

Bulkley Valley Genealogical Society

"Connecting Your Heirlines" Conference



Saturday May 5, 2018

Sunday May 6, 2018

*Seniors Activity Centre
4018 Mountainview Drive
Smithers, BC*

Registration Required

BVGS Members

Early Bird \$60.00
(Registered and paid by March 21 2018)

Regular Registration (after March 21) \$85.00

Non Members

Early Bird \$75.00
(Registered and paid by March 21, 2018)

Regular Registration (after March 21) \$100.00

Pre-Conference Event (Friday May 4)

Trace Your Roots & Share Your Story

Write Your Family History Workshop

\$20.00 per person

Speakers

Xenia Stanford



- ◆ Use Ten Steps to Smash through Brick Walls in Eastern European Genealogy
- ◆ Search Ancestry Like A Pro Not Like Alice In Wonderland
- ◆ Beyond the Basics: Find Elusive Records at FamilySearch

Friday Pre-Conference Event

- ◆ Trace your Roots and Share Your Story

Paul Jones



- ◆ DNA Testing For The Non-expert
- ◆ Finding "Lost Cousins"
- ◆ Getting Everything Out Of a Family Photo - a Dramatic Case Study.

Jamie Brown



- ◆ Cloverdale Family History Department -- Family History Jewels
- ◆ Family History on the Cheap

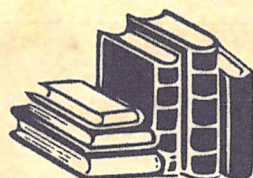
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Pre-Conference Lecture



Location:
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7:00 pm



Trace Your Roots and Tell Your Story

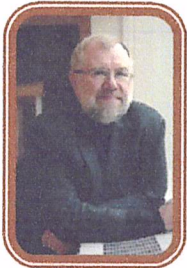
Level: Intermediate

2 - hours length in, additional work before and after

A workshop for you, if you are ready to start writing. Before you can write you must do some tracing, but starting research with the end in sight is how to meet your goals. How you want to share your story effects what research you need to do. And all of that depends upon your audience and your purpose. There will be pre-workshop assignment sheets. Workshop time will focus on instruction, discussion and writing. Each participant will receive a copy of Xenia Stanford's books "Oh, What a Character! " and "101 Ways to See, Hear, Feel and Understand the Power of Inner Language: Improve Your Communication from Bedroom to Board-room"



"Connecting Your Heirlines" Conference Speakers



Paul Jones

Paul Jones is a past chair of Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), a graduate of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, a co-founder of the Toronto History Lecture, a past chair of the annual OGS Conference, a former director of Canada's History Society, the author since 2010 of the "Roots" column in *Canada's History* magazine, and a regular speaker at genealogical conferences and meetings. Apart from researching his own and other families, he is gathering information on genealogical frauds, hoaxes and delusions.



Xenia Stanford

Xenia is an award-winning writer, award-winning editor, popular genealogical speaker and highly regarded researcher. She is a professional genealogist with over 40 years' experience. She has written many articles for genealogy magazines and was the editor of the Alberta Family Histories Society journal *Chinook*, when it twice won the National Genealogical Society Newsletter Competition. She also won an international writing competition and has authored several books including a memoir, the sold out "Pigtail Times at Taimi: True Tales from My One-Room School." As well she has written many family histories for her family and for others. She also has edited professional books and articles for authors around the world and ghostwritten and/or edited many books for North American authors. For more, see <https://familyrootstracer.com/about/>



Jamie Brown

Jamie has been interested in family history since she was a young girl on her grandfather's lap. Knowing that he was the son of a pioneer in Surrey, BC, gave her something to talk about - and sparked her interest. She spent years writing letters, trekking to cemeteries, archives and museums, and travelled to Ireland in the 90s, all on the genealogy quest. And then came the internet - fast forward and full speed ahead! Then in April 2011 she landed her "dream job" in the Family History Department at the Cloverdale branch of Surrey Libraries. How lucky was she to be able to research to her heart's content on the job! Her interests include solving puzzles of any kind, including family history brick walls, and loves helping others do the same.

Saturday

8:00 am *Registration*

8:45 am *Welcome*

9:00 am *Paul Jones*

Finding "lost cousins": There are many reasons to search for "lost cousins" (technically, "descendant tracing"). But how do you go about it? Ancestors leave records as to where they have lived, not where they and their descendants will live. Going forward in time requires different methods, and even a different mindset, from traditional genealogical research. This nuts-and-bolts session and its detailed hand-out offer a proven methodology that can be replicated by any researcher. Examples will illustrate the different challenges faced in researching forward in Canada, the US and Britain.

