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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The business of the Society is conducted at meetings held irregularly through the year, by the Executive Committee. These meetings are open to all members of the Society. Anyone interested in attending should contact the President to learn of date and location of the up-coming meetings, and to indicate the intention to attend, so that adequate seating may be arranged.

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from the PRESIDENT

Welcome back from what I hope was a pleasant summer. While I realize that this was not a particularly happy summer for farmers in southern Alberta, many of us were able, however, to make use of the abundant sunshine. Genealogically I know that many of you attended family reunions or were able to travel and gather more ancestral information. Be sure to share some of your tales at the next meeting of your A.G.S. Branch. Personal anecdotes always add interest to Branch programs.

This is the first message I have written since the marvelous A.G.S. Annual Meeting and Seminar in Red Deer. Congratulations are certainly in order to Jack Layton and his hard working and well organized seminar committee. The snow storm did prevent a few people from attending, yet it was still the largest seminar ever. The snow also forced several of us to stay over an extra night. The unscheduled meetings and conversations that resulted prompted more than one person to suggest that a storm be built in next year - an idea that Jim Allan and his committee for next year's gathering will likely reject.

This is also the first "Relatively Speaking" under the direction of our new editor, Lynda Fawcett. We are grateful to Lynda for taking on what is probably the most important task in our Society. We are also fortunate that the Red Deer Branch has agreed to support this effort. This is no small sacrifice, for in doing so, the Branch has relinquished (at least temporarily) Lynda and Ferne Gudnason who were responsible for the excellent Red Deer Branch newsletter "The Tree Climber". Ferne will now act as typist and will be working closely with Lynda on the layout for "Relatively Speaking". On behalf of the A.G.S., it is a pleasure to welcome you both to a difficult task.

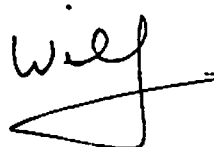
At the June meeting of the A.G.S. Executive Committee, we endorsed a proposal from Lynda and Ferne that each Branch appoint a correspondent to serve as liaison for "Relatively Speaking". There is much that the Branches can do to strengthen this publication; the creation of the position of correspondent seems like an important first step. Lynda hopes to be able to meet with all the correspondents to discuss future directions for "Relatively Speaking". This will likely happen at the November 2nd meeting of the Executive Committee in Red Deer.

If this newsletter reaches you before September 28th and you are attending the seminar that is being sponsored by the Lethbridge Branch on that date, please feel free to drop in on the Executive Committee meeting that will be held at 3 p.m. that day. We will likely have a crowded agenda and there may not be an opportunity for you to do much but observe; however, it is a chance to meet your Executive.

It is a cliché to say that the A.G.S. is your Society; it is a cliché because it is true. It is the job of those of us on the Executive Committees of the Society and the Branches to best represent the interests of all the members. To do this effectively, we need to hear from you. What do you like that we are now doing? What don't you like? What ideas do you have? Is there a job you would like to do? Please let us know. We think we're doing well but we'd all like A.G.S. to be even better.

All the best for a good fall and start of a new genealogy season.

Wilf Allan



LETHBRIDGE BRANCH ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FALL SEMINAR - Saturday September 28, 1985

SANDMAN INN - LETHBRIDGE

Classes 10:00 am - 4:00PM Lunch 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Registration Fee including lunch - \$15.00 due Sept. 10, 1985.

Payable to: Lethbridge Branch, A.G.S. 74 Jerry Potts Blvd., Lethbridge, AB T1K 5M5

A.G.S. Seminar '86

PLACE: Highway Motor Inn, 4520 - 76 Ave.
 EDMONTON, ALBERTA

DATE: APRIL 4 and 5, 1986

SPEAKER: Mrs. Margaret Russell, Hon. Sec.
 Cumbria Family History Soc. England

ALSO: Europe to North America migrations.

Researching — Roaming — Relatives

**** MORE INFORMATION TO EMERGE ****

The Alberta Family Histories Society will be holding a seminar October 25 and 26, 1985 at the Calgary Herald Auditorium in Calgary, AB. Speakers will include George and Elizabeth Hancocks of Ontario and Michael Dawe, Archivist for the Red Deer and District Museum. For more information, contact the Society at P.O. Box 30270, Station B, Calgary, AB T2M 4P1.

PASSENGER LISTS

NEWLY ARRIVED AT THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES IN EDMONTON

Enid Fitzsimonds reports that the Provincial Archives of Alberta has received thirty-eight reels of passenger lists of vessels landing at Quebec between 1865 and 1908, including the index of ships arrivals between 1900 and 1908. The chronological index of ships arriving at Halifax and Quebec between 1865 and 1905 has also been received.

Passenger lists of arrivals in Halifax (1865 to 1900) have been requested and are expected to arrive later in 1985.

1891 AND 1901 CENSUS

IMMINENT RELEASE

Reprinted with Thanks from the Toronto Branch O.G.S.
Summer 1985 Edition of the "Toronto Tree"

"Yes, folks, you read it here first! J. Brian Gilchrist confirmed today (June 26, 1985) that the final papers have been signed, allowing release of both the 1891 and 1901 census. You can expect to find them available within four to six months, under the condition that they are used only for genealogical or historical purposes, and not for publication."

"Brian reports that the new releases contain bonuses in the form of information not asked for in the earlier censuses; the 1891 includes a column for place of birth of parents, and the 1901 (which does not ask for parents' birth place) requests the year of immigration to Canada if born elsewhere, and the year of naturalization if not a British subject by birth. The 1901 census also includes all persons temporarily absent from the household, such as sailors and students."

"This is absolutely the last census material which will be made available to the public. Guarantees of confidentiality were extended for all subsequent census questionnaires, and these will be respected."

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Enid Fitzsimonds notes, "The Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA), Edmonton assures us that these films will be brought in as soon as possible but it is stressed that no official announcement has been received by PAA."

"We have had our hopes dashed in the past when information received from 'usually reliable sources' has proven to be unfounded. This time the information may be correct. If so, we assume that the petitions circulated throughout the western Canadian genealogical societies, as well as the Ontario Genealogical Society, may have influenced the early release. Let's keep hoping..."

VITAL STATISTICS UPDATE

Submitted by Maxine Rodgers - A.G.S. #1228

Genealogy is becoming big business for the Vital Statistics Departments of our provincial governments. Because search times are often lengthy and time consuming, the Departments have found it necessary to drastically increase their fees. Here is the schedule of fees as of August, 1985.

ALBERTA - There are complete records from 1898, with some birth records from 1853 onward and death records from 1893. Fee: \$7.00

Division of Vital Statistics
Department of Social Services and Community Health
Texaco Building, Main Floor
10130 - 112 St.
Edmonton, AB T5K 2K4

Note: New application forms SSCH 1564 DVS 18A are to be used and require the signature of a Notary Public, District Registrar of Vital Statistics, or a Commissioner for Oaths.

BRITISH COLUMBIA - Although civil registration officially began in 1872, early records are incomplete. Some baptismal records date back to 1849. Fee: \$10.00

Division of Vital Statistics
Ministry of Health
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

MANITOBA - Civil registration began in 1882 but records are incomplete until 1920. The church records (incomplete) will be searched when the denomination is known.

Fees: Birth, marriage or death certificates	- \$ 8.00
Genealogical searches	- \$15.00
Disinterments (including certified copy of death)	- \$28.00

The Office of Vital Statistics
Department of Health and Community Services
Room 104, Norquay Building
401 York Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P8

NEW BRUNSWICK - The records are complete from 1920 and incomplete for 1888 to 1920. A few county records prior to that date have been retained. Fee: \$25.00

The Registrar General
Vital Statistics Division
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

NEWFOUNDLAND - Civil registration began in 1892. The records are in the custody of the Registrar of Vital Statistics. Fee: \$4.00

Registrar of Vital Statistics
Department of Health
Confederation Building
St. John's, NF A1C 5T7

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES - Records are complete from 1925. Fee: \$2.00

Registrar of Vital Statistics
P.O. Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

NOVA SCOTIA - Vital statistics for the period 1864 to 1876 are available. Fee: \$10.00

Public Archives of Nova Scotia
6016 University Ave.
Halifax, NS B3H 1W4

ONTARIO - Civil registration began July 1, 1869. Fee: \$5.00

Deputy Registrar General
MacDonald Block
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y5

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - Civil registration began in 1906 but there are some marriage records dating back to 1783. Fee: \$5.00

Director of Vital Statistics
Department of Health
P.O. Box 3000
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7P1

QUEBEC - Records are complete from 1926 and inquiries for older records will be referred to the Archives Nationales du Quebec, the protonotary of the judicial district concerned, or to the relevant church. Some of these records date back to 1621. Fee \$5.00

The Registrar General
Population Register
845 Ave. Joffre
Quebec, PQ G1S 3L8

SASKATCHEWAN - Records are complete from 1920 and incomplete from 1878 to 1920. Fee: \$10.00

Vital Statistics
Department of Health
3211 Albert St.
Regina, SK S4S 0A6

NEW SOCIETY

Submitted by Georgette Brodeur - A.G.S. #930

In December 1984, as a member of the American-Canadian Genealogy Society of Manchester, New Hampshire, which publishes "The Genealogist", I noted that a new member was listed as: Société Historique et Généalogique de Smoky River, P.O. Box 224, Donnelly, AB T0H 1G0. I wrote a letter of enquiry and soon received information detailing a French-Canadian Genealogy Library of 300 volumes, a \$5.00 membership fee, and an invitation to join and visit the premises. It was signed by M. Beaupré, Co-ordinatrice.

