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## ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Parry Sound Colonists: Family of  
Henry Miles Quebec 1857-1915 & Barbara Ann [McAmmond] 1866-1931

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Margo Moffat

The summer months have been far from idyllic for some of our members. We have had forest fires in the north affecting our Fort McMurray branch and their ability to get in and out of the city. In the south, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge had floods to contend with and the damage resulting from those flood waters. Joy Doyle, our staff resource person, had her appendix removed and then went on to break a toe.

I am sure there are other members who have had their share of misfortune and are struggling to resolve their difficulties. Those of you in the North and the South and in the East and West, our thoughts were with you. One of the blessings of being a member are the friendships that come your way and last a lifetime.

Genealogists understand the meaning of family and extend that title to include their fellow genealogists. You see evidence of that when a member, upon checking census and other records, notices a family line another member is researching, quietly transcribes all the information and gives it to them. That's service in action.

When the forest fires closed the highway to Fort McMurray, I was unable to attend the June executive meeting. Our society has policies and procedures that enables it to continue functioning during the absence of a president. I am happy to report that Carol Anderson, 1st Vice-President, stepped in and continued with the administration of our society in a very competent manner. That's service in action.

Fellow executive members were united in their support and commitment to work together as Carol chaired the meeting. That's service in action too.

In the aftermath of these natural disasters perhaps some of us should reconsider where and how we store our genealogical records. Are they safe from these types of disasters? Have you shared your records with other family members? By doing so, you can access them when yours are destroyed. Perhaps you would consider submitting your records to the Ancestral File, a file of computerized genealogical information developed by the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I spent part of my summer at the Family History Library in Salt Lake meeting with Jimmy Parker, Manager of the Family History Library and other key people in the library. I am constantly awed by the dedicated commitment of the church and the library to preserve genealogical records. That's service in action too and we are the beneficiaries.

Take time to consider your genealogical records, preserve them and pass copies to family members. That's service in action.

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## COVER STORY

Vivian Eddy, AGS #1216

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### Parry Sound Colonists:

Henry Miles Quebec 1857-1915 and wife,  
Barbara Ann McAmmond 1866-1931.

April 14, 1892: Henry, Barbara and three sons arrived at Strathcona on the first CPR colonization train. They first settled in the Partridge Hill area and then Clover Bar until 1914, when Henry's health started to fail - they moved to Edmonton. The family consisted of five sons and two daughters: Milton, William, Morris, Albert, Nelson (my father), Mary (Mrs. R. Reinholt) - all deceased, and Laura Mae (Mrs. C. Bumstead), who still resides in Edmonton.

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## SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

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**Trip to Salt Lake City - 1995** Fran Losie  
Still some places left for the Salt Lake Trip  
October 23-29, 1995!!!

Forty people have registered as of August 1st for the 4th Biannual trip to Salt Lake City, organized by the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. Registrants are from Chipman, Ft. Saskatchewan, St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Grande Prairie, Edmonton and as far away as Manitoba.

An orientation meeting was held Friday, May 12th, where a 'research tips' package was explained by Pat Woodman, and videos concerning researching at Salt Lake were introduced by Glenda Benson, hostess for the evening at the Bonnie Doon Family History Centre.

Final payment of air fare is due on the 9th of September 1995. Please direct inquiries to Norma Wolowyk (403) 488-1418.

### United Empire Loyalists:

- Edmonton group -

Inquiries: Fran Losie - (403) 482-1480

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### California Death Index Online

The California Death Index is available online. The index covers from 1960 to Jan 1, 1994 and contains some data not available elsewhere, including race, marital status at time of death, and type of death certifier. The 1960-65 index includes mother's maiden name.

The index can be searched using the following fields: first & last name, first name only, first name & mother's maiden name (1960-66 only), name & date of birth, name & place of residence, name & date of death, and Social Security Number. The charge for a search is \$5; results are immediate.

Central Records BBS can be reached via modem at (916) 443-8470.

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### Metis Research

More and more research is being done into our native cultures and genealogy. Aiding this will be a Metis Newsletter, operated by Geoff Burtonshaw, 2324-3rd Ave NW, Calgary, AB T2N 0K8 ☎ (403) 283-2594.

The Metis Newsletter is published about every 1½ months. There are up to 6 pages of queries, Lists from USA, BC and AB. Send Mr. Burtonshaw your name & address with information on what you're researching, a SASE #10 envelope for each issue you wish to receive, and a SASE if you query him for information. The only feedback Mr. Burtonshaw is asking for at the moment is a 'Thank You' after you receive your information, although donations are also very welcome.

### Photographs, waiting to be claimed!

The following are some of the surnames in my photograph collection, waiting for family to claim them:

Alberta: Aldridge, Black, Buhn, Furseth, Garner, Gibbons, Hamilton, Holden AB Hockey Team - 1926, Hugh, Hurum, Jackson, Lacey, Lanyon, Magell, McAfee, McCartney, Oslund,

Peebles, Perrault, Sowden, Third, Umphrey, Warburton, Zorn. **BC:** Ferguson, Greenwood. **Manitoba:** Arnason, Crawford, Egan. **Ontario:** Simpson (handwritten poem), Booth. **Saskatchewan:** Lotto, Ritchie, McIntyre. **Massachusetts:** Buckley, Silvey, Moisine, Tremere, Haskell, Booth, Wharfield. **Minnesota:** Warnes. **Nebraska:** Dixon. **Ohio:** Faubel, Kellers, Crumrine. **Pennsylvania:** Everly, Schock, Fillman, Peasley. **Other surnames:** Aarsdale, Dickson, Klehm, Eyestone, Fellows, Ling, Maurer, Ness, Prasley, Trautman, Wartman, Goslin.

Many of these names may have connections with Alberta, since they were mostly found at antique sales in the province. If you are interested in specifics for any name appearing here or would like the entire collection checked for your surnames, please send SASE to Carol MacKay, 609-25 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB T2E 1Y6.

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### **Lady from Calgary??**

Photographs of a stone in a graveyard in Airth, near Falkirk, are waiting to be claimed (Edmonton Branch, AGS) by the lady who spoke with Isabelle Patrick at the Scottish Table at Conference '95. The stone is worn, but readable.

Connections were: Alexander ARCHIBALD m Janet CLARK at Airth, Stirlingshire, 29 Jan 1799. Janet ARCHIBALD b 20 Oct 1803 - Airth.

Isabelle Patrick asks that you write her for the information at: 11, Gartcows Crescent, FALKIRK, FK1 5QH Scotland.

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### **Adopted ?, Birth Relative ?, Adoptive Parent ?**

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TRIAD maintains a national registry of all people who call and write in to us. This information is cross-referenced by date and birth name to facilitate reunions between two parties searching for each other that contact us. Currently we have over 10,000 names on our registry.

We are governed by a National Board of Directors. Each chapter in addition has it's own Board of Directors which are elected each year at an Annual General Meeting. TRIAD is operated and staffed by VOLUNTEERS.

If you decide to join TRIAD you will receive a quarterly national newsletter, search assistance, a search manual, emotional support, reunion and post reunion counselling. We have meetings once a month (except July & August) and have a large library of resource material to assist you in your search. Membership in TRIAD is \$35/year.

### **TRIAD SOCIETY GOALS:**

We offer emotional and search support assistance to our members. We have local chapters that have monthly meetings and some chapters have a local office and library as well. Our experienced search consultants will review your information and provide you direction on your search. Please remember we do not do your search for you.

We are dedicated to reforming adoption laws in Canada through effective participation and lobbying. We monitor changes in legislation and provide ongoing updates to our membership.

For further information on TRIAD please call or write to: TRIAD Calgary, Box 5114, Station A, Calgary, AB T2H 1X1 ☎ (403) 265-3166.

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609-25 Avenue NE  
Calgary, Alberta T2E 1Y6

### New Publications by AGS:

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For more information send a SASE to:

**Roberts Research Services**, 8616 - 176 Street, Edmonton, AB T5T 0N3  
or call Rob Milson at (403) 487 4581.

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## Federation of Family History Societies Report - July 1995

by Sue Philips, AGS #1660



he 21st anniversary of the FFHS will be celebrated in September with a reception at the House of Lords in London, England.

We are delighted that one of our members, Eileen Crane, will be visiting England at that time and will be attending on behalf of AGS. We'll look forward to hearing all about it when she returns.

I have received an updated list of members of the Executive Committee of the FFHS. Since it covers 6 pages, it's too lengthy to include here but if anyone would like further information please contact me.

The 1881 British Census project is expected to be completed by mid-September. The resulting fiche are available for purchase by societies only and not by individuals but are available through the LDS.

A group called the "*Family History Club*" is under investigation. This is a private group which had solicited submissions of names being researched for publication in a directory similar to the Genealogical Research Directory (GRD). However, the directory promised in 1994 still has not been published and there have been many letters of complaint. The last letter from the *Family History Club* to the FFHS had promised that the directory would appear within a few months but so far nothing yet. Apparently investigative reporters from radio and TV in Britain are also looking into this matter.

The FFHS has applied for a grant of arms from the College of Arms. To defray the expense of this they have asked for a donation from member societies in the amount of £15. This was approved by the AGS Executive and I have forwarded this sum to the Federation.

The British Isles Genealogical Register (BIG R) was a huge success. A second edition is planned for next year. The entire register on fiche is available through the AGS library or the

Edmonton Branch library. In addition individuals may also purchase the *BIG R* on fiche, either by individual county or in it's entirety. If anyone would like more information please contact me.

The FFHS has proposed a project to start a National Death/Burial Index. I have no other details at this time but should have more information in September.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS conferences, new books, etc.

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#### AGS Conference '96 - Help Needed!

The date, the place and the theme of Conference '96 has been set and now the real planning and work must start. Next year's conference will be held at the Chateau Louis in Edmonton on April 26 & 27 (Friday & Saturday) and will feature workshops on discovering 'family history' - or as our friend Muriel Jones describes it - "*putting the meat on the bones*"!

This conference will be a challenge for organizers. For the first time a committee made up of members from a number of branches rather than just one will try to co-ordinate the many, many aspects of a gathering of this kind. To date we have five committee members: myself as chairman, Betty Penner from Brooks Branch, Kurt Nagel from Red Deer, Anne Burns-Richardson (Edm) and Debbie Was (Grande Prairie). We would welcome assistance from anyone interested in any aspect of conference planning: registration, program and workshops, finance, hospitality, publicity.

Betty Penner has agreed to serve as secretary. Anne Burns-Richardson has offered to look after publicity and I'm sure she would welcome anyone interested in helping her.

► needed: a co-chairperson to attend conference committee meetings and be generally informed on progress in case (heaven forbid!) the

chairman falls off a ladder and suffers a concussion or any other catastrophe.

#### Finance Committee:

► needed: (urgently!) a treasurer to prepare a budget, open a bank account, make deposits and write cheques, keep a record of all transactions and prepare a final financial accounting.

► needed: a registration chairperson to prepare registration forms, keep a record of registrants, make tickets and name tags, put together registration packages, set up and supervise registration tables at the conference. The chairperson should put together a committee of 3-5 people to assist.

It would simplify registration if the treasurer and the registration chairperson were from the same community (where the bank account can be opened).

► needed: a 'donations' chairperson to seek out donations, either monetary or gifts. An Edmonton member would probably have the greatest access to possible donors.

#### Program Committee

► needed: a program chairperson to plan the program, contact speakers, finalize the schedules, work with facilities committee to determine workshop areas, etc., work with equipment committee (audio-video requirements), write thank yous, etc., to determine and purchase gifts for speakers. As much of the program planning will be done by mail or telephone two or three people from any branch could work on this. (Much of the preliminary work in contacting possible speakers has already been done.)

► needed: an equipment chairperson to assure all A.V. requirements are looked after.

► needed: a hospitality chairperson to assure all guest speakers are met at the airport (if necessary) and to generally see to the needs of all guests and registrants.

Equipment and hospitality would probably be more convenient for Edmonton members.

#### Facilities Committee

► needed: a facilities chairperson to coordinate all arrangements with the Chateau Louis before and during the conference and to determine menus for meals - should be from Edmonton.

Organization of a province-wide committee will be an interesting exercise. I see an 'executive committee': chair, co-chair, finance chairperson and/or treasurer, secretary, programs, facilities and publicity chairpersons meeting to bring together reports from their various committees and sub-committees. Initially, these meetings will probably coincide with AGS executive meetings to help defray transportation and accommodation costs (which will be paid from conference funds). As we near the conference dates we may have to meet more frequently. (Conference calls are a distinct alternative.)

Committees and sub-committees will meet as required in their own locations.

I can't promise you constant fun if you decide to help us. Putting on a conference is a lot of work and the actual conference can be very hectic for committee members. However, on the plus side there is the challenge, the meeting and working with new friends, the satisfaction of seeing others enjoying and profiting from your work and a whole new appreciation for future conferences you attend.

If you would like to get involved, get in touch with me (403) 459-8601 or a committee member in your branch.

#### Moving Update

by Tom Trace



any members have been asking what is happening with the library moving into the Prince of Wales Armoury Heritage Centre.

It's July 13 at 8am, in front of the computer struggling for words to explain what has happened so far and what to expect by the time *Relatively Speaking* arrives in the mail.



Do we have to be out of the present location by September? NO. We had a meeting with Dub Architects and Mr. Dub explained he has put a tentative offer to purchase the building to the Province. This offer will depend on the preselling of office space and Condo's at the McLeod Building. The earliest we would have to be out is December '95.

To obtain space in the Heritage Centre we applied to the Parks and Recreation City Archives, and received verbal approval June 1. We received a letter of acceptance signed by Ron Hayter, Deputy Mayor, June 13, and authorization letter from Parks and Recreation management team June 27.

Since the Heritage Centre is a Historic Site, we had to submit an application to Alberta Community Development Historic Sites Branch, with an application and drawings of the proposed changes to the location we hope to develop. After several phone calls and letters, approval was given.

In the meantime, we had contacted two contractors to submit costs on the renovations of the room. One reply came in May 5 and the other June 1, only to find out we had not requested the same information from both contractors. So we were able to compare the contracts properly, we asked one to be resubmitted with the changes and received their answer July 12.

Arlene Borgstede and I sat down and compared the contracts, plus our own investigations into costs and decided to accept *All Seasons Construction Contracting* to do the job.

I had a meeting with Mr. Otto, of *All Seasons Construction*, July 12 and asked him to start drawing up electrical and mechanical plans to be submitted to Parks and Recreation, City of Edmonton, and Alberta Historical Sites for formal approval. I also explained that we must still wait for approval of the Facility Enhancement program grant before construction could begin.

If everything did not fall into place I advised him I would go back to the executive to decide our next course of action.

While we were waiting for a reply from the contractors we started working on the formal application to the Alberta Government Community Facility Enhancement Program, which would help in funding the renovations of the room. Over the course of May 15 to July 12 when the formal application was submitted I met with Mrs. Gloria Hutton, Community Facility Program, three times to ensure our application was in order.

Mrs. Hutton and I reviewed all the application's paperwork and she advised that due to holidays, the application would not be looked at or given approval until mid-August. She felt that there seemed to be no problems with the application - we can only hope so.

Now that I have attempted to explain what has been done so far I will tell you what all this is going to cost. We accepted the contract for \$36,864.00; but to apply for a grant we submitted a cost of \$40,550.00 - the reason is we built in a 10% cost over-run due to the major cost of floor reconstruction in the Heritage Centre. If the Facility Grant is accepted, we will be given \$20,250.00.

If everything falls into place a formal lease with Parks and Recreation should be signed off late August. Construction should start late August with completion mid to late September. Edmonton Branch and AGS office should be moving in late September. The third phase is for the executive on decision of the move for the Provincial AGS library to the new location.

