

British Columbia Archives

## GENEALOGY RESEARCH GUIDE

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH RESOURCES AT THE BC ARCHIVES



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### 1 INTRODUCTION

An important source of information for those involved in family history research is the British Columbia Archives. Its holdings include government records, maps, newspapers, as well as personal, family, and other non-governmental records. Researchers who familiarize themselves with the BC Archives' holdings and how to access them will find their search for information more rewarding. Following is an outline of some of the resources available as well as related resources available elsewhere.

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### 2 SELECTED RESOURCES

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#### 2.1 PUBLISHED MATERIAL

The BC Archives has an extensive **library** of published works dealing with British Columbia and Pacific Northwest history, politics, government, natural history, and ethnology. The library's holdings can be searched [online](#).

#### ***Handbooks on Genealogical Research***

Guides to doing family history research and to resources in the BC Archives Library can be found by searching "genealogy" as a keyword search or as a subject. The public library is also a valuable source of genealogy research guides.

#### ***Family Histories***

Family histories are best searched for under the name of a specific family, e.g. Rogers family.

## **Cemetery Listings**

Mostly compiled by volunteers, these listings cover a large number of cemeteries throughout the province and may include transcriptions as well as dates. Search the online library catalogue with the truncated keyword *cemeter\** together with location or by the name of the cemetery. The [BC Cemetery Finding Aid](#) database can assist in determining place of interment.

## **British Columbia City and Provincial Business Directories**

These directories list businesses, individuals, and occupations. Many of them have been microfilmed. Consult the Directories binders on top of the microfilm cabinets in the Reference Room for listings of holdings. The Vancouver Public Library has digitized copies of selected [BC city directories](#) from 1860-1901 on their web site. Some directories can also be found as [Internet Archive](#) texts.

## **British Columbia Telephone Directories**

Consult the *Guide to BC telephone directories* binder in the Reference Room to determine our holdings as well as the directories in which a specific community is listed.

## **Crockford's Clerical Directory (Anglican) 1860 [to date]**

NW283 C938. BC Archives has 1868, 1896, 1910-14, 1916-18, 1920-22, 1923-27, 1929-36, 1941, 1947-50, and 1953-68. This source and the Clergy List cited below provide information on members of the Anglican clergy.

## **Clergy List (Anglican) 1841-1917**

NW283 C629. BC Archives has 1882 and 1911-1916.

## **Army/Navy/Militia Lists**

BC Archives has *Navy List*, 1806-1975 (NW359 N326n); *Royal Navy List*, 1879-1916 (NW359 R888r); *Mercantile Navy List*, 1857-1977 (NW359 M553); *Army List*, 1789-1976 (NW355 M789), *Canada Militia List*, 1867-1925 (NW355 C212); *Canada Defence Forces List*, 1934-1939 (NW355 C212d). Lists include name, rank and date of birth. Holdings are not complete.

## **Nominal Roll of Officers, N.C.O.s & Men, CEF**

NW355 C212 vols. 1-24. List of World War I officers and enlisted men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force by battalion. In addition to name and rank, additional information such as name and address of next of kin, country and date of birth, and former corps, may be given. For an index to CEF personnel files at Library and Archives Canada and digital images of attestation papers, as well as of complete files, see [Personnel Records of the First World War](#).

## **Canadian Who's Who 1910 to date (irregular until 1981, then annual); Index 1898-1984**

BC Archives has 1910, 1917, 1936-1939, and 1948-90 (NW920 C212) and *Index* (NW920 C212c).

### **Who's Who in British Columbia 1931-[1969]**

NW920 W628b. BC Archives has 1931, 1933-34, 1937-39, 1940-41, 1942-43, 1944-46, 1947-48, 1949-50, 1953, 1969 (vols. 1-10).