I was enthusiastic to become a member and visit Donnelly in April. Upon my arrival, Mrs. Marie Beaupré and I discussed French-Canadian genealogical research, the Alberta Genealogical Society, our respective differences and similarities, and then planned the next day's perusal of the Centre.

The Centre Historique is a small three room rent-free house, one block from the central post office. It is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is staffed with the Co-ordinatrice and a volunteer, who makes genealogical charts from local histories. Telephone and mail enquiries are answered and genealogical research books are constantly being added to the already abundant acquisitions.

Their centre is a well-funded historical and genealogical archival resource with specific goals. At the present time, they are not interested in publishing. Their precise purpose is to foster French-Canadian genealogical research throughout the province and to preserve the area's historical records such as old photograph collections, etc.

The Association has plans and adequate funds for a new structure which has recently been tendered for bids. Their newly purchased IBM computer and word processor had just been delivered and four students were to have been employed during the summer to compile indexes and assemble information for better accessibility. Their executive is most supportive. This Society is interested in provincial cemetery recording, research interchange with a formulated type of query and a possible exchange of library holding lists.

This sister association is a veritable treasure and we salute their enterprise and initiative... "Quel trésor"!

The following two items are from the Dec. 1984 edition of the Sons of Norway "Viking" magazine:

- For information on the last volume of the Furnes Bygdebok which includes a list of Njøs area emigrants from 1850 to 1930 contact: Sparebanken Hedmark, Postboks 25, N-2381 Bruunddal, Norway.
- A private archive listing all U.S. immigrants from Vossestrand (now in Voss) and Hjelaa-Herdla (now Bygarden in Hordaland) is accessible without charge by writing to: Jahn Sjursen, Gyldenprisveien 15, 5000 Bergen, Norway.

WHERE DID THE SHERANS GO ? _____

Submitted by Alex Johnston - A.G.S. #1719

The first two babies of whom we have certain knowledge to be born in what is now the City of Lethbridge, Alberta were Charles Sheran, who was born on February 4, 1880 and William Sheran, who was born in November of 1882. Both were born at the Coal Banks, a location now included in West Lethbridge.

The father of these two boys was Nicholas Sheran, an Irish-American adventurer, who began to quarry coal for sale to the North-West Mounted Police in October of 1874. The mother of the two boys was Sheran's common-law wife, Awatoyakew or White-tailed Deer Woman (also known as Mary Brown), a Peigan woman who had been raised by the Bloods.

Nicholas Sheran drowned on May 26, 1882 at Kipp's Crossing on the Old Man River. To give the children a chance at an education, Mary Brown turned them over to Nicholas' sister, Marcella McFarland, who then sent them to the Catholic Mission School in St. Albert, Alberta where they remained until about 1898 or 1899.

The boys were baptized on May 18, 1884 at the Coal Banks by Father Leonard Van Tighem OMI. Charles Sheran was later confirmed by Bishop Vital Grandin of the St. Albert Parish on January 1, 1891. William Sheran, however, did not appear on parish confirmation lists, at least through 1898.

The two boys were involved in a celebrated court case in 1897-98, designed to determine who should receive the Nicholas Sheran estate - his two natural sons or his sister, Ellen, who was then residing in New York City. The boys were judged to be illegitimate, hence, the estate was awarded to Ellen Sheran.

In 1900, Charles and William Sheran both gave their address as Macleod, Alberta. Both applied for land script under the North-West Halfbreed Claims Commission; Charles on July 31, 1900 (Claim #1505) and William on October 12, 1900 (Claim #2695). Neither seems to have settled on land they could have obtained for their land script. And there all trace of the Sheran boys vanishes. A contemporary news report states that most of the halfbreeds claiming script at Macleod were from Montana.

Interestingly enough, two half-brothers still live on the Blood Indian Reserve at Standoff. They are William White Feathers and Mark Old Shoes, both respected medicine men and tribal elders. Neither has any knowledge of the fate of their Metis half-brothers, although William White Feathers suggested they likely went to Washington and Mark Old Shoes thought they may have gone to Browning, Montana. Exhaustive enquiries in both areas have failed to turn up families with the same name.

Any information would be appreciated by Alex Johnston, Box 974, Lethbridge, AB T1J 4A2. Phone 403-320-3957 (bus.) or 403-327-3191 (home).

A.G.S. CEMETERY RECORDING

Production Manual, by Provincial Project Co-ordinator,
Enid Fitzsimonds - A.G.S. #113

WHAT TO DO FIRST

Are you interested in recording a cemetery? First check with the provincial co-ordinator, as it may already have been recorded, or we may have some pertinent information on file.

The Government of Alberta has smiled on the A.G.S. Cemetery Recording Project -- with a grant! The expenses covered are listed later in this article.

In return for the grant, we are required to provide wherever possible, the following:

- Name or Names of Cemetery.
- Name of Responsible Group or Owners - For example, St. John's Lutheran Church, Podunk Corners, Alberta; Canadian Legion BESL #417, Hillman, AB; Larkspur Community Cemetery Company, etc.
- Legal Description of Land - For example, NW 14-27-61-W6 or if on subdivided land (town, city, etc.) the local designation, wherever possible: lots 1-75, Plot 17, Plan X, City of Farhills, etc.
- Brief History - From official records, stories from old-timers, community histories. List your sources, please (e.g. minutes of church board, local legend, memories of Mr. H.B. Hansen).

Write up the list from the burial register according to the numerical listings in the plot plan. For example:

Plot 1, Lot 1

This space for information from burial register.

(This space reserved for grave marker information, to be recorded later.)

Now go to the cemetery. Follow the plot plan and enter the inscriptions from the grave markers. Omit poems and Bible verses unless they seem to have genealogical significance (e.g. ship, plane, fraternal crest, military insignia, etc). Note: Do not correct supposed errors in records, copy them as they are! Feel free to add notes regarding further information; but cite sources (e.g. "Family sources say actual death date was -----").

TO FINISH THE JOB

Your completed cemetery recording should include:

- The Cover - Will be provided by the Project Co-ordinator.
- Section 1 - Will include the following (in approximate order listed):
 - Location - Road directions or section of highway map.
 - Description - For example, well kept, rundown, in current use, threatened, abandoned, ploughed under, etc.
 - History of the Cemetery.
 - Who Did the Recording? When?
 - Alphabetical Index - Contact the Co-ordinator if this is a problem.
- Plot Plan - Sketch or copy of custodian's map.

- The Actual Cemetery Recording - It should be written according to plot plan or actual location, NOT alphabetically. Include entries from all information sources.
- Scrap Book Section - Don't hesitate to make a "scrap-book" section which can include newspaper obituaries, articles or other interesting information.

When the above is completed, gather all your expense slips and receipts. Eligible expenses include the following:

- Car Expenses - 23 cents per km. If travelling outside your local area, please check with the co-ordinator first.
- Photographs (and corresponding negatives, please) - At cost.
- Photocopying of Backup Material - Burial registers, parish registers, pages from local histories, etc.
- Labour - A modest number hours at minimum labour rate will be honoured. (As our labour has always been donated to such projects, we hope that our members will see fit to donate some or all of the "labour" money earned, back to the Cemetery Recording Project.)

List the eligible expenses on the invoice (ask the Co-ordinator for the appropriate invoice). Keep a duplicate copy of your receipts, as well as your invoice for future reference.

Forward the final write-up of the cemetery recording, the invoice, and the bills to the Co-ordinator.

If you can cope with all the above, you are MARVELOUS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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NOTE: Frequently Misspelled Words:

cemetery - not cemetary
interment - not internment

Preferred Terminology:

The end product of cremation: cremains (not ashes!).

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NEW CEMETERY RECORDINGS

Athabasca Cemetery	SW-27-66-22-W4	\$10.00
Beiseker: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery	-26-28-W4	2.00
Pine Lake: Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery	SE-22-36-25-W4	2.50

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COMPUTER CORNER

Jack Layton - A.G.S. #1192

In my first column, I promised to outline some features that genealogists should look for when purchasing a computer program.

- The first one, of course is a program which may be used on the computer you have. If you don't have a computer, the program should come first. I think it is important that you have technical and moral support. Thus, you may decide to purchase a program or computer which is familiar to those on whom you will call for help. (This advice is for the user, not the computer expert.)

- A program should provide what you want in the way of charts, group sheets, search functions, capacity, etc. The producers of most programs will provide sample printouts and detailed explanations of the features offered. If the salesman is unknowledgeable about the program, you may decide to purchase elsewhere. There is a large selection of programs; you should be able to get one which suits your needs.

- A program should be continually upgraded, and new editions should be available at reasonable cost. I have a distant cousin who sent me a disc from the first version of the Family Roots program. I found it very primitive and difficult to use. Changes have been made to overcome difficulties with Family Roots in the two years that I have used the program. The L.D.S. program, Personal Ancestral File, has been removed from the market for extensive revision to overcome problems. This illustrates that no program is as yet perfect, if it ever will be. New versions may be available for little more than the cost of the discs involved, but you will need an updated manual, which may be costly.

