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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margo Moffat

Conferences are wonderful events. Classes are informative, giving you information on research techniques, books to aid you in your research and handouts to add to your own personal genealogical library. You also get to network, making contact with presenters and fellow genealogists. You get to talk to people who understand you and sympathize with you when you can't find great, great grandma. Then if you're really lucky, you may find someone who is researching your line and for you, the conference was more than you had anticipated.

I enjoy conferences because I come prepared with an open mind. I know there will be presenters who will teach me something. There will also be people who will delight me with their enjoyment of life. People like Mary Beil, Robert Wray, Bernie Failing, Barbara Roth and her sister. Conferences don't happen overnight, it takes many hours of commitment. It also takes many enthusiastic, talented members who may not have realized just how talented they are to bring it together. In doing so, they render a great service to their fellow members, by giving them the opportunity to benefit from their endeavors in presenting a conference.

I met many members during conference. I only wish I could have spoken with each of you. The AGS executive may be the heart of our society but it is the membership that is its heartbeat. My goal for my presidential term is to help you increase your branch membership. Please note that I said I would help you. Each of you have the ability to help your branch realize this goal. We need new members to help replace those who can no longer volunteer for whatever reason. By increasing our membership we can access new resources and new potential executive members at branch or AGS level.

I am beginning my term with the end in sight. The ballot returns were very poor compared to last year. I would encourage you to use your vote. It is your right and your privilege to do so. You have a voice in this society, take an active role within your branches. Don't be afraid of change, it can be progressive. Each of you have something to offer to your branches. Remember, in order to avoid criticism, say nothing, do nothing and be nothing. As I say and do plenty, I guess I can expect some criticism!

Enjoy your summer and happy researching!



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Jim Farnel

Wasn't that a conference! If you didn't make it to the AGS 95 conference at the Fantasyland Hotel, you missed a great two day event that had something for everyone. The two days were filled with top-notch speakers on a full range of subjects and if you had any time to spare there were a number of vendors set up to help you with genealogical books and supplies. Tours to some of the local interests and the one-on-one research help tables provided great opportunities to further your own research and to see what facilities were available here in the Edmonton area.

Thank you to the many people involved in Conference 95 who gave so much of their time to insure that this conference was the success that it was.

The only complaint that I heard during the two days was that people could not fit all of the events they wanted to attend into two days. I think that is the ultimate compliment to the conference organizers.

SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

Are Your Family Bible Pages Lost?

The Provincial Archives of Alberta is a gold mine for Alberta family research. The Documentary Heritage Society of Alberta has recently produced an index to a collection full of genealogical surprises. Accession 69.204 contains original 'PROOF OF AGE' documents submitted by pension applicants. For a variety of reasons these forty-one boxes of documents were never returned to the families involved and are now easily accessible to all researchers. Occasionally, even actual Family Bible pages were presented as proof of age. If you would like copies of the Bible pages for the following families, contact the Provincial Archives of Alberta, 12845-102 Ave, Edmonton, AB T5N 0M6 or send a S.A.S.E. with your inquiry to Pat Pettit, 11448-42 Ave, Edmonton, AB T6J 0W3.

Family Surname / Related or Associated Names

Chisholm McGillvray, Simpson
Curry

Dinkins
Hall
Jardine
Jones
Lewis
Vanningan

Hays, Goggin, Rumbury, Russell
Day
Potts
Canady, Barnett
Callette?

More Next Edition!!!!

Irish Research Addresses

South Down Family History Research
Co/State: N. Ireland, Co. Down
Mr. P. Magennis, Old Technical Blvd.
Downshire Rd., Benbridge, Co. Down, N. Ireland

North of Ireland Family History Society
Co/State: Northern Ireland
Ms. R. Sibbett, Secretary
North of Ireland FHS, School of Education
Queen's University
69 University St., Belfast MO BT7 1HL

Dun Laoghaire Genealogical Society
Co/State: Dublin, Ireland
Mr. Michael Merrigan, 14 Rochestown Park
Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland

Irish Family History Society
Co/State: Co. Kildare, Republic of Ireland
Irish Family History Society
PO Box 36, Naas, Co. Kildare, Rep of Ireland
From the Nipissing Voyageur, Vol 15, #4, Dec 1994

Did you know that Port Arthur, now a part of Thunder Bay, once was called Prince Arthur's Landing?

Past Tents. Thunder Bay Branch OGS, Vol 15, #4, Dec 1994

Actual Dates of Canadian Census Returns:

1851 - 2 Jan	1881 - 4 Apr
1861 - 14 Aug	1891 - 6 Apr
1871 - 2 Apr	1901 - 31 Mar

Kingston Relations. Kingston Branch OGS, Vol 21, #4, Sep 1994

1911 Canada Voters Lists. There was a Canadian Federal Election in the late summer of 1911, a few months after the 1911 national census. Anyone wishing to locate a male ancestor (or other male relative) may want to try the 1911 Canada Voters' List at the National Archives of Canada.

Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada, published by the National Archives of Canada, is a handy 47 page booklet that will point you in the right direction. Topics discussed include published sources, census records, vital statistics, land records, estate records, military/naval records, immigration records, records of naturalization/citizenship, Loyalist sources, personal information banks and addresses of principal archives. To obtain your free copy, write: National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0N3.

Notices from Ontario's Methodist Papers, 1858-1872 (333 pages) Contains: 15 years of birth notices from all of Ontario's Methodist papers; Obituary abstracts, other death data from *The Christian Journal* (Primitive Methodist), 1860-1872; *The Bible Christian Observer*, 1867-1872; *The Christian Guardian*, 1871-1872. \$26 Canadian or \$21 U.S. plus postage: (\$4 for the first book; 75c for each additional volume).

available from the author:

Donald A. McKenzie
246 Holmwood Ave.,
Ottawa, ON K1S 2P9

Still available: McKenzie's 5 earlier books -

1. *Death Notices from the Christian Guardian, 1836-1850*
2. *Death Notices from the Christian Guardian, 1851-1860*
3. *More Notices from Methodist Papers, 1830-1857*
4. *Obituaries from Ontario's Christian Guardian, 1861-1870*
5. *Death Notices from the Canada Christian Advocate, 1858-1872*

\$ - Vols 1-4: \$31 Can / \$25 US each + postage
Vol 5: \$34 Can / \$27.50 US ea. + postage

All volumes feature alphabetical arrangement of data, an index of additional names, an index of places.

All volumes contain references to all settled parts of Ontario, and many Quebec references. A good source for westerners seeking origins in central Canada.

FOUND: 2 Birth Certificates! While sorting through a box of old letters and papers from the Edmonton area, I came upon two birth certificates issued on the 19th May 1908 and the 21st Nov 1952. They are for:

Peter Gavin MARSHALL, b 2 May 1908 in the District of Lesmahagow, County of Lanark, Scotland and

Catherine McKECHNIE, b 18 Apr 1889 in the District of Rothesay, County of Bute, Scotland.

If there are any relatives or researchers out there who would like copies of these certificates, they are most welcome to contact Dorothy Gladish, AGS member #437, at 906 - 4th Street West, High River, AB T1V 1A7.

The Stanstead Journal, Quebec's oldest weekly paper, has been generously allowing the placement of genealogical queries free of charge for the last five years. The only stipulation has been that the queries have a connection to the area served by the paper. Although the paper does go all over the world, its main readership lived in the Southern Quebec - Northern Vermont region. More specifically the Eastern Townships of Quebec and Orleans Co., VT. To take advantage of this service mail your query/queries to one of the following addresses: *The Stanstead Journal*, Box 30, Stanstead, Quebec J0B 3E0 or Box 491, Derby Line, VT 05830-0491 U.S.A.

Stanstead Historical Society Archives have copies of all past papers, with a few exceptions, of *The Stanstead Journal* (celebrating it's 150th anniversary). Most all vital statistics have been transcribed and indexed. At present the years from 1845 to 1915 are available in book form, 5 volumes. These "Vital Stats" are available from the Friends of the Archives (FOTA) volunteer group, who will also do some research work. Any funds derived from this work are used in the archives to purchase materials, books, etc.

Publications available from F.O.T.A./Stanstead Historical Society, PO Box 268, Stanstead, Quebec J0B 3E0:

†1825 Census, Stanstead Co. \$10;

†Surname Index for past Your Ancestry Columns, 14pp, \$3

(plus large S.A.S.E. & double postage)

†Copies of past columns @ 25¢ (plus large S.A.S.E.)

Vital Statistics volumes 1-5 (fully indexed):

†Vol 1. 1845-1860, 120pp., \$20

†Vol 2. 1861-1875, 167pp., \$30

†Vol 3. 1876-1890, 193pp., \$30

†Vol 4. 1891-1905, 240pp., \$35

†Vol 5. 1906-1915, 227pp., \$30

Manuscripts & Government Records in the United Kingdom & Ireland Relating to Canada

This guide covers more than 870 repositories and private collections in the United Kingdom and Ireland. It describes 3,735 sets of papers and records series of direct relevance to Canadian studies. To order your copy, contact: Canada Communication Group - Publishing Ottawa, K1A 0S9; catalogue #SA2-233-1992; cost: \$95 Canadian, \$123.50 U.S./Foreign (GST, shipping & handling extra). Also available through Canadian bookstores. From National Archives of Canada (C-9660).

General Genealogy of King's &

Annapolis Counties, Nova Scotia This data base contains over 2000 surnames (over 23,000 individuals) and dates back to the settlement of the New England Planters...even goes back into New England in some instances. This is on a DOS-based system. Any inquiries/discussion or input will be welcomed by Keith Berry, 3215-142 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5Y 1H8 (AGS#3053). (Please note that this is a non-profit venture to aid those researching families in these areas.)

Researchers of Ontario & the Maritimes:

Do you have ancestors who may have arrived from the United States after the Revolutionary War? Perhaps they were United Empire Loyalists.

U.E.L.'s were:

- residents of the Thirteen Colonies prior to 1775 who proved their loyalty to the British Crown during the American Revolution of 1775-1783,

- who took up arms in support of the Crown, and
- "settled in territory remaining under the rule of the Crown"

Membership in a Branch entitles you to 2 issues of the "Loyalist Gazette" published Spring and Fall, which gives you contact with researchers in 29 Branches across Canada, and a wealth of information and articles about Loyalists. A National Convention is held every year...1995 in Toronto and 1996 in the Maritimes.

Come and network with friendly likeminded researchers and gain advice on how to prove lineage in order to qualify to have *U.E.* after your name (established by Order in Council, Quebec, 9 Nov 1789 by Lord Dorchester).

You may be interested in joining the Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association (☎ Fran Losie (403) 482-1480, or if you are in the south part of the Province, contact the Calgary Branch Douglas Hall ☎ (403) 283-2188.

ANNOUNCEMENTS conferences:



Wednesday, 12 Jul '95, 7-9pm:

The World of Genealogy presented by Ron Bremer of Salt Lake City, Utah. Held in the Conference Room, Hill County Courthouse Annex, Havre, Montana. Sponsored by Fort Assiniboine Genealogical Society & Family History Center, LDS Church. Free & open to the public. Donations appreciated.

13-15 Jul '95:

Exploring Our Heritage

Sesquicentennial Conference 1845-1995.

New England Historic Genealogical Society celebrates 150 years of family history in America, held at the Westin Hotel, Copley Place, Boston. Program themes include New England: Survey, Court Records, Church Records, Town Records; Boston; NEHGS; England; Ireland; English Canada; French Canada; Ethnic Heritage; Westward Migration; Methodology; Historical Setting; Modern

Research; Biology & Genealogy; Community Studies; Artifacts; Computer Presentations. For additional conference information, contact N.E.H.G.S., 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116-3087; ☎ (617) 536-5740 fax:(617) 536-7307.

23-30 Jul '95:

Harvest of Memories Calgary Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) will host the 26th Annual International Convention at the Calgary Convention Centre. Spend time delving into the history of thousands of family group records, 500,000+ obituaries, or examining the ancestral village cards for others researching the village of your ancestors. Check the passenger list index of all the surnames found in the AHSGR work papers, journals, Clues and Heritage Review; photocopying available. There will be many unique seminars and symposiums. The bookstore will be open the entire week with books related to Bessarabia, Black Sea Region, Volga Region, German Russians in the U.S., Mennonites, Research Guides, books written in German, general history, wars and revolution; also maps. Pre-registration fee for the week is \$45 US/members, \$55 US/non-members. Send cheque or money-order to AHSGR Headquarters, 631 D Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502-1199. Registration at the door is \$60 CDN/members, \$75 CDN/non-members, \$20 CDN for a day pass.

Tuesday, 25 Jul '95:

FEEFHS Conference '95 The Federation of East European Family History Societies will hold a western regional conference in Calgary, Alberta Tuesday from 9am to 4:30pm at The Calgary Multicultural Centre, 712-5th Street S.E. (about 4 blocks from the AHSGR Convention). This is during the week of the annual binational convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR), but before the beginning of the AHSGR programs. Because various groups of Germans constitute the largest East European ethnic group in Canada and because of the AHSGR Convention, our conference will concentrate on the Germans. But there will also be some presentations which are relevant for other groups. Feature lunch speaker, FEEFHS Vice-President, Ed Brandt, on "East European Genealogical Resources for all Ethnic Groups". Other presentations include

Germanic Settlements in East Europe; Translating 19th Century Polish Civil Records; St. Petersburg Lutheran Registers & Other Records; Lutheran Refugees Quartered in Harbin, China - Pending Travel to the Americas; Introduction to Ukrainian Genealogical Research; Germans in Galatia; Germans from Volhynia & Central Poland; Bukovina Settlements in Saskatchewan. Registration fee \$25 CDN or \$20 US. A box lunch can be ordered: \$7 CDN/\$5.50 US. Registrations should be sent to: Walter Rusel, RR #2, Cochrane, AB T0L 0W0.

