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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Slowly the "lazy days" of summer are coming to a close, and everyone is looking forward to new activities and successes in genealogy. I must report that the efforts of the Red Deer Branch have paid off in finding a, what at this time looks like a, fairly permanent location for our Society's library. We took up an offer made by the Red Deer Museum some time ago to use its facilities to house the library, an offer for which we, the Society, like to express our thanks to the Museum and in particular Mr. Michael Dawe, who heads it up. Our thanks, of course, also go to the Red Deer Branch for handling the work of the library from now on, and the Medicine Hat Branch for looking after it over the last few years.

In looking forward to the fall and winter, it is hard to say what our goals will be for the remainder of this business year, other than knowing new people will join our ranks in the anticipation to find their ancestors, some of them will have done quite a bit of research in genealogy or will have other qualifications which they might want to share with us, others, on the other hand, will be new in genealogy, and it is my hope that we make them feel welcome by helping them as much as possible to find not only their ancestors but also a niche in the Society from where they may develop talents they have to improve the Society as a whole.

Jo. Nuthack

President

## *Longmore - Willis Reunion*

### *Calgary, Alberta*

The Longmore-Willis Reunion will be held August 20 and 21, 1988 in Calgary, Alberta. With related families of Huggins, Rutledge, Ross, Gordon, Vant, Sutherland, Hamilton, Ginty, Brannigan, Connolly, Watt, Glennies, Geddes, Derby and Edgar. They will also celebrate Myrtle Willis-Longmore's 80th birthday. Two books will be ready for this reunion, 1 on the Longmores and 1 on the Willis family.

If you are interested, please contact: Mrs. D. H. Waldroff, Box 82, Carbon, Alberta, T0M 0L0 or phone 572-3553. (Sent in by Myrna Waldroff - A.G.S. #1664.)

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## *Alberta Family Histories Society*

### *Annual Seminar*

The Alberta Family Histories Society will be holding its 9th Annual Seminar in Calgary on October 28th and 29th, 1988. The theme this year will be "Links in the Chain", with Jack Peach, a well-known author, historian and speaker as the keynote speaker.

The cost will \$30.00 per person, which will include lunch on Saturday.

There will be a limited number of "bed and breakfast" facilities with certain of their members for out of town guests. Write to: P.O. Box 30270, Station B, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M 4P1, for more information.

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## *"Lethbridge Genealogical Resources"*

### *New Book Release*

This book is published by the Lethbridge & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society and contains both geographical and alphabetical listings of over 1000 titles of books and microforms available in Lethbridge which would be helpful for genealogical research. Addresses of Canadian Genealogical Societies, Historical Societies, and Archives are also included. Another feature of the book provides addresses and descriptions of libraries and museums in Lethbridge.

The price of the book is \$25 plus handling and postage is extra. Write to: Lethbridge & District Branch, Box 1001, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada T1J 4A2, for the cost of postage for your area.

## THE LAST SEVEN MILES TO BRUDERFELD

With thanks from the book "Sompolno to Strathcona"  
Compiled by Ron Neuman - A.G.S. #1724 Neuman-Arndt History Committee

My uncle, Ludwig Schmidt, had arranged for a Mr. Rinas to meet us at the Strathcona (South Edmonton) railway station. The original wood station that was there at that time is now gone, replaced by the little brick station that still stands there today on the east side of 103rd street just south of Whyte Avenue. When the train stopped at the Strathcona station, Mr. Rinas climbed on board and called out in German, "Are there any Germans on the train? You'll have to get off here because the train goes no further." Mr. Rinas took us to his one-room house which was located on the west side of 103rd street across from the C.P.R. station. Mrs. Rinas cooked a warm meal for us. This was our first warm meal since we had left Montreal. Mrs. Rinas asked my father what we children would like to eat and he said, "Cook them a pot full of potato soup or grits. They'll eat like crazy." We sure did and then we all slept very well. My parents remained good friends with Mr. and Mrs. Rinas for the rest of their lives.

My mother's first reaction to her new home was one of complete horror. A late spring snowfall had dumped about eighteen inches of snow on the ground. This was the sight that greeted us as we stepped off the train. My mother cried and sadly said, "Why did we ever leave our home in Poland, and come to this land that still has winter?" When we left Poland, everything had been warm and green and the crops were growing and the fields were all green. Gottlieb Fielhaber also cried and said, "If I had enough money left, I would go back home to Poland immediately." My father was much more optimistic, at least outwardly. He started talking to Mr. Rinas about the weather, and Mr. Rinas told him that this was an unseasonably late snowfall and that winter wasn't really this long. Some of the crops had already been seeded. My father was much more enthusiastic about our new country than my mother was.

Mr. Rinas was a man of about sixty, and he walked with the aid of a walking stick. That night he guided my father and Wilhelm Ehlike on the seven mile walk to Ludwig Schmidt's farm, which was located one mile north of the Bruderfeld Moravian Church. This is now in the City of Edmonton on the west side of 34th street and one mile north of 23rd Avenue. Ludwig Schmidt had purchased this farm from the Canadian Government which was selling farms on the Papaschase Indian Reserve.

The next morning my uncle hitched up the horses to the sleigh and brought the men back to town. The snow was so wet that it was pushing up in front of the runners of the sleigh and making it difficult for the horses to pull the sleigh. We loaded our baggage and ourselves onto the sleigh for the trip to Uncle Ludwig's farm. The men and older children walked most of the way because the horses were unable to pull the load on the wet snow. We arrived at the farm late on Thursday afternoon. On Good Friday the men walked to the Bruderfeld Moravian Church for the morning church service. The women and children stayed home because the snow was still too deep for them to be able to walk.

On Saturday my father went to town (Strathcona) to buy groceries and flour in order to have enough food for all the extra people living at the Schmidt's house. He also bought a pig from a local farmer. The pig was butchered that same day. I remember my mother and the other women working late that night to make sausage for Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday was a celebration for our families. We had safely travelled almost seven thousand miles by wagon, train, ship, train again and sleigh from our former home in Russian Poland to our new home in Canada. We were safely located in the midst of a German-speaking farm community whose focal point was the Bruderfeld Moravian Church. We were surrounded by relatives and friends from Russian Poland and the Russian Province of Volhynia.

## Conference '89

The Alberta Genealogical Society's Conference in 1989 will be held in Red Deer, Alberta at the Black Knight Inn on April 14 and 15.

The guest speaker will be Terrence M. Punch of Nova Scotia. Mr. Punch is the author of numerous articles on local history and genealogy. Among his writings is the book "Genealogical Research in Nova Scotia". He is Past President of the Genealogical Society in Nova Scotia and he is founder of the Maritime Association of Genealogists. His interests are in Nova Scotia, Ireland and Germany.

More information will be included in upcoming issues of Relatively Speaking. Make plans to attend.

## Welcome another New Branch

We want to welcome the Foothills Branch to the Alberta Genealogical Society. The President is Lucille Dougherty (phone 652-2191). Lucille said that they have held their first meeting at the Library and plan their next meeting for the 2nd Monday in September. The location of that meeting is still to be determined.

The Vice-President is Donna Pynch (phone 652-2822) and the Secretary/Treasurer is LaRae Gostola (phone 652-3570). The members of this society live in High River and surrounding area. We wish them success in this new endeavour!

(Address: c/o LaRae Gostola, Sec., Box 3072, High River, Alberta, T0L 1B0).

## A.G.S. Library Moves

The A.G.S. Library has moved to Red Deer, Alberta. It is now located in the Archives Reading Room of the Red Deer and District Museum and Archives, 45th Street & 47A Avenue.

The Library is open every Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (summer hours). A.G.S. members can view books during the Museum's normal hours, with proper identification. Museum hours are: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. weekdays and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. weekends. Other hours can be arranged by contacting the Librarian, Evelyne Fairbrother (phone 346-1918).

For those making requests by mail, send your requests as before, remembering to include your A.G.S. membership number. Also please note that postal costs no longer have to be reimbursed.

## IRMA AND THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND

Diane Smith Granger  
Brooks and District Branch  
A.G.S. #2179

To get to Irma's from here, you turn left, cross the railroad track and the Trans-Canada, keep going north at the Petro Can station, turn right at the Duke of Sutherland's house, turn left again at the ditch.....

The Duke of Sutherland's house!

It is a fairly unusual landmark for this part of the country--semi-desert, a corner of the Palliser Triangle, "where water works wonders" thanks to irrigation. So who is the Duke of Sutherland, and what is his house doing here?

Cromartie Sutherland-Leveson-Gower, the Fourth Duke of Sutherland, was born in London in 1851, but was mainly of Scottish ancestry. The Sutherland family tree goes back to Freskin de Moravia (c. 1160) through 18 Scottish Earls of Sutherland (from 1230) and five British Dukes of Sutherland (from 1766) to the present Countess. Besides descending from one of the oldest noble households in Britain, the Fourth Duke was a wealthy landowner and businessman. In 1883, among all the nobles in the United Kingdom, the Third Duke stood first in the extent of his lands and fifth in the income from them. In 1892 Cromartie inherited the title and thus 1,358,545 acres of land in Britain alone. The family owned potteries at Stoke-on-Trent, and invested in railways--the Second Duke in the Liverpool Manchester Railway, and the Third Duke in the Highland Railway and perhaps in the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Fourth Duke reportedly owned a diamond mine in South Africa as well.

In 1910, Cromartie bought 1600 acres of land near Brooks from the C.P.R., and the "Brooks Banner" reported that "in the centre of this tract he will build a residence". In 1911 he bought an additional 6800 acres, and the headline read, "Actual work to begin on his country castle at Brooks". The approximate total cost of the purchase was \$320,000. The land was divided into farms, on which the Duke arranged for the construction of houses and outbuildings for the settlers who were to come, and for which he supplied horses, Holstein cattle, range cattle, and farm machinery. Dry land farming was begun in 1911, and a canal was dug from the lake at Brooks out to the estate for irrigation farming, first used in 1916. The "country castle" was built in 1911; it was a wooden bungalow with all modern conveniences, including electric lights and hot water radiators, and eight bed and dressing rooms. It was actually the manager's family who lived in the bungalow, but they moved to a hotel in Brooks and servants came from Calgary whenever the Duke visited his property. He did not enjoy it long, however, for after spending considerable time there in 1912, he returned to Scotland and died

at one of his Scottish seats--Dunrobin Castle--on 27 June 1913. The land was subdivided in 1923 and sold by the Duke's estate in 1935.

The Duke might have been motivated to buy land near Brooks by several factors. In 1908, the British government passed a law to tax inherited wealth even more heavily than previously. In 1909, the C.P.R. authorized the building of an irrigation system for their lands east of Calgary to Brooks, and at the time wheat was in demand, and import laws were lax. In Europe, it seemed likely that war was on the horizon. Given the situation, an investment in Canada would be both lucrative and safe. The establishment of the Sutherland Colony was thus a business venture, not a benevolent one.

