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ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

founded 1973



President's Message

Margo Moffat



Florence Woodward, President of the Edmonton Branch invited me to attend the general meeting of the branch, assuring me it would be a wonderful night. Taking her at her word, I dutifully showed up and received such a warm welcome that it set the tone for our annual conference the next day. From Thursday to Sunday of that week, I enjoyed such a celebration of laughter, dancing, wonderful speakers and workshops that I felt it was a three day celebration that felt like a family reunion.

When the keynote speaker, Dr. Owen Beattie, showed his slides of the Franklin Expedition and the open coffins of the sailors who died in the 1840's, I positively drooled at the thought of asking him to dig up some of my favorite ancestors. Someone brought me back to reality by reminding me that my lot were not buried in deep perma-frost. Ah well, it was wonderful for that split second to imagine what I would discover about them using modern technology.

Annual conferences are an event you want to try to attend. There is so much that goes on at a conference. The annual general meeting is of course a necessary part of the event. The membership attend to hear annual reports and participate in business pertaining to the society. I suppose one could say that the executive have handed in a report card to the membership and the AGM is your opportunity to say well done or just like a parent, say, "You need to improve!"

As I wandered around at the conference, I caught snippets of conversations that were delightful genealogical stories. I observed the deep friendships of some of the conference delegates, friendships that have spanned many years.

I have many memories of the '96 Conference ranging from Tom Trace struggling to open the library door as over a hundred or so people hovered anxiously behind him, desperate to get into the library and look at records, to Malcolm McCrimmon piping us into the banquet. And who could forget those wild genealogists who danced the night away at the banquet.

I apologize to Joe Nelson who, when I asked if he was a man assured me he was, many times over! All I can say in my defense is that square dancing left me confused as to who were dancing as men and who were dancing as women!

It was a pleasure to acknowledge Tom Trace and his wife Bev for the many hours he spent on the relocation project. Tom received the President's Award and Bev received a small gift. It was also an honor to present a small gift to Rose Goutbeck and to present Peter Goutbeck with a plaque for his outstanding contribution to cemetery indexing. Rose and Peter were both awarded Life Membership in the Society for their contributions to the AGS and genealogists worldwide. Now that we have been energized by a great conference, let's settle down to our research and our continuing commitment to our society in promoting and preserving Family History.

Margo

Editor's Message

Genealogy & The Magic Kingdom

Jim Farnel

I had the good fortune to be in Florida this past month and it was with great interest that I learned of the newest Disney World attraction, The Disney Institute. The Disney Institute is a new concept in Disney vacations and is located in the heart of their Orlando properties.

The institute offers you the opportunity for a "learning" holiday so you can spend your time on the grounds in a wide range of programs and activities not the least of which is genealogy.

Your programs can be booked in three, four or seven night stays. The seven night vacations in family history hold sessions in climbing your family tree, putting family memories on tape, journal writing and storytelling journeys all taught by Disney instructors. The climbing your family tree portion of the program is a beginners introduction to family research which goes on to include the use of the LDS Family Search program.

Vacations can be a mix and match of subjects including genealogy, sports & recreation, film-making, animation and a range of other subjects.

If you are interested contact Disney at 1-800-282-9282 and the kind folks there will send you a brochure and video on the Institute.

I think the fact that a company like Disney has included genealogy in their programs is confirmation of what a interest there is in family history in North America.

It will also be interesting to see if Disney does some of their own "genealogy", because I have often wondered about Goofy's parents!

Genealogists never die, they just lose their census !!

Cover Story

Our New Home: The Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre

Clarence Madill, AGS □1684

The site for The Prince of Wales Armouries was purchased from the Hudson Bay Company by the City of Edmonton in 1912 and donated to the Federal Government as a location for an armoury. Construction of the present building was completed in 1915. Its purpose was to provide a base for various units of the Canadian Militia.

During WW1 the armoury served as quarters for the 51st Battalion and the 233rd Battalion. It later became home for the 101st Edmonton Fusiliers and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

It was declared surplus by the Department of National Defense in 1977 and being of no further use as a military base, it became mostly vacant for a number of years. There remained a small number of organizations as the only occupants, such as the Garrison Club and the Edmonton Branch of the International Order of Old Bastards.

