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Presidents Message

April 1990

During the past year, I conducted a survey on the amount of time donated to AGS, Executive Committee. For those of you who took the time to reply, the time amounted to -- 12 -- full time -- paid employees. You are a very special group of people who, donated your valuable time to the running of our Organization and it is because of you we are a thriving organization. It is greatly appreciated.

It is a pleasure to honor, long service members of our AGS Society. For 1990, the 15 year members were, Charles Denney, Ann Baines, Jo Huthack, Judy Nuthack, Ross Campbell and Frank Easton.

For 10 year members were, Voila Hauptman, Merna Nelson, Bobby Weller, Allen Weller, Bill Hughes, Joyce Deering, Larry Clark, Ruby Gordon, John Stewart, Flora Stewart, Edna Schriber, Carol Anderson, Grace Roth, and Paulette Hyrchiw. Thank you for all you have done and Congratulations.

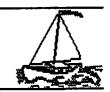
Following the Tri-Group Meeting on May 3rd, an agreement was made to appoint a Committee of three member per organization, to begin the preliminary work of setting up the Joint Office for the following organizations — The Alberta Genealogical Society, The Archaeological Society of Alberta and the Historical Society of Alberta. Please contact me if you wish to serve on this Committee as we are looking for two Representative for our Society.

We are coming into a special time of the year, a time when we get together with our Families, remember to share your special experiences in our newsletter. You never know when you will touch somebodies heart by sharing first hand experiences. Have a Nice Summer.

Dolores Christie, President



IMMIGRANT SHIPS



--By Betty Sutherland, A.G.S. #756

Many of our ancestors suffered great hardships during their travel across the Atlantic to Canada during the early years of immigration. This was especially true during the period from about 1750 to 1850, when hard economic conditions forced many families to seek a new home.

Some of my ancestors arrived in 1773, and the voyage happens to be one of those documented at a time when there were no government regulations on the load a ship could carry or the amenities that must be provided.

The "Hector" was a two-masted brig which was 120 feet long and 200 tons burthen. The hold was 83 feet long, 24 feet wide (1992 sq. ft.), and 10 feet deep, with bunks for the passengers. These bunks were of rough boards with two feet of space between the tiers. The passengers could partition their berths with blankets or pieces of old canvas. There were no portholes -- the only opening was the hatch. The "Hector" was a very old ship and the hold was foul from all the previous cargoes it had carried, and the passengers told in later years of the rotten planks in the sides that they could pick pieces out with their fingers.

Into this limited space crowded approximately 190 people, some 30 of them children under two years of age, and about 45 between the ages of two and eight. There were no facilities other than the bunks. They had to cook their meals on fires on the open deck -- which meant no hot food when the weather was bad. Their rations, supplied by the ship owner, were "one Scotch pint" of water per day for all "full freight passengers" (those over 8 years of age), and three pounds of salt beef and four pounds of oatmeal per week.

They sailed from Loch Broom in northern Scotland about July 9, and in August were off the coast of Newfoundland when a storm hit them and blew them back across the Atlantic, requiring an extra two weeks in the crossing. The water supply was foul with green scum and required vinegar to make it fit for human consumption, and the food supplies ran out. They survived on the mouldy pieces of oatcake that they had thrown away earlier but that had been saved by one of the passengers who thought the pieces might be needed. In these squalid conditions dysentery and smallpox broke out, and 18 died at sea, mostly children. They finally reached Pictou Harbour, Nova Scotia, on September 15, after about 68 days on the Atlantic. They landed joyfully, dressed in their best tartans, with the piper who had accompanied them playing a wee tune -- whereupon the Indians who watched them from the shore took to the tall timbers (or so the story goes).

This is only one of the many stories of early immigrant ships. Strangely enough, at this time when the slave ships were still carrying their human cargo from Africa, there had been legislation passed in the British Parliament to regulate the minimum space required by each slave transported by ships, but none regarding the paying passengers who were emigrating to new homes across the oceans.

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Patterson, Rev. George, D.D. <u>A History of Pictou County, Nova Scotia</u>. Belleville, Ont.: MIKA Studio, 1972.

MacKay, Donald. <u>Scotland Farewell: The People of the "Hector"</u>. Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1980.

MARKING THE PAST

--By Eileen Coristine

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Submitted by Paulette Hrychiw, A.G.S. #534.

Many of the people who arrived in the Peace River country in the early years came alone, without family and associates, and in some cases without their families and friends having any idea of their whereabouts. Unfortunately, but quite naturally, some of those loners died and were buried there, far away from anyone who knew them or their histories. These people account for many of the unmarked graves — often signified by a plain, white wooded cross — that dot the cemeteries throughout the region.

Over the last two years, Tom and Edna Walker of Fairview, Alberta, have worked to unravel the mysteries contained under some of those crosses. The Walkers began their work at Hinterland Cemetery west of Hines Creek, Alberta, where Tom's parents are buried. "To keep that place looking nice, a group of us have a couple of work bees every summer," says Tom. "Over coffee one spring we were discussing what to do about the unmarked graves. I volunteered to try and make a couple of markers."

Tom began making grave markers out of cement and sand, using two different forms — a small 26x14-inch size and a couple of longer ones for use with long names. He forms the words and numbers by pressing iron letters and figures half an inch into the cement just as it begins to set. Tom formed the marking tools, which look like miniature branding irons, himself. To the cement mixture a colorant is added, either pink for markers on graves of women and children, or lampblack for men. The latter turns the cement a silvery gray, and the Walkers' hands and tools a sooty black. The gravestones stay in the forms for three days and weigh around 100 pounds when completed.

These markers are now in place on the 30 previously unmarked graves at Hinterland. After completing that cemetery, the Walkers turned their attention to the Waterhole Cemetery south of Fairview. There, 112 graves were marked and 50 remain to be done. The task at Waterhole has proved to be much more difficult because a number of the graves there are complete mysteries.

"It just takes an ungodly amount of research," says Tom. Edna does most of the research and records everything they uncover. "At Hinterland it wasn't so bad because there were still people around there who knew the graves and we had a good map. Waterhole is something else again," Tom says. "The research has become a far bigger job than making the stones."

In order to determine whose name belongs on the unmarked graves, the Walkers use information and records from the Edmonton Archives and from Chapel of Memories in Peace River. Both agree that one of their main sources of information has been word-of-mouth. Often they run into people who can remember who was buried alongside a certain grave. "There is a possibility that we made the odd mistake," says Tom. "But the guy underneath isn't going to complain. If there is a grave and it's marked, another grave won't be placed on top of it."

Some of the white crosses at Waterhole mark the graves of those who died during the great flu epidemic in 1917 and 1918, but there are plenty of unmarked ones in addition to those of the early settlers. During the '30s, many graves went unmarked due to the inability of the families to afford even the most modest headstone.

Some people have come forward and offered to pay the Walkers for the headstones they have placed on the old family graves. Tom asks them only for the cost of materials, \$12 for a small stone and \$20 for a larger one. The town of Fairview and the municipal district have split the cost of materials for the headstones that the Walkers have done for Waterhole Cemetery.

The Walkers feel they are preserving history, and relate the story of a woman from Hawk Hills, near Manning, Alberta, who contacted them. Her aunt, a 75-year-old woman from Ontario, was visiting her and wanted to locate her mother's grave. She thought her mother, who died in 1928, was buried near Fairview, but she didn't know exactly where. The Walkers knew where her mother's grave was and had made a marker for it. The woman made a trip to Fairview to visit the grave and visit the Walkers. "It makes you feel good when you find people's records of relatives," says Edna. "If that lady had come a year or two earlier, no one would have been able to help her."

Eventually the Walkers will have marked all the graves for which they can identify occupants. For those that remain they have a special plan. "We'd like to make a copper plaque with all the names of those we know are there somewhere and erect it at Waterhole."

Ireland was the first country in Europe to adopt hereditary surnames. "O'Cleirigh" ("O'Clery"), Ireland's oldest, was fixed circa 916 A.D. The earliest recorded elsewhere in Europe are assigned to the eleventh century.

MARITIME LOYALIST RESEARCH

--By Phillip P. Thorpe, CG(C), A.G.S. #1016

The following notes were prepared for an introductory course to members of the Alberta Family Histories Society. A number of helpful resources are listed for Maritime Loyalists.

Who were the Maritime Lovalists?

Our Loyalist ancestors are the men, women, and children who came from the American colonies as refugees from others who revolted against the authority of British rule. They arrived as early as 1775 and "a thousand Loyalists fled the certain violence of the Boston mob in March 1776". They came to Halifax with the evacuating British forces. Smaller groups followed until the big evacuation of New York in the fall of 1782 and 1783.

Maritime Loyalists may have totalled 35,000, but some estimates are lower. "About 14,500 people, or one half of the migrants, went to what became New Brunswick in 1784; about the same number went to peninsular Nova Scotia, 400 to Cape Breton, about 500 to Prince Edward Island, and a few families settled in Newfoundland." (Origins, Canadian History to Confederation, p.155.) "The sixteen to twenty thousand Loyalists who came to peninsular Nova Scotia initially concentrated at Shelburne, around Annapolis Royal, at Guysborough, and in Halifax." (The Loyalist Guide, p.4.)

Why do we research Loyalist ancestors?

Canada would be very different today if these Loyalists had not arrived. They represent a significant historical and political period and their influence persists today. Lineage charts for many Maritime families include them, and they are a colourful part of our cultural past.

The Maritime Loyalists are often ignored. Promotion of resources and publications often focus on the Upper Canadian Loyalists. We are fortunate that the Maritimes have launched their own Loyalists publications and have recently created a Loyalists Studies Centre in Fredericton, N.B. It resulted from the "Programme for Loyalists Studies and Publications", which was a "joint Canadian, British, and American effort to discover, list, and eventually microfilm all Loyalists records for the period 1784 to 1830". (More details appear later.)

