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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Trace

Mr. Larry Clark has accepted the Election chairperson position. Over the next few months he will be contacting members to let their names stand for elected and non-elected positions with AGS executive. With a strong executive, AGS will be able to support the many Branch projects and sponsor international guest speakers. I urge you to come forth and let your name stand for an executive position.

We still have no formal letter that the AGS and Edmonton Branch will be moving from the McLeod Building. We have contacted the Government Agencies and they have strongly suggested we continue to look for a new location. Arlene Borgstede, Edmonton Branch President and myself have continued to contact other agencies to investigate possible locations. The main stumbling block will be the financial resources we feel should be put into a new location. We will NOT drain a large percentage of our resources for rent. We both feel the majority of the money must be used to collect new material for use by the membership.

A reminder that Conference '95, April 7 and 8 is coming soon. If you wish to take advantage of room rates at the *Fantasyland Hotel*, the cut off date is March 6, 1995. The committee has worked very hard to ensure this will be an exciting conference.

I still remind the members that articles are requested for *Relatively Speaking*. If you located new material or have exciting finds, and wish to tell the membership this is the vehicle to pass the information on.

As this is the last issue before Christmas, AGS Executive wish all the members a joyous and safe holiday season.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Jim Farnel

Summer has come and gone in this part of the world and winter will soon be upon us. The only consolation is that we can use those cold blustery nights to get more of our genealogy done! These last few months have been very busy but August was my busiest month of all. As I mentioned in the August issue, my family sent me to Utah, *a.k.a.* 'genealogy heaven', to attend the *Annual Genealogy & Family History Conference* at Brigham Young University in Provo. This was a five day event and I can't begin to explain what a terrific program it was.

The conference offered sessions in over forty categories that covered research in most any part of the world. It also included computer study, the use of LDS records, *Family Search* as well as a full program on Canadian research broken down into French and English research areas and techniques.

The average speaker had fifteen to twenty years experience in their areas of expertise and the class rooms were packed for each presentation. They also had classes to explain how their accreditation process works and what it consisted of which was of interest to many people. I should point out that one of our new members, Dr. Walter C. Meyer, took the opportunity to take the test and is now an accredited genealogical researcher in the area of Swiss research.

With some creative arranging of timetables I was also able to squeeze in two afternoons at the Family History Library in Salt Lake. This was my first trip to the library and I am sure I spent half my time wandering around in awe of the spectacular collection they have there. I did use the other half of my time wisely though and managed to bring home a pile of information that will keep me busy sorting through on those cold nights of winter.

If you ever have the opportunity to take in the conference I would highly recommend it. The full five day registration cost was around \$ 200.00 US and if you book early enough you can stay on campus at a cost of \$ 7.00 to \$ 10.00 per night.

It was a birthday present I will always remember!

SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

TRIP TO SALT LAKE The Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society will again be taking a group of researchers to Salt Lake City in the fall of '95 and we'd welcome members of other branches to join us. Dates have yet to be determined but will be five days between October 15th and November 15th. Approximate costs will be about \$1000. If you're interested, please contact Arlene Borgstede, 31 Glenmore Crescent, St. Albert, AB T8N 0S6 (phone 403-459-8601).

NEW SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

HOURS Open Tuesday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed on Saturdays of long weekends. Hours in effect until May 13, 1995. The SGS Office hours will continue Monday to Friday. There is a telephone answering machine for your convenience. Leave a message and they will return your call as soon as possible. Write to: P.O. Box 1894, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3E1 / Street address: 2nd floor, 1870 Lorne Street, Regina, Saskatchewan Phone: (306)780-9207 Fax: (306)781-6021

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Badly faded, illegible writing is often much more visible when viewed under a 75 watt "black light" bulb positioned directly above the material. To read this type of writing on a microfilm reader, it is helpful to place a sheet of colored (yellow works well) plastic film over the screen to reduce glare and enhance the contrast.

ON MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES The same address in a town is often given for both parties. This may not mean that they were living together or even living in the same place mentioned. Declaring the same address avoided paying for two sets of banns in different parishes. Found in Generations, Manitoba Gen. Soc., Vol. 18, #3 Sept. 1993

A marriage bond was not a marriage license. When one, or both parties were not well known locally, the civil or religious authorities asked for a guarantee of credentials. Friends of the applicant would sign a bond or guarantee. If the marriage should prove to be improper, that is to say, it had

connections of consanguinity or of affinity or some other defect, then the bondsman would be fined. *AncesTree*, Vol. 6 #4, 1989 Nanaimo Family History Society

OLD-AGE PENSION ACT IN IRELAND

In 1908 this act was passed to benefit those who could prove they were 70 years of age or older. The Government accepted ages and birthplaces as proof taken from the 1841 and 1851 censuses. This means that anyone, 70 or over, from 1908 to about 1915 could apply to the Government to make a search of the censuses in order to prove his age. These applications are available on microfilm at your nearest LDS Family History Centre. The applications are arranged by County & Barony. Notice found in Halton-Peel Branch OGS Newsletter, Vol. XVIII, #5, Nov. 1993.

IRISH TOWNLAND TIDBIT Townlands are territorial subdivisions of a parish, each townland greatly varying in size, averaging from 250-400 acres. The term has no relation to town or city, being derived from the old English word "*tun*" signifying an enclosure.

UKRAINIAN ROOTS If you are researching your Ukrainian roots, Bill Watamaniuk may be able to help, or point you in the direction of other services. He has his own data base of about 3500 records of people who have arrived in Canada from the Ukraine, but he also has records (including many with Austrian or Romanian citizenship). Bill would be willing to trade info with anyone interested in doing so and can be contacted at (604) 763-4909. Found in *The Okanagan Researcher*, Kelowna Dist. Gen. Soc. Vol. 10 #2, Dec 1993.

TITANIC VICTIMS Were you aware that many of the victims of the *TITANIC* that were recovered from the sea were brought to Halifax, Nova Scotia by ships and some were buried in Fairview Cemetery. A list of these appears in the May 1993 issue of *Suffolk Roots*.

HOW DO I FIND MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME?

Because of tradition and law, a woman was almost reduced to being a husband's possession. Records most often overlooked are land deeds or property records. Usually there are four signatures that

represent the witnesses to this event. Tradition has it that the first two will be from the husband's side and the last two from the wife's side. So by taking notes of these names you may have a clue to great-grandmother's maiden name. Found in the Saskatchewan Gen. Soc. *Bulletin*, Vol. 24, #2, Sept 1993.

BUYING STAMPS BY MAIL British and U.S. postage stamps are available by mail. British stamps and rate information can be obtained by writing to Customer Service Manager, The Post Office, Freepost CS99 1AA, England. U.S. stamps and rates can be obtained from the U.S. Postal Service, Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, D.C. 20265. Many local U.S. Post Offices also offer this service. In Canada you can place your order for Canadian stamps by calling 1-800-565-4362 if you are using VISA or MasterCard. There is a 50-cent surcharge on any order under \$5. Or you can write to Nation Philatelic Centre, 75 St Ninian Street, Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2R8.

HELPFUL HINT: If you are aware that someone in P.E.I. is about to visit north Cornwall to see the parishes of origin of their families and seek out tombstones etc., warn them of the semantics of the word cemetery! In North America we use the word loosely for any burial ground.

In southwest England there are churchyards surrounding the parish churches and used mainly by members of the Church of England today.

Except in towns and cities public cemeteries are a recent concept. In rural parishes the majority of the members of non-Anglican congregations belonged in C19 to the laboring 'classes'. Few could afford to buy land for a burial ground and many were not established until after 1900.

It would therefore be unfortunate for a Canadian visitor to arrive in Kilkhampton and demand the whereabouts of the cemetery. There isn't one in that particular parish, only the churchyard.

Another matter: many of the emigrants of the period 1830's to 1860's were illiterate. Public education of a sort did not start till c. 1870. If the trans-Atlantic visitor arrives and contacts a 'local' having the same name and expects them to have a

family bible containing all sorts of genealogical goodies they are in for a shock.

Too many of the joint ancestors could not read a bible and few could afford to even buy one!

Found in P.E.I. Genealogical Society, Aug 1980 Vol. 4, No. 3.

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BARRHEAD MARRIAGE INDEX

by Flora Stewart AGS #981

In the May 1994 issue of *Relatively Speaking*, we told about our Barrhead Obituaries Index (1928-1969). We still have some available. Now we also have an Index of Marriages from the Barrhead Leader (1928-1949). Approximately 700 marriages are listed alphabetically first by groom's surname and then by bride's surname. The book includes parents' names and residences as well as date of marriage, date of newspaper and place of marriage. Some 25th & 50th anniversaries are also included. In many cases there are detailed write-ups of the marriage in the *Barrhead Leader*, however, some were only an announcement giving little detail. The book is 90 pages. Please write to us at: 5620 - 55 Street, Barrhead, Alberta, T7N 1C7.

FINDING YOUR FAMILY ROOTS COURSE

by John Stewart, AGS #981

Over the years I have taught a number of genealogy courses around this area. On a few occasions the courses were cancelled due to not meeting the necessary quota for students. So I decided to put my course into book form, a self-study genealogy course for beginners. This way a student can work through at their own pace and at their own location. This book includes information on how to get started, who to ask, what to look for, how to find information, and how to record it once you do. Exercises throughout the seven lesson course guide you through, and answers are provided at the end. Useful addresses are also found in the appendix to the course. If this course is for you, please write to: 5620 - 55 Street, Barrhead, Alberta, T7N 1C7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS conferences, new books, etc.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ARCHIVES

by Rheanne Smith, AGS #1987

Acc. Number 94.255 Box List

Box 1 Clover Bar Pastoral Charge

Register of baptisms 1950-1958

Marriages 1951 - 1975

Burials 1950 - 1976

Includes entries for United Churches of Clover Bar, Bremner, Ardrossan, Salisbury, South Cooking Lake, Norwood, Metropolitan, Edmonton and St. Stephens College.

Baptism certificate stubs 1982 - 1984

Marriage certificate stubs 1981 - 1987

Box 2 Goodfish - Saddle Lake Pastoral Charge

Register of baptisms 1968 - 1978

Marriages 1968 - 1978

Burials 1968 - 1978

Baptism certificate stubs 1963 - 1981

Marriage certificate stubs 1964 - 1980

Change in Vital Statistics Service

Effective 1 September 1994, you must apply to a private registries office for:

- Birth Certificates
- Marriage Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Certified Copies of Registrations
- Genealogical Copies of Registrations
- Marriage Search Letters
- Marriage Licences

For a listing of authorized Alberta Registries private agents in your area please call Edmonton 422-2362, Calgary 297-8980 or 1-800-465-5009.

HATHAWAY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Will hold it's 82nd annual reunion for the first time in Canada June 23, 24, 25, 1995 in Stratford Ontario. Hatheway, Hathway or Hadaway descendants are welcomed and you need not be a member of the H.F.A. to attend. For information write to the H.F.A. Reunion, 258 Edgehill Dr. Kitchener, Ontario N2G 3W6 or phone 519-650-3071 before March 1, 1995

GENEALOGICAL DIRECTORY IS EXTENSIVE

Submitted by Mrs. Linda BEDFORD, 30 South St., Bridgewater, NS B4V 1X9

The Genealogical Research Library in Toronto has spent more than a decade uncovering and indexing ancestors who lived in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland between the years 1600 and 1900. The result is a multi-volume collection of books titled *The Atlantic Canadians 1600-1900*.