10 & 11 Aug '95:

1996 Johnson Reunion. The descendants of **William Johnson** (Jeanson, Janson, Jeansonne, Jeançonne) Scottish soldier of the North Essex Regiment of England, who came to Port-Royal, Acadia (Nova Scotia), Canada in October 1710, are invited to this reunion in **Carleton, Gaspesia Peninsula (Quebec), Canada.** Around 1714, William Johnson married Isabelle Corporon at Annapolis-Royal, Acadia. Their descendants are now in Quebec (Gaspesia Peninsula & Lanaudière), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Alberta and United States. For more info, contact the Acadian Johnson Association, 8137 St-Dominique Street, Montreal, Quebec H2P 2L2. Please enclose \$2 CDN for postage and other fees.

15-19 Aug '95:

The Thomas Minor Society (TMS) will hold their bi-annual family reunion in Calgary, Alberta. For information contact: Phillip & Barbara Thorpe, 2220 Paliswood Place S.W., Calgary, AB T2V 3R2 (☎ 403 281-3023). For info regarding the Society, contact: W. Avery (Bill) Miner, 1084 Speegle Rd, Waco, TX 76712-2911.

18-20 Aug '95:

Roots '95. New Brunswick Genealogical Society is hosting this at MacLaggan Hall on the University of New Brunswick campus in Fredericton. The theme: 'Researching New Brunswick Ancestry'. Early registration (by 4 Aug '95) fee: \$45 CDN; after 4 Aug: \$50 CDN. Fee includes all conference sessions, reception and three nutrition breaks. For more info, contact: Roots '95, c/o N.B.G.S. Capital Branch, PO Box 3702, Stn B, Fredericton, NB E3A 5L7.



25 & 26 Aug '95:

150 Years of the Catholic Church in Red River. To be held in Saint-Boniface, Manitoba. Sponsored by the Société historique de Saint-Boniface, this event will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Red River. Included will be the annual meeting of the Société canadienne d'histoire de l'Église catholique and the 4th Western Oblate Studies Conference. These conferences will be bilingual and multidisciplinary with the theme: The Evangelization of Western and Northern Canada. Contact: Angèle Chaput, Société historique de Saint-Boniface, C.P. 125, Saint-Boniface, MB R2H 3B4. ☎/fax: (204) 233-4888.

5-11 Sep '95:

Famine Forbears - Searching for that Elusive Ancestor. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great Famine in Ireland, the Ulster Foundation will combine three venues in Northern Ireland: Belfast Queens University, the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh and Magee College at the University of Ulster in Derry. The programme includes a range of lecturers, workshops, tours and full social programme. All aspects of the Famine and emigration will be considered. Fees: Residential Delegate £325 (includes 6 nights accommodation, all meals, ground transportation, conference materials and entrance fees); Non-Residential Delegates £200 (includes lunch and evening meals, ground transportation, conference materials and entrance fees). For further details, contact: Ulster Historical Foundation, 12 College Square East, Belfast BT1 6DD, Northern Ireland; ☎ (01232) 332288; Fax (01232) 239885.

12-19 Aug & 15-19 Sep '95:

10th Family History In Wales Course will be held 12-19 Aug '95 at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. A **SECOND STAGES COURSE** on 'Occupations and the records relating to them' will be held 15-19 Sep '95. These courses are accredited by the University and special consideration is given to the needs of overseas participants. Full details are available from The Course Directors (FH), The Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Wales, 10-11 Laura Place, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 2AU, Wales, UK (☎ 01970 622677 / fax: 01970 622686)

16-27 Sep '95:

Bus Trip to Salt Lake City. The Alberta Family History Society is hosting their 2nd Annual Private Deluxe Bus tour to Salt Lake City. The group will depart Calgary 16 Sep and spend two days enroute to S.L.C., seven nights at the Howard Johnson Hotel right across from the Family History Library (giving six full days in Salt Lake City - Monday to Saturday). There will be a Family History Library orientation session at the hotel the evening of arrival in S.L. City; probable side-trips in and around Salt Lake during the time there... the bus and driver stay with the group; three days to return including a guided tour of Yellowstone National Park. Fee will include transportation and all accommodation. Meals will be extra and at each person's discretion. Cost will be in the \$900 CDN range and will depend on the exchange rate on \$US at that time. For more information, contact Nancy Strickland in Calgary at ☎(403) 289-2846.

22 Sep - 6 Oct '95:

1995 Genealogical Tour To England (10th Annual) presented by Frank T. Hankins, OGS, Toronto Branch member #6420. The tour will leave Toronto 22 Sep '95. Cost per person, based on double occupancy \$1993 CDN (Senior's discount available). Tour includes: return air fare from Toronto; 7 nights at a centrally located London hotel, with full English breakfast; a week's escorted research to English record repositories, with guidance from professional genealogists; special speakers and problem solving sessions; your stay may be extended to suit your travel plans. Advance research can be provided as well. Contact Frank Hankins, RR #2, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4Z1, Canada (☎ (905) 853-6224, or (800) 265-6865. Collect calls accepted at Marlin Travel.

UNITED CHURCH RECORDS ON MICROFILM by Rev. Donald A. McKenzie

In spite of the opposition at the national level of the United Church, the older registers in the United Church collection at Ottawa City Archives were microfilmed in 1994 by the genealogical Society of Utah. They include baptisms to 1910, marriages to 1930, burials and membership rolls to 1945. If there was an index in the register, it was filmed along with the register.

**What's
'Noo'?**

This took longer than I expected. Most of the filming was completed last June. However, the technician committed several "sins of omission" and it was not until last month that all corrections (additions) were made and the correct films returned to us.

The 20 films made available by them are in the top drawer of the tall filing cabinet in the City Archives' reference room. Twelve other reels made by local churches at their own expense, or from institutions, are in the same drawer. Lists of the contents are in a blue folder and it, along with the microfilms, are all that the researcher needs. The registers, which are not yet available, contain mainly living people. You are encouraged to use the microfilm to help preserve the original documents.

Ottawa Branch News, Vol XXVIII, #2 Mar-Apr 1995

The COURTENAY Society, a registered member of The Guild of One Name Studies, is pleased to announce its formation. Its headquarters are at Powderham Castle, Devonshire, England. Research is devoted to that ancient name, which dates from the Pre-Conqueror days in France and the Holy Land, and the associated Crusades, to the current Earl Of Devon and the other branches of the Courtenay family tree. Membership for Canada has been set at \$25 US funds. For further information, contact Stuart J. Wright, 498-A Grey Street, Brantford, ON, Canada N3S 7L4. ☎ (519) 758-5338; Internet: stuart.wright@canrem.com (For those interested, Stuart has access to several books, etc. of related data to the Courtenay family, from its earliest days to the present.

Video Tapes now available of the Ulster Historical Foundation's Conferences... 1-hour video tapes of the 1992, '93 & '94 Conferences. Each tape is full of genealogical GEMS from most of the presenters and all of the fun activities. Prices: individual conference for '92, '93 or '94 - \$21 each plus s&h; combined '92 & '93 Conference - \$35 plus s&h; shipping & handling: US & Canada \$2; elsewhere \$3. Please specify whether NTSC, PAL or SECAM format. Send order to: DEYCOM Communications c/o Dick Young, 2840 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502-5960 USA.

The Alberta Genealogical Society Benefits of Membership

Payment of the prescribed fee for membership in The Alberta Genealogical Society provides the following benefits:

- ..a membership in the Society
- ..the right to vote at all General Meetings of the Society
- ..the right to hold an office, or an elected or appointed position in the Society
- ..the right to join an AGS Branch (or Branches) of primary interest with all the rights and privileges associated with that membership upon payment of a prescribed fee (or fees)
- ..subscription to the Society's journal "*Relatively Speaking*" and to bulletins published by Branches to which you belong
- ..discounted services unique to the Society and to a Branch of which you are a member
- ..the provision of an introductory research kit for first time registrants
- ..the opportunity to participate in the 'Ancestor Index' project annually
- ..'Queries' accepted free-of-charge for publication in the Society's quarterly
- ..publication of new members' research interests
- ..first-hand knowledge of current and upcoming genealogical events
- ..opportunity to enroll in programs, workshops, seminars promoting systematic, effective research
- ..Genealogical courses offered for a fee by experienced Society or Branch researchers
- ..a tax-deductible receipt for donations
- ..the privilege of borrowing books and magazines from the AGS library and from Branches to which you belong
- ..the opportunity to provide input for programming, library acquisitions, etc.
- ..the opportunity to have foreign language documents/papers translated
- ..a support network of contacts, assistance and encouragement provided by members

Adapted from Ontario Genealogical Society by Larry Clark, AGS #1088 and Lillian White, AGS #2668

Cover Story: George Elbridge Clark

by Larry Clark

My grandfather, George Elbridge Clark was born to Elbridge Clark and Georgina Newark on 5 March 1842 in Palmyra, New York. He moved with his parents to Palmyra, Michigan where they lived for a number of years. He grew up on the farm and lived throughout his life as a farmer.

George was a Civil War Veteran and served in the Union Army. He joined the army at Tecumseh, Michigan on August 5, 1862 for a three-year term. He mustered in at Hillsdale, Michigan on 26 August 1862 and was assigned to Company E 18th Regiment Michigan Infantry. At that time the war was not going well for the North and President Lincoln called for 300,000 more men for the Union Army.

Four days after mustering in at Hillsdale he returned home, a distance of about fifty miles, to marry his fiancée, Mary Elizabeth Andrews. He had to report back for duty a couple of days later so this did not leave much time for traveling as well as having a honeymoon.

There was little time for training of the new recruits as the Michigan Infantry moved out headed for Cincinnati, Ohio two weeks later. From Cincinnati the Eighteenth went to Kentucky where they had their first encounter with the Confederate rebels. In Kentucky, the Eighteenth occupied important places and saved several villages and cities from being plundered by the Confederate Army. After marching through Kentucky they were ordered to Nashville, Tennessee. Here they were engaged in provost duty. The Eighteenth later joined a brigade driving the Confederates further south. In Alabama they had some tremendous battles with many being wounded, killed and captured. In June 1865 they were ordered back to Nashville where George was mustered out of service with an honorable discharge.

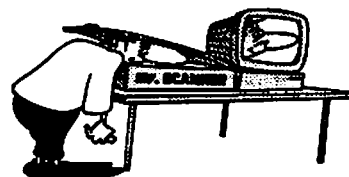
George, like many other Union soldiers, lived in terrible conditions during the war. More soldiers died or suffered for years from diseases they acquired while in the war than died or had long-term suffering from wounds. George was one of

these soldiers. He applied for a pension twenty five years after he was discharged as he was physically unable to work due to the disabilities he acquired during the war and in the line of duty. These disabilities included inflammatory rheumatism, bronchitis, chronic diarrhea, piles and disease of the eyes. However, George did not receive a pension until after his fourth application in 1912.

After arriving home from the war George and Elizabeth started raising a family. They had two girls, Louisa and Effa, and two boys Charles and George. They moved from Michigan to Iowa and on to Minnesota and then North Dakota. At Velva, North Dakota, George received a bounty land grant from the federal government for his services in the Civil War, signed by President Taft. George had lost his wife, Elizabeth, in Alden, Iowa and married a second time at Velva to a widow, Irene Necumb.

George immigrated to Hardisty, Alberta in 1910, but his wife stayed on the farm in Velva. He homesteaded on a piece of land south east of Hardisty and lived with his son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Anice Clark until he died 6 Jan 1917. He is buried in the General Cemetery just south of the town of Hardisty. The United States Government sent us a soldier's tomb stone which was placed on his grave.

Electronic Genealogy



by Ian Holmes, AGS#2253

At Conference '95, Barry Potter gave an inspiring session on "Surfing the InterNet". To some of us venturing onto the InterNet is a bit like getting a bargain ticket to every airport in the world. Right now I have no idea what I would do or get if I visited all of those distant exotic places. But for a few of us "stay-at-home" venturers there are 164 Electronic Bulletin Boards operating in Edmonton as of the beginning of May, and many of these are connected to hundreds more across Canada and thousands around the world.

While many of these BBS sites cater to games players, cooks or golfers, there are many more which support genealogical "conferences". The

FIDOnet "echos" described elsewhere in an article by Bill Mumford, link up many of the boards and allow messages to be circulated daily. This means that I can dial up the local PC User BBS at 4:30 in the afternoon and see hundreds of new messages which have been added in the last 24 to 48 hours from Australia to Scarborough, Ontario, from the Republic of South Africa to Victoria, BC and many other places in-between. Usually I will ask the board to bundle up a package of 50 to 250 messages from the Canadian, Tiny Taffel, and Software discussion areas and dispatch them to my computer so I can browse or read them later in the day. If my friend Rene from Calgary or Len from Victoria is asking for a particular piece of information, I will print out that message and file it for later attention.

Each time I connect, there are another 500 to 1000 new messages in the North American genealogy section which I haven't read. From time-to-time I list the last 50 or so to see if there are any in my areas of family history research but I have yet to find even a remote connection since my research is elsewhere.

I sometimes wonder if serious researchers are ever able to find valuable information amongst all of this mass of material, especially when there are quite a few "amateurs" looking vaguely for "Uncle Bill" who they think came to Canada around 1920.

Primary Sources

Good research practice requires that basic family history research be founded on "primary sources".

The birth certificate I have for my father is such a source. It was written by the registrar using information provided by my grandfather a few days after the event. As such, the dates and places given can be considered reasonably reliable.

Even so, he reports my grandmother as his "wife" and our other research shows that she did not "officially" marry George William Holmes until four years later. My brother located the marriage certificate through the registrations index at St.Catherines House in London proving that individual primary sources can be less than 100% accurate.

The 100 year old Census Records are good primary sources but these too can contain "minor errors".

Auntie may have reported her age to one census taker as 27 (a year younger than her husband) when further research may show she was 33 at that date and then aged another 15 years by the next census 10 years later.

Secondary Sources

Bulletin boards are filling the airwaves with hundreds of "inquiries" from "David" looking for "Uncle Bill". If such a message actually gets a response it may be a useful clue. More often, I suspect, it will distract the recipient from "real" family history. No doubt some link-ups do occur, but I would expect them to be rather few and VERY frail.