The Duke paid to recruit and transport about thirty families to settle on his land. The homesteaders were to buy their farms at cost price, with a nominal down payment and 6% interest on the balance. In addition, there were managers, foremen, and up to seventy hired men working on the estate at any given time. The following names of colony members have been recorded:

Addison, Bill, hired man, from Scotland  
 Baird family, with children Nan, Jenny, Bill, Minnie, Frances, Helen, and Jim  
 Bell, Charlie, from Scotland  
 Beur, Bert, with wife and daughter, hired man of Mr. Phillips  
 Bindle, Tom, blacksmith  
 Brindle, George, carpenter  
 Cann, Jack, head irrigator, from Holland  
 Crombie family, with children Harry, Georgina, and Mabel, from Dunrobin County  
 Duff, George, from Scotland  
 Duncan, Bill, from Scotland  
 Emslie, John and Barabra (nee Langmuir), with children Alan, Mary, Alexander, Gordon, James, and Betsy, from near Brechin, Forfarshire  
 Forbes, Dick, hired man, from Scotland  
 Freng, M. L., manager of home farm  
 Garrow, Alex and Mina, with children Helen, Pat, and Jessie, from Scotland  
 Gibb, Davey and Mary, from Perth (Mary originally from Bannockburn near Stirling)  
 Grant, Mr. and Mrs., with son Bob  
 Keil, J., hired man, from Scotland  
 Kempson, George and Tom, hired men, from London  
 Keyes, Basil, with wife, stepson, and daughter  
 Kittle, Miss, governess of Sangster children  
 Marlin, Luke, construction foreman  
 Maxted, Geoff, with wife and children Dolly, May, Truda, Charlie, and Geoff, from Kent  
 McKinnel, Mr., accountant for the estate  
 McKinnon, Mr., hired man  
 Melville, Alec, hired man



Mowat, Jim, worker on the estate  
 Mundell, Walter S., manager of the south farm  
 Nakin, Mr.  
 Palin, Fred J., with wife, son, and two daughters, manager of the south farm, from England  
 Patton, Peter K., with children Peter and Annie, returned soldier  
 Perry, Jim  
 Petrie, George, hired man, from Scotland  
 Phillips, Mr. and Mrs., with children Ray, Tom, Dolly, Leslie, Jack, and Reuben, butcher, from London  
 Philpott, W. A., with wife and children George, Cecil, and Lez, caretaker of the estate, from Folkestone, England  
 Philpott, Harry, brother of W. A.  
 Raeside, Jim, farm worker who married Mrs. Shields after death of her husband  
 Raeside, David, brother of Jim, with wife and four children  
 Ross, George D., blacksmith of the estate  
 Sangster, Robert B., with children Pat, Beverly, Dorothy, Robin, and John, manager of the estate  
 Shields, David Guthrie, with wife  
 Small, James, hired man and later manager, from Scotland  
 Sutherland, Alex, from Scotland  
 Taylor, Bob, from Scotland  
 Taylor, Bill, from Scotland  
 Walsh, John, schoolmaster from Olds.

The Sutherland Colony appears to have remained fairly isolated from the larger Brooks community. The land and buildings were distributed almost according to the pattern of an ancient manor, self-sufficient and self-contained. The colony had its own church services, its own cemetery, and its own school, as well as a store and blacksmith shop. The general opinion seems to be that the colony itself failed as a community after the death of the man who had planned and established it. Nevertheless, the Fourth Duke of Sutherland made a substantial financial investment in the area and was instrumental in bringing out settlers at a time when they were needed. Today few may know of his contributions, and few may be aware that the nearby villages of Duchess, Millicent, and Rosemary are named for his family, but he is still remembered by that landmark on the way to Irma's--the Duke of Sutherland's house.

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Information for the above article came from "The Contributions of the Fourth Duke of Sutherland to the Brooks Community", a study sponsored by the Brooks and District Museum Historical Society for the 1981 Canada Summer Student Employment Program.

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#### INTERESTING EXPERIENCES

Did you make any interesting discoveries while travelling this summer? How about sharing these experiences with our readers? Tell us what genealogical discoveries you made. Where did you go? What did you learn? Next deadline is September 15th.

# TERRITORIES 1881 CENSUS — PEACE RIVER (ALBERTA)

(Continued from last issue. As previously mentioned, some of the writing was faint and difficult to read. Please excuse any errors. Where the word Halfbreed appears in brackets, it was crossed off on the census.)

The following are listed as located at Ft. St. John:

Name	Sex	Age	Pl/Birth	Religion	Origin	Occupation	
McKinlay, James	M	28	Scotland	Free Ch.	Scotch	Clerk	
Wesley, Patrick	M	33	Kewatin	Wes. Meth.	Indian	Stressman	
Kerr, Thomas	M	23	Scotland	Free Ch.	Scotch	Labour	
Courtoreille, Louison	M	70	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian	Labour	Married
Courtoreille, Marie	F	35	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian		Married
Courtoreille, Alexan.	M	7	N.W.T.	Catholic			
Courtoreille, Margar.	F	4	N.W.T.	Catholic			
Courtoreille, Alfred	M	3	N.W.T.	Catholic			
Lafleur, Baptiste	M	51	N.W.T.	Catholic	French(Halfb)	Interpretor	Married
Lafleur, Francoise	F	45	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		Married
Lafleur, Jean Baptist	M	20	N.W.T.	Catholic	French	Labour	
Lafleur, David	M	15	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Lafleur, Francois	M	10	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Lafleur, Genevieve	F	8	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Lafleur, Matilda	F	6	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Lafleur, Napoleon	M	4	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		

The following are listed as located at Hudsons Hope:

Dumais, Charles	M	43	Manitoba	Catholic	French(Halfb)	Postmaster	Married
Dumais, Susan	F	40	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		Married
Dumais, Marie	F	18	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Dumais, Elise	F	16	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Dumais, Helenora	F	14	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Dumas, Charles	M	10	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Dumas, Norbert	M	8	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Dumas, Olive	F	6	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
Dumas, Rose	F	4	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
St. Cyr, Francis	M	33	N.W.T.	Catholic	French	HBC Interpreter	Married
St. Cyr, Sophia	F	21	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		Married
St. Cyr, Isabella	F	4	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		
St. Cyr, Marie	F	2	N.W.T.	Catholic	French		

The following are listed as located at Battle River Post:

McKenzie, Alexander	M	37	Ontario	C of Eng	Scotch	Iner-Chief Trader	Married
McKenzie, Marie	F	37	N.W.T.	Catholic	Scotch		Married
McKenzie, Adam	M	12	N.W.T.	Catholic	Scotch		
McKenzie, Emile	M	11	N.W.T.	Catholic	Scotch		
McKenzie, Alexander	M	4	N.W.T.	Catholic	Scotch		
McKenzie, James	M	1	N.W.T.	Catholic	Scotch		
Boucher, John	M	23	Quebec	Catholic	French	Labour HBC	

The following are listed as located at Lesser Slave Lake Post:

Young, Harrison	M	34	Quebec	Unitarian	Scotch	Clerk	Married
Young, Elizabeth	F	28	Ontario	W. Meth.	Scotch		Married

Young, Edith	F	8	N.W.T.	W. Meth.	Scotch	
Young, Eliza H.	F	3	N.W.T.	W. Meth.	Scotch	
Young, William	M	1	N.W.T.	W. Meth.	Scotch	
Sinclair, Joseph	M	45	Manitoba	C of Eng	English(Half)Labour	Married
Sinclair, Margaret	F	31	B.C.	Catholic	Indian	Married
Sinclair, Margaret	F	4	B.C.	C of Eng	English(Halfbreed)	
McDonald, John	M	26	Manitoba	C of Eng	Scotch Labour	
Pruden, James	M	28	N.W.T.	C of Eng	Indian	Interpreter Married
Pruden, Teresa	F	16	N.W.T.	Catholic	Iroquois	Married
Calder, William	M	62	Manitoba	C of Eng	English(Half)Postmaster	Married
Calder, Betsy	F	25	N.W.T.	Catholic	English	Married
Calder, Betsy	F	3	N.W.T.	Catholic	English	
Tate, Albert	M	20	N.W.T.	C of Eng	English	Apprentice P.Master

The following are listed as located at Whitefish Lake:

Nooskeyah, Joseph	M	50	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian(Half) Interpreter	Married
Nooskeyah, Margaret	F	43	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian	Married
Nooskeyah, Margaret	F	12	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian	
Nooskeyah, Felix	M	10	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian	
Nooskeyah, John	M	16	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian Labour	
Nooskeyah, Joseph	M	22	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian Labour	Married
Nooskeyah, Elise	F	18	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian	Married
Nooskeyah, Joe	M	1	N.W.T.	Catholic	Indian	

to be continued..

### FILING DRAWERS NEEDED...

WANTED - Filing drawers used for filing cards for the A.G.S. Library. These drawers would be similar to those you find in public libraries, holding index cards with subject, title, author, etc. on them.

Please contact: Rita Laczkowski, Library Chairman, Box 12015, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2 or Phone 1-403-832-2300.

### ARCHIVES GET HOME...

(from Edmonton Journal May 7, 1988)

OTTAWA - The federal government has chosen a home for the deteriorating and overcrowded National Archives, says Communications Minister Flora MacDonald. The new permanent headquarters of the archives will be moved to the existing West Memorial Building, a government-owned structure near Parliament Hill and close to the archives' present location in a building shared with the National Library. A permanent storage facility for the archives will be built somewhere in the Ottawa area in the near future.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## RESEARCHERS IN ENGLAND & WALES

### NEW READERS' TICKET SYSTEM

The County Archive Research Network is in the process of introducing a new READERS' TICKET SYSTEM.

All County Record Offices are affected by this new system to some degree.

**IMPORTANT!** This affects a researcher's access to documents.

A word of warning to anyone who is planning a trip to England or Wales this summer, this new system is already in place in some Record Offices, and as a result, there will be delays and more time necessary in obtaining and returning documents.

The new system makes it necessary for anyone wanting to make use of the records to obtain a READERS' TICKET, when visiting COUNTY RECORD OFFICES or BRANCH OFFICES. The ticket will be valid at any record office within the network. In some cases, the ticket requirement is already in place.

### WHY A NEW SYSTEM?

A new system has been necessitated because of thefts of documents, and is an effort to improve security. These measures will help to safeguard unique records for future use.

### HOW TO GET A TICKET?

Complete a simple form.

Produce evidence of identity. (Identification must include permanent address)

A ticket is immediately issued, and you sign it at once.

### SUITABLE IDENTIFICATION

Includes a Driver's Licence or, for overseas visitors, a Valid Passport.

Overseas visitors will have to produce proper identification with their permanent address well as a temporary address while staying in England, as well as an expected departure date.

### AVAILABILITY

Tickets will be available at Record Offices, or District Offices within the Network, and in some cases will be free of charge. Tickets will be valid for a period of four years, then application will again have to be made for a new ticket.

## PROCEDURE

Tickets will have to be produced on visiting, (entering) a County Record Office. The visitor's book must be signed as usual. The Readers' Ticket will have to be surrendered upon requesting records, and it will be retained until the archives used have been returned and checked. So, remember to **ALLOW YOURSELF EXTRA TIME** for this procedure.

In some cases, temporary access to the Search Rooms, may be permitted in some offices for a person who forgets their ticket. An application for admission would be for one day only, and there is a maximum of three applications allowed per year.

Access to many *original* records will be denied those not having a full ticket.

Details of the use of Readers' Tickets may vary from County to County, or even between various branch offices. The County Archives Network has put out a leaflet listing the offices operating the system. Researchers are advised to contact any record office that they intend to visit, to see if they have any further requirements, or if an appointment is needed. Not all record offices, at this time, are involved in the Network, but it is very widespread.

Lost or stolen tickets must be reported immediately, and Readers Tickets can only be used by the holder in person.

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### KLONDYKE CITY - NOW DORIS

(from the book "Echoes of Ft. Assiniboine and District" 1982)

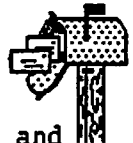
The district now known as DORIS was once called KLONDYKE CITY. Its land location was at NE Sec.13 Twp.63 Rng.5 West of 5th. You will find it to be about 14 miles northeast of Fort Assiniboine, Alberta.