"This extensive directory includes 300,000 records of residents of the four Atlantic provinces in one alphabetical index," says Noel ELLIOT, Director of Research for the Library. "It includes the whole range of Atlantic Canadians - rich, poor, black, white, native and Acadian peoples. And it is as simple to use as a telephone directory."

In order to locate a particular ancestor, a code number after each ancestor's name, occupation and date, leads to a special section that lists not only the exact book or source, but the precise page to turn to in that source to find further information about that ancestor or their family. Also included in the directory is a special index listing the names of the towns and villages existing in the past and present and their exact location.

The Atlantic Canadians 1600-1900 is the largest genealogical project ever undertaken in Canada's Atlantic provinces.

For further information or to set up an interview with Noel ELLIOT, please call 1-800-667-0300 or fax (416) 360-4348.

Found in The Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol. XII/2 and submitted by AGS member #538.

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01382-461845.

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Troon, Ayrshire, KA10 6EF.

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Stony Plain Public Library
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Do you have time to spare?
Your society is involved in a number of very worth
while projects that require some volunteers to
complete.

Some projects can be done at home, some at the
Edmonton branch library and others can be done at
your local branch or library.
Please get involved and help us to take on and
complete some very important projects throughout
the province.

If you have some time to offer please write me at
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When I should have been
Washing the floor.

You didn't acknowledge my letter,
Not even a 'thank you' was sent,
You really should have repaid me
For the dollar fifty I sent.

So I'll chalk it up to experience
And cross your name off my list;
The next time you need some more data,
I'll be too smart to assist.

by Irene G. Van Wormer, The Connecticut Nutmegger, March
1991

BRITISH ISLES GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES' DISTRIBUTORS OF COUNTY SECTIONS

The British Isles Genealogical Register contains surnames that are being researched in the British Isles by family historians, world - wide. The database contains well over 250,000 entries from more than 17,000 contributors. Each English county has its own section, as does Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Isles, the Isle of Man & the Isle of Wight. The following contacts will be distributing the section of *BIG R* for their particular county/ country only. Please enclose a SAE for price details, postage, etc.

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THE LAST WORD - For All of Those Born Before 1945

We are all survivors!!! Consider the changes we have witnessed....

We were born before television, frozen foods, polio shots, Xerox, plastic contact lenses and the pill.

We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ball point pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, air conditioners, clothes dryers, electric blankets and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together...how quaint can we be?

In our time, closets were for clothes and not for 'coming out of'. Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. We thought fast food was what was eaten during lent, and outer space was the back row of the Gameau Theatre. We were born before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, day cares, nursing homes and group therapy. We never heard of FM stereo, tape decks, electric typewriters and artificial hearts or word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time sharing meant togetherness, chip meant wood, hardware was hardware and software wasn't even a word. In 1940 pizzas, MacDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. We hit the scene when you bought things for five and ten cents at the Five and Dime store. For a nickel you could place a phone call, ride a street car, buy a Coke or mail a letter or two post cards. A new Chevy Coupe was \$600, but nobody could afford one. In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers at the teacher's office. We were not before the differences in the sexes were discovered but were surely before sex change - we made do with what we had! And we were the last generation to be so dumb as to think that you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap!!!

found in the Sutton Realty Group Informer by Tom Trace, AGS#1663

ARCHIVES WEEK IN ALBERTA

by Dr. Claude Roberto,
Senior Archivist,
Provincial Archives of Alberta

As part of Archives Week in Alberta, the Edmonton Chapter of the Alberta Genealogical Society in partnership with the Provincial Archives of Alberta are hosting on December 10, a workshop on genealogical sources that would be of particular interest to those with roots in the Ukrainian, French, Metis and Native Communities. Speakers will share information on genealogical sources in Ukraine and at the Provincial Archives of Alberta as well as other sources available through the Church of Latter Day Saints. The workshop will take place in the Auditorium of the Provincial Archives and Museum (12845-102 Avenue, Edmonton). There will be a registration fee of \$15.00.

The goal of the workshop will be to encourage and promote the study of family history in Alberta. The revenue raised by the event will be used to preserve several Oblate records (the *libranimarum*, a Latin word for Books of Souls) which are heavily used by genealogists. These books hold complete family trees which have been compiled by the Roman Catholic priests and they are available for Central and Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. Each parish has its own Book of Souls and the priests added new information as soon as they performed a Baptism, a Marriage or a Burial. The oldest Book of Souls for Edmonton goes back to 1898.

These books are very precious for the family historians. They are available at the Provincial Archives of Alberta and they are part of the Oblate collection.

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate is a Roman Catholic religious community which came to Western Canada in 1845. This Congregation was founded in Southern France in 1815 and its first members came to Canada in 1841. In 1844 it was decided that a few Oblates should be sent to what is now Western Canada, in response to a request from Bishop Provencher, Vicar Apostolic of the Hudson's Bay and James Bay. This area which had

only four or five priests, covered an area which extended from the United States to the Arctic Ocean and from James Bay to the Pacific Ocean. Therefore in 1845, Pierre Aubert and Alexander Taché reached the Red River Colony.

In spite of very difficult conditions and extremely limited resources, the Oblates continued westward into what is now the political provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, with missions being founded at Ile-à-la-Crosse in 1846 and Fort Chipewyan in 1849.

The primary goal of the Oblates was to evangelise and introduce Christianity to the native people. Therefore, they established communities in strategic areas which served as central points from which to conduct their mission work.

Within a generation of their arrival, the Oblates undertook major charitable acts of assisting the native peoples in adapting to the arrival of white immigrants and in facing changes in their lifestyle. The slaughter of the buffalo, the encroachment of whites on their land and disease resulted in dramatic social change. At the same time the Oblates provided spiritual guidance to the white immigrants, dispersed and spiritually alone.

During the settlement period of Western Canada, the work of the Oblates expanded. Many new missions were established with more time being spent with the white community.

The Books of Souls document all the Native and white families served by the Oblates. They are vital to the study of family history in Alberta and Saskatchewan because of the importance and of the date of the information. When these records are preserved on microfilm, they will be studied by the Alberta Genealogical Society. Indexes could be produced in order to make this mass of information available.

EDUCATIONAL RECORDS in the BRITISH ISLES

(A summary of Dr. Colin R. Chapman's talk given for AGS, Edmonton Branch members at 916 McLeod Bldg. October 18, 1994 on the subject of:)

[Notes taken by Pat WOODMAN, AGS #2355]

The setting up of schools and the reasons for setting them up:

- 500 A.D. - education really began in Great Britain in Ireland by St. Patrick, representing the Church; usually administered by monks in monasteries.

- Preaching Crosses set up for people to gather became the centre of each Parish - later churches were built. Cathedrals were built, and where they stood became cities, eg. Dublin is City because it was the site of a Cathedral, not because of population or other factors.

The Church wanted conversions and it wanted people to understand religious teachings.

- The language of government was Latin until 1733, and if you were to work for the government you needed to learn Latin.

- Alfred the Great set up schools to teach people to speak English.

- Pauper schools were set up for educating the poor - both boys and girls.

- Henry VIII espoused education and set up Kings schools with monies realized when he abolished the monasteries.

- In the 16th Century schools set up in England, Ireland, Wales and the Channel Islands.

- After 1500's as the world 'opened up' with new world discoveries, etc. merchants required educated people to record their business transactions, etc. and opened 'endowed' schools to this purpose (records available at the schools).

Grammar school records (Public School) have survived back to the 16th Century, with class lists, etc. Some of these have been filmed by the LDS Church.

- Many others established schools: eg Charities (Church); Quakers; Pauper schools; Hospital Schools (really boarding schools, which also provided clothing eg. blue or green coat and yellow stockings, etc. and became known as 'Blue Coat Schools' for example); Sunday Schools, so-named because they were held on Sunday in factories (only day off) so that workers could be taught to read and write, non-religious; Industrial schools (which were really reform schools - records to be found in

County Record Offices); The East India Company - first reference to school within the industrial area; Military Colleges (War Office Library has records); factory schools which did not teach trades, but were merely held in factories; specific skill schools, eg. lace-making. In many instances these have records held at the school, or in Central Archives.

- Ireland - 'hedge schools' (Roman Catholic) sprang up, taking place in barns or houses; Dame schools run by an 'older lady' perhaps - privately run; schools for orphans, paupers, the blind, etc.; British-funded schools. Some records might still be held by the school or in the Public Record Office of Ireland.

- Much school information found in Parliamentary Papers, Ecclesiastical Censuses, etc. - eg. 11,828 schools in Ireland in 1800's.

- Universities - England - Oxford and Cambridge came into existence in the 12th Century. Boys only - age 14 in early times - and only members of the Established Church allowed to attend.

Indexed and published pupil records are available. Oxford: Joseph FOSTER produced 8 volumes plus 2 from 1500 onwards; A.B. EMDEN the Oxford period from the 12th Century to 1500. Cambridge: John Archibald VENN, both early biographical register and also from 1751 - 1900.

Ireland - Trinity College set up in 1591 - Church of England.

Scots traditionally received higher education in Europe, eg Spain. No records for Wales or non-conformists. Univ of Wales established in 1893.

- Inns of the Courts (Selden Society Series - history of law) set up and have superb records, indexed, etc. and probably available at Canadian Universities.

- Irish - Kings Inns of Court; Scottish law school - Faculty of Advocates established after 1532.

Books of interest:

- The Growth of British Education and Its Records by Dr. Colin R. Chapman - 2nd edition 1992

- Registers of University, Colleges, and Schools of Great Britain by Professor Phyllis JACOBS, 1964

- Concise Description of Endowed Grammar Schools in England & Wales by Nicholas CARLISLE, pub in 1818, reprint 1972.

SURNAME INDEX OF THE 1881 BRITISH CENSUS

by Ian Holmes, AGS #2253

I am hopeful that someday I will discover more information about my elusive grandfather George William Holmes and his ancestors. We know, from his marriage certificate and my father's birth certificate, that the family lived in Tottenham (now North London) between 1899 and 1912 and George was probably born around 1863/64 to another George (William) Holmes. The certificates contain interesting "errors" which may show that the family was a little "casual" about providing accurate information to government clerks and the address they gave was not enumerated in the 1901 census. Perhaps the national analysis of the 1881 census will give us the breakthrough we need to find more.

The Project

As many genealogists already know, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has a worldwide reputation for collecting and storing family history data. Its Family History Centres and Libraries around the world are a Mecca for researchers like myself. Its current project, in conjunction with the Federation of Family History Societies (in UK), involves processing some 30 million records from the 1881 Census of England, Wales and Scotland and is one of the most ambitious ever attempted. Some of the results of this effort are already available and the rest will be published over the next three years.

This project began in 1988 and has involved most of the Family History Societies in UK, the Genealogical Society of Utah, some 9000 volunteers, a special management centre in England and quite a few volunteers and staff in Salt Lake City. We were given a conducted tour of the current operations in Salt Lake City in September 1994 through my sister-in-law who was a local coordinator for the project in 1988 and later. So far they have published fiche listings for 36 of the 57 counties in England and Wales and 12 of the 34 counties in Scotland. However they have been leaving the bigger counties until last and they expect it will be late 1996 before all the counties are

finished and 1997 before the national index is published. We went looking for the Northampton index in the drawers at the FHL and didn't find it but the staff were quick to provide us with their "reference copy".

