

À La Carte: Use Maps to Climb Your Family Tree

OUTLINE

1. A map is: a visual perspective of a location in time and place.
2. A map should have:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> title date legend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> scale and north point cartographer identification index
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3. A map can tell you about:

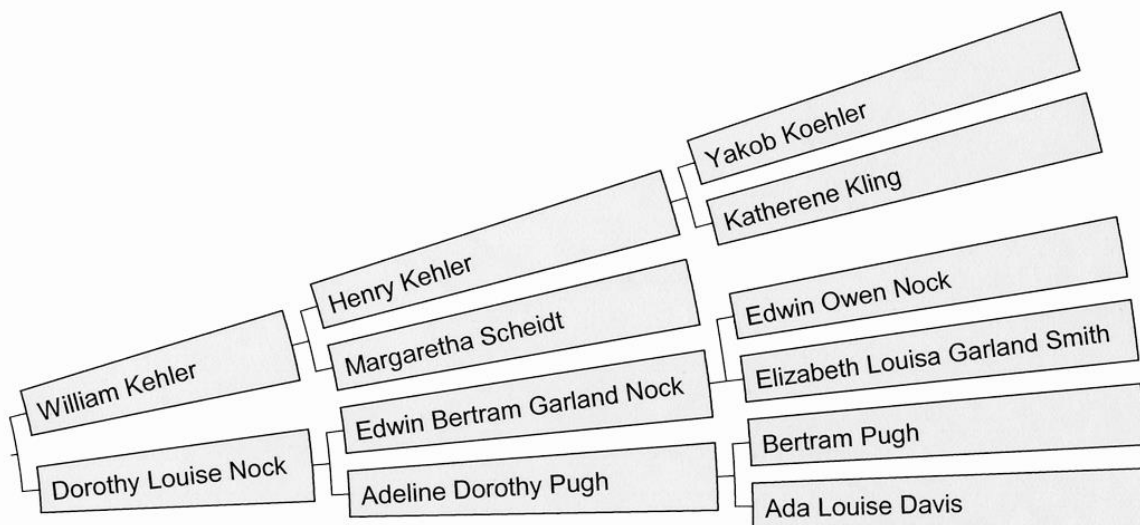
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> physiographic features climate soils exploration land use natural resources transportation and communication population distribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> economic development historical events tourist interests local specifics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cemetery plot arrangement - back country orienteering - building floor plan
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4. Maps can be found in:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> atlases (supplemented by gazetteers) family papers local histories novels, textbooks, magazines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tourist information museums, libraries, archives second hand stores commission your own
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5. Family historians use maps to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> locate family origins record a family's path of migration understand the context of family life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> strategize further research plan research travel
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6. Things to think about:

Maps detail change, according to time, place, scale, the purposes of the cartographer and user, point of view and politics, land use, and Mother Nature.
7. Kehler/Scheidt—Nock/Pugh Case Study

This case study maps the presenter's paternal (Kehler/Scheidt) and maternal (Nock/Pugh) families in their migrations from Europe to North America, and across the continent until William Kehler and Dorothy Adeline Nock met in 1944 in Dawson Creek and married there in 1945.



RESOURCES

SUPPLIERS

Alan Godfrey Maps: Ordnance Survey Reprints www.alangodfreymaps.com/

BC Genealogical Society Boutique www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=23#.WK5AY4WcHSE

COLLECTIONS

Cloverdale Genealogical Collection of Surrey Libraries 604-598-7328 www.surreylibraries.ca/familyhistory@surrey.ca

Library and Archives of Canada—Dominion Land Grants and Western Land Grants (1870-1930)
www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-grants-western-canada-1870-1930/Pages/land-grants-westerncanada.aspx

University of British Columbia: Rare Books and Special Collections <http://rbsc.library.ubc.ca/>

University of Texas: Perry-Castañeda Historic Maps Collection www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/

Vancouver Public Library Main Branch—History and Government Division, Special Collections
www3.vpl.ca/spe/histphotos/

Where's The Path <https://wtp2.appspot.com/wheresthepath.htm>

The Historical Map Society of British Columbia <http://hmsbc.library.ubc.ca/>

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