### **Who's Who in Who's Whos: an Index to Biographical Dictionaries of British Columbians**

NW920 W628m. This publication is a good place to start when looking for individuals in biographical dictionaries. See also [Index of Deaths 1901-1939](#) (includes some earlier and later entries) and [Index of Marriages 1901-1939](#) (by groom and by bride and including some earlier and later entries) as recorded in the *Victoria Times* as well in BC biographical dictionaries, 1890-1953.

### **British Columbia Voters' Lists (by provincial electoral district) 1874 to date**

BC Archives has 1874-1983 (some gaps). Under the *Elections Act*, lists less than 25 years old are not open to the public. Arranged by provincial electoral district and polling division. In addition to names, the lists provide information on occupation and address (for urban areas) or community (for rural locations). Researchers need to know where the individual resided in order to determine the proper electoral district. Although names are listed alphabetically by polling divisions within each electoral district, there is no comprehensive list or index. For the larger urban ridings such as Vancouver and Victoria with a large number of polling stations (identified only by number), city directories can be used to help identify a more precise location. Note that women could not vote until 1917 and various groups were disenfranchised prior to 1952.

### **Electoral History of British Columbia**

NW324.1 B862e. Results, party affiliation, and names of the candidates are included in the election results. There is also an alphabetical list of the successful candidates (with election dates). Available [online](#) together with the 1987-2007 supplement. The *Electoral History* can be used to identify relevant *Statement of Votes* (NW324.711 B862s) which provide the occupation of each candidate. BC candidates for federal elections can be searched on the [History of Federal Ridings since 1867](#) database.

### **Canadian Parliamentary Companion**

BC Archives has 1862-1912 (Microfiche NW328.71 C214a) and 1912-1994 (NW328.71 C214). 1862-1897 available [online](#). Includes brief biographies of federal MPs and provincial MLAs.

### **British Columbia Gazette**

NW320.05 B862, NW320.05 V223, NW320.05 V223g. BC Archives has 1859-1980. Gazettes from 1859-1931 are available [online](#). This weekly publication, accumulated into annual volumes, includes notices of government appointments, land grants and leases, licenses etc. An index for the year is found at the beginning of the bound volume(s) for each year starting in 1873. An index to the colonial gazettes (1859-1872) has been compiled and copies of the indexes from 1873 to 1972 have been bound into separate volumes (NW320.05 B862 index). Commencing in 1958, the *Gazette* was published in two parts, Part II containing regulations, Part I continuing with the remainder. For the *Canada Gazette* (1841-1997), which will cover federal activities, including appointments, in BC, see the Library and Archives [database](#).

### **British Columbia Public Accounts**

BC Archives has 1880-1997 (*NW336.71 B862p*). Also available in the *BC Sessional Papers* (Microfilm *D-30* and [online](#)). *Public Accounts* prior to 1951 provide not only the names and remuneration of persons employed but also the position held or the service provided. From 1951 to 1954 names are listed by vote with only the position of the person in charge identified. Starting in 1954 names are listed alphabetically by Department (later Ministry) or Agency. More recent *Public Accounts* limit employee listings to those with salaries exceeding a specified minimum amount.

### **British Columbia Public Schools (Department of Education) Annual Reports 1872 to date**

BC Archives has 1872-1945 (*NW371.0171*), 1872-1950 (Microfilm *D-31*) and 1872-1982 in the *BC Sessional Papers* (Microfilm *D-30* and [online](#)). This source includes the names of teachers and information about schools.

### **British Columbia Department of Mines Annual Reports 1874 to date**

Reports issued under various names. BC Archives has 1874-1977 and indexes covering 1874-1964 (*NW971.35 B862a*), 1874-2001 (Microfiche *Df-86*) and 1874-1982 in the *BC Sessional Papers* (Microfilm *D-30*). The reports and indexes can also be found [online](#). Older reports in particular include the names of individuals killed or injured in the mining industry.