The census for each county is tabulated in four indexes:

1. Surname Index - an alphabetical list by surname and given name of every person recorded in the county
2. Census Place Index - surnames and given names listed for each town and village covered by the census.
3. Birthplace index - surnames and given names listed by the reported place of birth.
4. As Enumerated - a line-by-line printout of the information collected in the original 1881 census.

Institutions, ships and vessels make up supplementary lists

Comment: this last index would seem to override the need to refer to the original microfilms of the census but I found that one of our relatives had his occupation changed during the transcription from "carpenter and joiner" to "scholar" but from the folio and page number that was easy to check.

When the indexes are complete for the 91 counties a national tabulation will be prepared by surname and by place of birth.

As of September 1994, the following "counties" have been published:

England:

BDF Bedford
CAM Cambridgeshire
CON Cornwall
DEV Devon
DOR Dorset
GLS Gloucestershire
HEF Herefordshire
HRT Hertfordshire
HUN Huntingdonshire

IOM Isle of Man
LEI Leicestershire
NTH Northamptonshire
OXF Oxfordshire
RUT Rutland
SAL Shropshire
SFK Suffolk
SOM Somerset
WAR Warwickshire
WIL Wiltshire
WOR Worcestershire

Wales:

AGY Anglesey
BRE Brecknockshire
CAE Caernarvon
CGN Cardiganshire
CMN Carmarthenshire
DEN Denbighshire
FLN Flintshire
GLA Glamorgan
MER Merioneth
MGY Montgomeryshire
MON Monmouthshire
PEM Pembroke
RAD Radnorshire

Other:

Guernsey
Jersey
Royal Navy

Scotland:

ABD Aberdeen
BAN Banff
BEW Berwick
CLK Clackmannan
DFS Dumfries
KCD Kincardine
KKD Kircudbright
KRS Kinross
MOR Moray
OKI Orkney Isles
PEE Peebles
WIG Wigtown

Umbilical Lines and the mtDNA Project

Contributed by Thomas H. Roderick, Ph.D.*

The umbilical line refers to a single, very specific, matrilineal line - that is, the mother's mother's mother's mother's, ad infinitum. In an ancestral table, it comprises individuals numbers 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 255, 511, etc. It is analogous to the sequentially parental line that follows a specific surname over generations. Although genealogists have long been obsessed with patrilineal-surname research, increasing attention has been given to umbilical lines since the early 1970s.

Each human inherits equal portions of nuclear DNA (deoxyribose nucleic acid, the "building blocks" of life) from his or her mother and father. But there are exceptions. One is the tiny but very important mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), which lies outside the nucleus and is usually transmitted only through the umbilical line. Both males and females inherit it, but only females pass it on. This fraction, vitally important to life, is now the subject of considerable genetic research.

While all humans ultimately derive their mtDNA from the most recently known common umbilical ancestress - dubbed *Eve* in the popular press - slight changes have occurred through time. Thus, most modern individuals have slightly different mtDNA. Distinctions can be precisely described using today's technology, through analysis of the mtDNA's molecular structure. One aspect of interest to geneticists - one that has been precisely understood or measured - is the relative change (mutation rate) mtDNA over generations. Present knowledge suggests a mutation rate low enough that any person should have the same mtDNA as a relative with the same umbilical ancestor as far as fifteen to twenty generations removed.

Genealogists have much to offer in mtDNA research. Long and well-documented umbilical lines, coupled with small blood samples from living individuals with connected lines, can begin to provide information on mutation rates or the rate of change of mtDNA over generations and over time.

Another understandable and fascinating aspect is that, through time, specific changes have developed

in specific wedges of Eve's tree of descendants - that is, racial and ethnic groups. Thus, the mtDNA of racial groups is different, and much information is now being accumulated to describe these ethnic differences. So, for the genealogist, an analysis of the mtDNA of anyone living would reveal the racial and perhaps ethnic background of his or her umbilical line, information well before the time of printed records. A particularly interesting example is that of woman from Yorkshire who has mtDNA similar to that in some Middle East countries. A significant genealogical and population-genetic question would be "How prevalent is this type of mtDNA in Yorkshire or elsewhere in England, and what does it imply about early migrations and admixture?"

A project is underway to help the geneticist with mutation and ethnic studies and to help the genealogist verify umbilical-line research and determine ethnic origins of umbilical ancestors. Well-documented umbilical lines, eight or more generations in length, will be the most useful; but those of lesser length may also be valuable, depending on the nature of other submissions.

Contributors will be asked to have a small portion of blood taken professionally for analysis, if the line can be shown to connect with another contributed line or if it presents an ethnic origin of interest. DNA analysis will, through the study of similarities, show with high probability whether the ancestral research is genetically valid and will, through the study of differences, provide data on mutation rates. Ethnic origins can be determined in most cases; this is valuable to both the geneticist and the genealogist. Participants will be kept fully apprised of the study as it progresses.

This program began in 1992. Thus far, nearly three hundred pedigrees have been submitted. Most are of New England origin, but a significant portion treats French Canadian background. As of this writing, one solid connection in Massachusetts in the 1600s has been made between two umbilical lines, and blood samples have been drawn for analysis. Another connection linking two people to an umbilical ancestor in early Québec is under study. Also, several umbilical lines have been established to Priscilla (Mullins) Alden of the

Mayflower, and efforts are being made to obtain blood samples.

Individuals interested in assisting with this project should submit their documented umbilical lines to the following address:

mtDNA Project
Centre for Human Genetics
Municipal Building, Post Office Box 770
Bar Harbour, ME 04609-0770

* Adapted from presentations by Dr. Roderick at the 1992 NGS Conference in the States at Jacksonville, Florida, and the 1993 convocation of the American Society of Genealogists at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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Second law of sociogenetics -

The law of heredity is that all undesirable traits come from the other parent.

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You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was!

- old Irish proverb

CD-ROMs and Genealogy

by John McCaslin AGS #2864

What is a CD-ROM you might ask? Although the technology is not new in relationship to speed at which computer technology is developing, up to a short time ago the cost of CD-ROM drive units was so great that few were part of the average computer system. A CD-ROM disc is essentially the same as the CD audio discs in HiFi use today. The difference is in the information carried on the disc.

A CD or CD-ROM is a multi-layer plastic disc about 5 inches in diameter. An inner aluminum layer has pits burned into it. The information is carried by the arrangement of these pits. The aluminum layer is protected by a clear plastic layer. Minor scratches or marks on the plastic layer have no effect on the readability of the inner metal layer.

Unlike a record, tape or floppy diskette there is no mechanical contact to the disc by the reading head, so there is no wear on it after hundreds or thousands of playings. Instead the information is read by means of a beam of laser light.

Since the information is stored in a digital format there is no degradation while it is being recorded onto the disc. This makes it perfect for the storage of computer information. When computer information is put on the disk we call it a CD-ROM instead of just a CD. The computer information stored can be of many types. It could be a computer program, such as one of the many genealogical data base programs; it could be information (or Data) such as the names from a census record; it could be pictures such as those of your ancestors, it could be audio such as the voice of your relatives. Truly the CD-ROM is almost the perfect storage medium.

Old photographs fade and disappear, paper deteriorates and crumbles, tape recordings fade into the background hiss; records warp and break; but CD-ROMs go on forever (well almost forever), with only minimum care. But not only that, the information they carry can be easily fed into your computer to provide easy access and the ability to reorganize it into many helpful forms.

As if that was not enough, the CD-ROM has still more things going for it. The main one being the huge amount of information that can be carried on just one disc. 5,000 full-colour high quality photographic images, or 250,000 typed pages, or 74 minutes of quality audio, or a mixture of these. For you computer people, 1 CD-ROM will hold as much information as 1,900 floppy disks, or about 7 100meg hard disk drives! That is .7 gigabytes per disc.

CD-ROMS are cheap to produce as well. In large enough quantities it comes out to about 30 cents per disc (unfortunately the first one is about \$200.00). They are cheaper to produce than microfiche holding the same amount of information - cheaper to produce than records or tapes holding far less information (no reason for you to have to pay more for a music CD at the store because they cost a LOT less to produce) - cheaper than any other means of mass storage.

How about the equipment needed to use these discs? That has been changing the last few months. Bottom end equipment is running just under \$300.00 and dropping fast. Top end equipment is just over the \$1,000 range, and also dropping fast. An average, good unit will run about \$500.00. Of course you need to have a computer for it to work with. In many areas CD-ROM drives are being included as part of every computer unit sold. I expect that will start to happen in this area soon.

How will all this affect me as a genealogist? Now you will be able to do at home what you once had to go to a Family History Centre, or Archives, to do. You can now get the census records of many of the states in USA, and some of other countries. So instead of working many hours cranking through microfilms, or searching microfiche records, you can plop the discs in your computer and let it do the search for you in just the matter of minutes, and all in your own home.

Need the telephone number of anyone anywhere in the world? Just drop the disc containing this information into your machine and out pops the phone number and address. Wonder how many people have the same surname you have. Use the same disc and you will have a listing of all of them in the world as long as they have a telephone.

Would you like to be able to use a copy of one of the standard genealogy reference books, or look through a family history? Many are now being made available on CD-ROM. Available at your finger tips in your own home.

The list of commercially available CD-ROMS relating to genealogy is growing by leaps and bounds every day. Even your information can be added to linked genealogical data discs being distributed.

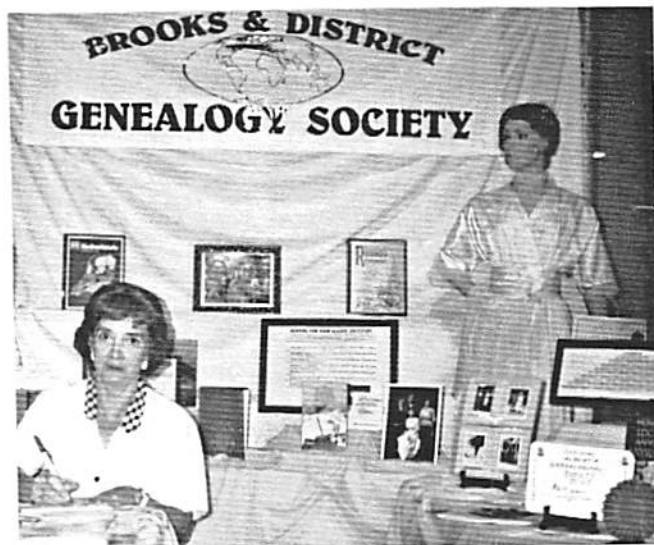
Your research could help others in the future. Unfortunately the price of these discs has in the past been quite high, but a recent breakthrough by one company has brought them tumbling. Many are now available for about the \$30.00 mark. As more people buy the prices should go even lower. Remember the main cost is in producing the first few discs, after that they can punch them out for less than \$1.00 extra. So if enough of us jump onto the bandwagon expect the prices to continue dropping.

Perhaps sometime in the near future, the LDS IGI and Ancestral File discs will be made available to the general public at a price we can all afford. In the meantime they will have to be used in the Family History Centres on their computers.

How could we have ever done anything worth while in genealogical recording and research if paper had never been invented. Now we have a substitute for paper, one that is so far superior that I could not estimate it, and this substitute will become so important we will wonder how we ever did without it.

When we link computers, modems, and CD-ROMS, along with genealogy Bulletin Board Systems, we can often do more in hours than we could in a lifetime before. So if you are serious about genealogy then you are going to have to become serious about computers. Not crippled computers, but those with modems, and CD-ROM drives built in.

