

## **BCGS Canadian Prairies Coffee Chat, October 12, 2023.**

### **Research Ideas from the members at the Prairies Coffee Chat**

Advice for members:

**Own** your site in case it disappears over time. Also advised that members buy their own genealogy program in order to retain the information researched.

**Discover** the Books at the BCGS Library for the Prairie Provinces in the Library Catalogue at <https://www.bcgs.ca/>

### **TOWN HISTORIES**

Town Histories for each Province are available at the BCGS Library. Check the BCGS website, Library Collection. <https://20575.rmwebopac.com/>

The Local History Room, Frances Morrison Library, Saskatoon, SK:  
<https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/collections/local-history/>

**Campbell River Genealogy Society** has many Prairies research books also and can do lookups. Our library catalogue is available on our website.  
<https://www.crgenealogysociety.ca/>

The **University of Manitoba** has local histories of Manitoba online - digital copies of the books:  
[https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3Amanitobia\\_books](https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3Amanitobia_books)

Town Histories are also available at the Surrey Library – **Cloverdale**.  
<https://www.surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history>

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The group reviewed the **Exchange Journals** which are online on the BCGS website for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. See the BCGS website at  
<https://www.bcgs.ca/members-resources> Available free to members.

Also check out the many Journals available on the shelves at the BCGS Library.

**Linda Yip Genealogy: PAST PRESENCE** suggested the following sites:

- Saskatoon, Canada eHealth births and deaths index:  
[http://genealogy.ehealthsask.ca/vsgs\\_srch.aspx](http://genealogy.ehealthsask.ca/vsgs_srch.aspx)
- Genealogy Gold, Part 1: the who., what, why, where and how of local history books in the Canadian prairies <https://past-presence.com/2019/08/04/genealogy-gold-the-who-what-why-where-and-how-of-local-history-books-in-the-canadian-prairies/>

- Genealogy Gold, Part 2: Finding local histories using Family Search and Facebook <https://past-presence.com/2019/08/11/genealogy-gold-part-2-finding-local-histories-using-family-search-facebook/>
- **Legal Land Converter:** This is a great online map online of prairies and districts: Link for map finder <https://www.legallandconverter.com>

### Other Research Ideas:

**PEEL PRAIRIE PROVINCES** Bruce Peel Special Collections -University of Alberta , Town Newspapers. <https://bpsc.library.ualberta.ca/>

The new site for Peels is on Internet Archive at <https://archive.org/details/peel/>

Henderson Directories are included in Peels Prairie Provinces.

A discussion of named Districts suggests one enquire of the local Genealogical Public Library.

The Calgary Public Library has a growing Family History section.

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Where would the repository for **court or prison records** be ca. 1920s-1940s?  
For...Calgary? Census records may have the person's name.

Manitoba court records: [https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/microfilm/recs\\_court.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/microfilm/recs_court.html)

For criminal cases, contact the court that held the trial.

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