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## **2.2 HISTORICAL RECORDS, MANUSCRIPTS, AND GOVERNMENT RECORDS**

Researchers seeking historical records, manuscripts, and government records can search the [online database](#) and the old, pre-1975 card catalogue in the Reference Room. Generally, the main entries in the catalogues are based on the name of the organization or individual that produced the record.

A number of the record descriptions include file and/or item level descriptions as well as attached PDF finding aids which provide a detailed description of the contents and allow researchers to narrow their search to particular parts of large record series. Researchers may also wish to consult the government records binders organized by ministry or agency.

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### **2.2.1 GOVERNMENT RECORDS**

#### **Birth, marriage and death records**

##### ***British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency (Birth, Marriage and Death Records)***

Marriage and death registrations date from 1872, birth registrations from 1854. Birth registrations are available 120 years following the date of birth, marriage registrations are available 75 years after the date of marriage, and most death registrations are available 20 years after the date of death. To search for these records see [Genealogy Search](#) on our website which includes images for many – but not all – of the births, marriages and deaths.



### ***British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency Divorce Records 1935-1983***

From 1935 to 1985 the Vital Statistics Branch collected certified copies of final divorce decrees from BC court registries. Those from ca. April 1935 to mid-1983 were microfilmed and are available at the BC Archives ([GR-3255](#)). An index was created for divorces from 1901-1983 and is also available on microfilm at the Archives ([GR-3254](#)). For information on how to search these records see the [reference guide](#). See also the guide to [Divorce Records at the BC Archives](#).

### ***Colonial Secretary Pre-Confederation Marriage Records (Colonial Marriages) 1859-1872***

[GR-3044](#). Copies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia pre-confederation marriage records submitted to the Colonial Secretary by clergy, 1859-1872. They are indexed in the [Genealogy Records](#) database. The volumes contain certified copies of marriage certificates, or returns of marriages, submitted by clergy of various, but not all, denominations. The most notable absence is that of the Church of England (Anglican Church). These records can be found in [MS-0520](#).

## **Census records**

A nominal census attempts to record information about every individual in a given area and is therefore of immense value to genealogists. Note that some records referred to as censuses may only provide aggregate numbers or only name heads of families.

### ***Manitoba and Red River Censuses 1832-1847, 1849, 1856, 1870***

[GR-2017](#). On microfilm (reel B00396). For a list of enumeration districts consult the finding aid.

### ***Canadian Censuses for British Columbia 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911***

[GR-0469](#), [GR-0288](#), [GR-2927](#), [GR-3261](#). The BC Archives has the British Columbia portions of each census on microfilm. Consult the finding aids for reel numbers. Guides are available for [1881](#), [1891](#), [1901](#) and [1911](#), and include information about available indexes, both online and printed. These censuses can also be searched and viewed online at [Library and Archives Canada](#) (LAC). A [database](#) of census records for Vancouver Island and parts of mainland British Columbia for 1881, 1891 and 1901 also exists and includes an 1871 municipal census for Victoria. The 1921 census is available but only on Ancestry.ca

## **Land records**

### ***British Columbia Crown Land Grant Records 1851-1930***

[Crown grants](#) were routinely issued by the Province of British Columbia to convey surface, subsurface, and other rights. The BC Archives has a copy of crown land grant records for 1851-1874 ([GR-3139](#)) and 1869-1930 ([GR-3097](#)); indexes for 1869-1930 ([GR-3096](#)); and auctioneers agreements for 1899-1914 ([GR-3140](#)). The records were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and, except for GR-3140, are also available on [FamilySearch](#). The [Historic Crown Grant Search](#) is an online index searchable by personal or business name, land district, and date. The results can be used to obtain volume and grant number as well as the microfilm

reel number for the record. Indexing was done by volunteers. Note that not all crown grant information is included in these records. Use GR-3096 for a complete index.