BRANCH BITS...bits of information from the branches to you.



Brooks & District Branch's display booth at the Fall Fair generated some interest from new residents of the area and won them a red ribbon in the community booth section.

BROOKS & DISTRICT BRANCH

Fall activities find our branch busy again as we have cemetery recording, done during the spring and summer, ready to go on computer. Plans are underway to start putting our library materials on computer also.

We are mailing out minutes of meetings to members who are unable to attend in an effort to keep them up to date with activities. A booklet of members' interests and research areas will be put together this year in hopes that this will help us recognise those elusive ancestors others are searching for.

Our raffle of a reproduction porcelain doll was a success and adds to the coffers. We will resume our card parties again as a social and fund raising event. Prizes are lottery tickets but no one has hit the big one yet.

Expanded material in the LDS Family History Centre in Ontario has attracted some more researchers. Carol Anderson had been helping members who are looking in this area.

Our program for October was an interesting speaker from the Medicine Hat Health Unit on diseases inherited from generation to generation. In November we will hear about organizing a family reunion from a member who survived one. Also we have asked our esteemed provincial secretary to tell us about her trip to Scotland.

Carol Anderson has contacted the Oyen Genealogy Club and we are awaiting a reply.

Plans for the Christmas pot-luck supper are already being discussed. The food is always excellent, the entertainment questionable - but fun - so we urge any members far and wide to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Tarney

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH

Drayton Valley Branch held a genealogy course September 24. Thanks to Pat Pettit, Barb Roth and Pat Woodward for the interesting day and Diane Hunter for her excellent input. We have discussed a group trip to the Family History Center in Rocky Mountain House.

Thanks to the advance from A.G.S. we have purchased some books to add to our small library. We are presently looking for a permanent home for our holdings.

Our numbers are growing and some of our new members have made some very exciting progress in their searches. A majority of our members are researching in Eastern Europe and the United States.

The D.V. Historical Society has published a book "To Trails End", which is a history of D.V. before the 1954 oil boom. Copies are available from Colleen Anderson at \$20.00 a copy.

GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH:

Announcing a New Program:

The Grande Prairie & District Branch has begun a new program in cooperation with the Grande Prairie Public Library. We have set up a program called "Genies" at the library in which volunteers from the Branch are on duty for certain hours during the week to help anyone in researching their family tree. The program got underway on October 14th and is going every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The "Genies" will answer researchers' questions and suggest sources of information. They will also make people aware of the many resources available in the city.

Resources in Grande Prairie

Resources available at the Grande Prairie Public Library include the Grande Prairie & District Branch's collection of reference books and periodicals, the Grande Prairie Herald-Tribune on Microfilm, a Daily Herald-Tribune newspaper index from 1913-1964 and 1989-1993, the 1891 Canadian Census, and the Grande Prairie & District Branch obituary file from 1978-1991 on microfilm.

Many resources are also available at the Family History Centre of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Family History Centre is open Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.; and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

November Meeting:

Joanne Stiles, of Books Abound in Grande Prairie, will be speaking on "History of Settlement in the Western Provinces" at the November 15th meeting. Meetings are held at the Grande Prairie Public Library starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Laura Turnbull

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Upcoming Dates

Regular meetings of the Edmonton Branch are held on the 4th Thursday of each month (excluding July, August and December) at the Lions Senior Citizens Centre, Small Auditorium, 11113 - 113th Street, Edmonton. Time - 7:00 p.m. (for 7:30) until about 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, 26 January 1995 - Regular Meeting

- Darlene Willisko of *PHOTOGRA-FIX*, will speak on repairing and restoring treasured photographs.

Thursday, 23 February 1995 - Annual Meeting

- Pedigree and Picture Night... bring and brag!

Thursday, 23 March 1995 - Regular Meeting

- General workshop - details to be discussed at the February meeting

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November 1994

Edmonton Branch is undertaking a couple of sharing initiatives which should meet with the approval of many of our members. We have long been aware of the valuable resource we have in the Mormon Family History Centre and the use that our members make of it. We also know that FHC people, all volunteers, are always willing to assist us in our programs. As a way of showing appreciation we have offered to purchase 200 of the remaining microfilms of the Ontario Vital Statistics. The Centre was subsidizing the cost of each film ordered so that it could stay in the Edmonton library, however, after reaching about the half-way point, they ran out of money. By purchasing these films, we can say thank-you to the library and its staff and provide at the same time, a valuable resource for our Ontario researchers.

A second sharing is being done with the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Again, we have long had a very close relationship with the archives. For years our members manned a genealogy table and volunteers made it possible for researchers to work on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. It was our members, under the direction of Rheanne Smith, who undertook the extensive indexing of the early Vital Statistics records, a project which ultimately led to the formation of the Documentary Heritage Society.

Continuing our liason with the archives, the branch will co-sponsor a day-long genealogical seminar to close Archives Week, December 5th to 10th. The program and speakers for this seminar are advertised in this issue.

We have also chosen to undertake another indexing project - the 1901 census for Alberta - and to this end we have purchased a microfilm reader for the library. The completed index will be a great resource and the reader will be a valuable addition to the library. Of course, we need people to assist with the project which should be ready to begin in the new year. Can you give us a few hours every week or two?

We are again planning a week in Salt Lake City next fall. If you were not able to sign the

initial list and think you might like to go with us, please call me.

Our library space problems are still with us but Tom Trace is following up every lead.

During the next three months a nominating committee will be seeking out people to serve on the executive. There is no doubt that this commitment will take some of your time. It will also get you involved in your organization and its members. Our Branch has great people working for you. Why not offer to take some time to meet and work with them?

Although it seems terribly early (the stores obviously don't think so) this is my only chance to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Arlene

LIBRARY NEWS

by Norma Wolowyk

The Edmonton Branch, AGS Library is located at 916 McLeod Building, 10136-100 Street, Edmonton, AB. Phone 424-4429.

Library Hours:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Please be in the building before 7:15 p.m.)

Note: the library will close for Christmas starting 9 December and will re-open 3 January 1995.

SOME RECENT ACQUISITIONS:

MICROFICHE

As a member of the Federation of Family History Societies we have received a copy of the first *British Isles Genealogical Register* (the **BIG R**) to be produced. The database is on microfiche and includes surnames being researched within the British Isles by more than 17,000 family historians worldwide. The Register is in two parts, the first two fiche listing addresses and the remaining fiche make up the interests index.

BOOKS

- A guide to ancestral research in London.
- A guide to Ontario land registry records.

- South Edmonton saga.
- History of Beaumont and district.
- Lamoureux: the Church 1877-1967: the Pioneers 1872-1967.
- Mini dictionary for research in foreign genealogical records, volume 1.
- An index of birth, marriage and death notices from Manitoba newspapers 1882-1884, volume 2.

STAMPS FOR SALE

Postage from the following countries available at the library:

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INDEX SEARCHES

The following indexes are held at the library and can be searched for genealogical information:

- BIRTH MARRIAGE AND DEATH REGISTRATIONS FOR ALBERTA, 1898-1905.

- NOTICES FROM THE EDMONTON JOURNAL 1972-1981.

- THE C.D. DENNEY PAPERS (Selkirk settlers, fur-trading and metis genealogies)

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"Blood is thicker than water, but every family has its drips"

We Remember Alf

by his friends



1921 - 1994

Alfred Henry Jones (better known as 'Alf') was born in Cheshire, England on 08 October 1921. He served in the Cheshire Constabulary, then Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, serving in the Far East during World War II and then returned to being a 'bobby' in Cheshire, retiring after thirty years service. He, his wife R. Muriel and daughter Lorna immigrated to Canada, and Edmonton, in 1971.

Alf and Muriel came into our lives in about 1983, when they joined Edmonton Branch, A.G.S. In typical form, they began shouldering responsibilities in the Society, Muriel accepting the position of Branch Secretary, and Alf becoming Vice-President, and then a two year stint as Branch President (88-89, 89-90).

We remember Alf: his honesty, his forthrightness, his reliability--always the gentleman. We remember him for his few short years of active association with Edmonton Branch--it was during his tenure as President that the Branch grew up and started acquiring long needed equipment--the overhead projector and the public address system which made our meetings so much more enjoyable, and the office computer. We also remember him for his sense of humour--he appreciated a joke on himself as much or more than if it had been on someone else. We enjoyed his abilities as a story

teller--his experiences as a 'bobby', as a sailor, and as a proud new Canadian. We listened to his trials and tribulations as he looked for his grandfather (genealogically, that is)--we rejoiced with him when he finally found the necessary records, but were disappointed when there were no more monthly bulletins. We sympathized with him when Muriel's new computer 'talked back' to him. (We understood--many of us had been in similar circumstances.) We listened, intrigued as he told stories of his and Muriel's vacation on the canal boat in England, looking for the genealogy of Muriel's family.

On Christmas eve 1990 Alf suffered a severe stroke, and spent the next three months in hospital. During those months members of the Branch came forward to offer their services in a car-pool, ferrying Muriel to the hospital to be with Alf, and dropping in for a visit with Alf.

Those of us who became more closely acquainted came to realize Alf's love of music, a love that was to sustain him throughout his years of illness.

Over the next nearly four years Alf attended our meetings whenever he was able, enjoying the speakers, visiting with the Branch members, and the donut shop sessions after our meetings. His health deteriorated--after a two week hospitalization, he suffered another stroke and slipped away on 03 October, 1994.

We remember our friend Alf.

COLIN R. CHAPMAN

by Catherine Low, AGS #741

Once again our Federation of Family History Societies Liason, Sue Philips, organized an excellent seminar for members interested in British Research. The renowned Dr. Colin R. Chapman from Gloucestershire, England paid our library a visit on October 18th when he gave two sessions on British Research.

The afternoon session, which I wasn't able to attend, dealt with *"The Growth of British Education and It's Records"*, as well as *The Census*, with an emphasis on Irish records. The evening

session dealt with *"Organizing Your Records"* while the second evening topic was about *"Manorial Records - from Saxon times to the 1920's"*.

Both sessions were very well attended and extremely interesting. Dr. Chapman is an experienced and very entertaining speaker, and it was a wonderful opportunity for Edmonton members to hear such an influential and knowledgeable Genealogist and Family Historian. It's rare for us to hear directly from the "sources" so to speak, from someone who, not only developed the County Codes we all take for granted when filling out our Indexes, but someone who has years of experience with the variety and scope of English and British records - "at source" and so is able to provide such entertaining and insightful anecdotes to go along with the presentation of such useful facts. (And - I might add - it's a lot cheaper and easier than traipsing across the water to hear such a presentation - which some of us have been known to do!) The latest books on the useful topics derived from his talks, were available for sale after the sessions.

All of us British Research enthusiasts once again owe Sue and her small group of willing chauffeurs etc., a big THANK YOU for your efforts in organizing another great presentation, with all the little extras that such an effort involves.

We appreciate it!

SCOTTISH RESEARCH GROUP

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM at the Lions Senior Citizens' Recreational Centre, 11113-113 Street, Edmonton.

The guest speaker is Anne Burns-Richardson speaking on Scottish Border Families. For more information contact Iain Forrest at 451-1561 or Helen McArthur at 482-6688

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Dr. Barnardo Home for British Boys

Russell, Manitoba

by Clarence Madill, AGS #1684

In this issue is a listing [not included, but available at Edmonton Branch AGS library] of all staff and the boys from Great Britain who were in residence at the "Home" at Russell, Manitoba as shown in the 1901 Census.

