



Vancouver Public Library

# Genealogical Resources

An occasional newsletter of the  
History & Government Division  
Vancouver Public Library

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## Recent Additions to the Collection

Items listed below without a REF. designation may be borrowed. Call **604-331-3716** to place a hold, or place your hold online at [www.vpl.ca](http://www.vpl.ca) REF. items must be used in the library.

**Air Force records for family historians**  
by William Spencer, 2000  
(929.341 F78ai)

**Back to the land: a genealogical guide to finding farms on the Canadian prairies**  
compiled by Dave Obee, 2001  
(REF. 929.3712 O12b)

**Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels, Bd. 124-126** (REF. 929.7 G32)

**Genealogy online** by Elizabeth Powell Crowe, 2001 (929.10285 C95g)

**Tracing Scottish ancestors** by Rosemary Bigwood, 2001 (929.3411 B59t)

**Unpuzzling your past: the best-selling basic guide to genealogy** by Emily Anne Croom, new 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 2001  
(929.1 C94u2)

Cemetery transcriptions from the B.C. Genealogical Society

**Capilano View Cemetery, 1928-1982, West Vancouver, B.C.**, [1991]  
(REF. 929.5 C24b)

**Fraser Cemetery, New Westminster, B.C.**, 1993. 2 vol. (REF. 929.5 F84h)

**Jewish cemeteries**, 1996. (REF. 929.5 B862b)

**Masonic Cemetery, 4305 Halifax Street, Burnaby, B.C.**, 1996. 2 vol.  
(REF. 929.5 B96m)

**St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, New Westminster, B.C.**, 1992.  
(REF. 929.5 S14h)

Note: the records transcribed in the above publications may also be found online using the B.C. Cemetery Finding Aid:  
<http://www.islandnet.com/bccfa/homepage.html>

## Vital Events Update

We have received many queries regarding availability of the most recent public release of B.C. vital events records: 1901 births, 1926 marriages, and 1981 deaths.

Although the microfilms were ordered from the B.C. Archives early in January, we have not yet received them. We hope that they will arrive soon. A notice will be posted on our genealogy web pages when the films are here. Meanwhile, do not hesitate to call us at 604-331-3603 for an update on their status.

We have also been in touch with the Archives of Ontario regarding the release of the next set of vital events indexes for that province. The films are not yet available, but we will order them as soon as it becomes possible to do so.

## Genealogy Programs at the Vancouver Public Library

The History and Government Division offers free genealogy workshops, approximately once a month. These workshops provide an overview of resources available at VPL, and a tour of the History and Government Division.

Spring workshop dates:

- **Saturday, April 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday, May 11, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday, June 8, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

To register, please call 604-331-3603 and ask for the History Division. Participants must be familiar with basic computer operations, such as using a mouse, etc.

## Genealogy Programs and Events in the Lower Mainland

**Saturday, March 23, 2002**  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### **Spring Fayre**

British Columbia Genealogical Society

More information:

- Jean List: 604-431-6149

**Saturday, March 23, 2002**  
**1:30-3:30 p.m.**

### **Writing Your Family's Life**

Surrey Public Library

Cost: \$10.00

More information: 604-576-1384 (local 6)

**Tuesday, April 16, 2002**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

### **Genealogy on the Internet**

Surrey Public Library

Cost: \$10.00

More information: 604-501-5855

**Saturday, April 20, 2002**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### **Genealogy on the Internet**

Surrey Public Library

Cost: \$10.00

More information: 604-501-5855

**Saturday, May 4, 2002**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

### **Roots Around the World**

Abbotsford Genealogical Society Seminar 2002

More information:

- Dianne Luck: 604-850-8483
- Lois Martin: 604-853-8570
- Fay Hicks via e-mail: [fdjh@shaw.ca](mailto:fdjh@shaw.ca)

**Saturday, May 4, 2002**

**10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

### **Loyalist Research**

Surrey Public Library

Cost: \$10.00

More information: 604-576-1384 (local 6)

## Post-1901 Census Consultations

As many genealogists are aware, there is a public debate regarding the release of the 1911 Canadian census. The records are currently held by Statistics Canada, which recently contracted with the Environics Research Group to hold a series of public hearings across the country. The Vancouver Public Library was represented at a meeting held in Vancouver on Wednesday, January 30. Full details on all of the public hearings can be found on Environics Research Group website at <http://erg.environics.net/>

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