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President’s Message by Ron Blank

Our delayed spring/summer has finally arrived with a bang, though as an allergy sufferer I'm not rejoicing. The good news is I can avoid the pollen laden outdoors by staying indoors to focus on my genealogy.

Our planning committee for our October seminar “A Day with Cyndi” with list owner Cyndi Ingle has selected three interesting topics: Evaluating Websites, Productive Social Networking and Foreign Language Tools. Cyndi will close the day with a Questions and Answers Session. We are already getting people registering from the Parksville Qualicum area. Remember, register soon to ensure you get a seat. Seating is limited.

I attended the Qualicum Beach Family History Society Conference on May 24th and will share details of the seminars that I attended. It was a very well run event, with two topics running simultaneously over the late morning and early afternoon. There was great attendance from our Vancouver Island people as well as several from the lower mainland. I heartily congratulate QBFHS’s organizing team.

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Save the Date!

Nanaimo FHS September Meeting	September 15, 2014
NFHS Conference — A Day With Cyndi	October 11, 2014
Nanaimo FHS October Meeting	October 20, 2014

In different hours, a man represents each of several of his ancestors, as if there were seven or eight of us rolled up in each man’s skin — seven or eight ancestors at least, and they constitute the variety of notes for that new piece of music which his life is.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
 American essayist and poet (1803-1882)

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One of QBFHS's conference speakers was James L. Tanner. One of his topics was Exploring the Resources of *FamilySearch* and its Family Tree program. He explained that last October *FamilySearch* entered into agreements with pay sites *Ancestry*, *MyHeritage* and *findmypast* with *FamilySearch* providing access to their original source records and provision of free access to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in their worldwide family.

With that agreement, uploading your family history to the web with a genealogy programme will get automatic searches of all databases for source documents found in your submitted family tree. *FamilySearch* site also has "Family Tree" that allows users to collaborate with relatives, upload photos, add stories to each individual, add copies of original source documents, edit relationships and add sources for each fact or event.

James Tanner also mentioned their Research Wiki with the "how to's" on genealogy and *Puzzilla* which analyzes the information on your ancestors and shows the inconsistencies of your entries. *FamilySearch* website contains a vast video collection and access to over 100,000 digitized family history and local history books. The *FamilySearch* library catalogue is also linked to *WorldCat* catalogue containing over two billion entries.

Here's something I've discovered about *FamilySearch*. I had a newspaper article that said an uncle died of a gunshot wound in San Francisco, but no further details were given. Digging about the *FamilySearch* search page, I scrolled below the names input boxes and saw "Browse All Published Collections." I clicked on my country of interest, then followed to state/province then city/location. Going to California, I found twenty-eight entries. Those entries with a camera logo have not been indexed, but they are browsable. I clicked on "California, San Francisco County Records, 1824-1997" and the next window showed "Coroner's Records." Knowing the date of the event, I browsed and

found the exact reason why the uncle was shot. Amazing stuff!

My point is that if you haven't searched through all of the offerings of *FamilySearch* you are seriously missing out! Explore for yourself! Also keep checking back as changes and updates are coming frequently.

Our librarian has finished cataloguing our latest acquisitions. Many thanks to Arleen Hoffman for her great work. The bad news is Arleen has asked to step down, though she will continue to maintain the library until we find a replacement. The work is not onerous and requires only one to three hours per week to maintain our collection and update the catalogue. Though I've asked two possible candidates, there has been no success in finding Arleen's replacement. Do you know who might be interested? Is it you? If so, contact me or any one of your executive to find out more details of the tasks. Arleen will certainly help as well.

Bud Pennington is off this summer and will pedal great distances through our beautiful province. As such, we also need a person who is computer literate and can maintain and update our four desktop computers and one laptop. Bud says the tasks are onerous and take over 250 hours per week — ha! In reality, the only real difficulty is to keep the computer passwords from yours truly. Do you know someone who would like to help? As above, please call.