Being that Russell was my home town, I was born and raised on the family farm there, the Barnardo Home was of real interest to me in more ways than one. Although the Home was no longer in operation in my time, I was pretty well informed of it's existence in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Whenever my uncle (by marriage), Gilbert Bishop, came from Vancouver to visit at the farm, we had to drive him, by horse and buggy, to see the old Barnardo Home. I never asked why at the time. Neither did I question the old bugle that he used to bring and play at times along with an accordion.

It was after we became involved in genealogy that we wondered if Uncle Gilbert might have been a Barnardo Boy. We asked his family but they did not know. It was while searching through micro-films of the *Russell Banner* for family material that we found many items dealing with the Barnardo Home, during it's operation and also the closing out in 1906 and subsequent sale of equipment and property in 1907.

One of the most interesting news items went like this: "On a clear day the people of Russell were able to set their clocks by the bugle call from the Home."

You guessed it..."Bugle Call - Uncle Gilbert" was enough to start the wheels turning and to write to Barnardo in England. The answer came back complete. Gilbert Bishop had lost his parents as a boy and walked into Barnardo on his own where he was accepted and in a month was sent to the Home at Russell. Along with the family information they sent the fact that he had played in a band in England.

The Harry Pettitt family at Russell were very close friends of our family. The youngest boy, Arthur, was a chum of mine. Harry Pettitt, also, was a

Barnardo Boy. Mrs. Pettitt worked at the Home too - you can see her name, Agnes Petit, in the list of staff members. One of our most enthusiastic Edmonton Branch members is Pat Pettitt, whose husband is Ron Pettitt, grandson of Harry and Agnes Pettitt and son of my chum Arthur.

The Warrington family shown at the end of the list were also very close friends of our family. Mr. Warrington had been the gardener at the Home.

Another point of interest to us is that my great uncle, John Madill, a carpenter, had worked on the construction of the Home.

This is truly another case of "Why didn't my father tell me when he was alive" or was it a case of "He did, but I guess I never listened".

WARNING TO THE SEX

The law against obtaining husbands under false pretenses, passed by the British Parliament in 1700 enacts:

"That all women, of whatever rank, profession or degree, who shall, after this act, impose upon, seduce, and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects, by virtue of scents, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, iron stays, bolstered hoops, or high-heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors; and the marriage under such circumstances, upon conviction of the offending parties, shall be null and void."

*Perth County Herald, Stratford,
Ontario, Canada*

A GENEALOGICAL GEM IN ASHCROFT B.C.

by Jim Farnel, AGS #2953

Although my wife has always been very supportive of my involvement in genealogy, she has never been very interested in her own family history. She knew her father was part of a fairly large family and that he grew up in Ashcroft B.C. but other than knowing the names of some of the other family members, she knew very little of this side of her family.

I learned from my mother in law that the Village of Ashcroft has its own museum so I decided to write to them to see if they had any tidbits on the Cargyle family. As it turned out, tidbits did not describe the wealth of information they had for us. The Ashcroft museum is run by a delightful woman by the name of Helen Forster and Helen and her predecessors have done a tremendous job of recording and displaying the very colourful past of the village and its people.

Helen was able to put together a collection on the Cargyle family that provided details back to Cindy's great-great grandfather.

She had copies of most of the marriage and obituaries for the family that had taken place over the years as well as write ups on the early Cargyle men who had been major players in the business community in the gold rush days of the Caribou. She even provided us with a copy of an 8" X 10" photo of Cindy's great grandfather, a face we had never seen.

The information she provided us not only filled in the blanks on the pedigree chart but provided a written history of who these people were and what occurred during their life.

We will always be grateful for the information and the Village of Ashcroft BC should be very proud of what they have done to preserve the heritage of the village and its people.

The following article is an example of the type of Family history we were provided with. The article is called "Cowboying Forty Three Years Ago", and it was written in 1934 by H.S. Brown for publication

in the Ashcroft paper. It discusses Cindy's great and great-great-grandfathers in 1891.

"The late William Cargile had a trading post on Cargile Creek, six miles from the mouth of the Chillicoten River now called the summer range. In his post Cargile always kept \$ 200.00 in silver. The Indians would come, Anahems & Stones. They would camp about a week, sell their furs and gamble amongst themselves with Cargile's \$ 200.00 in silver for they liked the shine of the metal. But in a week Cargile would have all the silver back and the Indians would depart for the Slough and Beaver dams in the mountains.

Later a Mr. Thomas Hance started a post at Hanceville, a Mr. Franklin at Tatla Lake, and the fur bearing animals were getting scarce. Cargile moved to Dog Creek and there opened a saloon and business. As there were two such places running there, Cargile again moved down and started at Hat Creek trading in cattle. The cowboys were his son Henry Cargile, Thomas Boyle, Dick Means and the writer.

Mr Cargile sent me ahead from Empire Valley. We were to drive the cattle by way of the Lillooet to cross the bridge there. I was to buy and have the stock ready to put with the herd as they came along, so I saw no more of them until I reached Lillooet. Then I helped them over the Bridge River as the bridge there was very narrow and a very short wing. We also had to get some Indians to help and we had a great deal of trouble getting them over. One cow was pushed into the river, floated down like a cork and we saw it no more. We had to herd them every night or they would have trailed back.

After crossing the Lillooet we camped. Henry Cargile and I were on from midnight to morning and a peculiar thing happened as we road down to take our shift. We had a quart bottle of rye whiskey we had got from John Miller for fifty cents.

About one o'clock it began to rain. I had noticed a shack just at the top of the next hill the day before and we decided to go there for shelter. We tied our cayuses to the corner of the shack but could not find a door. However we pulled off a few boards from the gable end and crawled in. We soon fell asleep as there was a mound for a pillow. Henry woke me

when it was broad daylight and we got up we found we had been sleeping on a graveyard.

We crawled out and put back the boards to make sure the ghost would not haunt us.

We drove cattle to the Hat Creek and camped where the Finny Ranch was at that time at the mouth of the Marble Canyon. There was a cattle corral there so we branded the 250 head of stock and turned them out on the Hat Creek range where the bunch grass was two feet high.

Henry Cargile lives in Ashcroft today; Dick Means lives in Lillooet at 92 years of age; Thomas Boyle is dead and the writer lives on the Upper Hat Creek. William Cargile died some years ago. Mr Cargile loved to hear "The Cowboys Lament" and every evening we had to sing the song to him: "Beat your drums slowly and play your pipes lowly and play the dead march as you carry me along".

A SENTIMENTAL RENOVATION PROJECT

by Lillian Wight, AGS #2668

My mother's bedroom box sat in the north room of our old brick farmhouse for years, a room most often used by the current farm-hand. On occasions when I was sent to retrieve a woollen blanket or times when I wished to satisfy my curiosity, I went to the box only to be greeted by the pungent odour of large, white mothballs hidden among the contents to deter moths from inhabiting the same. Mother stored blankets and other woollens in the box, always making sure they were freshly laundered and air-dried on the wire clothesline strung between the house and the old woodshed.

I never thought much of the appearance of the box. It was covered in a creamy-coloured floral-patterned ribbed cotton of deep pink roses with dark green leaves. A wick-like strap held the lid from falling back, and black cotton strapping acted as a lift. Two antique brass handles on either end enabled the homemaker to move the box from one location to another easily. I moved to Alberta as a bride,

and Mother gave me the box in which to pack wedding presents and other belongings. At that time in my life I considered the box only in a utilitarian fashion, never giving any thought to its origin or further use as Dad had already given me a lovely walnut waterfall-patterned cedar chest one Christmas.

Ultimately the bedroom box was stored in the crawl space of our new home, only to gather dust from 23 years of storage. Whether it was for want of tidying the crawl space, or the fact that I had become extremely interested in genealogy, in particular researching my family's history, I decided to take on the task of re-upholstering the box to be included as part of the current decor. My husband and son carried the box to the spare room where I proceeded to strip the covering. What an interesting discovery!

Under the floral covering which was fastened with hundreds of tiny carpet tacks, bundles of newspapers and old magazines had been used for padding. I found issues of *The Onward*, dated July, 1926; *The Christian Guardian*, Easter Number, April 1, 1925 addressed to Mrs. S. Venton, 94 Agnes St., Oshawa, Ontario. (I knew this lady as the wife of the local policeman who resided in Bowmanville, Ontario, my home town, when I was a child). In addition there were copies of the *Oshawa Daily Reformer* and the *Globe*, February, 1927, and also *The Farmers' Advocate* addressed to Norman Down, my mother's brother, of R.R.#4, Oshawa, dated November, 1925.

The lid was padded with black horsehair, held in place by a sheet of burlap to prevent the horsehair from sticking through. The lining was rose-coloured cotton, under which were layers of heavy brown paper and thin, parchment-like brown wrapping paper.

The box itself was made of wooden boards nailed together in rough fashion to crate bedding. It was stamped *Dominion Textile Co. Limited*, and bore an interesting logo, an illustration of a lady handsewing, printed in black ink, advertising PRUE cottons. The box containing bedding had been sent to J.C.Ward, Oshawa, Ontario, by the *T.Eaton Company of Canada*, originating from Gordon Mackay, Toronto. The original packing slip was

found under the lining. I'm assuming these were drygoods retail and warehouse operations.

Only then did I realize that my mother had made the box into a hope chest prior to her marriage in June, 1927. I had visions of her and her family taking great pains to upholster the box carefully and neatly, and with as little expense as possible.

Then the challenge began. My husband removed improperly-driven nails and extra tacks, and proceeded to reinforce the box and the lid with additional nails, screws and glue.

I scouted the fabric shops and found similar cream-coloured floral polyester cotton with pale rose, blue and beige flowers and green leaves. I purchased 4 yards of the cotton for lining and the back, and 4 yards of quilted material of the same pattern for the exterior and lid. Two sheets of 1-inch foam were used to pad the lid. As I had given my sewing machine to my granddaughter, I enlisted my husband's help to wield a heavy-duty stapler to fasten all the fabric while I held it securely in place.

We had difficulty in making the lid fit properly because of the warped condition of the wood, and the amount of padding used. A piano hinge was installed and a brass clasp and padlock helped to close the lid successfully. The brass carrying handles were mounted on each end of the box and tiny white casters were added to the bottom.

All in all, it was a labour of love, costly perhaps, but entirely satisfying. I'm sure the original box was covered for less than \$25. We invested more than \$100 in restoring it to its original beauty. It is again a pretty and practical piece of furniture, used to store bedding and drygoods, enhanced by aromatic pot-pourri instead of mothballs. It should have a lifespan of another 65 or 70 years, and, I hope, will be kept in the family together with this little story of its history.

P.S. My mother was Beatrice Osborne (nee Down). She married Orville Knight Osborne and they lived in Bowmanville vicinity for almost 50 years.

DUCK SHOOTING

contributed by Noel Nicolson AGS #2829
(written by her grandmother, Anne Black, concerning her husband's family)

Tom Riley, lazily stooking his oats, suddenly stopped and stared. Over in his neighbour's field an elderly man was walking to his son's house. He was carrying a gun and a couple of ducks.

Joy suffused Tom's face. "There goes my enemy," he muttered. "This time I will catch him out. The season is not open yet and if I report him I will get ten dollars for each duck."

