

## Nanaimo Family History Society

### MEET MY ANCESTOR CONTEST 2023

Nanaimo Family History Society members are invited to enter a “Meet My Ancestor” contest. Entries must be submitted by **midnight, December 31, 2023** and meet the contest criteria. We must receive at least four entries for the contest to run. All entries will appear in future editions of *Ancestry*.

#### 1. MEMORIES OF MY OLDEST RELATIVES

Trip down memory lane. What do you remember about these people who were part of your life?

#### 2. MY FAVOURITE DISCOVERY

As you’ve been researching your family, what was a discovery about which you were particularly happy? How did you make this discovery? What did it lead to?

#### 3. A FAMILY HEIRLOOM

Do you have a family heirloom with a story? A watch, a quilt, a walking stick, a fountain pen, a book? Tell us its story and what it can reveal about your ancestor!

#### 4. WHEN I BEGAN GENEALOGY ...

What made you want to research your family? How and when did you begin? Why do you continue to research your ancestors? What insights about your family have you learned?

#### 4. IF I COULD MEET AN ANCESTOR

Is there an ancestor whom you would like to meet? When and where did this person live? What would you like to talk about? What questions do you have? Why?

#### 5. A DIFFERENT OCCUPATION

Did one of your ancestors have a rare occupation or one that we no longer often see? What did this occupation entail? What were the risks? The benefits?

#### 6. CHOOSE A TOPIC!

Yes, a **free choice** topic that relates to genealogy! What would YOU like to write about? What would your family like to hear about?

### CONTEST CRITERIA

1. The author is a current member of Nanaimo Family History Society on December 31, 2023.
2. The entry has not been previously published.
3. The entry is an interesting, coherent read responding to one of the 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.