

GENEALOGY CHRONICLES WRITING CONTEST 2024

Nanaimo Family History Society members are invited to enter a "Meet My Ancestor" contest. Entries must be submitted by **midnight, December 31, 2024** 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 *AncesTree*. Please submit your entry [here via email to your executive](#).

1. BE YOUR OWN PHOTO DETECTIVE

Provide a photo and describe how you determined who was in the photo.

2. SURPRISE PACKAGE

Describe your biggest surprise in your genealogy journey.

3. BRICKWALL BREAKER

Describe a genealogical brick wall and how you broke through it.

4. FACT OR FICTION

Describe how you unravelled a family story to discover how much was truth and how much fiction.

5. SAME NAME CONUNDRUM

Describe how you discovered and distinguished between same name individuals in your research. You may have to include a chart.

6. EAST MEETS WEST

Do you have ancestors from divergent cultural backgrounds who wed and had a family? Describe how they met and overcame any difficulties.

7. DNA SINS AND OMISSIONS!

Describe any surprises you had with DNA testing. Did you find a close relationship you didn't know you had or perhaps you didn't find whom you were expecting?

8. 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, 2024.
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.