

Jean Brown: Finding Your Ancestors at the Ottawa Family History Centre



Curious about Family History Centres and what they have to offer Genealogical Researchers? Come discover the history of the Family History Centre and the resources that are available when you visit. Need some help with your research or access to local records? The Family History Centre has dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers ready to assist you. A tour of the Ottawa Ontario Family History Centre is also provided. Get a hands-on look at what is available inside and online.

Jean has been researching family history records in Ontario for 36 plus years. She volunteers and teaches at the Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre a basic genealogy course with Gloria Tubman. The course has an emphasis on the FamilySearch website. This program has been running for the past 5 years at the computer lab in the Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre.

Chris Dunn: Through the Eyes of a Child



Tracing a family of British Home Children in Canada and what resources are available to find your BHC ancestors.

Chris Dunn, first became interested in genealogy from a Grade 9 history project where they had to make a family tree. 29 years later he still does genealogy work daily and currently is a volunteer as a Ward Temple and Family History Consultant and member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Ken McKinlay: Top Ten Tips and Tricks for Finding Your Ancestors



Knowing where to look for information is often the challenge when trying to find your sometimes elusive ancestors. Ken will share the various tips and tricks that he had used when researching his own family tree or assisting others in their endeavors to learn more about their family history.

Ken McKinlay's foray into his family tree research started with three simple family stories that he wanted to confirm or refute. He has now been researching his family tree for over 18 years and discoveries are still being made. He has given talks for several branches of the Ontario Ancestors (formerly the Ontario Genealogical Society), BIFHSGO, and the Ottawa Public Library. His talks generally focus on methodologies and providing the skills needed to help solve those brick wall problems.

Shirley-Ann Pyefinch: Finding Your Ancestors with FamilySearch.org



Wondering how to find your ancestors in FamilySearch and manage your Family Tree? Learn what free resources about your ancestors are available for you at FamilySearch. Learn how to use other free tools like Family Tree, and Memories to preserve your family history for generations.

Shirley-Ann Pyefinch has been researching her family history for over 40 years, and has taught workshops on family history and preservation throughout Ontario. She volunteers at the Ottawa Family History Centre where you can meet with her for one-on-one research assistance.

John D. Reid: Finding Our Ancestors in Newspapers



Chances are there is information to be found about your family history recorded in a newspaper that, when discovered, will be news to even the most diligent researcher. That information has often been carefully preserved on microfilm — and difficult to access. We explore sources to determine what’s available, and where to find it.

Digitization and optical character recognition technology, still imperfect, are making millions of frames of newspaper microfilm searchable online. Learn how to make use of digitized newspapers to help your family history search.

Since retiring as an environmental scientist John spent most of the last two decades exploring his family history, as speaker, author, and as an advocate for family and local history. A member of the Society of Genealogists, BIFHSGO, OGS, and the Guild of One-Name Studies, John currently serves on the advisory panel for Ancestry.ca, and the External Review Committee for the LAC Documentary Heritage Communities Program. Since 2006 his blog, Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections, now with more than 10,000 posts, has been an independent view of family history resources and developments seen from an Ottawa perspective.

Gloria Tubman: Researching in a Canadian Community



This workshop will offer various resources that one can use when searching for family. Along with the usual: census, civil registration, and military records lesser used resources: church records, cemetery markers, municipal valuation rolls, newspapers, and photographs will be discussed. The resources covered can be utilized for any community.

Gloria Tubman’s interest in genealogy and local history led to authoring *A Genealogists’ Guide to Researching British Home Children* and the “Genealogy Gleanings” in *The Equity*, Shawville’s weekly newspaper. Her areas of research include British Home Children, Quebec, Ottawa Valley and the families of Pontiac County. Has done research for “Who Do You Think Your Are?” Co-instructor of the genealogy course offered at Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Center and volunteers at the Ottawa Public Library Centerpointe branch Genealogy Drop-In.

RootsTech Video Workshops:

- **The Silent Language of the Stones, Reading Gravestones Through Symbols and Carvings** by Joy Neighbors. Symbols and icons have been used on tombstones for centuries, but it was not until the mid-1800s that this secret language on the stones became popular.
- **The Research Road Map, Your Path to Success** by Amy Johnson. Having a research plan is more than making a to-do list. See how having a good plan is essential to making progress in your research and making it less frustrating.
- **Writing and Publishing a Family History: 10 Steps** by Penelope Stratton. Learn the process of writing and publishing, breaking it down into 10 steps, from making the mental shift from research to writing to printing or publishing your family history.