A more useful function of electronic connections can be the distribution of lists. In Alberta, AGS in conjunction with the Alberta Family Histories Societies have just published lists of 300,000 names with dates and places gathered from more than 1000 cemeteries, newspapers, history books and BMD registrations. These transcribed lists and indexes are secondary sources or, more properly, "finding aids". No genealogy researcher should accept any of this information as "true fact". All the details should be tracked back to real primary sources.

In the past few years, many of the available records have been tabulated and listed as indexes and finding aids on microfilm, microfiche, CD-ROM disks and ordinary computer data files. New technology and the availability of electronic connections are revolutionizing family history research, but they cannot replace the need to document each item of interest with reliable information from a primary source.



Everything you always wanted to know about homestead records (but were afraid to ask)

by Keith Stotyn, Chief Archivist,
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Provincial Archives of Alberta


Researching homestead records at the Provincial Archives is a complex but often rewarding project. A step-by-step guide is available to help you with the complexities of the process and professional staff will assist you when you need help. What follows is some background on the homestead system and records, so that you will be better prepared to use them.

Legal description, or "what do all those numbers mean?"

All rural land in western Canada is described with a notation called legal description. The survey system was established by the *Dominion Lands Act* in 1872. It divided the map of western Canada into six vertical strips, marked by meridians. The 4th (which is the Alberta/ Saskatchewan border), the 5th (running through Calgary and Stony Plain) and the 6th (in the Peace River country) meridians concern Alberta land. Land is described as "west of" each meridian. In the legal notation, it appears as W4, W5, or W6.

West of each meridian, the map is further divided into vertical strips of townships. Each strip is called a range and is numbered sequentially, westward from the meridian line. Because survey lines are straight, while the world curves, there are fewer ranges the further north you go. In the notation, the range appears as, for example, -25 W4.

Each township in the range is numbered sequentially, running north from the Canada/U.S. border. In the notation, the township appears as - 52-25 W4.

A township is 6 miles square, divided into 36 sections, each of 640 acres. The sections are numbered sequentially, from the south-east corner in a back-and-forth pattern to the north east corner (see top of next column ).

31	32	33	34	35	36
30	29	28	27	26	25
19	20	21	22	23	24
18	17	16	15	14	13
7	8	9	10	11	12
6	5	4	3	2	1

In the notation, the section appears as 27-52-25 W4.

Each section is divided into quarters, identified by its compass direction; i.e., SE, SW, NW, NE. It appears as NW 27-52-25 W4. A map, demonstrating how the notation works, appears on the front cover of the guide.

The meaning of *homestead*

Before you start looking at the homestead records, you need to know what we mean by the word, *homestead*. In normal speech it is often interchangeable with *settled*, as in, "My grandfather homesteaded (or settled) near Monarch in 1904". But for the federal government then, and for the Provincial Archives now, *homestead* has a very specific meaning. It refers to one particular method of acquiring land.

Under provisions of the *Dominion Lands Act*, 160 acres could be acquired from the federal government by paying a \$10.00 filing fee, occupying the land for at least three years and performing certain "improvements", including building a house and barn, and fencing, breaking and cropping a portion of the land. On proving that all requirements had been fulfilled, the government issued *letters patent* (title) to the land. This was the process known as *homesteading*, for which the Provincial Archives has records. At various times, the Act also allowed pre-emptions and other land sales.

What land was available for homestead?

Not all land was available for homestead. Secs. 11 and 29 in every township was designated "School Land"; proceeds from the sale of school land was used to fund education in the Northwest Territories and, later, the prairie provinces. Secs. 8 and 3/4 of 26 (sometimes all of 26) were transferred to the Hudson's Bay Company after its sale of Rupert's Land to Canada in 1870. Odd-numbered sections were often transferred to the Canadian Pacific and other railways as a subsidy for the construction of rail lines. Therefore, less than half of each township might be available as homestead land. If the legal description refers to any of the sections mentioned above, it may not have been homesteaded. Sales by the Hudson's Bay Company, railways or private owners cannot be researched at PAA; school land sales can be.

N.B. For more information on general lands policies, see Chester Martin, *"Dominion lands" policy*. Originally published, 1938 (reprinted).

How your ancestors registered their homesteads

Registration of homestead entries occurred at Dominion Lands Agencies; there was an agency office in each *land district*. The first agency offices in Alberta were in Edmonton and Calgary, responsible for land north and south of township 34, respectively (a line running through Innisfail). As settlement expanded and certain areas became more active, new offices opened, taking responsibility for tracts of land from the older agencies. When a new agency was opened, information about transactions handled by the older agency were copied into the new agency's books, so it would have a complete record of its territory. The guide provides dates of operation for all the agencies.

What the federal government did with the records

Though homesteaders conducted their business at the agency offices, all the files were maintained by the Dominion Lands Branch in Ottawa. Most of

the records which survive came from the Ottawa office. Many files are still identified by their original "Ottawa" numbers and are located using original "finding aids".

It is important to understand that the files were created and maintained to document the status of each parcel of land, not to track homesteaders. When each quarter section was homesteaded for the first time, it got a file number; all documents relating to that quarter were placed on file until the land was patented. If more than one person applied to homestead the land before it was finally patented, documents for each applicant appear on the file, though records of earlier applicants were sometimes discarded. Files often contain records after patent; inquiries, seed grain lien records, etc.

In 1930, control of natural resources was transferred to the western provinces. Records of active transactions (i.e., files for land which had not already been patented) were turned over to the provincial governments; in Alberta's case, to the Department of Lands and Mines. Alberta's department gave each file a new number. The guide helps researchers to find files under the "Ottawa" file number or the Alberta file number, if it was changed.

How do you find a homestead file?

To find a homestead file you need to know at least the name of the applicant and the general geographic location of the land (i.e., near what community?), in order to search the name index of the appropriate land district. If you don't know which land district to search, you should contact National Archives of Canada. It has a master name index covering all western provinces. They can provide the legal description and "Ottawa" file number. You might discover that your ancestor didn't settle in Alberta; Provincial Archives of Manitoba and Saskatchewan Archives Board hold homestead files for their provinces.

The land district name index provides the legal description of the land. Be sure to check the entire alphabetical list for a name; individuals could apply for a homestead, abandon it, apply again, apply for

a pre-emption, etc., so the name may appear several times.

The file number for each quarter section is located through a provincial government list (which includes "Ottawa" and provincial file numbers) or township grids (which include only the "Ottawa" file numbers). File number lists provide the number of the microfilm reel containing the file.

N.B. Remember, a step-by-step guide to using the homestead records is available in the research room.

What information is on the file?

Basic information about homesteads is available in Township Registers. They contain:

- name;
- type of transaction;
- date of entry;
- date of patent or note of cancellation.

Sometimes, if a file number can't be found elsewhere, it appears in the register entry.

Homestead files normally contain:

- the application for homestead/ pre-emption, containing applicant's name, age, wife (no name, sometimes age), no. of children (no names, but sometimes ages, divided between male and female), birthplace, last residence, prior occupation;
- application for patent, containing name, age, occupation, post office, nationality, residency information, wife/children, breaking/cropping, livestock, buildings, fencing;
- notice that patent has been issued.

The forms changed over the years so the information may differ from one file to another. A homestead file may contain many other items, including inspector's reports, naturalization certificates, scrip, wills, documentation of seed grain liens, etc. Some files are not complete. A file may contain only the record of abandonment for an individual; other files often do not contain the application for homestead.

Other sources of land-related information

The Provincial Archives holds other land files; e.g. school lands sales, grazing leases, irrigation projects, etc. Local histories are often useful in discovering legal descriptions. Cummins Rural Directories, produced for Alberta in 1923 and 1927, contain maps which note the owner or occupant on each quarter section; some county and municipal district maps from the 1920s and since the 1950s are also available. A new series of county atlases, combining maps and family histories, is being acquired. Municipal District and County records, such as tax and assessment rolls, can be useful, although they are arranged by legal description. A few early township plans included references to residents.

Glenbow Archives, Calgary can provide information on CPR land sales; Provincial Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg can do the same for HBC land. Alberta Registries offices can provide land title information, but you must have the legal description.

Lucky researcher recovers 'lost' Mennonite archives



By John Schmidt,
Rural Lines/Nanton News 1994
Submitted by Dianne Jackson, AGS #1422

Alberta has been home for many years to a large number of Russian Mennonites, mostly farmers. Many of them did not emigrate in a normal fashion.

Around Brooks they tell horror stories about what happened to them and their families when they were driven or escaped from the Soviet Union.

They are generally good farmers, having brought with them the aptitude for agriculture in the southern Ukraine. The best-known of their communities there was the Molochna settlement near Odessa on the Sea of Azov.

It was a wrench for many that they never heard from or of their families since they emigrated and thus have never been able to tell their children or write up the stories of their roots with any accuracy, if at all.

Although some government and Mennonite archives have been readily available, it has been assumed that an important archive of the Molochna colony was destroyed when Josef Stalin and his communist forces took over the country. They carried out a reign of terror and these successful Mennonite farmers were driven from their lands and the notorious collective and state farms were set up.

However, the 140,000-page Molochna archive was located by mere chance in the summer of 1990 by a University of Toronto researcher of Russian Mennonite background. He is Harvey Dyck, a history professor who spent that summer at the Odessa Regional State Archives doing research on an agricultural history of the southern Ukraine.

Under the Mennonites, this area became one of the top agricultural areas in the world. However, the whole structure fell apart under Stalinist agriculture and ideology.

When the Mennonites first came to this area in the 1600s to escape German persecution, they were riding high as skilled farmers. However, they fell out of favour with that government in the 1870s because they were conscientious objectors and refused to serve in the military forces. Many of them took off then.

They ran into real trouble in the First World War when the Russians charged them with being German sympathizers. To prove the charges weren't true, they set up Peter J. Braun, a teacher and amateur historian, to work on a multi-year project of going through 60 villages gathering up diaries, contracts, letters, church and state records and other memorabilia to show their loyalty to Russia.

By the end of Braun's research, he had a houseful of papers at Neu Halbstadt.

Braun hadn't finished his monumental work when, as has been recounted in a feature story in the University of Toronto Magazine, the communists put a government in power in Moscow.

He decided to flee to Germany in 1924. His archival collection was spirited off to a school for the deaf.

It was later sent for safekeeping to the estate of Johann Cornies near Orlov. When the Cornies family was dispatched to Siberia in 1929, the authorities made off with the Molochna archive. For the next 60 years it was assumed to have been destroyed.

By the Grace of God, when Prof. Dyck was researching in Odessa in 1990 somebody brought some of it out of a dark corner. To his delight he found it was 85 percent complete but there are also a lot of other pertinent historical, social and economic documents that made Mennonite scholars all over Canada leap with joy.

Journal of Louisa Timewell 1852

Submitted by Deb Mallett, AGS #2885

I read the following story in the February 1995 issue of the Devon Family Historian and found it helped me to understand some of the feelings that must have plagued our ancestors when faced with emigrating. How leaving their families and sailing for weeks on end to an unpredictable future must have felt. The following journal and poem written by Louisa Timewell in 1852 shows the strength and fortitude she possessed and is surely a good indication of our ancestors' strength as well. We also get a rare look into a woman's view of those times. I thank Mrs. Edna J. Chandler and Gloria Wilks for their permission to reprint it here. Mrs. Chandler says "the more any past history is circulated, the more likely for it to survive into the future". Gloria also tells us that the Townsville (North Queensland) Genealogical Group also calls their newsletter "Relatively Speaking". Their addresses are printed at the end as they are hoping to find some distant relatives in Canada.

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Louisa Timewell (née Elliott) sailed with her husband William (a tailor from Kingsbridge) and their children, Kate and baby George, bound for Port Phillip, Melbourne [Australia], during 1852. With them went her brother George. The ship was the S.S. *Birmingham*.

September 5th, 1852

Dear Parents, Brothers and Sisters,



I am sorry I could not keep my promise sooner than this, I can assure you it's a more difficult thing to do than I imagined to write here, we have not much spare time that have children to mind too, but however I get on very well and find it quite as comfortable as I expected.

We are now about nineteen hundred miles past the Cape, and you'll think rather late to begin a journal now but however will give you a little idea of how we pass our time. I could not get the opportunity to do so before.

We have had most beautiful weather from the time we left Liverpool up to within the last four days, but we must expect to have some rough weather here.

We got over the hot weather very favourably, we had it extremely in the tropics, but still not so bad as I had been expecting. I got on deck all day with the children and the time passed very pleasantly watching the flying fish, sharks, whales and porpoises, and there was always a sail in sight or some fish or bird to look at, and I have had no unpleasant task to sit and picture you all at home in the warm weather. We mostly had our meals on deck sitting about like a picnic party with our tin platter and cup, two or three in a group on different parts of the deck.

William has been at work almost every day since we came out, but it's rather unpleasant - you either have sun burning you or the wind blowing your work about. I help him a little when I can, I think we are all just the colour of Gypsies, but I thank God we have been blessed with health. The children are thriving madly. George has got a big bounding fellow and has got the credit of being the happiest baby on the ship. They both of them go off to bed after tea, and then William and I pass our time until three bells, which is half past nine, on deck very pleasantly on a fine moonlight night. On the poop some are in groups singing, some telling their tales and others dancing and the waves looking just like a sheet of silver. I must refer you to George's journal for particulars as I cannot remember all that is past.

We have a very comfortable berth, there are two married couples besides ourselves and we manage very well. There are no berths for people by themselves. There is a captain in each berth and his duty is to scrape the berth every morning, take the food to the galley to be cooked, fetch the rations and divide it, and empty the slop pails. They take it in turn to be captain. This week it has

been George's turn to cook. Will is captain next week. We have had it stormy this last five days. I have not been able to get on deck with the children. I was obliged to keep in bed one day to keep them safe, the vessel rolled so. I was sitting on a box outside our berth with baby on my lap and I was pitched nearly under the table, box and all, so I thought the best place was bed and I had enough to do to keep myself in there. We had water tins, tubs, boxes and all sorts of utensils rolling about from side to side and the men staggering about as if they were drunk, and even now I am obliged to hold my ink bottle to keep it from sliding off the table.

