

# Live & Learn Fall Workshop

## Discovering Your Family History

### Date

September 13 – 15, 2009

### Location

Painter's Lodge in Campbell River (3 hours north of Victoria)

### Price

\$189 per person, including two nights accommodation, based on double occupancy.

### Workshop Description

This is an opportunity to discover techniques to trace your family history. The internet has made it easier than ever for people to gather information about their family histories. However, it is still important to use proper research techniques, to understand the records being consulted, and to flesh out the raw details of a family tree with information about the lives of ancestors. This three-day course stresses the need for research in local history and social history as well as family history, and will help participants understand how to use a wide variety of resources and plan further work.

### About your instructor: **Dave Obee - [www.daveobee.com](http://www.daveobee.com); [daveobee@shaw.ca](mailto:daveobee@shaw.ca)**

Dave is one of the most sought-after speakers at genealogical events in western Canada. His presentations combine approachability and humour with decades of experience researching family and local history. He's given more than 300 presentations since 1997. Dave is co-author of *Finding Your Canadian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide* and is working on a new book on Canadian immigration records. He's written other genealogical guides dealing with voter's lists, land records, immigration and local history.

Dave is also a respected regional historian and author of *Making the News*, a book published by the Times Colonist to celebrate 150 years in BC. He's received the top annual award by the BC Historical Federation and an award from Heritage BC for this efforts to make local history sources more accessible.

### About Painter's Lodge

Nestled on the picturesque shores of Discovery Passage, Painter's Lodge is a renowned adventure resort in a spectacular natural setting. Life at the resort centers around outdoor adventures, beautiful gardens, spectacular dining and more.

For reservations or more information, please call 1-800-663-7090.

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**(Please meet in Granny Painter Room)**

**Sunday, September 13**

- 3:00 pm                      Resort check-in.
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm            More than just names and dates – an introduction to family history research. Look above and below the obvious when doing research.

**Monday, September 14**

- 9:30 – 11:30 am          Canadian genealogy on the Internet.  
The geography of genealogy. To do effective research, you must have an understanding of where your ancestors lived.
- 1:00 – 4:00 pm            The census and census substitutes. Find out how to use one of the most important sources.  
Civil registration and public records. Vital statistics provide the basic building blocks for researchers.
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm            Writing your family history. How to compile your information to share with others.

**Tuesday, September 15**

- 9:00 – 11:30 am          Destination Canada. Use immigration records to find out when your ancestors arrived.  
General discussion. A wrap-up including a chance to share ideas and advice.
- 12:00 pm                    Resort checkout.