One last question. One of our long time members wants help with her research as her eyes are failing. She is willing to pay the going rate. Interested? Contact me ronblank@shaw.ca or 250-802-1473 for details.

We need your help in running your society.

Thanks for listening,

Ron

Library News

New Yorkshire Titles in Our Library – donated by Doreen Lawter	
<i>Gomesal, A Window on the Past</i>	Cookson, Gillian
<i>History of Yorkshire</i>	Rawnsley, S.L.
<i>Huddersfield Highways Down the Ages</i>	Crump, W.B.
<i>Spenn Valley, Past and Present</i>	Peel, F.
<i>West Yorkshire Street Atlas</i>	

NFHS LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 1 – 4 p.m.
 Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Our library is free to use by all Nanaimo Family History Society members. A \$5.00 drop-in fee is charged for non-members, but drop-in fees can be applied to a full membership.

The library is located at 3999 Victoria Avenue, Nanaimo.

FAMILY HISTORY JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS

Did you know that our library has a newsletter exchange with many family history societies from around the world? After a newsletter is forwarded to the library, each is printed and is placed in a box by the cupboard for about a month. Have a look on your next library visit, as one of these newsletters may have information pertaining to your family history!

HARVEST YOUR FAMILY TREE

Kelowna and District Genealogical Society
 The KDGS Bi-annual Genealogy Conference

September 26-28, 2014, Kelowna, BC

Western Canada's largest conference boasts a full day of seminars with renowned international speakers. For more information contact conference@kdgs.ca or check out the [KDGS blog](#).

Honouring NFHS Ancestors Who Fell in the First World War



July 28, 2014 marks the one hundreth anniversary of the beginning of World War I. To honour those who fell during the First World War, AncesTree has invited members of Nanaïmo Family History Society to include a tribute to relatives who were casualties during this “war to end all wars.” If you would like to contribute to these tributes or if you have a longer story that relates to an ancestor’s war experiences, please put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and submit your stories. We plan to continue these tributes through the fall and winter issues, so please consider including members of your family if you have not already done so. A family untouched by the horrors of this war is very rare indeed.

BROOKMAN, Kenneth Douglas (1898-1917)

My first cousin twice removed was an able seaman in WWI. He was born in 1896 in Yetminster, Dorset, joining the Royal Navy in August 1911 and graduating as an Able Seaman in October, 1914. He served on four different ships over the next 6 months, finally serving on *HMS Black Prince* from April 1915. This ship was involved in the Battle of Jutland and was blown up, vanishing with all hands on May 31. 1916. His name appears on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

Submitted by NFHS member Phil Brookman



SMITH, Eric Morley (1892-1917)

My first cousin once removed, was born 2 September, 1892 in Rye, Sussex. In 1913, Eric immigrated to Australia where he planned to farm. Two years later, he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force serving with the 14th Field Artillery; he was a gunner with the 54th battery. Gassed in July 1917, Eric returned to duty in September, 1917, only to be killed by a piece of shrapnel while repairing cable on 10 October, 1917. One of his gunnery mates said he knew Eric well and “he was a chap liked by all.” Eric Morley Smith, 25, was buried close to Ypres at Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery.

Submitted by NFHS member Carolyn Kemp





DOCKWRAY, Christopher (Kit) (1895-1916)

My maternal grandmother’s brother, my great uncle Christopher, was born 1895 in Kells, Whitehaven, Cumberland, England. He enlisted with the 5th Border Regiment on September 23, 1915 at the age of 20 and was killed in a front line trench on September 16, 1916. Christopher is buried in France and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