Ollie Finstead and Anton Holmes were the earliest settlers in the Klondyke district. Finstead's homestead was the site of the old Klondyke buildings where people had camped over one winter. These were people travelling over the old Klondyke Trail to Alaska during the gold rush. It was also used as a camping, supply and transportation centre for those travelling between Fort Assiniboine and Slave Lake. In 1912 a surveyor, C.C. Fairchild, described the location as a cache, a collection of cabins. It is said these buildings may have been put up in 1898.

The post office came to this area in 1931 and was in the store of Alex and Fern Teha. The Department would not let them use the name of Klondyke for the post office and so another name had to be submitted. The Teha's had a new baby, named Doris, so they suggested this name which was accepted. This is how the name was changed from Klondyke to Doris.

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(Do you know of a place in Alberta that has had its name changed, and could give us some history on how this change took place? Send it to Relatively Speaking, P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2.)



# MY MOTHER'S ALBUM

By Lila Spencer - A.G.S. #1612  
Lethbridge Branch

For several years I have not only been concerned with genealogical research, but also in writing family history. To me this not only means writing about family members who lived in the past, but writing for family members of the present and of the future. I have found it a great challenge to write about my parents and about myself in such a way that my children and their children want to read what I write. It isn't enough to give bare statistics and facts. Our descendants are used to dramatization of the past at the turn of a knob. Somehow the writer of family history must make ancestors come alive. The bones must be fleshed out. Then and then only does history become fascinating for both the writer and the reader.

My mother had been dead over thirty years when I wrote her life story, so I had to rely heavily upon my memories and the memories of others in the family. But memories are not enough! Seldom do members of the same family remember events exactly the same. Many happenings could be checked in newspapers and local histories, and were checked. I used old mail order catalogues to find pictures of the kitchen pump, the cream separator, the big range with its shiny trim, and the other furniture in my childhood home. These I photocopied and included in my mother's story. I was fortunate to have a fair number of pictures. To my sorrow none were dated, but after consultation with others I was able to assign approximate dates. I also had some of my mother's personal papers, her handwritten account of her first eight years, a diary of her last months, correspondence she had preserved from a son who had served in the Pacific area in World War II, and even two recipes in her own hand. From local history books I was able to find pictures of the narrow gauge train that my parents travelled on for the first part and the last part of their honeymoon trip to Utah, and pictures of the flooding that delayed their return until they were penniless, and it was only the loan from a kind stranger that enabled them to get home. One of my daughters drew several illustrations; one of the best shows my mother and her kitchen on a day the threshers came. I also collected testimony from relatives and neighbors, and incorporated those into the story too. The book grew and grew. When it was completed, appendices and all, I duplicated it, and distributed it to family members. In the end it was a family project. Not only did my sister and my five brothers support me with their encouragement and assistance, but they helped pay for the duplicating and mailing costs. We are all happy to have such a family history on our book shelves.

All family histories need not be this ambitious. The past can be preserved in many ways from putting recollections on tape just as they come to mind to making a wedding quilt for a daughter from the samples of fabric from the dresses she has had from babyhood. I have a friend who not only has collected albums of his favorite recording artists from his youth on, but has written out the lyrics of all the songs he has loved to sing. He has several scrapbooks of these songs. Only by preserving the past in whichever way is best for us can we continue to walk in "yesterday's footprints".

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(from Yesterday's Footprints Lethbridge & District Branch, (A.G.S.) Winter 1987 Vol.4 No.1. Lila Spencer is the Editor of this newsletter.)

# OLD BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

By Fran Moore - A.G.S. #1288  
Grande Prairie Branch

There are many ways of preserving history. We collect papers and we collect pictures. Two genealogy members (Fran Moore #1288 and Irene Gitzel #1966) who are also curators of the small pioneer museum in DeBolt, Alberta (in the Peace), found an interesting way in the summer of 1987. They conducted an "Old Building Photo Survey".

Irene phoned residents in their area, researching the location of all the old buildings, between the Smoky River and the west edge of Sturgeon Lake. She pin-pointed these on a large map. Then they spent six days, spread over the summer taking pictures. The following story tells of those six days.

Summer 1987 became the time of action. Smoky River to Sturgeon Heights is the place. Two of the players are Irene Gitzel and Fran Moore. The equipment includes: the telephone, a good map, a notebook, a camera and a couple of half-ton trucks.

Irene phoned residents and located buildings built, mainly, before 1940 and marked them on a good district map.

The fun then began! The project also included some hazzards.

The first lesson we learned was taught by a dog. After loosing a "chunk of blue jeans" in his teeth, we always waited in the truck for residents to call off the various mutts. We met all kinds of mutts; all the way from unfriendly to overly friendly.

The next hazzard was the cow pastures with all their charms; fresh pies, the resident animals and the barbed wires that keep them in. Now is this wire hot or cold, do we climb over or under, and can we close that gate if we get it open?

Through all kinds of back roads we travelled. We drove through; ditches, abandoned yards and roads and unimproved roads with ruts and mudholes. We walked through; mile high caraganas, tangled brush, pastures lush and pastures overused, crops just planted to crops just harvested.

Small hazzards can be just as irritating, such as: rose thorns in the blue jeans, socks full of clinging seed pods and, would you believe, one flat tire.

Now with all these hazzards you are beginning to feel that this project was all negative. It wasn't, in fact it was great fun and those hazzards were just the spice in the stew.

The first big plus was the people we visted from one end to the other of our area. Everyone was very helpful; -- taking us to out of the way places, showing us buildings that we would never have found on our own, and telling us all the great stories that go with the community.

The second plus was our beautiful summer. A beautiful summer, with one one wet month, August. And in August we didn't go out on photo tour days. Through May, June, July and then again in September we enjoyed sunny, terrific days. First we've got spring on film along with our buildings, the new lush leaves of May. In June we captured some of our provincial flower, the wild rose in its glory. Then in September we got the beautiful fall, color of autumn with its orange glow. The very last afternoon we spent in north Goodwin and on up to the Puskwaskau with thunder clouds building. Light was fading but the pictures have their own special stormy feel.

Along the trail we also shared the countryside with many wild life friends. Oh, so many birds of different kinds including; red-winged blackbirds, bluejays and partridges. Then the animals include deer and bear, both found at Crooked Creek.

Now for the heart and sole of this project -- the buildings and their settings. The buildings are in many catagories; well kept and used buildings, abandoned or crumbling buildings, houses, sheds, toilets, schools, and made of log or lumber.

The architecture of these buildings varies; barns of all sizes and shapes, houses of every description, and also style to the toilets. They each have their own character, history and charm. They each tell stories of the people who lived in them, who built them.

There were small treasures to be found at abandoned stops in dusty, sometimes buggy places along the trail. Among the spider webs, sawdust and sagging boards and in the waist high grass were found an array of items: an old tin tub that would not hold water, some shingles and shakes (and we now know the difference), a few old tattered papers and magazines unread these past twenty years.

Then the people presented us with other small treasures that are so special; a dusty buffalo coat, a precious history book and some very interesting pictures.

The people, the experience, the summer, the project ---- a total trip!! These were a few very special days of finding treasures.

Then this winter 1987-88 we were putting these pictures in four large loose-leaf binders: 1. Goodwin 2. DeBolt 3. Crooked Creek and 4. Clarkson Valley/Sturgeon Heights.

Again Irene is doing the research which includes lots of phoning and visiting to complete the information on each picture. The information includes: the picture, name of owner, previous owners, builder, when built, other uses for building, construction notes, etc. Irene therefore has done all the research for the project and I have done the photography and typing.

These four loose-leaf binders of pictures will now be on display in the DeBolt Museum and the information and pictures will be used for various purposes in the future.

When reading an old deed, many of us do not know a rod from a pole. To give us a better understanding of these measurements a conversion table is given below.

(from Great Fall Genealogy Soc. "Treasure State Lines" Vol.13 No.1)

4 poles = 1 chain

1 chain = 66 feet

80 chains = 1 mile

1 rod = 1 perch = 16.5 feet

1 acre = 43,560 square feet.



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## 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 S.A.S.E. (stamped, self-addressed envelope). Letters must be signed. Confidentiality will be maintained, if requested. Please address letters to: "Dear Genie", c/o Alberta Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, AB T5J 3L2.



Dear Readers:

In the last issue, there was a letter from Veronica H. Clark of Essex, England who was trying to locate her father George Hanson or Hansen, who was an airman in World War 2. Dave Nixon of our Fort McMurray Branch sent word about a Memorial Book in the Commonwealth Air Training Museum at MacGill Air Field, Brandon, Manitoba which could be looked at for this man - this assumes that he died in the War. Thank you, Dave for this information which will be sent on to Mrs. Clark.

"Genie"

Devonshire, England

Dear Genie:

I should be grateful if you could help me trace an ex-bomber pilot who served in the R.A.F. during the 1939-45 war. His name is HARDY DE FOREST and his parents lived in Red Deer. He trained with my brother MICHAEL (RED) STAVERT just before the war and I remember him spending a holiday and several leaves with us.

My mother died recently and there was a photograph of Mr. De Forest among her papers. It reminded me that when he was shot down over Germany, about 1941 and sent to Stalag Luft III, his belongings were sent to my parents for safe keeping. On his release he came to our home before returning to Canada.

My brother and I should be very pleased to make contact with him again and I do hope you can help.

Yours faithfully,  
Oomadie Wilson-Croome  
(Mrs.) S.W. Wilson-Croome)

Dear Readers:

The above letter was enclosed in one from the Ontario Genealogical Society with the following information sent to Mrs. Wilson-Croome:

"I have looked in the Alberta phone books and have found a few entries for Deforest, although none in Red Deer or any specifically as Hardy as follows: (14 entries are listed for Claresholm, Fort MacLeod, Leduc, Edmonton and Calgary.)

I will send a copy of your note to the Alberta Genealogy Society and perhaps they will put a notice in their newsletter. I will try to put a notice in the next issue of Newsleaf (May), the newsletter of the Ontario Genealogical Society, but it may be the August issue before it appears.

You could try the International Tracing Service, c/o International Red Cross, D3548 Arolsen, Federal Republic of Germany. The Salvation Army also provides a tracing service for missing relatives and you could inquire at your nearest Salvation Army office. Good luck in your search.