- A good program should have a complementing function, that is, it must copy data entered in one file into others to which the same data applies. For example, when the children are entered in a parent's file, the data will be copied into the file of the other parent, and the names of the parents will be entered into the files of the children. This eliminates the necessity of entering the data more than once.

- A good program should offer support to the user in the form of phone or written answers to problems. There is nothing more frustrating than experiencing a problem and not being able to obtain expert advice. I have been able to telephone to Massachusetts in an emergency and receive advice regarding the Family Roots program.

- Some programs are open-ended, that is, specific family data may be continued from one disc to another. This allows you to fill up your discs as you use them. It then is easy to add information discovered later. Other programs require that a complete family be included on one disc. Thus, the user must leave empty space on each disc (up to as much as one half the disc). I have over 5,000 names on 14 discs. Using half a disc would require 25 to 28 discs to contain the same number of files.

- A program should have the capability to transfer information to other programs and sources of information, and to receive data also. Some programs

are being prepared in this way, as I reported in my first column. This will be particularly important in relation to the information stored in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Genealogical Library. The novice may not need this function but you may find this feature useful in the future.

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Following are some items gleaned from Harvey MacIntyre's (A.G.S. #1392) summary of the A.G.S. Seminar '85 Advanced Computer workshop printed in the Red Deer Branch "Tree Climber" (Summer 1985 edition).

The new version of Personal Ancestral File is undergoing final testing, and should be available by August, 1985. It is being written in C (compiler language), which allows for much faster functioning than Basic. PAF versions in Apple II and CPM format are being developed along with the original IBM version. Other people have been licensed to do conversions for other systems, including TRS-80 and Commodore.

The IBM version will require 256K of memory, but other computers will require less. "Individuals should write for a copy of a fact sheet which includes the memory requirements for various kinds of computers."

I will attempt to include more of Harvey's interesting article in a future column.

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Demonstration discs of the Family Roots program (one each for Apple and IBM) were obtained for the A.G.S. Seminar '85. If you wish to borrow one of these discs, please write to me: Jack Layton, P.O. Box 95, Innisfail, AB T0M 1A0.

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Remember, this is your column. Please contribute to it and tell me your opinion of it.

A.G.S. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Members are reminded that all A.G.S. memberships will be due on December 31, 1985. The renewal form and rates are on the inside back cover of this issue. Cheques are to be made payable to: The Alberta Genealogical Society. To avoid any delays in the Christmas mail, please mail your renewals early to: The Alberta Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, AB T5J 3L2.

DIRECTORIES, GAZETTEERS AND ATLASES

By Elaine Sanderson - A.G.S. #1695

An often neglected source group in genealogical research is that of Directories, Gazetteers and Atlases. As well as determining the dates and places of an ancestor's birth, marriage and death, the true genealogist has a strong desire to find out how that ancestor lived, who first settled the area and what churches were established. What were the industries in the area? When was market day and were there country fairs? Directories, Gazetteers and Atlases can help provide a clearer picture of the ancestor's surroundings. They can also give valuable clues to any record groups created during the ancestor's lifetime which may have involved him directly.

For an example, let's look at a typical gazetteer entry for the English town of Swaffham in Norfolk County, as found in Lewis's Topographical Dictionary (available in book form at the Calgary L.D.S. Branch Genealogical Library and on microfilm [No's. 413519 to 413522] at most L.D.S. Branch Genealogical Libraries in Alberta.) Lewis's gazetteer was published during the 1830's and covered all of the British Isles, although the film numbers mentioned above refer only to England and Wales.

SWAFFHAM, a market town and parish in the southern division of the hundred of GREENHIDE, CO. NORFOLK, 28 miles (W. by N.) from Norwich, and 95 (N.N.E.) from London, containing 2,836 inhabitants. This ancient town is situated on an eminence commanding an extensive view of the surrounding countryside, and is remarkable for the solubrity of its air, and the longevity of its inhabitants: it consists of four principal, and several inferior streets; the houses in general are well built, and the inhabitants are well supplied with water from springs. A book club is supported by suscriptions among the clergy and gentry in the town and neighbourhood; a neat theatre has been recently erected, and an elegant assembly-room, on the market hill, was lately repaired and modernized, at a considerable expense; subscription assemblies are held monthly. On the north-west side of the town is a fine heath of some thousand acres, admirably adapted for the diversions of racing and coursing: greyhounds are annually entered here for the latter amusement, in the month of November, being subject to the same restrictions as race-horses. A Charter for a market and two annual fairs was granted by King John to one of the Earls of Richmond, who were anciently Lords of the Manor. The market is on Saturday; and fairs are held May 12th for sheep, July 21st and November 3rd for sheep and cattle. The market place... (a description followed). The County Magistrates hold a weekly petty session: the general quarter sessions are held here at Midsummer only, by adjournment from Norwich; manorial courts leet and baron are held annually in April or May... Anciently the Earl of Richmond had a prison in the town, and a house of correction, or bridewell, was erected in the 41st of Elizabeth, for the convenience of several adjoining hundreds. The New Bridewell was built about 1787 and will hold upwards of one hundred prisoners... A treadmill was erected in 1822, and in 1825, a handsome residence for the Governor. The living is a vicarage, with the rectory of Thrixtion annexed, in the Archdeaconry of Norfolk, and diocese of Norwich... and in the patronage of the Bishop of Norwich. The church, which is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul, is a splendid and spacious cruciform structure... Here was anciently a free chapel dedicated to St. Mary; and about half a mile distant, in a hamlet formerly called Guthlac's Stow, now Goodluck's Close, stood another dedicated to St. Guthlac. There are several places of worship for Baptists and Wesleyan Methodists... Several houses have been given, at different periods, as free-rent residences for the poor, for whom there is also a workhouse, which was the residence of the Rector before the impropriation took place. John de Swaffham, a man of great learning, and a strenuous opponent of Wickliffe, who was raised to the See of Bangor by Pope Gregory II, was a native of this town.

From this example, you can see the wealth of information one can gather about their ancestor's town! He may well have sold sheep or cattle at those markets and may have taken his children to help out. Perhaps, while there, the children were excited to see jugglers or hear pitchmen shouting out their "patter" trying to sell their bright ribbons and wares. On Sunday, the ancestor may have walked to the town to have a baby christened at St. Peter and St. Paul's. Perhaps he was fined for some petty offense or rewarded for civic service at the quarter session courts. Maybe the family fell on hard times and was housed in the poorhouse or workhouse. Worse yet, perhaps the luckless fellow was in Bridewell, walking out his sentence on the treadmill, providing power to grind wheat or corn or for some other industry.

The example mentioned suggests several sources of information that may be available:

1. Church Records - Both at the Church of England (St. Peter and St. Paul) and non-conformist churches (Baptist and Wesleyan Methodist). A search of Phillimore's Atlas and Index of Parish Registers will reveal where the records are held.
2. Manorial Court and Quarter Session Records
For information on these records, refer to the booklet, "Quarter Session Records Held in County Record Offices". It is available from most County Record Offices for a small fee by mail. You can then see if your records are available and whether or not it might pay to hire a researcher to review the records for the time period you are interested in.
3. Probate Records
You could investigate probate records. The probate records are available at Norwich for this area.
4. Poorhouse or Workhouse Lists
You could check with the County Record Office for Norfolk Co. to see what records they have on hand or where you might find poorhouse or workhouse information.

Gazetteers, Directories and Atlases go back to the mid-1700's. Sometimes, they were published by subscription from the community, and while the names of subscribers would almost certainly appear, a family who did not subscribe (for one reason or another) would be left out of the book. This is how the Canadian series we know as the County Atlases of Ontario came into existence. The earlier, smaller county directories (e.g. Bruce Co. 1867) were of the entire county and were for sale to all, though the original printing was paid for by the advertisers.

Research in many of the "most researched" countries of the world would be impossible for the genealogist without adequate gazetteer-type material to refer to. In the L.D.S. Branch Genealogical Library, two instances stand out in recent memory when puzzled patrons, having first copied varied spellings of the place they wished to find, were successful in locating the

ancestral home by using these research aids. One person was looking in England, the other in Germany. Once the ancestral home is located, you can apply to the town, or to a county or state archives to politely ask what types of genealogically relevant records are available for the time and place you are researching. You could also ask if the ancestral name appears in any reference index. A modest fee and return postage with your self-addressed envelope will generally get you cooperation wherever you go.

Some examples of Directories and Gazetteers available at L.D.S. Branch Genealogical Libraries in Alberta are:

1. The Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales, J.M. Wilson, 1870 (available on microfiche or microfilm).
2. Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of England and Wales, (Ireland and Scotland are also available).
3. Lovell's Gazetteer of British North America, Edited by P.A. Crossley, 1873.
4. Parliamentary Gazetteer of England and Wales, J.M. Wilson, 1838.
5. Geografiskt - Statistiskt Handlexikon öfver Sverige, C.M. Rosenberg.
6. U.S.S.R. and Certain Neighboring Areas (Official Standard Names), Published 1959, U.S.A.
7. Ortsverzeichnis der Deutschen Siedlungen - Grossrumäniens, Volkszählung, 1930.
8. Meyers Orts = und Verkehrs = Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs, Dr. E. Uetrecht, 1912.
9. 1871 Census of Ireland - Alphabetical Index of Townlands and Towns.
10. Prospectus of Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland.
11. Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland.
12. Handy Book for Genealogists, Everton Publishers, 1982.