Obituary from *Whitehaven News*

Private Christopher Dockwray, of Kells, Whitehaven, who was in the Border Regiment, has been killed in action. Before enlisting, Private Dockwray was employed at Ladysmith Pit and was 21 years of Age. He is a son of William Martin and Elizabeth Dockwray, of 2 East Row, Kells. His parents have received the following letter: *Dear Mrs. Dockwray ... It is with the deepest regret that I write these few*

lines to offer you my sincere condolences regarding the great loss of your son Chris. He was killed when on duty as a sentry in the front line trench, therefore he died doing his duty like the great soldier he was. A sniper caught him and one consolation he suffered none, death being instantaneous. He was very popular with the platoon. Joining us in August 1915 and having been his platoon sergeant all the while I speak from experience when I say he is indeed a great loss to both platoon and company. I was not near to him when it happened. But all that was possible was done for him. And now he is at rest. I hope he has found peace with God out of this world war of horrors. All his pals join me in sending their heartfelt sympathy for your great bereavement. Trusting this finds you quite well in health as it leaves me here at present. Remaining Yours in Sympathy... Thom MacGuffie, Sergt

submitted by NFHS member Linda Malpass

In Memory of
Private CHRISTOPHER DOCKWRAY

2261, 5th Bn., Border Regiment
who died
on 16 September 1916

Remembered with honour
THIEPVAL MEMORIAL



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



YOUNGER, John Ramsay (1896-1916)

John Ramsay Younger enlisted as a private in the Cheshire Regiment in September, 1914. He was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Lancashire Fusiliers in November, 1914 and was the platoon leader in a raid on the German trenches on 6th May, 1916, when he was killed while going to help wounded comrades. Also killed on the same day from the Lancashire Fusiliers were Captain Robert John Smith and private E. W. Well. All three are commemorated in Aveluy Communal Cemetery in France. John Ramsay was just 20. He and his younger sister were brought up by his maternal uncle after his father died in 1897.

submitted by NFHS member Margaret Mann

Gilbert Blank — a Canadian Story, Victoria to the Somme

by NFHS member, Ron Blank



My half uncle Gilbert BLANK, born August 4, 1896, enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces on 31 July 1915 as a nineteen year old. He was killed in action, November 11, 1916.

Gilbert's father, Paul Martin Louis Kastner Blank, came to North America about 1885. He married in 1889 in Portland Oregon. The family moved to Victoria BC by 1890 where his first wife died in 1905. Having five children to feed, he found a German woman, Fredericke Agnes DIETRICH, from Halle-ander-Saale, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany who would "cook"

for the family. By 1907, she became Louis's second wife, and it is she who was listed as Gilbert's next of kin since his father died in 1914.

Gilbert Blank attended military basic training in Camp Vernon, B.C. 21 August 1915. His medical description states he was 5 foot 6 inches with a fair complexion, grey eyes, brown hair, 38 inch chest with 3 inches range of expansion. He went to Vancouver as a corporal, Regimental # 463601, with the 62nd Infantry Battalion, British Columbia of Canadian Expeditionary Force. It appears he lost his rank as he was promoted to Lance Corporal 13 September 1915, and then Corporal 7 Dec 1915. (Lance Corporal means acting and Corporal means actually holding the rank of Corporal which normally was kept between postings to different units.)

On 1 March 1916, he assigned \$15 per month to his older brother Alf Blank, PO Box 529, Nanaimo. His military unit sailed from Halifax NS, on *S.S. Baltic*, 20 March 1916. They arrived in England 10 April 1916 where he was promoted to Acting Corporal on 4 May 1916, in Shorncliffe, England. His rate of pay was now \$34.10 per

month with an extra 10 cents a day field allowance.

On 7 July 1916, Gilbert was transferred to the 30th Infantry Bn., British Columbia, Canadian Expeditionary Force (C.E.F) Shorncliffe Camp. For some unknown reason, on 19 Aug 1916, Gilbert was granted his request to "voluntarily revert to the rank of Private," whilst at East Sandling, England. 20 August 1916, proceeded on draft to the 47th Battalion, Western Ontario. On 21 August, he arrived in France and was taken on strength of 47th "in the field." On September 5, he left the field for two days, likely leave before going into action.

Why did he relinquish his rank of Lance Corporal before leaving England and going into action? Was it self-preservation? Do corporals lead their company and were first "over the hill" into enemy combat fire?