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### **1995 New England Regional Genealogical Conference October 12-15**

This 3rd Regional Gen. Conference, located at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in Vermont, is sponsored by a consortium of genealogical societies in New England. Hotel reservations & info: 1-800-677-6576. Designated conference air travel agent: Uniglobe Spencer Travel of Spencer, MA: call 1-800-235-4555. Free time after lunch each day is scheduled so you may browse among the participating societies & vendors displaying their wares. Contact: New England Regional Genealogical Conference c/o A.C.G.S., PO Box 6478, Manchester, NH 03108-6478.

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# Alberta Family Histories Society

invites you to register for

## Wild Rose Seminar '95

Friday October 27 and Saturday October 28, 1995  
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### SEMINAR SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1995

6:00 pm Registration and Displays Open  
Interest Groups: Friday Only

6:45 pm Opening Ceremony

7:00 pm ☐ A FAMILY HISTORY AS CANADIAN HISTORY  
Guest Speaker, Heather Divine

8:00 pm Coffee Break

8:30 pm ☐ B HOW TO FIND 'LOST' GENEALOGICAL RECORDS & GENEALOGICAL SOURCES OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY  
Guest Speaker, Arlene Eakle

10:00 pm Session Ends Displays Close

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1995

8:45 am Registration and Displays Open

9:30 am ☐ A A TOUR OF UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY LIBRARY: GENEALOGY RESOURCES  
Jan Roseneder

☐ B AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS  
Arlene Eakle

☐ C GERMAN RESEARCH  
Rita Drotse

☐ D US IMMIGRATION  
Stella M. Simmerman

☐ E RESEARCHING METIS RECORDS  
Heather Divine

10:45 am Coffee Break

11:00 am ☐ A WHO ARE THE SCOTS--IRISH?  
Arlene Eakle

☐ B GENEALOGICAL SOURCES AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA  
Lorraine St-Louis-Harrison

☐ C THE WHY AND HOW OF COMPUTERIZED GENEALOGY  
Bill Mumford

☐ D QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON METIS (Participants may mail questions about METIS research they would like answered at the seminar, to the address on the back of the brochure.)  
Heather Divine

12:30 pm LIGHT LUNCH

1:30 pm ☐ A METIS WORKSHOP  
Geoff Burtonshaw

☐ B ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: ONTARIO LAND RECORDS, WILLS, PROBATE  
Ruth Duncan

☐ C OCCUPATION, EMPLOYMENT & YOUR ANCESTORS  
Arlene Eakle

☐ D SEARCHING FOR GERMAN ANCESTORS IN WOLHYNIA, UKRAINE: History, Archives & Maps  
Howard Krushel

2:45 pm Coffee Break

3:15 pm ☐ A METIS WORKSHOP  
Geoff Burtonshaw

☐ B FINDING PLACES OF ORIGIN FOR ENGLISH ANCESTORS  
Arlene Eakle

☐ C CARING FOR YOUR FAMILY TREASURES - PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR PRESERVING THE PAST (Participants are urged to bring a Family Treasure for "show and tell" to be used for demonstration as well.)  
S. Gail Niinimaa

☐ D UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS & MILITARY RECORDS  
Lorraine St-Louis-Harrison

4:30 - 6:00 pm WINE & CHEESE WIND-UP  
- CASH BAR

The Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) is a non-profit organization formed in 1980 to promote and encourage an interest in family history research. Member services include many innovative programs, publications, workshops, seminars, and a lending library.

Membership in the Society is open to anyone interested in family history and genealogy, and may be obtained through the Membership Secretary at: P.O. Box 30270, Station B, Calgary Alberta T2M 4P1.

AFHS monthly meetings take place on the first Monday (Second Monday if first is a public holiday) at Knox United Church, 506 - 4th Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta. Beginner classes are at 6:45 pm and the general meeting is at 7:30 pm.

For further information about the Alberta Family Histories Society or the Wild Rose '95 Seminar, please contact:

Louise Sauve (403) 239-2841



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## Graveyards Ought to be Part of Travels

Nancy Millar, Freelance Columnist

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**O**f course I have to mention graveyards before I finish this summer series on travels across Alberta. Of course I do because I can't resist them - they tell us so much about ourselves. Take the Fort Saskatchewan Jail cemetery, for example. The old jail was closed several years ago and everything moved over to brand new digs across town, everything, that is, except the cemetery. It's still there, about a mile from the old buildings, abandoned, unkempt, unmarked.

Still standing are 18 white metal crosses, all alike, in two long straight rows in a weed-choked area near the river. The white picket fence that once enclosed the markers has long since been vandalized and the names on the markers have long since worn away.

Maybe there never were names, I don't know. We were different about prisoners in the first half of this century. We didn't think they had a lot of rights so they may very well have been buried without the benefit even of names.

There were 29 hangings at the Fort Saskatchewan jail between 1916 and 1960. Not all of the condemned men were buried at the jail, only the ones who were not claimed by families. Other prisoners died in jail of natural causes and if their bodies weren't claimed, they too were put in the jail's cemetery. Thus the cemetery contains 18 people that nobody wanted, nobody remembers and nobody can name.

That's the puzzling part. Various historians and researchers through the years have tried to determine just who is buried there but all records seem to be lost. The Solicitor General's department has nothing, they say, and neither does the Provincial Archives, which means that the Fort

Saskatchewan Jail cemetery is a cemetery of unknowns in more ways than one.

That being the case, maybe it should stay as it is. There's talk of prettying it up with an iron fence and interpretive panels and such, but it can never tell the story as well as it does right now.

A different kind of story is told in the mission cemetery at Lac La Biche. It's located across the road from the Catholic mission that was established on the lake in 1855 before either Alberta or Canada existed, that's how old this piece of history is.

The cemetery is a riot of growth - wild grasses and wild roses competing for space, wild strawberries in the shorter grass. My dad used to bring wild strawberries home to mom in his old sweat-stained cap; the only thing he had with him to hold the berries. Standing in the Lac La Biche cemetery, I remembered those sweet offerings of his. No wonder I liked the place.

Among the gravemarkers was one of the oldest I've found in Alberta. *"Sacred to the memory of Catharine and Henry, eldest daughter and infant son of W.E. and H. Traill who died in December, 1879, aged respectively 17 years and 13 months."* The epitaph said, *"They cannot come to us but we may go to them."*

How to break your heart. What could have happened to the Traill children so many years ago - disease, fire, accident, what? I don't know the story yet but when I do, I know I'll discover one more piece of our history that explains the way we are.

That's why graveyards ought to be part of our summer travels; they make us think and they make us feel.

[Article appeared in *Calgary Herald*, Sunday, 22 August 1993 edition.]



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## Great Events in Lamerton, Alberta

submitted by Rita Williams, OGS 319168

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Dear Friends:

*When our Kitchener Library had a book sale recently, I noticed a toss-out of your "I was in Alberta before it became a province" written by Susie Phillips Patterson (ISBN 0-92037-93-0). So I grabbed it up for the following reason: It almost paralleled the account I am enclosing for your interest.*

*My husband's father and mother were married in Lacombe, AB in 1905 when they went 'out west' to make their fortune, or so they hoped. They were accompanied by George Williams, Hiram's brother, and George's wife. They all spent nearly ten years there but the price of wheat dropped and maybe the pressures of family still living in Ontario exerted their pull, but they left Alberta for good.*

*Hiram Wilson Williams had a son from a former marriage. His name was Russell Allen Williams. Russell compiled the enclosed reminiscence in the form of a letter to his cousin in later years. I hoped your members might find it interesting. I was particularly impressed with the Indian story and also the fact that no town of Lamerton exists today as predicted by the man whose family was murdered there by the Indians.*

*I am particularly interested in how they lived as pioneers. We have a picture of the 'sod hut' and the Democrat with a fine team but I am greedy for more nitty-gritty social details. I have applied twice for "Lacombe, The first Century" put out by Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce, c1982, but nothing has shown up yet. Mr. Hiram Williams also wrote a column under the pseudonym of TRIG. Would this newspaper of 1905-1911 be microfilmed and available through the local library? Any helpful pointers in the way of research for this decade in Alberta history will be appreciated. Mrs. Rita E. Williams, 139 Wilfred Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2A 1X2.*

**July 1, 1905:** Alberta became a Province. As I arrived in Lamerton June 29, I spent only four days living in the North-West Territories. Arthur Pearson attended the celebration in Edmonton.

**July 4, 1905:** Trap Shooting Club opened across the creek in center of race track.

**September 23, 1905:** Grandview Hotel opened. Big celebration.

**October 4, 1905:** Races and sports at Lamerton. Horses came from all over the Province. Mr. Frank Taylor's horse Boulger won. Longspin, Mr. Milt Jarvis' horse, second.

**March 10, 1906:** Prairie fire threatened Billy Cook's house and the Jacques' stables. Everybody went to fight it, even the Postmaster who could refuse to go by law. Pat Thoroughman was the Postmaster.

**April 26, 1906:** Mr. A.D. Cornett arrived from Kingston to teach us. In the summer of 1905 Mr. Charlie Shipley taught us upstairs over the Machinery Shed. In the fall Miss Jennie Hyslop took over at the school house near Spotted Lake till January 5, 1906. School opened April 27, 1906. April 26 was the night of the Great Bull Raffle. Tom Kerr won the bull. Mr. Gordett, staying at the hotel, asked: "Is it like this every night?" He was assured that such events were very rare. Mr. Joe Edmonson died in Calgary May 4.

**July 12, 1906:** Races for horses, men and boys. Irving Peterson won the 50-yard dash. Reggie Bruce's Sanguerrie won the mile and L'Hirondelle had a grey mare that came in third. Later became Mabel Simpson's pony, Nellie.

**October 14, 1906:** Sloughs froze and we skated. Snow fell for 31 hours November 3 and 4. Remained on the ground till May 14, 1907. Hauled logs on the ice on April 7 on Buffalo Lake.

**November 25, 1906:** Messrs Hiram and George Williams bought the old Buffalo Lake Trading Company Store from the Edmonton Estate and moved the Lamerton Mercantile Company across the street into the big store.



**December 6, 1906:** Big Box Social at the Church. Earl Delong bought Zella Ray's box for \$3.25. It was made of glass (It has been suggested that this is a typo and it should have read 'grass' - R.W. 1995) and full of good things. It was worth it.

**Month of January 1907:** Average 27.1 degrees below zero. Highest at noon, coldest at night. Mr. L.C. Mott kept a careful record. He estimated that there was 6 feet 4 inches of snow on the level.

**March 17, 1907:** The Great Masquerade in the Town Hall over the Machine Shop. Lasted till 5:15am and *"a good time was had by all."* John Neis was caller, aided by George Jackson.

**On July 14, 1908:** Races were held in Lamerton. Bump Ray on Tex won the race and I was second with my black horse Jack. I strongly suspect that, as it was best two out of three heats, that Bump let me win one of them when he could have won it. Thanks Bump.

No reminiscences of Lamerton would be complete without mention of Mr. Jim Gadsby. He was a remarkable man, with not much conventional education, but he was an ardent reader. Subscribed to several fine periodicals and could talk on any subject. He had been one of the *"James Gang"* but had *"got religion"* and fled over the border and lived an exemplary life in our community. He told me that his father was William Gadsby of St. Catharines, Ontario, where he was born.

In the summer of 1909 I was living with my uncle and aunt in Springfield, Ontario. (Between Tillsonberg and St. Thomas.) Across the street from uncle's house was a blacksmith shop where we kids used to play. I noticed that the blacksmith looked like Mr. Gadsby. When he said his name was William Gadsby, born in St. Catharines, I asked if his father was William, too. He said, *"That's right."* *"Have you a brother named James?"* "No", he said. *"He went out to the far west in 1869 when he was just 20 and was killed by the Indians."* I wrote to Mr. Gadsby and told him about this and the brothers were reunited, by mail. I knew Mr. Gadsby was 59 in January, 1908. That proved it to my satisfaction.

**Christmas Eve, 1907:** The businessmen of Lamerton gave a party at the hotel. Come one, come all -- no charge. A 10-gallon keg of oysters was ordered from Nova Scotia and raw oysters, oyster soup, fried oysters were the main items along with wild ducks, wild geese, fish and a haunch of bear meat. A wonderful party!

One reads about fantastic speeds these days. Col. Glenn 5 miles per second: Major White in the X.15 4200 MPH --but Lamerton contributed a record in 1907 that still thrills me. Mr. George Allen made an ice boat. At the point where Lamerton Creek flows into Buffalo Lake there was a cairn of stones to make a surveyor's triangulation point. Four miles away past Jacques point was another cairn of stones. Mr. Allen and I brought the ice boat out on November 30, 1907. A strong wind was blowing. We passed Cairn #1 and exactly 120-seconds later passed Cairn #2 -- 120 miles per hour by a sweep second hand on a wrist watch belonging to Eunice Hutchinson. The first one I ever saw.

There has been much talk about how low the water has been in Buffalo Lake. Mr. Gadsby said he can well remember when it was possible to drive from Ryders to the Tullock Farm on dry land and a trail that runs right into the lake between Ryders Point and John Stevenson Farm seems to prove it.

In this winter of 1906 the Lamerton Minstrels were organized. Mr. Frank J. Taylor was the Interlocutor. Mr. Fred Sykes the baritone soloist. Mr. William McGinnis tap dancer. End men: Mr. Hiram Williams was "Mr. Hawkins" and Mr. George Williams was "Mr. Bones". George Allen, the concert mandolinist and Mrs. George N. McDonnell pianist. Many other leading citizens took part. They played three nights in Lamerton; one night in Lacombe and one night in Alix.

Mr. George Allen, the local hardware merchant, obtained a number of old guns, some dating back to the War of the Revolution. These were all on display in the Hardware store window. George Bechelder, the creamery man, volunteered to shoot an enormous 16-pound muzzle loader and his shoulder was black and blue for a week. Events

like this with the aid of King Pedro and Pinochle helped to pass a long cold winter.

In the summer of 1906 population was at its height, 67 souls. An old man came into the store one day and told us the area was bewitched, cursed, and a town would never survive there. He showed us a hole in the front yard of the Grandview Hotel. *"This was a block house. Indians attacked us, killed my wife and three children and left me for dead. I finally came to and escaped. But do not ever hope to build a town here. It is impossible.* he said.

I am not superstitious, but what do YOU think? Surely the site of old Lamerton on the beautiful creek could not be equalled, let alone beaten. It was high and dry and fertile. **BUT NO TOWN IS THERE TODAY.**

#### Preachers who lived in Lamerton 1905 - 1908:

- **Mr. Auger** - pronounced Oschay - French. Tall, dark and handsome with a beard at least a foot long. French/Cdn. Not a great pulpit orator but a very kindly man. Used to lecture us kids on being kind to animals and set a fine example.
- **Mr. Sutton** - a talented artist, used to paint pictures that surely would have made him rich if he had been a salesman to sell them. Many worse hang in the National Gallery.
- **Mr. E.C. Jones**, a Welshman: His Welsh brogue was difficult to understand but when I found out he was the man who was Captain of the Soccer Team that won the World's Championship in 1902 and 1903, he went up miles in my estimation. He charged me to tell no man, but I told everybody that we had a genius in our midst.
- **Mr. Driver** was an itinerant preacher, that was a sort of District Superintendent. An excellent preacher and could ride a horse to suit the best.
- **Mr. Fleming**: nice fellow but he picked up a lantern intended to keep people from skating into a hole in the ice at Harold Stevenson's homestead on the lake. Mr. Pully Clank and Delta Simpson mighty near drowned on November 27, 1908.