Sincerely, Mrs. Dawn Broughton for Enquiries Committee"

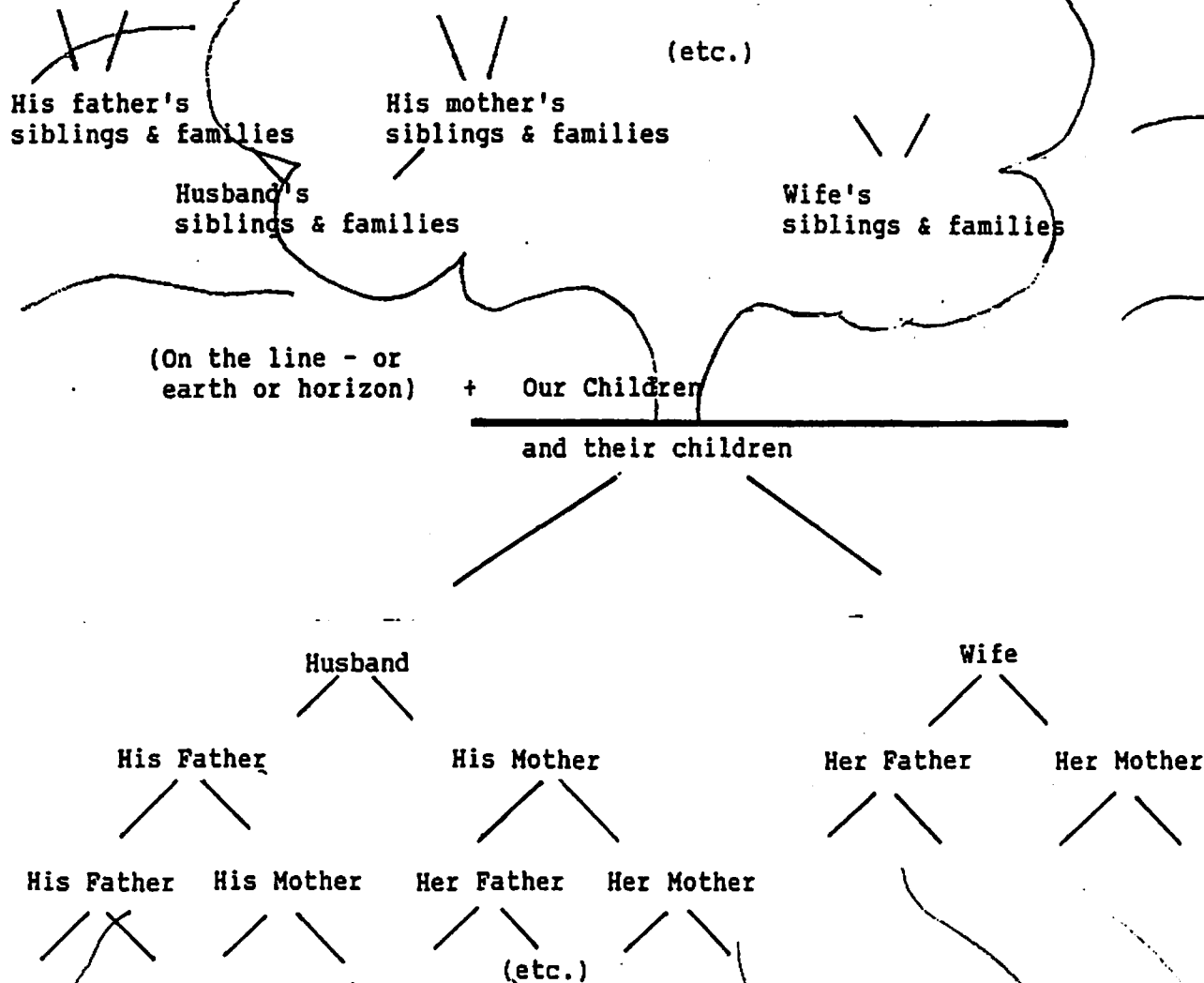
Thank you, Mrs. Broughton for sending on the letter from Mrs. Wilson-Croome. If any of our readers know anyone in the places named above with the name of DeForest and can ask them if they know Hardy DeForest, and they can provide information about him, please let me know so I can forward any information to Mrs. Wilson-Croome in England.

"Genie"

# FAMILY WALL MURAL

By Fran Moore - A.G.S. #1288  
Grande Prairie Branch

Painting is another of my hobbies so one day when I wanted to put my researched names on the wall this idea came to me. I painted one whole wall. I drew a line across the middle and this is the ground level and above this is the tree with all its branches. Below ground level are the "roots". I then had to find a way to put the names on the wall. What I came up with was to type the names on small pieces of paper, burn the edges and decoupage the names in place. It has worked very well but the quality of the paper and the fastness of the typing ink should be checked so it doesn't smear when putting it on the wall.



This has been a fun project and it is quite a conversation piece, especially when relatives come along and look over the wall to make sure that they are on in their appropriate place.

What happens with this system is that all the roots are the direct line ancestors, then the cousins and aunts and uncles become the branches.

# RESOURCE CORNER

## UNITED STATES



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All Minnesota Naturalization Records are deposited at the Division of Archives, Minnesota Historical Society, Research Center, 1500 Mississippi St., St. Paul, MN 55101. They just need the name you are researching & approximate year of naturalization. The cost \$1.00 per copy that they make. 1941 & later records show: Port arrival record, ship's name, original name, any name changes, age, height, weight, eye/hair/skin color, scars, birthplace, last foreign place lived & a wonderful photograph. (From North Central North Dakota "Gen. Record" No.35)

Baltimore Immigration Records 1820-1897. The Baltimore City Archives, 211 East Pleasant St., Room 201, Baltimore, MD 21202, has an indexed collection of ship's passenger lists dating from 1833 to 1866. They also have microfilm copies of additional passenger lists created for Baltimore by federal customs agents between 1820-1891. They have the soundex for these lists as well as additional ones dating to 1897. They will search up to 3 surnames in the indexes for \$4. Send SASE for more information. (From Westward Into Nebraska Vol.12 No.9)

There is a free booklet "Military Service Records in the National Archives of the United States". Write US Gov't Printing Office, Public Documents Dept., Washington, DC 20402. (From Westward Into Nebraska)

You can request a search of land records by writing to General Branch, National Archives & Records Service, Washington, DC 20408. Include your ancestor's full name, the name of state where land was acquired, whether the land was acquired before or after 1908 and any additional info. about the land. If the land was acquired after 1908, you will have to provide a legal description. (From Westward Into Nebraska)

The Searls Library, 214 Church St., Nevada City, CA 95959 holds material for people who moved west during the GOLD RUSH of 1849. SASE is a must. (From Farmington, MI Gen. Soc. Newsletter)

Lutheran Church Records for eastern Pennsylvania are located in the Lutheran Theological Seminary, 7301 Germantown Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19119. (From Fresno Gen. Soc.)

Did your ancestors move over the OREGON TRAIL? There is a published list that can be obtained from Oregon-California Trails Association, P.O. Box 42, Gerald, MO 63967. (From North Oakland Gen. Soc. Vol.11 No.1)

Are you looking for a place you cannot find on a map? Write Geological Survey, National Center Stop 523, Reston, VA 22092. (From North Oakland Gen. Soc.)

The Surname Index to Federal Tract Books of Oklahoma is available for purchase from the Southwest Gen. Soc., P.O. Box 148, Lawton, Oklahoma 73502. Included are homestead applications & many Indian allotments. This information was extracted from rolls of microfilm & because the films do not follow the county lines it is necessary to specify the county of interest since one county might be in several volumes. Research involving homesteaders is available for a fee from the Society. A description of the booklets they have can be obtained by writing the Society. (From St. Louis Gen Soc. Vol.19 No.5)

Illinois Archives has indexes on men who served in Illinois units during Indian Wars, Mexican War, Civil War & the Spanish American War. They will search one index & report on two soldiers per request. The Archives will also check a census record for one request. No SASE is necessary. Illinois State Archives, Archives Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756. (From The Reporter Newsletter Jan.1987)

## COMPILING THE RECORDS

(This information was taken from the leaflet "OPCS Spotlight 1" prepared by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys and the Central Office of Information, 1980, reprint June 1987. OPCS is the Office of the Registrar General for England and Wales. For a list of leaflets in the Spotlight series and other OPCS publications, write to OPCS Information Branch (SP1) at St. Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.)

Births, marriages and deaths have been registered in England and Wales since 1837. So, 1987 marked 150 years of civil registration.

In 1985 some 656,000 births, 346,000 marriages and 591,000 deaths were registered in England and Wales. What happens to these records?

There are now ten miles (16 km) of shelving at General Register Office with over 95,000 volumes containing over 260 million entries. If you have ever applied for a copy of your birth certificate or searched for your family tree, you may wonder how these records are compiled.

What happens to birth, marriage and death records? For example, to register a birth, one of the parents gives the registrar information about themselves and their baby. The registrar records the information and the parent then signs the register to confirm that it is correct. A certificate of birth is given to the parents free of charge.

Every three months copies of all birth, marriage and death entries are sent to the General Register Office. The records are checked, sorted and then indexed by a computer which produces an alphabetical print-out for the pages of the index volumes. These indexes are then sent to St. Catherines House where they can be consulted free in the Public Search Room.

The full registrations are filmed and stored in the General Register Office vaults. These are not open to the public but copies of specific registrations can be bought at St. Catherines House.

### Cleaning Family Tombstones?

The P.E.I. Museum & Heritage Foundation advises that sandblasting is not recommended for cleaning stones as it physically removes a layer of the stone, weakening the surface of the tombstone & allowing longterm degradation of the inscription and the stone through weathering.

Recommended Method - Step 1 Cleaning bird droppings and loosen lichen - Mix 1 cup Mr. Clean, Spic 'n Span or other detergent with a bucket of water (if warm water is available). Apply by brushing on, using a bristle or plastic brush or sponge. Scrub with bristle scrub brush (Note: Do not use a wire brush.) Rinse with clear water.

Step 2 - Bleaching discolourations - Mix 1 cup Javex bleach to 3 cups water. Apply with brush to surface. Scrub with bristle scrub brush. Rinse well.

This method will remove dirt, lichens and the stains caused by lichen growth. While this measure is presently recommended, further research may indicate improved methods.

(from P.E.I. Genealogical Society "Newsletter" Vol.11 No.3)

## THE SURNAME ROYALL and its Variants

By Arthur Royall

Submitted by Winifred Welton - A.G.S. #401

I used to think that the spelling of the name Royall with one or two 'L's was a matter of importance. Once I had embarked on tracing my own line of Royall's, I discovered that before the mid-19th century the variation was of little or no importance. The spelling of the name in registers was largely dependant upon the competence, whim or perhaps the hearing of the Parish Priest or Parish Clerk. One needs to remember, of course, that many individuals, even Royalls!, could not read or write and when they married made their 'mark' X. There are many examples of badly kept registers in the 18th century and in some parishes they were neglected altogether for a period of years.

Initially my research was in the parish registers of Norfolk, and over a wide area of that county. I quickly came upon the variants Rial, Riall, Roiall, Ryal, Ryall & Royel. Royle rarely appears in Norfolk registers although not uncommon elsewhere, particularly in the North West of England.

The actual change in the spelling of the name can sometimes be clearly seen in one set of parish registers and within a short span of time. The Acle registers show that a Thomas & Mary who are Ryall in a 1672 entry have become Roiall in entries made in 1678 and 1681 and Elizabeth the subject of the 1681 entry has become Royal in a 1682 entry in the Burial register. This spelling then continues in other entries relating to the family.

The spelling Roiall is a variant originating, as far as I can see, in Acle but also found in Ludham; this is, no doubt, due to the fact that a number of parishioners from Ludham were married in Acle. This variation would seem to have a phonetic origin and did not continue for long.

In the Trimmingham registers between 1768 and 1782 we have the variations of Royall, Royal, Royell and Royall again with the earlier spelling of Ryall and a later one of Rial.

In the registers of Weeting we see, as it were, the process in reverse. John Royall of that village was married by license at Swaffham to Mary Johnson on 8th November 1796. The spelling is quite clear, as it is in the Weeting register which records the baptism of John Royall the son of John and Mary in the following year. In 1805 the second child of this couple was baptised and the name is spelt Ryall, this is repeated in 1807 and 1811 entries. Between 1819 and 1824 there are four more Ryall entries in the Weeting registers and no more Royalls.

I was alerted to a Dorset family of Royalls by an entry in an index, of the will of John Royall of Staunton Caudle, proved in 1600. A search of the registers of this parish and of Bishops Caudle revealed a large number of Ryalls but few Royalls, but sometimes both names are used of the same person. Haynes Ryall son of Henry Ryall of Sherbourne is noted in the Alimeni Oxoniensie as of Wadham College 1687-1688 and Rector of Beer Hackett in 1690 as Royall. I can't resist recording the fact that Ryalls also lived in the villages of Alfpuddle and Piddelltrethide. In Dorset Ryalls far outnumber Royalls.