This is by no means an exhaustive list. It does, however, give you an idea of what is readily available in the L.D.S. Branch Genealogical Libraries. These films do not have to be ordered in! On your next visit to your local library or Branch Genealogical Library, why not see what they have to offer in the way of Atlases, Gazetteers and Directories. You may be delighted that you did!

For information on the services of a genealogist specializing in research in the Suffolk area and Norfolk/Essex borders (at £ 4.00 per hour) write to: Sue Rodwell, Genealogist, 60 Berners Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IPI 3LU, England.

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For copies of the new Family History Annual send £ 6.00 (postage included) to: Family History Annual, 3/33 Sussex Square, Brighton BN2 5AB, Sussex, England. The Annual is to be published in Sept. or Oct. 1985 and is edited by Michael J. Burchall. It will contain about 200 pages of articles covering a wide variety of topics by such genealogical experts as Jeremy Gibson, Elizabeth Simpson, Donald Steel and Cecil Humphery-Smith.

DEAR GENIE

"Dear Genie" welcomes letters from readers, outlining their genealogical problems. Selected letters will be printed, with Genie's advice. For personal replies, please include a SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope). Letters must be signed. Confidentiality will be maintained, if requested. Please address letters: "Dear Genie" c/o Alberta Genealogical Society, PO Box 12015, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 3L2



Dear Readers:

In the Summer 1985 issue of "Relatively Speaking", there was a letter from Ann Modlar of Mayerthorpe, AB asking where she could obtain information about Boer War Veterans and former R.C.M.P. members.

Recently, a letter arrived from Salli Dyson, our A.G.S. member who moved to England last fall. Her letter is as follows:

Dear Genie:

I was interested in the query in the Summer issue (Vol. 13, No. 2, pg. 18) of "Relatively Speaking" regarding early R.C.M.P. members.

Over the past few years, I've had a running correspondence with the R.C.M.P. Archives and have found them to be very helpful. They will not only search their own records but will suggest other avenues of research where appropriate.

The person to write to is: S.W. Horrall, Historian
R.C.M.P.
1200 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0R2

I trust this information will be helpful to Ann Modlar.

Sincerely,
Salli Dyson

Thanks so much - I am sure that Ann Modlar will find this address most helpful. We miss your smiling face around here, Salli.

Genie

For information on the MANTLE (MANTELL, MANTEL, MANTIL) surname organization write to: Henry J. Mantell, 131 Isabella Drive, Farnborough, Kent, BR6 7UF, England.

NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH

Prepared by Ferne Gudnason - A.G.S. #1309

The following article was prepared from a tape recording of the New England States workshop which was conducted by Jimmy Parker at the A.G.S. Seminar '85 in Red Deer, AB. Thanks to Jimmy Parker for giving his permission to publish the first portion of his presentation, sight unseen. Part II which deals with the individual New England States will be published in our next edition of "Relatively Speaking". As well, we will publish any corrections or addendums to Part I.

Mr. Parker began his presentation by making general statements about records in New England and then looked at each of the five New England States individually. These included: Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont.

PART I - GENERAL GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

If you are really interested in doing good research, you have to understand the historical background of the area where your ancestor lived. This article will only begin to touch the tip of the iceberg when dealing with the history of the New England area. Remember that the history of one of these states alone is a lifetime study. When doing genealogical research, you must know about the historical background of the area at the time when your people lived there. This will help you to understand why they did what they did, and where their lives might have recorded in the records. That's one of the keys to becoming a good genealogist. If you want to go beyond being a genealogist and become a family historian, then the study of history is even more critical.

Remember not to get caught in the trap of thinking in terms of doing genealogical research in an area as it is now constituted. We must think in terms of how the area was organized during the time period we are doing our research. During the colonial period there was not a United States of America - that didn't happen until after the Revolution. What existed in the New England area were separate and distinct colonies with nothing to tie them together and subsequently they often had very different kinds of records.

Much of the information presented here comes from the state outline publications which are prepared by the L.D.S. Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City. Their Correspondence Unit prepares outlines for various localities throughout the world. These outlines are available for all but five of the fifty American states. Outlines are available for all of the New England states.

As an example of what is included is one of these outlines, the one dealing with Massachusetts is eight pages in length and includes information on collections, historical events, cemetery records, court records, military records, microfiche, maps and gazetteers, etc.

In the near future, the Genealogical Library plans to send copies of these publications to each of their branch genealogical libraries. The Correspondence Unit of the Library in Salt Lake City is presently formatting and preparing these outlines in a uniform format.

If you would like to obtain a free copy of the state outline for any particular state you have interest in, send your request to:

Genealogical Library
50 E. North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

Following are some general record categories for the New England States:

CENSUS RECORDS

In the United States, federal census records were kept beginning in 1790 and every 10 years thereafter through to 1980. The federal census records for the New England area are generally available from 1790 to 1910. The exception, however, is the 1890 federal census which was destroyed.

The indexes for the 1790 through 1850 censuses are part of the A.I.S. data base which is located at branch genealogical libraries of the L.D.S. Church. While the A.I.S. data base is not as accurate as we would like to see, it is still a great tool and may help you locate the census entries for your families.

INDEXES

When you are looking in indexes of any kind, keep in mind that if you find the names you are searching for, count yourself very fortunate because this will help you to do your research more quickly. But if you don't find what you are looking for in the index, you should never, ever trust an index. The reason for this is that it is very easy to mis-transcribe a name when copying from an original record. All it takes is one or two letters misread and it could throw that name entirely out of alphabetical sequence and then you would never be able to find it in an index. If you don't find what you are looking for in an index, then you are faced with a decision - should you search the original record in its entirety or not. My suggestion to you is that you will probably want to search the original record, especially if the information you are seeking is a key to your entire research project.

The 1880 federal census in the United States is partially indexed. There is what is called the Soundex Index to the 1880 census. Soundex is an index that is arranged by the sound of the surname which is coded according to the Soundex Index instructions. To search for a particular surname, you would look under its code number. The 1880 census is only indexed for those families who have children aged 10 years and under. So if your families had children which were all grown or if they hadn't had children yet, those families would not be included in the Soundex Index. Therefore, the 1880 index is only a partial index.

The 1900 federal U.S. census is (supposedly) totally indexed. The indexing of the 1900 census was a federal government project.

Census records for 1920 and later exist but they are not available for general public research because they are protected by federal rights of privacy laws. They are housed at the Bureau of Census in Pittsburg, Kansas. The government will only release information on your parents or direct line ancestors if you can either prove they are dead or you have their permission to get this information. For further information regarding the correct forms to use, etc., you may contact the L.D.S. Genealogical Library or you can write directly to the Bureau of Census.

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

In New England there are numerous manuscript collections of genealogical information. Over the years, many researchers have compiled a lot of information for large areas of New England and for families which had descendents who were spread all over these areas. An example of a general collection that exists is a recent release called the Torry Collection. It is a collection of New England marriages prior to 1700. Clarence Torry is the one who compiled it. The collection consists of about 37,000 pre-1700 marriages with over 100,000 references, making it a fairly sizeable index. The entries are arranged alphabetically according to the husband's surname. Additional information included is: husband's birth date, wife's surname, and similar data. The collection is at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The index to the Torry Collection has been published.

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (I.G.I.)

The International Genealogical Index has to be considered as a very important source of information when searching for New England families. The I.G.I. is available at branch genealogical libraries of the L.D.S. Church.

There are two reasons why the I.G.I. is such an important source: 1. Many of the town records and the church records of New England have been extacted, that is, all of the names have been taken out of the records and placed on computer, and therefore appear on the I.G.I.; and 2. Many of the members of the L.D.S. Church have ancestors that go back to New England and they have done research on those families. Therefore, much information has been sifted out of records already. This information has been submitted to the Church and those names appear on the I.G.I. Because the I.G.I. contains so many New England names, be sure to check it very early in your research.

IMMIGRATION RECORDS

In the United States, ships passenger lists were not kept until about 1820. It was in 1820 that the Federal Government required that passenger and shipping lists be kept. These passenger lists are available at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. There are a few scattered passenger lists prior to that date. Some of those are in the National Archives, some are in state archives and some are in historical societies. The locations where they are housed are scattered over the east coast area. Some have been both published and indexed. Those that have been indexed and published are included in William Filby's book, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, which was published in 1980. This book is being updated and a new edition will soon be out.

FEDERAL MILITARY RECORDS

Once the Revolutionary War was over and the Federal Government was established in the United States, many of the military records became a national concern. The service records and the pension records for the wars following the Revolution primarily are Federal Government records, although this is not always entirely the case. Many of the states had state militias, even after the federal period, and those state militia records are not Federal Government records.

The pensions that resulted from the confederate states service during the Civil War are state pension records. If you have anyone who served in the Civil War from the south, in the confederate area, then those people will have pensions drawn on the state, not on the Federal Government. Be aware that federal military records, for the most part, are housed in the National Archives. It should be noted that there are tons of records at the National Archives.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Office of the Registrar of Corporations requires that certain changes be made in the Bylaws of the Alberta Genealogical Society in keeping with changes in the Societies Act. A General Meeting of the members of the Alberta Genealogical Society is called to pass the required changes. The meeting will be held on Nov. 2, 1985 at 1:30 PM in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Red Deer, Alberta.