#### Teachers 1905-1908:

- **Mr. Charles Shipley**, Apr - Sept 1905
- **Miss Jennie Hyssop**, Sept 1905 - 5 Jan 1906 (school near Spotted Lake)

- **Mr. A.D. Cornett** (best teacher that ever taught me) 27 Apr 1906 - 26 Oct 1906. Good ballplayer, swimmer, boxer; we taught him to ride a horse.
- Again **Miss Hyssop**, Apr 1907 - Oct
- **Miss Lillian Vickerson**, Apr 1908 - ? (I thought she was the most beautiful woman in Alberta)

**Mr. Cornett** used to read to us each day at noon from Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, *Hamlet* and *Macbeth*. Switched us from *Alger* to Shakespeare, from *Mother Goose* to *Evangeline* and *Enoch Arden*. I can never thank him enough. Met him in France in 1917. He was a Major in the Chaplain's Corps.

**Mr. Hiram W. Williams**, an ardent Conservative, took the word **GRIT** and transposed it to **TRIG** and used it as a pen name for a weekly column about Lamerton events in the Lacombe paper.

**Miss Hyssop** told us for a composition to write "*Lamerton Jottings*". We did. She culled out about 20 and sent them to Lacombe. One was "*For 392 days there has not been a day that the sun has not shone in Lamerton. How about calling it 'Sunny Alberta'?*" *The Calgary Herald* copied it and wrote an editorial and '*Sunny Alberta*' became the slogan of our Province.

One day, **Mr. Andy Ray** and I drove to Alix. There were three ways to go. One way by **Mrs. Wesgthead's Ranch**. **Mr. Ray** said, "*This hill is really a mountain. The only one in these parts.*" We decided that it would not be a good place to ride down on a bicycle. So we named it **BICYCLE MOUNTAIN**. In the fall of 1908 **Mr. Shipley** and I drove some cattle to Tee's and agreed to meet **Luther Sharp** at **BICYCLE MOUNTAIN**. We put up a sign. It is known on the Government maps by that name to this day.

In the fall of 1907 an Indian who could speak no English or Cree came into our store (*Lamerton Mercantile Company*) and asked for credit for three weeks by sign language. I was alone in the store but because he had no hair on his face, therefore a full blood, I gave him \$4.85-worth of food. He showed me a British flag on the back of which was sewn a piece of white canvas and written with an indelible pencil: "*This man, Fast*

*Running Deer* (I forgot the Indian name) is a good Indian. We have hunted the buffalo together. Any kindness shown him will confer a favour on Buffalo Bill. Col. Wm. F. Cody, US Army".

Imagine my feelings. I had done a favour for my great hero. Fast Running Deer came back and paid the \$4.85. He stayed nearby for the winter and learned to speak English very well. He told me that out on our quarter section about 40 feet from the creek was buried an Indian Chief. In the grave he said were precious stones, valuable weapons and a golden bowl "from across the great water to the west". He suggested that I dig him up for the treasure. I said, "Why don't you dig him up for the treasure?" He said, "I am Indian. I fear the Muchee Nunedo -- you do not." So I searched rather half-heartedly for the grave.

On July 20, 1908 three hundred Indians rode through town with no squaws. Mr. J.C. Simpson told us that they stopped for an hour on our land. I rode out to see. Their trail was clear. They forded the creek and in a circle of seven mounds 40 feet from the west bank which I had seen a hundred times there was an open grave. All the earth was piled to the west, north and south. One bone, the femur, was lying on the soil to the west. It is an Israelitish custom followed by North American Indians, who are of the race of Shem, to leave the femur when a body is removed to another place of burial. Jose Rozelle saw them go through town. "Yellow Feathers," he said -- which means that any Indian wearing a yellow feather is nobly born and related to the Chief. There were many yellow feathers that day.

In the summer of 1908 the school house was moved from Spotted Lake to a place on the top of the hill south of town. Everybody was happy except the Magee family. Miss Vickerson taught us to play basketball.

On Monday, July 5, a huge picnic was held at Buffalo Lake and it snowed. But we had a swell time and beat Manfred at basketball. Had to lend Floyd Berkley to Manfred to make a full team but Floyd did his best for them even though his heart was with Lamerton.

In the summer of 1908 a contest was held to see who was the most popular woman in the Buffalo Lake District. Every merchant gave a vote for every nickel's worth of purchases. A beautiful set of dishes was the prize. Mrs. Frank J. Taylor won it by a terrific margin.

I put in a vote for my stepmother (Mrs. Hiram Williams) and my aunt (Mrs. George Williams) and one each for several girl friends. When my stepmother saw Mrs. H.W. Williams, I vote, she was mad. But she never found out 'who dunnit' -- lucky for me! Mabel, Delta and Hila Simpson, Sula Sharp and Olive Paterson were pleased to be remembered with a vote. Pearl Merkley gave me an apple in gratitude. People are different!

In July 1907 to raise funds for our church a *Sinners' Concert* was arranged. Mr. Hiram Williams was chairman and he urged Mr. Andy Ray to attend church one evening. "Hiram", said Mr. Ray, "If I go there the roof will blow off". But he went in bright sunshine at 7pm and at 7:40 a near-tornado moved the east end of the church 7 feet from it's foundation.

At the *Sinners' Concert*, Mr. John Gallencamp recited *Tennyson's Revenge*. When he got to the place where 12 Englishmen surrendered to only 4300 Spaniards he couldn't go on. The thought was too horrible for utterance. It was at that moment that I got a glimpse of the majesty of the British Empire and an admiration for her people that will never be effaced from my memory. If the Kaiser and the man with the sill mustache had been there they would not have dared start WWI and/or WWII against such people.

In the summer of 1908 a town baseball team was organized. Jimmy Cairns was chosen to be the catcher. He is too young (18) and too light, said the wise guy. "He will get over both if he lives," said Mr. Hiram Williams. And he did. For 41 years he caught for that team, a record I believe unequalled in amateur sport.

Do you remember the day at noon when all of us kids broke through the ice on Spotted Lake? Miss Hyssop didn't approve.

Do you remember the Saskatoon patch east of the school house?

Do you remember snaring pickerel under the bridge?

Do you remember how the water used to gush up through the ice and make a rink for us in spite of the deep snow?

Do you remember Pearson's old Confectionary Store?

In the summer of 1907 Messrs. George Allen, Robert Curr, Jimmie Dunham and Uncle Mose went up into the Rocky Mountains searching for gold or graphite or precious furs. They had a good time but found that far-away fields look greener.

In the summer of 1907 a doctor came to live in Lamerton. Dr. Tilson Harrison (M.D.) had seen service with the USA Calvary in the Philippines. Excellent revolver shot and a good doctor. He went to London, England, practiced for years and died there.

Remember the Brazeaus? He owned the butcher shop in 1906 and 1907. His little boy Dutchman was quite a kid. Died of T.B.

One day in the early fall of 1907 a bunch of drunken half-breeds came into town howling and shooting. My father hurried down from the house, and I after him. He made me go back. *"Take care of mother,"* he said. Frankly, I was a million times more concerned about him but I didn't dare disobey. He walked up to the first one and talked to him. Pretty soon the whole bunch was sitting in a row on the edge of the road in front of the hotel, then he marched them out of town. Didn't take away their guns. I will always consider it the bravest act I ever saw during Peace or War. It may seem bad form to brag about my father, but my famous namesake, Jeff Williams, says: *"It ain't bragging if it's true, son."*

If ever there was a real gentleman, Mr. George N. McDonnell was he. He lived down by the Haunted Lakes. He was Irish. Mrs. McDonnell was English. Someone suggested that the Buffalo

Lake District form a military unit of the militia like a company of the Queen's Own. Everybody seemed in favour of the idea. Mr. George Allen asked Mr. McDonnell if he would join. He replied that although he had no military training he could handle a rifle and would try to be useful. Some months later Mr. McDonnell asked who would be the Company Commander if the unit were formed. Ralph Pearson said that Mr. L.O. Mott was being considered. Mr. McDonnell straightened up to attention: a few drinks had removed his inhibitions. *"Do you think that I, Captain George N. McDonnell of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, would serve under Mott!?"* The cat was out of the bag and he confessed that he had been a soldier since he graduated from prep school.

In my 41 months in Lamerton I never met but one man I didn't like. But it was my fault. I should have returned meanness with kindness, but I didn't. I tried to get even -- BUT it was a lesson to me in after years. Those were the formative years of my life and I owe an incalculable debt of gratitude to many who have passed on, and many still living. I mentioned Mr. McDonnell's weakness but no one out there holds a higher place in my respect and admiring affection than he.

Russell Allen Williams (undated, but after 1940).

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### Hints to an Emigrant

E.M. Cookman, Hull

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**G**rimston(e) Cookman (bapt. Owthorne 11 May 1749, buried Withernsea 7 Jun 1820) a yeoman of Owthorne. He had three sons: Francis bapt. 29 Aug 1769, William bapt. 9 Feb 1772 and George bapt. 21 Jul 1774. (The writer is a direct descendant of William). Francis became a yeoman and emigrated to New York State, USA with his family in 1823. William also emigrated to New York State about 1808. George moved to Hull and became a currier by trade. He led a successful life being a Methodist Minister, Mayor of Hull in 1837/8 and a Magistrate. He also owned property in Peterborough.



A son of George was the Reverend Grimston Cookman who, according to the Hull Advertiser of 19 Apr 1856, became chaplain to the senate of the USA. He settled in the states but apparently travelled regularly back to England. He was to lose his life when a passenger on the ill-fated steam-ship President. All on board were lost when it sank on a voyage from New York to England in 1841.

Page 1.

.....when you arrive at Liverpool purchase mattresses suited for ship's use and which may be bought at a low rate. These mattresses may be resold when you arrive at New York.

Page 2.

.....anything light, thin, most suitable for the hot climate of America. If you have any bacon by you, I should advise you to take it with you to Liverpool.

#### **Journey to Liverpool**

The steam boat from Hull to Selby is undoubtedly the cheapest conveyance, the fare being only 2/6 best cabin, 1/- front cabin. As trunks must go by the sloop conveyance through the canals to Liverpool one of the young men might accompany them and see that they are taken care of. He can rest in the sloop or walk by the canal just as he pleases.

Page 3.

As to the rest when they arrive at Selby they must take outside places to Leeds fare 5/-. Comfortable board and lodging may be obtained at one of those respectable eating houses which are numerous. In leaving Leeds by coach for Liverpool be very careful to take your place direct through to Liverpool. If you take it only to Manchester it will cost you two or three shillings extra. Set off early in the morning and you will arrive at Liverpool that night. The cheapest method of coach travel is to call for bread, cheese and ale instead of regular meals.

Page 4.

Upon your arrival at Liverpool inquire for Mr. Whitaker, Elbow Lane, Dale Street. There take up your lodging and board. To Mr. Whitaker present my letter and he will give you every

necessary information with respect to your shipping. Mr. Whitaker is well acquainted with the American Ships Captains.

Page 5.

**Directions as to taking your passage in a ship.**

If there are any good transient ships, that is any ships not in the line of Packets, ready to sail I should recommend them as you will be more respectively treated as steerage passengers. See whether the rigging is strong, whether the vessel be a good sailor, and whether the Captain is a careful man.

Page 6.

Be very particular as to the character of your Captain as your safety and comfort very much depend on this. Having at length found a good ship make your own bargain. See the captain yourself and agree with him. Do not pay down the whole of your passage money, give him half. It is a good check.

Page 7.

Take a receipt and agreement signed with the Captain's own hand. You will go for £5.0.0 a head. In selecting your bed place - which you must do the very instant you make your bargain - I would advise you to take the upper berth opposite the Hatch Way. I recommend this on account of it having the most fresh air in hot weather.

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If you go in the steerage the Captain may pass you at the Custom House, if not you must for once employ a Broker (Whitaker will recommend one) and he will show you how to take the oaths and what rooms you are to enter.

Page 9 - An inventory of articles necessary for one person (appears later).

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#### **Clothing**

I should advise the men to provide themselves at Liverpool with a good rough top coat apiece and let each take an extra suit, only don't take knee britches - you must have trousers.

I recommend this because clothing is nearly double the price in the States. Also let each man take a right good hat. Also a strong pair of



worsted mittens - they are very comfortable in cold, wet, stormy weather. Also a heavy cap.

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#### At Sea

As you will cook your own victuals you will do well to make friends with the cook as much of your comfort and convenience depends on him. I should therefore recommend that you give him 1 dollar in the very beginning of the voyage. You will find on board many persons who want different things and who will be continually begging. Now you must not be too free in your bounty to these lest you run short yourselves.

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You will find apple dumplings, rice puddings and sea pies the most palatable of any victuals. I should advise you to take occasionally a glass of brandy and water or rum and water. It heals the stomach from the sharpness of the sea air especially after a sea sickness.

Respecting sea sickness: you will, all of you, be visited with sickness more or less - now do not offer to stop it but let it have free course and expend itself.

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The best cure is to try to eat. Meat will loathe to the stomach but force it down and it will set alright sooner than anything I can propose.

As a desperate remedy drink a pint of salt water. Do not be alarmed if it should be very violent - it will abate in time. Particularly avoid during sea sickness ardent spirits or oranges or fruit of any kind. Wash yourselves and clean out the steerage every morning and expose the bedding once a week.

#### Hull 28th August 1823

As I am given to understand that you are going by the way of Quebec I should advise that upon your arrival you waste as little time as possible on shore - but after taking two or three days rest you embark at Quebec direct for Sackets Harbour. This you must do, not on board the steamboats for that is very expensive, but on board a good smart sailing vessel where you will find accommodations and storage for all your goods before you go on board. Be sure to make your bargain and take written receipt or agreement from the captain as you would if leaving England.

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In choosing a vessel of this kind be sure to take particular notice that your beds are good and that you have plenty of them, I mean in number, for your voyage will be both long and rough.

Don't embark on board a small, light, shallow vessel.

But before we go any further let me

1. Warn the young men against indulging in drinking ardent spirits or eating too plentifully of fresh provisions (fruit especially) at first landing from the ship at Quebec.

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Many persons have killed themselves in this manner at first landing. To lay a little restraint upon yourselves you will find yourselves the gainers by such denials.

2. Lay out as little money as possible at Quebec - for all the money laid out there will lose the benefit of the exchange which is 13% at Albany and New York.

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In changing money take no half dollars - nothing but dollars. For if you should want to change them again, the money jobbers and bakers will not take them.

If you have to take bills to any amount refuse all except United States notes.

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Page 20.

Upon your arrival at Sackets Harbour unpack your things and take lodgings. In the meantime my Uncle will proceed to William's. The road is very direct by a coach which runs twice a week.

(There follows a hand drawn map showing Lake Ontario, Sackets Harbour, Turin, Leyden, Uncle's house (William's), Grand Canal and Utica together with mileages).

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The distance from Sackets Harbour to Leyden is 40 miles. At Leyden the coach will put you down and you will walk on foot down a bye road by Mr. Constables Hall and up the High Hill

to my uncle's house which is the second from the top of the hill.

When you enter the States you will meet with many things odd and different from home. Some of the Yankees will insult Old England - now don't quarrel, be silent and remember - you are now to be an American.

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As to General Advice - you will be well instructed by my uncle - however I would say: Do not purchase for some time...say a twelve month period. No doubt many tempting offers will be made but never mind. Keep your money until you obtain a clear knowledge of the country.

In the meantime for the sake of employment and a maintenance of your family - hire a farm - for a twelve month. Several may be obtained on good terms.

Page 23.

When you do purchase be very particular about your title as a good title to an Estate is very scarce. Your experience in England about titles will teach you to be careful. Purchase no land of which you cannot obtain a good title.

Page 24. OBSERVE

When you enter the States do not look about you as strangers for if you do people will try to impose on you - but bustle about like men who understand business. Hold up your heads, speak with boldness - for America is a free country.

But seriously you must assume some authority or you will not be attended to. For a barbers' apprentice will give himself the airs of an arch bishop.