What are the addresses of the Loyalist societies?

There are societies for Loyalists descendants. Proving a lineage is easier than in some societies, because connecting to another member's lineage is accepted, but you do the work.

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The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Dominion Headquarters, 23 Prince Arthur Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5R 1B2

How do we research Lovalist ancestors?

The Loyalist Bicentennial in 1983 influenced production of many significant histories. Some volumes related to only individual Loyalist families and events, while others covered a spectrum of academic interests. Such well-researched books offer excellent historical material and sometimes yield good genealogical data. They all provide references to the source data, which we must examine personally for family details. In the following sections these secondary sources dominate the reference lists, but provide a useful context and perspective as well as a direction to the primary sources.

"Where and How To" References

The Loyalist Guide: Nova Scotia Loyalists and their Documents. By Jean Peterson, Lynn Murphy, and Heather MacDonald. Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 1983.

Over 250 pages in this guide contain references in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia which relate to Loyalists events. They are divided into 2 parts and a total of 35 chapters, each focused on a particular subject. The two indexes identify people and places which are "found in both the heading to each entry and in the text of the entry itself". I will cite only one entry:

Loyalist Studies (SS1)

Micro, 48 reels

Micro: Miscellaneous "L": Loyalist Studies

The Loyalist Studies documents were microfilmed in 1974 for the Programme for Loyalist Studies and Publications located at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. This was part of a larger programme for preparing a bibliography of Loyalist source material in Canadian, American, and British repositories. The bibliography for Canadian source material appeared in the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, Vol.82, Part 1, April 1982, pp.75-270 (in PANS library, F39 AM3 AN8). Most of the source material listed in the forty-eight reels is held in PANS and is listed in previous entries in Part 2. There is, however, in the Loyalists Studies reels entries of material ... at the Archives of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, ... King's College Library, and the Legislative Library, Province House -- all in Halifax. Entries for these repositories are listed by reel and entry number.

New Brunswick History: A Checklist of Secondary Sources. By Hugh A. Taylor, and its supplement by Eric Swanick.

These lists contain many references to general history as well as Loyalist events. However, since most of the early development of the province was undertaken by the Loyalists, these subjects are often inseparable.

Other Lovalist References in Nova Scotia

Loyalists and Land Settlement in Nova Scotia.

By Marion Gilroy, 1937, reprinted with an index in 1980 by the Genealogical Committee, Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, Publication No.4.

Lovalists in Nova Scotia: Biographies of Lovalist Settlers.

By Donald Wetmore and Lester B. Sellick.

Short essays on 10-12 Loyalists, published in 1983.

King's Bounty: A History of Early Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

By Marion Robertson, Nova Scotia Museum, Halifax.

Another timely volume published in 1983. Documents an in-depth account of the arrival, life, and development of a community of Loyalists.

Gideon White. Loyalist.

By Mary Archibald, 1975.

The Old Attorney General: A Biography of Richard John Uniacke.

By Brian Cuthbertson, Halifax, 1980.

The First Bishop: A Biography of Charles Inglis.

By Brian Cutherbertson, Halifax, 1987.

The Loyalist Governor: Biography of Sir John Wentworth.

By Brian Cutherbertson, Halifax, 1983.

Other Loyalist References in New Brunswick

The Loyalists of New Brunswick.

By Esther Clark Wright. First edited May 1955, 4th printing March 1981.

A well-researched record of the people and their lives. The Appendix is a Loyalist list with the names of heads of families or single men of 18 years of age and upwards, their former homes, their service during the Revolution, their first grants, their subsequent grants and/or place of residence.

New Brunswick Loyalists: A Bicentennial Tribute.

By Sharon Dubeau, Generation Press, 1983.

The author admits that she could not include all of the Loyalists who settled in New Brunswick. About 1000 were covered in a paragraph each (an invitation to add more).

The Loyalist Dream for New Brunswick.

By Ann Gorman Condon, New Ireland Press, 1984.

Early Loyalist Saint John.

By D. G. Bell, 1983.

New Brunswick, A History: 1784-1867.

By W. S. MacNutt, 1963, reprinted in paperback 1984.

A good Loyalist history. In New Brunswick they are inseparable.

Other Loyalist References in Prince Edward Island

An Island Refuge: Loyalists and Disbanded Troops on the Island of Saint John. By Orlo Jones and Doris Haslam.

Another Bicentennial volume published in 1983. Almost the entire book is devoted to family histories, but the quality varies according to the suppliers' abilities. It sandwiches these records between brief chapters on the Revolution and the Loyalist settlement on the Island, and the Regiments, Muster Rolls, and 1841 Claimants List.

Land Settlement, and Politics on Eighteenth-Century Prince Edward Island.

By J. M. Bumsted, 1987.

A Bridge to the Past: Wilmot Valley 1784-1979.

By Francis W. P. Bolger, 1979.

An interesting book on a small settlement area, with a good genealogical development of the local families.

Canada's Smallest Province: A History of Prince Edward Island.

By Francis W. P. Bolger, 1973.

This political science material gives little grass-root primary source data on Loyalists unless they were noted political or industrial shakers and movers. It explains the difficulties the Loyalists and others faced in land settlement without any personal glimpses of the events. (Same author, but extremely different research focus.)

Other Historical and Lovalist References

Eleven Exiles: Account of Lovalists of the American Revolution.

By Phyllis R. Blakeley and John N. Grant.

This 1982 volume spans the Maritimes with some selected Loyalists. Their biographies are well researched, and presented in ways that captivate the reader. It will be the task of descendants to continue these standards as they extend their lineages.

The Loyalists: Revolution, Exile, Settlement. By Christopher Moore, Macmillan of Canada, 1984.

Some Loyalists chose not to settle in the Maritimes. It is these exceptions that are often presented in volumes produced in Ontario. That misrepresentation is avoided in this excellent Loyalist history, where the events in preceding years are accurately followed by settlements in the Maritimes and in Upper Canada.

Origins: Canadian History to Confederation.

By Douglas Francis, Richard Jones, and Donald B. Smith, 1988.

Prepared as a text for Canadian history, the information on Loyalists is embedded in a mosaic of events. That is as it should be, and we benefit from that perspective in our Loyalist education. I quoted from this book earlier in the article.

Biographical Sketches of Lovalists of the American Revolution.

By Lorenzo Sabine, 1864, reprinted 1979.

Sketches appear on several thousand Loyalists with date and place of birth and death, residence, occupation, military service, wives, children, and other family members. These 2 volumes are a good place to start.

Lovalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War.

By Murtie June Clark, 3 volumes, 1981.

These 35,000 individuals served with the British in the southern theatre of the Revolution. (See also next reference.)

The Lovalists in North Carolina During the Revolution.

By Robert O. Demond, 1940, reprinted 1979.

The highest percentage of Loyalists in all the colonies in America existed in North Carolina. Many were settled in the Maritimes including my Loyalist ancestor.

Most of these references (two exceptions) are in my library. These Loyalist references, and others in our libraries, will guide us to the source records that help prove our lineages.



DENIZENS OF THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE ERA



-- Submitted by Win Welton, A.G.S. #401

HEWSON, Catherine. From Delia. Edmonton Normal School 1938-39.

HEWSON, George Marshall. c1906. Attended high school at Delia and Drumheller. Father, Mr. G. E. Calgary Normal School 1924-25.

HEWSON, John Cecil. c1908, from Delia. Father, Mr. A. E. Calgary Normal School 1925.

HEWSON, Violet. c1876, from Cut Knife, Saskatchewan. Educated in Ontario. Calgary Normal School 1919.

HODGKINS, Nellie W. c1892, of Pincher Creek. Calgary Normal School Register 1910.

HODGKINSON, Bessie (Mrs. Henry). c1888 of Hughenden, Alberta. Educated in England. B.Ed. Whitehall. Calgary Normal School Register.

HODGKINSON, Henry. c1886, of Hughenden, Alberta. Educated in England. B.Ed. London. Calgary Normal School Register 1913.

HOLLIES, John S. c1890, of Ponoka. Calgary Normal School 1890.

HOLLINSHEAD, Guy F. c1896, of Red Willow. Raised in Kansas, U.S.A. Father, Mr. J. F. Hollinshead. Calgary Normal School 1915.

HOLLINSHEAD, John L. c1893, of Red Willow. Raised in Michigan and Kansas. High school in Stettler. Father, J. F. Calgary Normal School 1915.

HOLMAN, Donald R. c1895, of Cardston. Calgary Normal School Register 1916.

HOLMES, Elizabeth Adeline. c1897, of Cessford. High school in U.S.A. Father, Mr. M. C. Calgary Normal School 1921.

HOLMES, Gladys V. c1896, of Lamont. Calgary Normal School 1912.

HOLMES, Jessie Kathryn. c1892, of Grand River, Richmond County, N.S. Calgary Normal School Register 1912.

HOPE, Mary Edna. c1890, of Red Deer. Educated in Saskatchewan. Calgary. Normal School 1913.

HORNER, Barbara J. c1897. Born in Riversdale, Saskatchewan. Lived McLeod. Calgary Normal School 1915.

HOSKINS, Marjorie. c1910, of Toronto, Ontario. Calgary Normal School Register 1910.

HOUGHTON, Norma A. c1887, of Newton Robinson, Ontario. Father, Mr. A. H. Calgary Normal School 1914.

A FOOTNOTE TO "DENIZENS"

Dear Chairman,

I found the article "More Denizens of the Little Red Schoolhouse Era", submitted by Win Welton, A.G.S #401, very interesting. The entry "CHATTEN, Eliz. L. J. "Bessie" c.1891 Calgary Normal School Register 2908" was of particular interest, as she is in my family tree. She is the daughter of James Henry CHATTEN Jr., who was an uncle to my mother-in-law, Rosie Muriel (CHATTEN) MATHERS. So this adds another "gem" to my records.

