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FamilyTree Maker Software
Coffee Chat presentation
BC Genealogical Society
facilitator Sharon Syrette

Write your questions and notes here

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Order & download software
<https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html>

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PLAN tab

Home Person: you can set (and change this) from Person tab; click for list

Current Person: the last person you had open

People: number of names in your index

Marriages: number of marriages in the database

File Size: how many KB are used on your hard drive

TASKS : click on new, add description. We use High priority for instructions, Medium priority for follow up, questions to answer. Low Priority to log what work was done; can include how much time

Change Log: people/ data that has been changed,; by date, all changes made

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PLACES LOCATIONS

Must be connected to the Internet to see the central map

Index of places , as you have entered them in the people or facts screen

Consistency is important: Date(s) – can use ‘about 1930’.

Name of location: Mission, British Columbia, Canada

Short : Mission BC (this will show up on charts)

Location: the GPS coordinates; click on map for approximate location

If you have two different spellings, you can **Resolve Place Names** eg. Chilliwack, Chiliwack

Right column will show you a list of **people connected to that place.**

This is one of the most difficult screens to learn, but can be really helpful.

You can get a map showing all the places you have entered for a person.

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MEDIA

can attach photos, documents, vital statistics, newspaper clippings, etc so that all the info is in one place; when you open that person from the index, you can see all the media

Choose to attach file to FTM; title LAST NAME, given name or initial. You can add details in the Media, New which is in the right column

**QUESTIONS and SAMPLES
WILL GO INTO DETAIL AND HELP WITH YOUR
QUESTIONS ON Dec 18th.**

Will be helpful if you have an example that we can put on Share Screen

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SOURCES

Input the most common sources you use

Add additional sources as they come up in your research.

The system is already defined; ‘fill in the info’ the first time, and that info will be added to the index
LAST NAME in caps followed by description will make sure they sort alphabetically

The list will be alphabetical, so think how you want to see the index

- BC Archives Birth records
- BC Archives Baptism records
- BC Archives: Marriage records
- BC Archives: Death records

Canada Census 1901
Canada Census 1911

THERIEALT: Purcell family tree

PETERS, Yvonne – personal knowledge

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PUBLISH

from charts to full book

<p>Collections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists and shows examples of many charts for presenting your information • Experiment: print an example of the charts you might want for the same person; easier to choose next time • Genealogy reports, places, family, media, sources 	<p>Detail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows you an example of what the chart will look like • Choices for layout, font, how many generations, etc. • Check to be sure its correct before printing • Save, print, share options
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Web Search

will appear as links on the far right. Top of your screen
leave these turned off till you want to use them

<p>Google</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will search for any thing you enter • Learn how to do effective Google searches • Can do a Coffee Chat specifically on Google searches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show hints from Family Search – log in from FTM or create an account <p style="text-align: center;">Ancestry link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small green leaf • Click an log in • Can set to download your FTM file to Ancestry (I don't recommend this; prefer keeping them separate
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Tree Vault Cloud Service

Up to date copy of your tree is securely in the cloud
Was free with my first purchase; most recently, an annual fee; worth it for recovery when needed

Chat staff will help if you have a problem

View changes in your FTM tree in real time on your smartphone or tablet.

Can pass your FTM data to the next generation that you select.

New services may be added over time.

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HELP! Guide and chat

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FamilyTreeMakerUsers/>

Sign up and make this your 'go to' place for help
You will be asked to answer questions and then approved as a member

- Click on Guides – you will get an index or 15 sets of instructions that you can print out for reference
- You must do Guide 1.0 and check when its done, then can go to any guide – REALLY HELPFUL

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Guide 1.05: Inviting Friends to Family Tree Maker Users Group

- We all appreciate your support of this group. However, please don't invite friends to the group using the facebook search mechanism.
- Your friends must request to join and answer the pre-admittance questions. Please give them this link! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FamilyTreeMakerUsers/>
- The general FB search allows anyone to see our posts and comments, which means they can even take screenshots and share wherever they'd like, a serious privacy concern
 With the proper link, we pop up at the top of the list.

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British Columbia Genealogical Society


<https://www.bcgs.ca/>

Phone: 604-502-9119 Library Location: [Find us - Directions](#)
 12837-76 Ave, Unit 211, Surrey, BC

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 88054, Lansdowne Mall, Richmond, BC V6X 3T6
 Richmond, BC, Canada, V6X 3T6

Check out our website.
**New Members, Affiliate members
 and volunteers are always welcome**

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Questions ??

- What has worked for you?
- Barriers and brick walls?

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The Family Tree Maker software Coffee Chat is scheduled on the third Monday of each month. Register at the BCGS webpage www.bcgs.ca. Handouts from previous sessions can be downloaded from there, or contact facilitator Sharon Syrette at ancestorconnections@gmail.com

The BC Genealogical Society offers a large number of interest groups – Coffee Chats – that you can join for on-going learning and sharing. Check out their webpage for a complete list.