The required changes are as follows:

To be added as Section 5.G.iii:

The election of a Director or an Officer may be rescinded for misconduct or neglect of duty in office, and a successor may thereafter be elected for the remainder of the term.

The underlined clause will be added to the current Section 6.H:

To assure adequate attendance at Executive meetings, the Executive Committee may determine and pay travel and/or subsistence allowances for Directors and Officers who must attend from a distance; however no further remuneration may be offered.

In the following sections, the word Extraordinary must be replaced with the italicized word (*Special*).

EXTRAORDINARY (SPECIAL) RESOLUTION

- 9.A Means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three fourths of such members entitled to vote as are present in person, or where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which notices specifying the intention to propose the resolution as an extraordinary (special) resolution has been duly given.
- 10.A Amendment to the bylaws of the Society, the Name, or the Objects of the Society, may be proposed by the Executive or to the Executive, in writing, as an Extraordinary (Special) Resolution, sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or to any General Meeting that may be called for a special purpose.
- 10.A.i The membership of the Society shall be given at least thirty (30) days clear notice of the intention to propose such an Extraordinary (Special) Resolution at the next Annual General Meeting called for that purpose.

Copies of the current bylaws will be supplied to members upon application to the Chairman, Bylaws Committee at P. O. Box 12015, Edmonton AB T5J 3L2.

When inquiring at the National Archives about military records for genealogical information, they will usually only send you a small portion of the information that is actually in their files, as some of these individual files are very large. For example, one military pension file I searched contained 85 pages of information. Because of the vast amounts of records available, don't believe that they are giving you all that there is. If you write to them, you can ask that they photocopy or microfilm the entire file. You can ask how many pages there are and get a cost estimate ahead of time. This is not a service that is generally known. Military pension files can be a gold mine of genealogical and biographical information. They can include such information as affidavits from brothers and neighbours or those who had served alongside your ancestor in the Civil War.

The vast volume of information at the National Archives is difficult to comprehend. Regarding military records, for example, in addition to the compiled military service records and the pension files, there is one entire stack floor in the Archives which is devoted entirely to units in the Civil War including regimental muster rolls, hospital records, general orders of the day, etc. These records are available but for some of them, you do have to go to the National Archives yourself and you must know what to ask for.

STATE MILITARY RECORDS

Most of the New England states have a State Adjutant General's office. This is the office responsible for keeping records of servicemen and state militias. Many of these offices have published rosters or roles of individuals involved from their states in the various wars. They have published these kinds of rosters for most of the major wars (Civil War, 1812 War, Spanish American War, etc.).

NEWSPAPERS

There are some general guides to newspapers available. Winnifred Gregory compiled a guide to American newspapers which is entitled American Newspapers 1821-1936: A Union List. It is often referred to as Gregory's Union List of Newspapers. This is a very key guide to newspapers for that time period. It is arranged by state and then by city and includes listings of the newspapers published and their dates of publication. If she knew where the copies were kept, she indicated this also. Some of the locations are now inaccurate as the guide was published in 1936.

To supplement and compliment Gregory's guide, there is a publication put out by Clarence S. Brigham entitled History and Bibliography of American Newspapers: 1690 - 1820. This is a much shorter guide, as newspapers did not start publishing much before the early 1800's. These two guides are usually found in major research libraries or university libraries.

To find what newspapers are currently being published, check the Ayer Directory of Publications. This directory, which can be found in most public libraries, lists names and addresses of current newspapers.

LAND AND PROPERTY RECORDS

Most of the deeds, that is, the transfer of property from individual to individual, for all of the New England states are either in county offices or in the town clerk's offices; it varies from one state to another.

The earliest land records are the proprietors records. They deal with the

transfer of land from either the proprietor or the Crown to the individual. Many of those records are published. For more information, see the individual state outline papers.

PROBATE RECORDS

Most of the New England probate records are county records. However, there are two exceptions: Vermont has two probate districts per county in the five southern counties while there is only one in each of the northern counties; and in Connecticut, the probate records are filed by town within probate districts.

CHURCH AND BIBLE RECORDS

One way of identifying which denominations of churches were predominant in the area where your particular people were, is to check the local history books for that locality. These books usually list all of the churches in the area, when they were organized, and perhaps who was involved in the formation of the original church. Local histories are a valuable source for genealogists. A second way to identify which church denominations were in your specific area of research is to consult a set of records which was put out in the 1930's under the Works Progress Administration called "Inventories to Records". Many inventories of church records were compiled and made available. They will give you a history of the church and where the records were located in the 1930's when these inventories were compiled.

Because churches are usually independent and have no central governing body which requires them to send in their local congregation records, the first place to look for church records is with the local congregation. Most congregations keep their own records. If a congregation ceases to exist, one of two things usually happens: either those records go with the clerk into his personal collection and therefore may have ended up anywhere from Maine to California; or the records were put into some kind of a records depository (historical society in the area, diocesan archives or into a central historical society for the denomination, etc.). So you should check to see if there is a central records depository for the denomination you are interested in, then write to them for information regarding defunct congregations.

Many family bible records have been published in the "New England Historic Genealogical Register". Some have been microfiled. Family bible records are one of the least used sources, primarily because they are so difficult to find. Genealogical publications throughout North America publish family bible records from all across America, usually with little relationship between where they are being published and where the family actually lived.

COURT RECORDS

There were many different kinds of courts in the New England states. These included: the general courts, justices of the peace, county courts, superior court adjudicature, quarter courts, supreme judicial courts, district police and municipal courts, notary public records and the superior courts. For different time periods these various courts existed and they had different jurisdictions. Some had civil jurisdiction (e.g. title of land, divorce proceedings) and others had criminal jurisdictions (e.g. act against the public good). All of these courts and some of their jurisdictions are included in the state outline publications.

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Part II of this article will be published in the next issue of
"Relatively Speaking"

GHOSTLY ADDRESSES

By Carin Thomas - A.G.S.1447

In this issue, we'll report on the contents of the "mail bag".

Mrs. Dora Lloyd wrote that the present Derwent was once called MONKMAN P.O., and that there was an ORANGEDAHL ten to twelve miles south of Cadogan. Neither of these appear on the 1914 or 1917 maps.

Someone sent a copy of a letter which appeared in a newspaper regarding CADOGAN (01-39-04-W4): "...the community was named by a railroad survey crew who were just picking names out of a book listing the British peerage. ...There is an Earl of Cadogan..." The original letter was written by a Dave Cadogan.

Charlotte Hilts Steele of Albany, Oregon wrote that ca. 1907-1909 there was a CURLEW P.O. near Three Hills. This would be on sw? 04-33-25-W4, and appears on both the 1914 and 1917 maps.

It was noted that Lamont (13-55-19-W4) was known as BLOOMFIELD before 1900.

It has also been mentioned that six miles west of Alcomdale there was a SEYMOUR P.O. This is on S 06-57-27-W4, which is right against the 5th meridian, and appears on both the 1914 and 1917 maps.

Mrs. Anala Long of Claresholm brought ELINOR P.O. to our attention. It was between Claresholm and Barons (NE 1/2 20-12-24-W4). Peter Wendelboe operated the post office in 1903, along with a general store. His son had a blacksmith shop. In 1909, with the coming of the railway, Barons became the postal centre for the area.

Breton was once known as KEYSTONE. This is on 01-48-03-W5, and is shown on both of the maps which we have access to.

Last but by no means least, there was a letter from a lady who actually started one of the post offices mentioned in a previous column! Kate L. Ross of Calgary, age 87, wrote to correct the spelling of DIRLETON (we had Dirlerton) and included the following: "I formed the Dirlerton School District No. 4325 on Dec. 10th 1927. We started the school in 1928. Then on Feb. 4th 1933, I opened the Dirlerton post office. I was the post master for 28 years and the office was part of our farm house. I named it after the school that my husband, David Ross, had attended in Ontario. His father had named their school, as well as their post office, after Dirlerton in Scotland where they had come from in the 1860's. ...So on April 30th 1960, I mailed all my equipment belonging to the Dirlerton P.O. to the Edmonton head office..." Thus, this post office had just one post master for its entire existence! The Ross farm was on 16-11-04-W4.

EARLY ALBERTA HISTORY

Michael Dawe, Archivist, Red Deer and District Museum

One of the most interesting and unique companies in Central Alberta's early history was the Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company. This colonization and land company at one time owned one hundred and eighty square miles of land around what is now the City of Red Deer, Alberta. It had a profound impact on the development of the Red Deer area.

The origins of the Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company (hereafter referred to as S. L. & H. Co.) go back to 1880 when Rev. Alexander Sutherland, one of Canada's most prominent Methodist clergymen, made a trip from Fort Benton, Montana to Edmonton. Rev. Sutherland was greatly impressed by the country he saw and shortly after his trip was completed, he approached several Ontario Methodist businessmen about the possibility of creating a land and colonization company. The purposes of this proposed company were to be the promotion of settlement of Ontario and British Methodists in Western Canada and investment in the land speculation opportunities created by the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Early in 1882, application was made to the Dominion Government for incorporation and on May 11, 1882, letters of patent were granted. The president of the new company was J. J. Withrow, president of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition; the vice-president was Rev. Sutherland; and the managing director was John Thomas Moore, a Toronto chartered accountant. Shareholders included W. J. Gage, the famous book publisher; Edward Guernsey, first president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; and Rev. Leonard Gaetz, a Methodist clergyman who in 1884, would homestead what is now the downtown area of the City of Red Deer.

