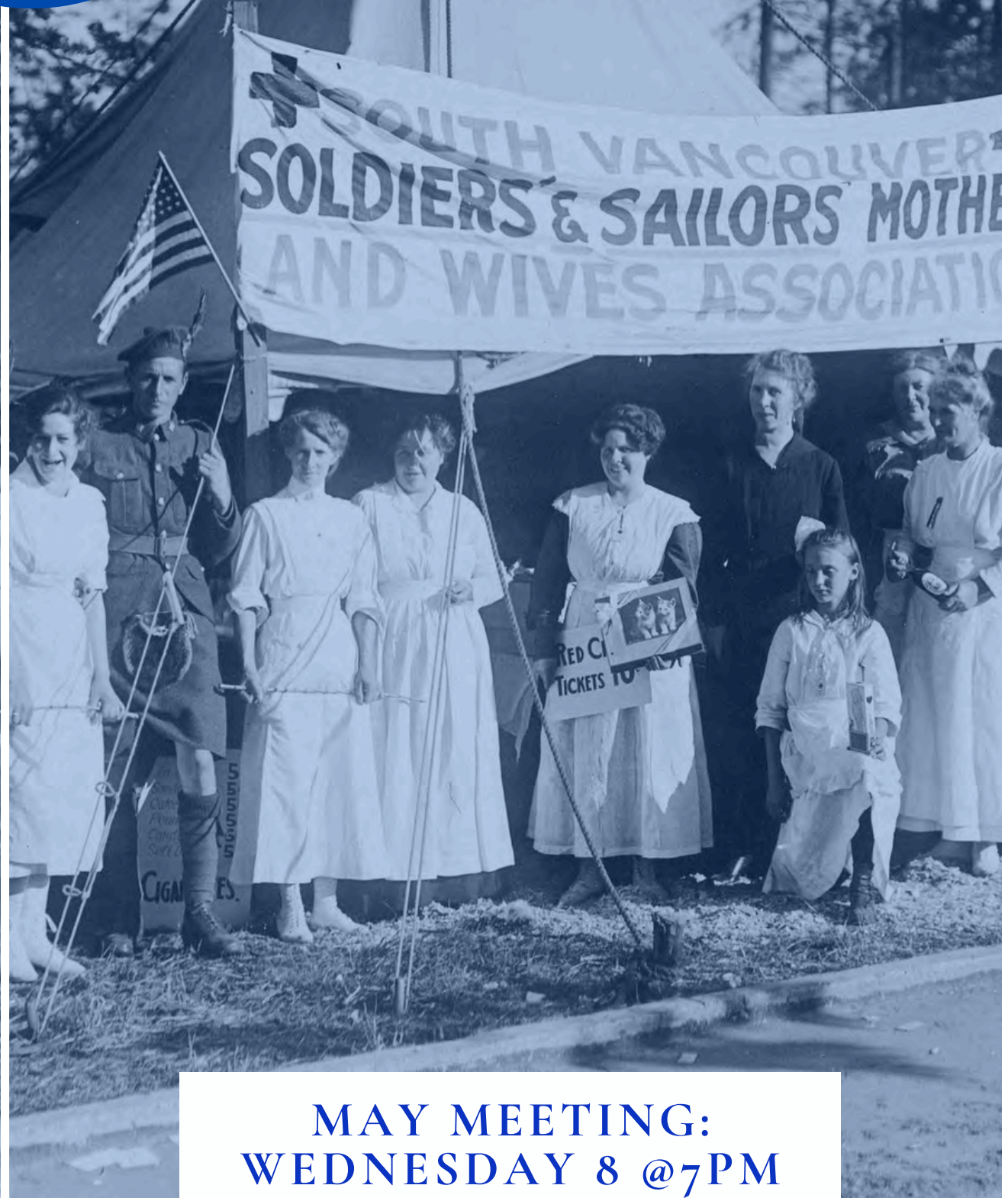




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

YVETTE HOWARD #5770, PRESIDENT@BCGS.CA

Ah Spring, when we genealogists arise from our comfy chair behind a computer screen, where we have diligently researched through the long winter. Having completed a satisfying season of scrolling through digital images and pounding holes in brick walls, we make ourselves ready. For now, we are eager to interact with our ancestors in different ways: we head out to tidy their headstones in cemeteries, we chase their paper trail through distant archives and toast them as we enjoy a pint at the local pub they frequented.

For me, this Spring I've had to put most of those enjoyable activities on hold. I am busy packing up my house in preparation for a move. Everyone knows packing is no fun task; however, it is always an interesting exercise going through our belongings and making decisions on what will make the move with us this time.

