

### Plan for Research Success, by Gloria Tubman

The presentation will provide tips that one can use to prepare for genealogical research success. Tips such as preparation, citation hints, document information, and research pitfalls will be covered.

### Placing Ancestors in a Historical Context, by Gloria Tubman

The presentation is a case study in placing an individual's ancestors in various places and times in the Canada and United States, Ireland, and England and how the families may have been impacted by the historical event.

**Gloria Tubman:** Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre

Gloria Tubman grew up in the Bristol / Shawville area of Pontiac County. An interest in genealogy and local history led to authoring "Genealogy Gleanings" in The Equity, Shawville's weekly newspaper. She is a co-leader for the genealogy course offered at the Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre. 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?"



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### Using the FamilySearch.org Wiki, by Jean Brown

The FamilySearch Wiki has tips, tools and techniques for genealogical research. Using the FamilySearch Wiki you can find writing guides, maps, articles and guides to certain records as well as tutorials and links to other resources. If you are stuck in your research there is a good chance the FamilySearch Wiki can help!

**Jean Brown:** Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre

Jean has been researching family history records in Ontario for 30 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 3 years in the centre's computer lab. Jean enjoys helping others in their search for their "roots" and can be found every Friday evening volunteering at the centre.



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### Using Ancestry DNA and how it can help you with your family history research, by Lesley Anderson

Ancestry, the global leader in family history and consumer genomics, harness the information found in family trees, historical records, and DNA to help people gain a new level of understanding about their lives. Since 1996, more than 19 billion records have been added to Ancestry's databases, and users have created more than 80 million family trees. Ancestry has DNA data from more than 3 million people. Come and learn how you can use this goldmine of data to find living relatives, your genetic ethnicity and our newly released Genetic Communities™.

**Lesley Anderson:** Canadian Representative for Ancestry

Lesley Anderson has worked for Ancestry.ca for over 10 years as their Canadian Spokesperson and has done numerous presentations for genealogy societies and conferences across Canada as well as TV and Radio appearances.



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### Social Media and Family History, by Shirley-Ann Pyefinch

The presentation will highlight various social media tools and apps showing users examples of how social media can help the family history researcher in finding their ancestors, and in being more agile in data collection, storage and retrieval.

### Online Family Trees through the Ancestry and FamilySearch Partnership, by Lesley Anderson & Shirley-Ann Pyefinch

FamilySearch and Ancestry both offer online Family Tree capabilities, but did you know that if you have an LDS Ancestry account that both Ancestry and FamilySearch online trees can be synced to each other? This presentation will show users how to use this partnership interface, how to quickly search, find, and share information with others, understand how to navigate and successfully use the features of both online Family Trees. Learn the advantages of having your family tree online, and how online family trees enable a collaborative research environment for users.

**Shirley-Ann Pyefinch:** Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre

Shirley-Ann has served for the past 12 years at the Ottawa Ontario Stake Family History Centre, has taught workshops throughout Ontario on family history research, FamilySearch, and on preservation. Research interests are in Canada, USA, England, and Ireland. Shirley-Ann is a Records Manager for the Canadian Federal Government, a graduate student at Dalhousie University's Masters of Information Management Program, and enjoys helping others discover the many free resources and tools available through FamilySearch, and through Family History Centres.



## Ontario: Settlers and Settlement, 1791-1867, by Glenn Wright and Lesley Anderson

Researching ancestors who arrived in British North America prior to Confederation in 1867 has always been a challenge. For those arriving at our major port of entry, Quebec, there are few passenger manifests prior 1865. Some years ago, the late Brian Gilchrist remarked that researching an ancestor who arrived and settled in Upper Canada or Canada West before Confederation was as difficult as researching an ancestor who lived in the Middle Ages. There are exceptions: the United Empire Loyalists, for instance, are well documented and there is good information on those who came to Upper Canada as part of a settlement scheme (Peter Robinson settlers, the Petworth Emigration scheme and so on). While much has changed since Brian lamented this sorry state of affairs, we still have a difficult task in our pursuit of our ancestral pioneers.