In the summer of 1882 an exploration party, under the leadership of John T. Moore, was outfitted in Winnipeg and travelled westward over the newly constructed C.P.R. to the railhead near Moose Jaw. From there, the group travelled over buffalo paths and Indian trails along the South Saskatchewan River and its tributaries. Towards the end of the summer, the party camped alongside Waskasoo Creek and Mr. Moore rode to the top of Piper's Mountain. He was so impressed by the beauty and fertility of the surrounding area that he decided that the Company should purchase lands in the Red Deer area. As a result, in September of 1882, the S. L. & H. Co. purchased over 115,000 acres of land from the Dominion Government for \$2 an acre.

The Company turned out to be very unpopular amongst the settlers in the area. Some people squatted on land and made improvements, only to discover when the legal surveys were completed in 1884, that they were on S. L. & H. Co. land. Others found that they had to pay fees for hay and firewood they had cut because it turned out they had done so on Company land. Many people were angered by the fact that the Company had done little to bring new settlers to the area. By July of 1887, public anger grew so great that a memorial was sent to the Governor General requesting that the Dominion Government rescind its agreement with the S. L. & H. Co. The Government decided that since patents had already been issued, nothing could be done and the matter was closed.

However, things did not go well financially for the Company. Land sales were poor because the Company was trying to sell its land at \$5 to \$10 an acre, at a time when there was still a large quantity of free homestead land

available. The Company also suffered because the C.P.R. did not build its main line through Central Alberta as some people had predicted, thereby reducing the potential for land speculation. The Calgary-Edmonton Railway Company did build a line through part of the S. L. & H. Co.'s lands, but this was not until 1891. In 1901, the Alberta Central Railway projected a line running east and west through the Company's lands, but construction did not commence until 1910. By July 1909, the S. L. & H. Co. had managed only \$181,940 worth of land sales, while its expenses amounted to \$105,600.

As the Company's financial troubles continued, Edward Leadley, a Toronto grain merchant and shareholder in the S. L. & H. Co., lent a very large sum of money in exchange for a mortgage on the Company's lands. Unfortunately, Mr. Leadley died in 1903 and the heirs to his estate began foreclosure proceedings. The resulting court case became complicated because John T. Moore initially acted as an agent for both the S. L. & H. Co. and the Leadley estate and tried to take over the Company's lands for himself. Fraud charges were laid against Mr. Moore, but he was exonerated by an Ontario judge in July of 1905.

The legal battles continued as the heirs to the Leadley estate sought and were granted an injunction in May, 1906 which restrained Mr. Moore from having any further dealings with the Company's lands. In 1907, J. E. Cunningham of Kingston bought up the shareholders' interests. He attempted to redeem the mortgage and obtain possession of the Company's lands, thereby setting off a new wave of legal battles. Finally, on July 28, 1909, an Ontario court rendered a final decision which set the total debts of the Company and the amount of compensation due Mr. Moore.

Once the court battles were over, Mr. Cunningham proceeded to sell the remainder of the Company's lands. With the land boom brought about by the construction of the Alberta Central and Canadian Northern Western railroads from Red Deer to Rocky Mountain House and the growing scarcity of good homestead land, sales were finally brisk and profitable.

In retrospect, the Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company generally had a hindering effect on the settlement of the Red Deer area. However, the Company did have a part in such important developments as the creation of the Alberta Central Railway and the establishment of the area's first newspaper, the "Red Deer Review". Also, the Company's publications such as "The Settlers' Pocket Guide to Homesteads in the Canadian North West" did help to advertise the agricultural potential of the Red Deer area. No matter whether the Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company had a beneficial or harmful effect, it cannot be denied that it was a significant influence on the settlement and development of the Red Deer area.

CROWSNEST AND ITS PEOPLE

Genealogical extracts from the book
Contributed by Mary Bole - A.G.S. #359

McLAREN, Findley
b. Lanark, Ont., 1872
a. Diana MAY

McLELLAN, Dan
b. N.S., 1886
a. Catherine BELL
b. Ulemyss, Fyfe, Scot 1898

MERY, Tony
b. France, 1899

NICHALSKY, Joseph
b. Lipowa, Poland 1885
a. Mary NYL
b. Jaworzno, Poland 1895

NICHALSKY, Michael
b. Radzichowy, Poland 1875

MILLETT, Fernley Edgar
b. Plymouth, Eng 1895
pa. Wm Henry MILLETT
a. Winnifred Amelia RICHARDS
b. Plymouth 1900

MILLEY, William
b. Western Bay, Nfld 1882
a. Elizabeth MUIR

MOLE, Robert
b. Birmingham, Eng 1905
a. Irene WARD
b. New London, Connecticut 1908

MOORE, Henry Arthur
b. Montreal
a. Elizabeth KIDD
b. Durham Co., Eng

MORDEN, John Augustus
b. Michigan 1884

MORENCY, Alex
b. Peterborough, Ont 1886
pa. Joseph MORENCY
ma. Mary DUNDAS
grpa. Alexandre & Genevieve
(ELIAS) MORENCY of St. Anselme, Que.
a. Mary FYFE
b. Arbroath, Scot.

MORGAN, Evan
b. North Wales 1882
a. Margaret ROBERTS of Celeain

MORGAN, Lance
b. Middlesex Co. Ont 1888
a. Helen MARQUIS
b. N.B. 1893

MORRISON, Alex
b. Niss, Isle of Lewis, Scot 1877
a. Jessie ALCOCK
b. Newmarket 1885

MOSER, Walter
b. Zurick, Swiz.
b. Annie Jane HALTON

MOTIL, Joe
b. Brezovica, Orava, Czech 1893
a. Maria JANIGA

MURRAY, J.J.
b. West Branch, N.B. 1875
a. Katherine DARRAEH
b. New Haven PEI 1882

EDMONTON RURAL...1895

Contributed by Mrs. Alma Williams - A.G.S. #218

	TP.	SEC.	R.
Lamana A	53	2	26
Lamoureux R	55	26	26
Lane J	53	16	25
Langevin L	55	28	25
Langlais J	R	L	
Lapierre J	53	36	25
Lapierre A	54	2	25
Laronde J	57	12	26
Laroque P R	56	30	25
Latulippe J	53	26	25
Laurence V	36	R	L
Laurence Mrs O	35	R	L
Lavalle O	56	36	24
Lavaseur L	52	R	L
Lavere J	55	26	25
Lazeur L	53	R	L
Lemere C	55	20	25
Lemere J	26	8	26
Lionard J	52	R	L
Loney S	53	17	25
Londale B	56	26	26
Logan L	56	36	26
Logan A	56	6	26
Malgidier J	56	20	26
Maisonneuve F	55	12	26

From a community directory

Marshall P	56	28	57	McNamara T	55	20	26
McDonald J R	54	34	26	McRae J F	55	18	26
McDonald J A	54	--	24	Meldler J	56	20	26
McDonald R R	55	2	26	Meunier A	26	16	25
McDonald J	54	34	21	Meunier J	55	36	26
McDonald A	54	26	26	Meunier N	55	36	26
McDonald A	55	30	26	Millar J	26	12	26
McDonald A	55	10	26	Millar G	26	12	26
McDonald J A	55	28	26	Millar W	54	24	26
McDonald J D	55	20	26	Morase D	55	22	25
McDonald J	54	36	25	Morase J A	53	28	25
McDougal A	55	8	36	Morin D	55	26	25
McDougal R G J	57	20	26				
McGillis A	55	8	26	Naud E	57	2	26
McGillis	55	34	26	Naud E	55	34	26
McLaughlan C	55	6	24	Naud J	--	--	--
McMillan J D	55	2	26	Naud Mrs A	R	L	31
McMillan N D	54	34	26	Noel N	56	30	26
McMillan H	54	6	25	Noyes Dan	45	24	26
McMillan A	54	34	26				
McMillan D J	55	30	26	Octave M	27	40	25
McNamara J	55	20	26	O'Donald J	55	6	24

"MEDICINE HAT NEWS" EXTRACTS**BIRTHS - MARRIAGES - DEATHS 1890-1894**

Contributed by Judy Wasylenko - A.G.S. #1233

BENTLEY, Ivy Emily d. March 2, 1896 5 m f. H. bur. Kin Coulee Cemetery
 BROWN, Victoria Olive d. August 14, 1896 7 m 10 d f. Jas. bur. Hillside
 CAMERON, Maggie d. November 24, 1896 32 y
 DICKERSON, Mary E. d. January 28, 1896 65 y 5 m 24 d
 OLSEN/OLSON, Minnie Thompson d. July 27, 1896 30 y h. A.N. bur. Hillside Cemetery
 PENHALE, Olive Elona bur. August 25, 1896 Hillside
 SNOWDEN, John Robert January 4-6, 1896 f. T.W. bur. Kin Coulee Cemetery
 VOCKEROTH, Sophia Jenig 1848 - November 1896 bur. Hillside
 WATSON, Louise Pilchey d. May 16, 1896 43 y 3 m h. Robert bur. Kin Coulee Cemetery

