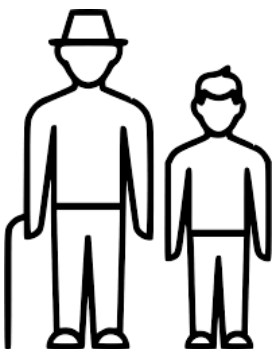
The 1901 census of Manitoba shows John E. Bridgeman, head of the household, born February 6, 1866, age thirty-four born in England, immigrated in 1889. The facts confirm what was generally known within the family.

Mary, his wife, is listed in the same document, birth August 13, 1865, in Ontario. The immigration date has been filled in as 1882 but then then scratched out. One can imagine that Mary, already having shaved a few years off her age, may have been a bit flustered and given the date of her family moving to Manitoba from Ontario as an immigration date. The enumerator doubtless caught the mistake and thus the scratch out. The rest of the family consisted of son, John.E. (Jack to our generation) born June 2, 1891, birthplace, Manitoba, (ten months at school in the year), daughter, Maggie, born June 19, 1894, birthplace, Manitoba, (five months at school in the year), son Frank, born December 22, 1897, birthplace, Manitoba. The location of the census page is given as Daly Municipality, Township 12, Range 22, The census district Brandon.

The subsequent census taken in 1906, shows John Bridgeman, aged thirty-eight, head of household, immigration year, 1889, wife, Mary, forty-three, John, aged fifteen, Margaret, eleven, and Frank, eight. Aside from the creeping age difference, everything else seems to fit, and the residence address is given as 36-12-22. The census district was Brandon, sub district 15.

In 1911, the census was taken in June and reported John, head of household, born February, 1868, age forty-three, year of immigration, 1889, wife, Mary, born May, 1870. Children John (Jack), Margaret and Frank are still resident. The place of residence is still 36-12-22.

Although I am not aware that John E. ever owned any more land, he leased and rented considerably more and reportedly had over two sections under cultivation when disaster struck. The verbal account of the storm told by my father was as follows. In 1915 the land that he worked stretched for about four miles in roughly a northwest to southeast line. The binders were at the ready, planning to pull into the fields to begin the harvest the next day when a hailstorm struck, passing completely along the line of farmed land and wiping out the entire crop. There was no insurance. The hail storm broke every window in the north and west of the house and damaged the roof. Whether that was the reason or not, in 1917 my grandfather rented the farm to my father, but he and Mary continued to occupy the house, an arrangement which lasted until 1940 when Mary died. John continued to live there until his death in 1953.



John Elsmere was known as Grandpa Bridgeman to my generation and I remember him working in his half acre garden which he tended fastidiously. Other memories of the man include seeing him carrying feed to the cattle, sitting in his big chair dozing, smoking his pipe or reading the *Saturday Evening Post*. The tobacco he used was Chateau Gay, and I am sure he liked it because it was the strongest stuff he could get. He did all of these things regularly, from the earliest times I can remember to just a few hours before his death at age eighty-five. He rarely left the farm and was a fixture in the household, except for a brief stint of a few months at Jack Bridgeman's after

he and my father had a noisy difference of opinion about something which I was too young to understand. I also remember vying with him for first crack at the next instalment of the Clarence Buddington Kelland novel in the *Saturday*



**THE GRANDFATHER I KNEW continues on page 16**

## THE GRANDFATHER I KNEW continued from page 15

*Evening Post* and being grateful on the one or two occasions that he understood, without being asked, that when fifteen year old boys headed for an evening in town they should have a dollar or two in their jeans, although one didn't go for an evening in town wearing jeans in those days.

Aside from infrequent visits to the home of his other son, Jack at Moline, Manitoba and possibly one or two trips a year to Rivers for purposes of banking or other business, he never left the farm. His social life was confined to visits from relatives and friends.

He read extensively and maintained an active interest in current affairs until he died. I can remember my mother and father saying that he had never been to a doctor in his life. Perhaps the sounds and smells coming from the 19<sup>th</sup> century "surgery," which was a part of the house he grew up in, convinced him to shun the medical profession's help entirely. Likewise, he had never seen a dentist, even though he had hardly any teeth left. If one bothered him he just kept working away at it until it came out. This was only evident through the results, not through any indication that he was in pain with a tooth ache. In keeping with that attitude, a few days before his death he told my mother he was not feeling well. She remembered him saying "You know, I can't go on like this. I'll die.".He took to resting more than was his custom. One evening he did not come downstairs for supper at the usual time and my mother told me to go and call him. He responded to my tap on the door with "Yes, I'll be down in a few minutes." He never did come down, and when my mother went to check on him a couple of hours later he was dead.

