

Saturday, April 10, 2021

The War Brides 75 Years: 1946–2021

10:30 am to 11:45 am

Online webinar

This year marks the 75th anniversary of “Operation Daddy” – the organized transport to Canada of nearly 45,000 war brides and their children following the end of the Second World War. **Melynda Jarratt** speaks to the war bride experience of meeting, falling in love with and marrying their Canadian soldier; the organization of their transportation to Canada through the Canadian Wives Bureau; their trans-Atlantic journey and travel by train across Canada; their early reception and how they adapted, compromised and settled into their new country.

About the speaker

Melynda Jarratt is a Canadian historian, author and founder of the [Canadian War Brides](#) website. Born in 1961 in Bathurst, New Brunswick, Melynda obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in history from the University of New Brunswick in 1986 and wrote her master's thesis in 1995 on New Brunswick war brides. She appears frequently in the Canadian media as an expert on various historical subjects, most notably immigration to Canada, and Canadian nationality law affecting the descendants of war brides, and the Scottish Highlands and Islands during WWII. Melynda aims to actively spread awareness on current Celtic and community affairs in New Brunswick, while concurrently working as the executive director of the Fredericton Region Museum.