Sunday Evening

Had a stormy disagreeable day. Have not been able to get on deck our ship going 13 knots weather getting very cold. Had nothing but boiled rice for dinner, a sorry dinner for Sunday, but it's not so bad here with a little sugar and spice in it and butter. For tea we had what we call cake, but what at home would be pudding, for it is made without any sort of yeast. I manage very well for supper. William always gets some oatmeal gruel for our supper, and I can assure you it is excellent stuff, but there we are obliged to have it at seven o'clock as the galley fires are out and it is under favour that he gets it cooked.

We had a pleasant evening. One of our men has been a Wesleyan Preacher, and we have had the regular Chapel Service here.

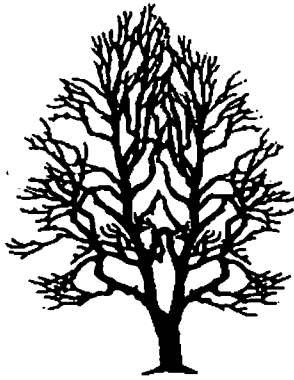
Monday

Rather stormy and raining, nearly everybody below. Have been washing out some things for baby and every minute obliged to hold on for my life to keep myself and tub from toppling over. It's very laughable to see them pitching about so. The moment our tea is poured we are each obliged to hold on to our cups or else have it spilt over the table.

Today I have made a loaf. Got a little leaven from the cook, but it gets sour after one day's keeping. To keep it good we have to make a loaf every day and keep a bit of dough from each loaf just before it is put in the oven. For dinner we have cold salad meat and rice, for tea I have made a little tea-cake. We get them done in the frying pan and they are not so coarse. Anything is better than biscuit. I just mention our living that you may know how to manage if any of you should come out.

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BRANCH BITS...



**bits of
information
from the
branches to
you.**

Brooks & District Branch

Our Branch has been the fortunate recipient of two more "new to us" micro-fiche readers, donated by the Credit Union and Nova Corporation.

As in all organizations, we have a core group of tireless workers, and I salute each of you for your many hours and countless contributions to our Branch. I would like to make special mention of the 117 hours Laurette Doucet has donated (1 Jan - 1 May '95); entering approximately 250 of our library books on the new Libra computer program.

Also a big thank you to Clara Iwaasa for compiling the information, and Betty Penner for typing and printing our new "Members' Interest and Research Guide" - an excellent little publication which again involved many volunteered hours. This is available at \$3 plus \$1 postage.

Eight of our members attended the '95 Conference; all reporting it to be good learnin' and an enjoyable social occasion. Congratulations to the new AGS Executive and to Carol Anderson who will carry on as 1st Vice President.

To-date we have 33 members. Ontario study nights continue monthly with Carol Anderson. We have received several research inquiries and hope to complete some cemetery research this summer. Our "Scavenger Hunt" for information available in our library was most successful and a great teaching tool. Carol Anderson and Clara

Iwaasa (again many volunteer hours devoted) have been invited and encouraged to present another evening of "hunting".

Wishing everyone a summer of sharing old memories and building new memories.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed: Jean Stewart, President

Drayton Valley Branch

Drayton Valley Branch welcomes new member Evelyn Dupperon to our group. We enjoyed Tom Trace's visit and presentation in March. Lots of new tips and pointers were given. A microfilm reader has been purchased and is being put into our local library so we can have access to films from the National Archives both here in Canada and the United States where a lot of our members are researching. A cabinet has been built for it also at the request of the library so that it is secure. Four of our members attended Conference '95. Peter Goutbeck has asked our group to record the Riverview Cemetery in Drayton Valley so we will look into doing that this summer. Our group's last meeting will be May 18 when we will recess for the summer with next meeting being September 21.

Signed: Colleen Andersen, President

Grande Prairie & District Branch

The May 16th meeting of the Branch features speaker Gordon Mercer from Oliver Funeral Chapel. He will be speaking on *Funeral Records and What is Contained in Them*. He will also bring with him various samples of records.

Our June meeting will be held on June 20th at a new location for this month only. We will be meeting at the *Grande Prairie Museum* at 7:00pm. After a short meeting, we will have the opportunity to tour the museum and see the many changes made in their collection. Of special interest will be their photographic collection.

Meetings are not held in the summer months. Following the summer, our next meeting will be on September 19th at the *Grande Prairie Public Library* and begins at 7:00pm. Program to be announced. Visitors welcome. Further information may be obtained from Laura Turnbull at ☎(403) 532-7138.

Medicine Hat & District Branch

The past few months have been busy ones for our branch. We've had a few new members join and quite a great turnout of our members for some interesting talks.

Gordon Bruins gave us a talk on land records. We had a problem-solving workshop and a form-filling-out session - all of which our members enjoyed and found informative.

We are getting our members more involved with gathering information from local sources and their own queries, to put into our newsletter.

We are planning a group trip to Lethbridge to the Family History Centre on 27 May to do some research. In June we hope to get together for a cemetery recording picnic; also we will be having Betty Sorenson talking on Quebec.

Our Library continues to grow. Members are better able to use our resources for their research at our new location.

June is our last meeting until the fall, so I hope everyone has a great summer and good luck with their researching.

Signed: Betty Padfield, President

Red Deer & District Branch

Gordon Becker presented one copy of each of the following newly printed cemetery publications: Bentley, Horseguard/Alhambra, Eckville, Tindastoll and Veteran. Evelyne Fairbrother will incorporate these publications into the AGS library.

Meetings held: Feb 22: *Computer & Genealogy* by Tom Trace; March 22: *Genealogical Research in Scotland & England* by Dr. Charles Bird

The new executive for Red Deer Branch are as follows:

President:	Kurt Nagel
V. President:	Gordon Becker
Secretary:	Bob Watson
Treasurer:	Mary Joan Cornett

The following members have agreed to carry on their appointed positions in the Red Deer Branch:

Publicity:	Janet Coatham
Membership:	Betty Barnhill
Librarian:	Marjorie Nicholson
Editor <i>The Tree Climber</i> :	Evelyne Fairbrother

Feelin' Down and Out?

Then Maybe One of These Old Remedies Will Help:

To Relieve Asthma

Take the root of skunk cabbage and boil it until very strong, then strain off the liquor, to which add, one tablespoonful of garlic juice to one pint of the liquor and simmer them together. Dose - one tablespoonful three times a day.

Cure for an Earache

Soak the feet in warm water, roast an onion and put the heart of it into the ear, heat a brick and wrap it up. When the feet are taken from the water, bind roasted onions on them. Roast a piece of lean mutton, squeeze out the juice and drop it into the ear as hot as it can be borne.

Windy Spasms

One ounce camphor put in 1 pint rum. Take 1 tablespoonful every 10 minutes till relieved.

Lung Disease

1 oz. hoarhound, 1 oz. camomile, 1 oz. sassafras, 1 oz. sarsaparilla, 1 oz. black cherry bark, 1 oz. comfrey root, 1 oz. hlecapane (?). Boil these in 2 gallons of rain water till you have one; strain clear: add 1 pint Honey 1 quart black currant wine. Dose: Two tablespoonsful three times a day.

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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, 25 May 1995 - Regular Meeting

- Tony Cashman will be speaking on "*The Edmonton Story*"

Thursday, 22 June 1995 - Regular Meeting

- Dessert Night - come and ENJOY!

**SUMMER BREAK - July & August -
Happy Researching!**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 1995

The Edmonton Branch of the AGS is to be congratulated for hosting the very successful AGS Conference '95, *Waves West*. There were 178 registrants during the two days. Evaluations were very positive regarding speakers, format, variety of sessions offered, and place. The evaluations along with a one page summary are filed in the Resource File in the library at 916 McLeod Building.

The Edmonton Branch now has a membership of over 350 for this year. Attendance at our monthly meetings is about one quarter or more of our membership. A serendipitous meeting with one of our members brought an attendee all the way from California to our March meeting. We also had a guest from British Columbia and a few new members and guests from the Edmonton area. Our March meeting featured a sharing of information with new members who were researching in similar areas. April saw two members share anecdotes of their research and how they organize information and what resources they found useful. We also had a display of Irish research materials. The Library Committee was recognized for the work they do. Their display drew a good deal of interest. May will feature a talk by Tony Cashman, well known Edmonton historian who has written many Edmonton Stories over the years. At this meeting we will also recognize the Cemetery Recording/Indexing Committee for the work they do.

Two of our past presidents and myself are working diligently to find suitable space for our library, which also houses the Charles Denney Papers, Germans from Russia library, and the AGS office. The new space will also house the AGS library which is currently housed in Red Deer. The Library Committee is also planning ahead for the new space and for the resultant move when required. A new Library Collection Policy has been set along with a questionnaire which will help determine our future needs as we move along in this electronic age.

Our new course director has met with a committee and is preparing for the Family Tree

course which will be given by our members this fall starting in September. The course will run for 9 weeks and will cover beginning genealogy, using proper forms, using computers, photography, preservation of documents, and will include tours to resource centres for hands-on research.

The 1901 census indexing will be starting soon now that we have the equipment, and a project is ongoing with the Donnelly group to index marriage, birth, and death records in the Northern Diocese.

The Salt Lake City trip committee is well organized and plans are being finalized for the research trip there for October 22-28, 1995.

Our branch is sending five members to the Vitalize '95 Conference in Calgary, June 8-10, 1995.

Our special interest groups on England and Scotland are meeting regularly with some very important networking and research work being done.

Cemetery recording is moving outdoors now that the weather is favorable. One trip is planned soon for recording with others to follow.

While we have a wonderful executive of very dedicated workers, we are still in need of a Vice-President and someone to head up the cemetery recording excursions. If any one of you has some time which you could give to your society, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful, enjoyable, and profitable summer in/with your family tree!

Respectfully submitted,
Signed: Florence Woodward
President, Edmonton Branch AGS

LIBRARY NEWS by Susan McKeen

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

☎ 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.)

Hi, everybody. Well, since this is my first
column for *Clandigger*, I should start with some
very big thank yous...

THANK YOU!!

To Norma Wolowyk for doing such a
marvellous job of managing the Library for -- can
it really be six years? Thank you. You have
been more than generous with your time and
knowledge, especially in answering all of my "*do
we have*" and "*how have we done*" questions at
really horrendous times. It has truly been a
pleasure to work with you and to learn from you.

To all of our marvellous volunteers who
donate hours upon hours to keep our Library
open and running so smoothly that most of the
time we forget you are there. But we wouldn't
have such a friendly and informative place to
obtain information if you weren't there. All of our
volunteers bring their own particular expertise to
the job, so that on any given day, when you, as
members, come to the Library, help is readily
available.

We should be particularly proud of our
membership! We manage and staff our own
Library facility completely from within our own
organization. When you realize that we are a
"relatively" small branch within a small society
(some societies have 3000 - 4000 members or
more), I feel that this is quite a feather in our
caps.

And last, but certainly far from least, I
would like to thank Joy Doyle who is our AGS
secretary. As most of you know Joy works
Thursdays and Fridays on AGS material. But
she has always been willing to help others,
whether by picking up the phone when the
volunteers are busy or by answering the
multitude of questions that arise, that I for one,
don't always know the answers to. Your name
suits you! You really are a joy to work with.

For those of you who will be travelling--
please send us back a post card (or bring it with
you). It doesn't matter if you're going half way
around the world or just up to St. Paul to visit

Great-Grandma's grave. All donations are
greatly appreciated. I would very much like to
start a bulletin board for such things. It's a way
of sharing your trips and discoveries with
everyone.

It seems to be pretty definite that we will
be moving--sometime. And of course, any work
that needs to be done needs . . . VOLUNTEERS!
I have approached Scouts Canada for assistance
with the heavier jobs of packing and moving.
The Scouts and Guides too, need to do service
work for an organization other than their own.
But, they will need to be supervised. And if you
really like packing books, the more hands, the
lighter and faster the work. There is a sheet at
916 that you can phone and request your name
be put down. We already have at least 3 people
who have officially offered to help.

At this time, the Library will be open on
Fridays from 10-3. If you as members would like
to see it open on other days, please let me
know. At the present, we have enough people
willing to give up one day a week of their
summer to keep it open. But please, during the
summer, phone first before you make the trip.
These things are not written in stone.

Since we are always getting new
materials into the Library, stop in and have a
look when you get a chance. Maybe that elusive
ancestor will be in our latest acquisition. I know
I found one of my husband's very difficult great-
great-grandfathers by browsing our shelves.

If you know of any particular good
books that you would like to see on our shelves,
please either give me a call or drop me a note.
If you write it down and leave it in the Library,
the Librarian can put it in my folder for future
reference.

That's all. See you next quarter.
Susan.

STAMPS FOR SALE

Postage from the following
countries available at the library:

U.S.A.

English

Australian

New Zealand

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)

- AGS MASTER DATABASE (mainly cemetery burials in Alberta)

Please send \$2.00 for each name to be searched plus a SASE to: Edmonton Branch AGS, Box 754, Edmonton AB T5J 2L4.

A Shot in the Dark Hits the Mark!

Submitted by Ivy Trumpour, AGS #2168

Once upon a time a man named Tom Price emigrated from Britain to Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. He came prior to World War I, married and had two daughters and a son. The son died in Edmonton in 1975. This was the information known to his grand nephew, also Tom Price, living in England. For many years Tom had been trying to locate Canadian relatives without success. He had written to various Price addresses in Edmonton, and someone had sent him a photocopy of the "P's" in the Fort Sask. telephone book which showed no Prices lived here now.

Refusing to give up, Tom chose some family names that had several entries in the phone book (assuming they were longstanding families in the Fort) and sent letters asking about Prices. One of these letters fell into the hands of my

friend, Lyn Pollard, who has some interest in family history and a great interest in helping people. At every opportunity she asked about the Price family but got few leads. Knowing that I was a member of AGS, she asked if I had any ideas. We checked newspaper archives and cemetery records. I suggested that Tom should get the death certificate for the cousin who died in 1975. Since the price of certificates was going up soon, Lyn proceeded to get the death certificate herself, no simple and inexpensive matter, as we all know.