The 4th Canadian Division, Canadian Expeditionary Force, joined the Canadian Corps in October 1916 with three brigades: 10th Brigade included the 44th Battalion and 46th Battalion, South Saskatchewan 47th Battalion, and 50th Battalion, Calgary Regiment.

On the 9th of November, Gilbert was promoted to acting Lance Corporal. He was killed on 11 November 1916, in one of the many Battles of the Somme fought between July and November 1916. Documents showed that he was not eligible for any military decorations. Gilbert Blank is buried in ADANAC Military Cemetery, Miraumont, France.



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The Commonwealth War Graves Commission¹ states that the “villages of Miraumont and Pys were occupied on 24-25 February 1917 following the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line. They were retaken by the Germans on 25 March 1918, but recovered the 42nd (East Lancashire) Division on the following 24 August. Adanac Military Cemetery (the name was formed by reversing the name "Canada") was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields and small cemeteries surrounding Miraumont” particularly from the Canadian battlefields round Courcellette. “There are now 3,186 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War in this cemetery. 1,708 of the burials are unidentified but special memorials commemorate 13 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.”

Gilbert’s military documents showed that he signed his last will on 13 October, 1916,

leaving his estate to his step-mother, Mrs Agnes Blank. According to British Columbia Provincial documents, his estate was left "in probate" with the sum \$1617.39 shared equally between his brothers Alf and Louis. Neither surviving brother, Alf nor Louis, served in World War I.



This medal, engraved with Gilbert Blank’s name, was presented posthumously to his next of kin.



Please help us honour your ancestors who served in the First World War. Our tribute to these people will continue through the fall and winter editions of Ancestry. We would like to include both short biographies such as those on pages four and five as well as longer articles such as that about Gilbert Blank on pages six and seven. Don’t forget to include picture(s) if you have them!

Using Maps in Genealogy by NFHS member Jacquie Jessup with assistance from G₃ (Gabriola Genealogy)

Our ancestors existed in a time and especially a place:

- 🕒 Maps are one way to give the names and dates more life and excitement.
- 🕒 Where did they live? What would they have seen? How did they get around? Why did they live there?
- 🕒 Birth, marriage and death records are a good place to obtain location information
- 🕒 Once you have a location go to a map to see exactly where they lived
- 🕒 First use an atlas or a gazetteer (a dictionary of named geographic places, features, place names) to get an overview e.g. Hearst Castle (building) -121.17; 35.69 (co-ordinates)

Geographic Coordinates – Latitude and Longitude

Latitude and **longitude** lines form an imaginary grid over the Earth's surface. By combining longitude and latitude measurements, any location on earth can be determined. Units of measurement for geographic coordinates are degrees (°), minutes ('), and seconds ("). Like a circle, the Earth has 360 degrees. Each degree is divided into 60 minutes, which in turn is divided into 60 seconds. Latitude and longitude coordinates also include cardinal directions: north or south of the equator for latitude, and east or west of the prime meridian for longitude. The geographic coordinates of New York City, for example, are 40° N, 74° W, meaning that it is located 40 degrees north latitude and 74 degrees west longitude.

Map Legends: The legend will give you an idea of distances, and tell you what the symbols mean.

The first full-colour map of Britain came with a full-colour **legend**. For the first time, the roads were

classified by their suitability (or otherwise) for motor cars. **Scale** indicates the size of the map.

- 🕒 **Small-scale maps** (Note the large second number) the big overview picture — show how the town fits in the region, or the country as a whole.
- 🕒 **Large-scale maps** (Note the small second number) the small local picture — show the town and immediate area.

Where to Find Maps

Start with the local library: The LDS Family History Library has a huge selection of maps and gazetteers. Check the library catalog under the country of interest, then go to maps or gazetteers; virtually every university of any size has an extensive collection of maps; Internet - there are countless maps online, complete, digitized and for the most part, free.