### ***British Columbia Pre-emption Records ca. 1859-1970***

[GR-0112](#) contains information on name of the pre-emptor, date, and description of the land. There is an incomplete card index by name of pre-emptor. The Crown Lands Grants Index ([GR-3096](#)) and the [Historic Crown Grant Search](#) can be used to locate completed pre-emptions. Part of GR-0112 was microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and is also available on [FamilySearch](#). See the *Lands Records* and the *Pre-emption and Homestead* guides (available in the Reference Room and [online](#)) for more information about pre-emption and homestead records. See also **Crown Land Grant Records** above.

### ***British Columbia Surveyor of Taxes Assessment Rolls 1876-1948***

[GR-1999](#). On microfilm. The information given concerns owners of property, not necessarily residents. Use the finding aid in the Reference Room to determine taxation district before referring to the microfilm reel list. The records are incomplete. Later records are still in the legal custody of the Ministry of Finance.

### ***Dominion Lands Branch Land Settlement Records for the BC Railway Belt and Peace River Block 1885-1930***

[GR-0436](#). On microfilm. Includes correspondence and applications to homestead in the Railway Belt and Peace River Block. Names of applicants can be searched in the finding aid. See the *Pre-emption and Homestead* guide for additional information about these records. The records are also available on [FamilySearch](#).

## **Immigration records**

As immigration is a federal responsibility, the majority of official records dealing with immigration are in federal custody, mostly at Library and Archives Canada (LAC) in the case of historical records. See the [Immigration](#) page on the LAC website for historical background about immigration records and information about what records are available. The BC Archives has copies on microfilm of some federal immigration records (RG76) dealing with BC, including those described below.

### ***Immigration Branch Central Registry Files***

[GR-1547](#). On microfilm. Includes records which deal with Asian immigration, child immigration and Doukhobor settlements in BC as well as registers of Chinese immigration at the Port of New Westminster, 1887-1908, and headquarters registers of Chinese immigrants and residents, 1885-1903. Consult the subject index in the hard copy finding aid in the Reference Room.

### ***Ships' Passenger Lists 1900-1922 (Vancouver and Victoria)***

[GR-1739](#). Passenger lists were considered official immigration documents until 1935. The lists are organized by port and date of arrival and contain information such as the name, age, country of origin, occupation and destination of each passenger. An LAC database, [Passenger Lists 1865-1922](#), provides access to passenger lists for Canadian ports, including Vancouver

and Victoria for 1900-1922. It can be searched by name of ship, port and date. A related database indexes the names of [Home Children](#) (1869-1930) found in LAC records, including passenger lists. See also NW929.3711 B862d (Victoria ships' passenger departures, 1859-1861) and NW929.3711 V645 (Victoria ships' passenger lists, 1858-1861 arrivals).

### ***Border Entry Lists 1908-1918 (British Columbia)***

[GR-1918](#). Border entry records document the entry of immigrants coming across the border from the United States, some American, others from other countries via American ports, starting in 1908. Prior to that date, no record exists for those crossing the border. Records include age, country of birth, last residence, occupation and destination. The lists are arranged by port and date of entry. The LAC has digitized the microfilm which can be viewed at [Border Entry, 1908-1918](#). An index exists on Ancestry.ca (subscription required). LAC has also digitized the [Border Entry, Form 30, 1919-1924](#) and [Border Entry, 1925-1935](#) microfilm. See the LAC [Border Entries](#) page for more information..

***Naturalization records*** see below under **Court, coroner, and police records**

## **Court, coroner and police records**

### ***British Columbia Coroner's Records 1859-1970***

The contents of these records is often of a sensitive nature, and may include autopsy reports, photographs, jury findings and police reports. Access restrictions apply to records after 1908. See the coroner's records [research guide](#) for more information.

### ***British Columbia Court Records***

Records of civil and criminal proceedings. Holdings of both records and indexes are incomplete and vary from court registry to court registry. The "Court Records Guide" in Binder 7B is out of date but is a useful starting point. Some court records finding aids have nominal lists. Access restrictions may apply. For wills and probate records see below. For divorce records see the [guide](#) to divorce records at the BC Archives.