I do have one question, though. The word "normal" -- does that mean a regular mixed grade school?

Also, if anyone else has information on the Chatten family or the Mathers family from Three Hills, Twining, Calgary area, I would be most grateful. I hope to get enough information to put together a story for my genealogy on the Chattens and Mathers, as the Chattens contributed to the Sunday School at Twining and the Mathers were involved with the railway and there was a Mathers General Store at Twining.

Thank you for an excellent publication. I have been a member for several years and have received many benefits from being a member.

Yours sincerely,
Barbara M. Mathers, A.G.S. #1307

Dear Barbara,

Your question regarding the term "Normal School" was a very good query, as it is not common knowledge as to the meaning of this. I consulted <u>The Canadian Encyclopedia</u>, Hurtig Publishers Ltd., 1988, Vol.3, p.1506, for the definition, contributed by Robert M. Stamp.

It appears that Normal Schools were first established by provincial departments of education in the mid-19th century as institutions to train teachers for the new public education systems, which were rapidly expanding. The term "normal" was used in France to describe the teachers' college, the "Ecole normale superieure", and meant that the standards would become the norm for all schools within the government's jurisdiction. For about a century, Canadian normal schools remained under direct control of provincial departments of education; in 1945, Alberta was the first province to transfer teacher training from normal schools to university faculties of education. Other provinces did likewise, although a few provincially-controlled normal schools, renamed teachers colleges, still exist in Canada.

Thanks for writing and giving your comments on <u>Relatively Speaking</u> -- it is always gratifying to learn that the work involved in such a publication is appreciated and is supplying information of benefit to the members.

THE HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN CENSUS

--By Stephen Deller

Reprinted from the O.G.S. <u>Families</u>, Vol.27, No.3, 1988. This article was originally provided by Statistics Canada.

Do social and demographic trends bear relevance to the everyday activities of the researching genealogist? To answer this, you might visualize the portrait artist who has completed his subject, yet has neglected to add a backdrop. Similarly, the writer who neglects to set forth in his novel a specified time and period, risks the bewilderment of his reader. For the genealogist, the use of historical Censuses of the Population brings forth not only the historical context of such variables as migration, occupation, and family characteristics, but also their effect upon the decision processes of the family person(s) being investigated.

Today's genealogist has become a somewhat modern version of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes. In a similar fashion, our historical Censuses of the Population reveal those supplementary clues and contextual meanderings that our dear Dr. Watson so elegantly delivered to our investigator provocateur!

The basis of the Canadian Census database can be found within the fifteen censuses of New France and nine of Acadia that were taken between 1666 and 1754. Questions were added to each new survey, on crops, livestock, building, churches, grist mills, sawmills, firearms, and swords.

An Act respecting the first census preceded Confederation by 26 years. It was passed at the time of the Union of Upper and Lower Canada, and stipulated a census of Upper Canada to be taken in 1841 and every five years thereafter. Lower Canada was added to the census coverage area in 1843.

Under the Constitution Act, 1867, formerly named the British North America Act, 1867, provisions were made for a census to be taken in 1871 and every 10 years thereafter. The Census of 1871 included the founding Canadian provinces of Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. The 1881 Census added Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, British Columbia, and the Territories.

The West was growing rapidly in the latter part of the 19th century. A farm and population census was held in Manitoba in 1886, and the first censuses of the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan were conducted in 1906.

In 1956, an Order-in-Council established the practice of the five-year census to update population figures while The Statistics Act of 1971 provided for a Census of Population and Census of Agriculture every five years.

The following listings of the Censuses of Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1666 to 1951, should act as a summary reference guide to the research genealogist attempting to add the background "canvas" to his chosen subject, or to sleuth out the possible whereabouts of a given relative.

The Ontario Archives hold microfilm copies of the 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, and 1891 Censuses which are also available upon request through interlibrary loan.

Researchers may also wish to visit their Regional Statistics Canada offices where they can use a number of related reference materials including the Historical Census Classification Manual. This manual isolates the desired "variable" in terms of its mnemonic description (e.g. AGEIF -- age when infirmity began; LTRC Y10 -- illiterates ages 10+), which is then applied to the Census Tabulation Directory listing years and geographic levels for which the variable is available.

For further information, call your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Advisory Office. Inquire at your local public library for the office nearest you.

Census of Canada - Historical

- 1666 New France During the French regime, censuses were taken no fewer than 37 times as well as 9 partial censuses.
- 1765 Canada (as defined then) Under British Occupation the census was done at irregular intervals and less frequently.
- 1784 Canada (as defined then)
- 1790 Canada (as defined then)
- 1817 Censuses of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Lower Canada, and Upper Canada became more frequent after 1817.
- 1824-1842 The Census of Upper Canada (Ontario) was done on an annual basis.
- 1825, 1827, 1829, 1831, 1832, 1842, 1844 Lower Canada
- 1814, 1822, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1838, 1840, 1843, 1846, 1849, 1856 Censuses of the Assiniboine and Red River District (Manitoba)
- 1848, 1850 United Province of Canada (Upper and Lower Canada)
- 1851-52 United Province, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick
- 1861 United Province, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick
- 1871 First census of Canada following Confederation in 1867.

A census was taken every ten years after 1871 until 1951, and then every five years thereafter. At the turn of the century the Western provinces were developing rapidly, and regular mid-decade censuses were taken from 1906 to 1946 in the three prairie provinces -- Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

Census of Agriculture - Canada

Censuses of Agriculture were conducted in the census years from 1901 to 1986, including the censuses for the prairie provinces in 1906, 1916, 1926, 1936, 1946. Prior to 1901, agricultural data was collected but was not always listed as a separate Census of Agriculture.

Census of Retail, Wholesale, and Service Trades

Although called by different names and involving different variables, this type of census was taken in 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961, 1966, and 1971. Earlier than 1921, data is available but not listed as a separate census.

Other

Census of the Fishery - 1951

Census of Housing - 1941

National Registration - 1940 - Done in co-operation with the Department of National War Services.

Censuses of Canada: Provinces, Territories - 1951 to 1851

1951 Census

Ninth Census of Canada. 1951. 12 vols. in 11. Bilingual.

- Vol. 1: Population: General Characteristics.
- Vol. 2: Population: Cross-classifications of Characteristics.
- Vol. 3: Housing and Families.
- Vol. 4: Labour Force: Occupations and Industries.
- Vol. 5: Earnings and Employment of Wage-earners.
- Vol. 6: Agriculture (Parts 1 and 2).
- Vol. 7: Distribution: Retail Trade.
- Vol. 8: Distribution: Wholesale Trade and Services.
- Vol. 9: Fisheries.
- Vol. 10: General Review.
- Vol. 11: Administrative Report.

Preprints were issued for many tables later included in final volumes.

1946 Census

Census of the Prairie Provinces. 1946. 4 vols. Bilingual.

- Vol. 1: Population.
- Vol. 2: Occupations, Earnings, Employment.
- Vol. 3: Housing and Families.
- Vol. 4: Agriculture.

1945 Census

Eleventh Census of Newfoundland and Labrador, 1945. English.

- Vol. 1: Population.
- Vol. 2: Agriculture and Fisheries.

1941 Census

Eighth Census of Canada. 1941. 11 vols. in 10. Bilingual.

- Vol. 1: General Review and Summary Tables.
- Vol. 2: Population Local subdivisions.
- Vol. 3: Population Age.
- Vol. 4: Population Cross-classification, interprovincial migration, blind and deaf-mutes.
- Vol. 5: Population Dwellings, households, and families.
- Vol. 6: Earnings and Employment.
- Vol. 7: Occupations and Industries.
- Vol. 8: Agriculture (Parts 1 and 2).
- Vol. 9: Housing.
- Vol. 10 and 11: Merchandising and Services.

1936 Census

Census of the Prairie Provinces. 1936. Bilingual.

Vol. 1: Population and Agriculture.

Vol. 2: Occupation, Unemployment, Earnings and Employment, Households and

Families.

Separates of Volume 1 for each of the three provinces were published.

1931 Census

Seventh Census of Canada. 1931. 13 vols. Bilingual.

Vol. 1: Population Summary.

Vol. 2: Population by Areas.

Vol. 3: Ages of the people classified by sex, conjugal condition, racial origin, religion, birthplace, language, literacy, school attendance, year of immigration, naturalization, etc.

Vol. 4: Cross-classification.

Vol. 5: Earnings of Wage-earners, Dwellings, Household Families, Blind, and Deaf-mutes.

Vol. 6: Unemployment.

Vol. 7: Occupations and Industries.

Vol. 8: Agriculture.

Vol. 9: Institutions.

Vol. 10: Merchandising and Service Establishments. Part 1. Retail Merchandise Trade.

Vol. 11: Merchandising and Service Establishments. Part 2. Retail Services, Wholesale Trade, Retail Chains, Hotels. Distribution of Sales of Manufacturers.

Vol. 12: Monographs - The Canadian Family; Fertility of the Population of Canada; Housing in Canada; Illiteracy and School Attendance; The Age Distribution of the Canadian People; Canadian Life Tables.

Vol. 13: Monographs - Unemployment; Dependency of Youth; Rural and Urban Composition of the Canadian Population; Racial Origin and Nativity of the Canadian People.

These monographs were also published separately.

1926 Census

Census of Prairie Provinces. 1926. Population and Agriculture, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta. 779 pp. Bilingual.

1921 Census

Sixth Census of Canada. 1921. 5 vols. Bilingual.