A George Riall of Middlesex, who was a member of Christ Church, Oxford 1584-85 became Rector of Middleton in Essex as a Royall. A Worcestershire line of Royalls gives an example of the change from Ryal to Royall, as a William Ryal had a son Joseph born in 1842 who had become Royall by the time he was married.

I am indebted to Nicholas Royal of Bristol for information about his line that can be traced to his g.g.g.grandfather John Royal who was born in Bradfield, Yorkshire in 1762. His name was recorded as such in the muster roll when he joined the army. The parish registers of Bradfield provide a number of variant spellings: Royal, Royle, Royale, Ryall & Riall. John Royal was discharged from the Army in 1805 in Weymouth where his regiment was stationed and he settled there.

A Joseph Royall was living in the "neck of land in the Corporation of Charles Cittie in Virginia" in February 1624; he is probably the same Joseph Royall aged 22 who sailed for Virginia in the ship Charitie in 1622. Another Joseph Royal was a J.P. for Henrico County in Virginia in 1726. Yet another Joseph, Ryale this time, is recorded in the muster of citizens of Pashehays, Maine in 1624. An Alice Riall was "licensed to go beyond the seas in the sloop Ascension" in 1635. A William Royall the emigrant founder of New England Royalls had settled at Salem by 1629.

A number of Royalls live in the Burton on Trent area of Staffordshire today. The earliest references to this line occurs in the list of wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. The will of Paule Royell, a gent of Burton on Trent, was proved in 1658 and earlier still in 1620 the will of a William Ryle was proved in favour of his relict Margaret. In the adjacent County of Derbyshire a Thomas Royell owned land in Hartysborne in 1566.

In 1560 the will of a Thomas Royall a Mercer of the City of London was proved in the P.C.C. and in 1593 that of Richard Riall a Merchant Taylor and Citizen of London. Another Richard Riall was a Yeoman of the queens chamber. Yet another Richard Royall was a royal servant - he was an officer of the Pantry, in the office of the Bailiff of the Manor of Whitewyke, Leicestershire he died in 1570 and a successor was appointed in his place on 19th Jan 1571 at 4d a day for life. A Phineas Riall was tailor to Oliver Cromwell and a Sir Phineas Riall commanded British Troops in the War of 1812 (against the U.S.A.).

Mention should be made of the early use of the name Ryall/Royall in registers. I have discovered that I am not the first of this name to be a Prebendary, as one Edmund Ryall was Prebendary of Preston in Hereford Cathedral in 1427. Even earlier 1397-1412 John Ryall was Prior of St.Dennis, Southampton and William Ryell was Rector of St. Mary Hubbard, London, 1394-1400. In Norfolk Robert Ryal was Rector of Mattishall in 1451. As all these priests exercised their ministry before the Reformation we should not expect to discover any descendants! By the time George Royall became Rector of Middleton Suffolk in 1590 clerical marriage was lawful. In 1324 a Nicholas Roylle was a juror in an inquisition in the Chippenham Hundred of Wiltshire.

Surnames are often derived from place names, indeed place names are often used as surnames. There are three places in England called Ryall: one each in Worcestershire, Dorset, and Northumberland.

The Worcestershire Ryall was Ruyhale in the 12th century, Ryhal in the 13th C; Ruhale, Ruyhale in the 14th C; Royall, Royalles, Ryalles, in the 16th C. This Ryall certainly provides examples of its use as a surname. In 1249 the Bishop of Worcester gave land in Ryall to John de Ruyhale, there are further references to his widow Isobel de Ruyhale and in 1332 the 'de' has been dropped and we have a Joan Ruyhale and in 1399 a Richard Ruyhale. A farm called Ryalls Court still exists.

Ryal in Northumberland forms part of the moorland parish of Stamfordham. In the 13th Century there are references to William of Ryal and Dame Joan de Rial (1262).

Ryall in Dorset in the parish of Whitechurch Canonycorum was Rin hull in 1240 and later variations were Rohull and Ryle. Whether or not there is any evidence for the large number of Ryalls in and around the Dorset village of Bishops & Staunton Caudle deriving the name from the more westerly village of Ryall, I do not as yet know.

All three place names are probably derived from "Rye-Hill"; from the Old English ryge and hyll and the name refers to a corner of a field or hill where rye was grown. It is not a place name that I have as yet come across in Norfolk where Ryalls, Rialls and Royalls are far from uncommon, but this does not mean that the origin of the name is not linked with places where rye was grown, or possibly with those who grew rye. One thing that cannot be established on present evidence, is the notion, or hope fondly held by some, of a connection, even if only through service, with the Royal Household.

In addition to the three Ryalls there is a Ryhall in Rutland which between the 7th and 13th Centuries produced the variants of Rihale, Righale, Riehale, Ryale, Real, Ryall, Riall and Ruyhall. In this case there is no evidence to show that a surname was derived from the place name.

The history of all four locations mentioned, each in a different part of England, provide examples of variants in the place name, not unlike the variants that have occurred in the surnames. All four place names relate to settlements, hamlets or manors. Possibly research will uncover a wider use of the place name, for local topographical features, i.e. particular fields, hills or small valleys etc.. David Mills of Queen Mary College London says that Ryall, Ryhill etc. is a quite common place name type and that it is certainly possible for the surname to be derived from the place name.

The Acts of the Privy Council for the period 1552-54 referring to Royal plate (Treasure from Spain) give examples of Royal, used as an adjective, being spelt both as Ryall and Riall.

Among the references to Royalls, Ryalls and Rialls to be found in various state papers of the 16th & 17th Century, a Privy Council Act of April 1557 refers to Matthew Riall of Newe Castell who was suspected of coining and an order for trial was made.

On 21st April 1654, a letter was written by Commander Peter Pett of Chatham Docks to the Navy Commissioners which "Asks orders for Wm. Royall, employed in collecting and marking timber lost out of the 'Blessing' of London and found drifting in the river; as it had been seized by the Lord of the Manor".

Whether further research will throw more light on the origin of the surname remains to be seen. That variations in the spelling can take place frequently and within a short space of time, is clear from even the limited numbers of examples given in the paper. It is clear that during the 17th and 18th Centuries, there were some Norfolk villages in which related families spelt their surnames in differing ways. No doubt they all pronounced it in a similar fashion.

The compiler of a substantial genealogy of the line of Royals descended from Joseph Royall who travelled in the "Charitie" and settled in Virginia in 1622 writes, "As you may have observed the name "Royal" as passed down to our generation, has been spelled and recorded in various records as: Royals, Royall, Royalls, Royle, Ryals, and Ryalls".

## "FAMILY NAME" GROUPS

BUTTRESS FAMILY - The Buttress Family History Group is formed, taking in all variants, including the valid but less obvious ones of Bottreaux, Boteraus, Betteress, Buttery, & Butters. It also has links with Bott/e/rell, Butteridge, etc. For information write to John Butteriss, 210 Victoria Dr., Eastbourne, E. Sussex, BN20 8QN England. (from Buckinghamshire Family History Soc. Vol.11 No.4.)

CLOUD FAMILY - If your surname is Cloud, or if you are a descendant of the Cloud family, you are invited to join the Cloud Family Association which published the Cloud Family Journal, a 25-page quarterly containing census information, wills, biographies, vital statistics, etc. We also sponsor an annual Cloud Family Gathering. The dues are \$20/yr. and payable to association secretary, DeAnne Lamb, 9503 Fairdale, Houston, TX 77063. (from Tuolumne Co. G.S. Vol.7 No.4.)

CURNOW FAMILY - Mr. H. Curnow is planning a gathering of all Curnow's world wide, with their descendants, to take place in West Cornwall in Sept. 1990. To help him organize it he needs contacts in each continent. Any members interested in this gathering are invited to write without delay to Mr. Curnow, An Gernyk, St.Hilary, Penzance, Cornwall, U.K. (from Cornwall Family History Society Journal No.47.)

HORNBECK HUNTING - Newsletter, would like to hear from people with the same surname and branches with various spellings. Subscription is \$10/yr. U.S. Editor is: Shirley Hornbeck, P.O. Box 1019, Temple City, CA 91780. (from OGS Kingston Br. Vol.15 No.3.)

JUDKINS FAMILY REUNION - Come one or come all!! Meet with your cousins and hear about the legends of the Judkins family. Seattle, Washington, Sat. September 10, 1988. Contact: Kathi Judking Abendroth, 1538 N.W. 60th, Seattle, WA 98107 (206) 784-3644. (from Seattle G.S. Bulletin Vol.37 No.3.)

PRICE FAMILY - Price International, 700-2 Bloor West, Toronto, Ontario, Can. M4W 3R1, are announcing the publication of the newest single surname genealogy magazine. This magazine is devoted to providing information to Price families world wide. Contact Elizabeth Price, President.

RAYMENT FAMILY - A group of people have indexed all the Rayments listed in the St.Catherine's House indexes & also from all the wills up to 1929. Anyone having this name in their family is invited to send details, with a SAE, to the following, when they will be put in touch with others researching the same branch of the name. Michael Snook, Sandy House, Sandy Cross, Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 8BS. (from West Middlesex Family H.S. Vol.6 No.6.)

WAGSTAFF SOCIETY - A One-Name Society for the name Wagstaff has been formed. Anyone interested should write to Mrs. Barbara Kent, 17 Red Hill, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1NA with a SAE. (from West Middlesex F.H.S. Vol.6 No.6.)



## COMPUTER CORNER

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By John Stewart - A.G.S. #981

Since the May issue of *Relatively Speaking* a couple of interesting items have come to our attention.

The first is a family history storage and retrieval system called MICRO-GENE. It is designed to work on the IBM PC/XT but will work equally well on IBM PC/XT compatibles having 256K of memory or better and using MS/PC DOS version 2.0 or later. They also suggest you use a printer capable of 132 columns of print (either dot matrix or letter quality).

This system, they claim, is designed for the computer novice with all menus and commands in plain English. This should make it relatively easy to use. All documentation to run the system is included and as well sample data base and report formats are provided so you can experiment and learn the system.

One innovative idea is that all marriage information for parents is stored on the child's record rather than separately. Micro-Gene also provides space for historical notes on each individual but does not reserve the space if you do not need it. This minimizes the storage space used on each disk.

Charts are created using the recorded information in the GENE-FMS file and the GCHART.EXE program. It is possible to produce individual record prints, family records, historical information reports, chart index, page reference report. In addition you can design your own customized report of individual records and it will print that as well. It is also possible to conduct searches for information using left of the field, any position in the field, or SOUNDDEX (sound alike search). A database manager called MICRO-FMS is also included which provides sorting and file maintenance capabilities.

This program seems to offer alot for its low price of under \$30. One feature that appeals to skeptics like me is that a demo disk is available for under \$10. More information on this program is available from: MICRO-ART, 12 Lyon Heights Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1P 3V7.

The second item is a service for those who do not own a computer but want their information stored on one. It is a computerized indexing and data-storage service.

This service for a fee will enter your information in their database. For another fee you can search their entire database for a given name and locality. The plus of the service is that you can be assured that your many hours of research will be preserved and made available to other genealogists who are researching your surnames. The minus to the service is that once you pay to enter your information on their database you are unable to access it again unless you pay for the privilege. If your only goal is to preserve your information and make it available then you may find this service useful. If you want the contact with other researchers this won't fill the bill. For more information on this service write to: Genie-Plus, Inc., P.O. Box 1646, Clackamas, Oregon, U.S.A. 97015.