Viewing **historical** maps has become much easier: map collections contain maps showing everything from boundary changes to transportation growth, military activity, land ownership, topography, town or city layouts, and just about anything else that was important to the area at the time. Today we have detailed satellite images of almost every square inch of the earth. Google Maps Street View shows most of the paved roads in many parts of the world as if you were actually driving down the road.



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Types of Maps

Maps can be paper, virtual or a little bit of both. Find historical and modern day maps of the locations e.g. cities, regions, countries where your ancestor lived. A contemporary map shows how things are today. An historical map shows how things were at a particular time in the past. The first atlas was compiled around 1595.

Topographic and other **relief** maps show land forms — hills, valleys, rivers, streams, and vegetation — as well as roads and landmarks. Topographical mapping didn't really get serious until the arrival of national mapping programs in the mid 1800's. Topographical maps were comprehensive with a scale that made it possible to show most communities. These maps were the basis for much of what has come since.

Panoramic maps provide a bird's-eye view of the city where your ancestor lived.

Unusual Map Resources

Fire insurance maps are used by insurance companies to determine the risk factors in underwriting a business or home. Fire insurance maps can provide interesting details for many cities, towns, and neighborhoods, such as the outline of each building, the size, shape and construction materials, function of the structures, and location of windows and doors. The maps also give street names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers.

The **David Rumsey Collection** focuses on rare 18th and 19th century maps and now has over 150,000 items with 27,000 of these items digitized and available to view for free on the website. You can browse the collection as well as search it by map type, location, date, and publisher. Types of maps to find here include railroad maps, census district, historical atlas, military, religious, topography & many more.

Compare an old map with a new one by overlaying the old map on the newer one. *Google Earth* implemented an overlay of selected maps from the David Rumsey Map Collection. To

activate the feature, look closely at the list of overlays in the Google Earth Gallery and check the box for David Rumsey maps.

The **Library of Congress** has millions of maps in its collection; however, only a small part is digitized.

U.S. Geological Survey website: you can request the location of over 2 million places; you can zoom in for a detailed view; it only shows the name of the feature you request & surrounding towns; it does not name streets, rivers or other features; From the USGS you can go to the Census Bureau map site

Other Websites of Interest

- 🍷 [GenWeb Projects: Maps](#)
- 🍷 [Ontario and Upper Canada Genealogy Maps](#)
- 🍷 [Canadian County Atlas Digital Project](#) allows us to search our ancestors and then see their land on a map of the township where they lived.
- 🍷 [Great Britain Street and Road Map](#) can locate a town by name or modern postal code, and search London by street name. You can zoom in to get a detailed map.

Pitfalls

Be aware of boundary and name changes over time. Comparing historical maps can show where and when boundaries and names of places changed. Some places may have had five or six different names during the 20th century even though your family has remained in the same place: York for example, is now Toronto. Is a village named in naturalization papers the contemporary name, or the name that was in use when the person lived there?

Benefits of Maps to Genealogy

Maps are a tool and a valuable genealogical and historical resource. They can recreate your ancestor's community and lead to additional resources. Maps can also show the migration route your ancestor took. Using maps in conjunction with other sources such as census, city, telephone and business directories, tax lists, and land records can help you to see the information in a different light.

NEWS BRIEFS

Library and Archives Canada

- In honour of Asian Heritage Month in Canada, LAC has added references to its [Immigrants from China](#) database. These references are to the C.1.9 certificates “issued to people of Chinese origin born in Canada and wanting to leave Canada for a limited time without losing their Canadian status. The actual records include a photograph and provide information such as the individual’s name, age and place of birth, as well as the port and date of departure, and the ship’s name.
- Kodachrome colour images of D-Day are now available on [Flicker](#). This is a fascinating small collection of photos, worthwhile viewing especially in this year’s seventieth anniversary of D-Day.

Soldiers’ Wills – ScotlandsPeople

[Scotland’sPeople](#) have released 31,000 soldiers’ wills, 26,000 of which were made by soldiers who died in World War I. There are also 5000 from the Second World War and several hundred from the Boer War, Korean War, and other conflicts between 1857 and 1964.