While packing, I have been reflecting on how difficult it must have been for my grandparents having to make these decisions before their emigration. Both of my parents' families immigrated from the Netherlands (1954 & 1967 respectively), so while my move is a mere 14 km, they were travelling almost 8000 km, to a place they had only seen in pictures. For our move, we have the convenience of movers to load and unload our many boxes. My parents' families had their suitcases and one large crate, which was to hold their practical, as well as their most precious items. I cannot imagine how difficult it must have been to decide what to take and what to leave. Some of these precious items are now living with me, and as I carefully wrap them for their next journey, I am conscious of the hands that held them back in Holland and imagine the smile on my Oma's face as she decided, "Yes, this one comes with us."

While I will be busy packing things, new and old, I hope that you will enjoy this beautiful season and are able to go on some of your favourite genealogical outings. Be sure to save the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm for our Members' meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

WELCOME

TO NEW MEMBERS

Heidi Florio, Whistler- 6036
David Christine, Vancouver- 6037
Kim Jensen, Kamloops- 6038
Carol Weeks, Vancouver- 6039
Andrew West, Coquitlam- 6040
Luca Carella, Coquitlam- 6041



Would you like to facilitate a Coffee Chat?
 Contact Eunice
coffeechat@bcgs.ca

About the May Front Cover



1917. South Vancouver Soldiers and Sailors Mothers and Wives Association refreshment tent.

This refreshment tent is selling sandwiches and coffee. Many organizations, societies and companies raised money to help the troops.

Photograph by Stuart Thomson. 1917. From the collection of Major James Skitt Matthews. (1878-1970)
Vancouver Archives Reference Code: AM54-S4-: Mil P36
 Silver gelatin print; 11 x 16 cm. Old Photo Number: Mil N201

A Friendly Reminder to BCGS Volunteers

Just a brief reminder to submit your volunteer hours on a monthly basis.


The timesheet is available on the BCGS website, www.bcgs.ca under the Research tab. It is a printable form which can be sent by email to *Diane Johnson* at hours@bcgs.ca

This is important as it helps support the BCGS in applying for government grants as volunteer hours are most often factored in.

Also some companies will donate funds to organizations at which their employees or retirees spend time volunteering for.

WEDNESDAY MEETING MAY 8TH

Members will receive Zoom invitations to our monthly meetings, so watch your email inbox for the Zoom link, meeting number and password. If you don't receive the email by the day before the meeting, please contact info@bcgs.ca for assistance. A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.



APRIL MEETING NOTES

GUEST SPEAKER—DR. BARB MITCHELL

The Family Genealogists and Long-Lost Relatives Study

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STUDY ©



Dr. Mitchell, Professor of Gerontology & Sociology, was educated at the University of Waterloo (Honours BA, MA) and received a PhD in Sociology from McMaster University in 1995. Dr. Mitchell holds a joint faculty appointment with the Department of Sociology. She began her teaching career at the University of British Columbia in 1991 as a sessional instructor and she has been teaching at SFU since 1994. Barb has taught several undergraduate and graduate courses over her career, including: Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of the Family, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, Families Over the Life Course, Youth and Society, and Families, Communities and Health.

Barbara Mitchell also currently or has previously served on several editorial/advisory committees. Notably, she was the Social Sciences Editor for the *Canadian Journal on Aging* (2011–2015) and she recently served as a consulting editor for the *Canadian Review of Sociology* (2011–2015).

Dr. Mitchell has published her work in numerous journals and books, including: *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Family Relations*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, *Journal of Women and Aging*, *Canadian Journal on Aging*, and *Canadian Studies in Population*.



*Join Us June 9th
—2pm at the Library to—
Celebrate
50 Year Members!*

*Betty Harvey #4
Brian Porter #77
Eunice Robinson #112
Patricia Myers #119*



What will you find ‘between the stacks’? Well we hope to find our members and other researchers finding those gems we all hope for.

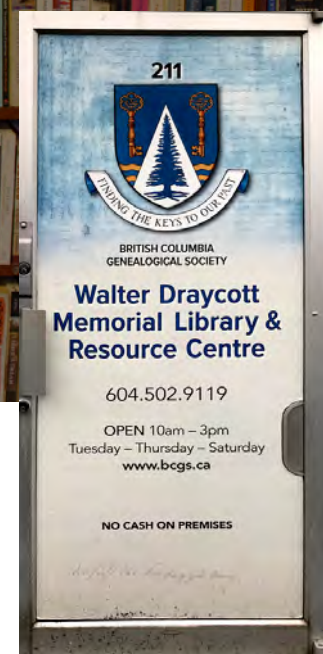
While we do have an impressive collection of some 18,000 books, we also have CD’s, phone books and voters lists. Check the Library Catalogue on our website, and then come to the Library to see the material in person. I mentioned CDs, as our crew have been very busy adding these to the library catalogue. They can be viewed on our library computers, or on your own laptop provided you have a CD drive. (A little hint – in the search bar, type cd – and you will note we currently have 203 CD’s listed now, with more to come.