BOTT, Owen H. m. MIDDLETON, Elizabeth January 5, 1897 - Presbyterian at Stair, Alta.
 BRIGHTLAND, William m. BRIER, Clara January 5, 1897 - Presbyterian at Stair, Alta.
 HAWTHORNE, Archibald m. EDWARDS, Charlotte June 1, 1897 - Presbyterian
 HUNTLEY, J.R. m. BARKER, Sarah December 15, 1897 - Methodist

ARMSTRONG, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. son & dau. Gladys September 21, 1897 d. July 15, 1898
 BENTLEY, Mr. and Mrs. H. son May 18, 1897
 BLAKY, Mr. and Mrs. P. son June 28, 1897
 BROWN, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. son October 19, 1897 d. November 12, 1897
 BROWN, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. son October 1, 1897
 CAVANAH, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. son July 24, 1897
 CLARK, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. son October 16, 1897
 CLARK, Mr. and Mrs. John R. daughter May 18, 1897
 COOPER, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. son August 21, 1897
 FATT, Mr. and Mrs. Francis daughter May 23, 1897
 FRENCH, Mr. and Mrs. B. son February 11, 1897
 GALE, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. son July 14, 1897
 HORNER, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. son June 27, 1897
 HUTCHINSON, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. daughter August 25, 1897
 JOHNSTON, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. son December 27, 1897 at Dunmore, Alta.

WRENTHAM: "HOMESTEAD COUNTRY"

Genealogical extracts from the book
 Contributed by Dolores Christie - A.G.S. #1229

BISHOP, William Albert

b. 26 May 1912, Grassy Lake, AB
 Son of Edward Aaron BISHOP
 and Amy Alice MUMFORD

BLACK, Ivan Lee

b. 10 Aug 1913, Edmonton, AB
 m. Joyce Coleen DERBYSHIRE, 1947

BLAKE, Robert

b. 1865, Hartford, Connecticut
 m. Johanna

BLATTER, Christian

m. Emma ZURSCHMIEDE, c 1912

BOBINEC, Joe

b. 1908, Pennsylvania
 m. Dorothy MEHEDEN, 1939

BOBINEC, Mike

b. 1911, Lethbridge, AB
 m. Mary TOLLIN, 1941

BOHMER, Mathias

b. 18 Sep 1887,
 Richmond, Minnesota
 m. Mary BARBAIN, 1908,
 St. Joseph, Minnesota
 b. 1886,
 Colley, Wisconsin
 Dau. of Joseph
 and Anna BARBAIN

BOSSERT, Alfred

b. 1906, Stirling, AB
 m. Vera WEBB

BOSSERT, August Jr.

b. 29 May 1904,
 Arisdorf, Switzerland
 m. Minnie RAY

BOSSERT, August Sr.

b. Switzerland
 m. Anna SALATHE

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WALKER
HAUSWIRTH
RAAFLAUB

Searching for the birth date of Adolph WALKER. He was born at Hespler, Ont. His parents were Gottlieb WALKER (born 5 Mar 1848 in Switzerland, died 29 Nov 1925 and is buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in Hespler, Ont.) and Louisa HAUSWIRTH whose parents were Johann HAUSWIRTH (born 1817 in Switzerland) and Anna RAAFLAUB. Also searching for information about Gottlieb WALKER, brother of Adolph WALKER. Gottlieb was born in Hespler, Ont. and filed for a homestead at Dilke, Sask. in 1906.

SINCLAIR
WOODRUFF
CORNELL

Searching for information about David SINCLAIR who was born 29 Feb 1864 in Whitby, Ont. and whose parents were Peter and Amy Cornell SINCLAIR. David married Nancy WOODRUFF, the daughter of Lorne WOODRUFF and Desdemona CORNELL. Nancy was born in 1862 and died in 1882.

Mrs. A. Christine HOLDSWORTH, Old Stage Road, R.R. #4, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V8.

LACQUEMENT
RICHET

Searching the names LACQUEMENT and RICHET anywhere, anytime and any place.

Ferne GUDNASON, Box 2394, Lacombe, AB T0C 1S0.

KEITH

Searching for any descendants, especially for Nelson KEITH who came to the U.S.A. and Angus KEITH who died in Lunenburg, Scotland on 6 Jun 1914.

GIEBELHAUS
POPP

Searching for the date of birth and parents of Christian GIEBELHAUS who was born in Norka, Russia and whose father was Adam GIEBELHAUS. Also searching for information about Konrad POPP born in Norka, Russia.

WALKER

Searching for the parents of Augustine WALKER who was born at Johnstone River, P.E.I. about 1847. They came from the Isle of Skye, Scotland.

Mrs. Mavis WALKER, P.O. Box 67, Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y0.

WEEDMARK/
WIDMARK

Searching for information about Heman WEEDMARK/WIDMARK who was born about 1828 in Sweden or Denmark. His parents are unknown. Heman settled with brothers Nelson and Nathan in Marlborough Twp., Ont. about 1850.

Mrs. Bev GRAHAM, 76 - 5 St. S.E., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0M3.

NEIS
EDWARDS

Searching for information about the family of Theodore NEIS of Iowa, U.S.A. who married Julia EDWARDS of New Jersey, U.S.A. in Bashaw, Alta. in 1913.

GARELLA
TAVES

Searching for information or anyone who is researching the surname GARELLA. Bernard Henri GARELLA was born 19 Mar 1876 in Paris, France. He homesteaded near Ponteix, Sask. and with his wife, Annie TAVES, raised a family there.

VOLKHOVSKY
SAVITZKAIA
TOMUSIAK

Searching for information about the family of Iwan VOLKHOVSKY and his wife, Maria SAVITZKAI. Their daughter, Maria Ivanovna VOLKHOVSKY (born 9 May 1892 in Zarechie Kamenz Pololsk, Russia), married Timofei TOMUSIAK who was born in the same village. They had five children, one of whom is Kleofas/Clifford TOMUSIAK.

Mrs. Marlene CALVERT, R.R. #2, Rocky Mountain House, AB TOM 1T0.

WHEELER
MATTHEWS

Searching for information on the parents of William Edward McBride WHEELER (born 24 Oct 1820 in Toronto Twp.? or York Twp.?, Ont. and died 10 Mar 1889 in Mt. Forest, Wellington Co.). He married Theresa MATTHEWS on 30 Apr 1843 in York Twp. She was born 8 Mar 1822 in Trafalgar Twp., Halton Co., and died 20 Jan 1902 in Austin, Man.

Also searching for the parents of Theresa's father, Cassius MATTHEWS, who was born in 1798 Lower Canada (Argentinial Co.?)

Any information regarding the above families would be appreciated.

Lorna SKYRME, Box 2805, Lacombe, AB TOC 1S0.

DRAPER
WILDER/
WYLDER
HOOVER

Searching for DRAPER families who may have moved to western Canada from North Gwillimbury, Essa and Innisfil townships and the Muskoka district in Ontario. Also searching for WILDER (WYLDER) and HOOVER. Any information would be helpful.

Mrs. Mary DRAPER, Box 1833, Huntsville, ON POA 1K0.

PAQUETTE

Searching for information regarding the meaning and origin of the French surname PIQUETTE which is spelled differently than PACQUETTE. Any help would be appreciated.

Mr. Wayne PACQUETTE, 9636 - 151 St., Edmonton, AB T5P 1S4.

WIRSHING

Searching for information on Frank and Vesta WIRSHING who homesteaded in the Westlock (Edson), Alta. area in the early 1900's.

Rod W. WIRSHING, 4701E - 145th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. 99516.

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A.G.S. Medicine Hat Br "Saamis Seekers" Vol 6 No 1 - Christian Guardian notes; births 1913; Immigration to the prairies; Before beginning research in Germany; 50 genealogical resources.

Alberta Family Histories Society Vol 5 No 3 - Pioneer cemeteries in PEI; Myths - Canada; Ruling aids adoptee's search for parents; Pedigrees: Woodcock and Marsh.

B.C.G.S. "Genealogist" Vol 14 No 1 - A God-sent land; Blount family bible; Family history reconstructed from wills; Thomas Amack of Sandhutton; Some immigrants to B.C. in 1873.

Prince George FHS April 1985 - Prince George pioneer - Tyner; Newspaper extracts 1916-17; Wales; Surname index.

O.G.S. Bruce and Grey Vol 15 No 2 - Baux (Box).

O.G.S. Kawartha Vol 19 No 1 - Hanging around Peterborough; Irish settlers in Peterborough.

O.G.S. Leeds and Grenville Vol 11 No 4 - Dates from the past; Marriages; Wright; Baptisms 1790's.

O.G.S. London Br "London Leaf" Vol 12 No 1 - My publishing experience; Denield Red Cross quilt names; John Darch; Michigan obits.

O.G.S. Ottawa Vol 18 No 2 - Dupuis family; Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants; Some B M D in the Perth military settlement 1816-1818; In memory of Rev. Robert Taggart 1863-1926; Capers from the past.

O.G.S. Oxford Vol 7 No 1 - Preserving your heritage.

O.G.S. Toronto Vol 16 No 3 - Dennison family.

P.E.I. G.S. Vol 9 No 1 - St. Paul's Anglican Church record of baptism 1797-99.