In 1983 it was transferred to the City of Edmonton. For awhile it was the location for a large flea market operation. This was a real let down for the grand old building. The City later took it out of this undignified position to return it to a position of esteem as a heritage building to serve the City and District. It was restored and re-opened in 1992.

The spacious Drill Hall and Parade Square area which no longer echoed the roar of armoured tanks and shouted commands of the Drill Sergeants was completely renovated to house the City of Edmonton Archives as the main occupant. A very attractive two-story structure was created in this area accessed by two stairways and an elevator to the second level where the City Archives offices and public reference area is located in a very attractive setting. The lower level stores the rest of the City's archival material.

The large picture of the Queen high on the west wall and the huge mural on the east wall were restored to their original state. An 80.67 meter causeway finished in tile, brick and oak wood panels completely surrounds the Archives structure to provide spacious access to the many rooms and areas around the outside being renovated to accommodate a growing number of occupants.

A very choice location now provides a home for the Alberta Genealogical Society Headquarters and Library and the Edmonton Branch Library. It was completely renovated to our requirements with 2,400 square feet of completely carpeted floor space. We have modern lighting installed in a new dropped ceiling. A new heating and air-conditioning unit provides the ideal temperature for a library such as ours. A kitchen area is included. We also have the use of the stately Governor's Room and Board Room for the Branch monthly meetings. Plenty of free parking is an added asset.

AGS Open House
at the Armouries Heritage Centre
Tom Trace, AGS □1663

The Committee would like to thank Clarence Macdill, Malcolm MacCrimmon, Milton Clelland and Ian Trace for helping with the set-up and take-down of tables and chairs.

The Committee was very pleased with the turn-out and felt everyone had a good time.

Conference Reception
and Library Opening
Ardath Buckaway, AGS □2915

The reception committee of Tom Trace, Florence Woodward and Ardath Buckaway would like to thank everyone from the Edmonton Branch who donated all the wonderful baking for dessert. You really came through in grand style. We have wonderful, talented people!

AGS
Conference '96 Response
Arlene Borgstede, AGS □244

Conference '96 is over and on behalf of the committee, I would like to express our thanks for the many positive responses we received. We are also grateful to those who took the time to write down their comments, some of which seem to warrant some explanation.

Facilities: At the '95 Conference we mentioned the possibility of using the U of A residence. On further inspection, we found that although the rooms would be relatively cheap, none had private bathrooms. We felt that anyone who might have to make a "trip" or two during the night would probably not appreciate having to trek 'down the hall'. In addition, the facilities were inconvenient (some sessions would have to be in the Education Building) and all participants would have to pay for parking.

Exhibitors: We were very pleased with the number and quality of our exhibitors but do admit that the room was a bit small. A "to-scale" drawing of how the tables would fit was useless when we discovered some tables were longer and / or wider than the standard six and eight feet we assumed we would have. There were also a couple of last minute cancellations and some late-comers. We decided it was better to have 20 tables slightly crowded than to lose any of the excellent displays.

Registration: Grande Prairie members, under the leadership of Debbie Was, looked after the registration; however, because of employment priorities, these ladies could not be in Edmonton until late Thursday evening. All registration material was brought down earlier in the day and two Edmonton Branch members undertook the registration process - without having had any prior work with the process. Our plans for Saturday morning were thwarted when the only 'glitch' with the hotel occurred. The facility wasn't opened as scheduled and even when it was opened, all the registration material remained locked away. It took a little while to get that material and

get set up. Although we certainly had not anticipated the large number of people taking advantage of the 'day-before' registration and were not quite ready to receive the early Saturday morning registrants; I can't believe it inconvenienced anyone too much.

Smoking: We did request both in the program and at the plenary session, that there be no smoking in the session rooms or at meals and this request was observed. We also asked our smokers to go outside and most complied. However, there were other groups in the facility at the same time and we had no control over their smokers. Also staff members smoked in their offices and we had no power over them either.

There were some comments on Rena Fyfe Derricott's workshop being somewhat overwhelming or not suitable. We did attempt to describe the session in the registration form. Also Rena had requested the names of participants with a view to contacting them beforehand to discuss her presentation. In the hectic latter days of collating registration information, this request was overlooked. We apologize both to Rena and to those participants who perhaps found themselves in an inappropriate session.