While at the Library, you might want to look at the amazing collection of postcards. These are to be found on the 2nd floor, in two file cabinets. Come and browse through – and if you find one that you’d like, then a donation of 25 cents per card would be gratefully appreciated.

You’ve heard me prattle on about the Vertical Files, these are also located on the 2nd floor.

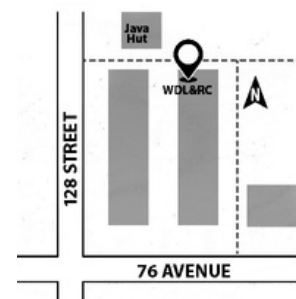
We have a pretty impressive collection of microfilms and fiche, but these aren’t particularly well organized. One of our volunteers is now creating an index of those films. We’ll keep you posted as to what treasures are in this collection.

So come with your list, and shop till you drop.



OPEN Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—10am to 3pm.

The library is closed all holiday weekends and if there is extreme weather. Please call to confirm hours **604.502.9119**.
\$5 per day for non-members



Unit 211, 12837 76 Ave, Surrey -
No parking in fire lanes. You must park in a designated BCGS parking stall or on the street. If in doubt, check with the library host on duty.

GENEALOGY GEMS & ODDITIES

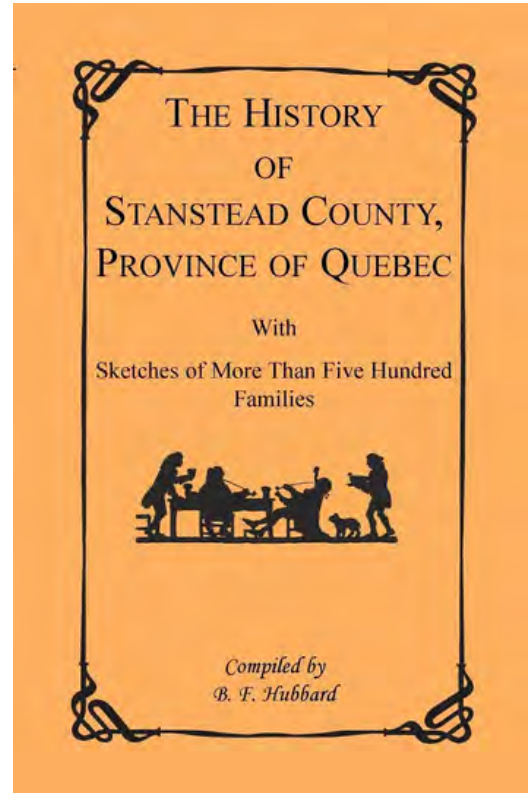
at the BCGS LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTRE

BY CELIA LEWIS, #5183

This fascinating book, originally published in 1874, provides a brief history of this county, which edged directly on Vermont at Stanstead town. In the first part of the book are short histories including reminiscences from then-current families, and details on how different parts of the county were developed over time, with roads, post offices, newspapers, military, and government, etc.

In the late 1900s, Quebec counties were changed to regional districts, and Stanstead county is now part of MRC Memphrégog, Quebec.

From page 114 onwards, the book contains short genealogies of the early families, many of whom came after the Revolutionary War from Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and others. As is common in 1700-1800s genealogy stories, the focus is almost entirely on the men. However, the brief genealogies and histories do include the specific men and women who married into the various early settler families in specific towns and hamlets. This gives 2-3 generations of dates, names, and places in one well-indexed book. Those settlers who have Esq (Esquire) after their name have more details of their ancestral history as well as their occupations, which details made me smile. A wonderful reference book to help fill in details and context of the times.



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THE HISTORY of STANSTEAD COUNTY
PROVINCE of QUEBEC
 with Sketches of More Than Five Hundred Families

Send articles and photos to newsletter@bcgs.ca
July is the next Newsletter. Deadline: Tuesday June 25

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2024	DEADLINE	PROOFERS	RELEASE	MEETING
June*	M15	5	15	12
July	J25	3	8	10
August	J30	7	12	14

*E-Journal

BCGS.CA Website News Update!

BY JAN GRAF AND SHEILA ALBRECHT

Surname Interests

The Members' Surname Interests database will be updated later this month. If you haven't yet submitted your surnames, please complete the [submission form](#) before May 15. Members can submit as many surnames as they wish - the online form only accepts four names at a time, but members can submit as many forms as they require.

Our [Surname Interests Database](#) is free for anyone to browse. Don't forget to take a look - you might find one of your surnames hiding there!

In addition, the Family History Federation has launched an initiative to create a consolidation of Member Surname Interests from each of their member Family History Societies. The BCGS is an active member of the FHF and our surnames are included in the consolidated database, giving our members a much wider audience for their research interests.

