

2024 BHC STORY/PHOTO CONTEST



**TELL US THE STORY OF YOUR BELGIAN ANCESTORS WITH PHOTOS, LETTERS, POSTCARDS,
and other historical documents.**

TOPIC FOR QUARTER 1: TRADITIONS

What traditions can you share from your Belgian ancestors?

Think about things like: special foods they made on holidays, the ways they harvested crops, special gifts given, how they dressed, games they played, drinks they brewed, methods of travel, where/how they prayed, songs they sang, how they named their children, etc.

Quarterly Winners will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate!



**Show us a Photograph, Letter, Postcard, or unique item--along with whatever
details you can share--that helps tell the story of your Belgian ancestor.**

- Be creative (include special things like recipes, funeral cards, news clippings, historical research, oral histories)
- Try to keep content from 1950?? Or earlier.
- Don't feel like you need to have a complete story or genealogy. Share whatever you have & we can help

Topics: 1) Traditions 2) Characters 3) Homesteads 4) Historical Accounts / Open

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OR HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS TO SHARE?

The Belgian Heritage Center collects historical photos and information for our exhibits, newsletters and online posts. We are especially interested in the day to day lives of the people in the early Belgian settlements.



Submit your info by Email, Facebook, Web Form on our website, or even handwritten letter.

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Your submission can be as simple as a photograph along with a sentence or two describing the image or recounting a memory. It can be a letter or document with an in-depth historical account, or anything in between. Send an image, share a bit of info, and be entered into our prize drawings!

If it pertains to your Belgian ancestors, we want to see it!

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Think about things like: special foods they made on holidays, the ways they harvested crops, special gifts given, the way they dressed, games they played, drinks they brewed, how they travelled, where they worshipped, songs they sang, how they named their children, etc.

TOPIC FOR QUARTER 2: CHARACTERS

Tell us about the most unique ancestor in your family, who set themselves apart from the rest.

Think of: builders, loggers, soldiers, doctors, religious figures, musicians, artists, farmers, business people...or just somebody you remember for a certain reason. Maybe they made you laugh, or always helped others in need. Feel free to get creative with this topic.

TOPIC FOR QUARTER 3: HOMESTEADS

We want to see and hear about Belgian homesteads.

Think about: Farmhouses, barns, granaries, roadside chapels, summer kitchens, wood stoves & ovens, businesses started by Belgian immigrants (or still in operation today). Share stories about building these structures, running/visiting a business, baking in a kitchen, trekking to a chapel. Were there unique architectural elements to any of their buildings? Did any relatives settle in faraway places?

TOPIC FOR QUARTER 4: HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS / OPEN

Share your historical accounts, or any story that doesn't fit a category.

Think about: What did your ancestors say about the Great Fire? How did they travel in Winter? How did they survive when they arrived in the US? Which of them shared stories about coming over on the ships? We'd love to hear details about things like: the logging camps they worked at, commercial fishing in the area, ties to the GB Packers, relationships with relatives left behind in Belgium. Tell us about your ancestors who spoke Walloon or Flemish. Did they ever learn English? Who was their doctor, or how did they treat illnesses? We welcome any story at all for this category.

(Submit to any category at any time during the year, and we'll hold the submission for that quarter's prize)

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