I also asked my next door neighbour, an area oldtimer, if he had heard of Tom Price. Why, he most certainly had! They had worked together in the 1930's and he remembered Tom well. Tom had left the area in 1936 and no one seemed to remember where he went. At least we knew young Tom wasn't leading us up the garden path.

About this time I went to England on a holiday. Since I would be travelling near where Tom lived, I sent him a card on my arrival telling him I had a little information and when I would call. Unbeknownst to me, this was the first response he had to his letters written eight months prior! You can well imagine the suspense.

When I saw Tom he showed me the death certificate he had obtained some time ago. He had written to the widow's address but she had moved. I noticed that the person had been buried in Smith, Alberta. An Englishman would have no idea that Smith was a town in Alberta. He assumed that Smith and Smith Funeral Home were located in Edmonton.

Back home I discovered that Lyn also had the death certificate by this time, but didn't know what to do with it. I suggested Smith was the logical place to look next. The words must have barely left my mouth before Lyn was on the phone to Smith and within days she had located the widow (who had remarried by this time) and discovered there was a very extensive family in Alberta. Contact was made and Lyn herself was in England shortly afterward. Needless to say, Tom was beside himself, and they had lengthy telephone conversations although they were unable to meet. I am sure he reimbursed her expenses, he sent me several British stamps for my small part in the story.

In one of those interesting coincidences, the cousin's widow had been in England the same time as I was, and had been visiting her second husband's relatives some 50 miles from where Tom lives!

The following summer Tom and his wife, Marion, came to visit his Canadian family, attended a family reunion, and spent an afternoon with Lyn and I in Fort Saskatchewan. She gave him the guided tour and he saw the jail that his grand uncle had helped to build. The structure was demolished a few months later. Some of Tom's relatives have been to England to visit, and I had a short visit with Tom and Marion in England this past Christmas.

Imagine this world if only everyone were as helpful as Lyn and as appreciative as Tom!

How are Your 'Ologies'?

1. The science that deals with the origin, history, life processes, and habits of plants & animals.
2. A collection of literary selections.
3. The study of religion and religious beliefs.
4. The science concerned with the interaction of organisms and their environment.
5. The scientific study and investigation of crime and criminals.
6. The study of the essential nature of disease.
7. The science or study of family descent.
8. The study of origin, nature, methods and limits of knowledge.
9. The science dealing with man, especially his origins, development and culture.
10. The science of constructing time measuring instruments.
11. The scientific study of the nervous system.
12. The science that deals with measuring time and dating events.
13. The science that deals with the study of weather and weather forecasting.
14. The supposed influence of the stars on human events.
15. The science that deals with climate and related phenomena.
16. The science of the mind and behaviour.
17. The science of the use and control of poisons.
18. The science dealing with the origin &

structure of the universe.

19. The study of music.

20. The science of living beings and life processes.

Answers: 1. Biology 2. Anthropology 3. Theology 4. Bacteriology
5. Criminology 6. Pathology 7. Genealogy 8. Epistemology
9. Anthropology 10. Herology 11. Neurology 12. Chronology
13. Meteorology 14. Astrology 15. Climatology 16. Psychology
17. Toxicology 18. Cosmology 19. Musicology 20. Physiology

Adapted from MS Westerdam, Holland America Cruise Line, submitted by Lillian B. White, AGS #2668



ERG+W

English Research Group (plus Wales)

For those who missed out on the Dennis Pearce lecture on English Research (which was held at the Edmonton Branch library)all is not lost!! Pat Woodman took notes and has kindly provided a copy to the Edmonton Branch library up at 916 for members to check out. THREE CHEERS FOR PAT! Look for Pat's notes in the next issue of Clandigger!

Minds are like parachutes, they only function when open! Lord Dewar

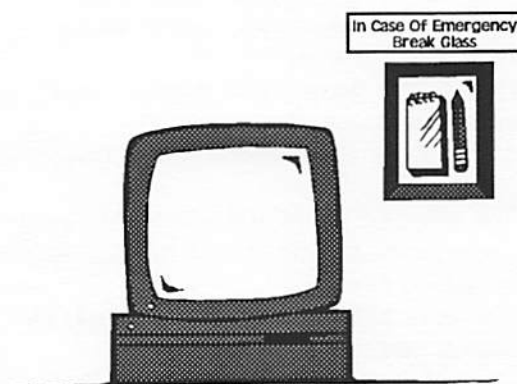
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by Ian Holmes, AGS#2253



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*Nothing in life is to be feared, it
is only to be understood!*

Madame Curie



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Catch the Postbus!



Did you know that you can ride with the Royal Mail Postbus (Britain's postal service) while they deliver the mail to the outlying areas of Scotland, England

and Wales? They have more than 170 routes operating several times a week. What a great opportunity to see all those little places you don't normally see on a trip! Especially if you are skittish about driving on the "wrong" side of the road. Perhaps your ancestors lived in a tiny little town way off the beaten track. This may be your chance to visit that town. There are numerous stops along the route but you could think of these as photo opportunities. The rates are inexpensive and complementary copies of the Postguides, containing detailed maps & timetables, are available by writing to Post Office Public Affairs, 30 St. James Square, London, SW1Y 4PY.

Source: A.M.A.'s *Westworld Alberta*, January/February 1995
Thanks to Phyllis Dendy



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Scottish Newsgroups on the Internet

The Internet has at least three newsgroups containing Scottish information. What is a newsgroup? It is an area that people can post messages on a topic and anyone else interested in that topic will see the messages. The three newsgroups are (1) [alt.scottish.clans](#), (2) [soc.culture.celtic](#), and (3) [scot.general](#). [Alt.scottish.clans](#) contains messages on Scottish history and clans. This is the one that contains the most usable information for a genealogist. [Soc.culture.celtic](#) is for Celtic (Scottish and Irish) messages. [Scot.general](#) is for general Scottish messages, a good place to ask your vacation questions. Before you use any of these groups, do a little lurking first. What's lurking? Lurking is standing in the background and watching (read the messages in the group for awhile to determine style and the allowed content). When you post a message, remember that your reader audience could be in the millions. You would not want 10% of them to flame you because of something you said (flaming is not something you want to find out about).

To get access to these newsgroups you must have access to the Internet. I can think of five possibilities in Edmonton. They are via an

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Thomas Bates Ballantyne (Scotland)
& Elizabeth Merle Thompson (Canada)
married March 6, 1929.

Check it out:

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This Thing Called Marriage, Deb Mallett
Clan/Family of the Quarter: Hay
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This Thing Called Marriage...

I have been trying to make heads or tails out of this marriage business in Scotland (and in the rest of Britain for that matter). It is very confusing - at least in the earlier years prior to civil registration in 1855. There are regular marriages, irregular marriages, clandestine marriages, proclamations of banns, betrothals and handfasting. If it doesn't drive you right around the bend it will at least make your searching very challenging! But if you do find your ancestors here you may find out a lot more about them than would ever show in an official marriage certificate. I shall attempt to fill you in on what I have found.

Betrothal: When the "promise" to marry, in ancient times, was followed by intercourse (*promissio subsequente copula*) it was recognized as amounting to marriage. This caused much confusion (especially in England where it was wide-spread).

Handfasting (or Handfisting): There seems to be many variations of this old practice. It is similar to being betrothed but has an added quirk. In general, the couple, with hands joined (handfasting), signified their consent to a union of temporary nature, generally a period of one year. At the end of that year, they either agreed to marry or to separate. Separating left them free to "handfast" with another. The children of this union went with one or the other party depending on the local customs. This is a very generalized version of the custom. It varied from place to place on the customs, rules, length of the trial period, etc.

The Highlands may have used a slightly different tact. A contract was drawn between two chiefs for trial marriages between the two families generally lasting for a period of one year and one day. Within that period, if the lady had a child or proved to be with child the marriage became good in law. If there were no children, the contract was considered at an end. Each was then free to try again with someone else.

Up to the end of the 17th century, Eskdalemuir had their own tradition. An annual fair was held in upper Eskdale which offered the opportunity to handfast. Unmarried men and women checked each other out and if they both agreed they joined hands and made their engagements. They then went off and cohabited until the next annual fair. At that time they were able to declare their approval or disapproval of each other. If each party remained "constant" the handfisting was renewed for life. If either of them dissented, the engagement was ended and they were able to start over with someone else. But this version of handfisting had a twist. The party that dissented was required to take charge of any offspring that resulted.

The practice of handfasting may have resulted from the lack of clergy available. Many only made yearly visitations for the purpose of marrying and baptizing. But it was continued out of

habit and custom long after they had ready access to the clergy.

Proclamations of Banns: This is when a couple gave "intimation of marriage" to the church. This often meant a sum of money (called a *pawn, pand or pledge*) was paid as assurance of good behavior before the marriage and as a guarantee to marry within 40 days. *Cautioners* (pronounced 'cationers' as in 'nation') were responsible for the behavior of the couple before their marriage. If the couple behaved themselves most of the pledge was refundable. The rest was donated to the poor of the church. When the couple married within the 40 days they had themselves a *regular marriage*. Other sources state that a regular marriage occurred when proclamation is performed on three Sundays in the parish church, followed by marriage by the minister. It is important to note that the dates you see in the Old Parish Registers (OPR) are usually the date of the proclamation of banns and not the date of the actual marriage. The presenter of the Scottish sessions at the "Waves West" Conference '95 was Mr. John K. Patrick of the Central Scotland Family History Society. He and his wife proclaimed their banns in the 1960's. They only had to proclaim it on one Sunday and Mr. Patrick thinks this practice ended shortly after. He says the proclamation of banns in front of all the church goers was to give them ample opportunity to protest the wedding.

Irregular (or Clandestine) Marriages: This happened when a couple was married without first proclaiming banns in either's home parish. These marriages are valid but were forbidden by statute. The couple was severely reprimanded, rebuked publicly and/or fined. They had to declare the names and designations of the witnesses and the minister. Thorough investigations often followed. If it was not completely clear that an irregular marriage had actually taken place, the couple would be called upon to "adhere" to each other - that is, the minister would marry them right then and there.

Some cities had "marriage vendors" who set up booths and provided marriages complete with certificates (calling innocent bystanders as witnesses). The certificate may have been used to evade "antenuptial uncleanness" (pre-marital pregnancy) penalties in the home parish.

With the exception of Edinburgh, irregular marriages were not common in the early 18th century. But they became more and more popular as the century wore on.

Kirk Session Registers: Having said all this, where does one look for these records? The lowest in the hierarchy of Church Courts in the presbyterian system of church government was the Kirk Session. This was the minister and elders of a parish and it was their responsibility to manage the

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You know that little indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?

Outdated Medical Terminology (was/now is)

apoplexy - stroke	jail fever - typhus
bad blood - syphilis	lock jaw - tetanus
blood poisoning - septicemia (bacterial infection)	lung fever - pneumonia
Bright's disease - glomerulonephritis (kidney disease)	lung sickness - tuberculosis
consumption - tuberculosis, pulmonary	plague/black death - bubonic plague
cretinism - hypothyroidism, congenital	podagra - gout
dropsy - congestive heart failure	Pott's disease - tuberculosis of the spinal vertebrae
fatty liver - cirrhosis	quinsy - streptococcal tonsillitis
glandular fever - mononucleosis	scrofula - tuberculosis of the neck lymph nodes
grippe - influenza (flu)	toxemia of pregnancy - eclampsia (high blood pressure & seizures)

Source: "Family Tree Maker", Version 3.0, Banner Blue Software
Appendix A, Page 231 (Submitted by Helen McArthur)

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 07:30 at the Lion's Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta. Membership is \$7.00 per year (September to August). The fee is used mainly to cover the cost of the meeting hall.

Change of address notices should be sent to:

Barry Potter, c/o Scottish Research Group, 9566 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0A7

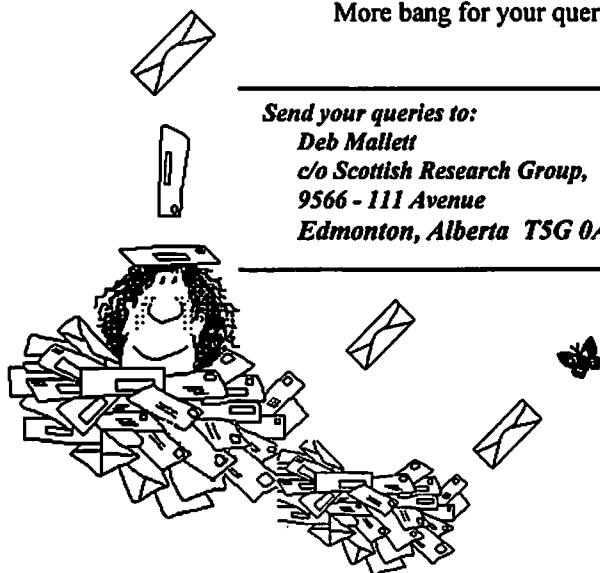
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What's coming up...

Scottish events happening in Canada:

Alberta:

August 24-26, 1995: Clan MacArthur Society in Canada,
2nd Western Provinces Gathering, UofA, Edmonton

Ontario:

August 5, 1995: Gelgarry Highland Games, Agricultural
Grounds, Maxville

Quebec:

August 6, 1995: Montreal Highland Games, St. Lambert
Seaway Park Facility, Montreal

There were other events mentioned in the last newsletter that
are happening in the maritimes this summer.

Barry Potter has been downloading this information from the
Internet for us and with this issue there are many more Scottish
events taking place in the States - too many to print here. So
what we will do is say if you are travelling to the States and you
would like to know what events may be taking place in your
area, give either Barry or myself (Deb Mallett) a call. We'll be
happy to check it out for you.

Source: Internet bulletin board announcements from Barry Potter.