Not knowing of Tom's glee, John Black, who had come yesterday from Saskatchewan, entered the house and laid the birds on the paper put down for them. His daughter-in-law was upset. She had realised too late to warn him that duck shooting was not yet legal. She gently told him so.

"But I shot ducks for Janet two days ago," said the hunter.

"You were in Saskatchewan; here in Manitoba we have still two days to go."

The old man was worried. "And I could be reported. That Tom Riley would be the fellow to do it; I saw him as I came in."

His son John agreed with him about Riley. They could do nothing except await development. It came in the evening. As they sat round the pot-bellied heater, there was a sharp tap at the door and a man slipped into the room. As a friend he had come to warn them that Tom had gone to Sam Martin the local J.P. and taken out a summons against John Black, Senior. "I don't know what you can do about it, but I thought I would let you know." Quietly the man slipped away again. The elderly man was crestfallen. His son remarked, "We are not dead yet." He proceeded to outline a plan of action.

Next morning long before sun-up, the two Johns drove out of the yard to Mackaroff, five miles away, to see an old friend who was a lawyer and a J.P. The lawyer knew all about the feud between Tom

Riley and the Blacks. He laughed heartily when John, the son, reported that John, the father, had shot two ducks on his farm, out of season and without his knowledge or consent. He the son claimed the reward. The lawyer fell in with the scheme and made out a paper that showed John Black Senior had confessed his guilt and had paid the required fine. The reporter was John Black, Junior.

"I doubt this is entirely legal," he said, "but I am sure that Martin does not know enough of the law to argue the matter."

While the Blacks were away, a man had called at the house, but could not deliver his paper. He came again at noon and delivered it into the hands of John Black, Senior, and departed in a hurry. It was a summons to appear before Sam Martin, J.P. that evening at seven o'clock in the Silverwood schoolroom.

In early evening men from the farms made their way across the fields, hoping for a little fun. Tom Riley had promised them some beer at the expense of the Blacks. None of them had malice against the victims. It would just be good entertainment.

The room was full. Martin sat behind his desk. A hush fell as exactly on seven o'clock the Blacks walked in and up to the seats set for them. Everybody came to order. Martin proceeded to tell the elderly man of the accusation against him.

The grey bearded John Black stood up. "You need go no further," he said. "I was guilty, but the fine has been paid." He handed the paper to Martin. The J.P. read it with a frown, then looking up he told a quiet room, "It appears that this fine has been paid at Mackaroff. In this case, there is nothing more to be done. I declare the matter closed." He sat down in a sulky temper.

The farmers realized what had happened and burst into laughter and none enjoyed the joke more than Tom Riley. He still promised the men their beer and declared those Blacks were hard to catch.

The only disgruntled person was Sam Martin who felt he had been made an object of ridicule. He was invited to the beer party, but refused to go along.

A few of the remedies of the early 1800's, found copied into my grandmother's cookbook scribbler.

RESTORATIVE

Bake 2 calves' feet in 2 pints water, and the same quantity of new milk; place in a well-covered jar for 3½ hours. When cold, remove the fat. Give a large teacupful the first and last thing. Flavour with lemon-peel, mace or cinnamon. Add sugar after.

'PAP' - INFLUENZA REMEDY

To settle the stomach during influenza - take approximately 2 cups of flour and tie in a cloth. Drop in a pot of hot water and boil for 4 hours. Remove the hard ball and cut outside paste until you reach the dry flour. Grate it into powder and cook it with milk. Administer to patient to eat.

Cover Story:

JOURNALS ARE WONDERFUL THINGS!

Excerpts from Journals of My Grandparents:

Ethel Palmer TAYLOR & John Bartley MARCH

by Joy B. Doyle, AGS#3066

Ethel Palmer TAYLOR was born 26 June 1878 in Hortonville, King's County, Nova Scotia, daughter of John Stirling TAYLOR and Mary Annette (nee DENNISON). She was twice married: first to William TAYLOR (a distant cousin) and produced two boys from that union - the eldest having died from diphtheria at age 3; second, to Dr. John Bartley MARCH, my grandfather. She was his private nurse. (My mother was the third of five children that came from this union.)

Commenting on her own age, Ethel said she enjoyed life in her nineties, ...*"for I love my God, my family, people and the beauties of nature; and God*

has given me a lot for which to be thankful." Ethel was quite an artist, given the sketches of roses and birds in her notebooks. She also had a sense of humour - she liked this poem and copied it into her notebook (the author wasn't listed):

I'M FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me,
I'm just as healthy as can be
I have arthritis in both my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I am awfully well for the shape I'm in.
I have arch supports for both my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.
Sleepless, I have been night after night,
And in the morning I'm just a sight.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
I think my liver is out of whack,
And a terrible pain is in my back.
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,
Most everything seems to be out of trim.
The doctor says my days are few,
For every day he finds something new
And the way I stagger sure is a crime
I'm likely to drop most anytime.
I jump like mad at the drop of a pin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral is, as this tale unfolds,
That for you and me, who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine", with a grin
"Cos twill surely help the shape you're in!"

John Bartley MARCH was born 6 Oct 1859 in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, son of Baptist Rev. Stephen MARCH and Ann Elizabeth (nee KEATING). He was also twice wed: 1st to Ida L. WHITFORD - 8 children; then to my grandmother, Ethel P. TAYLOR.

The following is excerpted from his personal journal:

*"Letter written to the CLASS 1885 -
50th ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, USA 14 June 1935*

*copy of letter to Alvin N. Collins, M.D.
The Wardell, At Woodward
15 Kerby, Detroit, Michigan, USA
30 April 1935*

Dear Doctor and Classmate:

Your very kind letter of recent date received, calling attention to the fact that this year is the fiftieth since we of the Medical and Surgical Class of 1885 received our 'Sheep Skins' and were sent forth with high hopes and gladness of heart from the walls of our beloved Alma Mater, the University of Michigan, into the World to do battle with the affairs of this human life.

I wager not one of us realized how the weight of that yoke, parchment roll, put into our hands on 25 June 1885 would increase with the years.

I regret dear classmate, my inability to be with you (in this corporal body) at this reunion. Be' assured, however, I shall be with you in mind, wishing you who are assembled a most profitable as well as a delightful social gathering. I feel assured this 1885 Class-reunion of old friends and fellow workers will be an occasion of hearty good cheer, of great interest and much profit. May the God of Heaven bless you all.

Amid all the joy and thanksgiving there cannot but be a feeling of sadness when reminded that twenty-nine only of the eighty who graduated on that memorable 25 June 1885 are now living to answer the roll call on this coming 14th day of June, 1935.

These fifty years have witnessed changes in each and every one of us beyond all previous conception.

Who among us in the year 1885, had a vision of our beloved Alma Mater adorned in the costly apparel in which she stands clothed this June?

As we behold the changes wrought in our individual selves, in our beloved University, so we witness changes over the entire Earth: the stupendous upheaval in politics, religion and society; the rocking to and fro of nations; the destruction of kingdoms.

Behold the wonderful development of electrical energy, resulting in the almost complete annihilation of time and space; the achievements of the inventor,

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his conquest in the heavens above and earth beneath, air and sea.

The advancement in Medical and Surgical Science has made creditable progress thus making it possible for the masters in these branches to accomplish conquests over disease and deformity, while perhaps not spectacular in the public eye, borders on the miraculous and is of as vast import to the human race as any of the achievements of man during this half-century....

...We, the remnant of the Medical and Surgical Class of 1885 now celebrating our Golden Anniversary, reviewing the events of this important period in which we as individuals and as a class find ourselves; we, who now hath almost ended our life's history, should at this time ask ourselves a most important question - Has our relation to past events and to our fellow man been satisfactory? Are we each and every one satisfied with his and her stint? I hear an emphatic NO....

...It was with pride and satisfaction I learned from time to time of the steady material growth and prosperity of the University of Michigan; of the magnificent army of young men and women in training; being graduated into the mysteries of the art and science of medicine and surgery by the worthy teachers of this truly great University. The State, the Union and the World are under tribute to the various branches of education taught in the University of the State of Michigan.

May success and prosperity attend her and those whose privilege it is to receive instruction within her walls.

Pardon me, I almost overlooked your request, that I send some personal history covering the years since graduation to be read by you to those of our class present.

Could the small number now living gather with me around a table in my unpretentious home, on the farm (115 acres), in central Nova Scotia, surrounded by hills, lakes, streams and forest, interspersed with small villages, towns, mining settlements and lumber camps in every direction; having first removed all professional veneer that would prevent the spirit of brotherly and sisterly equality so conducive to that kindly feeling of familiarity which banishes all

restraint I might attempt, in fact might enjoy, relating at least a few of my experiences of that long period. Still how much greater would be my pleasure in hearing from the lips of each and all a like accounting.

I am 75 years, 5 months of age - still going strong. I married twice, eight children by the first union - three died young. By the second union, three girls and two boys, all living.

Two years since, (1933) I met with an accident: skull fractured and my nose crushed - a collision with a bicycle. This by the way did not improve my personal beauty.

My life work has been and still is the general practice of Medicine and Surgery.

It must be observed that Hospital Service was not obtainable during a large proportion of this period. It is not until recent years the general public among whom I labour have been privileged to enter their sick in some nearby local hospital, the patient retaining his own doctor or surgeon who selects his advisor or helpers as in his judgement he considers expedient or necessary.

The territory in which I have spent these fifty years of active Medical and Surgical practice is a strip about twenty-four miles in width across central Nova Scotia from the Atlantic Seaboard on the South to the Shores of the Bay of Fundy on the North - a distance of approximately sixty-four miles.

In this district I had three offices. I have let nothing go by that sought attention at my hand, whether Medical, Surgical or Gynaecological.

The solid foundation laid within the walls of the University of Michigan made it possible with earnest application in the following years to do much and, frequently alone, that which my friends in the profession did not care to attempt.

The following cases may illustrate (which were either attended to in their own homes or in mine): removal of gall stones; appendix operation; trephining skull in order to elevate fractured position causing pressure, with convulsions; operation for complete Atresia Vagina (operation successful: woman married and had children after this operation); amputation of

shoulder joint; an exsection of shoulder joint with excellent results - a very useful arm; removal of growths from the female breast and uterus; corrected deformities; accouchements - thousands - four women lost from this cause with all available help possible. Why prolong the list?

I held the appointment of Crown Coroner for the Counties of Lunenburg and Kings, Province of Nova Scotia, for a period of twenty-seven years (1885-1913), at the end of which period I took up my residence in the County of Queens.

During said period a number of important cases came before me. One murder in the first degree. (One where there was supposed to be strong suspicion of murder, but was dismissed without the slightest shadow of suspicion remaining as to his innocence.) I have been called upon many times to determine cause of death (as well as to decide responsibility in cases of accidental death.)

The offices of Health and Sanitary Inspector were held by me from 1885 up to this present time.

I never sought political office. On one occasion I would have been in the local Council, had I not resigned in favour of a younger man. I had no appetite for that sort of thing.

All classmates assembled at "Old Ann Arbor Town" on this 14th day of June 1935, I wish you hearty cheer and a prosperous and profitable gathering.

*From a royal Nova Scotian class mate,
J.B. MARCH"*

ALBERTA STRAYS

A list of births, marriages and deaths taken from the *Amherstburg Echo*, a local paper which started publishing in 1874 in Essex County, Ontario.

contributed by Linda Bunn, Corresponding Secretary, Essex County Branch OGS

(Date of issue appears in brackets) -

Births:

(1 Dec 1893) At Innisfail, Alberta, N.W.T., on 14 November the wife of Mr. Gordon RENNE (nee Miss Lottie BEEMAN, formerly of Kingsville), of a son.