Exchange Journals

The BCGS exchanges journals with many family history societies from British Columbia, Canada and across the world. Journals from more than 80 societies are available to our members on our website - free to browse from the comfort of your home. Most of the journal exchange webpages have recently been updated and improved - if you haven't logged in for a while, [take a look](#) and see if any journals from your research areas are available. Most societies have submitted their first 2024 edition and they are now posted on the website for your reading enjoyment!

Just a reminder that access to the journal exchanges is a benefit of full membership in the BCGS - you will have to log in with your membership number to access the journals.



Website Activity

We had more than 2400 visitors to the website last month. Thank you all for stopping by.

If you have any suggestions for improvements or additions to the website, the [Website Team](#) would be happy to hear from you.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

Stake Family History Day



Saturday, May 11th
ABBOTSFORD STAKE CENTRE
30635 BLUERIDGE DR, ABBOTSFORD BC

from **8:30am-3:30pm**
WORKSHOPS BEGIN AT **9AM**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

2024 ABBOTSFORD STAKE FAMILY HISTORY DAY

8:30am – Registration, Welcome & Opening Exercises

Family Search Help 10am-12pm – George Hara FamilySearch Centre

SCHEDULE FOR 2024 SEMINARS

OPTION	TITLE	SPEAKER
9:00-10:20 AM		
1	Are Women & Children Neglected in your Family Tree?	M. Diane Rogers
2	What's New at Ancestry in 2024	Virtual RootsTech
3	Your Family History Tool Kit	Brenda L. Smith
4	Searching in the Maritimes - Canada Records	Terry Rogers
10:30-11:50 AM		
1	Where did you find that? Effective searches on FamilySearch.org	Virtual RootsTech
2	Right Forest, Wrong Tree	Brenda L. Smith
3	The Lady in the Search	Andrea Lister
4	Social Media in Genealogy	M. Diane Rogers
5	Searching in the Maritimes - Canada Records	Terry Rogers
11:50 AM-1:00 PM LUNCH		
1:00-2:00		
1	The Good, the Bad and the Unexpected – What to know before doing a DNA test	Marlene Dance
2	Fixing Sticky Problems in FamilySearch Family Tree	Virtual RootsTech
3	Canadian Census: Techniques for Finding People	Andrea Lister
4	Behind the Scenes: start Writing your Family History	Sharon Syrette
5	Personal & Family Journaling	George Hara
2:10-3:10		
1	Eight steps to get your Family Tree Started!	Marlene Dance
2	You can DO the DNA #1 – Get Started (or Restarted)	Virtual RootsTech
3	Social Media in Genealogy	M. Diane Rogers
4	Fixing Sticky Problems in FamilySearch Family Tree	Virtual RootsTech
4	Behind the Scenes: start Writing your Family History	Sharon Syrette
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Have you dreamed of going to the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

There are other BCGS members who would like to go, and we hope you will join us! This trip is in the early planning stages, so it's a great time to get involved. The idea is that you can go on a research trip and know that there will be others who are part of the same group to connect with while you are there. Dates will be chosen by the group, and each person will be responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements, as well as food costs.

A Zoom meeting will be held in May for anyone interested in this trip.

Please contact Yvette Howard president@bcgs.ca if you are interested or have any questions.



Your Library Needs You



Our new **Library Administrator, Eunice Robinson** was telling me how much the Library needs Volunteers. Volunteers are Members who will come and help researchers with pointing out where to find the different items that may have that special little bit of research that they've been searching years for.

The Library also needs Book Indexers and Newspaper Indexers. A list of Projects for the Library is also being developed—special things that General Volunteers can assist with!

Your help is always appreciated! Contact Eunice library@bcgs.ca and let her know your availability to assist and she will find something for you.



As genealogists, we are often urged to get ourselves organized and keep track of what we have researched and the information we have found. Once that is in place we are advised to figure out our next steps for researching particular family groups. All of that sounds marvellous. I just wish I was the type of researcher that was on top of things. I did keep a log in the early days of my research but it was easier then because it took so long to find things. Now, online searches bring forth information it would have taken months to find if the finds were even possible. With all data found in a few hours on the computer, *who can keep track? I know I can't.*