The soldiers' wills were usually found in pay books retrieved on the battlefield, recorded on forms in Army record offices in Britain, or in the absence of a will, in letters home in which soldiers might mention their last wishes.

After the War Office had settled the estate of a soldier who died on active service, including entitlements to pay and pension, they sent the will to the civil authorities. For soldiers with a Scottish domicile this was the Commissary Office in Edinburgh. After 1940, the wills were transmitted to Register House in Edinburgh, where they are now preserved by the National Records of Scotland.

Children’s Homes

A new site, [Children’s Homes](#) is dedicated to providing historical information on the various institutions that provided homes for children in Britain. This includes orphanages, reformatories, workhouses, poor homes, and so on. Currently there is no individual search function, but this may change. Another interesting site by the author, Peter Higgenbottom, is [The Workhouse](#), which provides fascinating information about these institutions.

First World War Society

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, OGS has launched a new Heritage Society. The First World War Society is a lineage Society open to anyone who can show descent from a person who served in a documented capacity on the Allied side of the First World War. To qualify for this society, your research must show that your named ancestor(s) fits in the category above, and then show the line of descent from that ancestor(s) to you or the person you wish named on the certificate. For more information and an application form visit the Heritage Societies area on the [OGS website](#).

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Lives of the First World War

The website Lives of the First World War formally launched on May 12, 2014. The objective of the website (as the name would suggest) is to bring material from various sources (museums, archives, personal family collections, and so on) together on one interactive website. It will cover people's stories from both the warfront and the home front in the UK. The website is run by DC Thomson Family History, better known for their FindMyPast websites.

Manitoba Probate Records

Indexes to five districts, namely Eastern (Winnipeg), Western (Brandon), Southern (Morden), Central (Portage la Prairie) and Dauphin are on the [Manitoba Provincial Archives](#) site. Full text of probate files for all districts including St. Boniface and Northern (Minnedosa) up to 1930 are at Familysearch.org. There is an index for St. Boniface, but to see the index for the Northern (Minnedosa) district, you still have to read the microfilm at the archives. Note that the Archives use the names in parentheses while Familysearch uses the other names. To find a file, first get the district and file number from the index. Then select the range of file numbers and browse the images. You can enter page numbers to fast forward or backtrack easily, but it can still be a little tedious because if you land in the middle of a file you have to proceed one page at a time to see what file you are on.

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Japanese American Confinement Sites

University of California's Bancroft Library has launched a website that documents [Japanese American confinement sites](#) established during World War II. Among about 100,000 original manuscripts are personal narratives and documents that detail everyday life at the sites. This digital archive is freely searchable and PDF files of the original documents can be downloaded at no charge.

Origins Joins Findmypast

The genealogy company Origins has announced that it has been purchased by Findmypast. Origins indicates that it will still be accessible to its customers: "All of the records currently on Origins will over time be made available on Findmypast and we'd like to reassure you that you will still be able to enjoy researching your family history with Origins."

South African Records

The Genealogy Society of South Africa is transcribing [South African documents](#) which will be freely available to the public. The transcription project is ongoing, but many are now online. Most records thus far are from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Access is free.

Web Updates

Ancestry

[British Columbia, Estate Files, 1859-1949](#) (browsing only)
[Cornwall England, Parish Registers, 1538-2010](#) (browsing only)
[Canada 1825 and 1842 Lower Canada Censuses](#)
[New Brunswick, County Deed Registry Books](#) (browsing only)
[New Zealand Birth Index, 1840-1950](#)
[New Zealand, Marriage Index, 1840-1934](#)
[Sweden, Church Records, 1500-1941](#)
[Washington, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882-1961](#)

FamilySearch

If you're looking for new databases in a particular location, choose your location from the FamilySearch home page and then skim the lists noting the dates that the data has been added. This is a great help when you're revisiting brick wall individuals in your research. Limited space allows us to post only a few recently added or supplemented databases that may be of interest to our members:

