



ABOUT JOHN ADAMS:

John Adams was born in Ontario and moved to Victoria when he was 11. He attended school in Victoria, completed a BA in history from UBC, and a Masters degree in Museum Studies from the University of Toronto. He worked 30 years in the field of historic sites and museums in Ontario, Vancouver and Victoria, and moved back to Victoria in 1979 and stayed. He is married with two grown children. He taught Museum Studies as a sessional lecturer at SFU and UVic from 1979–2004. He is now retired from the Provincial Government (Royal BC Museum 1979–1981, Cultural Services 1981–1983 and BC Heritage 1983–2004). John operates Discover the Past, his own history company, specializing in research, writing, lectures and walking tours. He has written seven books, notably *Old Square-Toes and His Lady*, the biography of Sir James and Lady Douglas and *The Ker Family of Victoria, 1859–1976: Pioneer Industrialists in Western Canada*. In 2022 John's latest book, *Chinese Victoria: A Long and Difficult Journey*, was released. It has won awards from the BC Historical Federation, the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC, the Hallmark Heritage Society and was a finalist for UBC's Basil Stuart-Stubbs Book Prize.

WHAT JOHN WILL TALK ABOUT:

Now that John has published *Chinese Victoria* he can look back on how and why he did it and can enjoy gathering newfound information that has come to light because of the book. He will discuss some of his most memorable "discoveries" during his twenty years of research, and recount some of the amazing people he met and interviewed along the way. Of course, the study of a topic as broad as Chinese Victoria is ongoing and John will explain how many people have come forward who have stories they want to share. And, most rewarding of all, he will talk about how his own work has inspired others to delve deeper into their personal histories and to start family discussions about long-forgotten memories.