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Dave Obee



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At the Danish Lutheran Church
Downstairs Hall - 6010 Kincaid Street
Burnaby, BC

Doors open at 8:30 am / Seminar 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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A Little About Dave – (check out his website at www.DaveObee.com)

Dave Obee is a journalist, genealogical researcher, and a much-sought-after presenter. He has written a dozen books and given more than 400 presentations at conferences and seminars in Canada and the United States. Since 2007 he has been teaching family history courses for the continuing education department of Royal Roads University in Colwood, British Columbia.

Dave has collected extensive information on the German Baptist colonies in the Neudorf area of Volhynia, in the Ukraine. His personal family tree includes names such as Weiss, Scheffler, Tiedtke, Reschke, Tiede, Menzel, Hartmann, Schindler, and Boehnert. Villages include Iwanowitsch, Solodyri, Pulin, Neudorf, Florowka, Skolobow, Rogowka, and Wjasowitz; all are near Zhitomir.

LECTURE TOPICS – Dave Obee:

- **The Great Canadian Census Quiz** -- Test your knowledge of the Canadian census, one of the greatest resources available to family historians. This session will make you more aware of the history of the census, its potential for researchers and its limitations. Here's a hint, though: Just because someone appears in the census does not mean he was even alive! The way the census was taken ensured that errors would appear in the finished product. We take this source for granted, but it is important to understand why it was taken, and what limitations might have been imposed. Although the first nominal enumerations were done in the French colonies in 1666 and 1667, the most useful census returns date from 1851 through 1916. They provide snapshots of the population every five or ten years, and make it easier to sort out family units and relationships. This talk includes a list of [web sites](#) to use.
- **The Geography of Genealogy** -- It is impossible to do comprehensive genealogical research without an understanding of where your ancestors lived. There are several good reasons to use geographic tools in your research. They help you to determine where you are from. They will also help you to find records dealing with your family. Maps and atlases help genealogists sort out where their ancestors lived in relation to regional and national boundaries, churches, rail lines, and other factors that help determine which records hold most hope. Geographic tools will also give you a sense of what life was like for your ancestors. This talk provides a basic overview of what to look for, and how to use the information that you find. Includes [web links](#).
- **Tracing Forward to Find Distant Cousins** -- Stymied in your search for distant cousins -- your living relatives? Trying to find other descendants of your ancestors? You need to start in the past and trace forward. Researching subsequent generations can be difficult, because people leave clues regarding where they are from, but not necessarily where they are going to. That doesn't mean it's impossible; there are plenty of sources that will help you. Many Internet sites can help -- but it pays to know which ones are essential, and which tricks to use. Includes a list of [Web sites](#) to use.

Also presenting: **Genetic Genealogy – Now it's for everybody**

DNA testing may allow you to learn more about your biological heritage, connect with previously unknown far flung cousins, or confirm undocumented or disputed ancestral relationships. Hear about the newest initiatives and the current options for genealogy DNA testing and how these could benefit your own genealogy and family history research.

Presenter: M. Diane Rogers is facilitator for the BC Genealogical Society's DNA group and the BCGS's Past President and Editor. She is a genealogy teacher and has been researching her own family history since 1988.

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We'll look forward to seeing you there!

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