[England Bristol Parish Registers 1538-1900](#)
[England Cornwall and Devon Parish Registers](#)
[England Dorset Parish Registers, 1538-1936](#)
[Ontario Births, 1869-1912](#)

findmypast

[Ontario Births, 1869-1912](#)
[Royal Artillery Attestations 1883-1942](#)
[Royal Artillery Other Ranks casualty cards 1939-1946](#)
[Irish census returns 1821-1951 \(surviving\)](#)
[Shropshire Parish Registers](#)

RootsIreland

RootsIreland was created by the Irish Family History Foundation. "This website contains a unique set of Irish family history records including Birth, Death, Marriage and Gravestone records the majority of which are only available online on this website and cannot be found online elsewhere." After registering, 110 free credits are available for searches.

Church Name	County	Denomination	Type	Years
Antrim	Antrim	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1828-1844
Blaris (Lisburn)	Antrim	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1720-1750, 1763-1819
Carrickfergus	Antrim	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1740-1875
Christ Church, Belfast (Shankill)	Antrim	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1855-1868
Aghaderg	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1814-1870
Comber	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1684-1877
Donaghadee	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1771-1845
Down	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1749-1857
Dromore	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1784-1816, 1858-1871
Drumballyrone	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1838-1871
Kilcoo	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1786-1829
Kilmore	Down	Church of Ireland	baptisms	1823-1856

Future Guest Speakers

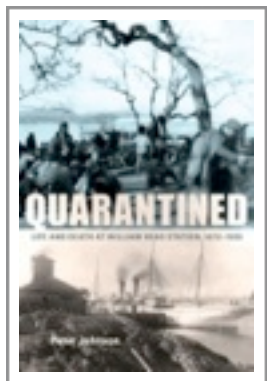
September 15, 2014

Peter Johnson

***Quarantined: Life and Death
at William Head Station, 1872-1959***

When British Columbia joined Confederation in 1871, the Federal government was obliged to construct a quarantine facility for Canada's West Coast. Twenty-five years later Ottawa still had delivered little. B.C.'s struggle to establish a fully-operative quarantine facility was dogged from the outset by the economics of indifference, the politics of patronage and the histrionics of racial prejudice. Yet when completed, the William Head Quarantine Station was larger than Quebec's Grosse Ile facility and more significant than the infamous Ellice Island Station in New York City. Its early stories of daring escapes, missed diagnoses, and unredeemed loves, add poignancy to its later successes through two world wars and the consequent treatment of smallpox, leprosy, meningitis and polio. With an early, vital Nanaimo connection, the William Head Quarantine Station stood as a substantial milestone in the development of British Columbia's Public Health policy. Closed on the eve of the resurgence of new infectious diseases, the story of William Head has lessons for us all.

Peter's talk will be illustrated through CD slides of rare, archival photographs.



October 20, 2014

Davie Hill-Turner

This presentation is on "Whistle Farm." Additional information will be available soon.



Strangers In The Box

Come, look with me inside this drawer,
 In this box I've often seen,
 At the pictures, black and white,
 Faces proud, still, serene.
 I wish I knew the people,
 These strangers in the box,
 Their names and all their memories
 Are lost among my socks.
 I wonder what their lives were like,
 How did they spend their days?
 What about their special times?
 I'll never know their ways.
 If only someone had taken time
 To tell who, what, where, or when,
 These faces of my heritage
 Would come to life again.
 Could this become the fate
 Of the pictures we take today?
 The faces and the memories
 Someday to be passed away?
 Make time to save your stories,
 Seize the opportunity when it knocks,
 Or someday you and yours could be
 The strangers in the box.