Vol. 1: Population - Number sex and distribution, racial origins, regions.

Vol. 2: Population - Age, conjugal condition, birthplace, immigration, citizenship, language, educational status, school attendance, blindness, and deaf mutism.

Vol. 3: Population - Dwellings, families, conjugal condition of family head, children, orphanhood, wage-earners.

Vol. 4: Occupations.

Vol. 5: Agriculture.

1916 Census

Census of Prairies Provinces, Population and Agriculture, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta. 1916. 356 pp. Bilingual.

1911 Census

Fifth Census of Canada. 1911. 6 vols. Bilingual.

Vol. 1: Areas and population by provinces, districts and subdistricts.

Vol. 2: Religions, origins, birthplace, citizenship, literacy, and

infirmities, by provinces, districts, and subdistricts.

Vol. 3: Manufacturers.

Vol. 4: Agriculture.

Vol. 5: Forestry, fishery, fur, and mineral production.

Vol. 6: Occupations of the people.

1906 Census

Census of the Northwest Provinces -- Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta. 1906 87 pp. Bilingual.

1901 Census

Fourth Census of Canada. 1901. 4 vols. Bilingual.

Vol. 1: Population.

Vol. 2: Natural products.

Vol. 3: Manufacturers.

Vol. 4: Vital statistics, school attendance, educational status, dwellings and families, institutions, churches and schools, electoral districts, and representation.

1896 Census

Return of the Recent Census of the Province of Manitoba, Population of 1896 Compared with that of 1891. 3 pp. English.

1893 Census

Results of a Census, Being Chapter VI of the Statistical Yearbook of Canada, for 1893. 90 pp. English

1891 Census

Census of Canada. 1890-91. 4 vols. Bilingual.

1886 Census

Census of Manitoba. 1885-86. 217 pp. Bilingual.

1885 Census

Census of the Three Provisional Districts of the North-West Territories. 1884-85. 97 pp. Bilingual.

1881 Census

Census of Canada. 1880-81. 4 vols. Bilingual.

Vols. 1-3: Census of Canada, 1880-81.

Vol. 4: General Report of the Census of Canada, 1880-81.

1871 Census

Census of Canada. 1870-71. 5 vols. Bilingual.

Vols. 1-3: Census of Canada, 1870-71.

Vol. 4: Censuses of Canada, 1665-1871.

Vol. 5: Censuses of Canada, 1608-1871.

1861 Census

Census of the Canadas, 1860-61. 2 vols. English and French.

1851 Census

Census of the Canadas, 1851-52. 2 vols. English and French.



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-- Compiled by Judy Wasylenko, A.G.S. #1233

ALLEN, Sgt. and Elizabeth MITCHELL 30 Apr. 1901 - Presbyterian BELL, Thomas and Jane ARMSTRONG 22 Oct. 1901 - Methodist BURRETT, H. M. and B. INNIS 1 June 1901 - Presbyterian COLLINS, Robert Fred and Edith WELLBAND 16 Apr. 1901 - Presbyterian COOPER, John M. and Alice REEVE 9 July 1901 - Methodist CORBETT, A. S. and Maude BAILEY 3 Sept. 1901 - Methodist FEWINGS, Edward James and Agnes RIDPATH 2 Sept 1901 - Anglican FLETT, T. R. and Annie BASSETT 26 June 1901 - Presbyterian FORBERT, Israel J. and Helen I. SHARP 5 Aug. 1901 GINZELL, Walter and Paulina BOHNET 11 Nov. 1901 LAIT, Thomas and Lillian GRAYDON 10 July 1901 - Anglican McCLOY, Marcus and Margaret DAVIS 31 July 1901 - Anglican McDONALD, Alexander M. and M. ORR 20 May 1901 - Methodist McMAHON, John and Ella PENHALE 25 June 1901 - Methodist MORLEY, William J. and Belle DIXON 27 Mar. 1901 - Methodist MORT, Albert and Jessie MURRAY 20 June 1901 - Presbyterian MORTON, Arthur W. and Martha KNIGHT 1 Jan. 1901 - Methodist POTVIN, J. A. and Marie COURSELLE 30 Sept 1901 - Catholic SHAW, Leander C. and Ethel WILLIS 31 May 1901 - Anglican WISE, P. and Mrs. Geoffrey LEGH 14 Dec. 1901 - Anglican

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LEES, Herbert and Lititia ALEXANDER 27 Mar. 1905 - Anglican
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LYNCH, Walter and Galena LEE 19 July 1905 - Anglican
MARTIN, Charles E. and Florence SOWDEN 16 Dec. 1905
PEARD, John and Ellen WILSON 19 Dec. 1905 - Anglican
PRESTON, James R. and Luella ROWLAND 18 Dec. 1905 - Methodist
PRINCE, George and Grace GORDON 2 Jan. 1905 - Presbyterian
PURMAL, J. and Miss JUREWITZ 1 Mar. 1905
QUENZER, Jacob and Mathilda KASS 11 Jan. 1905
SHENKENBERGER, Jacob and Barbara KRAUS 4 May 1905
STOREY, John and Clara SILLLIKER 4 Jan. 1905
WIGHT, George and Florence WETMON 3 May 1905

CONFERENCE 1991 FORT MCMURRAY

--By Dave Nixon, Chairman, Finance Committee

This is the first of a regular series of articles that will lead up to the 1991 Conference in Fort McMurray.

First of all, the Conference dates have been set for Friday 26 April to Sunday 28 April 1991. This was chosen so that we could get out of the cold weather and snowstorms that are typical of March in this part of the country. The hotel has been selected — the "Sawridge". It has sufficient facilities for us to set out two large and two small lecture rooms that can be separated into displays and registration / information areas, so that the background noise from the other speakers should be minimal. Also, there will be a separate area for all our meals.

The response to our survey was positive, with about 10% of the membership responding with some very interesting and exciting ideas. A summary of the more frequent comments is given below:

- More time for questions and answers.
- Conflicting seminars means loss of information to the delegate.
- Costs of seminar (make it affordable).
- Angus Baxter as the keynote speaker.
- One all-inclusive price for the conference.
- Eastern European research.

On the first point, we want to introduce a formalized question-and-answer period on the Friday evening. The idea is to invite the membership to send in questions up to three months prior to the conference. These questions will be sorted into logical order (e.g. methods, techniques, countries) and sent to a panel of experienced genealogists (we hope to include guest speakers as well as members of our Society) before the Conference so that they can research each question. At the Conference, the questions will be put to the panel by a session chairman. After the answers, the questions will be open to the audience for any additional information. This idea is borrowed from the oil industry and seems to work well, so we thought it may work for us. The questions and answers are then typed up and proceedings published.

On the second point, we are trying to select lectures and times to avoid conflicts, but obviously we cannot completely satisfy all delegates all of the time. We are, however, trying to reduce the impact by having the speeches sent to us ahead of time so that we can prepare a set of proceedings to be available as part of your conference registration package, depending on the costs.

To deal with the third point, we want to introduce an instalment payment plan of six equal payments spread over the year. This would be by post-dated cheques.

On the fourth point, we have written to Mr. Baxter and are awaiting his reply. With respect to speakers, we have confirmed the following: Mrs. J. D. Beattie from the Hudson's Bay Archives, Mr. K. Stotyn from the Alberta Archives, Mr. N. Barton from the L.D.S. Extraction program. Other speakers

will be announced in further issues as they are confirmed. Mrs. J. D. Beattie will be speaking on the records of the Hudson's Bay Archives and also the history of Fort McMurray and northeastern Alberta as seen through the Hudson's Bay Archives. Mr. K. Stotyn will be speaking on the records of the early settlement of Alberta and their use by genealogists, and also on how to begin to use the Provincial and National Archives with particular reference to Alberta. Mr. N. Barton will be speaking on the status of the L.D.S. extraction program.

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

		
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RICHARDS, Frederick John	1881	Hamilton, Ontario
RICHARDS, Frederick John	1925+	San Diego, Cal., U.S.A.
	c1900	Innisfail, AB
SPRINGGAY, George William	1902	Innisfail, AB
RICHARDS, Ernest George	1925+	Calvert, Alabama, U.S.A.
RIGIMEDO, MINEDO COLIGO		
Bruce MERRYWEATHER, 9120 146A	Street, Edm	onton, AB T5C 0X4
MERRYWEATHER, George	02/23/1883-	11/04/1942 Chesterfield, England
CULL, Helen Irene	1889-1984	North Hatley, Quebec
MERRYWEATHER, William	1850-1926	Granada, West Indies
CULL, Cox Henry	1753-1883	
SHORT, William Fredrick	1753-1883	S.W. 28-13-22 Manitoba
Clare BAMPTON, Box 3175, Edso	n, AB TOE 0	P0
HERD, Thomas	1890	West Bromich, Midlands, England
SMITH, Ephraim	1873	Coleshill, Birmingham, England
BAMPTON, James Charles	1870	Lakeend, Bucks., England
PATTEN, Herbert	1870	Bisham, Bucks., England
HOWELL, Miranda	1890	West Bromich, England
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Shirley A. HALL, 9631-72 Ave.	, Edmonton,	AB T6E 0Y7 A.G.S. #2431
FOSTER, Florence Theressa	1961	Tatsfield, Surrey, England
HALL, Richard Thomas	1958	DesMoines, Iowa, U.S.A.
BERTSCH (BERTCH), Mary Marie	b1883	North or South Dakota, U.S.A.
MATKEA (MATCHE),	ы1876	North or South Dakota, U.S.A.
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Toni WELCH, 113 Parkland Vill	lage, Spruce	Grove, AB T7X 2V5
WELCH, Albert George	1862	Guelph, Ontario
VALIQUETTE, Francois	1850+	Ste-Agathe, Quebec
DAY, Frederick Henry	d1900/01	Employee Sheffield Shears, England
BRIERE, Louis	1880+	Ste-Adele, Quebec
QUEVIGNON, Palmyre	1856	Laurentians, Quebec
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Mrs. Joyce CLAWSON, 6807-93A	Ave., Edmont	con, AB T6B 0X4 A.G.S. #2429
CLAWSON, Lt. William	1776	Virginia, U.S.A.
SHAFFER, John Mathew	b1838	Ohio, U.S.A.
STREET, John Sr.	b1824	England
DOVELL, John	1848	Died at Whitewood, Sask.