No 2 - Many early settlers were Irish; First impressions of Ireland; Irish Gen. Assoc.; Islanders in Restigouche Co. NB in 1871.

N.S.G.A. "The Nova Scotia Genealogist" Vol 3 No 1 - Family bibles - Finley, Wallace River, Cumb. Co. and Thom, Aberdeen, Scot.; Basic textile conservation for laymen; Our Huguenot heritage; Sources of research.

U.S.A.

National G.S. (Washington, DC) Vol 11 No 2 - Federal sources - Revolutionary war pension application files.

Colorado G.S. "The Colorado Genealogist" Vol 46 No 1 - Colorado railroad history; pioneer settlement; A navigator looks at maps; McKinley bible; Obits - William Stanley, Gustav Opitz.

Federation of Genealogical Societies "Newsletter" Vol 9 No 1 - Vital records; News from societies.

"Genealogical Helper" Mar-Apr 85 - German genealogical periodicals; Naturalization records - escape the run around; The Helper can provide the ultimate in research helps - use it!

International Society of British Genealogy & Family History "Newsletter" Vol 7 No 1 - General Registry Office; British Library and its origin; Gen. commercial enterprise - American style; British societies - ease the search.

Greater Omaha G.S. "Westward into Nebraska" Vol 9 No 8 - Computerized genealogy, con't.

Marin Co. (CA) G.S. "Kin Tracer" Vol 8 No 2 - Foreign research tips; Ireland; Ancestor charts - Epperson, Myers, Wyatt, Whitener, Chapaman, Conover; How to have a family reunion.

North Oakland G.S. (MI) "Heir-Lines" Vol 8 No 1 - Alice D. Serrell collection; City directories; William P. Gsmun, Brandon Twp.; Kish-kau-ko, an Indian chief; Macomb Co. private claims; Obit - Mrs. Mary Bull; History of White Lake Presbyterian Church; Baldwin/Paint Creek Cemetery; Voorheis - a White Lake family; White Lake to 1877; Ancestor charts - Rivette, McKinney.

Orange Co. G.S. (CA) Vol 22 No 1 - Historic Key Ranch - (Placentia) Key, Wright, Ipsen families; Castro family in CA 1819-46; Old Californians in NY 1896; Childs, Nelson, Smith and others in Hemet, Riverside, CA, 1912-14; Records in the Stanislaus (CA) Co. Clerk-Recorders' Office; Masons of CA Monterrey Ca 1896; Genealogical libraries in southern CA; Personal computers for gen.; Members of the Bar, Pike Co. AL 1866; Clarke family (MA, RI, IL) charts; Mormon missionaries at Ft. Lemhi, ID 1855-58; Coulson family (OH) records; How to get along with the reference librarian.

Oregon "Quarterly" Vol 23 No 3 - Oregon pioneer certificates; Daily Eugene Guard Dec. 19, 1894 & Jan. 21, 1895; 1886 military lists, Lane Co., M-Z; At rest in Lincoln Co., Ore, index.

Whatcom G.S. (Bellingham WA) Vol 15 No 3 - Viereck small private cemetery on Orcas Island, WA; Civil war veterans Matthew Sheffer; Pleasant Ridge Cemetery; From the San Juan Islander, newspaper of San Juan Co., WA; Brief histories - Bice, Miller, Whitcombe, Richards families; Bible records; Sara Puch, Monfore; Ancestor charts - Linderman Ebe, Carpenter, Nolan.

Yakima Valley G.S. (WA) Vol 17 No 2 - Railroad stations in Yakima Canyon; Landmarks of early Yakima days; Yakima - gateway to Mt. Ranier; Obit - Alberta Eugene Lillie, pioneer; Yakima birthday 1963; Pioneer index; Yakima family; Interviews - Grace Tressler & Florence Ketcham Drake; Cyr family; Land titles; Terrill; Kittitas Co. school records.

ENGLAND

Bristol & Avon FHS No 38 - Land tax assessments for Somerset and Avon; A beginners tale; How I learned to love my name; The double entry; A unique record at Weston-Super-Mare. No 39 - Banks family bond; A railway romance; Thomas Cribb 1781-1848; White slavery; Books in library at Folk House; Members interests 1985.

Essex FHS "Essex Family Historian" No 35 - Chalice children; Firmin family; Bilbele; Leigh ancestry; Augmented pallot index; c.1780-1837; Some colourful ancestors (Rayner-Wright); Search for a missing sailor.

Nottinghamshire FHS Vol 4 No 10 - Branson con'd; Nottinghamshire Burgess and citizen rolls; Barlow tree; Records series - still in print.

West Middlesex FHS Journal Vol 5 No 1 - Trooper John Taylor and the Shriners; Ladies of Scudmore; Grandfather Thorpe's journal.

OTHERS

Essex Record Office (UK) Update No 6 - Genealogical Research Directory 1985 - Includes Guide to Genealogical Societies and When You Write to Germany.

Pinnorns' Past No 1 - Bernau's index; No 2 - Pinnorns' marriage index; No 3 - Pinnorns' index to change of names; No 4 - Bernau's sources 1819-1901

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A Concise History of Canada, G.S. Graham.

County of Bruce - 1867 Directory, J.W. Rookledge.

Heritage of Canada, A.M.A. (Relates Canada's history, 1603-1918, to places the reader can visit).

The Path of Destiny, T.H. Raddall (Canada from the British Conquest to Home Rule, 1763-1850).

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American Revolution, B. Lancaster.

Battle in the Wilderness, K. Kellen (Struggle for a continent ending on the Plains of Abraham).

Century of Conflict, J.L. Rutledge (Struggle between the French and English in colonial America).

The French and Indian Wars, F. Russell (1690-1763).

The Grand Fleet 1914-1916, (Lists ships and captains, contains diagram and plans.)

Jamestown, First English Colony, J.L. Fishwick

A New Age Now Begins, Vol. 1 & 2, P. Smith (History of the American Revolution).

Seafaring America, A. Lang.

The War of the Revolution, Vol. 1 & 2, C. Ward.

OTHER

Rulers of Britain, P.S. Fry.

Friendly Persuasion - Canadian Ads of Yesteryear.

Mini Pocket Atlas - Bartholomew.

Softalk, Vol 4 Feb. 1984.

Your First Computer - A Guide to Business and Personal Computing.

Donations from the collection of the late Pearl Greenslade:

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, (With index to family names, genealogies of old families and biographical sketches of representative citizens. It covers Kingston to Trenton, Counties of Frontenac, Lennox, Addington, Hastings and Prince Edward).

Illustrated Historical Atlas of Northumberland and Durham Counties, 1878 (Reference only, too large to mail. It has township maps, town and village plans, views of residences and patron's directory).

The Loyalists in Ontario, W.D. Reid (418 page collection of family group records; use with Smith's Gazetteer).

Smith's Canadian Gazetteer, W.A. Smith (Statistical and general information on the Upper Province - Canada West 1846).

Genealogical Resources in the Edmonton Area, Edmonton A.G.S. Branch.
Handy Book for Genealogists, G.B. Everton (Lists state and county histories, libraries, archives, bibliographies, where to write for records, maps.)

Searching for Your Ancestors, G.H. Doane.

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Trails, Essex Co. O.G.S. Vol 5 No 2

Halton-Peel O.G.S. Vol 10 No 1

Hamilton O.G.S. Vol 16 No 1

The Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol 2 No 4

Black Hills Nuggets, S.Dakota G.S. Vol 2 No 1

Bulletin, Whatcom G.S., Bellingham, Wash. Vol 15 No 2

PUBLICATIONS...

The Lethbridge Historical Society has published 14 booklets and two hardcover books on various aspects of local and regional history. All are available on loan from the Lethbridge Public Library. Although many are out of print, a stock remains of the following:

The Battle at Belly River - A. Johnston, 1966, booklet, 48 pp., illus., 2nd printing. History of the last great Indian battle in Canada at Lethbridge river valley, 1870. Occasional Paper #2. \$2.00.

Nineteenth Century Lethbridge - Annie L. Stafford Peat, 1978, booklet, 52 pp., illus. History of the social life in Lethbridge as recalled by the daughter of the first mine superintendent. Occasional Paper #3. \$3.00.

Job Reed's Letters - Edited by A. Johnston, 1979, booklet, 52 pp., illus. Diary letters of Job Reed, pioneer, Justice of the Peace, farmer and market gardener in Lethbridge 1886-1906. Occasional Paper #9. \$3.00.

Fort Whoop-Up - Georgia Green Fooks, 1983, booklet, 64 pp. illus. A well documented and illustrated up-date of this "Notorious Whiskey Fort" and its relations to other forts, people and living conditions of the late 1800's. Occasional Paper #11. \$4.95.

Lethbridge - A Centennial History - A. Johnston and A.A. den Otter, 1985, hardbound, 240 pp., illus. A history of Lethbridge to commemorate the Centennial in 1985. \$29.95.

Order from: Lethbridge Historical Society, P.O. Box 974, Lethbridge, AB T1J 4A2.

BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Lynda Fawcett - A.G.S. #1244

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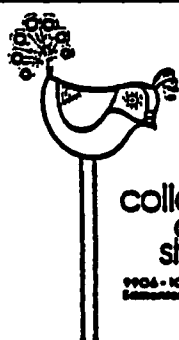
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