Terms found in Scottish Records

buskit	- dressed up, prepared for show
carle's win	- man's crop; or harvest
casualities	- fees received by officials of the Kirk for specified services
colledges	- classes at the University for midwives
gudis	- 1) property, 2) live stock
kirk	- church

Laigh (the)	- the Lowlands
riggin	- rooftop
schule	- school
soutar	- shoemaker
tae & the tither	- the one and the other

The Kirk's Care of the Poor
J.M. McPherson, published about 1930 (Thanks, Iain)

Scots Proverbs and Rhymes, 1948
Forbes MacGregor, Gordon Wright Publishing, Edinburgh



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The Family Tree

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** A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!*



Clan/Family of the Quarter

Hay

The Hay family descends from a member of the de La Haye, powerful Norman princes who followed William the Conqueror to England in 1066. The lands of Errol in Perthshire were confirmed to William de Haya by charter around 1172. Sir Gilbert Hay, one of the faithful comrades-in-arms of Robert the Bruce, was rewarded with the lands of Slains in Aberdeenshire and the office of Lord High Constable of Scotland in 1309 (responsible for the personal safety of the monarch and sword bearer at coronations). In 1314 this title was made hereditary by charter and is still held by the current chief.

There were many prominent Hays including Sir William de La Haye who was raised to peerage as Earl of Errol in 1453; Sir Thomas Hay (7th Baron of Erroll) who brought royal blood into the family by marrying Elizabeth, daughter of Robert II; another Sir Gilbert Hay who fought for the cause of Joan of Arc; the 13th Earl received the Order of the Thistle from James VIII, the 'Old Pretender'; the Hays of Yester who became the Marquesses of Tweeddale; and many more.

In 1950 Diana, Countess of Erroll, founded the Clan Hay Society, which now has branches throughout the world. She was the Chief of Clan Hay but the title has now passed on to her son.

The Countess has set aside the old Castle of Delgaty as headquarters of the Clan Hay Society. where annual gatherings of the clan are held.

Septs who claim Hay as their parent clan are Hayes, Hayburn, Haydock, Hayfield, Haystoun, Haynes, la Hay, Delgaty, Dalgaty, Ayer, Alderston, Turriff and Yester.

Sources:

Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia
George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire, 1994

Highland Heritage
Grace Campbell, Collins, London & Glasgow,
1962

The Surnames of Scotland
George F. Black, Ph. D. 1946



Serva Jugum
(Keep the Yoke)

This Thing Called Marriage...

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parish's affairs - both practical and disciplinary. Along with the investigations into irregular marriages, handfasting, etc, they handled such things as Sabbath breach, riotous or scandalous behavior, gross drunkenness, bad family relations, sexual misbehavior, slander of someone else's wife on a Sunday, wife beating out-of-doors (note: wife beating was acceptable provided it was on a weekday and not in public or really brutal), etc. The Sessions would take up all cases of births within nine calendar months of marriage. "In Torphichen 1727, the Session went on for months inquiring into the birth of a surgeon's child six weeks before it should have happened, in spite of evidence that the mother had been ill and had had a fright, and that the child, when born, was not fully developed."¹ They recorded the fulfillment of these duties in a Register that was inspected by the presbytery every few years. Once Presbyterianism was fully established some sort of Kirk Session records had to be kept whereas the keeping of the OPR's was often neglected. So this source of information is very important. There is always the problem of exact identification (but this is the case in many records). But the records are rich in stories, opinions, the remarks of people in the past, personal relationships, parish society, etc. As the Sessions spent far more time on the disreputable than the righteous, the information may be tainted, but it will most always be fascinating. "It is particularly valuable for getting to know women who leave so little impact on most records."¹

The availability of the records vary from place to place (the Highland parishes are lacking in 17th century - so may not have been established there yet). There are many mentions of irregular marriages in the Old Parish Registers but I have not yet determined if the Kirk Session records are mixed up with the OPR's or if they are separate records - and where exactly to find them. If anyone can help I would be grateful.

Deb Mallett

Sources:

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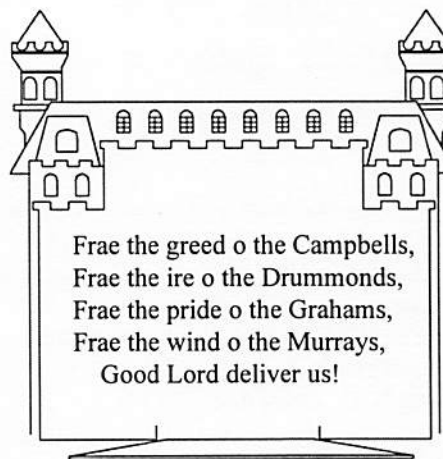
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by Barry Potter

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This was the grace of an eccentric Highland laird, Maxtone of Gultokey. He was no respecter of persons, and it is said that when visiting the Duke of Montrose, who was a Graham, he recited his customary grace, and quickly discovered the truth of his third line.

Scots Proverbs and Rhymes,
Forbes MacGregor,
Gordon Wright Publishing,
Edinburgh 1948

S.R.G. Meetings Coming Up:



Place: Lion's Senior Citizens
Recreation Centre
11113 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

Time: 07:30pm

June 6th: Barry Potter will be discussing
"Online Scottish Genealogical
Research"
(Computer Aided Research)



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You would laugh to see them here, men, boys and women cooking and washing up nearly all day long. A person can manage very well if they bring plenty of things with them. You can get them cooked. I will just mention here the things I should find most useful. People are led to believe they can buy things on board ship, but it is a wrong idea - if you get it, it is quite a favour, and you must pay very dear for it. Flour, carraways, spice, a little sugar, carbonate of soda and tartaric acid, you can always make bread with soda and acid and in the warm weather it is very useful to make a drink. It is dreadful to be parched with thirst and have nothing to take off the stinking taste of the water.

Pickles, preserves and onions are very useful. If I were to go on a voyage again I would be sure to have as much flour and preserves as I could bring. Our rations we are allowed from the ship are quite as good as we could expect, rice, peas, meal very good and more than we can make use of. I find the things we brought with us very useful. We have tea to spare but cannot get any coffee. Coffee and a small mill is very useful on board ship.

Monday

I have not been very well today, the weather still continues very dull, the days pass very wearily, can scarcely see to read or work to pass off the time, and no cheerful fire to look at or warm yourself by. I am now sitting up on my bed to write this by. Our berth is a very light one, we have a ventilator at the top. Our berth is very much like the one we saw on board the Fortitude that had six families in it, only larger according to the number.

We manage for Kate to sleep at the foot of our bed, so that we have her bed place to put her things in. 'Tis a hard cheerless bed I can tell you, but I am getting used to it and sleeping pretty well. Oh how I long to know what is going on in England. I should like to take a peep at the Modbury. I hear George singing. He is looking very much better than when we left. We often talk of you and picture scenes at home, especially of a Saturday night, but I suppose when we are thinking of you, you are in bed.

Tuesday

Still gloomy and very cold. Day passed heavily. George and William are at the table with several others at cards. Some are at chess and some singing. I have just got the children to bed after

giving them their meal porridge. Find the gas wanting. Have been sewing on some strings and took about a quarter of an hour to thread my needle. Would find some candles and a lantern very useful.

Wednesday

Very cold, women all sitting about with bonnets and shawl on. I have had my breakfast in bed, washed up, dressed the children in bed and mean to keep them here with me all day to keep them warm. I am sat up in my bed very comfortable and read, work or do anything in the top berth. William is busy today, he is captain and has to fetch our tea, sugar and biscuits. We have pea soup for dinner, for breakfast we had some fried ham and biscuits melted and fried in ham fat. It's not so bad. We shall come badly off, for as our flour is all done we cannot make any cake or pancakes. We bought some fat off the cook, but I wish I had brought some with me.

The frosty weather has sharpened our people with their tongues they are running nineteen to the dozen. Some are cheap some are crying songs to sell, some are peep show men. We have had quite an auction this morning. They have sold a Chess Board, Musical Box, some canvas and are now putting up a watch, so that you may judge what a chatter there is with their different brogues, some Jews, some Irish, some Yorkshire and a good many Scotch and in fact all sorts. I can hear George laugh louder than all the rest.

Thursday

Still very cold. Nothing today occurred worthy of notice.

Saturday

Have been washing up a few clothes for baby, a troublesome job in cold water. I wish I had brought blue serge petticoats for the children. Those with black drawers, black frocks and black aprons are best for them. And in fact a blue serge petticoat is the best for anyone, it's a dreadful bother having so much dirty clothes about. I have been wearing my wrapper, black dress, plaid cloth one, my old cotton ones are not good enough. We are obliged to look a little tidy amongst four hundred people. I should advise anyone coming out to keep out as few things as possible, a few light things for the hot weather, a few warm things for the cold and let it all be of material that will not want washing. Everything that

gets the sea air gets injured more or less. Weather not so cold today, ship going very fast.

Sunday

Beautiful day, been on deck with the children. Sea quite calm. Ship going 12 knots, hundreds of birds flying close to the ship, Cape Pigeons, Cape Hens, Ice Birds and Albatross. We have rounded the Cape and are all quite elated with the hope of being at our destination in three weeks or a month from now. It is ten weeks since we started and eleven since we came on board. It seems nothing to look back. I have fared very well today. Will got some preserved potatoes on board so we had some ham and fried potatoes for breakfast, cold beef and potatoes for dinner, and a nice currant cake for tea, just as light as I could have made it at home. I made it with leaven.

We have had a very good sermon here tonight. Our part of the ship was quite crammed with passengers from the other parts of the vessel. The steerage of the ship is much larger than the part the young women had on board the Fortitude.

Monday

Very cold, ship going very fast. Made a good breakfast of potatoes and ham. Have been busy this morning to get my bread baked early. I made little loaves about the size of your penny batch loaves, and we have one each though we could eat one twice as large. I think when I get to Australia I shall eat a half quarter loaf at once. We have cold beef and rice for dinner. Baby is rather poorly, have given him some Magnesia. I hope he will soon cut two teeth. He is the very picture of Willie and just as happy. Kate has been poorly. She is very happy here. She sings "Three Blind Mice" and "Curly Locks" occasionally, but she has learnt a new song from the sailors about "Oh, the bowline, Oh". I have been in dear old England tonight in my dreams but I had all the parting scene.

Tuesday

Still very cold. Days pass very drearily, seem twice as long as when we could get up on deck all day long.

Wednesday

Nothing particular, still cold but going 12 knots an hour. Hope to be soon at our journey's end. Had some biscuits and treacle for dinner, could not eat the soup and Bouille, we none of us like it

unless it is in a pie and we cannot spare the flour for that. Had a little seed loaf for tea, and our porridge for supper. I could not nurse baby without it. It is very feeding and strengthening. George is very fond of it. I think we shall learn to live cheap. Have been busy helping William to sew the seams of trousers. Passed a pleasant evening though a noisy one. Just imagine about a dozen laughing and chatting over a game of cards, another lot one side of them singing as loud as they could bawl and another lot the other side trying to sing loud enough to drown the voices of the others, and the children running about just enjoying themselves as well as though they were on land. George has been singing several songs tonight, and they have sung many that I used to hear sung in the parlour of the old house at home. Amongst them was the "Bird" and "Dear Father's Going Awa' wi' Jamie".

Thursday

Rather dull day, very cold, no wind, ship going like the boy went to school, one step forward and two back. Had some biscuits and honey for breakfast, boiled port for dinner and a drop of pea soup to wash it down. (Will bought some from the Cook). A little seed loaf for tea, ditto for supper. Should have liked a glass of ale with it, but was obliged to be content with a little treacle vinegar mixed with water. It makes a tolerable drink. Our water is horrid stuff.

Friday

Still very cold. Day passed just as usual.

Saturday

Have been busy taking out the clean clothes, making bread for today and tomorrow and cleaning up the rubbish a bit. I can assure you, I do not find much time to spare. By the time I have finished one job there is another ready. Will and George are very busy today winding up the jobs being Saturday. They are obliged to work below, it's too cold on deck. Have lived gaily today, got some more flour and potatoes. Had some ham and potatoes for breakfast. Ditto with boiled beef for dinner. I have sweet bread for tea, grael at 7 o'clock, bread and cheese for supper. Have been picturing you at home tonight. Mother in the bar serving her evening customers, Father in his chair, Bess and Polly in their wild glee laughing at their own mirth and the old familiar faces that I used to see there.

Sunday

Intensely cold, rather stormy. Ventilators all shut and the lamp lit, rocking about dreadfully. Obligated to hold fast to keep from being sent off our bed to the other side. We have had hail and snow today. I am obliged to wrap up the children well, and am glad to wear both my jackets. The day has been like two, it's so dark and dismal, it puts me in mind of a picture I have seen of a smugglers' cave with the old lamp hung up in the middle and such a group. Cannot see to read, have had our evening service, but our Parson could not do as well as usual from the motion of the vessel.

Had some ham and potatoes for breakfast and cold beef, biscuits and rice for dinner, cake for tea and gruel for supper. Went to bed at half past eight.

Monday

Still dull, cold weather and rocking from side to side. Have been up in bed nearly all day, rolling up the dirty clothes to get in as small a space as I can. It's very bad to live in such a small house, as soon as I put things in place it's out again. We get our things lost, so sometimes we have no spoons or knives and forks, and at other times we have more than our own. I shall be precious glad when our voyage is up. We hope to make it now in about a fortnight. Will and one of the men in our berth had a noise. He is rather a tall fellow and did not empty the stoves and Will and our other partner told him about it, so he made up a fuss about his share of the berth, said he had not as much room as he ought to have, and put some of our boxes outside, but Will soon made him measure out his share and put our boxes in again. I hope you will be able to read my scribble. I have made my elbow sore leaning on it to keep me steady.