**John Elsmere Bridgeman** passed away December 1, 1953. His funeral was held in the Anglican church in Rivers and he was buried beside his wife in Rapid City Cemetery.



## SEE WHAT'S NEW AT FAVOURITE WEBSITES

Regularly check to see new databases. Use shortcuts at the different sites.

*Ancestry* — Bookmark "[Recent Collections.](#)"

*FamilySearch* — Bookmark "[Historical Record Collections.](#)"

*Findmypast* — Click "Help and More" and then click "What's New."



## 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 one hundred and thirty-one members in the group.





### IDENTIFYING MAIDEN NAMES USING THE GRO DATA BASE

Identifying the maiden names of your ancestors is important to your research, but can be difficult. Sometimes it is difficult to determine because your ancestor married more than once. If your female ancestor had a child in England or Wales after civil registration began in July,1837, and you know the name (s) of her children, you can probably confirm her maiden name at the [General Register Office](#) site.

1. Click the GRO link above and then click on "You can order Certificates online." Don't worry, you aren't going to purchase a certificate if you simply look at the index.
2. You'll now need to register to access the index. Again, don't worry, no cost and you won't be bothered by emails!

**Register or Login**

E-Mail address

Password

[Login](#) [Reset](#)

[Forgotten your password?](#)  
[Need to change your details?](#)

If you are using the site for the first time you will need to complete the registration.  
[Register as an Individual](#)

3. Select  [Search the GRO Indexes](#)  
 Search the indexes to identify the record you want.

### Search the GRO Online Indexes

4. "Select Birth"

Which index would you like to search?  
 Events registered in England or Wales:

Birth  Death

5. Complete the the required fields.

**When was the birth registered?**

Year: \*  +/-  year(s) ?

Please enter your search criteria, mandatory fields are indicated with a \*

Up to 250 matching results will be returned so providing any additional information you know will help locate the registration you are looking for.

**Who are you searching for?**

Surname at Birth: \*  ? Include:  ?

*Search for records with a matching surname*

First Forename:  ? Include:  ?

*Search for records with a matching first forename*

Second Forename:  ?

Sex: \*  ?


Mother's Maiden Surname:  ? Include:  ?

*Search for records with a matching Mother's Maiden Surname*

MAIDEN NAMES AT THE GRO continues on page 18

**MAIDEN NAMES AT THE GRO continued from page 17**

6. Results will indicate the mother's maiden name. If you want to order a copy of registration, you can now do so using the GRO reference provided.

**Results:** 

Select the button by an individual result to see ordering options available for that record.

Name:	Mother's Maiden Surname:
KEMP, FREDERICK DOUGLAS	AUSTIN
GRO Reference: 1877 M Quarter in BLEAN Volume 02A Page 817	

1 Record(s) Found - Showing Page 1 of 1  
Go to page

**Noticed a problem with a record in the GRO Indexes?**  
You can [report it to GRO](#) and help us improve the quality of information available.

**Search Hints**

Names can be misspelled on the index so try variations of names. Also names can be incorrectly recorded. Your editor couldn't find a "Henry Stevens" on the GRO. After searching for a sibling (names from census documents), and thus finding the mother's maiden name, she found the errant Stevens son as a "Robert." Always record siblings' names in your records.

Maiden names can not only help you with finding the mother's maiden name on the GRO, but also can confirm, using the index, that an ancestor remarried. Older children on census records may be children of a previous marriage. Pay particular attention to children on census lists who appear to be born before the parents married. You may be descended from another husband or wife, not the one listed on the census!

If the list of births is too long, narrow it down by providing the registration district. To find the registration district of a birth, locate the county of birth from your census records and then narrow down the registration district itself by referring to a list of [Registration Districts in England and Wales](#).

Be aware of neighbouring registration districts and counties as a child may be living in one county according to your census records, but was born in a different county or registration district. The editor's mother, for example, lived in Tooting, London, but was born at her grandparents' home in Slough, Eton registration district.



**Do you have ideas for future guest speakers? If you have a name or a topic in mind, please let a member of our executive know!**



**FACES OF OUR ANCESTORS**

from NFHS member **Beth Skala**

I received a “windfall” of family photographs that a cousin found in the back of a closet. On the back of this photo, to the right, my aunt has written “**Anna Nórr** and her mother.” Anna (my grandmother) is easily recognizable as the little girl on the far left. Her mother, **Margarete Nórr Wirth**, is seated in the chair. The other three children are Anna’s half-siblings, left to right they are **Karl Wirth**, **Frieda Wirth** on her mother’s lap, and **Wilhelm Wirth**. I would guess that the couple standing in the back are Margarete’s parents, **Georg Michael Nórr** and **Barbara Dilling**. The other logical option would be Margarete’s in-laws, but her mother-in-law died before this picture was taken in 1902, so it cannot be them. This photo is the youngest picture I have of my grandmother Anna and the only picture I have of my great-grandmother Margarete. If the couple are Margarete’s parents, it is also the only picture we have of my second great grandparents.



from NFHS member **Barry Kemp**



To the left is Barry’s 4<sup>th</sup> great grandmother, **Olive Rogers**, the daughter of **Robert Barker and Olive Ford**. She was born in 1771 at Pembroke, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Her parents were United Empire Loyalists. Olive married **Isaac Rogers** in 1792 and came to Canada in 1800. Olive and her husband were buried at Newmarket, Ontario.