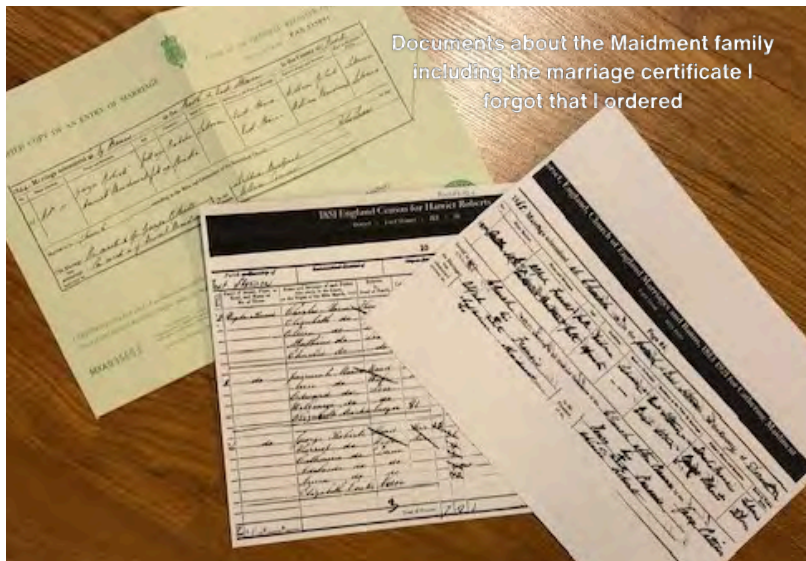
The online databases can be full of pitfalls too. Seductive clues like Ancestry's hints can make filling out a family tree almost effortless. That can be especially true in the more remote reaches of our family tree. In my tree, the unknowns start to creep in at the 3 x great grandparent level. Hints at that level become very tempting. After all, other researchers probably have better access to information than I do. They probably even live close to the places where those ancestors used to live.

One of those Ancestry hints was about the father of my 2 x great grandmother, Mary Maidment. She's one of my most intriguing ancestors. She had several children with her husband, Thomas Rideout. I found the family in the 1841 census for Ashmore, Dorset. By 1851, Thomas was no longer in the picture. He had died in 1842. According to his death certificate the cause of death was typhus fever and he had been 26 years old. Another child had been born to the couple that fatal year of 1842. What was most intriguing though was the child Mary bore in 1845.



A street through a Dorset village

This birth made me want to know more but, frustratingly none of the records I found for her last child, John Rideout, gave the name of his father. Mary herself was hard to place in a birth family. Ancestry was there with hints for potential fathers for her (mothers too) but if there is one thing life has taught me it is to be skeptical.



I remembered a lot of the information I had in my binder for the Rideout family. The surprise came when I looked at the Maidment binder. Leafing through the pages I found a marriage certificate tucked away in a see-through page protector. It was a marriage certificate for Harriet Maidment to a George Roberts in East Stower, Dorset in 1844. But was this the right Harriet? It didn't seem it was when I checked the 1851 census for East Stower and found an entry for George and Harriet Roberts. That entry showed their oldest child as Catherine Roberts aged 9. The math didn't check out. So I did an Ancestry

I needed to discover information for myself. There were clues to follow. Even if no father was named on the marriage record, a Harriet Maidment was a witness named on the 1833 parish record of Thomas Rideout and Mary Maidment's marriage. When I found Harriet Maidment living with Thomas and Mary and their children on the 1841 census, I drew the conclusion that Mary and Harriet were related, especially as under Harriet's entry there was one for one month old Henry Maidment. My thought was that the two women were sisters, as the younger woman appeared to be an unmarried mother. There the investigation rested when I moved on to other genealogical queries, or so I thought.

Recently, I've been trying to get a handle on how to use DNA results in my family history research. I decided to use Mary Maidment as my initial ancestor to use as my test subject to learn more about these new genealogy tools. That meant adding siblings into my direct line family tree. It meant dusting off the information about Mary and Harriet Maidment. Information that is still in paper form in binders. Those binders can hold surprises.

search for the baptism of Catherine Roberts in East Stower to see what was up. One of the results of the search was an 1868 marriage in East Stower. In that entry the bride was Catherine Maidment who gave her father's name as George Roberts. Yes, I was on the right track. The 1844 marriage certificate for Harriet Maidment named her father as William Maidment, a labourer. So if Harriet was Mary's sister, their father was William Maidment, not the Elias Maidment that Ancestry was hinting. So done and dusted, right? Not so fast. A closer look at the marriage certificate showed two fathers named William, one Roberts and one Maidment. So was the Maidment entry a clerical error or perhaps an easy out for Harriet who didn't really remember her father's name. It looks like I'll need to look into this further and who knows what else I will find working with the records and DNA matches at the same time.

Meg writes about history and genealogy in *A Genealogist's Path to History* at <http://genihistorypath.blogspot.ca/>. Read more about her findings in her blog.



NATIONAL NURSING WEEK

BY JANICE KIDWELL, #5033

On April 10, 2024 Indigenous Nurses Day in BC was celebrated. This day is an opportunity for Indigenous nurses and their allies to come together and collaborate toward solutions to preserve the cultural integrity and traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples.