Friday

Have not been able to write since Monday, it has been so dark. We were on the lee side and obliged to have the ventilators shut to keep the waves from breaking over. On Wednesday I was obliged to have a candle and lantern to make my bed or rather spread the bedclothes. Yesterday I was busy washing the children's bedgowns, petticoats and a few towels and handkerchiefs making bread and sewing. I have many little nurses to hold baby. Will and George are busy sewing every day. Though I am obliged to hinder them a little to get the cooking done. I have

never been to the galley yet. It's a horrid bore to get the things done, there are so many cooking at once, so you see there are many little difficulties to put up with, but the time passes away very well with us. We have our work to do. I often feel a longing desire to let you know at home how well I get on and how well I feel in health, as well as I ever was in my life, and I can tell you I can eat hearty enough this cold weather. I know how anxious you all are to know how we get on. It gives me the heart sickness sometimes when the thought comes that I may never see your dear faces again, but I banish it again as quickly as I can, for God knows what a few years may bring forth, but enough. I made a new fashioned pudding yesterday. We are ever trying new dodges. I'll give you the recipe that you may try our cooking. About 1/2 pint of flour, a pint of boiled rice, suet, spice and sugar. It's very nice to us that can get little more than crackers and salt junk. This morning we have had meal porridge for breakfast and I hope to have potatoes and ham for dinner, nothing in prospective for tea but biscuit. We can only afford to have loaves every other day.

Saturday

Very cold and stormy. Was obliged to hold fast the flour and things while I make up the cake. Have been sewing a little. Will and George are busy at work getting the new work done. George is rather poorly with a slight sore throat, have rubbed his neck with butter and put a stocking round, baby very poorly, a cold and cutting his teeth, poor little fellow, he has no comfort. Kate gets on nicely and is growing well. Had porridge for breakfast and beef and potatoes for dinner, cake for tea, gruel for supper. Passed the evening reading.

Sunday

Piercing cold. Ship going 13 knots, she is a beautiful sailor and so far has been a very prosperous one, we have had no sickness of any sort. We hope to soon land, our Captain steers pretty far south that's the reason we have it so cold, but we shall go our voyage quicker, I don't care how soon for it's not so pleasant as it was in the warm weather sitting about deck all day long, we cannot get up at all now. I have not been up this fortnight. George is better. I gave him breakfast in bed. Baby is still very poorly. Had biscuits and treacle for breakfast, cold beef and potatoes for dinner, cake for tea, had our gruel made for supper, but did not get it until after our evening

service was begun and so got it spilt, so instead of listening to the sermon I was washing up the berth. The Steerage was as full as it could stick, we had the cabin passengers to honour our part of the ship.

Monday

Cold dull weather with a cold wind. Will is poorly with a headache, there are so many draughts and damp. Had porridge for breakfast, cold beef for dinner, biscuits for tea, gruel for supper. Evening passed as usual in cards, chess and chatter.

Tuesday

Very cold. Going 13 knots. All better this morning, have been very busy sewing, had biscuits for breakfast, beef and potatoes for dinner, rice and flour pudding for tea and plain biscuits for supper, could not get our gruel boiled, cook was cross and made out the fire. Passed the evening knitting, wish I had brought cotton I could nearly have made my quilt, could have seen to do that with our dim light. Went to bed early. Will on watch.

Wednesday

Not so cold, getting nearer the sun every day. We are now 7 hours earlier than you in England. I dreamt about you all last night. Oh how I long to know how you are, all of you. I was talking to dear Father and I was with Mrs. Timewell at Kingsbridge, but I found it was but a dream. We are all speculating about the time we shall land, it will be a joyful day.

Saturday

I have not been able to write until now, have been so busy helping Will to get his work done as we expect to go on shore about Thursday. We are about eleven hundred and fifty miles from Melbourne and going on every day a rattling speed, we are all so light hearted as possible at the thought of seeing land. It's six weeks now since we saw a sail nothing but vast expanse of sea, and sky. The water looks very rough here the waves roll very high, until the last six weeks I never saw the water rougher than I have seen it generally at Plymouth Sound. We are all very well except baby he cuts his teeth very hard. We have had biscuits for breakfast, junk and potatoes for dinner and bread and butter for tea. Will brought a little butter to last out, gruel and bread and butter and not a glass but a tin cup of ale for supper, there's a treat for you.

Sunday

Weather warmer but rather dull. All talking about landing and the gold diggings if please God we land alright. I suppose there never was a ship that ever sailed for Melbourne that could have a finer passage, we have had no storms, no sickness or accidents, one death the Mate, 2 births, one wedding, we are likely to have another birth before we land. I must begin tomorrow to get the children's things ready to land.



Notes from Oxford English Dictionary:

Bouilli (*Bouille* in text) - fresh beef gently simmered by a slow fire

junk - salt meat used on a long voyage

Poem written by Louisa Timewell to her family 1852:

*Farewell Father, now I leave thee
And with sadness from thee part.
Oh believe the words thou'st spoken
Shall be treasured in my heart.
For a husband's love I leave thee,
In a far and distant land.
Years may pass ere again I see thee,
Ere I press once more your hand.*

*Farewell sisters.
Farewell brothers.
Bless you for your tender prayers
Guard our parents from all sorrow,
Sooth their fears and share their cares.
For a husband's love I leave you
In that lies a nameless spell.
For it can sever hearts like ours
And bid me say to all, Farewell.*

*Farewell mother, best and dearest.
Oh must I say farewell to thee
Must the sacred ties that bind us
In one short hour severed be.
For a husband's love I leave thee
'Tis for that I say adieu,
Yet believe where'er I wander,
My thoughts and prayers will be of you.*

Louisa Timewell arrived at Melbourne, Australia on the S.S. *Birmingham* in 1852. Within 18 months

Louisa and her baby son George had died of what the family believed to be Typhus.

Louisa and William Timewell were the first of the Lidstone and Timewell families who emigrated to Australia and New Zealand.

Mrs. Edna J. Chandler, 'Wirreanda', RMB 1018, Picola, 3639 Vic, Australia

- also searching: Louisa's father Samuel Henry Elliot, grocer, Plymouth, Devon

Gloria Wilks, 'Woodleigh', 16 Thistleton Drive, Burrill Lake, N.S.W. 2539 Australia

- also searching: William Timewell's younger sister Agnes Lidstone (née Timewell)



Mary Ann Rowe, 1890s

"Out of Ireland" Brings Genealogy Alive on the Silver Screen

by Ann R. Crowley,
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In 1888, a young girl named Mary Ann Rowe left her ancestral home in Dunnamaggan, Ireland, to find her fortune in America. We follow her as she goes into service with the Collins family in Dedham, Mass., and then marries Patrick J. Sutton of Providence, R.I., on 28 February 1897. Our vehicle is not a painstaking search of passenger and census records; that has already been done for us. Academy Award-winning documentary film-makers Paul and Ellen Casey Wagner spent five years working closely with Kerby Miller, the world's leading Irish historian, using genealogical research methods to create the striking film *Out of Ireland*.

Funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities grant and already honored with presentations at the Sundance Film Festival, it will air nationally Wednesday, 7 June 1995, at 9:00pm on PBS. Tracing the story of the Irish from the famine-swept villages of 19th-century Ireland to the industrialized cities of 20th-century America, the film is based on historian Miller's extensive collection of letters written home by Mary Ann and seven other young immigrants. Their words are

read aloud by Irish film stars against a backdrop of lush Irish countryside, underscored by hauntingly beautiful music, and illustrated with a wealth of period photographs. A researcher spent two years gleaning the several hundred photos used in the film from over 250 different Irish archives, principally from the Lawrence Collection housed in the National Library of Ireland.

Using Mary Ann Rowe as an example, film-maker Paul Wagner described some of the sources used in recreating her life story for the screen. Beginning with her letters, Miller wrote a background essay. Together the team then searched census records and local histories. The Dedham, Mass., Historical Society yielded photos of the period. Maps and real estate records identified the actual house where she lived as servant to the Collins'. At her local church, they viewed the record of her marriage to Patrick Sutton and, sadly, other records showing that she died not long after bearing their child.

Delving further back into Mary Ann's history, Wagner went to Ireland to find her family's farm. Taking a geographer knowledgeable about the Irish "townlands", he drove to what they thought to be the right area and encountered the local mailman. When they mentioned Wallace, the next door neighbor to whom Mary Ann had addressed her letters, it clicked! The mailman led them to a house now occupied by two brothers, grandsons of Mary Ann's younger sister, still living in the Rowe family home. These great nephews were please to talk to Wagner and show him photos of Mary Ann and her baby sent to their grandmother long ago. Scenes of her farm were shot there on location.

Mary Ann's story is only one of those detailed in the film; each yielded enough information for an individual story. Wagner calls this film "*trans-Atlantic history*", believing that the lives of the people documented in it formed and were formed by both Ireland and America.

Although *Out of Ireland* will be available to all PBS affiliates, it is not a given that it will appear on your TV screen on 7 June at 9pm. Wagner encourages genealogists interested in seeing this film to call their local PBS station in advance and request that it be run. Genealogical and historical newsletters

might want to feature the film and place articles in local newspapers, perhaps coupling them with stories of how members traced their families, as a way of publicizing genealogy and encouraging interest in this growing field.

This film begins in 1792 and brings us right to present-day Ireland where young people still board a boat (or a "great white bird") to America, land of opportunity, bringing with them high hopes and a proud, ancient heritage. Thanks to *Out of Ireland*, Mary Ann Rowe lives.

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Theory of Pedigree Collapse

This is a summary of a book entitled "The Mountain of Names", by Alex Shoumatoff.

First, a statistical whopper: Suppose one calculated the number of ancestors one has, simply by figuring one has two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents, and so on, doubling the number for each generation that one goes back in time. Taking this calculation back to the time of Charlemagne, one would have had 281,000,000,000,000 (that's right, 281 trillion) ancestors all living at that one moment in history. Obviously this is impossible.

What prevents this "retrogressive population explosion" from happening? It's the simple fact that most marriages are between cousins. Therefore we all share various ancestors, and one's own family tree has far fewer people in it than this calculation would suggest. This is where a theory called "pedigree collapse" comes into play.

It's estimated that 80 percent of the marriages in world history have been within at least the second-cousin relationship. It's easy to see why. Most humans have lived in small towns, villages, tribes and close-knit religious communities which encourage marriage within a relatively small universe of possible mates. Obviously this has been changing a lot in the last couple of hundred years, which should make our gene pool a little healthier in the long run.

The theory of pedigree collapse is that every person's family tree is actually shaped something like a diamond. If you trace it back a few generations, it gets wider. But if you keep going back further into the generations, it will eventually start to narrow and then finally converge to a few ancestors, or perhaps even to a single couple - (Adam & Eve?)

Shoumatoff mentions a European monarch in the 19th century who illustrated the point. The European royal families are so inter-related that this person had only 8 great-great grandparents, not the usual 16! That's because of cousins marrying cousins. Individual progenitors occupied more than one place in this King's family tree. For example, maybe the same person who was his mother's great-grandfather was also his father's great-grandfather.

Now, the theory of pedigree collapse is that this same phenomenon is true of all our family trees if you go back far enough. The further back you go, the more likely it is that an individual ancestor will occupy more than one spot on your family tree. So the actual numbers of ancestors at each generational level eventually begins to shrink if you go back far enough.

Demographer Kenneth Wachter once created a probability model for an English child born in 1947. By tracing back the generations, he would have had 60,000 progenitors in approximately 1492. If you take it back to the time of King John (about 1215 AD?) you would find that 80 % of the population of England at that time would be on the family tree of this hypothetical modern-day Englishman. Essentially this means that most people born in modern times in England are related to one another, most within a few degrees of cousin-hood.

The British gene pool through those 700 or 800 years also includes people who moved there from the rest of Europe, the Middle East, Asia and so on. So most people in England today are probably related to almost everyone in all those other places as well.

And, it turns out, the same is true for all of us!

The human species has only been in existence for about 10,000 generations. The major races (Black,

Caucasian, Asian, etc.) only diverged from one another in the last 1,500 generations, at the most.

Shoumatoff quotes science writer Guy Murchie: Most geneticists agree that *"no human...can be less closely related to any other human than approximately 50th cousin, and most of us are a lot closer. The family trees of all of us, of whatever origin or trait, must meet and merge into one genetic tree of all humanity by the time they have spread into our ancestors for about 50 generations."*

This insight has created a vogue in: horizontal genealogy". It is fun to discover, for example, that Jimmy Carter and Richard Nixon are 6th cousins. They share an ancestor named Richard Morris, a Quaker who lived in pre-Revolutionary New Jersey. Nixon and George Bush are also related: 10th cousins, once removed.

(As an aside, the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City makes use of this device to impress the dignitaries who visit). When a President or world leader or other VIP pays a call on the church leaders, the church sometimes presents the visitor with a genealogy chart to show that he is related to Winston Churchill or Abe Lincoln or Mahatma Ghandi or some similar notable.

Guy Murchie, to each and every one of us: *"It is virtually certain that you are a direct descendant of Muhammed....Krishna, Confucius, Abraham, Buddha, Caesar, Ishmael and Judas Iscariot.... The earlier they lived, the more surely you are their descendant."*

Shoumatoff: *"The political implications of this great kindred are quite exciting. If all of us could be made aware of our multiple interrelatedness, if the same sort of altruism that usually exists among close kin could prevail through the entire human population...(our) differences....would seem secondary."*

It's estimated that about 5 billion people are alive in modern times. In the history of the human species about 70 billion to 110 billion of us are believed to have lived at one time or another.

90% of our species passed into oblivion without leaving a record of their names. Only about 6 or 7

billion left any kind of a paper trail. Of those, the Mormon Church has records on 1.5 billion!!

Shoumatoff writes, *"No genealogical archive is remotely comparable...It is the closest there will ever be to a catalogue for the human race."*

The Mountain of Names earlier mentioned in the title refers to a huge nuclear-proof vault full of genealogical records that the Mormon Church maintains in Little Cottonwood Canyon near Salt Lake City. They use these records to perform temple rituals which amount to the baptizing of dead ancestors. Don't worry! They are taking care of your ancestors too!

I hope you enjoyed this and found it as fascinating as I did. While we may not necessarily be our brother's keeper, we surely are his cousin.

(This summary was written by Ron Freeman, Hamilton Branch and appeared in their August 1994 newsletter)

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God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I am so far behind I will never die!



? I know that you believe that you understand what you think I said, BUT I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant!



BRUSH HILL CEMETERY

- Pt SW 14.53.14.4 - .39 Acres

Located Approximately 9 Miles Northeast of Vegreville, Alberta, in the County of Minburn.