(5 Mar 1897) At Maple Creek, N.W.T., on Wed, 3 February, the wife of Mr. Ira A. QUICK, of a son.

Marriages:

(4 Jun 1886) At the residence of the Bride's father, on 27 May, by the Rev. John GRAY, of Windsor, William Alpheus JONES, of Fort McCleod, N.W.T., son of the late Alpheus JONES, of Prescott, to Miss Minnie Maude, daughter of Mr. Chas. HUNTER of Walkerville.

(4 Jan 1889) At Kinsville, on 1 January, Mr. Gordon QUICK, of the Northwest, to Miss Carrie NOYSE, of Colchester South; the couple will soon leave for the Northwest.

(25 Sep 1891) At the residence of Mr. John BROWN, of H.M. Customs, Amherstburg, on 21 September, by Rev. W.H. GANE, Mr. William Ernest PORTER, of Medicine Hat, N.W.T., to Miss Mary BROCK, of Amherstburg.

(1 Jul 1892) At the residence of Mr. W.E. PORTER, Medicine Hat, N.W.T. on 21 June, by Rev. Geo. HANNA, Mr. H.A. BAKER, of Canmore, Alberta, to Miss Annie E. BROCK, formerly of Amherstburg.

(6 Jun 1893) At Calgary, N.W.T., on 20 May, by Rev. J.C. HEREMAN, Mr. O.F. MICKLE, of Springbank, Alberta, to Olive, eldest daughter of Mr. George HUBBELL, of Colchester South.

(16 Jun 1899) At Rosedale, on Wednesday, 7th June, by Rev. W.D. McPHAIL, of Tilbury, Chas. E. PALMER, of Comber, to Lois O. SMITH, daughter of Amos SMITH, of Alberta, N.W.T.

Deaths:

- (26 Jun 1891) In Malden, on 22 June, Anthony SELLARS, aged 75 years; one son, Joseph lives in the Northwest. (longer article in original)
- (16 Mar 1894) In Malden, on Sunday, 11th March, Cardine (nee CLARK), relict of the late John B. DELISLE, aged 73 years, 11 months and 24 days; deceased was born in Gosfield North, has brother living in the Northwest; another brother was killed about 2 years ago in the Northwest. (longer article available in original).
- (13 Apr 1894) At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Frances BUTTON, Detroit, on Wednesday morning, 11th April, Mrs. Pauline GRAVELINE, relict of the late Capt. Joseph GRAVELINE, of Malden, aged 83 years, 2 months and 4 days; deceased was Pauline CADARET, born in Lower Canada; daughter, Angeline (Mrs. Hugh McINTYRE), of Calgary, N.W.T. (longer article available in original)
- (3 Jun 1898) At Maple Creek, N.W.T., at the residence of her niece, Mrs. G.W. QUICK, on Monday, 16th May, Selena, widow of the late Rev. Solomon SNIDER, after an illness of two weeks, aged 79 years and 9 months.
- (27 Oct 1899) In Colchester North, on Tuesday morning, 24th October, John THOMAS, aged 40 years, 4 months and 18 days; brother, Albert, lives in the Northwest. (longer article available in original)

FAMILIAR FACES????

Check out these 'mugs'!

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MADELEINE W. COOPER, 11596 Bailey Crescent, Surrey, B.C. V3V 2V3		AGS#3207
SIMMONS (SIMONS), Benjamin Ellsworth	1846	Victoria District, Hastings Co., Ontario
CAMBELL (SIMONS), Harriet Ann	1846	Victoria District, Hastings Co., Ontario
WRIGHT (SIMONS), Miranda	1849	Thurlow twp/Vic. Dist./Hastings Co., On
SIMMONS, Phillip Perry	1868	Dunedin, Simcoe Co., Ontario
SIMMONS, Benjamin Ellsworth	1895	Goodhope, Strathcona Co., Alberta

GWEN MEYER, 8643-80 Street, Edmonton, AB T6C 2S8		AGS#3184
DEVENISH/DEVONISH		Chelmsford, Gr. Waltham, Essex, Eng.
OLIVE, Daniel	1784	Great Waltham, Essex, England
DEVONISH, Jonathan	1774	Great Waltham, Essex, England
LACEY, Charlotte	1771	Great Waltham, Essex, England
CHALK, Rebecca (her parents)	1811	Great Waltham, Essex, England

WENDY ROGERS, 9625-91B Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 0H3		AGS# new member
McLACHLAN, Annie Maye	1874	Erin, Ontario
FERGUSON, Duncan	1860	Erin, Ontario
McLACHLAN, Alexander	1870	Erin, Ontario
HARRIS, Thomas J.	1897	Bostwick, Nebraska, U.S.A.
COLEMAN, Etta Mae	1897	Bostwick, Nebraska, U.S.A.

BEVERLY TUCKER, 10617-91A Street, Grande Prairie, AB T8X 1H7		AGS# new member
GUYON, Harmidas	b. 7 Sept 1894	St. Anne de Stukley, Quebec, Canada
WARD, Charles	b. 22 Dec 1859	Pavenham, Bedfordshire, England
LEWIS, Thomas	b. 22 Feb 1860	Marsden, Cheshire, England
GREAVES, William George		Nottinghamshire, England
TUCKER, Baruch	b. 25 Dec 1812	Bridport, Dorsetshire, England

GORDON BERDAHL, 9311-83 Street, Edmonton, AB T6C 2Z6		AGS#3138
SEMBER (SZEMBER, VAN SZEMBER), Mortin George; Rhoda; Ferdinand; Wilhelmina; Magdelene		
	1974-1800	BC; AB; Waterloo & Grey, ON; Netherlands
KURTWALD, Wilhelmina; Magdelene	1930-1800	Waterloo & Grey Co., ON; Netherlands
BETTSCHEN (BETSCHEN), William Carlyle; Agnes Ellen; Charlotte; Gilgion; Mary; David; Elsbeth; David		

	1980-1720	AB; SAS; Perth & Waterloo, ON; Switzerland
COMYN, Rhoda; William	1966-1820	BC; AB; Kent or Sussex, England
DAHLE, Johonne J; Andrew J.	1900-1850	McIntosh, Dakota Terr.; Norway
BOULDING, Charlotte; Charles	1925-1800	Saskatchewan; Canterbury, England
GROVE, James; Ellen Marie; William; Anne	1955-1800	AB; N. Dakota; PA; Northamptonshire, Eng.
RHATIGAN, Ellen Marie; Thomas; Anne; Patrick	1950-1800	AB; Nebraska; RI; Ireland
HALL, Mary	1900-1800	Northampton, England
BEDWELL, Charlotte	1925-1800	Saskatchewan; Canterbury, England
AYERS, Anne	1900-1800	Nebraska; PA; Northamptonshire, England
McNULTY, Anne	1925-1825	AB; Nebraska; RI; Ireland
SONNESYN, Brita Ingebriksdatter	1800-1790	Berdal, Norway

QUERIES

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McINNIS Looking for descendants of Dr. Israel McINNIS b. 1860 d. Edmonton 8 Jun 1937 and his wife
CUMMING Elizabeth RUSSELL both buried in Neepawa, MN. He had two daughters, Mrs. J.M.
 CUMMING,
OLIVER Edmonton and Mrs. W.R. OLIVER, Huxley, AB and son J. RUSSELL of Shelbyville, Indiana.
RUSSELL
Contact Helen McInnis Wyllie, Apt.#805, 1515 Eastern Ave., N. Vancouver, BC V7L 4R2. Ph#604-980-5400

TENNENT Searching for information regarding the TENNANT family who lived in Hardisty, AB 1920's
HEEGAN -1950's. Andrew TENNANT b. 1882 Glasgow, Scotland m. Agnes HEENAN in Scotland. They
HAGEN had 4 children: Jim, Jean, Maimie and Agnes 'Nan'. Jim TENNANT m. Jenny ?? and moved
 to
EDGAR Edmonton; d. in the '40's. Jean m. Ed EDGAR and moved to Courtenay, BC; Mamie m.
 Norman
DENHAM DENHAM and lived in Loughheed and Camrose, AB; Agnes m. Alfred HAGEN of Edmonton
 who
DOUGLAS was killed in WW2 in Rouen, France. Her second marriage to Eric DOUGLAS occurred in
 1946 and she moved to BC.
Carol Mackay, 609-25 Ave. NE, Calgary, AB T2E 1Y6 AGS#2781

BENNETT Seeking any information about Clara and John Henry BENNETT who are believed to have
 settled in Alberta 1895-1900. They had three children: Frank, Joe and Hilda.
Mary Sones, 1109-95 Ave., Dawson Creek, BC V1G 1J2 AGS#2939

LUND Seeking info on Martha ? LUND b. May 1894 near Ashley, McIntosh Cty, N. Dakota, USA.
WALLACE Her parents were Niels and Lena (CROOKSAL) LUND who immigrated from Norway in 1882.
 The family homesteaded near Delburne, AB in 1901-1902. Martha m. John WALLACE
 possibly in BC. Believe there were no children. John WALLACE worked for *Powell and*
 McLean and their last known address in 1956 was 303 Columbia Ave (St.) in Vancouver, BC.
 Looking for marriage and death dates. Any info on John WALLACE sincerely appreciated.
LUND Harry LUND b. 26 May 1891 near Ashley, McIntosh Cty, N. Dakota son of Neils and Lena
 (CROOKSAL) LUND. Worked for *Wheeler Lumber Co.* and was killed in a railroad speeder
 accident near Portland, Oregon on 27 Sep 1920. He had been married only a short time
 possibly in California. His wife is known only as Barbara. Their last known address in April
 1919 was Box 613 Cochran, Oregon (west of Portland) which is no longer in existence. He was
 discharged from the Army 27 Dec 1918. Looking for marriage date and place. Any info about
 Barbara sincerely appreciated.
Marjorie (Lund) Nicholson, RR 1, Delburne, AB T0M 0V0 AGS#2744

GRANT Looking for info on Peter GRANT b. 1764 Inverness shire and d. 20 July 1784 in Lachine, Que.
 Worked for *Northwest Fur Co.* near Winnipeg, MN.
J.W. (Jack) Grant, 9227-168 Street, Edmonton, AB T5R 2V8 AGS#1802

TOWER Looking for info on Nelson TOWER b. Dec 1844 England and immigrated to Canada 1861. He moved to Missouri 1872 and then to Indian Terr., OK 1900. He may have lived in Canada between 1861-1867. Looking for info on passenger lists or census records.

Marilyn Williams, Rt 1 Box 12, Byars, OK 74831 USA 1-405-783-4476

GUYON Looking for confirmation on ancestors, births, parents, marriages for Romeo Edward GUYON as noted below. Harmidas GUYON b. 7 Sep 1896, St. Anne de Stukely, Que. m. in Montreal to

MELANCON M. Emma Aurora MELANCON b. 25 Jun 1895 Manchester, New Hampshire (parents: Edouard

LAMBERT MELANCON & Emma LAMBERT); children : Romeo Edward b. 4 Feb 1918; Juliet b. 25 Jun 1919; Jeannette b. 25 Jan 1921; Yvonne b. 16 Jan; Ernie b. 20 Oct; Irene b. 29 Dec 1925; Florida b. 25 Mar 1927; Gerrard b. 31 Jul; Armond b. 17 June all in Sask.; and George b. 17 Feb 1935 in AB.