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**An inventory of articles necessary for one person during his voyage across the Atlantic to or from America:**

20lbs Ham; 12 lbs Beef; 5lbs Butter; 10lbs Cheese; 50lbs Biscuits; 14lbs Flour; 1½lbs Tea; 2lbs Coffee; 10lbs Sugar; 1lb Sugar lump; 7lbs Raisins; 2lbs Currants; 10lbs Rice; 1lb Salt; 1 Bottle Mustard; 1 oz Pepper; 1 Bushel Apples; Preserves; ½ gallon Brandy; 1 barrel Table Beer; 1 bottle Elixir of Vitriol for taking the bad taste from the water.

**Cooking Utensils:** 1 gal saucepan; 1 coffee pot; 1 tin for baking; 1 tin or pewter plate; 1 knife and fork; 1 tablespoon; 1 teaspoon.

**Bedding:** 1 mattress; 2 sheets; 1 blanket; 1 rug; 1 pillow.

**Medicine:** A few antibilious tablets, but you may apply to the ships chest.

*The document leaves very little, if anything, to chance and must have been of immense help and comfort to a family embarking on the biggest adventure of their lives.*

*It would appear that Francis Cookman and his family made a success of life in the United States. He spent 23 years in America before he died on 24th December 1846 leaving his widow, 3 sons, 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.*

Article supplied by E.M. Cookman (15 Kingsley Avenue, Holderness Road, Hull, HU9 3HL) appeared in the Journal of East Yorkshire Family History Society: "The Banyan Tree" N<sup>o</sup> 62 April 1995.

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### **The Ill-Fated Voyage by Clarence Madill, AGS #1684**

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Early information gained on our Madill family in Ireland showed that there were four brothers in my great grandfather's family and a sister. We have gained a great deal of information on the descendants of great grandfather William's three brothers but the only knowledge that we had on the sister was that her name was Mrs. Reynolds and that she had died on board ship on a voyage to New Zealand.

We recently received a copy of an article in a New Zealand paper published in 1965 which has completely cleared the mystery on our great-great-aunt. The write-up was sent to us by a third cousin of mine, Raymond Madill, from Co. Fermanagh, NI, who had unearthed it from the

records. The heading of the article was: "*Reynolds Family Were Among Earliest Pioneers at Pukekohe*" and went on to tell the success story of the Reynolds family over the 100 years from 1865 to 1965 in New Zealand. It also covered a family reunion attended by 254 of the 754 descendants of William Henry and Ellen Reynolds.

Included in the story was the account of the voyage which brought them from Ireland. This was of course exciting but sad news for us on the Madill side. It brought to life a story of hardship and grief not uncommon in those early days of emigration voyages.

The sailing vessel "*Ganges*" left Queenstown, Cork Harbour, Southern Ireland, on 5th November 1864 carrying among others, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Reynolds and their family of eight (all named) children. The eldest son who was married, did not travel with them but came later to New Zealand.

It was, in the words of the article, an ill-fated voyage. The ship was hopelessly overcrowded. Food, particularly for the children, was inadequate and unsuitable, as were the cooking facilities and ventilation. There were 150 children on board while another 18 were born during the voyage which took three months. Fifty-four children died en-route, one being 12 year old Helen Reynolds. Another 5 children died in harbour after docking at Auckland on 14th February 1865. There were two adult passengers who also died on board ship, one was Mrs. Ellen Reynolds (Madill), my mystery great-great aunt. Two sailors were lost when they fell off the main mast.

So now we have another few hundred kinsfolk to search out and record in New Zealand where we already have quite a number, descended from one of the other of great grandfather William's brothers. We have a correspondent in this Madill branch in New Zealand, who apparently knows nothing of this story - as yet. Now have we got news for her??



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**Dennis Pearce Workshop  
for English Research**  
notes by Pat Woodman, AGS #2355

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[held at 916 McLeod Building, Edmonton  
Tuesday, April 25, 1995]

Afternoon Session:

*(Dennis was originally going to talk on Illegitimate and Orphan Children, and perhaps the Census, but he actually gave us a much broader base of information. He did not say too much about the Census, because the English census records are really very straightforward - he did explain that the census takers took rather circuitous routes while gathering their information, and that maps of the town or city could help us sort out the routes they took.)*

**LOCAL OR PARISH RECORDS - All** of our records or research go into a parish - a very small area - approx 100 sq. kilometres could contain many parishes - eg. 17 in the example used. The Saxons, in the 8th or 9th century determined what should be a parish - in other words, where a church should be built - as England was a Christian country. These churches were built of logs (wood) and grass (thatch) - there are a few that still survive. In the late 1000's (William the Conqueror came in 1066) the wooden & grass buildings were replaced by stone buildings.

The parish areas were very small and the records were unique to each parish. Residents did not always respect the parish boundaries - they might live closer to the parish next door and so would go to the nearest one. They got married, of course, in the bride's parish as a rule, and then chose the nearest church in which to have their children baptised. It is necessary then, while researching, to search all the parishes around the one in which they lived. Our ancestors were much more mobile than we might suppose and their circumstances dictated their location.

Many worked on farms, or in other trades and at Michaelmas (some time in October) they could leave their work to find work with another



employer. They would walk to the nearest market town to a hiring fair where employers also went to find new workers for the coming year.

Apprentices would often be with one self-employed master for at least seven years, after which time he would qualify as a journeyman. At this point he could move on to seek other employment and eventually become a master in his own right.

There were many seamen in the coastal areas because, until 100 years ago, seaports dotted all the British coasts (England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland) and the rivers were navigable. Sailors might meet his wife a very long distance from where he was born, and marry, then move to other postings. The same with military men.

Parish maps have been produced by the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies and all have been incorporated into Phillimore's Atlas of Parishes. (Phillimore's is in Edmonton Branch's library.)

It was recommended that we buy the parish map for the area that we are researching, so that we can locate the parishes adjacent to the one in which our families lived. Family Tree magazine advertises these maps and you can send for them. Under the name of each parish, on the map, is a number which indicates the year of the earliest surviving registers. Some parish boundaries changed over the years, but they would be very slight. Parishes are all irregular shapes and would have been determined by several factors: topographical, ancient ownership of land, or perhaps political reasons.

If you are searching in an area where many new churches were built, thus forming new parishes, eg. London - you could write to the Greater London Records Office to find when it was established, etc.

The Industrial Revolution caused great upheavals in Britain - the coal business escalated to produce coal to fuel the machinery required. A great movement of people from southern or eastern England went north to such centers as Birmingham, Yorkshire and Lancashire. Many of these people had been engaged in the cottage industry as

weavers, spinners, etc. and this industry was virtually wiped out with the 'mass production' of the large mills.

Cornwall miners of tin and copper, as these mines declined, moved north to work in the coal mines, or emigrated to Mexico to work in silver mining, and to Australia to mine.

**ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN AND ORPHANS** - the basis of records is still the parish. Large groups of parishes - eg. 50 to 350 and upwards were grouped to form a county, which became the administrative unit for all of Britain. England has 48 counties of varying sizes. Some counties end in 'shire', but not all (shire means county). There are two very small ones Rutland, and Huntingdonshire which contain perhaps 50 parishes; Norfolk contains 700 parishes. Other units - or diocese - were the ecclesiastical units of the Church of England and they contain a large number of parishes in their jurisdiction. Remember that county and diocese boundaries differed - eg. Hampshire is the civil unit or county, but part of the diocese is the Diocese of Portsmouth and another part is in the diocese of somewhere else. Sometimes there might be several diocese in a county under one bishop. There are about 50 Anglican diocese; Roman Catholic diocese are much larger, perhaps 6 in England.

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\*\*\*The new publication entitled **THE FAMILY HISTORIANS ENQUIRE WITHIN** by **Pauline Saul** - 5th edition 1995 was recommended as an excellent source book for British researchers.\*\*\*

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Someone has put together a list of approximately 40 names used to describe illegitimate children, including bastard, baseborn, etc. Illegitimacy was not regarded with such disfavor as it was in the Victorian age and the first part of this century, and now, again, there is a more liberal attitude towards unwed motherhood. These events were written as such in parish registers - at the baptism - and there were no objections to baptising these children. If a mother produced several, these did become a burden as the mother had to work to support her family - usually from dawn to dusk, 6 or 7 days a week - and then it

would be a big problem caring and supporting them. The parishes had to deal with this problem. In the 1600's Queen Elizabeth I (Henry VIII's daughter) made a law, the Poor Law, requiring each parish to be responsible for the welfare of its own parishioners.

Henry had closed all the monasteries and nunneries and sent all the monks and nuns away to fend for themselves. The buildings or 'houses' of religion were demolished and all the property became Henry's possession making him a very rich king. The materials from which the abbeys, etc were made were 'quarried' by the local people to build their homes, farm buildings, etc.

However, because the religious houses had always provided service to the 'disabled' - such as the sick, widows, orphans, etc. who required food, clothing, hospitals, and protection, all these unfortunates were left without support. Robbery and violence were rampant as a result of this loss - people still had to eat - hence the Poor Law - making parishes responsible for its own people. This law was valid until the 1920's (approx 300 years). A parish of 200-300 people then were responsible for themselves and the parish priest would recruit a committee - tradesmen, farmers, etc. - who needed to meet to make decisions and there would only be either the alehouse or the church available for these meetings. As the alehouse was unsuitable, they would meet in the small room where the priest's vestments were kept and which he used as an office. This room was called a 'vestry' and these committees came to be known as the 'Vestry'. The poor, sick, lame, blind, orphans, widows, etc. needed looking after and local taxes were collected for their support - in other words, the 'haves' had to pay for the 'have-nots'. They paid money to the treasurer of the Vestry and accounts were required to be written up - many survived and are sources of genealogical information. The monies were used during the year for the poor.

Long lists also survive of those who received these benefits. Illegitimates were a burden upon the Vestry for food, clothing, etc. The mother would be summoned before the Vestry committee and questioned as to who the father/s of the child/children were - if this information was forthcoming, then the father would be called before

the Vestry and made responsible for maintenance of his child/children. A bond might be paid for the father by someone in hopes of collecting from him during the year. Record offices hold these records and a large quantity of records are available. Orphans were dealt with in the same way, but many were fostered out and the vestry paid the family by the week to feed and clothe these children. When the child was perhaps 8 or 9, or 7 in many cases, a boy would be apprenticed out and girls sent into domestic service as servants or chambermaids - scullery to serving maid or perhaps, eventually, to cook. Some children would be put on farms picking rocks and stones which were piled by the side of the road for mending the roads; some might be set to scaring away the birds or minding the animals which roamed freely in a given area.

Apprentices lived by very strict rules - a good description is given in Dickens's *'Oliver Twist'* where Oliver is apprenticed to an undertaker. Many of these apprentices attempted to run away from abusive situations and 'bounties' were rewarded for their 'capture'. They were bound until they reached the age of 21 at which time they were able to leave. There are many records of apprenticeship of orphans by the poor law vestry and also of legitimate children who served apprenticeships. Guild records exist listing persons who advanced from apprenticeship to journeyman to masters in their own right. They would then earn 'Freeman' status. Many records have been indexed and published in book form by individual family history societies.

Each parish, looking after its own, issued settlement certificates and removal orders. They did not want 'intruders' into their parish, so anyone who moved went before the Vestry to be considered for settlement and then, if suitable, were able legally to settle in that parish. If a woman was widowed and her husband was from somewhere else, then an examination was made and questions asked and if the husband had served in a parochial office or rented a home worth 10 pounds or more then the widow would be entitled to remain there - otherwise, she would have to travel to where her husband came from and seek settlement rights there. It was a cruel system in many ways.

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## Why My Grandparents Emigrated to Canada



When my grandparents were alive I unfortunately did not have an interest in family history so wasn't able to ask them why they left the beautiful country of Scotland and came to this country. My father said that they never wanted to talk about their homeland and I think I have discovered the reason. My grandfather Alexander Campbell was born at Leckmelm in a tiny village in the Parish of Lochbroom on the eastern shore of Loch Broom in the County of Ross & Cromarty. He married Barbara McLeod of the Parish of Assynt in the neighboring County of Sutherland in 1879. They had two daughters born at Leckmelm in 1880 and 1881, and came to Canada in 1882.

In 1982 after having spent some years researching my ancestors, and with a great sense of adventure, I traveled to Scotland alone with the sole purpose of seeing the places where my grandparents had lived. I was not disappointed. With the help of some wonderful local people, I met an elderly lady who lived in Leckmelm and after telling her the purpose of my trip, she was able to fill me in on some of the history of the area, even pointing to stone ruins of the Campbell crofts on the hill overlooking Loch Broom one of the most beautiful pastoral scenes I have ever seen. She told me about a Mr. Pirie who was the 'last of the evictors'. She had in her possession an old booklet which is a reprint of a chapter out of the book "The History of the Highland Clearances", by Alexander Mackenzie. First edition 1883; second edition 1949. The chapter is entitled: "Leckmelm" and I now quote some passages:

*"This small property, in the Parish of Lochbroom, changed hands in 1879. Mr. A.C. Pirie, paper manufacturer, Aberdeen, having purchased it for £19,000. No sooner*

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*"Do not pick up lost balls until they have stopped rolling!"*

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### Surname

Aitken  
Allan  
Anderson  
Arthur  
Bannantyne/Ballantyne  
Bain

### Clan/Association

➔ Gordon  
➔ Macdonald, Macfarlane  
✦  
➔ Macarthur  
✦  
➔ Macbain, Mackay

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did it come into Mr. Pirie's possession than a notice, dated 2nd November 1879 in the following terms, was issued to all the tenants: 'I am instructed by Mr. Pirie, proprietor of Leckmelm, to give you notice that the present arrangements by which you hold the cottage, byre, and other buildings, together with lands on that estate, will cease from and after the terms of Martinmas, 1880; and further, I am instructed to intimate to you that at the said terms of Martinmas, 1880, Mr. Pirie purposes taking the whole arable and pasture lands... unless you and the other tenants at the once prevent your sheep and other stock from grazing or trespassing upon the enclosures and hill, and other lands now in the occupation or possession of the said Mr. Pirie, he will not, upon any conditions, permit you to remain in the cottage you now occupy, but will clear all off the estate, and take down the cottages.' This notice affected 23 families, numbering about 100 souls. The arable portion of Leckmelm was about the best tilled and the most productive land in possession of any crofter in the parish. The intention of the proprietor was strictly carried out. At Martinmas, 1880, he took every inch of land - arable and pastoral - into his own hands, and thus by one cruel stroke, reduced a comfortable tenantry from

comparative affluence and independence to the position of mere cottars and day labourers, absolutely dependent for subsistence on his own will and the likes or dislikes of his subordinates, who may perhaps,

**"Those who remained are not permitted to keep a living thing about them - not even a hen."**

for a short time, be in a position to supply the remnant that will remain in their altered circumstances, with some common labour as trenching, draining, fencing, carrying stones, lime or mortar, for the laird's mansion house and outhouses. Those who remained are not permitted to keep a living thing about them - not even a hen. They are existing in a state of abject dependence on Mr. Pirie's will and that of his servants; and in a constant of terror that next they will even be turned out of their cottages. As regards work and the necessities of life, they have been reduced to that of common navvies. In place of milk, butter and cheese in fair abundance, they have now to be satisfied with sugar, treacle, or whatever else they can buy, to their porridge and potatoes, and their supply of meat grown and fed hitherto by themselves, is gone forever."