1822

HUGHES, Catherine

Wales

RUSHTON, Samuel	Edmonton, AB 1846 1826 e1860 1854 1850-70	T6C 3A2 A.G.S. #2353 Smethwick, Staffordshire, England Shropshire, England Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, Eng. Jersey, Channel Islands Jersey, Channel Islands
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ROSS, Daniel	1800-82	Pakenham, Lanark, Canada
McLEAN, James	1812+	Torosay, Argyll, Scotland
GRAHAM, Thomas	1870-1932	Vancouver, B.C.
BOWMAN, John	1858	Rhu, Scotland
GORDON, Margaret McPherson	1866	Pakenham, Lanark, Canada
Carol BAILEY, 41 9th St. S.W.		Hat, AB A.G.S.#2454
BAILEY, George	1857	Pembroke, New Hampshire, U.S.A.
BUZZELL, Etta and Edward	1872	Brome County, Quebec
GRAVETTE, Alfred	1874	Brome County, Quebec / England
BAILEY, John and Sophronoa	1820-30	Pembroke, New Hampshire, U.S.A.
GRAVETTE, John, Esther Bray	1800-74	England
Deirdre CORDEL, Box 95, Halki	rk, AB TOC	lMO A.G.S. #2451
DOBSON, Thomas H.	1862	Riverside, Hopewell, Ontario
ROWLAND, George	1844	Lincolnshire, Eng. / Bidwell, Ont.
LADKE, "Keller" Frank	1874	Berne, Switz. / Washington, U.S.A.
TURNER, Joseph	1788	Hopewell, New Brunswick
CORDEL, Ferdinand	1847	Argentine, France
Pearl THOMPSON, R.R.4, Site 4		tony Plain, AB TOE 2GO
GIRODAT, William Peter	1884-1972	
LABRIE, Romeo		Wisconsin, U.S.A. / St. Paul, AB
LABRIE, Edouard	1925	Wisconsin, U.S.A. / St.Paul, AB
	d1967	St. Paul, AB / Millett, AB
ROBERGE, Celina	1937/38	St. Paul, AB

BRITISH CIVIL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

They've done it again! Effective 1 April 1990, the fees for postal applications for British civil registration certificates are:

Full certificate of birth, death, or marriage Ditto when reference information is supplied (i.e. quarter, year, vol. no., page no.,	15 pounds
and district from microfilm index)	12 pounds
Short certificate of birth	13 pounds
Ditto when reference information is supplied	10 pounds
Full certificate of adoption	12 pounds
Ditto when reference information is supplied	12 pounds
	10 pounds
Short certificate of adoption	•
Ditto when reference information is supplied	10 pounds



branch notes



BROOKS - The Brooks and District Branch of the A.G.S. has compiled a book of obituaries appearing in the <u>Brooks Bulletin</u> from 1910 to 1989. This book can be ordered by writing the Branch at Box 1538, Brooks, Alta. TOJ OJO. The cost is \$6.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

The February meeting featured a presentation by "Genealogy Plus"; in March there was "Show and Tell"; John Charyk, author of The Little White Schoolhouse and Syrup Pails and Gopher Tails, gave a presentation in April; another garage sale was planned for May.

EDMONTON - The A.G.S. has had some excellent publicity recently. An article by Lesley Francis in the Edmonton Journal of 4 March 1990 was responsible for several calls to the library, including two invitations to have members appear on radio talk shows. Dr. Penny Christensen took part in "Tracing Your Family Tree" on CBC's "Wildrose Forum" on 12 March. Many thanks, Penny. Edmonton Branch had a display table at Rutherford House on 10 and 11 March, when the theme was "Collecting the Past". Three of our members have organized a project to index births, marriages, and deaths for the North-West Territories 1898-1904. Meanwhile, work continues on indexing the Denney papers and cemetery recording. Thanks to the Conference 90 group for their work in organizing a successful event.

GRANDE PRAIRIE - Following elections, the new Branch President is Heather Wardlow.

LETHBRIDGE - Gordon Bruins was elected Branch President on 15 February. March was the Branch anniversary month, marking four years since the library was opened; an Open House Anniversary Afternoon and Evening was planned, with any and all invited who wished to attend.

RED DEER - In January, Ms. Diana Anderson, of the Red Deer and District Museum, gave a hands-on demonstration of the proper method to preserve documents.

WETASKIWIN - Elections were held on 13 March and the new Branch President is Richard Svrcek.

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At the A.G.S Executive Meeting in Red Deer on 24 February 1990, the resolution was moved and passed that the A.G.S. make a donation to the Alex Johnston Lectures Endowment Fund. The branches are also encouraged to donate. All donations will be compiled by the Treasurer and forwarded.

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: Editor, Relatively Speaking, P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2.

SHAND JOSLIN James Leith Forbes SHAND b 1855 where? d 1925 Bon Accord, AB. Parents? Married Maria Louisa JOSLIN, when? where? b 1857? where Toronto? parents? d Morinville, AB bu Bon Accord. Children: Winnifred Louise bd?, Bertha b 05 July 1882 Fort Gary, Man., Fredrick James b 15 Mar 1878 Orangeville, ON., Margaret born 1880, Ida b 10 Feb 1887, Alfred Joseph b 28 Jan 1889, Lawrence Parker b 02 Dec 1884, Edwin b 03 Mar 1891, Charles Joslin b 19 Feb 1893, Eunice Mary b 25 Jan 1895 all born Edmonton, Jean bd? where? died as a child where? when? Did the Shand family come from Scotland?

Rose Marie More, 5730 9 Ave., Edson AB T7E 1J4 AGS #2196

BILLUPS Searching for info on Luman Frank BILLUPS b 1887 Okla, SPIKER USA. Parents Frank b Iowa and Lana (Linnea?) REED b REED Kansas, USA Also Cloea Annetta SPIKER b Illinois c 1860's. Also Thomas Jones HUGHES b Pentrevollan, WILD Llandudno, N. Wales 17 May 1900, came to Canada 1922, JONES married Ellen Lenore WILD (b 01 Jan 1905, Winnipeg, Man) m 1923. Parents of Thomas were (Hugh?) Francis HUGHES b Wales and Mary A. JONES.

Nina Billups, 207 Falmere Way NE, Calgary, AB T3J 2Y2

LEECH Any info on Catherine LEECH/LEACH Scotland, NY City, LEACH Quebec, Ontario, NS, late 1700's and early 1800's.

MUNRO Daniel or Timothy MUNRO, NY City, Ontario, Quebec, NS. Claims Catherine LEECH/LEACH as mother for UEL claims.

David T. Chamberlain, #10-10224 113 St., Edmonton AB T5K 1P4

MCNEVIN Jack MCNEVIN b 1840-1850 in Renfrew Co., Ont., son of JOHNSTONE Alexander MCNIVEN & ? JOHNSTONE, moved to SE Sask prior to Riel Rebellion of 1885, married Native or Metis lady called Jenny, living 1913 as visited by sister Elizabeth WALLACE. Would appreciate information on this family or descendants.

James Curtis BIRD 1773-1856, at Acton, Middlesex, Eng. Chief Factor HBC at Edmonton House 1804-1816, many descendants in the Prairie provinces, parents James BIRD & Elizabeth? m 30 May 1773 at St. Bartholomew the Great Church, London. Wish to know more about ancestry.

Ann Louise Bird, Box 165, Mirror, AB TOB 3CO AGS #2409

ELLIS Elizabeth 1852-1920 England

MOORES C.T. (Buddie) Lennoxville, Que. Paul T., Toronto ON

GILBERT Mrs. Stephen W., North Hately, Que.

TRACE Samuel 1844+ & Thomas 1843+ Morton Hamstead, Devon, Eng.

Tom Trace, 3535 110 St., Edmonton, AB T6J 1E2 AGS #1663

LUCAS LORENZA JOHNCOX born 1846 to John JOHNCOX and Early Ann JOHNCOX WINTERS of Allumette Island, Que. First m Alexander WINTERS LUCAS d 1883. Second m William ALEXANDER 1884, children Ann b 1879, Laurie Amelia b 1882.

ALLAN Caroline or Carrie JOHNCOX born 1862 Quebec m John ALLAN, a carpenter from North Bay, ON 04 Dec 1889.

SMILEY Ellen JOHNCOX b 1844 m Samuel SMILEY 1865. Son Walton Edward SMILEY m Sarah Ann 1903 Clarendon, Que.

ROBINSON Charles James ROBINSON of Township Chichester, Que. m Matilda JOHNCOX 1874.

John D. Stewart, Box 2118, Barrhead, AB TOG 0E0 AGS #981

ESSLINGER Anyone by this name residing in Alberta or descendants ESLINGER thereof.

NITSCHKE Anyone by this name residing in Alberta or descendants.

STRUEBY Anyone residing in Alberta or descendants.

STRUBY Anyone with this name other than those residing in Humboldt, Sask. area.

Marilynne G. Strueby, 231 Wayne Rd., Campbell River, BC V9W 1T5 AGS #1928

CLARK Donald CLARK from Scotland to Ottawa Valley area near McMARTIN LaChute in late 1700's or early 1800's m Margaret CULLINS McMARTIN. Any information on their parents or Children: Isabel m Donald McNAUGHTON, Helen m William CULLINS, Janet (believe she d California) m John VART and Margaret.