## Vital Record info. - U.S.A.

New address for Kansas birth & death records. Kansas Department of Health & Environment, London State Office Bldg., 900 S. Jackson, Topeka, KS 66612. You will need to write requesting a form for birth & death records. (From "Smoky Valley Genealogical Society" Sept.-Oct.1987)

Minnesota - Vital Record Fees as of 1 July 1987 the cost of copies of Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates has risen in Minnesota. Copies of birth records now are \$11. Death & Marriage now cost \$8. These rates apply at both the State Health Dept. & county courthouse. (From the L.A. Westside Newsletter Sept. 1987).

Northern California Research - Root Cellar - Sacramento Genealogical Society has copied the early Sacramento Church records. People came from all over the Northern portion of California and Nevada to be married in Sacramento. Also baptisms in other towns. If they died in Sacramento but resided elsewhere, most of them were buried in Sacramento City Cemetery. The Catholic Churches were not included. For a donation they will search their records for you. With a S.A.S.E. & donation write to: Root Cellar - Sacramento Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 265, Citrus Heights, California 95611 & ask for a search of the Historic Church Project. (From the "Marin Kin Tracer" Vol.11 No.1)

The California Dept. of Health Services, Office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, 410 N. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 have increased their fees for certified copies of vital records. Births, marriages & divorce records are \$11 and death records are \$7. (From North Oakland Gen. Soc. Vol.11 No.1)

Birth & Death records available for San Francisco: Births - all local records prior to April 18, 1906 were destroyed, with the exception of July 1, 1905 to March 31, 1906. These are on file with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Sacramento, California. Deaths - only the following death records are available, most were destroyed in the 1906 earthquake & fire.

Book 1 - 8 Nov 1865 to 30 Sept 1869      Book 2 - 1 Oct 1869 to 30 Apr. 1873

Book 3 - 1 Apr 1882 to 30 June 1889 (Coroner's cases only)

Book M - 1 Aug 1894 to 30 June 1896      Book O - 1 Jul 1898 to 16 Mar. 1900

Book P - 17 Mar 1900 to 22 Oct. 1901      Book Q - 23 Oct 1901 to 30 June 1903

Book R - 1 Jul 1903 to 30 June 1904

The above records can be found at Department of Public Health, 101 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Effective 1 Jan 1987, the fees for certified copies are: death \$7; birth, marriage & divorce \$11. (From the "Marin Kin Tracer" Vol.11 No.1)

Illinois State University, Old State Capital, Springfield, Illinois 62706 - \$5 fee to check birth, marriage, death notices from Illinois newspapers, biographical sketches in county histories or other family information in library. This is \$5 per individual. (From Iowa Hawkeye Heritage Vol.7 No.6)

New Hampshire Vital Records, write to: Bureau of Vital Records, 6 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH 03301, U.S.A. Send \$3 U.S. to Treasurer, State of New Hampshire. For birth certificate, supply person's name, city or town where born, relationship to you, person's parents names, your name & address, & reason for request. Allow 3 or 4 weeks for a reply. (Toronto Tree Vol.18 No.8)

Birth records registered prior to 1898 & death records prior to 1920 for the City of New York & for Old City of New York & for the Old City of Brooklyn are filed with the Municipal Archives. Apply to the Archives Division of the Department of Records & Information Services, 31 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007. (From Westward Into Nebraska Vol.12 No.4)

Grainger County Tennessee - There is a flat fee of \$20 for the combined cost of research & one copy of any marriage record. If you would like a copy, please send \$20 in the form of a cashier's check & they will mail your request to you. Write to: Barbara G. Jackson, County Clerk, P.O. Box 116, Rutledge, TN 37861. (From Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin Vol.37 No.1)

The Texas Depart. of Health has increased their fee for copies of birth & death records. The statutory fee for issuing a certified copy of both birth & death records is now \$7.50, with each additional copy \$2.00 each. The address is: Texas Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 West 49 St., Austin, TX 78756. (From Dallas Genealogical Society)

The cost for searches & copies of records from the Nebraska Depart. of Health has been raised to \$6. (From Southwest Nebraska Gen. Soc.)

Alaska births, marriages & deaths are available since 1913 & divorces since 1950. Write: Vital Statistics, P.O. Box H, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0675 for Record Order Forms. (From St. Louis Gen. Soc. Vol.20 No.2)

## Massacre at Frog Lake, NWT in 1885

Used by permission from "The Equity", Shawville, Quebec, May 11, 1988.  
Written by Edgar B. W. Mulligan (columnist of 'Rustic Rhetoric')

A first cousin of my grandmother was involved in the Frog Lake, Northwest Territories massacre on April 2, 1885.

MARY FULFORD was teaching in an old log schoolhouse on the Deschenes Road near Aylmer (Quebec) and she was only 18. Her father owned a farm where the Connaught Race Track is today. She met and fell in love with a young man named JOHN DELANEY from Gloucester who worked for the Dominion Government.

He got an appointment to go to the Northwest Territories to try to organize the natives, Indians and Metis into farming groups. The buffalo were getting scarce and the Americans were chasing the Indians out of their States and killing them like the buffalo.

Mary went along with John in the fall of 1884, stating to her father that "home was where the husband was!" At Frog Lake there was a Mounted Police contingent, and a Hudson Bay Store. There were other huts, one with a George Dill, an escaped crook from the States. Then the Indian agent, an adventurer by the name of John Prichard and three Metis and a Catholic mission with two priests, a Father Fafard and a Father Marchand who was known to the Delaneys because he was from Aylmer.

John worked with the Metis but the Indians under such well-known chiefs as Big Bear, Wandering Spirit, and half a dozen travelling warriors looking for a place to avenge their humiliation of defeat by the White Americans so John...

didn't get much work done. Mary taught the young half-breeds and their parents to read and write and two of them wanted to know how to count, add and subtract.

Mary had learned how to ride a horse and on the day before Good Friday, 1885, she and a few half-breed women decided to advise neighbouring hamlets about Easter, the day to rejoice about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Good Friday, an unusual number of Cree Indians had assembled around Frog Lake.

It was a cold windy day at Frog Lake and Father Marchand ambled over to the mission to say his Good Friday Mass and the memorial service to celebrate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. All those present in the hamlet went to the church in a group unarmed so as not to excite or incite the Indians. When the services began, most of the Indians entered and some lagged behind as if to mock the white man's religion.

The priest said a few words in Latin which the Indians didn't understand. This was enough to revenge all their friends who had been killed by the Americans.

They first shot the two priests because they thought they were chiefs. They then shot everyone in the mission they could see.

In the meantime, Mary and her Metis women friends returned and heard what was going on so they untied the Indians' horses and stampeded them and at that time Indians without horses were as timid as spanked boys.

Mary then walked up to Wandering Spirit and took his gun without a word or a struggle. Big Bear was ranting and raving while the rest of the band were walking around lost without their horses.

Mary and the Metis women were shocked on finding their husbands and loved ones all killed. The Indians gradually left and the women buried their dead in utter agony. Mary spent many hours standing, stunned, shocked and overwhelmed at what had happened.

When news reached Ottawa, a detachment of soldiers was sent, along with twenty volunteers from Aylmer, Eardley and Quyon, via the long trip through the United States, because the piece of railroad through western Ontario wasn't completed.

By the time the soldiers and volunteers arrived at Frog Lake, authority had been restored and Mary Theresa Fulford Delaney returned to her home in Aylmer with the volunteers.

Wandering Spirit was sentenced to death and his last wish was to give an American gold coin to the Squaw Teacher. He had taken the coin from her husband John Delaney.

Mary Theresa Fulford Delaney died in August, 1913, in Aylmer and a stone in the centre of St. Paul's graveyard marks the spot where she was buried - a long way from her husband's corpse.

# FATH HILL CATHOLIC CEMETERY -- NW32-014-24 W4

The early Roman Catholic Parish of the Immaculate Conception consisting of about 34 families, was started around 1911, served by Father Beausoliel, who covered the country south of High River by horseback. The church was located on SE05-015-24 W4, the land having been donated by Helen Fath. The cemetery was located less than one half mile down the road on NW32-014-24 W4, on land donated by Robert and Joyce Fath.

The following item (quoted from the 'Champion Chronicle') dated 10 October 1929:

"The removal of the Catholic Church (Church of the Immaculate Conception) from Fath's Hill to Champion, which took place this week, robs the country site of a landmark of many years". The paper goes on to say that the church building was moved to a site just north of Louis Fath's residence.

The building was enlarged, and in 1966 a whole new church was built, with the Parish renamed 'St. Mary's'.

Those known to have been laid to rest in the old Fath Hill cemetery are:

Beingessner, Annie  
1897 - 1928

Beingessner, Bridget  
1865 - 1921

Beingessner, Virgil  
1928 (Infant)

Daub, Florence  
1923 (Infant)

Diemert, William V.  
1922 - 1923

Ditto, Barbara  
1929 (Infant)

Edey, Loretto  
1927 - 1928

Fath, John  
1849 - 1929

Fath, Sophia  
1851 - 1920

Gilfoy, Robert  
1929 (Infant)

Groves, Kenneth  
1931 (Infant)

Horriqan, Jeremiah  
1857 - 1921

Larkins, Kenneth  
1852 - 1927

Murphy, Margaret  
1852 - 1927

Swanson, Emma  
1893 - 1920

Smith, James  
1866 - 1931

Schuh, Chris  
1879 - 1931

Research information for this cemetery was contributed by Mrs. Ruth Fath, AGS member #536

## GOODS & SERVICES

"Births, Marriages & Deaths: Abstracts from the Renfrew Mercury" 1911-1915 by Aldene & Les Church, the third volume in this series \$15 from the authors at 15 Lorne St. N., Renfrew, Ont. K7V 1K8. (O.G.S. Newsleaf May 1988).

Rus Waller, U.E., 114 Robert Wallace Dr., Kingston, Ont. K7M 1Y2 has genealogical books for sale for Frontenac, Lennox and Addington counties in Eastern Ontario.

"Janisse and Tino - Laforest Pictorial Family Album" - book for sale \$35 from Mildred Janisse George, 71 Allen St., Chatham, Ont. N7M 5E8.

Persons interested in genealogy or history especially of the US Midwest & South are invited to stop by PARMA, Idaho's genealogy bookstore for an examination of the large inventory of books. Genealogy Bookstore, P.O. Drawer 'G' (201 E. Grove), Parma, Idaho 83660, located near historic Fort Boise on the Oregon Trail just south of US 184.

East Sussex Census - 1851 Index. Each volume is an alphabetical list of people who were in the Parishes covered, giving all details from census. Volumes 1-24 available. Write June Barnes, 50 St. Helens Park Rd., Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 2DN.

Irish Ancestral Research Foundation, Barleymount, Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland are launching an Irish genealogical research service. Further details & appli. forms may be obtained by enclosing 2 IRC's with name and address.

Huguenot Society - A new address for the National Huguenot Society previously headquartered in Washington, D.C. is now National Huguenot Society, Miss Vera Reeves, Registrar Gen., 1118 Broadway, Vincennes, Indiana 47591 (Yakima Valley G.S. Bulletin Vol.20 No.1).

New address for The Huguenot Society in Canada is 10 Adelaide East, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1H5 (O.G.S. Newsleaf Vol.18 No.1).

Irish Researchers - a change of address: Customs House, Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard St., E. Dublin 1, Ireland and Genealogical Office (Office of Arms) Kildare St. near Nassau St. Dublin, Ireland ('Westward Into Nebraska' Vol.12 No.7).

Membership in the Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society is £6 per year, 11 Huntly Gardens, Glasgow, G12 9AT Scotland.