To the Right is **Elizabeth Eves Rogers**, Barry’s 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandmother. (1797-1884) daughter of Olive and Isaac. Elizabeth married **Issac Barker Rogers** in 1815.



**Future Guest Speakers**

Our plans for meetings in 2022 are still tentative due to the health situation. Members will be contacted once dates, topics, and speakers are confirmed. We will also inform members of the evening's format if changes from "normal" such as seating or "Zoom" presentation are needed.

**Monday, APRIL 11, 2022**

**ZOOM SPEAKER DIANA ELDER**



Merged identities are a common problem in genealogy – especially in online trees. Arranging records in a timeline and careful evidence analysis of each record can separate identities and lead to new research opportunities. Learn about sources, information, and evidence, and the power careful analysis has to find errors in research conclusions.

**Monday, MAY 16, 2022**

**ZOOM SPEAKER JOHANNE GERVAIS**

**RESEARCHING YOUR FRENCH CANADIAN ANCESTORS**



With the right tools, searching for your French Canadian ancestors has never been easier. This presentation will demonstrate what genealogical information you can find on various websites and databases in Quebec. Focus is on how this information can be easily accessed and some useful tips and tricks to help with your research.

**Monday, June 20, 2022**



**Monday, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

**ZOOM SPEAKER BRONWYN FRAZER**

**EXHAUSTIVE SEARCHES**



The first step in the Genealogical Proof Standard is a thorough and reasonably exhaustive search for sources. But what does this mean? How much is exhaustive or reasonable? Join Bronwyn as she traces her research journey uncovering how her Stone family turned into Balls and back into Stone again over the course of three generations and across two continents. You be the judge if it has been exhaustive and thorough enough. Bronwyn Frazer P.L.C.G.S holds a certificate in professional genealogy from the National Institute of

Genealogy and has been interested in family history "all her life." She currently teaches "Genealogy 101" at Elder College, guides clients on their own genealogy research, and serves on the executive of Nanaimo Family History Society.

**ANCESTRY (subscription)**

[US Arizona Wills and Probate Records 1803-1905](#)  
[US Virginia Wills and Probate Records 1652-1900](#)  
[US Washington Wills and Probate Records 1851-1970](#)  
[US Wisconsin Marriage Records 1820-2004](#)

**FAMILY SEARCH (FREE ... Just Register!!)**

[Canada British Columbia Naturalization Records](#)  
[Canada, Ontario Tax Assessment Rolls](#)  
[Canada Victoria Times Birth Marriage Death Notices 1901-1939](#)  
[UK Berkshire Parish Registers 1515-1919](#)  
[UK Kent Register of Electors 1570-1907](#)  
[UK Somerset Church Records 1501-1999](#)  
[UK Surrey Marriage Bonds and Licenses 1536-1992](#)  
[Scotland, Lanarkshire Church Records 1823-1967](#)

**FINDMYPAST (subscription)**

[UK Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935](#)  
[UK Berkshire Baptisms 1538-1917](#)  
[UK Berkshire Marriages and Banns 1538+1931](#)  
[UK Berkshire Burials 1536-1966](#)  
[UK Quaker Women's Petition 1659](#)  
[UK National School Admission Registers & Log Books 1870-1914](#)

**MYHERITAGE (subscription)**

[France Historical Record Collections](#)  
[Germany North Rhine Westphalia Deaths 1870-1940](#)  
[Sweden Household Examination Books](#)  
[Scotland, Lanarkshire Church Records 1823-1967](#)  
[UK Wales West Glamorgan Electoral Registers 1839-1928](#)

**MISCELLANEOUS (Free) LINKS**

[Scanned Records of WWII Ukraine Partisan Records](#)  
[Irish Government Free Website for B, M, D's](#)  
[Dutch Genealogy News February 2022](#)  
[Finding Your Eastern European Ancestral Village](#)  
[Irish Genealogy How To Videos](#)  
[Anglican Parish Records from Derryloran, Cookstown, Armagh, Northern Ireland](#)  
[Ireland Civil registration records of birth, marriage and death from 1864, to 1921](#)  
[Scanned Russian and Ukrainian Archive Records](#)  
[Researching Agricultural Labourers in Scotland](#)  
[Seven Free Genealogy Websites You May Be Missing](#)  
[How to Go from Boring to Brilliant Family History Writing](#)  
[Canadian Headstones](#)  
[Researching Outside of Dublin and Belfast](#)  
[Understanding Irish Land Divisions \(video\)](#)



The links above are **new** links recently spotted by your editor. Remember, though, that sites such as *Ancestry* and *Family Search* are continuously adding to older collections. There is no room here to include all the additions, so remember to periodically re-check the sites you've used before — your editor has frequently found additional information about ancestors whom she began researching years ago.

