



At a Crossroads: the Celtic Connection ***Where Do I Go From Here?***

What is this? The Victoria Genealogical Society's Annual Seminar, an opportunity to learn from the experts, meet others with similar research interests, have fun with friends, support genealogy, and so much more.

What will it be about? This seminar is for you if you:

- Have repeated your Celtic (British, Irish, Scottish, or Welsh) research a few times in hopes of finding something different?
- Wonder "what can I do now?"
- Ask "where can I go from here?"
- Have gotten bogged down and just lost your interest?

When is it? Saturday, October 26, 2013, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Who are the speakers and what will they be talking about?

- 1) **Eunice Robinson** is Education Chair and a Director of the British Columbia Genealogical Society and Facilitator of the BCGS Irish Group. She is an entertaining speaker and has many years of Irish research experience.
- 2) **Lorraine Irving** is a long time member of the British Columbia Genealogical Society and an experienced researcher of UK records. Lorraine and Eunice often combine their expertise and collaborate.

These experienced speakers will present joint sessions that will focus primarily on the similarities and differences of the records of Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales as well as offer comparisons with Canadian and / or US records. The joint sessions will emphasize:

Civil Registration – What is it and why do family historians pursue these records? This session will answer both of these questions plus provide tools to conduct a successful search for these records and understand the limitations that may exist.

Census Records – Often referred to as "bridging documents" this session will address the value of census records. Discussion will include learning about various census, substitutions, and how to locate them.

- 3) **Scott Munro** is an Adult Services Librarian from the Greater Victoria Public Library. Back by popular request, Scott will bring updates to the Technology Petting Zoo and the technological services available from the GVPL. Everyone will have a chance to test drive.
- 4) **John McLaren** grew up on the north shore of the Thames estuary in Essex. After 42 years of teaching law in Canada, John McLaren is a Professor emeritus . His research interests include tort law, insurance law, Canadian and colonial legal history, social history of the law, legal education, and legal theory. He is the recipient of the 2005 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award, named for Canada's former Governor General, by the Canadian Bar Association for services to legal education. John's session is entitled **Unlocking the Treasures of British, Scottish and Irish Wills.**



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Where is it being held? Vancouver Island Technology Park (VITP) Business Centre, Building #200, 4464 Markham St., Victoria, BC. The VITP Business Centre is located at the main entrance of the Technology Park. There is ample **FREE parking** at the front of the building.

How do I get there?

By car: Parking is **FREE** on Saturdays! The easiest way to find the Vancouver Island Technology Park (VITP) is to go via West Saanich Road and Markham Street.

By Bus: There is no-frequent bus transportation on the weekends. VGS members wishing a ride or able to provide a ride should indicate this on their registration forms.

Catching a ride: VGS members wishing a ride or able to provide a ride should indicate this on their registration forms.

What does it cost? The Early Bird seminar fee is \$65.00 for paid up VGS Members and \$75.00 for non-members. Early Bird Cut off is October 11, 2013. After October 11, registration is \$70.00 for members and \$80.00 dollars for non-members.

What does the seminar fee include? The seminar fee includes five sessions, lunch at the Hard Drive Café (on site), two (2) refreshment breaks and seminar handout materials.

Is advance registration necessary? Yes, advance registration by October 18, 2013 is required to allow space and meal planning.

Are registrations for half a day or partial days accepted? No

Can I cancel at the last minute if I have already registered? Registration may be cancelled with a 48 hour notice (by 9:00 AM on October 24, 2013); the registration fee, minus \$15 will be refunded.

Can special dietary requirements-be accommodated? Yes, this should be indicated on the registration form.

I have mobility concerns, will this be a problem? No, the VITP Business Centre is wheelchair accessible.

Where can I get a registration form and details about the seminar? 1) on the Victoria Genealogical Society website www.victoriags.org. 2) at the Resource Centre, 947 Alston Street. 3) receipt of the electronic copies of *Members' Update* and *Resourcefully Yours*.

What do I do with the registration form and cheque?

Mail to:

Victoria Genealogical Society
Attention Seminar Committee
100 – 180 Wilson Street
PO Box 45015, Westside PO
Victoria, BC Canada V9A 0C3

Drop off at:

OR

The Resource Centre
947 Alston Street, Victoria, BC

Can I pay electronically? No, at this time the VGS can only accept payment by cheque or cash (please don't send cash in the mail).

Can I pay by cheque or cash at the door? No, pre-registration by October 18, 2013 is required for space and meal planning.

Still need additional information? Email seminar@victoriags.org