National Nursing Week is May 6-12, 2024 and this year's theme is Changing Lives, Shaping Tomorrow. The theme recognizes the contributions of the tremendous impact that nurses have on individuals, communities, and the future of health care.

This month's postcard came from a recent donation by a BCGS member. Their donation was perfect timing. The very first hospital in Kamloops was built on Lorne Street in 1885 deliberately near to the original CPR station as it's written that the majority of the original patients were CPR employees. The hospital was enlarged and incorporated in 1896 as the Royal Inland Hospital. Shortly after 1896, the hospital was enlarged again and a women's wing was added.

As Kamloops grew, the hospital on Lorne Street quickly became overcrowded and the need for a new facility led to a search for a location that would accommodate a much larger building.

A site at the foot of Third Street far south of the town was selected and construction of a new facility commenced in 1910. The second Royal Inland Hospital officially opened in 1912 by the Duke of Connaught (Queen Victoria's seventh child) and the Governor General of Canada at the time.

The hospital was set back from Columbia Street and accessed up a long flight of stairs through a setting of trees and flowers. It was an imposing building on the hill and one that the residents of Kamloops were proud of.

Over the years, the hospital grew and a separate nurses quarters was added in behind the hospital.

By the late 1960s, all of the original hospital had been replaced and a new modern medical facility served Kamloops and the interior of BC.

The front of this black and white postcard has the following wording on the top right side: **Kamloops Hospital and Matron 1890**. The back of this postcard has the wording The Vernon News Limited, Vernon, BC. There is neither a message nor a stamp on the back.

The Kamloops Museum and Archives has the following description of the postcard on their website: Hospital on Lorne Street - Item is a mounted photograph showing the Kamloops hospital on Lorne Street with addition. **Matron E. Potter** is shown in a buggy in the foreground with a nurse and Chinese cook shown in the midground. Size of postcard: 23cm x 14cm.

I found the following information on **Matron Potter**: Jun 9, 1975 · Original Kamloops Hospital opened in 1885 on Lorne Street. Matron Eleanor Potter in buggy with nurse and Chinese cook (1890). Image 695. Eleanor was born in Douglas, Isle of Man. Title based on contents. Donated by J.A. Gill at an unknown date. Date: 1890, Cabinet Drawer 1/1.

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THE TALE OF THE SEA HORSE

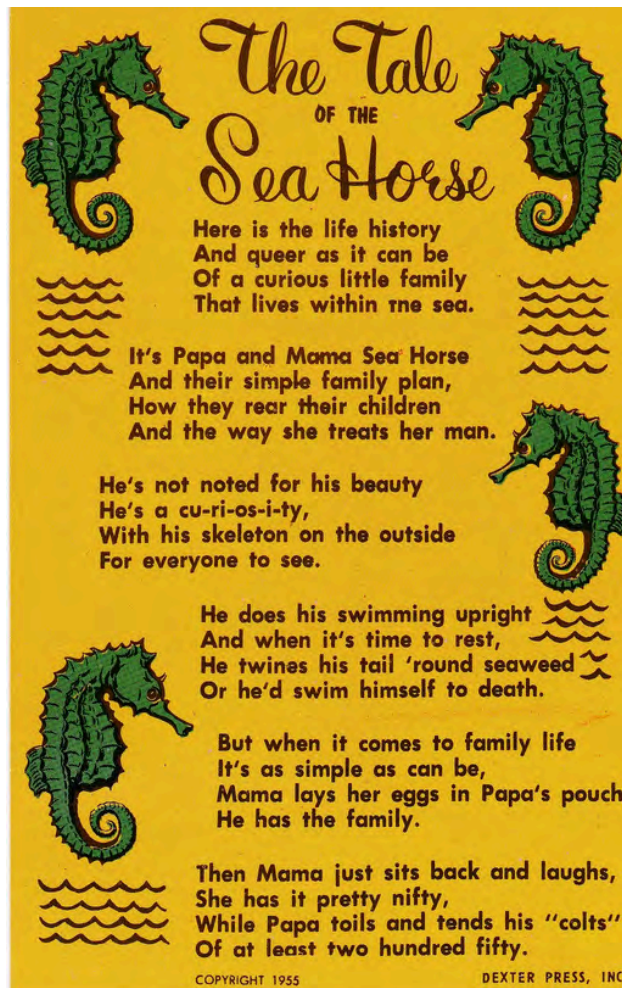
Happy Mother's Day —MAY 12—

BY JANICE KIDWELL, #5033

Although this postcard feature is a tribute to Mama Seahorse, we are also giving Papa Seahorse a "shout out" for Father's Day which will be celebrated on **June 16** this year.

