

# Saturday December 8, 2018

## Great Moments

The Chamber, Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa, Ontario

### Quakers in the Attic

**Jamey Burr** describes a difficult family circumstance that took decades to understand, followed by a breakthrough that revealed a past that could not have been imagined, taking family historians at the same time into some of North America's most glorious and detestable histories.

### About the speaker

**Jamey Burr** is a retired federal public servant who devoted most of his career to increasing the supply of affordable housing and support services to Canada's most vulnerable populations.

### A McKinlay in New Zealand

It started as a simple yet, at the time, inexplicable hint on *Ancestry*. Follow **Ken McKinlay's** journey of discovery as he unveils his New Zealand connection and why his second cousin twice removed died "in Panama en route to New Zealand" in 1918.

### About the speaker

**Ken McKinlay's** foray into his family history research started with three simple family stories that he wanted to confirm or refute. He has now been researching his family tree for over 18 years and discoveries are still being made. He has given talks for several branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society, BIFHSGO, and the Ottawa Public Library. His talks generally focus on methodologies and providing the skills needed to help solve those brick wall problems.

### And her name was . . .

Bobby Kay's great-grandmother was Margaret Susan Gee (her married name), thought to be a Huguenot, and she came from Co. Longford. Of this Bobby's Great-Uncle Roy was sure, but the name of her mother—that he could not say. Perhaps LeBlanc or was it Beauchamp? And she may have been a widow. He couldn't recall. Well, it turned out she was of neither name and she wasn't born in Co. Longford. It turned out that even her descendants were not sure how to spell her name on American death certificates. It wasn't until a chance follow-up with someone on a remote DNA match with a possible name variation that the doors of discovery opened, leading to marriages, and births, and eventually other cousins and countries. Follow along on this journey of discovery and learn a little about these Irish Huguenots.

### About the speaker

Born in Cyprus, Roberta (Bobby) Kay reached Canada after an early childhood in England, pursuing her interest in travel, photography, and history, as a backdrop to her immense passion for genealogy. Bobby holds an MA in recreation and leisure studies from the University of Waterloo. As a lifelong learner, she recently graduated with her PLCGS from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies in both Canadian and Irish records. For almost three decades, she has researched her Scots-Irish and Irish-Huguenot roots. She has presented her discoveries here at BIFHSGO and also over in Donegal, Ireland this past June. Earlier this year, her DNA research confirmed her Huguenot 2x great-grandmother's name and her point of origin. This has led to a number of additional discoveries about her family's unique history, as well as her possible 3x great-grandparents. It is this great moment she plans to share with us.

### Where were YOUR ancestors on December 2, 1854?

Duncan Monkhouse's third great-grandfather, Richard Leighton, was a sea captain during the middle of the 1800s. His travels took him all over the world. In this talk, Duncan discusses Leighton's life, some of the places he visited and a surprising find.

### About the speaker

Duncan is a retired federal civil servant, and a current stained glass window constructor. He has been involved with family history since 2008 when his wife got an Ancestry subscription and he found out how easy it was to obtain records. Fortunately for his family history research, he was given a head start on the work by his mother. He is currently the BIFHSGO President and Conference Co-Chair (Program)