

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**Using Local Historical Societies in Your Genealogical Research**

9:00 am to 9:30 am

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

**Marianne Rasmus** shares tips on why and how to use local historical societies in your family history research. She also shares some of the resources available and concrete examples of how this often-overlooked tool can be used to flesh out ancestor's stories and break down brick walls.

**About the speaker**

Born and raised in Vancouver, **Marianne Rasmus** spent most of her life in BC, experiencing life on Vancouver Island, in BC's north and in the Fraser Valley. But when the opportunity for a mid-life adventure came, Marianne and her husband, Bill, took the plunge and moved to Ottawa in 2013.

After reluctantly taking Canadian History as a "filler" course in college, Marianne discovered an interest and passion for history she never expected. That interest took on new meaning, and some might say became an obsession, when she began her family history journey in 2008 and started unearthing long-forgotten stories in both her and her husband's family trees. Marianne and Bill have been married for almost 35 years and have two sons and two granddaughters.