On the back of the postcard is the following description: *The SEA HORSE is a queer little chap often found in large numbers along the coast of Florida and north to New Jersey. They are brown in color and are from 2 to 5 inches long.*

Copyright Dexter Press Inc. All Rights Reserved. DT-93346, Genuine Natural Color. Made by Dexter Press, Inc., West Nyack, N.Y., USA There is neither a message nor a stamp on the back of the postcard.





LYNNE FLETCHER, #5353—E-JOURNAL EDITOR

Do you have an ancestor who worked as a coal miner?

My husband's great-grandfather did, but we have very little information about his life in the mines. An article about WWII miners called *The Bevin Boys* caught my eye. During the early years of this war the demand for coal in England dropped off, so miners were called up and sent off to fight. By 1943, the country was running out of coal, so Churchill set the Minister of Labour, Ernest Bevin, to increasing coal production.

Bevin set up a process where one of each ten conscripts drafted were sent down to work in the mines. These soldier/miners were paid less, given no work clothes and had one week of holiday a year. Unfortunately they were also treated badly by the public, who thought they were shirkers.

After the war, they received no help from the British Legion, and the records of 48,000 Bevin Boys were destroyed when the government nationalized mining.

Do you have an ancestor who went down to the mines in the UK? Is there someone who served during the WWII in an unusual manner? Would you share these stories with our members?

The next Deadline is May 15th. Please send your story and pictures to: Journal@bcgs.ca

TOTALS for 2024: \$505.00
5,380 containers and 88 bags were diverted
from the landfills so far this year.



TAKE YOUR DONATIONS TO THE RETURN-IT DEPOT CLOSEST TO YOU

This is the easiest method to contribute to the society. Thank you to all our members all over BC who are supporting the BCGS.

Please return your bottles, cans, etc. in clear plastic bags to your nearest Return-It Centre. Print a deposit label on their machine, using the BCGS phone number 604-502-9119.



Zoom Coffee Chats

Also known as Special Interest Groups [SIGs]

If you would like to be included in a chat, please visit the [BCGS website](#) or email the address below to register. Not sure? Check the BCGS Website Calendar-of-events.



CHINESE COFFEE CHAT

Wednesday, May 8 & June 12, 10-11 am

With Linda Yip RSVP hello@past-presence.com



ONTARIO COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, May 9, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



CANADIAN PRAIRIES COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, May 16, 7 to 9 pm

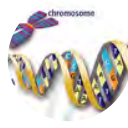
With Judith Ueland RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



FAMILY TREE MAKER COFFEE CHAT

Monday, May 20, June 17, 3 to 4:30 pm

With Sharon Syrette RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ADVANCED DNA COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, May 21 & June 18, 7 to 9 pm

With Terry Hartley, Jim & Kathleen Graham RSVP terrhart1@gmail.com



USA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, May 23, 7 to 9 pm

With Judith Ueland RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



INDIGENOUS COFFEE CHAT

Tuesday, May 28, 10:30am to Noon

With Aboriginal Genealogy Association RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



IRELAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, May 30, 7 to 9 pm

With Eunice Robinson RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



INTRO TO DNA COFFEE CHAT

Monday, June 3, 1 to 3 pm

With Christene Hoffert RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



BRITISH COLUMBIA COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, June 6, 7 to 9 pm

With Janet White RSVP coffeechat@bcgs.ca



ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, June 13, 7 to 9 pm

With Sandra Cunliffe RSVP_coffeechat@bcgs.ca



SCOTLAND COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, June 20, 7 to 9 pm

With Lorraine Irving & Eunice Robinson RSVP_coffeechat@bcgs.ca



= Online Zoom meeting



= In-Person Meeting

MAY - JUNE - 2024 CALENDAR

Sunday–Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

MAY

Intro to DNA
Monday May 6 Chat 1 pm

Chinese Genealogy
Chat 10am

Meeting 7pm

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Ontario
Chat 7pm

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SURREY LIBRARIES
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Family History DNA
2:30pm

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Abbotsford Stake Day
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Kindertech at the
BCGS Library 10am

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Mother's Day

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Canadian Prairies
Chat 7pm

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VICTORIA LONG WEEKEND

Monday May 20 **Family Tree Maker** Chat at 3pm

Tuesday May 21 **Advanced DNA** Chat at 7pm

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USA Chat
7pm

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SURREY LIBRARIES
discover·connect·inspire
Fun Family History
2:30pm

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Indigenous Roots Tuesday
May 28 Chat 10:30 am

Writers Group Tuesday
May 28 Chat 6 pm

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Ireland
Chat 7pm

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Intro to DNA
Monday June 3 Chat 1 pm

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British Columbia
Chat 7pm

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SURREY LIBRARIES
discover·connect·inspire
Online Research for Ancestors in Poland, Prussia, and Pommern at 11am

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Chinese Genealogy
Chat 10am

Meeting 7pm

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England
Chat 7pm

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Kindertech at the
BCGS Library 10am