"Rev. John MacMillan, Free Church Minister of the parish called public attention to Mr. Pirie's proceedings in the Northern newspapers, and soon the eye of the whole country was directed to this modern evictor - a man, in other respects, reputed considerate and even kind to those under

him in his business of paper manufacturing in Aberdeen. Though his remarks don't seem to have influenced Mr. Pirie's conduct, the Inverness meeting was the real beginning in earnest of the subsequent movement throughout the Highlands in favor of Land Reform, and the curtailment of landlord power over their unfortunate tenants. Part of Rev. MacMillan's speech: 'To strike terror into their hearts, first of all 2 houses were pulled down, I might say about the ears of their respective occupants, without any warning whatever except a verbal one of the shouted kind. The first was a deaf pauper woman, about middle

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life, living alone for years altogether apart from the other houses, beside a purling stream, where she had at all seasons pure

water to drink if her bread was at times somewhat scanty. After this most cruel eviction no provision was made for this helpless woman, but she was allowed to get shelter elsewhere or anywhere, as best she could."

"Murdo Munro, one of the best and most industrious workmen in the whole parish, had been able to save a little money in Leckmelm, where he was able to keep a fairly good stock on his small farm, and worked steadily with a horse and cart. The stock handed over by him to Mr. Pirie consisted of 1 bull, 2 cows, 1 stirk, 1 Highland pony and about 40 sheep. Several of the other tenants had a similar stock, and some of them had even more, all of which they had to dispense with under the new arrangements. On the 27th of January the eviction was complete. When I visited the scene on Friday morning I found a substantially built cottage and a stable at the end of it, unroofed to within 3 feet at the top at either side, and the whole surroundings a perfect scene of desolation; the thatch, and part of the furniture, including portions of broken bedsteads, tubs, basins, teapots, and various other articles strewn outside. I found that the house, before the partitions had been removed, consisted of two good sized rooms and a closet, with fireplace and chimney in each gable. The cottage, as crofter's houses go must have been fairly comfortable. Indeed, the cottages in Leckmelm are altogether superior to the usual run of crofter's houses on the West Coast, and the tenants are allowed to have been the most comfortable in all respects in the parish, before the land was taken from them."

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"The barn in which the wife and infant had to remain all night had the upper part of both gables blown out by the recent storm, and the door was scarcely any protection from the weather. The potatoes, which had been thrown out in showers of snow, were still there, gathered and a little earth put over them by the friendly neighbors. The mother and children wept piteously during the eviction, and many of the neighbours, afraid to succour or shelter them, were visibly affected to tears; and the whole scene was such that, if Mr. Pirie could have seen it, I feel sure that he would never consent to be held responsible for another. His humanity would soon drive his stern ideas of legal right out of his head, and we would hear no more of evictions at Leckmelm."

"Those of the tenants who are still at Leckmelm are permitted to remain in their cottages, but liable to be removed at any moment that their absolute lord may take it into his head to evict them."

So I feel I am safe to assume that my grandparents were also victims of the evictions as they were at Leckmelm on the 1881 census. They would most assuredly have bitter memories, which I think would be why they never spoke of their homeland.

Marion McQuay

Source:

*The History of the Highland Clearances*, Alexander Mackenzie  
First edition published 1883; Second edition published 1949

*The only thing I regret about my past is the length of it. If I had to live my life again I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner.*

Tallulah Bankhead, Actress, born January 31, 1903

## S.R.G. Meetings Coming Up:



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

Time: 07:30pm

## Festivals & Quarter Days

### Festivals

Some of the old Festival Days are now disregarded, but the majority are still kept in some shape or form.

January 1st	New Year's Day
January 5th	Twelfth Night
1st Monday of New Year, O.S.	Auld Handsel Monday
January 25th	Burns Night
February 1st	Candlemas Eve
Shrove Tuesday (Feb/Mar)	Fastern's E'en
Sunday before Palm Sunday (Mar/Apr)	Car Sunday
Easter (Mar/Apr)	Pasch
May 1st	Beltane
June 9th	St. Columba's Day
August 1st	Lammas
September 29th	Michaelmas
October 31st	Hallowe'en
November 1st	Hallowmas
November 11th	Martinmas
November 30th	St. Andrew's Day
December 25th	Yule (Iol)
December 31st	Hogmanay
December 24th to Hansel Monday	The Daft Days

### Quarter Days

The Scottish Quarter Days differ from the Quarter Days of England and Ireland, and are:

February 2nd	Candlemas
May 15th	Whit
August 1st	Lammas
November 11th	Martinmas

Source:

Barry Potter downloaded this information from the Internet.  
It was compiled by Ronald MacDonald Douglas in 1982.  
From *The Scots Book of Lore & Folklore*



## Clan Associations

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- ✦ - Members of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs  
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Surname	Clan/Association
Barrie	➔ Farquharson, Gordon
Bell	✦
Black	➔ Lamont, Macgregor, Maclean
Brodie	✦
Brown	➔ Lamont, Macmillan
Bruce	✦
Buchan	✦
Buchanan	✦
Calder	✦
Cameron	✦
Campbell	✦
Carnegie	✦
Chalmers	✦
Cook	➔ Stewart
Crauford	✦
Crichton	✦
Cunningham	✦
Drummond	✦
Duncanson	➔ Robertson
Elder	➔ Mackintosh
Falconer	✦
Fergusson	✦
Forbes	✦
Forrester	✦
Fraser	✦
Gordon	✦
Graham	✦
Grant	✦
Greig	➔ Macgregor
Hastings	➔ Campbell
Hay	✦
Hunter	✦
Innes	✦
Irvine	✦
Johnstone	✦
Laing	✦
Macarthur	✦
Macaskill	➔ Mcleod
Maccuaig	➔ Farquharson, Macleod
Macdonald	✦
Macilriach	➔ Macdonald
Macissac	➔ Campbell, Macdonald
Maciver	➔ Campbell

Surname	Clan/Association
Mackean	➔ Gunn, Macdonald
Mackendrick	➔ Macnaughton
Mackenzie	✦
MacLachlan	➔ MacLachlan
Maclean	✦
Macleod	✦
Macmartin	➔ Cameron
Macmaster	➔ Buchanan, Macinnes
Macmillan	✦
Macmorran	➔ Mackinnon
Macnaghten	✦
Macpherson	✦
Marshall	➔ Keith
Martin	➔ Cameron, Macdonald
Melville	✦
Miller	➔ Macfarlane
Moffat	✦
Morrison	✦
Murdoch	➔ Macdonald, Macpherson
Murray	✦
Niven	➔ Cumming, Mackintosh
Nicolson	✦
Park	➔ Macdonald
Patrick	➔ Lamont
Philipson	➔ MacDonald
Reidfurd	➔ Innes
Ritchie	➔ Mackintosh
Robertson	✦
Ross	✦
Sim	➔ Fraser of Lovat
Skene	✦
Smith	➔ Macpherson, Mackintosh
Stewart	✦
Stirling	✦
Strachan	✦
Todd	➔ Gordon
Turnbull	✦
Watt	➔ Buchanan
Whitelaw	✦
Williamson	➔ Gunn, Mackay
Wilson	➔ Gunn, Innes
Wood	✦
Young	✦

Deb Mallett  
 Source: *Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia*  
 George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire  
 HarperCollins Publishers, 1994



## Queries ...

### MacKay

John Francis MacKay (address below) wishes to contact descendants, or find out what became of, William and Roderick MacKay, younger brothers of his grandfather Angus (Beg) MacKay (b.1810). Their father, Angus MacKay (b.1779) was ferryman at Tongue Melness Crossing. William and Roderick MacKay emigrated about 1860 to Canada. Roderick was in his twenties and was possibly a wheelwright being very accurate with the adze. John Francis MacKay recalls that his grandfather Hugh (Beg) MacKay (b.1850) corresponded with these men who were his uncles, apparently in Alberta. John remembers a place, possibly "Middleton", being mentioned.

John Francis MacKay  
Post Office, Talmine, Melness, by Lairg,  
Sutherland, IV27 4YP, Scotland

### Rattray

I am a volunteer genealogist for the newly-formed Clan Rattray Society and would like to contact Rattray descendants interested in their genealogy. I have a database of over 17,000 individuals and may be able to help you. Please send pertinent details to:

Dr. Charles D. Bird  
Box 22, Erskine, Alberta T0C 1G0  
Phone: (403)742-0626

### Irwin (Irvin, Irvine, Irving, Erwin, Ervin, Ervine, Erving)

Members researching the line of Irwin (Irvin, Irvine, Irving, Erwin, Ervin, Ervine, Erving) may be interested in joining the "Clan Irwin Association" with its newsletter *The Holly Leaf Chronicle*. The year's dues of US \$15.00 (to Clan Irwin Association) should be sent to:

Jean Irwin Rooney, Financial Secretary,  
4219 Colonial Drive, Murrysville, PA 15668

### Irvine • Dean

Joe Nelson seeks to contact anyone of the "Abram Irvine (1725-) X Mary Dean (1733-)" line that went to the USA in the 1700's.

Joe Nelson  
7320 - 156 Street,  
Edmonton, Alberta T5R 1X3

## 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

September 3, 1995: 4th Annual Canmore Highland Games,  
Canmore

### Nova Scotia:

August 9 - 13, 1995: Hector Festival, Pictou

August 11 - 13, 1995: St. Ann's Highland Gathering,  
Gaelic College of Celtic Arts & Crafts, Baddeck

August 18 - 20, 1995: Cape Breton Fiddlers Festival  
Gaelic College of Celtic Arts & Crafts, Baddeck

August 20, 1995: Canadian Tattoo, Ross Farm Museum,  
New Ross

August 25 - 27, 1995: 57th Nova Scotia Gaelic Mod  
Gaelic College of Celtic Arts & Crafts, Baddeck

Source: Internet bulletin board announcements from Barry Potter.

Send your queries to:

Deb Mallett  
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Monday's bairn is fair o face ;

Tuesday's bairn is fu o grace ;

Wednesday's bairn is a bairn o wae ;

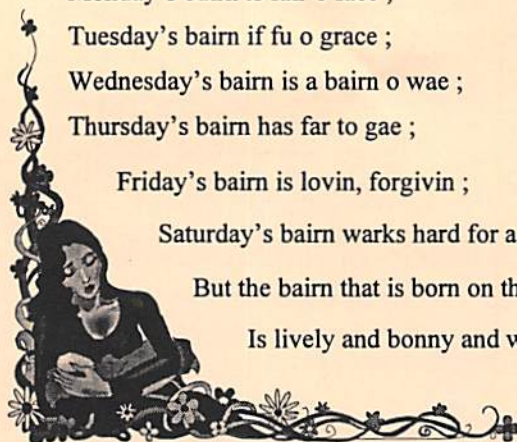
Thursday's bairn has far to gae ;

Friday's bairn is lovin, forgivin ;

Saturday's bairn warks hard for a livin ;

But the bairn that is born on the Sabbath day

Is lively and bonny and wyce and gay.



## More Scottish Terms ...

bede or bead - prayer

deid - death

firlot - a quarter of a bushel

herbrie - shelter, lodging

pykers - thieves

sack, sweet - a sweet kind of white wine

supply - assistance from the box

veill - well-being

Source: *The Kirk's Care of the Poor*  
J.M. McPherson, Published about 1930  
(Thanks Iain)

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:

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### Thursday, 28 September 1995 - Regular Meeting

- Mary Woodbury presents:  
Tips on Writing Your Family History

### Thursday, 26 October 1995 - Regular Meeting

- John Borysiuk:  
Military Records and Metals from WW1

### Thursday, 23 November 1995 - Regular Meeting

- Irene Jendzjowsky (from Alberta Provincial Archives) speaking on privacy act
- Margo Moffat, President of AGS

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# Message From The President

August 1995

The Edmonton Branch members continue working genealogically, even though we are officially on holiday for the summer. Plans are proceeding for the new library space, and we now are awaiting a response from the City of Edmonton regarding a 'grant proposal' presented by Tom Trace. When the grant is approved we will have a contractor proceed with renovation, and if everything happens according to plans, we should be in our new library/office space by October.

Many of our members are researching at the Family History Centre in preparation for the Salt Lake City trip in October. Others are travelling and researching; some are attending conferences - Germans from Russia international in Calgary. Others are working on cemetery recording, course organization, and many of you, I hope, are enjoying a leisurely summer. From all of this, there should be some interesting stories to share. I'm sure Jim Farnel would find space in the next *Relatively Speaking*.

Our May meeting featured a very interesting speaker and writer, Tony Cashman, who talked about his own family tree, and related many amusing anecdotes about the people who are on his various branches. In June we had reports from the five members who attended Vitalize '95 in Calgary. They shared some very valuable information for our own society as well as relating the fun time to be had at a conference such as this one. Florence Woodward also related the value of maps, indexes, land entry papers, census records, church records, and ship's passenger lists in her own personal research. We look forward to our September meeting when we have Mary Woodbury, who will share ideas on how to write one's own biography.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you on 28 September 1995 at the Lion's Seniors' Centre.

Respectfully submitted,  
Florence M. 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

☎ 424-4429.

## Library Hours:

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

Hi everybody! Well, here we are again; it's almost the end of July and holidays (and deadlines) always seem to sneak up on me. I hope you're all having a wonderful summer and finding lots of good information on your ancestors.

The Library Column now has a new logo. Many thanks to Deb Mallett who took a small rubber stamping, scanned it into her computer and made some additions. He's exactly what I was looking for in clip art but couldn't find.

Our library move is progressing and we are neatly clearing all the hurdles placed in our path -- see Tom Trace's article elsewhere (?) in this issue. It's really great to know that we will have a new facility that meets our needs -- with **LOTS** of free parking. After having looked at a bus route map, depending on where you come from, even the bus is fairly close.

At the June Branch meeting, I mentioned that it would be nice to have Pedigree Charts and/or Family Group Sheets from anyone who wishes to submit them. We would file these, index them by surname, and keep them on file for anyone who wants to look at them. Whether you are an Edmonton Branch member or not, if you want to send in your material, we will be more than happy to include it.

The OGS and some branches do this and it can prove very useful. It's an excellent way of



networking! And that is really a large part of genealogy, finding dead ancestors as well as living relatives.

If you wish to participate in this project, please address your submissions as follows:

Mrs. S.L. McKeen / Family Tree Project  
Edmonton Branch, AGS  
PO Box 754, Edmonton, AB T5J 2L4



Even though we will be moving, we propose to keep the box number for some time, and gradually change over to the street address.

By the time you actually read this, summer will be almost over, and the Library should be just about ready to shift back to our winter hours, beginning September 5. Again, until we settle back into our winter routine, please phone to make sure we're open.

Well, that seems to be about all for now. See you in November.

Susan.

#### 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.

#### STAMPS FOR SALE

Postage from the following countries available at the library:

U.S.A.  
English  
Australian  
New Zealand

## Edmonton Branch Library Collecting Policy

Arlene Borgstede

When a question was raised as to who determined which donated books were put in the library and why, a committee was formed to formulate an over-all collecting policy. Florence Woodward, Pam Forsyth, Pat Pettitt, Norma Wolowyk and I met in January and February and came up with the following objective and guidelines.

#### OBJECTIVE:

*To support the genealogical research needs of the AGS Edmonton Branch members by providing a wide range of research materials.*

#### GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTING:

*Selection should take into consideration the varied interests and be representative of the cultural groups within the membership.*

*Selection should be done by a committee of four including the library director, the library acquisitions person and two members at large. Forms should be made available for members to make requests.*

*Selection should provide a balanced collection of the highest quality for the greatest number of members.*

*A statement should be issued indicating the priorities of purchases the library will attempt to make and an indication of what material would be welcomed as donations.*

*A gift form should be filled out for each donation which will allow the library to decide the disposition of each donation in*



*terms of the objective. Donated materials that are duplicates or not required by the library will be offered to other branches or sold to raise funds for other library purchases.*

In order to determine what material should be given priority in acquiring, a questionnaire was drawn up and distributed to all members attending the March general meetings. In addition to asking what members wanted in the library, we also used the questionnaire to determine library usage. Results from the 61 questionnaires did not surprise us - they simply reaffirmed what we thought - and are published here for your interest.

