

# Canadian Genealogy Presented by Marie Welch

## Mesa Family Search Library Fall Expo

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**Description:** To help the beginner or the semi-expert researcher find information on ancestors in Canada

**Demographics:** Canada is a country of about 20 million people. The largest concentration of population is along the St. Lawrence River. This includes Ontario and Quebec. The Western, Prairie Provinces are more sparsely populated and have less historical material available. The Census collection of the country reflects this history. Today, the population centers are Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

**Maps:** For mapping the location of family members and tracking emigration and immigration during the life of research subjects.

**Handouts for class:** if desired, class attendees can go to the Web Site for Mesa Regional Family Search Library. Copy the three 'Quick Starts' for Canada, Quebec and Ontario.

**Information on each Province:** A note book with an updated Research Guide is available at the Mesa Family Search Library, 40 S. Hobson, Mesa AZ. Many books are available, some are now online.

**Class contents:** History of Canada. Brief history of Nova Scotia, The Acadians, Power Point presentation of the book 'History of Grand Pre'. Books about the history are 'The King's Daughters' and 'Before the King's Daughters'. An excellent computer source is the 'PRDH'. This is a subscription site that is excellent for early French records. Much of the information can be accessed without subscribing.

**Helps for Ontario research:** The Mesa Familysearch Library contains many maps of Ontario. A valuable resource is 'The Administrative Atlas of Ontario'. Ontario consists of many nationalities. The Loyalists, that still hold to England's claim over the United States, are a cohesive group. German, English home children, immigrants from many countries are represented.

**Finding Vital Records:** Familysearch.org. Many vital records are available on Ancestry.com. autoatedgenealogy.com has collections of the 1901, 1906, 1911 and 1916 Canadian census records.

**Resources at the Mesa Familysearch Library:** A binder has been prepared for each of the provinces, with an updated research guide in each book. Maps are available. Books, both on

line and on the shelves are available. At most times of the operating hours, missionaries are available to give one-on-one help. Please call the Library if you would like to insure a Canada expert will be available.

A class is offered each month, first Tuesday at 10:00 AM, 1 hr. in length to help with questions.