Norfolk County Branch is a new branch in Ontario. Address: Norfolk Co. Br., Box 145, Delhi, Ontario N4B 2W9. (O.G.S. Thunder Bay Past Tents Vol.9 No.1)

Hungarian Baptismal Records were recorded as early as 1515, on an order of the Diocesan Councils. These parish records were transferred to the State Archives in Budapest. For help, contact the Information Officer, Hungarian Embassy, Washington, D.C. (from Copper State Bulletin, Arizona).

DID YOU KNOW? That in 1613-1624 English soldiers took an oath of allegiance before going to serve in the Low Countries? These 'oaths' are to be found in "Licences to Pass Beyond the Seas" (E157) at Chancery Lane, England. (Sask. G.S. Bulletin Vol.19 No.1).

On Jan.4, 1988, the government of British Columbia opened an Adoption Reunion Registry. The natural parents & the adopted person may both register. The adoptee, in both cases, must be over the age of 19. The Registry is located in the Department of Vital Statistics, 800 Hornby St., Vancouver, B.C., phone 660-2937. They will mail out a pamphlet describing the service as well as an information form for registering. Registration costs \$25. Adoption had to take place in B.C. only. (from the B.C. Genealogist Vol.17 No.1).

Genealogical Trivia - "Full Age" on a marriage certificate usually means the person was over twenty one.

# "BARRHEAD NEWS" Marriage extracts

1928 - 1930

Reginald WALLACE and Mrs. GIBBS married recently (April 5, 1928 paper).

Edward Ernest O'BRIEN, son of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas O'Brien and  
Helen Evangeline PESS, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michal Pess  
married 20 October 1928.

Tom THOMPSON and Emily BARRACLOUGH married 7 November 1928.

Stanley Elmer WEBB and Muriel Sarah HOLSTEAD, daugh of Mr. & Mrs.  
Ole Holstead, married 7 Nov 1928.

Dudley George SAINSBURY and Frances Martney STOKES married 14 Nov 1928.

Fred BERTRAU and Peggy FRASER married December 1928.

William A. MacGREGOR and Mary WIGHTMAN married 25 December 1928.

Wilmer CHRISTIANSON and Madaline CRAIG married February 1929.

Jerry A. REITSMA and Jennie Ann FISHER married 22 February 1929.

Walter GROSSENBACHER and Anna TOMM married 25 March 1929.

Gilbert THOMPSON, son of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Thompson and  
Doris KIPP, only daughter of Mrs. Gustav Kipp  
married 25 June 1929.

Laurier Joseph PICARD, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Picard and  
Rita Marie LEMIEUX, daughter of Mr. Octave Lemieux  
married 15 August 1929.

Sidney Earl JOHNSON and Mrs. Wilson married 7 November 1929.

Edward Patrick MOHRMANN and Gladys Elsie KILSHAW, daughter of  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kilshaw, married 7 Dec 1929.

John Joseph CRONIN, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Cronin of Ireland  
and Lola Maude Friel BURCH, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Burch  
married 11 Apr 1930.

Louis BERNEY and Miss ROLOF married 17 June 1930.

W. H. WEEKS and Edna P. SCOTCHMER married 30 June 1930.

Kenneth McKENZIE and Amelia BASSANI married 14 Oct 1930.

Reginald Harold COLBOURNE and Elizabeth Winifred DAVIS married  
10 Dec 1930.

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(If anyone has access to small town newspapers and could copy out  
some births, deaths or marriages that could be included in future  
copies of Relatively Speaking, please send them in.)



## BOOK REVIEW

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Reviewed by Rita Laczkowski - A.G.S. #1327  
Medicine Hat Branch

### Genealogical Research Directory (GRD)

National & International 1988

by Keith A. Johnson and Malcolm R. Sainty 960pp

This index is a most useful resource book. It has over 6000 individual contributors from 30 different countries, submitting more than 100,000 entries of family names.

This year's book includes information on "Where to Write in Scotland"; "Research Repositories from 10 different countries"; a Calendar of Genealogical Events happening from April 1988 to Spring 1991 from all over the world".

It also includes a directory of Genealogical Societies, along with maps of Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales, the German Empire, Belgium and the Netherlands. There is also a section of various subjects that people are interested in and are looking for information on.

Along with all that, there are 38 pages of private advertisements for genealogical research help which is available from all over the world.

This book is an inexpensive way of having ones family names seen all over the world.

## BOOK REVIEW

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Reviewed by Brenda Ruffett - A.G.S. #1729  
Medicine Hat Branch

### Computers for Family History an Introduction

by David Hawgood copyright 1987

"This book is intended for the genealogist with no previous knowledge of computers."

The author deals with the uses and operation of home computers in easy-to-read language with an excellent glossary of computer jargon, reference books and magazines, clubs and useful addresses.

One section lists and describes Genealogical Software that is available with the brand names of more frequently used computers. In most cases, addresses of British agents are provided.

Of interest to more advanced computer operators would be the chapters on Database and Word Processor software with their application to Genealogy.



# QUERIES

Queries are accepted free of charge from members and non-members. (Non-members are charged \$4.25 per copy of "Relatively Speaking" in which their queries appear.)

Please forward your queries, typewritten if possible, otherwise printed PLAINLY to: The Editor, Relatively Speaking, P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3L2.)

EARLY CANADIAN WOMEN WRITERS - I am researching English-Canadian women authors of fiction and poetry who were active before 1940, and would like to hear from anyone who knows of biographical information that is not available in standard published sources. In particular, I am seeking papers or correspondence which is in private hands, and information being compiled by family researchers or historical societies. If a woman in your family wrote a book of fiction or poetry in Canada before 1940, I would like to hear from you.

CONTACT: Carole GERSON, 911 West 22nd Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V5Z 2A2.

SANDERSON  
ANDERSON  
NORQUAY

Searching for information about James SANDERSON born ?, died ?, son of James SANDERSON and Elizabeth ANDERSON, siblings were: John, Marie (married to J.L. NORQUAY) and George William (1846-1936). "Went to Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada to ranch" from Manitoba, Canada after 1870.

INKSTER  
SUTHERLAND  
SINCLAIR

Researching families of James INKSTER, born about 1804 Orkney Islands, died 1865 in Manitoba, Canada, married to Elizabeth SUTHERLAND, born about 1810, died ?, and John INKSTER, born about 1799 Orkney Islands, died 1874 in Manitoba, Canada, married in 1826 to Mary SINCLAIR. Would appreciate information on the above mentioned in particular about their descendants. Willing to share information.

CONTACT: Ellen NORBERG, 2039 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4T 2V4.

FRASER  
SCHOOMBERG  
SCHOMBERG

Searching for information and birthdate of Caroline Jane FRASER, supposedly born between 1820 and 1828 in Inverness, Scotland. Her parents' names were: Alexander FRASER and Caroline SCHOOMBERG. Caroline Jane F. married Hume ANDERSON on August 13, 1848 in Edinburgh, Scotland and had 5 children.

TOPPING  
STIRRAT

Searching for birthdate and parents' names of John TOPPING and Barbara STIRRAT who were married on April 17, 1850 in Dalry, Ayre, Scotland. They had 5 children, all born in Dalry.

CONTACT: Rita LACZKOWSKI, P.O. Box 82, Seven Persons, Alberta, Canada, T0K 1Z0.

GORDON  
CORSTON

Searching for descendants of Charles Hugh Munro GORDON (March 13, 1866-November 1, 1934), born in Helmsdale, Scotland, married to Louisa CORSTON on February 14, 1894 at Rupert House, James Bay, Quebec, Canada. He was an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company from 1882 to 1927 at posts from James Bay to Northern Saskatchewan.

LEDO/LEDOUX  
WILLS/WELLS  
WIDDICOMBE  
FROST

Searching for information about Daniel LEDO/LEDOUX and Eliza WILLS (WELLS?) and their descendants in Montana, U.S.A. Children included Mary Rose who married James WIDDICOMBE about 1888, Amelia who married John FROST, a Baptist missionary on the Crow Reserve in Montana, and John who married Nancy ANDERSON.

ANDERSON

CONTACT: Thomas R. McCLOY, 1941 Grand Oaks Drive, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T3E 4A6.

OAKLEY  
HARRIS  
VENABLES  
COOMBS  
STARSMEARE  
NATTS  
NAAS  
ZANDER  
GRAMM  
PAUSTIAN  
RADKE

Searching for information on Henry OAKLEY, born on May 13, 1830 in Staffordshire, England, married to Martha HARRIS, born on April 16, 1835. His father was Thomas OAKLEY. The parents of Martha were Joseph HARRIS and Margaret VENABLES. Also searching for information about Louisa COOMBS, wife of Joseph OAKLEY, eldest son of Martha and Henry OAKLEY.

Searching for parents of Robert John STARSMEARE, believed to be son of Charles STARSMEARE and Harriet NATTS of Ireland and London, England in the early to mid-1800's.

Searching for parents of Ferdinand ZANDER, born February 1880 in the Village of Karolin, Radom, POLAND, and his wife Susanna GRAMM, born February 1876 in the City of Swolin, Radom, POLAND. Also for information about Andrew Ferdinand PAUSTIAN who died on March 3, 1915 and his wife Eva RADKE, born August 29, 1874 in Radom Province, POLAND.

CONTACT: Sylvia ZANDER, 79 Greenbrook Crescent, Brooks, Alberta, Canada, T0J 0J0.

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LONG

Searching for descendants of David LONG and his children: Bruce, John, James, Norah, Joseph, Lillian, Florence, Luella and Gladys who moved from Ontario, Canada in about 1905.

CONTACT: Mrs. C.C. JAMISON, 3431 Horton Road, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., 19073.

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HALBARDIER

Searching for the family named HALBARDIER which emigrated from Belgium to Canada in about 1889.

CONTACT: Mrs. Georgette BRODEUR, 10931 - 165 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5P 3T6.

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CLOSS/CLOSE  
JORDAN

Searching for information about Edward CLOSS, born in 1886 in Lanark County, Ontario, Canada and his sister Charlotte Amelia, born in 1881 and married to George JORDAN in 1903 and resided in the Champion area in July 1935.

CONTACT: Donald W. TOMLINSON, 26 Doncaster Drive, Bramalea, Ontario, Canada, L6T 1S7.

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WANTED: Someone willing to consult the IGI for an out-of-town member.

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PEARSON  
ENO  
RICHARDSON  
  
DEMERS  
KILLIPS

Searching for information about Selena PEARSON, married to 1) to John ENO, 2) to William "Billy" RICHARDSON, 3) to Dr. William DEMERS. Also Mary Ellen ENO, daughter of George and Ellen ENO, married to William KILLIPS on September 21, 1892 in Hullet Township, Huron County, Ontario, Canada. William KILLIPS parents were: William and Eliza KILLIPS. Mary Ellen and her mother are buried in the Bon Accord, Alberta, Canada cemetery. The families resided in the Edmonton and Legal areas of Alberta, Canada.

CONTACT: Linda Whitford, P.O. Box 2066, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, X1A 2P5.

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Thank you to those members who sent us information on the place called FAIRYDELL, Alberta. We now know where it is and have met the people who live there now. More information next issue.

John and Flora Stewart.

# WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY?

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## AUSTRALIA

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies "The Genealogist" Vol.5 No.8 - 1854 Eureka Military Casualties; Pennyweight Flat (Children's) Cemetery - Proved & Possible Burials, 1852-1857.

## CANADA

Alberta GS Grande Prairie Br. "Heritage Seekers" Vol.10 No.4 - Struble/Strubel Family, direct lineage; Norwegian Names; Ontario Townships, Then & Now.