### **LIBRARY QUESTIONNAIRE - MARCH 1995**

☐ How often do you use the Edmonton Branch library (916)?  
never 10 occasionally 35 monthly 12  
weekly 3

☐ Why do you not use the library more?

location 21  
no pertinent material 2  
not aware of holdings 9  
hours not convenient 15  
parking 23  
other:

13 responses said "no time";  
2 said "not organized" (them, not us!)

☐ Please list from 1-6 the importance you think the following should have in the collecting of library materials:

- 1 Indexes
- 2 Census records
- 3 Periodicals
- 4 Atlases/gazetteer/directories
- 5 Cemetery recordings
- 6 Local histories
- 7 Personal genealogies
- 8 Methodologies/manuals
- 9 Maps
- 10 Computer programs
- 11 General history

☐ There is exciting new material available on CD-ROM. Would you support the purchase of a CD-ROM for the library computer?  
yes 56 no 1

☐ If the library was to buy a CD-ROM, what material would you like purchased for it?

#### Telephone directories:

Canada	41
US	20
Gt. Britain	32
Australia	7

#### Family Search (LDS computer search):

Ancestral Search	39
IGI	34
Library Catalogue	19
Social Security/deaths/military (US)	13

#### Census:

US	23
Ontario	30
British Counties	40
Others: Quebec	3

☐ Would you be interested in monthly library workshops? yes 34 no 10

☐ We welcome your opinions and/or comments. There were a number of comments about not duplicating material available in other places.

(Results do not always tally with the number of questionnaires. Some questions were not answered, others could be answered with more than one response.)

With the exciting prospect of moving into our new, larger facility this fall, the library committee will be able to take on the job of new acquisitions with a positive feeling of what our members need and want. Certainly the problems of location and parking will be solved and the possibility of increasing hours at the library can be considered.

Special thanks to committee members for their valuable input, and to all members who answered the questionnaire.





## A Serendipity Story

by Ardath Buckaway, AGS #2915

What is SERENDIPITY? Some people have told me it is circumstances that happen that were meant to be. The dictionary says *"the making of pleasant discoveries by accident"*.

The Edmonton Branch AGS meets on the 4th Thursday of each month and I usually go to the meetings looking a bit scruffy because I always get my hair done at 9am on Fridays. I usually work Friday and Saturday and I usually do Food Demonstrations or Household appliances. I was asked to do a "Perfume" demo on 27 April 1995. I had to get my hair done. I have gone to the same hair dresser for 30 years and although he has moved his shop several times I still get my hair done by him because of the quality of his work and knowledge. His little shop is not in a fancy shopping mall. Bobb Cut is located at one end of the Algonquin Motel, just behind Save-On-Foods in the west end. It can be seen from Mayfield Road but there is not a lot of foot traffic so how does a lady from California choose to drop in to get her hair done by the same hair dresser? I still don't know. So many things happened that I will have to write and ask her. The discoveries came so fast that I am not sure I can list them all.

When I was finished under the dryer, Bob said the lady under the other dryer was from California and was here to do some Family Research. He had told her that I was into that sort of thing and she asked to meet me before I left the shop. I really was in a hurry but I introduced myself and asked her to be my guest at the AGS meeting that very evening. We agreed to meet there but I really didn't have much time to talk. After I left she told the other Bob who does the shampoos that her grandmother was from Sherbrook, Quebec. He promptly phoned his nother who was from Sherbrook and found out that the Hotel that Marlene's Grandparents (I believe on her mother's side) had owned was now a parking lot.

When I arrived at the meeting I had to look the attendance list over to even remember her name and discovered she was there already. Her name was Marlene Vaughn but she was born Marlene McKillop and she was looking for the documentation on her grandfather McKillop who owned and operated McKillop Electric on Whyte

Avenue in the Old Strathcona area of Edmonton in 1915. At the meeting she had met people like Pat Pettit who had suggested the City and Provincial Archives. She was almost overwhelmed at the number of people who knew the McKillops or the Electrical Shop or people who were willing to help her. She is also related to the Dregers of Dreger's Kitchen Corner so the family is well known. I phoned her at her friend's home a day or two later to suggest the old Edmonton Journals which are on film at the main public library. There must have been ads, or a store grand opening. She dug into all of it.

In the City Archives she got photo copies, even some newspaper clippings and at Land Titles she got a copy of a paper with all the names and dates of every owner of the building. I was talking to Pat Hewitt one day and was telling about this lady from California. Pat said that a cousin of her good friend Elaine was here from California and she wondered if it was the same lady. It was! This cousin did give Marlene some valuable information and could have been the person who gave her the original copy of her grandfather's marriage certificate. He came from Pochahontas, Alberta and his wife from Sherbrook, Quebec. What a treasure! I met her one Sunday afternoon for coffee and loaned her my tape recorder so she could record conversations. It turned out to be another major item.

Marlene had had some trouble getting information from certain relatives. They seemed rather reluctant to pass on the information and she did not want to press too hard. She phoned another cousin to see if he could help her fill in some of the blanks. He was surprised that his brother had not given her the required information but told her to come to a certain address as soon as possible. She phoned me that afternoon so excited. She had spent \$179 on photo-copying all the information he gave her. Later the two of them went down to the City of Edmonton History division. They told them that they had been waiting for the family to bring in all the information to tie up the loose ends. A commemorative plaque is to be placed on the building giving the history. Marlene and her cousin went to visit a 91 year old relative and took along all the pictures and information as well as the tape recorder. At first the senior was hesitant with the recorder running but it was under the coffee table and was soon forgotten. She would look at the old pictures and begin telling the stories of how and



where the pictures were taken along with antidotes surrounding the occasion. She now has an account from someone who was there at the time.

On Sunday, 14 May, I went to visit her at her friend's house where she was staying. She was planning to return to California the following week. Since I have a daughter who lives in the mountains near San Bernardino, I told her that I would call her the next time I am down there visiting my daughter and her family. Marlene suggested I come to visit her also, since she just lives outside of San Bernardino as you go toward the desert. I mentioned the fact that I have California research to do, especially some graves (one in Long Beach). Her answer was that she knew exactly where it was because she was part of the longshoremen and drove past it all the time. I couldn't believe it. She returned to get her hair done before she left and found out that Bob had taken his 3 years of training in California and she had been a hair dresser years ago here in Edmonton. They compared notes on some of the hair shows both had attended, some of the top-notch hair stylists in this city, 20 years ago, as well as some of the shops that have closed. She left with such wonderful memories, good feelings and enough information to write her book.

I have had experiences when things have happened that seemed to be a stroke of 'luck' but if this is the real serendipity then I can handle more of it.

### **The Best and The Worst**

by Arlene Borgstede, AGS#244

In the February 1993 issue, *Family Tree Magazine* printed some of the ideas from readers on the best and the worst things about doing genealogy. This got me thinking about what would be on my list and I submit it with a challenge to construct your own lists, or perhaps just send in one or two things which I have either forgotten - or not yet experienced.

#### **The worst features of genealogy**

(not necessarily but almost in order)

10. Hearing that a government agency has raised the cost of certificates again.
9. Receiving another issue from a Family History Society and finding that there is no mention of any of your families or villages - again!!
8. Finding a wealth of information on a microfilm, then discovering the printer isn't working.

7. Discovering that the remote place you visited a few years ago had family connections after all.

6. Relatives who answer your letters but give you only the briefest of replies.....

5. Or relatives who don't answer at all, even though you included a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

4. Arriving at the Provincial Archives at 9:05 am to find all the readers in use.

3. Listening to someone tell how they "just opened up this book and there was their family's genealogy back to 1500".

2. Finally admitting that you have checked every conceivable source for a family line and nothing short of a miracle will allow you to go any further.

1. Tracking an ancestor through Ontario's many land record files, finally finding the book number and the page number of the entry you want, only to find those terrible words "*The above records have been destroyed!*"

#### **The best:**

10. Checking the index in a book and finding at least one of your names there.

9. Belonging to the Genealogical Society and making new friends.

8. Discovering and corresponding with new relatives.

7. Visiting the land once owned by an ancestor and seeing the barn still standing (unfortunately, the house had been demolished).

6. Discovering the Canadiana Room in the North York Library!

5. Visiting the Family History Library in Salt Lake City!

4. Finding an envelope with a foreign postmark in your mail.

3. Finding that envelope contains information you can use.

2. Finding a **big fat brown envelope** in your mail!

1. Finding photographs in that envelope!!

## **YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN THE ENGLAND & WALES RESEARCH GROUP of the Edmonton Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society.**

***Are you researching in England or  
Wales?***

***We help each other and encourage  
you to join us to exchange and share  
knowledge, information and resources!***

***Meetings held the 1st Thursday of the  
month (unless otherwise informed - we  
will call you with meeting particulars).***

***For further information or to join our  
group, please phone MURIEL JONES at  
447-3592.***

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Settlement certificates were issued - these would be a printed form onto which the names and conditions were written in, and a copy would be sent to the parish where they had come from to let them know where he/she was. Expulsion orders were dealt with in the same way. These were issued by the Titheman or the Justice of the Peace. The old and sick were often boarded out.

In the middle of the last century in Victorian England a law was made to form parishes into 'unions' and these unions built houses of industry of 'work houses' as they came to be called, to accommodate these old and sick - those unable to work. These buildings were bleak in appearance and were run like prisons - purposely unfriendly atmosphere to discourage those who disliked work from being accepted there. These were built so as to separate the men from the women (even if they were married) and also isolate the children - the building plan resembled a 'Y' with quarters for the warden and his wife in the 'fork' area. Often a hospital was attached at the bottom of the 'Y'. If a farm worker, for example, rented a tide cottage from the farmer and he was old or couldn't work, and consequently couldn't pay rent, then the only place for him to go was the workhouse. Censuses of these workhouses appear from the 1841 census onwards. Approximately 20 parishes might group together to form a Union and then they shared the workhouse and the responsibility for the workhouse - the size of the unions varied and the union workhouses varied.

The Vestries or board of guardians also helped people to emigrate. Sometimes undesirable families were assisted to emigrate, as well - and these would have been recorded. If your ancestors were able to pay their own way to emigrate, then chances are there aren't records as they would pack up, buy their passage at the nearest port and leave, without these events being recorded.

The Poor Law generated a great deal of correspondence which comes under Quarter Session Records - civil registration rather than criminal, and administered by a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate who also granted licences for publicans, victuallers, game keepers, etc. These licences were granted annually and these courts were held every three months (Quarter sessions) and the records are held

by the County Record Offices. There is a booklet entitled '*County Records Offices and how to find them*' which is helpful.

**LAND RECORDS** - Farms were owned by very few - most farmers were tenants who rented land from the landowners. Records are not in the local record offices - eg. lands owned anywhere by the Duke of Bedford - records would be in the Bedfordshire office - many miles away from the land location.

The old system of agriculture in England & Wales consisted of three large open fields divided into strips and, according to your status, you cultivated so many strips - not always adjacent - and crops were planted as follows: some in wheat to make bread; some in barley to make beer; and some left fallow - then every year these crops were rotated. Livestock wandered freely on designated fields - and also outside in woodlands for rough grazing; every parishioner had scattered fields to cultivate.

After the Closure Act was made law (this was a slow process which began around 1600 to approx 1900) landowners were allowed to evict tenant farmers and enclose sheep onto that land. There was a great deal of correspondence created from the bargaining and swapping of land, as it all had to be done legally, or arguments would ensue. Many names are contained in these records. These records mostly predate the census and there are various lists of names - held by the county record offices.

In approximately the year 855 tithing - paying 1/10th of all produce paid in kind to the clergy - was instituted to support the clergy. In the 1830/40s the great majority of parishes were still paying tithes in kind and non-conformists resented paying to the parish - it was also a period of hard times. Many emigrated at this period of time to Australia, South Africa and to Canada. These were times of discontent and rural violence. As a result the paying of tithes in kind was replaced by money payments - tithe maps are available from the Family History Societies and the Public Record Offices for approx. \$20-\$25.

Very early records were kept on paper, which fairly quickly deteriorated by many means,

and Queen Elizabeth I decreed that all vital and legal records must be kept on parchment (inner skin of sheep) - they have survived in various conditions and we must consider that parchment is difficult to write on, especially with quill pen and questionable inks.

A catalogue of 'Rally' Maps - 1995 series - in all scales, and also books published that are available from the Federation of Family History Societies is in the Edmonton Branch, 916 library - these maps include Victorian and Early Edwardian maps - 25" to the mile Ordnance Survey Maps - these are useful in following census enumerators 'paths'.

Bishops Transcripts were copies of baptisms, marriages, and burials recorded in each parish. It was required that for six years these transcripts were sent to the Archdeacon of the diocese, and the 7th year transcripts were sent to the Bishop. All of the transcripts would be kept within the diocese. (Many have been microfilmed and are available through the LDS Church.)

#### Evening Session:

### **PUBLIC RECORD OFFICES**



### **MILITARY RECORDS**

Army - no regular standing army existed until Charles II's time around 1660. The Coldstream Guards was the earliest. From that time a great number of regiments from the 1st Foot to the 106th Foot Infantry units have been formed. There are the Guard regiments; Mounted units - variously named Dragoons, Lancers, Hussars - approx. 20 regiments; Artillery and Engineers regiments, etc.

There are not many foreign lands that do not contain British graves. The records are based on regiments and are now deposited at the Public Record Office at Kew. (Edmonton Branch's 916 library has a set of British Army Record information sheets.)

At present the Public Records Office is divided into two parts - older records are in central London, near St. Catherine's House and Somerset House (where other records are kept), but Chancery Lane is due for closure so Kew is being expanded

and then all the records will be kept at Kew - all the army records. Kew Records are divided into many classes and you must know beforehand what class you need. (Possibly many of these records are on microfilm with the LDS - check this out if you are researching these records.)

Until late in the 19th Century officers could buy and sell their commissions and they did not need to have any military experience...eg: the Earl of Cardigan paid 40,000 pounds in 1850 - went to the Crimea and misunderstood the instructions sent him by his superiors and charged the Russian guns and many, many of his men were killed in the famous Charge of the Light Brigade. If he wanted to resign he would sell his commission (preferably for a profit). He could also buy his way 'up' to higher commissions and as a result they frequently changed regiments. Sometimes they desired the look of a particular fancy uniform. Sometimes, if the prospect of being sent overseas was imminent, they would sell their commission to avoid that posting. Overseas postings very often meant death, especially if sent to the Caribbean, India or West Africa. It was said that the life span of an Indian posting would be 2 monsoons - or approx. 18 months before he would die of disease. A large percentage of those sent to India died this way.

The ordinary soldier was usually recruited from his own area by a recruiting party sent out by the regiment - so the regiment that he belonged to could have been from anywhere - Lothian Regiment; The Buffs from East Kent; the Royal Lancashire, etc. Belonging to a particular regiment was not an indication of his origin, and county names were not necessarily significant. Recruiting agents would often go to the market towns, on hiring fair day when workers would be looking for employment. They would, perhaps, offer to buy a man a drink, then offer him another, into which the agent would slip a shilling, and when the fellow drank it down, he would be told that he had accepted the King's wages, and was now in the army.

Those who were no longer fit to serve would be sent home and receive an 'out pension'; if he had nowhere to go he would receive an 'in pension' - Chelsea pensioners - would be sent to a hospital for old soldiers. There are records for those who went to pension, but if they died these



records were destroyed. Soldier's widows received no pensions and usually remarried very quickly.

Muster rolls give details of men in the regiment and these returns were sent to London.

Medal rolls - service people received medals, which were introduced around 1850's - the 1st Medal issued was for the Battle of Waterloo which took place in 1815, but not instituted until later, so only the ones that survived until 1850 or so would have received it. The Crimean War generated medals, and specific battles were named on a bar for the medal and fastened to it. The Indian mutiny - some survivors of the Crimean war were sent to fight in this. There were many campaigns around the world for which medals were issued. Very many in India - end of the 19th century - Boer War (South African War) - medals issued as well.