MORRISON Any info about Charles MORRISON b St. Eustache, Que in 1840's, son of David MORRISON and Margery CLARK.

Married? Died California?

HENDERSON Information about John MORRISON and wife Jean HENDERSON from Scotland to Que. Children believed to have lived in area near Lachute, Mary m Sandy McMARTIN, Charlotte JOHNSTON m Robert JOHNSTON, Janet m David MITCHELL, Alison (d MITCHELL age 39) m Dr. John BARR (remarried?), Annie m Charles STEELE (lawyer from Chicago), Margaret m ? GILCHRIST, McQUAT Robert m Janet HENDERSON, Jean m James McQUAT (5 children b between 1829-1841) and Susan.

Helen Watson, 10513 164 St. Edmonton, AB AGS #1158

HILTS Simion Wylie (HILTS), last heard from in early 1950. Working on road construction crew near Edmonton. Probably as a cook.

Hugh Hilts, #43 5201 42 St., Lloydminster, AB T9V 1M8 AGS #1213

RYDER Carrie RYDER b Manitoba ca 1895? Daughter b Vancouver, BC 30 or 31 July 1918 (given up for adoption) grew up in Edmonton. Would like info re: Carrie's parents, other children, marriage, death, etc.

WHITE

William and Joseph PAT(T)ERSON born Ireland (Tyrone) PATERSON 1805 and 1808; settled Inverness, Que. Joseph's grandson Reuben lived Edmonton and Irma, AB. Also Also three sisters born Ireland m Stuart RAY, Roxbury, Mass, m WALKER, Kinnears' Mills, Que and Peggy m William McFARLANE of Quebec City. Would like to locate Tyrone origin and contact other descendants.

Maureen Clarke, Box 345, Fort Chipewyan, AB TOP 1B0 AGS #1274

IRVINE b 1832 and Christina YEATS b Children of John IRVINE 1841 in ABD, Scotland. John b 1861 New Pitsligo ABD, YEATS Scot. Margaret b 1865, Agnes b 1867, Christina b 1867, Alexander b 1869, Joseph b 1871. All b Bentinck Twp., Grey Co. Ont. Did any of these siblings move to Alberta sometime after 1880? Any info welcome.

Flora Duncan, PO Box 2627, Lacombe, AB TOC 1SO AGS #2339

George, Robert, Manchester, Peel, Isle of Man, North QUIGGIN England 1817-1973.

William, Mary Alice, Isle of Man, 1800-1915 CRETNEY

Dorothy, Isle of Man 1818 CLUCAS

Angus, Scotland, 1800 DOIG

William, Robert, Jean, Elise, Alec, Douglas, Leo, Edmonton (Hazel Bluff), Westlock, Alta., London, Eng., TELFER Dalgety, Crosscates, Fife, Scotland, 1800-present

Arthur Edwin, Joe, Dick, William, Charles Ernest, Wilfred, John, Edmonton, Alta., Franklin, Manitoba, Florence, Ont., Balnakil, Ireland, 1829-1964

James, Bethea Jane, Edinburgh, Scotland, Southport, NIMMO Lancs. Eng. pre 1915

Ann, Alexander, Helen, Angus, Fife, Scotland, Hazel DORWARD Bluff, Alta., pre 1825

Kate White, 10204 - 119 St., Edmonton, AB T5K 1Z4

Catherine BALFOUR married: (1) John McQUARRIE, about BALFOUR 1812 and had children, William, John, Allan, Christie (born abt. 1817 and md John CAMPBELL), Jessie (ca 1817 and md Thos. FRASER) and Elizabeth (ca 1822 and married Angus DAVIES). (2) Duncan CHISHOLM and had children Duncan (ca 1832), James, Alex, Daniel (ca 1834) and This family was from Pictou County, Nova Peter. Wanted birth places, birth dates, marriage and Scotia. death information on any of the above.

Anne Baines, 1023 Lakeway Blvd., Lethbridge, AB T1K 3E3

Alex born 16 Mar 1897 Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Son of WILLOX George WILLOX and Elizabeth RIDDELL, twin brother of Jessie WILLOX BROWN. Youngest of 10 children, five of whom, William, George, John, Jessie & Alex, came to

Canada ca 1909. Any descendents? Alex born 17 June 1881, N Pitsligo, Tyrie, June 1881, New LEGGE Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Son of George LEGGE and Ann TAYLOR. Second youngest of 11 children. Emigrated in March 1909 to "America" and "went west". Descendents?

Cathy Blackburn, 25 Algonquin Ave., Kirkland Lake, Ont.

CUMMING

Searching for info on the surname CUMMING in the McGREGOR Atlantic Provinces or anywhere in Canada or Scotland. GRANT Peter CUMMING (great grandfather) b c1785 region around Creag Leath, Grantown-on-Spey or Cairn Leicht or Cromdale, Scotland. Married Margaret McGREGOR late 1700's or early 1800's and surmise same region. Son Peter b 1832 married Jessie GRANT b 1836 and wed 29 Dec 1859 at Cromdale, Scotland. Parents of Jessie, James and Elspet GRANT, Lower Craggan, occupation carding miller, also daughter Margaret b 7 Mar 1839. Other children of Peter & Jessie: Maggie, James, Jane, Janet, twins William & Donald, Alexander and Gordon.

I.R. Brown, 12121 Jasper Ave., #1407E, Edmonton, AB. T5N 3X7

CONNAWARF Seeking contact with CONNAWARF cousins who went Kitchener, ON area to "Birch Creek" Man. around WITMER Did they continue further west? Charles and Mary Adeline WITMER and children Mabel, Olive, Eric and Lee. Mrs. Marian Wiley, 3100 Sixth Ave. S., Great Falls, Mont. 59405

William DENNING, son of William and Mary Ann KNIGHT. DENNING Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, Eng. 13 Sept 1869. KNIGHT Believed to have come to Alberta 1890-1910. born Dorking, married, date and place. Father Middlesex, Eng. grandfather James born Dorking Dec 1805, baptised Jan 1806. Also looking in Hampton, Middlesex area. William Jr. thought to be printer.

Florence Denning, Bar VX Ranch, Box 505, Turner Valley, AB TOL 2AO

Searching for information on the following surnames **ENO** in the Edmonton, Legal, Stavely, Bon Accord, Alliance PEARSON Onoway areas: ENO, PEARSON, RIVERS, RICHARDSON, RIVERS **DEMERS** DEMERS. RICHARDSON

Searching for information on/or anyone with knowledge THOMSON of Edwin John THOMSON, born in the United Kingdom, lived in Kitscoty, AB by 1928 on an acreage known as "Alva Farm".

Linda Whitford, Box 2066, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

It was in the year 1463 that King Edward V of England made it obligatory for all his subjects to have a surname. "They shall take unto themselves a surname either of some town or some colour, as black or brown, or some art or science as carpenter or butler," he said.

(From the B. C. Genealogy Society, Mar.-Apr. 1980, Vol.5 No.2.)

CONFERENCES AND REUNIONS

The Alberta Family Histories Society will have its 1990 seminar, "The British Heritage Forum", on 26 and 27 October 1990 in Calgary. The seminar, featuring John Kitzmiller and Associates of Salt Lake City, offers lecture sessions for genealogists at all levels who are researching ancestry from the British Isles. Registration is \$40, including lunch. For more information, contact: Rene Dussome, 752 80 Ave. S. W., Calgary, Alberta T2V OV1.

The Southeastern Branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society will be holding "Whatcha Doin'", a genealogical workshop, from 10 to 12 August 1990. The purpose is an interchange of information on genealogy and local history on the occasion of Moncton's 100th birthday. Registration of \$30 must be received before 30 June 1990. Write to the Southeastern Branch of the NBGS, c/o Workshop Committee, at P.O. Box 4321, Moncton, New Brunswick ElA 6E9.

The 1990 convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will be held in Sacramento, California, from 23 to 28 July. The Society address is: 631 D Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502-1199.

The 1991 annual conference of the National Genealogical Society will be held in Portland, Oregon, from 29 May to 1 June, and hosted by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. For more information, write to: The National Genealogical Society, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22207-2399.

"Crossing the Border", a conference for family and community historians celebrating the bicentennial of the U.S. Federal Census, will be held from 5 to 7 July 1990 at the Riverside Convention Center at Rochester, New York. For registration, phone 1-800-782-9687, or write to the Genealogical Conference of New York, Inc., Rochester '90, P.O. Box 299, Interlaken, New York 14847-0299.

A WALDROFF family reunion will be held 4 and 5 August 1990 at Ashville, Manitoba (12 miles west of Dauphin). Related families are: McDONALD, McFARLANE, RUPERT, and WINTERS. For information, contact: Myrna Waldroff, 9628 Alcott Rd. S. E., Calgary, Alberta T2J 0T8. Phone: (403) 252-2957.

An OWEN bicentennial family reunion will be held at the Kensington Legion, Kensington, P.E.I., at 2:00 p.m. on 18 August 1990. All descendants of Arthur and Elizabeth (LEE) OWEN, who came from England and settled in P.E.I. in 1790, are invited to attend. Other family names, through their children's marriages, are: JARDINE, RAMSAY, JONES, GARDINER, CAMPBELL, MONTGOMERY, CRAIG. Write as soon as possible to: Mr. William Ives, 237 St. Peter's Road, Sherwood, P.E.I. ClA 5R4. Phone: (902) 892-2753.

(From the P.E.I. Gen. Soc. "Newsletter" Vol.14 No.1, February 1990.)