10:15 am *Coffee Break*

10:45 am *Xenia Stanford*

Beyond the Basics: Find Elusive Records at FamilySearch
If you think all there is to FamilySearch is putting in names to see what pops up and then maybe restricting by place, date or family members, you may be missing the billions of documents for which this basic search won't work. Discover the many ways to focus on what you need and skip the records that don't apply. Even find your people in records not yet indexed.

12:00 pm *Lunch Break*

1:30 pm *Jamie Brown*

Family History on the Cheap: Fee-based sites can make research expensive. This session will focus on how to get the best "bang for your buck" when using fee-based sites, and also look at the wide-world of quality free resources available to you. Join us for money-saving tips, savvy strategies, and a host of great resources. Your input is welcomed to develop a list of the best free family history sites for the end of the session.

2:45 pm *Coffee Break*

3:15 pm *Paul Jones*

DNA testing for the non-expert: This is a new lecture based on a series of columns that I published in *Canada's History* magazine in recent issues. In non-technical terms, it introduces the various kinds of DNA testing available to genealogists and describes when and why each could be helpful in solving a genealogical problem. More importantly it offers an approach to DNA testing that avoids the trap of "I've had my DNA tested, now what do I do?" DNA testing can be an immensely powerful tool if used properly. But it can also be an expensive and frustrating waste of time if done badly. You'll be on the winning side if you follow the practical guidance offered in this lecture and its hand-out.

4:30 pm *Closing Remarks*

Sunday

8:45 am *Welcome*

9:00 am *Xenia Stanford*

Search Ancestry Like a Pro Not Like Alice in Wonderland .You see a leaf and off you go following it down a rabbit hole but learn it is not a leaf on your family tree. Don't write off Ancestry.com (.ca) as only other people's family trees. There are billions of records that you may miss while running after some misleading leaf. Learn tips and tricks to make Ancestry work for you and not lead you down the rabbit hole of false information for your family.

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Cloverdale Family History Department – Fun Facts and Finds:

Those rare gems that enrich your family tree (or help you break through a brick wall) are often found where you may not have thought to look – like the special family history collection at Cloverdale Library in Surrey, BC. This session, for beginning and experienced researchers alike, will have great gems revealed. Finds formatted in print, online, and microfilm resources defined.

12:00 pm *Lunch Break*

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Use Ten Steps to Smash through Brick Walls in Eastern European Genealogy .This step-by-step guide will assist you in tracing your Eastern European ancestors. Countries covered include the

former Austria-Hungarian Empire and former USSR, such as Poland, Ukraine, Russia (e.g. Germans from Russia). When the Berlin Wall came crashing down, genealogists looked forward to much easier experiences in finding their ancestors in these countries. For many, hopes were dashed because these are still among the most difficult countries for access to records —difficult but not impossible when you follow these steps. Level: All

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3:15 pm *Paul Jones*

Getting everything out of a family photo -- a dramatic case study: Every branch of a family from Victoria, BC, owned a copy of this beloved photo, but no one could say when and where it had been taken. India? England? Victoria? This case study dramatically uncovers not only where and on what occasion the shot was taken but also identifies a unique characteristic of the photo, forgotten by recent generations, that made it so beloved to those portrayed in it. To arrive at his conclusions, the presenter marshalled a wide variety of genealogical sources and techniques and called upon the expertise of many people, including the Photo Detective, Maureen Taylor. Have you gotten everything you can from your family photos?

4:30 pm *Closing Remarks*

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Tickets are limited
Register early to take advantage of early bird discounts

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Seminar Fees:

Options & Deadlines	BVGS Members	BVGS Non-Members
EARLY BIRD - On or before March 21, 2018	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00
STANDARD - On or after March 22, 2018	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00
Pre-Conference Lecture: Friday 7:00 pm Trace Your Roots And Share Your Story	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00

- Admission is not guaranteed until payment is received in full.
- Cancellations will be accepted no later than midnight, Friday April 27, 2018. The fee less a \$20 administration cost will be refunded.
- The fee provides admission to the seminar on May 5 and 6, including: 8 seminar sessions by three speakers, beverages (coffee, tea, water), hot lunch on day one, refreshment breaks, and handout material.
- We have reserved a block of rooms (1 Queen or 2 Queen beds) at the Sunshine Inn (250-847-6668) or other options are available in Smithers.

I agree and acknowledge that representatives of the Bulkley Valley Genealogical Society may take photographs and/or videos that might include my image during the conference. My registration form grants Bulkley Valley Genealogical permission/consent to use these photographs and /or videos.

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