## MEMBERS' MISCELLANY

## from Lorie Heshka

Lorie's story about her Heshka family that was printed in the Summer 2019 issue of *Ancestry* was read by a fellow from Hamilton. Lorie has now been in contact with him to share information about using metrical books on *FamilySearch*. Lorie had discussed this valuable source in her story. Yet another connection made through your *Ancestry* submissions!



## from Beth Skala

Here's an interesting link that explores English weddings in the 1930's and a vintage [wedding dress found in the rubbish](#).

**NFHS member Susan Garcia** would like contact from any descendants of Hawaiians who came to the Nanaimo or Vancouver Island area in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Please [email Susan here](#).

## from Sharon Bennett

I inquired about baptismal records at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary that has an index of baptisms. I was told in what church my brother-in-law was baptized. This church is now closed, but I was then told how to contact the current church that now holds the actual records.

The diocese The of Calgary records date from 1865 when the Oblates arrived following the buffalo. Other records besides baptisms are probably held there, but this would require further investigation.

Carol Hollywood is the archivist for the diocese and can be reached at 1- 403-218-5502

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Thank you to all our *AnceTree* contributors especially those of you who entered our 2021 writing contest. We plan to have another contest this year, so watch for information about the new contest in the summer issue of *AnceTree*. Don't forget, we always have room for your family stories, regardless of whether you entered our contests. Our wet and chilly spring weather is a great time for writing, despite the rain!

We are continuing a new feature, Quick Tips, which can be found throughout this issue. If you have discovered a source or method that has assisted you in your research, please forward it to your editor for inclusion in our journal!

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

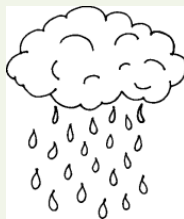
*Carolyn*

## 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. All you'll need is a pencil and an eraser!

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.



### Did you know ...

There are holes in the sky where the rain gets in,  
But they're ever so small,  
That's why rain is so thin!

Spike Milligan (1918-2002)  
Comedian, actor, writer, poet



These presentations are free to Qualicum Beach Family History society members for all who have paid the 2022 membership fee of \$25.

The non-member fee is \$10 per presentation.

**Tuesday April 12th – 7:00 PM PDT via Zoom**

**PAM VESTAL presents "Beyond Names and Dates: Filling in the Stories of Our Female Ancestors"**

**Pam Vestal** is a professional genealogist and speaker who turned her focus to her long-time love of genealogy after a 20-year writing career.

To register: <https://bit.ly/34uZ16p>

**Tuesday May 10th – 7:00 PM PDT via Zoom**

**JILL MORELLI presents "The Orphan Train Movement"**

The Orphan Train Movement removed children from the streets and orphanages of New York City (mostly) from 1854 to 1929.

**Jill Morelli, CG**, is a writer, lecturer and co-founder of Applied Genealogy Institute, providing practicum-based educational opportunities for high-intermediate and advanced genealogists.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3uKTEKN>

**Tuesday June 14th – 7:00 PM PDT via Zoom**

**LISA S. GORRELL presents "Breaking Down Brick Walls"**

**Lisa S. Gorrell** is a Certified Genealogist®. She teaches genealogy courses, lectures to societies, and researches for others.

To register: <https://bit.ly/3syA4is>

**Nanaimo Family History Society**

**Executive 2021**

President	Sharon Davison
Vice President	Dean Ford
Secretary	Bronwyn Frazer
Treasurer	Aleda Spring
Program Director	Maureen Wootten
Membership Director	Lorie Heshka
Director at Large	Terry Hartley
Director at Large	Ruth Stewart
<i>AncesTree</i> Editor	Carolyn Kemp
Webmaster	Dean Ford

**Contact Information**

Nanaimo Family History Society  
 PO BOX 1027  
 Nanaimo BC V9R 5Z2

Email: [InfoNFHS@gmail.com](mailto:InfoNFHS@gmail.com)

Web Page: [www.nanaimofamilyhistory.ca](http://www.nanaimofamilyhistory.ca)