In 1965 a BUTLER Society was formed in Kilkenny, Ireland, and every three years a Butler rally is held at Kilkenny Castle. In June 1990, in Toronto, there will be the first Butler rally in Canada. Organizers are interested in hearing from anyone with Butler connections, and getting details of families that arrived in Canada before 1900. The Co-Chairman is: Herb Taylor, R.R. #3, Mill St. South, Newcastle, Ont. LOA 1HO. Phone: (416) 987-5433.

There will be 24 Clan Rallies in Ireland in 1990. They are: CONTACT **CLAN** DATE AND PLACE

BOURKE/BURKE 25 June-1July Gort, Co. Galway 21-23 September BRENNAN

Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny

30 June-1 July **EGAN** Redwood Castle

near Birr, North Tipperary

JOYCE

"Joyce Country", Co. Galway

8-11 June KILLORAN

Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo

25 August LONG

Crookstown, Co. Cork

25-26 August MacCLANCY

Tullaghan, Co. Leitrim

23-27 May MCDONAGH

Strandhill, Co. Sligo

19 August MCGETTIGAN

Doe Castle, Co. Donegal

21-23 September O'BYRNE Arklow, Co. Wicklow

28-29 July O'CONNOR (KERRY)

> Carrigafoyle Castle Ballylongford, Co. Kerry

21-22 July O'CONNOR (ROYAL)

Castlerea, Co. Roscommon

6-7 July O'DEA

Dysart O'Dea, Co. Clare

7-17 July O'DOCHARTAIGH

> Derry City and Inch Island Co. Derry and Co. Donegal

6-8 July O'DOWD

Enniscrone, Co. Sligo

O'DRISCOLL 21-24 June

Baltimore, Co. Cork

26 August O'FLYNN

Castlerea, Co. Roscommon

Dromtariffe, Mallow O'KEEFFE

> Co. Cork 24 June

O'MAHONY

Castlelack, Co. Cork

O'MALLEY 30 June-1 July

Westport, Co. Mayo

6-10 August REILLY/O'REILLY

Co. Cavan 23-20 June O'ROURKE

Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim (BREIFNE)

O'SHAUGHNESSY 29-30 June Gort, Co. Galway

TRIBES OF GALWAY 3 June

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

A member of the Kelowna Genealogical Society is willing to try to find genealogical information in the Kelowna area or in B.C. for any member of the A.G.S. Write to: Susan Craig

1380 Elm Street

Kelowna, B.C. Vly 3W6.

On 2 March 1992 the U.S. National Archives will make the 1920 census microfilm available to the public for the first time, and the National Archives Microfilm Rental Program will rent copies. Brochures on the Program are available in the A.G.S Library. Individual copies can be requested from:

National Archives Microfilm Rental Program

Post Office Box 30

Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701.

The address for <u>Family Tree Magazine</u>, a family history monthly of interest to those researching the British Isles, is:

141 Great Whyte

Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE17 1HP.

The Eastern Townships Research Centre at Bishop's University has prepared several publications about their English language and genealogical resources, as well as a free newsletter. Contact:

The Eastern Townships Research Centre Faculty Box 38, Bishop's University Lennoxville, P.Q. J1M 127.

A computerized collection of family trees in Tel Aviv is helping Jews around the world trace their roots, discover new family links, and locate long-lost relatives. Any Jewish family can join the project by submitting a family tree including at least 50 names and spanning at least 5 generations. Contact:

Diana Sommer, Director of the Dorot Project Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, Tel Aviv University Tel Aviv, Israel.

(From OGS Essex Branch "Trails" Vol.11 No.4 1989.)

A Genealogy and Family History Seminar will be held at Brigham Young University from 8 to 10 August 1990. There will be basic, intermediate, and advanced courses. For a registration form, write to:

Genealogy and Family History Seminar BYU Conferences and Workshops 154 Harman Building Provo, Utah 84602.

The new Lincolnshire Family History Society will offer a quarterly publication and is planning a number of new publications, indexes, and source guides. The annual subscription is 10 pounds for overseas members. Further details may be obtained from:

Mrs. E. B. Robson

135 Baldertongate

Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 1RY.

The "Regiment of Redcoat Descendants" Society was founded in February 1987 when it was realized that many people served in the British Army in Australia during the years of 1788 to 1870. Historians as well as their descendants are trying to bring to notice the part that these men played in the founding and subsequent settling of Australia. The secretary is:

Mrs. C. Clyde 21 Dimboola Road Horsham, Victoria 3400, Australia.

(From Bristol and Avon FHS Journal No.57 1989.)

The Central Scotland Family History Society was recently formed with the purpose of furthering interest in family history in the area of the former Stirlingshire, Clackmannanshire, and parts of West Perthshire. There will be monthly meetings, a regular newsletter, and a list of members' interests, but behalf of not undertake research on the Society will Subscriptions are 10 pounds (including airmail postage) for overseas members. Craiginnan Gardens, Dollar, secretary is Mrs. Elma Lindsay, 29 Clackmannanshire FK14 7JA, Scotland. Subscriptions by cheque made out to "Central Scotland Family History Society" should be sent to the honorary treasurer, John K. Patrick, at the Royal Bank of Scotland, 4 Main Street, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire FK4 1BU.

Donald Minchin, A.G.S. #2510, points out that the Canadian Pacific Archives have temporarily discontinued their research services. Their collection is large but uncatalogued, and requires new facilities. For the next one or two years, the work of organizing and moving will be done, so that some sources will be inaccessible and the staff will not have time to do research.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

		Cost	<u>Postage</u>
Master Data Bank #3		\$35.00	\$3.25
Cemetery Recordings Islay, Islay Bow Island, Bow Island Halkirk, Halkirk Gem Mennonite, Gem Boyle, Boyle Ghost Pine Creek, Three Hills Earlsville Rutherford, Tees Mount Davis, Three Hills Lacombe Fairview, Lacombe Glory Hills, Alliance	S.E. 16-51-05 W4 S.W. 36-10-11 W4 S.E. 26-38-16 W4 N.E. 24-22-17 W4 S.E. 06-65-19 W4 N.W. 32-31-22 W4 S.W. 06-42-23 W4 S.W. 30-31-24 W4 N.W. 29-40-26 W4 N.W. 18-53-27 W4	2.00 1.00 2.75 1.00 1.00	1.50 1.00 1.00 1.50 1.00 1.00 2.50
Forest Hill, Busby Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Barrhead	S.E. 26-57-27 W4 N.W. 16-60-02 W4		1.50 1.00

Please make cheque or money order payable to the ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY and mail request to the Society at P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2.



DANISH COMMUNITIES IN ALBERTA



--By Flora Stewart, A.G.S. #981

DICKSON

The hamlet of Dickson is the oldest Danish settlement in Western Canada and home to Canada's first Danish Lutheran congregation. It began in the United States in the fall of 1902, when a group who had emigrated from Denmark, to Omaha, Nebraska, in the 1890's got together and decided to take up homesteading in Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railways was advertising in the newspapers the great opportunities in western Canada.

Two members of this group, a bicycle mechanic, Jens Larsen, and a bricklayer, Henry Larsen, were sent to Alberta to inspect land some 20 miles west of Innisfail. They arrived in winter and were impressed with the vast areas of rolling land and the plentifulness of wild game. G. B. Christiansen, pastor of the Danish Lutheran Chruch in Omaha, brought the group together and formally consecrated it as a new congregation.

The first settlers to leave Omaha in spring 1903 were John Jensen, a bachelor, Laus B. Christensen, and Fred Pedersen. They were disappointed to find the land consisted mostly of sloughs, so much of it was under water. In July 1903 Carl Christiansen, Henry Larsen, Chris Christiansen, and Chris Larson came from Omaha. The settlement of Dickson now consisted of 17 members. The first winter they lived mostly on dried apples and bacon bought on credit at the Markerville store.

The settlement was growing but it did not have a name. Eric Holmgren's book Over 2000 Place Names of Alberta says this about Dickson:
"...was named after Dickson Creek, which was after one Benedickson, a very early settler from Norway; named by the wife of Carl Christiansen, first postmaster. (1906)"
The post office was opened in Carl Christiansen's home and the mail arrived for the first time on 7 February 1906.

The first wedding here was in 1905, when bachelor John Jensen married Johanne, a sister of Mrs. Anton Laursen, who arrived in 1904 along with the Tromburgs and Rev. J. C. Gundesen. Between 1906 and 1910 a number of settlers came. Families: T. Thomsen, Lonnebergs, Sontums, M. Nielsens, H. Jorgensens, Enghauges, Westergaards, Nels Jensens, F. S. McKean, P. P. Adamsens, John Petersens, Mrs. M. Christiansen; individuals: M. Eliasen, Ingvard Larsen, and Fred Mecklenburg.

In 1907 a new congregation was formed -- the Bethany Lutheran Congregation. In 1909 Carl Christiansen started a general store in the community. This store was honoured with a ceremony and historic plaque on 4 September 1989 by Alberta Culture. The store had been open until 1980, at which time it was turned over to the Danish Heritage Society of Dickson. The Society hopes to reopen the store as a museum in recognition of Dickson's Danish heritage.

All the early Danish communities on the Prairies were founded by immigrants who had originally come from the U.S., and they had at least a working knowledge of English. They were also used to the American way of life, and so the use of the Danish language and culture had declined and continued to do so after the settlers came to Canada.

STANDARD

Standard was settled by Danish immigrants from the U.S.A. in 1910. These pioneers were attached there by the Canadian Pacific Railway. A Danish Lutheran Church congregation was organized in 1911, and by 1917 a church was built. Many Standard settlers had been long-time residents of Elkhorn, Iowa, which is the home of the first Danish Folk High School dating back to 1878.