**\*\***AGS Fort McMurray Genealogical Study Group Vol.1 No.1 - Hints on making your photographs last longer; List of emigrants waiting embarkation to Canada from Essex, 1851 England Census Return.

AGS Medicine Hat Br. "Saamis Seeker" Vol.9 No.1 - Irish Info Sources - List of Addresses, Record Offices & Libraries; How to obtain Alberta Homestead Records; Excerpts from Med. Hat Directory, March 1907 (cont.)

British Columbia Prince George FHS "Tree Tracer" Vol.8 No.4 - Excerpts from the Fort George Tribune, Nov.13, 1909, Settlers names.

Newfoundland & Labrador GS "Newfoundland Ancestor" Vol.4 No.2 - List of Crews names of Wrecked ships, Dominion & Alarm, Spring of 1870; 18th & 19th. Century Harbour Grace & Carbonear, names - Pike, Gill, Green & Danson; The Efford family of Petty Harbour; The Benoit family of Bay St. George; The Bennett-Clarke family; Extracts of marriages from St. Mary's Basilica, Halifax, N.S. 1857-1860; Names of Newfoundlanders buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Halifax, N.S.; Invitation to 1988 "Come Home Year".

Ontario GS Bruce & Grey Br. "Newsletter" Vol.18 No.1 - Strays from Plenty, Sask.

OGS "Families" Vol.27 No.1 - Descendants of the Establishments in Penetanguishene; Early Mail Service & Post Offices in Middlesex Co. Ont.; Canada's Gallant Volunteers of 1837-38; List of names & places of Roll Call, Winter of 1890-91; Irwin family - their Irish home.

OGS Halton-Peel Br. "Newsletter" Vol.13 No.1 - 1823 Assessment Roll, Trafalgar Township.

OGS Hamilton Br. "Newsletter" Vol.19 No.1 - Land Transport, Abstract of Transport, between May 15 & Oct 31, 1846 at Hamilton, Ont.; Jeremiah Horning & Charity Smith descendants, births, deaths, spouses & abstract of Wills; Birth, Marriage & Death notices of Hamilton, Burlington area 1904-1910.

OGS Kingston Br. "Newsletter" Vol.15 No.2 - Extracts from the Napanee Beaver, 1898, Death dates & Ages of People noted.

OGS Leeds & Grenville Br. "News & Views" Vol.14 No.2 - Pre-1925 marriages in the Methodist Church, Marrickville-Easton's Corners (now United Church); Index to the Register of Marriages for the District of Johnstown (cont.).

Vol.14 No.3 - Howard Family, excerpts from the Brockville Recorder, births, deaths & marriages 1841-1923; Quarriers Homes.

OGS "Newsleaf" Vol.18 No.1 - Reference Table of O.G.S. Branches, specific Ontario counties.

OGS Ottawa Br. "News" Vol.21 No.2 - Births, deaths & marriages, "Aylmer Times", Aylmer, Que. 1884-1890; Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms, Huntley Township (cont.).

OGS Waterloo-Wellington Br. "Branch Notes" Vol.16 No.1 - Poor Laws, England; Beverly Assessment Roll, 1816.

OGS Whitby-Oshawa Br. "Kindred Spirits" Vol.7 No.1 - Blackstock United Church Cemetery; Names of inhabitants of Whitby Twp. 1822.

P.E.I. GS "Newsletter" Vol.12 No.1 - Index to Reference Library at Beaconsfield & List of Family Genealogists.

Sask. GS Prince Albert Br. Vol.5 No.4 - The Fate of the Finlaysons, "Prince Albert Times", March 1889.

Vol.6 No. 1 - Cemetery listings - R.M. of Kinistino (Abandoned) & R.M. of Birch Hills, Lake Park Lutheran Church Cemetery; Religion Codes; 1881 Census, N.W.T. J1 Subdivision: Prince Albert.

#### ENGLAND

Bristol & Avon FHS "Journal" No.50 - FHS, Research Services; A Family Register, from a Bible - Thomas & Johanna Stew; Stray Info; James Pillinger (Part 2) - Australia; The Military Service of the Ellery family.

Cambridgeshire FHS "Journal" Vol.6 No.5 - Hearth Tax 1674; Girton A Village Profile (with map); Parish Registers of Landbeach; Extracts from the family history of John Edgar Smith; List of names of the Cambridge Good Samaritan Society, 1883.

Cleveland FHS "Journal" Vol.3 No.9 - Sources of Info; Probate Records - Wills Proved at the Prerogative Court of York from 1389 to 1858 - Extracts from 1800-1818; The Parish of Norton; Names of Yorkshire people killed or wounded on the schoor Shamrock, 1842.

Essex Society for FH "Essex Family Historian" No.47 - The Brunwins of Rayne; The Dunmow Family Tree; Extracts from Register of Electors of Essex Co. 1841 - Widford; Essex Record Office Update.

Hertfordshire F & Population HS "Hertfordshire People" No.32 - Names of Early Nonconformists in Hertfordshire, 1635; The Thomas Ackroyd family of Flamstead.

Nottinghamshire FHS "Journal" Vol.5 No.10 - News from Nottinghamshire Archives Office; The George Rowland family.

Somerset & Dorset FHS "Greenwood Tree" - Volume 13 No. 1 - Surnames appearing 1602-1613 in Court Rolls of Cranborne Chase; List of contributors to the Newfoundland School Society 1831-32 from the Borough of Poole; Surnames from the Charities Register 1903.

West Middlesex FHS "Journal" Vol.6 No.6 - Research using PRO Chancery Lane; Chronograms on Tombstones; Hearth Tax 1662-89; Sir John Franklin's Expedition 1852; Campaign Medals as Info sources; Chronology of Parish Registers.

Wiltshire FHS "Journal" No.28 - 1837 Wiltshire Map; Burton family of Tisbury; Villages of Wiltshire; Old records from Chapels in the area; Apprentices of the Broad Town Charity.

### ETHNIC

Germans from Russia HS "Heritage Review" Vol.18 No.1 - German-Russian Settlers in Faith, Alberta 1909-1950; Evangelical Lutheran Church Records of Klostitz, Bessarabia 1847; 1987 Surname List; Cemetery List - Village of Golden Prairie, Sask.; 1907 Confirmands of St.Paul's Lutheran Church of Java, South Dakota.

### IRELAND

Irish FHS "Irish Family History" Vol.3- 1987 - Research Centres in Ireland; Dublin City Gen. sources, lists Parish Registers; Some Irish Emigrants to Scotland from Census Returns - 1861, 1871 & 1881; 1851 Census, Lancaster Castle Gaol; 1881 Plymouth Census; St.Mary's Cemetery, Lee, Mass. U.S.A.; Some Irish Memorials in Liverpool; Summary of Territorial Divisions Used in Ireland; Sykes Family; 1881 Liverpool Census; Names listed of Irish settlers from Wexford to Iowa 1850; Index to Superintendent Registrar Districts/ Poor Law Unions; Relationship between Civil & Catholic Parishes; Monumental Inscriptions in the Bristol Area; Emigration to the Colonies 1832 to 1841.

### SCOTLAND

Scottish GS "Scottish Genealogist" Vol.28 No.3 (1981) - Register of Research (Members); Original Emigrants to McNab Township, Upper Canada 1825; Poll Tax records of Lasswade, Midlothian, 1694; Society of West Highland & Island Historical Research.

Vol.30 No.1 (1983) - List of Subscribers for the Testimonial to Mr.Craig, Cleish, 1848; Using the Scottish National Portrait Gallery as a source for info; McFadyen of Coll; Macneils of Ardnacross Records & Memorials of St.Andrew's Church, Toronto (Canada).

Vol.33 No.2 (1986) - John Reid, a Pioneer Landscape Gardener; Incorporation of Wrights' Benefit Society of Kirkcaldy; Evolution of Gaelic Surnames in Kintyre.

Vol.34 No.4 (1987) - Some Descendants of Lachlan McNeill Buidhe; Using School Admission Registers for research; Newcastle Keelmen in the 18th Century.

UNITED STATES

Broken Mountains (Montana) GS "Tri-County Searcher" Vol.8 No.2 - Dedication to Margaret "Peg" Cole; List of Homesteaders, Montana Fenton Hill County Directory 1915; Ancestors of Neil Shepherd; List of names, Naturalization (Final Papers) from Chouteau Co., Fort Benton, Mont.

Colorado GS "Colorado Genealogist" Vol.49 No.1 - Gen. Index to Portrait & Biographical Records of the State; Civil War: Colorado Cavalry/Infantry - Black; List of Sugar Beet Farmers 1938; Moore Family Bible Records.

Everton Publishers "Genealogical Helper" Vol.42 No.1 - Family Legends & the Search for Identity; Hispanic Research; Bureau of Missing Ancestors.

Great Falls (Montana) GS "Treasure State Lines" Vol.12 No.4 - British Record Repositories; First Presbyterian Church Baptisms; Vital Record Offices in U.S. (addresses).

Greater Omaha GS (Nebraska) "Westward Into Nebraska" Vol.12 No.6 - GS Research Policy; How to obtain Homestead Papers from National Archives; Type of Info included in Census Records 1790-1910; Location of some Quaker Records.

Mouse River Loop GS "North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record" No.34 - Ward County Marriage Records - 1921; Excerpts from "The Ryder News" No.1903 - March 1904.

Northern Arizona GS "The Bulletin" Vol.1 No.3 - 1800s Cattle Brands in Yavapai & Yuma Counties; Potts - Stevens Wedding from the "Arizona Democrat", Feb. 8, 1883.

New England (Mass) Historical GS "Nexus" Vol.4 No.5 - New England & Texas families - Allen, Hunt, Austin & King. Vol.5 No.1 - Names & family connections in American Folklore.

Oregon GS "Quarterly" Vol.26 No.1 - Abstracts from the Drain Echo Newspaper 1886; Pedigree Chart of Jan Hansen.

Rapid City Society (S.Dakota) For Genealogical Research "Black Hills Nuggets" Vol.21 No.1 - Fruth Hotel Register 1909 (cont); Boneita Springs - Methodist Church; Duprel family (cont); 90 years ago - excerpts from the Hot Springs Star; Biographies available; Pennington County Poll Books available; Ancestor Charts.

Seattle (Wash) GS "Bulletin" Vol.37 No.2 - Records of the Board of Guardians; Excerpts from a mid-19th Century Bible; Richard Barnecutt 1806-1873; Mid-Atlantic States Interest Group Index; New England - New York Ancestor File.

West Central Missouri GS "Prairie Gleaner" Vol.18 - Index. Vol.19 No.1 - Bates Co. - Excerpts from Hume Border Telephone 1902 ; Benton Co. History of Brandon Methodist Church 1916-1968 (cont); Cass Co. Patrons Directory 1895 (cont); Henry Co. Death Records 1883-1890; Johnson Co. Old Warrensburg Cemetery listings; St. Clair Co. Old Dunkard South Cemetery listings.

Yakima Valley (Wash) GS "Bulletin" Vol.20 No.1 - Early Land Titles, Names & Map - Township 16 North, Range 16 East - 1882-1976; 1853 Wagon Train Expedition Over Naches Pass; Pioneer Families - Wagoner, Spony, Taylor, Elliot & Perry; Anderson, Heath & Grover Bible Records; Census of Children - School District No.24, Kittitas County, Wash. June 1, 1899.

\*\* New Publication

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2 The objects of the Society are -

a) To promote the study of genealogy and genealogical research within the Province of Alberta;

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k) To achieve the foregoing objects, funds may be raised and donations, gifts, legacies and bequests accepted.

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