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FATHER'S DAY

Monday June 17 **Family Tree Maker** Chat at 3pm

Tuesday June 18 **Advanced DNA** Chat at 7pm

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Scotland
Chat 7pm

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Indigenous Roots Tuesday
June 25 Chat 10:30 am

Writers Group Tuesday
June 25 Chat 6 pm

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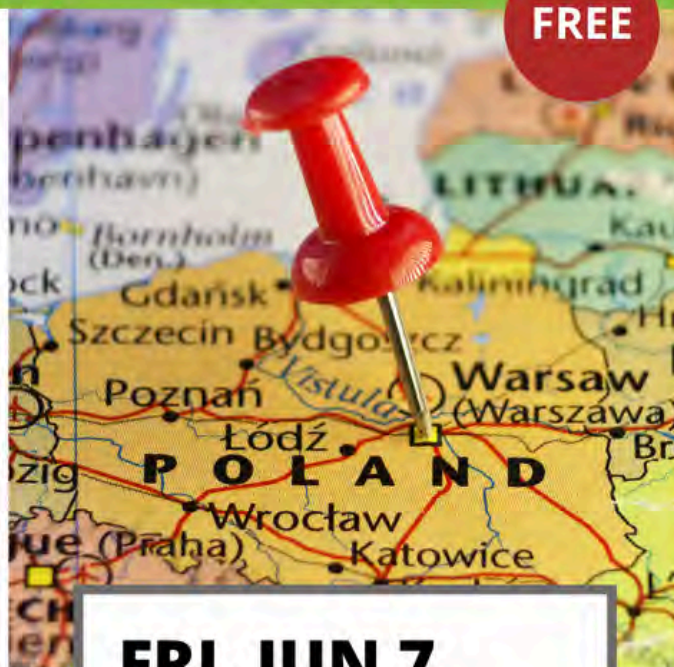
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ONLINE RESEARCH FOR ANCESTORS IN POLAND, PRUSSIA, AND POMMERN

ONLINE PROGRAM

Need help researching ancestors in this perplexing region?

Join us for a brief overview of the large Szukajwarchiwach database. This free, powerful database offers data from Poland state archives, registration offices and other institutions that encompass many German and Jewish residents. Our presenter is Sigrid Pohl Perry, Ph.D., an accomplished and experienced presenter and researcher.



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UELAC - VICTORIA BRANCH

1927 - 2024

SPRING FLEET LUNCHEON - MAY 25, 2024 - 11.30 A.M.

THE LAKES, SAANICH - AN IN-PERSON EVENT ONLY

PERIOD DRESS APPRECIATED



United Empire Loyalists of British Columbia
Loyalist Day, May 18, 1938 - From the UELAC Victoria Archives



A presentation by Gwendoline Gold, UE
The Button Blanket at Government House
Created by
Chief Tony Hunt and Gwendoline Gold

PLEASE REPLY TO MEMBERSHIP.VIC.UELAC@GMAIL.COM
TO LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS FESTIVE LUNCHEON

LUNCHEON COST - \$ 35.00

NEXT EVENT / MEETING:

VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES - MAY 18 AND 19, 2024

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MEMBER MEETING - SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

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PACIFIC REGION

UELAC is very excited to be presenting Cornwall 2024 in conjunction with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Historical Society's (SD&G Historical Society) premier event 1784.ca. Thursday, June 6 – Sunday, June 9, 2024, Cornwall, Ontario

Special tour dates: Tuesday June 4th, Wednesday the 5th & Thursday the 6th.



Many members from the 4 Pacific Region branches will attend. See: <https://uelac.ca/conference-2024/>
The SD&G Historical Society (parent organization of the Cornwall Community Museum) is proud to present: **1784 —the 240th anniversary of Cornwall and SDG!**

On June 7-9, 2024, the UELAC Annual conference will join SDG as they celebrate the 240th anniversary of New Johnstown (Cornwall) and the Royal Townships today comprised of the Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, as well as the Counties of Leeds and Grenville all in Ontario.

The celebration blends the past and present with a re-creation of this first 1784 community along with displays and presentations by present-day heritage organizations - immersing visitors in all that our region has to offer.



Credit: Library and Archives Canada

Members of the UELAC community will have an opportunity to visit the Cornwall Community Museum where the UELAC office, library and archives are held.

This move of the office from Toronto to Cornwall is very significant to the organization as it places us in a very historic location for the Loyalists. During the conference weekend we will walk on the ground where our Loyalists drew their lots, live the re-enactment taking place at Lamoureux Park, visit the Pioneer Museums, make a scheduled appointment for a Tour of the UELAC Library & Archives, and Tour the Wood House (Cornwall Community Museum) & the Lost Villages Museum in Long Sault, Ontario.

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