Submitted by Dorothy Gladdish, AGS #437

Title was made 7 April 1915 to Jacob Hohn, Jacob Merkel and Joseph Mohr in "fee simple". These men were members of the Brush Hill German Reformed Church.

The land has been used as a cemetery since 1906, when a small child was the first person to be buried there. The land was donated for this purpose by Mr. Joseph Mohr.

Those buried in Brush Hill Cemetery are the men, women and children who homesteaded the district, who came to a new country and made it into a prosperous district, and thus contributed greatly to the general progress of Alberta. They are now gone, and their families scattered far and wide. In order to help preserve their legacy and the early history of the district, a cairn and bronze plaque have been erected in the cemetery, which states:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
AND
IN MEMORY OF
THE PIONEERS OF BRUSH HILL DISTRICT
1890-1910
BLESSED OF THE LORD BE HIS LAND
FOR THE PRECIOUS THINGS OF THE EARTH AND THE
FULLNESS THEREOF

DEUT: 33:13-16

As of February 1994 the Brush Hill Cemetery is still in use by the citizens of the district.

BURIALS IN BRUSH HILL CEMETERY

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Age</u>
M	GAFKA, Albert	Vegreville	20 Jun 1987	73
F	GAFKA, Edith L.		1928-1935	
F	GAFKA, Frances	"	02 Mar 1987	72
M	GAFKA, Jacob	"	09 Oct 1970	74
F	GAFKA, Minnie	"	30 May 1940	39
F	GAFKA, Katherine	"	14 Oct 1946	84
			(1862-1946)	
M	GAFKA, Philip	"	(1887-1990)	93
M	GAFKA, Philip	"	(1858-1930)	
M	HOEN, Jacob	"	(1878-1936)	
	HOEN, F.A.	"	(1919-1937)	
F	HOHN, Caroline	"	23 Jan 1973	89
F	HOHN, Elizabeth	"	21 Jan 1942	
M	HOHN, Jacob	"		
F	HOHN, Mrs. J.	"		
M	HOHN, John	"	13 Jun	
M	HOHN, Philip	"	25 Jul 1961	
F	HOHN, Lydia		(1903-1906)	
F	HOHN, Margaret			

HOHN, 2 babies of Carl & Matilda HOHN

LANK, Baby	Vegreville	10 Jul 1945	Newborn
F MOHR, Elizabeth	"	2 Nov 1950 (1859-1950)	
M MOHR, John	"		
M MOHR, Joseph	"	20 Jun 1940 (1855-1940)	
M MOHR, Geogre	"	15 Sep 1940 (1859-1940)	
M MOHR, Gustave	"	20 Sep 1944 (1880-1944)	
F STEINBACH, Barbara	"	(1928-1981)	
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McCONNELL Arthur & Constance c1921 Sedgewick, Alberta
CATLING Ernest (Mike) & Mary (Molly) 1919+ Alhambra, Alberta
CLARK J.C.H. & Alice 1904 Medicine Hat, Alberta

Madeline Belanger, Box 1552, Lac La Biche, AB T0A 2C0

AGS#3317

LADOUCEUR Pierre (possible Father's name Etienne) worked for the *Hudson Bay Co.* at the Lac La Biche Post in approx. 1868.
JOHNSTON Charles (Charly) worked as a fur trader & owned a store at the Lac La Biche Mission; unknown when came from Scotland. Father's name Robert (Orkneyman).
DeMARRE Alexandre came from Shell Lake, Wisconsin in 1910 with family. Youngest daughter born in Lac La Biche. (Shell Lake was apparently Indian territory).

Sherrice Cunningham, #65 Greenwood Tr. Crt., Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1M6

AGS#3250

SPIKER Isaac, b 22 Mar 1822 - place unknown, m Lucy BARKLEY(?) on 3 Dec 1851;
Isaac, b 17 Oct 1873 - place unknown.
BARKLEY (?) Lucy, b 17 Aug 1834 - place unknown, m Isaac SPIKER - b 22 Mar 1822.
BACON William John (1880-1890) - place unknown, m Mary HEARSUM (1890s) -
place
HEARSUM unknown.
WILSON James Stewart, b in Scotland, 1800s; m Margaret BURNS, b in Scotland,
1800s.
BURNS
CLARKE Samuel Edward b 17 Jan 1879 in England, m 25 Dec 1899 to Ethel Maude
MILLIS MILLIS, b 29 Oct 1881 in England

Evelyn Duperron, 4408-45 Street, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1G9

AGS new member

DUPERRON Son of Francis & Exelia (Leya) GAGNON. Other siblings: Orsen, Staneilas
Simon, Sarah Evangeliste, Adele Elizabeth, Delia, Melinda, Helen. Farmed
in Lake Leelanaie (Provmont) Michigan; immigrated to Canada in 1908.
Sarah married to Jerry BELANGER, stayed in Michigan. Evangeliste
married to ? DESNOYERS; also stayed in Michigan.

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

AGS#1987

RAMEY Would like information on any relatives of Richard Thomas RAMEY &
family; came to Delburne area in 1906; lived Wainwright & Calgary.
Children: Ida, Mary, Clara, Mildred, Richard, Esther, Elizabeth, Harold,
Sandy, and Norman.

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

MADELINE BELANGER, Box 1552, Lac La Biche, AB T0A 2C0

AGS#3317

LADOUCEUR, Pierre	1868	Lac La Biche, Alberta, Canada
BELANGER, Gregoire	1908	Lake Leelanau, Michigan, USA
DeMARRE, Walter	1916	Shell Lake, Wisconsin, USA
FIELD, John J.	1899	Mitcham, Surrey, England
CARLTON, James	1889	Gayton, Norfolk, England

KEVIN F. CORBIN, 130 Garland Cres., Sh. Pk., AB T8A 2R4 ☎(403)467-5598

AGS#3229

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HILTZ	1790s-pres.	Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia
MACDOW	1790s-pres.	Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia

SHERRICE CUNNINGHAM, #65 Greenwood Tr. Crt., Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1M6

AGS#3250

SPIKER, Isaac	b1822	North Dakota, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Illinois
SPIKER, Isaac	b1873	North Dakota, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Illinois
BARKLEY(?), Lucy	b1834	North Dakota, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Illinois
WILSON, James Stewart	late 1800s	Scotland
BURNS, Margaret	late 1800s	Scotland

RICK DENTON, 122452 Street, Edmonton, AB T6L 1Z2

AGS#3267

DENTON, Alfred	b1851	Sorel, Quebec, Canada
DOBSON, Anna	b1865	Epsom Downs, England
DESCHENEAU, Joseph	b1846	St. Norbert, Manitoba; N.W.T.
FERGUSON, William J.	b1904	Shennygroom, Tyrone, Ireland
LAFOURNAISE dit LABOUCANE, Isabelle	b1877	Cypress Hills, N.W.T.

MARILYN HINDMARCH, 13008-66 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6H 1Y7

AGS#3295

RAMSDEN, Richard	Apr 1858 - 27 Apr 1881	b ? Ontario, d in Montreal
RAMSDEN, John R.	3 Sep 1883 - 25 Apr 1939	Montreal. Date of marriage unknown
HALL, Emma M.	4 Apr 1881 - 6 Sep 1975	Montreal. (m John RAMSDEN - date unknown)
HINDMARCH, John Davison	c1880-85	Tynemouth, England
NESBIT, Mary	c1880-85	Tynemouth, England

DELORIS McCARTNEY, #35 Greenwood Tr. Pk., Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1M6

AGS#3214

MOSSNER, Jacob Friedrich	1885-1895	Bessarabia
MOSSNER, Gottlieb	1888-1895	Bessarabia
MOSSNER, Michael	1852-1892	Beresina, Bessarabia
RIEHL, Margaretha	1852-1892	Beresina, Bessarabia
YANKE, Eva	1891-1905	Bessarabia

NIKKI McCONNELL, RR#4, Duncan, BC V9L 3W8

AGS#3278

McCONNELL, Arthur & Connie	c1921	Sedgewick, Alberta
CATLING, Ernest & Mary	1919+	Alhambra, Alberta
CLARK, J.C.H. & Alice	1904	Medicine Hat, Alberta

SUSAN STASIEWICH, 11416-44 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6J 0Z2

AGS#3266

IRVING, David Thomas	b1837(?)	Winchester County, ON (?)
COOK, Charles Walter	b1879/80	Croydon, London, England
HUNTER, William Cecil	1800s	Ireland
HAROLDSON, Albert	b1882 d1919	USA; possibly Norway
HYNDMAN, Mary Athelene	d1927	Calgary, AB; possibly Winchester, ON

MR. ROBIN WELLS, PO Box 942, Greenwood, NS B0P 1N0

AGS#3300

O'CONNER, Humphrey	1900s	Mannville, Alberta
WELLS, George	1900s	Edmonton, Alberta
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2	OST, Barbara	Red Deer, AB			100195	Member's Response
3	HORNER, Forest S.	USA	Eli Horner	Alberta	100195	Info. on great uncle.
4	UNREADABLE	USA	Boyd	Alberta	130195	Info. on family members
5	COOKE, Kim	Concord, Ont.	No names	Alberta	100195	Info. on Vital Stats. etc.
6	KENNALEY, William	Kitchener, Ont.	William Kennealey (Kenaley)	Edmonton	170195	Info. on life in Edmonton
7	MEREDITH, Brian	Kamloops, BC	Bertha Hoppe/Edward Jaeger	Anywhere	200195	Info. on these families.
8	ATTWELL, Bill	Markham, Ont.	Glen R. Hahn	Calgary (1941)	240195	Where to write for will.
9	BEACH, Bill	Edmonton	No name.	Illinois, USA	240195	Address of Ill. Archives
10	PERRIN, Mrs Averil R.	Orillia, Ont.	Jean Percival Irwin	Edmonton	310195	Info. on sister (d. 1928)
11	BANKS, David K.	USA	No names	Alberta	310195	Info/AGS & Gov. records.
12	GRISWOLD-MILLER, Coralee	USA	Thomas Gratin Short	Alberta	030295	Info. on grand uncle.
13	CUNNINGTON, Mrs J.L.	England	Arthur Cunnington	Canada (1900-17)	030295	Info. on time in Canada
14	HARTWELL, Ward J.	USA	Wm George/Geo. Brock Cressey	Retlaw, AB	100295	Info. on families.
15	PUKANICH, Cheri	Slave Lake, AB	Name of Pukanich		100295	Info. on name
16	LANGLOIS, Darlene	Canmore, AB	Jonas Lofstrom	Grande Prairie	100295	Seeking obituary
17	FYVIE, Robert D.	Calgary, AB	Emma Harris	Tabor Cemetery	100295	Info. from Cem. Records
18	LOCATELLI, Joan Farquhar	USA	Alexander Farquhar	Anywhere	140295	Ancestors/descendants
19	RAYCROFT, Bernard	Westerose, AB	Thomas Bernard Raycroft	Alberta	170295	Info on father
20	JOHNSON, Carol A.	USA	Martha Emmalinen/Earl Conwell	Sounding Lake	170295	Seeking death records, et
21	SECHO, Mrs Patricia	Hanna, AB	No name	Canada	210295	Info on mother
22	WILSON, Pat	Eng.	No names	Anywhere	170295	What info available
23	BROWSE, Jean	Ma-Me-O Beach			170295	Member's Response letter
24	BUCKLEY, Karen	Nepean, Ont.	No names	No area	170295	Seeking direction
25	HARTWIG, Matt	Red Deer	Name of Hartwig	Anywhere	240295	Info. on background
26	WICKSON, Mrs Claudia	Victoria, BC	No name	New Serepta	280295	Where to get History Bk.
27	SNOW, Perry	Calgary	Letter re-lost children.	Anywhere	030395	Help to seek identities
28	BECK, Richard	USA	Family of Clarence Beck	Alberta	030395	Seeking info.
29	BEAULIEU, Louise	Amherstburg, ON	Mother's parents	Edmonton	030395	Seeking info.
30	WOODS, Gabrielle	Hinton, AB	Parentage	Anywhere	030395	Seeking advice and help
31	JENKINS, Miss Wendy	Eng	Upston/Jones	Canada	030395	Info. on families
32	TAYLOR, Mrs Venice	High Prairie	b.m. & d. info in USA	USA	030395	Seeking availability.
33	MACINTYRE, Judy	Halifax	Ronald MacIntyre	Alberta	070395	Seeking help in search
34	SUTHERLAND, Sharon	Toronto	Family Members	Edm./Cadomin	070395	Info. on searching.
35	MELMOTH, W.	Winnipeg	John Olliss	Anywhere	100395	Info. on G. Father's bro.
36	CROSSND, Betty	USA	Blackfoot Indians of Canada	Canada	140395	Seeking info.
37	LANG, Betty	Calgary	Germans from Russia	AGS	140395	What Resource Material
38	MILLER, Sue	USA	Martin P. Murray	Canada	170395	Seeking Info.
39	MALLAS, Carol	Perdue, Sask.	Sherman William Long	Alberta	240395	Info. on Great grandfathe
40	STANK, Rosemary A. (Dorian)	USA	Eli James Dorion	Alberta	280395	Was on a Can. Expedition
41	AMBROUS, Donna	USA	Number of family members.	Wainwright, AB	280395	Advice/how to proceed.
42	KNUTSON, Russell L.	USA	Lena Thompson (other fam. memb)	Bashaw, AB	280395	Location/death records.

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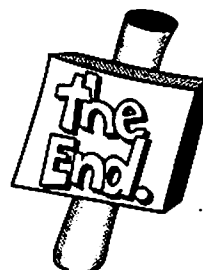
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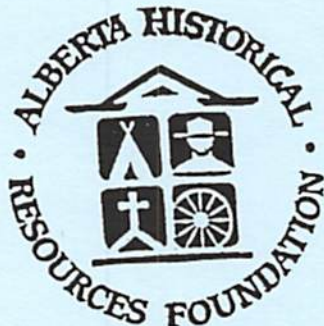
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