The Danish Lutheran Church of America divided into two groups in 1894. The "Grundtvigian" oriented group fought to maintain the Danish language and traditions in the U.S., and the "Beckian" or "Inner-Mission" oriented body tended toward Americanization.

The first child born in the Standard settlement was Harold Larsen in 1912. The first couple to be married in the Standard Church was Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jorgensen in 1918. He was born in Kimballton, Iowa, and immigrated to Standard in 1917.

DALUM

Dalum was settled in 1918 under the auspices of the "Dansk Folkesamfund" (Danish Folk Society). This Society was founded in the U.S. in 1887 by F. L. Grundtvig, and sponsored the establishment of new Danish settlements. The first was at Danevang, Texas, in 1894; another was begun in Askov, Minnesota, in 1905. In 1916 the Society started negotiations with the Canadian Pacific Railway for a settlement in Dalum, approximately half way between Standard and Drumheller. By 1920 most of the land in the present Dalum colony had been settled. A large percentage of these early settlers were bachelors, many of whom had never farmed before.

Other Danish settlements in Alberta were at Olds, Viking, and Ponoka.

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References:

The Canadian Family Tree: Canada's People, Minister of Supply & Services, 1979 / 1982.

Dickson Story, translated by Hans and Myrtle Hansen.

<u>Danish Settlements on the Prairies</u>, Frank M. Paulsen, Paper No.11, National Museums of Canada, Ottawa, 1974.

Grub-axe to Grain: A History of Craig, Dickson, Happy Hill, Heckla, Hola, Markerville, New Hill, North Raven, Raven, Red Raven, Rick Hill, Spruce View, 1973.

(The last three are located in the Provincial Archives of Alberta Library.)

GOODS AND SERVICES

The following items which have been received may be of interest to members of the A.G.S. Inclusion in <u>Relatively Speaking</u> does not imply an endorsement of the goods or services offered.

Toil, Tears, and Triumph, a history of the farms and families of Kincardine Township, Bruce County, Ontario, is to be published in August 1990. Advance sales are offered at \$25 per copy plus \$4 postage and handling (\$8 outside Canada). Cheques are to be made payable to Kincardine Township New Horizons. Order from:

Mrs. D. MacArthur

R.R. #5, Kincardine, Ontario M2Z 2X6.

(Submitted by Jack Grant, A.G.S. #1802.)

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has published <u>Births, Deaths, Marriages</u> <u>from Regina Newspapers, 1883-1888</u>, the first volume of a planned series. News items of the period were drawn from the whole of the Northwest (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia). The book has approximately 100 pages and costs \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage. The Society address is:

Box 1894
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3E1.

The Historical Society of Sainte-Anne-de-La Perade has published a <u>Repertoire des Mariages</u>, a volume of 380 pages listing all the marriages in the parish registers from 1681 to 1988. It is available at a cost of \$20.00 and \$2.50 postage and handling. A book of baptisms and burials is under preparation and will soon be published. Address all correspondence to:

La Societe d'Histoire de Ste-Anne-de-La Perade Case postale 115 Ste-Anne-de-La Perade, Quebec GOX 2JO.

Going to Salt Lake City to do Family History Research is an 88-page paperback guide by J. Carlyle Parker. It can be ordered for \$10.90 (U.S.) plus \$1.50 postage from: Marietta Publishing Co.

2115 North Denair Ave. Turlock, California 95380.

Cascade County Cemeteries, Vol. I: Old and New Highland Cemeteries, listing all graves in the old and new divisions of Highland Cemetery in Great Falls, Montana, from its inception through 1982, is available for \$40.00 (U.S.) from:

Great Falls Genealogy Society 1400 First Avenue North Great Falls, Montana 59401.

The Story of the Irish Palatine, by Dr. Patrick J. O'Connor, should be of interest to those researching the names: BAKER, BARKMAN, BARROW, BENNER, BOVENIZER, BOWEN, BOWMAN, COACH, COLE, CORNEIL, COTLOR, DELMEGE, EMBURY, FITZELLE, FYFFE, BILLIARD, HECK, HOFFMAN, IVORS, LATCHFORD, LAWRENCE, LEDGER, LONG, MILLER, PIPER, REINHARD, ROSE, RUTTLE, STJOHN, SHOEMACHER, SHOULDICE, SPARKLING, STARK, SWITZER. The book is available for \$36 (Can.) from:

Oireacht Na Mumhan Books

Coolanoran, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, Ireland. (From the Kingston Branch O.G.S. "Newsletter" Vol.14 No.1 Jan./Feb. 1990.)

Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby, presently consists of 9 volumes spanning the years 1850 through 1855. Volume 10, covering January to April 1856, will be available in June 1990, and the period 1856-1865 is expected to be completed by 1991. Price is \$75.00 (U.S.) per volume or \$67.50 per volume for standing orders. For details, write to:

Scholarly Resources Inc. 014 Greenhill Ave. Wilmington, DE 19805-1897.

Swedish postal authorities have announced a program to help Americans of Swedish background find their relatives. The program consists of the mailing of letter packets to a number of Swedish-American organizations for distribution to their members. A brief information brochure in the packet instructs the interested party to fill out a short form with information about their Swedish ancestors. For a fee of \$20.00 (U.S.), the sender will receive confirmation of the information as well as information on the immigrant's parents, siblings, and children. The sender will not be charged if the information is not sufficient. To receive one of the packets, write to:

Swedish Council of America

2600 Park Ave.

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407.

(From the Chicago Genealogical Society "Newsletter", February 1989.)

Family history societies in the U.K. have been indexing their areas of the 1851 census of England and Wales by surname, and the indexes are now becoming available. Most have first names, but a few are by surname only; all give District, Piece, and Folio numbers; some give ages and places of birth. The complete collection for the Greater London area will be around 200 volumes. Dr. Penelope Christensen, A.G.S. #952, currently possesses indexes for about 80 areas, and will do a 15-minute individual or surname search in the appropriate volumes for a fee. For details, send a SASE to Dr. Christensen at:

Edmonton, Alberta T5R 5N1 Phone: (403) 486-5634.

The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. will research its Manitoba office resources for a fee. For details of the service, write to:

Manitoba Genealogical Society Room 420, 167 Lombard Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0T6.

The Lincolnshire Archives Office will undertake to search original records at the cost of 11 pounds 50 per hour or part thereof (including postage). Payment is required in advance. Copies of certain documents are available as an additional service. The address is:

Lincolnshire Archives Office The Castle, Lincoln LN1 3AB, England.

Research in Bristol and adjoining counties will be undertaken for a fee by:

Patricia Lindegaard

49 Clayfied Road

Brislington, Bristol BS4 4NH Phone: (0272) 277312.

MASINASIN CEMETERY -- SW23-112-13 W4

The old Masinasin Cemetery is on the east side of Secondary Highway 500 just before it descends to the Milk River valley floor at Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park. It is unprotected and untended, and apparently abandoned for more than sixty years. Two or three stone grave markers are identifiable; several other depressions indicate other burials.

Secondary Highway 500 is the main road into Writing-On-Stone Park. It has been widened and upgraded until the current westernmost row of graves is on the very edge of the ditch along the highway. It is conceivable that one or more rows of burials could have already disappeared into the highway.

A community history, <u>From Sandstone to Settlers: Writing-On-Stone District History</u>, indicates that this cemetery was established a few steps away from the community church — possibly Presbyterian. The church was built in 1918, but closed before 1936, when the United Church Minister, the Rev. Thomas Taylor, transacted the sale of the building to community of Masinasin (about a mile and one-half away), to be used as a community hall.

Can any of our readers supply information regarding the identities of those who are interred in this cemetery? Please contact the Chairman, Master Data Committee, at the Society address: P.O. Box 12015, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3L2.

FRANCIS WILLIAM HENRY BUTLER

Francis William Henry Butler, sometimes known as William Henry Davies Butler, was ensign of the 31st Regiment of Foot in 1857, serving in the Crimean War, Gibraltar, Cape of Good Hope, Bombay, and China. He obtained the rank of Major and apparently was a cousin of General Sir Francis Butler, author of <u>Great Lone Land</u>, <u>The Wild North Land</u>, and several other books.

Butler passed through Calgary in August 1883. On August 21, he and his wife left Calgary by stage coach, reaching Edmonton after a rather eventful trip. The Butlers set up a ranch near Beaver Lake (Beaver Hills Lake) east of Edmonton. In 1885 they were forced to take refuge in Ft. Saskatchewan. Here Major Butler joined the Alberta Field Force in its campaign against Chief Big Bear.

Butler ran into financial difficulties shortly after the Rebellion and moved to Calgary. His household effects were sold in a Sheriff's auction at Beaver Lake in September 1885. The last I heard of Major Butler was from Calgary, 8 October 1887.

I would be most appreciative of any further information -- date and location of birth and death, living relatives, etc. Please contact:

Maurice F. V. Doll, Curator of Government Services

Provincial Museum of Alberta

12845 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5N 0M6.

Phone: 427-1730 (Rite Line -- no long distance charge).



WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY



-- Compiled by Rita Laczkowski, A.G.S. #1327

CANADA

Mational Archives of Canada "The Archivist" Vol.16 No.5 1989 - Managing the Records of a Minister's Office; Provincial Premiers in the Pederal Cabinet; Canadian and British Policy on Ireland; Keeping the Record Public

ALBERTA

Alberta Family History Society "Quarterly" Vol.10 Ho.1 1989 - Members' Interests; Telephone Book Searches; 1991 HGS Conference Papers

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation "The Cornerstone" Vol.12 Ho.4 1989 - The Scheer / Sproule Place, Strathmore; Mainstreet Update; Thinking of Starting a Museum

AGS Edmonton Branch "Clandigger" Vol.10 No.3 1989 - AGS Conference '90; "Edmonton Journal" Excerpts 1906

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