With the advent of the internet, we now enjoy easy accessibility to archival and published resources and more people searching for family, some of the difficulties have been alleviated, but not entirely eliminated ... at least not yet.

Online resources, including those found at Library and Archives Canada (LAC), the Archives of Ontario (AO), Canadiana, archives, libraries and museums all across Ontario, the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) and a wide range of websites such as Family Search and Ancestry, provide us with access to more records for pre-Confederation Ontario and allow us to link with other researchers. Genetic genealogy, ever so popular now, is yet another means that will help us connect with our family, both past and present.

In spite of the challenges we all face in researching our pioneer ancestors, it is not possible to review all the resources now available to us. In this presentation, we review three major aspects of the immigrant experience for those who chose to settle in present-day Ontario prior to 1867 and we review the major sources for both passenger lists and the settlement process.

### The Immigrant Experience:

Between 1815 and the census of 1861, the population of Upper Canada/Canada West increased by over one million men, women and children and large majority arrived from Britain and Europe. They constitute but a small proportion of those who fled the "old" world for the "new", but it was these newcomers who made our province, its cities, towns and farm lands.

1. Why did families, individuals and organized groups leave hearth and home in Britain and in other parts of Europe to settle in British North America? What were the factors that lay behind that critical decision to "get up and go"?
2. More importantly, who were these pioneers who settled our land? An amazing diversity of people created Upper Canada/Canada West between the fall of New France in 1763 and Confederation.
3. The evolution of what became Ontario in 1867 is a fascinating exploration of the settlement of the land, the arrival of immigrants and the organization and administration of the people and the land on which they resided. We will show this evolution with a series of maps, important context for researching our pioneer ancestors.

### Resources and Records:

Access to the resources that will help us document our pioneer ancestor has changed significantly with the advent of widespread digitization of archival records. It is, however, a moveable feast, always changing, always different than it was a few short years ago. As noted above, the presentation will focus on transportation and land, but will also review records now available on Canadiana, the most important digitization initiative at the present time.

1. Transportation and travel. If we do not have passenger arrival records for Quebec, we are fortunate to have some records of the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company, 1819-1836, that carried immigrants from Quebec to Montreal. Many of those who settled in Upper Canada/Canada West first stepped ashore in New York or in other American ports. We will look at these and related resources.
2. Land. The main attraction for newcomers, the magnet that drew people from Britain, the United States and continental Europe was land. We will review the major sources of information on land records, what they are and where to access them. And using maps to show the settlement process will provide very important context for understanding where and when our ancestors settled.
3. Other Resources. Perhaps there is truth in the old adage, where there's a will, there's a way. Any pre-Confederation research requires a close look at traditional resources such as census returns, newspapers, church records, cemeteries, will and probate, and non-traditional resources such as the Upper Canada Sundries and passenger testimonials, all of which can provide clues to the origins of our ancestors, when they arrived, lived and died in British North America. We should also be aware of the vast bibliography of published material on pre-Confederation immigrants to what is now Ontario, books specific to the immigration of the English, Scottish and Irish, various settlement schemes, local and family histories.

This presentation is very much a "review" of the existing research strategies for finding that elusive Upper Canadian ancestor. An electronic handout listing the key resources will also be available.

### Glenn Wright: Former LAC Archivist, Historian and Author

Glenn Wright is a former archivist and historian with the federal government. He has been involved in family history and genealogy for more than twenty years and is a frequent speaker at genealogical and historical societies as well as at previous Family History conferences at the LDS. While military records are his specialty, Glenn has presented on a wide range of topics, including immigration, census, Kingston Penitentiary, and Mounted Police records among others. He has co-presented on many occasions with Lesley Anderson. In addition to numerous articles on family history and genealogical subjects, Glenn has published two books, *The CAROLINE and Her Passengers* (2002) on the immigration of his Wright family to Upper Canada in 1832 and more recently, *Canadians at War, 1914-1919: A Research Guide to World War One Service Records* (2010). Glenn is a former President of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO).