### ***British Columbia Wills 1861-1980; Index 1861-1981***

On microfilm. Wills probated in BC 1861-1980 ([GR-1052](#), [GR-1574](#), [GR-2009](#)). Indexes to BC probated wills and Victoria probate files 1861-1981 ([GR-1417](#)). See the wills [research guide](#) for more information. The digitized microfilm reels for GR-1617 (indexes) and GR-1052 (1861-1939) are available on [FamilySearch](#).

### ***British Columbia Probate Case Files***

Court records relating to the probate of an estate, with or without a will. Probate files can provide information about property and heirs. Holdings of both records and indexes are incomplete and vary from court registry to court registry. See the probate [research guide](#) for more information.



### ***British Columbia Naturalization and Citizenship Records***

Mostly County Court records, consisting of indexes, record books, registers of certificates, notices of intention to apply, etc. Coverage is incomplete with no records for some registries (e.g. Vancouver) and date coverage varying for others. Prior to 1947 immigrants to Canada could petition the court to become naturalized British subjects (those immigrants already British subjects did not need to apply). Canadian citizenship status was introduced in 1947. These court records are not the official naturalization or citizenship records which are federal documents. For more information see the LAC [Citizenship and Naturalization Records](#) page as well as [Canadian Naturalization 1915-1932](#), which includes a database searchable by name and linked to information about 200,000 naturalized individuals.

### ***British Columbia Provincial Police 1858-1950***

[GR-0055](#) includes a list of constables names and the stations at which they were serving (1889-1929) taken from the *Public Accounts*. [GR-0091](#) consists of personnel records including applications, oath books, pay lists, and nominal rolls. Consult Binder 12 or search the archives collection [database](#) for information about other BCPP records. Access restrictions apply to many of the post-1908 records.

## **Other government records**

### ***Health Care Records***

These consist primarily of patient case files for provincial institutions such as Essondale (Riverview), Tranquille, and Woodlands. Access restrictions apply to these records. See the staff on duty in the Reference Room or contact [privacy@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](mailto:privacy@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca) for information on how to access the records.

### ***Colonial Correspondence ca. 1849-1872***

[GR-1372](#). Inter-governmental and inter-departmental correspondence as well as inward correspondence to the colonial governments of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, 1849-1871. The records are organized by sender (department or individual). The card index in the Reference Room covers files 1-1212a (A-Na), although not all files and records in that range have been indexed. Available on microfilm and as PDF files attached to each file description in our database.

### ***Canadian Confederation Centennial Committee 1967 (British Columbia) and Centennial 1971 Committee (British Columbia)***

[GR-1489](#) and [GR-1490](#). Applications for pioneer medallions for the 1967 centennial of Confederation and the 1971 centennial of British Columbia's entry into Confederation. The forms provide the names of applicants, date and place of birth, names of family members and other genealogical details. Consult the finding aids for additional information. PDFs of the applications are attached to the name files in GR-1490 and will soon be available for GR-1489 name file..

## 2.2.2 NON-GOVERNMENT RECORDS (PRIVATE PAPERS)

### ***Church Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials***

Consult the card and online catalogues under church name, place name, or subject headings (e.g. "Registers of Births," "Religious Records"). [Memory BC](#) can be searched for holdings in other BC repositories. Use the keywords "births", "marriages", "deaths", "baptisms" alone or in combination with "records" or "registers". Information about baptisms was also collected by the BC Vital Statistics Branch; this data is part of the Genealogy Records search but is not linked to any records.

### ***Family Papers and Family Trees***

Genealogical information can often be gleaned from such family papers as correspondence, diaries, etc. The BC Archives also has a few family trees. Search the old manuscript card catalogue and the Archives Collection Search under the family name.