Medal collecting - a number of published indexes of medals which you can buy - they are divided according to regiment. Casualty rolls exist for the Indian mutiny and the Boer War - very large volumes - by regiment and in 6 month periods. If a medal is round then the regiment name and number is on the circumference; if it is a star medal then the info is on the back.

Many men died overseas - and somewhere there will be a plaque or memorial to their memory - listing names of the dead. In West Indies so many died that they were buried in a mass grave and a memorial erected with all their names. Some memorials are in the parish church or cathedral. If it is a local memorial then you could check the muster rolls for the area.

Militia - every parish was instructed to recruit so many of the young men to the militia (could bribe a friend to serve in your place) - the quotas had to be filled, so they were not too concerned who the persons were. Lists have been published often by the record societies.

Memorial Inscriptions (MIs) - Parish churches or in the town centers - most towns have memorials from there who served or were killed in WWI (some inside the parish hall or similar place). Societies concerned with India & SE Asia have

published many books. BACSA - British Association of the Cemeteries in South Asia - the address is in the book '*Family Historians Enquire Within*' book. Australian and British soldiers who deserted in Australia and New Zealand have been listed by family historians.

From WWI & WWII, Korea, Malaya, Falklands, etc. - graves of all are looked after by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission: 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7DX.

### **SAILORS - ROYAL NAVY & MERCHANT NAVY**

Conditions varied a great deal - Royal officers did not buy commissions, but had to WORK for them. As young as 10, a boy with influential parents could become a midshipman, then take the exams and become a lieutenant. Then, if he were lucky, he might be promoted to Captain, and gradually, and slowly, advance as the openings became available due to others advancement - up to Admiral. Some luck did enter into it - if you had influence, you would advance more quickly.

Navy and Army officers were well documented in the Public Records Office. Navy and Army lists prepared annually of all officers & men - regiment by regiment and ship by ship - so you need to know the regiment or ship name, then you can follow their career. In photographs - the ship's name would be on the sailors hat band. If a sailor died at sea, he was buried at sea - the nearest port could have a memorial - but there might not be a permanent memorial. The Royal Marines were the navy's army.

### **MERCHANT NAVY**

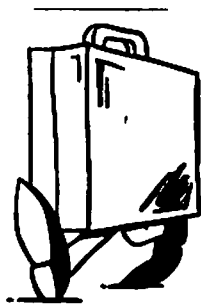
Included with the information sheet package - classes of Merchant Naval personnel - many classes - a lot of the merchant naval records were to be put through the shredder by the board of trade, but these were 'rescued' and are now housed at the University of Newfoundland - in St Johns, Newfoundland.

Registrar of Shipping & Seamen - in Cardiff Wales (details in *The Family Historian's Enquire Within* book. The Registrar General at St.

Catherine's House - army chaplains from 1796 pre-civil registrations kept records of births, marriages, deaths of military families - a certain number of wives could follow their husband's regiment and these chaplain's returns are at St. Catherine's House.

All the Births, Deaths, & Marriages have been indexed from 1837 to 1920s and are done quarterly (probably available at LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City). (costs approx 12,000 pounds). It is not indexed according to the date, but when they were recorded by the registrar. So, if you can't find it in the 'proper' quarter, check the next, and so on until it is located. Sometimes, depending upon who gave the registration information, the names will be incorrect, as well as some of the other information - there were vast opportunities for error. It was not always the family who did the registering, because of distance, opportunity and a multitude of other reasons. The registration certificates were sent to London every three months and were sorted by clerks and then entered into the indexes, so further errors were possible in transcribing these.

The Archives at the Public Record Office also contains the records of The Honorable East India Company who got their charter in Queen Elizabeth I's time - and had mandate to trade in India until 1860 until the Indian mutiny occurred. This company had little influence from Britain and literally ruled India - many British made fortunes in India. The company extended from India to include all the countries in the area including present day Pakistan, Ceylon, Dutch East Indies and all of SE Asia - all staffed by Europeans - many of whom died in those locations - India, etc. There are 129 sets of records - not all important to genealogists.



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## **Researching My Grandparents Wilhelm Martin Mueller & Anna Elisabeth Rosenthal**

by Florence Woodward, AGS #2448

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When I first started doing my genealogy on my father's side, I knew that his family had come from Germany in the 1880's and had settled in South Dakota somewhere near to Orient (Orion). My only surviving uncle on my father's side said that he thought that his family had come from Essen in the Ruhr Valley and he and his wife had travelled to Germany one time but found nothing.

I started with census records for South Dakota and found my grandfather, my grandmother, and their two children listed on the 1885 records for Hand County, Dakota Territory, District No. 47. I learned that they did indeed come from Germany, and that my grandfather was 28 years old, my grandmother was 22 years old, and my aunt was 3 years and my uncle was 1 year old. My grandfather was a farmer and his wife was at home.

I started searching through some obituary notices which my mother had a habit of clipping from the Edmonton Journal and found my grandmother's obituary. The year of her death was not recorded but the notice said that she was born in Essentraud, Hessen, Germany and that she was 67 years old when she died. My cousin and an older sister thought that our grandmother had died in 1928 so I went to the Provincial Archives and started looking through the Edmonton Journals from 1928 onwards. I found her obituary notice in the Thursday, May 1, 1930 edition. It also stated that my grandfather was on a trip to Europe and that her body would be entombed in the Edmonton mausoleum when my grandfather returned. According to the cemetery records from Edmonton Cemetery my grandmother was buried in a single grave on 8 July 1930.

I have searched the Hamburg Passenger Lists to find when and on what ship my grandfather sailed for the United States. I found him listed on the 11th ship out of Hamburg, Germany in 1884. The ship, the Willand, was under Captain Habeck (Hebeck), and left for New York February 3, 1884.

My grandfather was 28 years old and came from Eschenstruth, Hessen, Germany. He came on a direct line. According to his Oath of Allegiance he arrived in New York in March 1884. My grandmother and uncle left for New York on 26 March 1884 on the Frisia under Captain Hopff. My grandfather swore an oath of allegiance on 27 May 1884, but because he did not understand English he swore another oath of allegiance on 27 May 1887.

I tried without much success for a long time to find where my grandfather homesteaded in South Dakota. Finally after getting the wrong land entry papers (another William Miller), I checked a county map of the area and decided that maybe I was looking in the wrong county. I contracted Ron Whistance-Smith and asked him if it was possible to get a homestead map of Park County with the names of the original settlers listed on it. Six weeks later he came with the map and it had a Wilhelm Mueller listed on it. I wrote away to Washington for the land entry papers for the particular Wilhelm Mueller, explaining that I did not want the papers if this was not the right person. Lo and behold! It was my grandfather's location.

I have learned a tremendous amount from these land entry papers. From March, 1884 - October, 1884, my grandfather stayed with a sister in Green County, Illinois. His land had no timber on it. He made personal settlement on the land about November 12, 1884. A house was built - frame, 16x26, 1½ story, with 3 rooms and a cellar. The house was boarded, papered and sided, grouted and plastered, shingled roof, matched floor, with 5 doors and 6 windows. Its value was \$600. The barn was 14x16, frame with a shingled roof, value \$50. His family moved onto the land on 29 November 1884 and commenced living there. Apparently the house was built in November, 1884 by a Nicholas Janke and was habitable all year.

There seems to be some discrepancy about the barn because it was also described as 16x32, of lumber and sod sides and hay roof, value \$50. The granary was 14x16 frame, value \$50. The well was 36 feet and was cribbed, value \$70. One hundred acres of land was broken, value \$300. Total value of improvements \$1070.

Animals included 3 horses, 1 cow, 1 heifer, 1 calf, 4 hogs, 34 chickens.

Farm implements included one binder, sulky plow, braking plow, barrow pulverizer, wagon which had been owned 2-3 years.

Furniture included 1 stove, 1 table, 6 chairs, 2 beds, dishes, cooking utensils and had been owned since November 1884.

#### Crops raised:

1885 - corn 16 acres = 1000 bushels  
- potatoes 1 acre = 60 bushels  
1886 - wheat 40 acres = 300 bushels  
- corn 12 acres = 200 bushels  
- potatoes 1 acre = 25 bushels  
- oats 6 acres = 100 bushels  
- vegetables

When the 1901 census for the NWT became available I checked it to find out when my grandparents came to Canada. The census says 1894. This census lists the family, where they were born (although there are errors), and their religion.

I have written to Hessen, Germany, and I now have the marriage record for my grandparents, the baptismal record for my grandmother and her brother, and the marriage record for my grandmother's parents (my great grandparents).

Census records, land entry records, oaths of allegiance, ships' passenger lists, church records, and maps, are all very valuable sources in the search for the information that makes our families come alive.

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**DIPLOMACY is the art of letting  
others have YOUR way!!**

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## Borowsky Story

Submitted by Genevieve Howard

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ear Friends:

*Our Society exchanges quarterlies with yours. I note that your April Seminar included some material on the history of Alberta. The enclosed material was written by a cousin of mine, Emily Priscilla Borowsky Stokstad. Emily's mother Mabel Melott Borowsky was a sister of my mother Edna Melott Howard. There is so much history of the family and the settlements where they lived, that I think it should be printed. I would welcome news of Borowsky descendants, and would be glad to correspond with them and exchange family information.* Genevieve Howard, PO Box 1903, Rapid City, SD 57709 (717 E. Anamosa, Apt. 6-110).

I, Emily Priscilla Borowsky Stokstad, was born at Arapaho, Oklahoma on December 11, 1910, the eighth child of Alex Borowsky and Mabel Melott.

I have no recollection of my birth place, having emigrated to Edmonton, Alberta with my parents, brothers and sisters at the age of two.

My first memories are of the birth of my sister Ruth on the farm at Landenville, Alberta, when I was five. Soon after that we moved to a homestead in the Gideon Lake district. Our post office was Peat, Alberta, named after the postmaster, John Peat. There was no school in the district when we moved there and Mother was instrumental in getting one built soon after our arrival. She was the Secretary of the school district and also boarded the teachers during the years we lived there. The school was opened in 1918 and there I began my schooling. Our first teacher was Miss Stillwell. I remember that we lived in what was later the barn that first year while my father and brothers were building the log house which we then occupied during the remainder of our stay.

My eldest sister, Hildia was married to Oliver Goldsmith in our home in August 1916, and

went to live at Landonville where they farmed and raised their family.

My older brothers, Harry and Kenneth, were seldom home after we settled in Gideon Lake, except for short visits. In fact, my brother Kenneth went to the USA when I was eight years old and I didn't see him again until 1960 when we had a family reunion in Edmonton at the home of my sister, Hildia Goldsmith.

When the new school opened in 1918, my brother Max and I were the only ones from our family attending. Our second teacher, Kenneth Tookey, has written a history of his teaching years in Alberta (40 years in all) starting with that first school in 1919 at Gideon Lake. He gives my mother much credit for starting him on his teaching career, since he had been sent to another school which was very isolated so had decided to go back to Edmonton when he met my mother at Algot's store at Angle Lake and she persuaded him to take our school instead.

My memories of those early years include seeing my father plow land with a walking plow and sowing the grain by hand, they called it broadcasting the seed. We children used to enjoy following the plow in our bare feet, letting the furrows fall on our feet as the plow turned them. I can remember watching the field mice scampering out of the way as the plow disturbed their nests.

I have two vivid memories of Kenneth during his visits home before he left for the states. One is of his trying to attach his bicycle to the ice cream freezer so he could turn it by pedalling instead of by hand. It didn't work. The other incident was his putting a saddle on a steer and trying to ride it. This incident ended with him landing head first in a slough a short distance from the house.

There was a creek running through our farm which emptied into the Saskatchewan River about a mile from home. This was a favorite Sunday walk which we often enjoyed.

Our social life was simple but enjoyable, and mostly took place at the school. There were itinerant student ministers who held services there during the summer months, and they always seemed

to come home with us for Sunday dinner after the services. This was usually roast chicken with all the fixings. I can taste them yet.

We always had a Christmas concert in the school which we spent months preparing for. Every child participated, giving recitations, singing, etc. Spelling bees were a part of school I remember with pleasure as I usually won them. It was my one claim to fame in those days. I could spell.

Berry-picking trips were a part of our summers. The whole family went out for the day, complete with picnic lunch. We worked hard picking in the heat, pestered by flies, bees and mosquitoes, but all were ready to go to the next. Sometimes we were joined by neighbours and this made the picnic more enjoyable.

Our nearest neighbours were the Turners, an English couple, childless until they adopted a boy from Edmonton. His name was Willie, and it was my job to take him to school with me. Mrs. Turner brought him to our place and I took him from there. He was very reluctant to go and I can remember many days when I literally pulled him by the hand the mile through the fields.

Our next nearest neighbours were the Diamonds, a large family of boys and girls where I spent many happy hours. The oldest daughter, Grace, was too old for school, but Marjorie, Pat and Florried were my companions. The eldest son, Ted, was a companion to my brother, Max.

It was about this time that Dr. Fred Miller came to Elk Point to practice and was soon joined by Dr. Ross. The roads were very poor and all maternity cases were delivered in the homes. My mother was not a midwife but was called to many homes to help at such times. The Doctor was sent for but often arrived after the delivery, so my mother coped and as far as I know, never lost a baby or mother. I remember the Christmas she attended Mrs. Diamond at the delivery of one of her children. It was a poor Christmas for us. I felt very cheated to have my mother away from home on that all important day.

Another neighbour family where we visited often were the Appletons. Their children were

grown at that time - Annie, Fred, Ernie and Bill. Ernie and Bill went overseas in the first World War and Bill was killed. I remember Ernie visiting us on his return and telling us tales of his experiences.

I have a vivid memory of the day Max was thrown from a horse and broke his arm. I can still see the bone sticking through the skin at the elbow. My father rode to the Angle Lake store six miles away and phoned to Vermillion for a doctor. Dr. Smith arrived in due time and I was sent outside while he set the arm. Max still carried the scar and bent arm from that experience. I think he was about 9 or 10 at the time.

I also remember about the time my parents taking my little sister Ruth to Vermillion when she became very ill. She had a ruptured appendix and they were unable to remove it at that time. She recovered and was brought home, but about a year later became ill again, and Dr. Miller was called for from Elk Point. He operated on her on our kitchen table by the light of coal oil lamps, and we spent a few anxious days. He was unable to throw off the infection and she passed away a few days later. Her funeral was a vivid memory. I remember her as a sweet little girl with blond curly hair and a sweet disposition. She had not attended school, being only 5 at her death, but she had a very sweet singing voice. I would read the words of our favorite hymns and she would sing them. I could not carry a tune, but between us, we had our concerts. At the funeral I heard some of the neighbour ladies remarking on her sweet disposition and saying, "*She was too good to live*".

When I was about 12, we left the homestead at Gideon Lake and moved to a farm at Angle Lake. Now we were only a half-mile from school and were closer to the store. There were more neighbours and social events more plentiful. Card parties, concerts, picnics, etc. as well as occasional church service in the school comprised our social life. I continued at school until I had completed grade eight. All grades from one to eight were taught in these one-room schools by one teacher. At Angle Lake there were two of us in grade eight when we graduated from Public School, myself and Ellen Algot. We had gone as far as we

could go there and must go to Edmonton if we wished to continue our education.

This we did together and continued going to school together through grades 9, 10 and 11. My family were not well off and found it a hardship to send me away for schooling. It could not have been possible except that I was able to work for my board in various homes. The first of these was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ottewell, 11105- 81 Avenue. I attended the King Edward High School that first year.