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MEMBERS' MISCELLANY

Article Update Leonard Arthur Morley

In the 2013 fall issue of AnceTree, we printed an article from Vicki Beamish about her uncle, Private Leonard Arthur Morley. In the article, Vicki detailed the discovery of the remains of fifteen British WWI soldiers at a building site near Lille, France. Through DNA, the Ministry of Defence was in the process of attempting to identify the men. With Vicki's DNA and that of a male relative, Private Leonard Morley was identified. Vickie's note to the editor is below:

I have been informed by SPVA-DMS JCCC Commem SO3 (Raftree, Sue D) that one of the bodies found in Beaucamp-Ligny is indeed that of my uncle Pte. Leonard Arthur Morley. I was informed on the 18th March and there was a meeting in Sheffield on the 20th March to provide information to the families regarding details of the general investigation, life in the regiment, and some details of the DNA investigation. I was unable to attend.

There will be a burial service on Wednesday 22 October 2014, at Y Farm Cemetery, Bois Grenier, France at 10:00 hours. The burial will be a full military funeral and the 58 families involved have been invited to attend.

There were fifty-eight soldiers killed in this battle who have no known grave. Fifteen bodies of our soldiers were found and of these, ten have been positively identified. I understand that the press are to be notified soon.

Family History Center (LDS) Library Hours

The regular hours of the Nanaimo Family History Centre, 2424 Glen Eagle Crescent are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thank you to the NFHS members who contributed to this edition: Phil Brookman, Linda Malpass, Margaret Mann, and Ron Blank for their contributions to honouring our WWI ancestors. Also, a thank you to Jacquie Jessop for her guide to maps and genealogy.

For a number of years your editor has been developing a linked families file for Whitstable and Seasalter, Kent – both homes in my paternal ancestry. WWI casualties had already been entered prior to 2014, but it happened that access to the parish registers of these places became available on line this year, and so I found myself recording the baptisms of those who were to fall in France, on the seas, and elsewhere within twenty years or so after their baptisms. For a short while, I found myself thinking of them and their short lives. It is in thinking of them that we honour them, and this is the intent of the pages in this edition of AnceTree that focus on the lives of five of our membership's ancestors. It is my hope that we can extend these pages through the fall and winter editions this year. Please contribute to these pages.

Your journal is dependent on contributions by members – these are the articles for which we receive very positive feedback. Read around the world, your articles result in new contacts and further information on your family.

If you have a submission, please forward it to our society – mark clearly in the subject line of your email that your article is for AnceTree. If you haven't received an acknowledgement reply from your editor within a day or two, please resend the submission.



A Day With Cyndi
Nanaimo Family History Society
Saturday October 11, 2014
9:00 AM — 5:00 PM
Beban Park Social Center 2300 Bowen Road Nanaimo, BC
Presented by Cyndi Ingle, owner/creator of Cyndi's List

Evaluating Web Sites: 14 Years Later

Years ago Cyndi presented a lecture titled Evaluating Web Sites. All these years later several things have changes, while many things have stayed the same. How can you know whether what you find online is accurate and reliable? We'll discuss how to delve into online datasets and determine the original source of the materials, and then how to evaluate the material you find there.

Productive Social Networking: A Genealogist's Water Cooler

It seems that the Internet and social networking both were made just for genealogists. Social networking can be a productive research venue. Share tools, methodologies, and advice with fellow genealogists. Interact with family members — both genealogists and non-genealogists — to share photos, documents, and stories of your common ancestors. Host collaborative research projects with others. We will discuss how to spend your social networking time in ways that will help you move your research efforts forward.

Foreign Language Tools for English Language Genealogists

Whether you're reading an old letter, a record on microfilm, or a website in a foreign language, don't despair. There are several tools and options available to help you get a basic idea of what it is you're reading without taking a foreign language class. We'll explore various ways to use these tools to help decipher key words and special alphabet characters, moving you a bit further along in your research.

Question and Answer Session

Conference Fee: \$50 NFHS members and \$60 non-members.

Coffee and tea provided

Please bring a bag lunch

For further information, please contact Jan Nelson at [NanaimoFamilyHistory](http://NanaimoFamilyHistory.com).

Registration forms are available at our [NFHS web page](http://NFHS.com)

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