### ***Colonial Farm Settlers on the Mainland of British Columbia 1858-1871 (1939)***

[MS-0700](#). Available on microfilm (A00819). Compiled by F.W. Laing "from original records in the Department of Lands and from documents in the Provincial Archives at Victoria." Includes an index.

### ***Alexander Begg Collection***

[MS-0467](#). This collection includes three volumes of questionnaires distributed to settlers in the North West Territory in 1884-85.

### ***Hudson's Bay Company Records***

[MS-2053](#) is a finding aid which allows researchers to determine the reel numbers for microfilmed records at the Hudson Bay Archives which can be borrowed through their local library on interlibrary loan. See the [HBC Archives](#) web site for more information and to search its holdings for additional material. To identify BC Archives holdings of HBC records, search the old manuscript card catalogue as well as online (Textual Records) for "Hudson's Bay Company", as well as names and personnel.

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## 2.3 NEWSPAPERS

The BC Archives has a large collection of BC [newspapers on microfilm](#). However, other than the *Daily Colonist* for 1858-1939, the major 20th century Vancouver and Victoria papers (*Sun*, *Province*, *Times*, *News Herald*, *World*) are not included. These can be accessed at university and public libraries.

Some newspapers are available at no charge online, notably the [British Colonist 1858-1950](#) and those on UBC's [BC Historical Newspapers](#) site. A number of BC newspapers are also found on [www.newspapers.com/](http://www.newspapers.com/); a subscription is required for access.

Indexes to the content of newspapers held at the BC Archives are selective. The clipping file index, on microfiche, is an index of selected newspaper articles (1858-1983) can be searched by subject, name, or place. Each entry contains the title of the article, the name of the newspaper, the date, the page number, and indicates if the article is also included in the vertical file collection. The vertical file is a collection of over 88,000 files on various subjects that provides easy access to newspaper articles on a given topic. The vertical files have been microfilmed (*D-19*) and are available in the Reference Room. An alphabetical list of file titles, contained in four large black volumes, provides reel and starting frame number. The online "[Index of Historical Victoria Newspapers, 1858-1936](#)" is also selective but includes many personal names.

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## **2.4 SOUND RECORDINGS**

Consisting largely of interviews, most of the holdings are described. The descriptions can be searched online by title, creator/author, date, places shown and subject, as well as other parameters. Onsite researchers may also make use of the sound recordings card catalogue and finding aids that provide further details about some of the collections. Transcripts exist for some of the recordings and are noted on the online descriptions. A series, *Sound Heritage*, published by the BC Archives (1972-1983) includes excerpts from many oral history interviews as well as historical context.

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## **2.5 FILM**

Researchers interested in archival film and video should consult the [Film](#) page on the BC Archives web site. The descriptions are searchable online by title, subject, creator/author, date, places shown and other parameters.

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## **2.6 PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART (PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND PRINTS)**

The photographs and art in our collections provide visual documentation of the history of the province from its earliest colonial days, and offer a vital resource to researchers of all kinds, from genealogists to biologists, anthropologists to art historians. Many of the visual images in the collection are accessible through the Archives Collection Search.

The Historical Photograph (HP) files are arranged by location (General Files), family name (Portrait Files), and subject heading (Subject Files). Copies of some photograph collections have been put into binders by theme or photographer. Colour slides and black and white photographs of art works are also available.

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## **2.7 CARTOGRAPHIC RECORDS (MAPS, PLANS, ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS)**

Only a portion of our maps are described online.

Card catalogues in the map reference area list cartographic records by author, title, subject, date, and/or by National Topographic Series (NTS) number.

Finding aids are available that make locating a map easier if it happens to be part of a series. Our Victoria fire insurance plans covering 1891-1913 have been digitized and are available on the University of Victoria Library [website](#). Created to assist insurance underwriters in determining fire insurance risk, these coloured maps, using a scale of 50 feet to 1 inch, provide detailed information about streets and buildings including use, construction material, shape, height and number of floors, functions, fuel, and fire protection. Buildings used by Chinese, Japanese and Indians were identified.