I had only been in school a few weeks when I became very ill with mastoid. Mrs. Ottewell called Dr. Jamieson, who was a specialist in this field and was also her cousin. I was taken to University Hospital where I spent weeks. I was operated on twice, first one ear, then the other. I vividly remember the pain associated with changing of dressings. I was quite deaf for months and after release from hospital had to go to the Doctor's office for treatment to restore my hearing. Years later a specialist in Vancouver told me I must have had the best medical attention available at that time to have lived at all, much less recover as much of my hearing as I did. I shall remember with gratitude the expert and kindly attention I received from Dr. Jamieson.

I also remember with gratitude the extra attention I got from my teachers when I finally was able to return to school. I had barely got started when I was taken ill, so was hopelessly behind. They decided I could not complete the full year, so allowed me to take five of the seven subjects that year. Had it not been for all the help I received then, I would undoubtedly have given up and gone home and in all likelihood never have returned to school. The teachers took turns staying at the noon hour and after school to give me the extra help and I managed to pass those five subjects that year.

As it was, I returned the next year, and the next, and managed to recover another subject in that time. I finished Grade 11 with one subject short, and applied for admittance to Nurses training at the University Hospital. I think I have Mr. Ottewell to thank for my acceptance, since he was Registrar of the University at that time, and must have spoken in my behalf.

At any rate, I entered training there in September 1929, and after three years of hard work, graduated on Friday, May 13, 1932. I graduated into the worst of the depression, and jobs were non-existent. I returned home to the farm and for several months rested and helped my mother around the house. I was then fortunate in getting a job at the Elk Point hospital, where I worked for over a year for the grand salary of \$50 per month. I was able to bury a great many clothes and also bank some money from that small salary, which gives an indication of the value of a dollar at that time.

In October 1934 I was married to Svend Stokstad, and since it was unheard of for married women to work then, I had to give up my job.

Alex BOROWSKY b 17 Dec 1872;  
m 1896 to Mabel MELOTT, b 18 Jun 1880 in Cedar Co., Iowa and d 25 Apr 1938 in Alberta, Canada. Mabel's father: Jahue MELOTT and mother: Louise MULLINEX. Alex and Mabel's children:

1. Hildia Belle BOROWSKY b 17 Jan. 1898,  
m Oliver GOLDSMITH
2. Harry A. BOROWSKY b 23 Apr 1899,  
d 15 Jul 1967
3. Kenneth BOROWSKY b 11 Aug 1900
4. Edna L. BOROWSKY b 24 Dec 1901,  
m Axel WILLMER
5. Anna Mabel BOROWSKY b 28 Nov ?,  
m Paul GRAUMAN
6. Robert BOROWSKY b 19 Nov 1906,  
d in infancy
7. Maxwell Frederick BOROWSKY b 9 Jun 1908,  
m Ila MARKSTAD
8. Emily Priscilla BOROWSKY b 11 Dec 1910,  
m Svend STOKSTAD
9. Ruth Marjorie BOROWSKY b 7 Apr 1915,  
d Jan 1920

[This family group sheet and various family correspondence *i.e.* postcards on file at Edmonton Branch, AGS Library]

**Q: How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?**

**A: One, but it has to want to change!**



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**TAGGART** John & Sarah left \_\_\_\_\_, County Antrim, N. Ireland one month after marriage; 1842 at

**McALLONEY** Minudie, Nova Scotia, working for Amos KING, Seaman. 20 yrs later moved to Halfway River, NS. 7 children: James b 1844, Daniel b 1846, Sarah b 1847, Annie b 1852, John b 1855, Ellen b 1858, Frank b 1861. Any avail. information appreciated. Will share.

**HANNAH** Alexander & Mary \_\_\_\_\_, from Londonderry, N. Ireland to Macan, Cumberland Co. Aug 1817. Ancestral information needed. Will share 5 generations of descendants. Children: John Hamilton b 1811, Izabell b 1814, Robert b 1816, Martin b 1821, Mary Jane b 1824, James b 1829, Alexander b 1836.

**CAMPBELL** Charlie, d 1917/18 when thrown from his horse, breaking his neck. Wife: Vandel. Would like to locate where Charlie is buried; Alberta residence unknown.

contact: Janet Weisel McCoy, 7699 Nelson St. Arvada, Colorado 80005, USA

**WEISEL** Looking for any relatives of George & Rosella WEISEL of Edson, Alberta, Canada.

contact: A. Philpott, Long Barn, Chilvester Hill, Calne, Wilts. SN11 0LP

**GREENHALGH** My 84yr-old mother, Mary Elizabeth GREENHALGH, is anxious to trace her great aunt's family of Edwina Mary GREENHALGH b 1854/55 Tottington(bury), Lancashire, UK who moved to Canada as a young woman. Abt 1915. Aunt Edwina sent a letter to my grandfather George GREENHALGH (her nephew), telling abt hay-time on the farm at Evarts,

**LIGHTBOWN/** Red Deer. She mentions her dau. Mary, and signs herself and her married name of Edwina  
**LIGHTBOURN/** LIGHTBOWN/BOURN/BOUN?? Hope to trace Edwina's death & family. Offers help with  
**LIGHTBOUN** enquiries for Wiltshire, Somerset, Bath, Bristol or Lancashire in return.

contact: Betty Deck, Box 1637, Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0

AGS#3337

**CAMPBELL** Robert B. CAMPBELL, b1808 Perthshire, Scotland; m Eleonora STIRLING c1859; d c1895, Manitoba.

**FLETT** Andrew B. FLETT, b ?; d ?. SK or Northwest Territories; m Mary CAMPBELL, dau of Robert CAMPBELL c1845-54 in the Yukon. Worked for Hudson's Bay Co.

**GARSON** Peter Flett GARSON came to Canada on the Prince of Wales Ship in 1862 to work for the Hudson's Bay Company at various posts in the Yukon; m Jane FLETT, dau of Andrew FLETT.

**MACDONALD** Lachlan Archibald MACDONALD, b 13 Sep 1883, Redjacket, SK; m Louisa GARSON of Hoey, SK. Lived in the Prince Albert or Hoey, SK area in 1918-1919. Moved to Innisfail 1920 and stayed for 5-6 years; returned to Prince Albert, SK area around 1926-27. Left this area in 1934 and possibly returned to Innisfail, Red Deer, Eckville or Alhambra area. His whereabouts are unknown after that time. Sons: Peter, Donald, Kenneth, and Neil; daughter: Katherine. Father's name: Nathaniel?? Would like to correspond with relatives or descendants of the above persons.

contact: Philippe Malengret, Rue du Piéton, 171, 7160 Chapelle-Lez Herlaimont, Belgium

MARY

Ferdinand Désiré MARY, d in Calgary 1939.

Ferdinand MARY, m Etienne between 1922 & 1939 in Calgary, AB.

Rose Marie MARY, b between 1922 & 1939 in Calgary, AB; m ? (an Italian national), in Calgary? after 1942.

FUMIERE

Marie FUMIERE d in Calgary abt 1957 (after 1949).

## NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

BETTY DECK, Box 1637, Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0

AGS#3337

MACDONALD, Lachlan

1883 - ?

Alberta or Saskatchewan, Canada

GARSON, Peter Flett &

GARSON, William

1860's-1900's

Saskatchewan; Manitoba, Canada; Scotland

FLETT, Andrew

1800's-1900's

MacKenzie & Athabasca Districts; poss.

SK or Manitoba, Canada

CAMPBELL, Robert

1808-Scotland;

1830-Yukon, Canada; 1890-MB

VERMETTE, Joseph

1900's

SK & Red River Settlement

JAMES E. JOHNSON, 301, 17729-64 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5T 2J9

AGS#3312

JOHNSON, Ida Melvina

b 1879

Richland County, North Dakota

JOHNSON, Christian Martin

b 1885

Richland County, North Dakota

JOHNSON, Elias Olaus

b 1853

Granli, Norway

DEAN, Minnie

b 1879

Fifehead Magdalen, Dorset, England

NORTON, Albert Edward

b 1884

Stogursey, Somerset, England

## Strays

submitted by Shirley Lancaster,  
OGS Toronto Branch Strays Co-ordinator

John Leslie ARNETT, b Edmonton, Alberta; d 20 Mar 1993 @ Clearwater, Florida, USA; full reference: Obit "The Globe & Mail", 25 Mar 1993, p.A14.

Barbara June EPP (nee BRIGHTON), b Calgary, Alberta; d 10 Jul 1986 @ Scottsdale, Arizona, USA; full reference: Obit "Arizona Republican", 13 Jul 1986, p.B14; (buried in Calgary, Alberta).

Ella CUMBERLAND (1898-1965), b Medicine Hat, Alberta; nurse; m 1900's to Benjamin BEVERIDGE; she was dau of Andrew CUMBERLAND and had a bro and sister: Florence (Mrs. Jim McDougald); full reference: "Our Pioneers" published by the South Western Old Timers' Association.

Ada Ann SAWDON (nee OLDHAM), interment 1946 @ Irma, Alberta; full reference: Hartman Cemetery, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON - monument inscription transcription available from OGS Toronto Branch, Box 518, Station K, Toronto, ON M49 2G9.

John SAWDON, interment 1938 @ Irma, Alberta; full reference: Hartman Cemetery, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON - monument inscription transcription available from OGS Toronto Branch, Box 518, Station K, Toronto, ON M49 2G9.

# RESEARCHER'S GROUP

## LETTERS RECEIVED

Prepared by Jean L. Madill, Chairperson

The following is a list of the Research Letters received through the A.G.S. Mail for the period April 1st to June 30, 1995

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43	MORRIS, Mrs. M.B.	Penticton, BC	Charles John Peterson	Sweden	040495	Where to find birth info
44	MOGREN, John	USA	Karin Peterson	Beauvallon, AB	060495	d. date (St. Peter's Cem.)
45	LONG, Heather	Halifax, NS	James Edward Boyle	Alberta	110495	Seeking birthplace.
46	BOBRYK, Dawn Hutchins	USA	Sweetnam family	Alberta	150495	Seeking Info.
47	JOHNSON, Brian	West Australia	Miss A.H. Walker/Mrs D.C. Lucas	Edmonton	150495	Seeking addresses.
48	NATION, Thelma	USA	Ida Winona Powers	Canada	170495	Info./other fam. members
49	THIESSEN, Donald	Richmond, BC	Albert & Florence Lock	England	210495	Birth and wedding dates?
50	ACKROYD, Mrs Darlene	Fairview, AB	Research Publications		250495	Where to obtain.
51	CREASY, Peter	England	W.A. Pemberton	Calgary	250495	Info. on great uncle
52	MCCANNEL, Mrs Jean	Port Elgin, Ont	Mrs Margaret Buckmaster	Prev. Calgary	250495	Trying to make contact.
53	TOMPKIN, Harold L.	USA	Dieringer/Wilson/McLean	Record search	030595	Ballantine/Barrland, AB
54	HOMAN, Brenda C.	Calgary	Family Tree	No area given	090595	Info. on how to proceed.
55	BALDRY, Lori	Innisfail, AB	Family name of Demas	Anywhere	090595	Seeking family info.
56	CLARKSON, Ross W.	Ont.	Thomas & Harry McCrae	Alberta (1891+)	120595	Info/Alex. Lamont/Olds, AB
57	SAYRE, Mrs Dawn K.	USA	Mary Louise Nunnemaker	Jenner, AB	270595	Need copy/passport to US
58	ELLIS, Patrick L.	USA	Lillie (Ullery) Guss	Alberta	270595	Info. on death.
59	ARNEY, S.	Toronto, Ont.	Daniel Arney	Calgary	090695	Seeking birth records.
60	BONE, June	Duchess, AB	Martha Jane Donaghy (Andrews)	d. Edmonton.	090695	Pts names & where born
61	BONE, June	Dushess, AB	Anne Elizabeth Andrews	Bur: Edmonton	090695	Seeking pts names.
62	WALTON, K.	England.	W. (Will) G. and Marie Walton	Calgary	130695	Info. on uncle & aunt
63	FOSTER, Miss	Eng.	No names	Canada	130695	What service provided?
64	PHILPOTT, A.	Eng.	Edwina Mary Greenbalgh	Red Deer	130695	Info. on record offices.
65	MOORE, Rebecca A.	Alaska	No names submitted	No area given	190695	Info. on what services ?
66	CHVOJKA, Laural	Delburne, AB	Floyd Slye	Edmonton	190695	Seeking any info.
67	MEREDITH, Brian	Kamloops, BC	Meredith/Lake	Edmonton areas	200695	Info on these families.
68	PARMINTER, Debra	Campbell River	Parminster/Hadley/Deeprise	Alberta	200695	Fam. members came to AB.
69	DRISCOLL, Michael	Vancouver, BC	Tim Carney	Calgary	300695	Info. on railroader.
70	MCLAUGHLIN, George W.	USA	George Addison	Alberta	300695	Info. on ancestor
71	MCKENZIE, Barbara G.	New Zealand	Mackenzie/Fead	Penhold area	300695	Info. on families.
72	DEES, Gene H.	USA	Elton Bianco (French Canadian)	Canada	040795	Info./Biological father

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Jean L.

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| <b>ALBERTA</b>          | <b><u>ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY "CHINOOK"</u></b> Vol 15 #2 Winter 94/95 Huguenots & New Brunswick; SUTTON -Margaret & Harriett; GEDCOM; 1881 Index Project UK; A Guide to Ontario Land Registry Records.   |
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| <b>AUSTRALIA</b>        | <b><u>AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGICAL STUDIES INC. "GENEALOGIST"</u></b> Vol 7 #12 Dec 1994 Poor Law & Paupers; The BARFIELD Punchbowl; Private & Professional Names of Actors & Actresses: With Intent to Murder: Robert John REDMOND; The Highland Crofters of Lorgill; Have You Lost Agnes PEDDLE? Ireland's Great Potato Famine; A Genealogy with State Trustees; Ringing the Bells; The Inter Capital Railway; Retracing the Eureka Story- Patrick SHEDDY. |
| <b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b> | <b><u>BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY "NEWSLETTER"</u></b> Vol 19 #4 Dec 1994  |
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- BRITISH COLUMBIA** **BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY "THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGIST"** Vol 24 #1 Mar 1995 Did Yr Ancestor Homestead in the Railway Belt? (cont'd); Was Yr Ancestor a Freemason? BAGRIE Kin; Derivation - The Game of the Name; The RABBIT Family; BURR Family Bible: Gold & Steam Engines -Notes from the Past (Pt1).
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e) From time to time to publish such bulletins, booklets, books, pamphlets, or other documents as may be found desirable and expedient by the Executive of the society and to make the same available to the members and others as such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Executive;

f) To establish friendly relations with other genealogical societies for exchange of ideas and informalities and the promotion of common interests;

g) To enter into arrangements with other genealogical societies for the publication of bulletins, booklets, books, pamphlets, or other documents, on such terms and conditions as may be found desirable and expedient, by the Executive;

h) To promote seminars and workshops on genealogical research and methodology and such other studies as may seem helpful to members;

i) To provide a centre and suitable meeting place for the various activities of the Society and its members by rent or purchase or otherwise;

j) To encourage the establishment of Branches of the Society under such terms and conditions as the bylaws of the Society, from time to time, provide;

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

l) The operations of the Society are to be carried out chiefly in the Province of Alberta.

Dated in Edmonton, Alberta, this 15th day of March, 1973.



## ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Its Branches

### Brooks & District Branch

President: Jean Stewart  
P.O. Box 1538  
Brooks, AB T1R 1C4  
Meets 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.  
327 Third Street West  
Basement, W. Entrance, Room #4  
Phone: (403) 362-5021

### Grande Prairie & District Branch

President: Laura Turnbull  
P.O. Box 1257  
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z1  
Meets 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.  
Grande Prairie Public Library  
9910 - 99 Avenue  
Phone: (403) 532-7138

### Drayton Valley Branch

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Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R8  
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Pembina Room  
Drayton Valley Town Library  
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Lethbridge, AB T1J 4A2  
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