



Spencer Linington

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Spencer Linington is a professional genealogist with 20 years of experience in family history research. Born and raised in Brantford, Ontario, his research focus has been on his family's 200 years in southwestern Ontario. Spencer, a former soldier serving Canada for over 32 years, brings a unique perspective to his work. His many courses in instructional technique, leadership, computers, and military history give him a unique set of skills that add to his career as a professional genealogist. He has been happily married to Carol for over 35 years, and they have four children. Spencer specializes in Canadian Military and Ontario research.



Jayne Poolton-Turvey

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Jayne Poolton-Turvey was born in Toronto and graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Radio & Television Arts. She landed right away at the Global Television Network, working on primetime shows. Jayne worked at radio stations KICX 106 in Orillia & B101 in Barrie, in addition to two television shows for Discovery Channel when the Turvey family moved North to the Barrie/Orillia area. She co-authored the award-winning book, *Destined To Survive*, which is a war-time memoir of her father, Jack Poolton, who was a soldier captured in the Dieppe Raid during World War II and who was a prisoner of war in Germany for nearly three years. Jayne has spent the last 19 years working as the Community Services Coordinator at the Orillia Public Library. She organizes events, programming & a Genealogy Club. Since 2014, she organized an award-winning Remembrance Event at the Library, and to date, over 5,000 students and members of the public have attended this event.



Tammy Tipler-Priolo

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Tammy Tipler-Priolo resides in Alliston, Ontario, with her husband. She was born and raised in North Bay, Ontario, graduated from the University of Guelph with a BSc & Honours, and received her PLCGS with Distinction from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Tammy has 30+ years of experience in the genealogical field, volunteering for the local FHC for nine years. She has written & published two Genealogy motivation books called *The Ancestor Whisperer* & *The Ancestor Whisperer Attic Treasures*, as well as writing over 1000 genealogical articles for various offline and online newspapers. Tammy has also written over 100 biographies of seniors from Northern Ontario, having them published in the *Near North Senior*. Tammy is a member of the Association for Professional Genealogists (APG), Ontario Chapter APG- (Past Chair), Ontario Genealogical Society (fulfilling many volunteer positions with them), Genealogical Speakers Guild, and an Ancestry.ca Advisory Board member and Mattawa/North Bay Algonquin First Nation. She specializes in Canadian, Ontario, Quebec, Native and French-Canadian research with research also conducted in Great Great Britain, Ireland, USA, Italy as well as Heir Tracing.



Janet Graham



Janet Graham has always loved maps and has a degree in geography and urban planning. After completing her library degree, she worked in public libraries and created and taught introductory genealogy classes for over a decade. Janet has been researching her genealogy for over 20 years, mostly in Great Britain and Ireland, Australia, and Canada.



Christine Woodcock

<https://www.genealogytoursofscotland.ca/about-us.html>



Christine Woodcock is a genealogy educator with expertise in Scottish records. When speaking to groups and societies about Scottish research, Christine recognized that a large percentage of the Scots Diaspora had never been to Scotland. To allow the opportunity to research the records in their ancestral homeland, Christine began her business, Genealogy Tours of Scotland. Her genealogy business grants her the ability to access and visit the archives and libraries in Scotland and to see what genealogy gems they can offer to people researching their Scottish ancestry. Through these visits, she started the Scottish ViC in 2018, a virtual conference dedicated to Scottish research, enlisting the assistance of her colleagues in Scotland.



Mags Gauden

<http://grandmasgenes.com/about-us/>

<https://www.mitoydna.org/>



Mags is a Professional Genealogist specializing in Genetic Genealogy & is the founder of Grandma's Genes in Ottawa. Mags grew up in a family full of family historians, she was primed to become a Genealogist. After earning her Bachelors Degree from Columbia College, she began working her own Genealogy as a "hobby." Her 30-year "hobby" led her to a leader role with WikiTree, where she currently leads: The DNA Innovators Project, The United Empire Loyalist Project, and the British Home Children Project. She also leads the Templeton and McElmoyle Name Studies and the McElmoyle DNA Project. Mags then started Grandma's Genes in 2016. She is an international Genetic Genealogy Lecturer, Blogger, and a Social Media Maven. She serves as Admin for Facebook groups including the ISOGG Facebook Group. She's a former member of the Canadian Casualty Identification Team.



Janie Cooper- Wilson

<https://www.facebook.com/silvershoehistoricalsociety/>

Janie Cooper-Wilson has had a life-long passion for history, researching and documenting Black History as a crucial part of the collective history of Ontario. She is a strong advocate for the preservation of endangered historical buildings and early cemeteries and spearheaded the intensive public relations initiative to preserve the 1849 Oro African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Edgar, Ontario. Presently, Janie is attempting to save a crucial Black History Site in Haldimand County from obliteration. Janie is the founder and Executive Director of the SilverShoe Historical Society and was the driving force behind the restoration and Designation of Bethel-Union and the Old Zion Presbyterian Cemeteries in Clearview Township. As well, Janie, with the assistance of her dedicated SilverShoe Team, has facilitated an Annual Memorial Candlelight Service for the past two decades. Janie is a sitting member of the Ontario Historical Society Board of Directors, serving as OHS Field Representative for Simcoe County and as Co-Chair of the OHS Cemetery Preservation & Defence Committee. Over her long career, Janie has been the author of numerous articles and publications. She has been the recipient of many awards, including but not limited to the 2012 OHS Carnochan Award, the 2015 OMAH Historic Reconstruction Award, and the 2018 OBHS Harriet Tubman Award. In September 2018, she became inducted as one of Canada's 100 Accomplished Black Women.

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