TUCKER Looking for ancestors or descendants for Baruch TUCKER, b. 25 Dec 1812, Bridport, Dorset, Eng.

CARTER moved to Canada circa 1835 to Thorald Twp, ON m. Ann CARTER on 19 Nov 1839; child #1
SMITH John TUCKER b. 21 Mar 1841, m. Catherine SMITH b. 17 Mar 1857 (children: John Monty, William, Ethel, Eva, Mabel, Thomas R., Euphemia); child #2 Emma TUCKER; #3 Richard

VANDERBURG TUCKER b. circa 1844; #4 Baruch TUCKER jr. b. 17 Jun 1846, m. Alice VANDERBURG (children: Alice Bertha; Baruch Beverly; Henry Roy; Azel Euphemia)

MASSIE 2nd m. to Elizabeth MASSIE b. 11 June 1854 (children: Ina Elizabeth; Richard M.); #5 Jane
CARDIES TUCKER b. circa 1847 m. Rev. T. CARDIES (children: Gertrude, Marion, Arthur); #6 Euphemia TUCKER all born in Ontario.

Beverly Tucker, 10617-91A Street, Grande Prairie, AB T8X 1H7

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SIMMONS Benjamin & Ellsworth SIMMONS. Looking for the SIMMONS family bible left to Ellsworth SIMMONS in 1897 at the time of Benjamin's death, hoping to obtain information on the SIMMONS family from it. (Fort Saskatchewan, AB).

CAMBELL Harriet Ann CAMBELL m. Benjamin SIMMONS 1846, Hastings Co., ON. Passed away late 1800's, Parry Sound, ON. Where and when?

SIMMONS Hannah M. SIMMONS b. abt 1852 Thurlow twp, Victoria District, ON. Came west from Parry Sound 1892 with SIMMONS family to Fort Saskatchewan, continued with a group on to the USA. Any information on Hannah greatly appreciated. She was a daughter to Benjamin and Harriet SIMMONS.

SIMMONS Joseph SIMMONS travelled with William (Bill) SIMMONS. Listed in the Edmonton Bulletin 1892 as part of the Parry Sound Colony. Are they relatives? If so, any information on Joseph greatly appreciated.

Madeleine (Simmons) Cooper, 11596 Bailey Crescent, Surrey, BC V3V 2V3

AGS#3207

McLACHLAN Searching for date and place of birth in Scotland of Annie Maye McLACHLAN. Also looking for her mother's name. Annie lived in Erin, ON in 1874.

McLACHLAN Looking for Alexander McLACHLAN's birth date and place in Scotland. Also would like to find name of his wife as well as marriage date and place. He lived in Erin, ON in the 1870's.

HARRIS Sephas Cory HARRIS's father is Nelson HARRIS. Looking for father's birth date and place.
JAMES Sephas Cory HARRIS's mother is Lucy Ann JAMES. Looking for her birth date and place and also Nelson and Lucy's marriage date and place.

COLEMAN John COLEMAN - think he was born in Kansas?? Would like to know when and where exactly.

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JOHNSON His wife was Lusetta JOHNSON. Would like to find her birth date and place and also John and Lusetta's marriage date and place. Any info appreciated.

Wendy Rogers, 9625-91B Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 0H3 AGS new member

THORNTON Would like information on any relatives of William Ruben THORNTON and family, came to the Consort, AB area prior to 1911 from Ontario. Children MAY BE Ralph, Jack, Earl, Myrtle, Mildred, Roselta, Hanna, Annie, Lucretia, Minnie, Edith, Lora, Ethel, Florence and Fern.

JONES Looking for date of death for Nancy (MILLER) JONES, wife of John JONES who lived in the Sangudo area of Alberta circa 1922.

Rheanne Smith, 11731-28 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6J 3P1 AGS#1987

SUTHERLAND Frank SUTHERLAND came around 1914-1918 to Calgary. He came from Grey Co., ON originally to Manitoba and on to Alberta. He is believed to have worked on a ranch. No other information available.

Milton Sutherland, 114 Christie Street, Glenboro, Manitoba R0K 0X0

VOWLES Would like to contact Aunt Iris - b. 5 Jan 1931 Misericordia Hospital - Mother A.E. VOWLES - have birth certificate - Iris never legally adopted.

Noel Nicolson, ph 435-1884

MEYERS William Byron MEYERS, son of Ivan B. MEYERS and Mary SNACTER, b. in Port Huron, Michigan c1876. He m. 1897. Children born of this union - 7: Glen, Irene, Howard, Myrtle, Wesley, Alta and Donald. Parents divorced after Donald was born in 1917. No knowledge of where he lived until his death 1950. Looking for anyone who has knowledge of William Byron MEYERS.

Violet (Meyers) Dunn, 1013 Whiting Street, St. Clair, Michigan 48079 USA

MILLAR Seek family info and/or contact with descendants of Douglas Thurber MILLAR (c1890-1968) believed to have died in Edmonton in 1968 leaving his wife "Lottie" and sons Gordon and Robert.

Chas. H. Millar, Box 161, Deep River, ON K0J 1P0 (Tel 613-584-2801)

CANNELL Seeking ancestors/descendants of Abraham CANNELL, b. London, England 19 Oct 1885, m. Rebecca Warwick JONES, b. London, England 1886. Served with 1st BN, East Surrey Regt (BEF) 1903-1917. Emigrated to Calgary, AB 1917. Died 24 Apr 1940 Ottawa, ON. Children: Albert John, Rebecca Ellen, Edward Edwin, and Arthur Henry.

NASH Seeking parents/siblings of Albert NASH, b. England 1888, d. Duncan, BC 1956. Father G. NASH. Married Annie WHITE, Emsworth, Hants, England. Emigrated to Calgary, AB 1925. Children: Francis, Albert, Doris, Barbara, Phyllis, Gertrude, Mildred, and Elizabeth. Albert NASH had service Royal Navy, England and RCN in Canada.

Mrs. Donna King, 14 Saxton Private, Ottawa, ON K2H 9P2 AGS#3011

BRENNER Tilly BRENNER b. 1880's Grand Bend, ON. Father/mother were Joseph and Mary (RAU) **HANNON** BRENNER. Married James HANNON/HANNIN or HANNAN and moved to Calgary where they both died. Had 2 children, Bud and Nola. Bud died WWII & Nola married. Would appreciate knowing when the 3 died and where buried. Would also appreciate knowing what happened to Nola so that I can perhaps communicate with her.

Bert Jansen, 124-166 Southdale Rd. W., London, ON N6J 2J1

OLIVE Searching for birth record of Daniel OLIVE, m. 2 Feb 1804 to Sarah SAFFIL - Great Waltham,
 SAFFIL Essex, England, burial 8 Jul 1839 age 55 years at Great Waltham, Essex, England. Sarah's parents were Sarah EVEX/EVER and Joseph SAFFIL.
 DEVONISH Searching for birth record of Jonathan DEVONISH/Charlotte LACEY/LASEY.
 Gwen Meyer, 8643-80 Street, Edmonton, AB T6C 2S8 AGS#3184

RESEARCHER'S GROUP

LETTERS RECEIVED

Prepared by Jean L. Madill, Chairperson

The following is a list of the Research Letters received through the A.G.S. Mail for the period July 1st to Sept. 30, 1994. We welcome information relative to these requests by letter to the Society address.

Many thanks to those who have sent previous responses.

Record#	INQUIRER	FROM	NAME ETC	AREASOUGHT	DATEREC'D	REMARKS
57	TROTTIER, Marlene Connell	USA	Info on Town of Brightview	Alberta	190794	Father born there.
58	PHILIPS, Ruth	Rapid City, Man	Frank Turner (bur. Vet's sect)	Edmonton Cem.	190794	Obit requested.
59	DUNLOP, Ms Thelma	USA	No name	No area	260794	Requesting Researcher.
60	GRAHAM, Ian	Eng.	Charles Bland	Canada 1800's	260794	Seeking info.
61	EBBESON, Mrs Aileen	USA	Simo Jovan Desnica Aka Joe Dennis	Left Edm. 1912	260794	Seeking records in Can.
62	MORTON, R.S.	UK	John Morton/George Morton	Canada (1800s)	240894	Info. on families
63	HEADRICK, Mrs. Karen	Edmonton, AB	Sharon/Shelley Brown	Edmonton 1940s	240894	Info on infant.
64	SHANDLEY, R.E.	Sidney, BC	Gerald Alfred Shandley	Alberta 1900's	300894	Info.
65	JENKINS, Liz	USA	Erroll & Edythe Fox	Alberta	300894	Info.
68	POTTERTON, Audry	USA	No names	Onoway, Mayerth	190994	Names of researchers.
69	MILLER, Eugene H.	USA	Lillian Hubbard	Canada	200994	Info. on great aunt.
70	STRALEY, Tina	USA	W.H. or Wil Cole	Not specified	200994	Info. on G.G.G. Grandfather
71	MOTES, Beryl	USA	Thomas (Walter?) Dyer	Alberta	200994	Info. on uncle.
72	MILLAR, Chas. H.	Deep River, Ont	Douglas Thurber Millar	Edmonton	200994	Info. on any Millar desc.
73	DUNBAR, William	USA	Patric Cronin & descendants	Beaver Lake, AB	230994	Info
74	PIETHARRIS, Kerri-Ann	Richmond Hill	William Thomas & Alice Peet	Died/Edmonton	300994	Seeking more info.

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Meets 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.
327 Third Street West
Basement, W. Entrance, Room #4
Phone: 362-3619

Drayton Valley Branch
President: Colleen Andersen
P.O. Box 6358
Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1A0
Meets 3rd Wed., 7:00 p.m.
Pembina Room
Drayton Valley Health Complex
Phone: 542-2787

Edmonton Branch
President: Arlene Borgstede
P.O. Box 754
Edmonton, AB T5J 2L4
Meets 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.
Lions Sr. Citizens Rec. Centre
111 Ave & 113 St., Edmonton
Phone: 424-4429

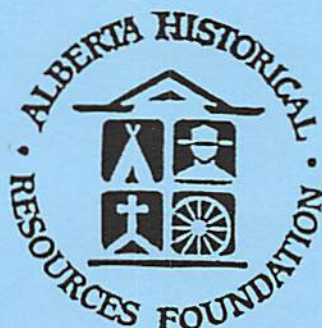
Ft. McMurray Branch
President: Malcolm Backhouse
294 - Hill Crescent Dr.
Ft. McMurray, AB T9H 3X5
Meets 2nd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Phone: 743-8101

Grande Prairie & District Branch
President: Laura Turnbull
P.O. Box 1257
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z1
Meets 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.
Grande Prairie Public Library
9910 - 99 Avenue

Lethbridge & District Branch
President: Lillian Clelland
P.O. Box 1001
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4A2
Meets 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.
Provincial Administration Bldg.
909 - 3rd Ave., N. Lethbridge
Phone: 328-9564

Medicine Hat & District Branch
President: John Dowler
P.O. Box 971
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7G8
Meets 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Medicine Hat Museum & Art Gallery
1302 Bomford Cres. SW
Phone: 527-0068

Red Deer & District Branch
President: Kurt Nagel
P.O. Box 922
Red Deer, AB T4N 5H3
Meets 2nd & 4th Wed, 7:00 p.m.
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