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### 3 OTHER GUIDES

*Genealogy Resources for British Columbians*

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/birth-adoption-death-marriage-and-divorce/births/vsa006.pdf>

*A Guide to Researching Genealogy at the Cloverdale Library : British Columbia*

<https://surreylibraries.ca/sites/default/files/BCProvincialGuide.pdf> (For other guides and resources at the Cloverdale Library see <https://surreylibraries.ca/services/family-history>)

AVITUS - The Directory of Canadian Genealogical Resources

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/avitus/Pages/avitus.aspx>

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### 4 WEB ADDRESSES FOR CITED ONLINE RESOURCES NOT ON BC ARCHIVES WEB SITE

British Columbia Cemetery Finding Aid (BCCFA)

[www.islandnet.com/bccfa/](http://www.islandnet.com/bccfa/)

British Columbia City Directories (VPL)

<https://bccd.vpl.ca/>

British Columbia Department of Mines Annual Reports

[www.empr.gov.bc.ca/Mining/Geoscience/PublicationsCatalogue/AnnualReports/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx](http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/Mining/Geoscience/PublicationsCatalogue/AnnualReports/Pages/AnnualReports.aspx)

British Columbia Gazette

<https://archive.org/details/bcgazette>

British Columbia Sessional Papers

[https://open.library.ubc.ca/search?q=\\*&p=0&sort=5&view=0&circle=n&dBegin=&dEnd=&c=3&collection=bcsessional](https://open.library.ubc.ca/search?q=*&p=0&sort=5&view=0&circle=n&dBegin=&dEnd=&c=3&collection=bcsessional)

British Colonist

<http://britishcolonist.ca/>

Canada censuses

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>

Canada Gazette database

[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/canada-gazette/](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/canada-gazette/)

Canadian border entry records

[www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/Pages/border-entries.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/Pages/border-entries.aspx)

Canadian citizenship and naturalization records

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Canadian immigration records

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Canadian naturalization records

[www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/naturalized-records-1915-1951/Pages/introduction.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/naturalized-records-1915-1951/Pages/introduction.aspx)

Canadian Parliamentary Companion

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/serial?id=cdnpc>

Electoral History of British Columbia

[www.elections.bc.ca/index.php/resource-centre/electoral-history-of-bc/](http://www.elections.bc.ca/index.php/resource-centre/electoral-history-of-bc/)

FamilySearch

- Crown land grant records  
[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/British\\_Columbia,\\_Crown\\_Land\\_Grants\\_\(FamilySearch\\_Historical\\_Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/British_Columbia,_Crown_Land_Grants_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))
- Dominion Lands Branch records  
[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/British\\_Columbia,\\_Dominion\\_Land\\_Branch\\_Records\\_\(FamilySearch\\_Historical\\_Records\)](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/British_Columbia,_Dominion_Land_Branch_Records_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))

Historic Crown Grant Search

- Guide: <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/gator/hcghelp.do>
- Search: <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/gator/crowngrantsearchrequest.do>

History of Federal Ridings since 1867

[www2.parl.gc.ca/sites/lop/HFER/HFER.asp](http://www2.parl.gc.ca/sites/lop/HFER/HFER.asp)

Hudson Bay Company (HBC) Archives

[www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/)

Home Children

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/home-children-1869-1930/Pages/home-children.aspx>

Internet Archive texts

<https://archive.org/details/texts>

Memory BC

<http://memorybc.ca/>

Passenger Lists

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/passenger-lists/passenger-lists-1865-1922/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Personnel Records of the First World War

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx>



Form 6

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**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE  
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS  
**REGISTRATION OF DEATH**

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place **Victoria, B. C.**  
 (If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")  
 Street or road **St. Joseph's Hospital**  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number) House No.

