

# Genealogical Society Plans Classes For Public



COLCHESTER - The Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society has a series of classes that are open to the public. All events are held at the Vermont Genealogy Library in Colchester.

## Online Genealogical Searches at the 95 Regional Archives of France Nov. 11

In this class you will learn how to research your ancestors in France using the 95 online departmental archives. First we will locate the Commune or town that they lived in, and then how to search for baptisms, marriages and burials in either the Catholic churches or the Huguenot

Temples. We will learn some basic translations. Since they typically are researching the people that populated New France (Quebec) John Fisher will focus on the period before the 1792 Revolution changes to record-keeping in France.

## Les Filles du Roi Nov. 18

If you found the term “Filles du Roi” in researching your genealogy you might be disappointed at first to learn they were not literally “Daughters of the King” but these women were instrumental in creating a nation. Between 1663 and 1673, up to 850 unmarried women were sponsored by the king of France to immigrate to New France. Sheila Morris will explain who these women were and what their lives were like. Millions of French-Canadians and Franco-Americans are descendants of these brave pioneers. You will also learn about our Filles du Roi pin program and Sheila will describe how to meet the requirements to earn a pin by demonstrating descent from a Filles du Roi who married a soldier from the Carignan regiment.

## Quebec Coroner’s Inquests: A Unique Genealogical Resource Dec. 2

The use of Coroner’s Inquests began in Quebec with the British conquest and continued up to the present. These documents often include much more than a simple cause of death and can provide genealogical clues unavailable anywhere else. In this talk Denyse Beaugrand-Champagne will discuss the introduction and development of these records over the past 250 years, the information one may find in them and how to locate them - both online and in repositories. Denyse is Reference Archivist at the Montreal Branch of the Bibliotheque et Archives Nationales du Quebec (BanQ) and is the genealogical consultant for the Quebec version of the “Who Do You Think You Are” television program.

## If you go

- All classes at the Vermont Genealogy Library are \$10 and run from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- The library is open for research Tuesdays 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The library is located on Hegeman Avenue, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester.
- Parking and entrance are across from the State Police Building.
- Visit [wwwvt-fcgs.org](http://wwwvt-fcgs.org) or call 802-310-9285 for more details.