

BCGS CANADIAN PRAIRIES GENEALOGICAL COFFEE CHAT - July 22, 2021

ADDITIONS to the April 29, 2021 Handout:

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Land Grants of Western Canada, 1870 – 1930. Updated web address for Library and Archives Canada: <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-grants-western-canada-1870-1930/Pages/land-grants-western-canada.aspx>

Henderson's Directories: All three provinces, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are listed under **Peel's Prairie Provinces** from the University of Alberta. The cities for which the directories are available are included under the province name.

<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/henderson.html>

Provincial Archives of Alberta: <https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/> The Archives are now open. See their website for days and times.

Alberta Genealogical Society: AGS Surname Database: The Alberta Genealogical Society has compiled over 680,000 surnames from grave marker inscriptions, burials records and other types of cemetery records from all over Alberta, including a few cemeteries located across provincial borders in Saskatchewan, and in the Peace River Block of British Columbia. <https://www.abgenealogy.ca/surname-database>

Findmypast adds Manitoba Vital Records: Over 107,000 Manitoba birth index records from 1882 to 1922. Search birth, marriage and death separately on this site:

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/manitoba-birth-index>

Requires a subscription. Read the details of the additions on Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections by John Reid:

https://www.anglocelticconnections.ca/2021/07/03/findmypast-adds-manitoba-vital-records/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-blog

Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan: Church records: The Archives has in its custody many original and microfilm copies of parish registers.

<https://www.saskarchives.com/using-archives/family-history-research/church-records>

Grid Atlas: (formerly LSD Finder) lets you map, convert and share LDSs (legal subdivision) addresses for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

<https://www.gridatlas.com/map/places>

Research Wiki at FamilySearch.org The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a free, online genealogical guide. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites, other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for ancestors. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/FamilySearch_Wiki:FamilySearch_Research_Wiki

Military Research: World Wars I and II et al

Library and Archives Canada: Service Files of the Second World War – War Dead, 1939 – 1947.

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/second-world-war/second-world-war-dead-1939-1947/Pages/files-second-war-dead.aspx>

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Library and Archives Canada - Military Heritage: The records include muster rolls, military service files, unit war diaries, medal registers, photographic collections, documentary art and posters, as well as published sources. <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/Pages/military-heritage.aspx>

Legion Magazine: Canada's Military History Magazine: Search for military service by surname: <https://legionmagazine.com/en/last-post/?mode=collection>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: We honour and care for the men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars, ensuring they will never be forgotten. <https://www.cwgc.org/>

Books of Remembrance: Veteran Affairs Canada The eight Books of Remembrance contain the names of more than 120,000 Canadians who have given their lives in the service of our country. <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books>

GENERAL RESEARCH AREAS

Genealogical Societies: Most genealogical societies specialize in transcribing cemetery records but hold many other types of records as well. Some are branches or affiliates with an umbrella society but many are independent. Google to find the society closest to the town or area you are researching.

Libraries and Museums: Google the local library. Call or email and ask for information about the town/people you are researching. Some will be very helpful. Check regarding cost. Some are free.

Canadiana Online: Monographs · Serials: Periodicals, Annuals and Newspapers · Government Publications. <https://www.canadiana.ca>

UK to Canada Genealogy: Linking your UK Ancestors to Canadian Genealogy Resources. Blog by Penny Allen: Alberta Prairie Towns - pride in their history. Histories of areas and families with descriptions. <http://ukcdngenealogy.blogspot.com/2021/06/alberta-prairie-towns-pride-in-their.html>

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