2. LENGTH OF STAY  
 In Municipality where death occurred In Province In Canada (if immigrant)  
 (in years, months and days) **Two Days** **1888** **1888**

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED **Russell** **Alma**  
 (Surname) (All given or Christian names in full)

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED  
 Name of city, village, town, district municipality or place **Victoria, B. C.** **Oak Bay**  
 (If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural") House No. **1175**  
 Street or road **Beach Drive**

5. SEX **Female** 6. CITIZENSHIP **Canadian** 7. RACIAL ORIGIN **English** 8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced **Single** 9. BIRTHPLACE **Fredericton, New Brunswick**  
 (See marginal note) (See marginal note) (City or Place and Province or Country)

10. Date of Birth **August 13th 1872** 11. AGE (Last Birthday) **91 Years** If under 1 year If under 1 month If under 24 hours If under 1 hour  
 (Month by name) (Date) (Year) YEARS MONTHS DAYS HOURS MIN.

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as logger, fisherman, office clerk, etc. **Provincial Archivist and Librarian**  
 (b) Kind of industry or business, as logging, fishing, bank, etc. (If labourer specify kind of work above) (If Housewife in own home answer "At Home")

13. Date deceased last worked **1953** 14. Total years spent in this occupation **Over 30 Years**

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased **-----**

16. Name of father **Russell** **William L. ?**  
 (Surname) (All given or Christian names)

17. Maiden name of mother **Logie** **Jane**  
 (Surname) (All given or Christian names)

18. Birthplace - **England**  
 Father (City or Place and Province or Country) Mother (City or Place and Province or Country)

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 Given under my hand at **Victoria, B. C.** this **6th** day of **February** 19 **64**

X Signature of informant **Frank D. Couws, M.D.** Relationship to deceased **None**  
 (Married woman not to use Husband's initials or given names)  
 Address of informant **1105 Pandora Victoria** (Name of Street) (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province)

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal **Burial** Date **February 10th 1964**  
 (Date) (Month by name) (Year)

21. Place of Burial **Ross Bay Cemetery** Name of Cemetery **Ross Bay Cemetery**  
 (Municipality, etc., where Cemetery located) (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province)

22. Undertaker **G. Funeral Co. Hayward's Ltd.** Address **734 - Broughton St., Victoria**  
 Name (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province)

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

22. DATE OF DEATH **February 6th 1964**  
 (Month by name) (Date) (Year)

23. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from **Jan 30th 1964** to **Feb 6 1964** and last saw her **or** alive on **Feb 6 1964**

**CAUSE OF DEATH**

Disease or condition directly leading to death (This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g. heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.)  
 (a) **Cardiac fibrillation** Approximate interval between onset and death **3 hours**  
 due to (or as a consequence of) **Coronary thrombosis**  
 (b) **Arteriosclerosis**  
 due to (or as a consequence of) **Arteriosclerosis**  
 (c) **Arteriosclerosis**

Antecedent causes  
 Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last.

Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it.

24. If a woman, did the death occur either during pregnancy or within 90 days following pregnancy? **Yes or No**

25. (a) Was there a recent surgical operation? **Yes or No** (b) Date of operation **1964**  
 (c) State findings of operation **Yes or No** (d) Was there an autopsy? **Yes or No**

26. If a violent death, fill in also: (a) Accident  Suicide  Homicide  (b) Date of injury **1964**  
 (c) How did injury occur?  
 (d) Injuries sustained?  
 (e) Where did injury occur? (Home, farm, industrial place, highway, etc.)

27. Signature **Frank D. Couws, M.D.** Designation **MD** M.D. or Coroner.  
 Address **1105 Pandora Victoria** Date **Feb 7 1964**

28. Print name of Doctor or Coroner, whose signature appears above

29. Notations

30. I hereby certify that the above return was made to me at **VICTORIA, B. C.**  
 Dated **FEB 11 1964** 19 **64**  
 District Registration No. **533** (Signature of District Registrar)

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