The Conference '96 Committee
would like to thank all those who assisted
- in even the smallest way -
in making the conference an interesting, fun
and
worthwhile two days!!

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For all reference volunteers, training in basic reference service at the Archives is provided. The volunteers are also rewarded with special benefits and are recognized each year for their service on behalf of Alberta's historical and genealogical communities.

If you are interested in serving the researching public at the Provincial Archives, call:
Dr. Claude Roberto at 427-1750.

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Currently I have on file names of volunteers for the following languages: French, Spanish, German, Dutch, Russian, Danish, Latin, Ukrainian, Italian, Norwegian & Polish. In addition, members have access through the Federation of Family History Societies to translators of Hungarian, Rumanian, Serbo-Croat & Swedish.

If any other members are able to translate these or any other languages please let me know. I am always in need of volunteers since there is always turnover in our members. As well, if any members are in need of translation services please contact me through the AGS office.



United Empire Loyalists'
Association of Canada

The United Empire Loyalists were residents of the Thirteen Colonies prior to 1775 who proved their loyalty to the British Crown by taking up arms in support of the Crown during the American Revolution of 1775-1783. They settled in territory remaining under the rule of the Crown.

The UEL Association of Canada was first organized as The United Empire Loyalist Association of Ontario in 1896; then it was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in 1914, as The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Its purposes include publishing genealogical and historic material, preserving Loyalist history and traditions, collecting Loyalist documents and uniting descendants of Loyalists. Some advantages of membership are: a certificate of membership suitable for framing, inscribed with the member's name and that of their Loyalist ancestor; subscription to *The Loyalist Gazette* in which members can place free genealogical inquiries; access to research library, including family histories; an annual convention; participation in events which highlight the history of the Loyalists.

Who can join?? - persons who prove that they are a descendant of a Loyalist. However, Associate and Affiliate memberships are also available for persons who support the aims and ideals of The Association, but who do not meet the Regular Membership criteria. There are branches across Canada - see *The Loyalist Gazette* for listings.

Contact: Fran Losie (403) 482-1480 Edmonton Branch / Bruce Miller (403) 287-3258 Calgary Branch.

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Service For Members

Internet Update - AGS

The Alberta Genealogical Society Home Page on the Internet has been changing over the past few months. Included with these changes has been a 'move' to a new address. You can now locate the Society at:

<http://www.terranel.ab.ca/~TurnBL/AGS/>

Included in the information available is:

- ✓ - a general page with updated information on many areas of the Society
- ✓ - a complete list of publications with ordering information
- ✓ - contact information for the branches, including links to home pages for Lethbridge Branch and Grande Prairie Branch
- ✓ - membership application form

Ideas from members are welcome. Please check out your Society on the Internet and give us your opinions.

RAJOTTE, RASHOTTE, RAGOTTE, RAGEOTTE, RAGEOT de BEAURIVAGE and BEAURIVAGE

I am researching all the names associated with the RAGEOT name from my ancestor Gilles RAGEOT (1642-1692) who came to Quebec about 1663. I have been researching his family for about 25 years in both Canada and the US and currently am writing a book with over 5,200 names dating from 1600 in France and containing both dates and biographical info.

I will gladly share any information about this family. Contact: Jack H. Rajotte, 1 Riverview Ave., Danvers, Mass., USA 01923 phone (508) 774-9124.

Are Your Family Bible Pages Lost?

by Pat Pettit, AGS #2342

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

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I have to make a small charge to help cover costs of supplying two 5"x7" colour photos (one close-up and one general view), information about the cemetery or memorial and a personal message in the Visitors Book. If interested and would like further details, please send a SAE or an International Reply Coupon (from overseas) to the following address:

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??? YOUR PHOTOS ???

In setting up our new location at the Armoury, a file from the Edmonton Branch was found to contain two photos of a woman. The photos have writing on the back that reads: "Mrs. Brown, Winnipeg". If these belong to you please contact the library at (403) 424-4429.



SCOTTISH DESCENT????

George Sutherland, AGS #1506

If you are of Scottish descent and are doing research in Nova Scotia or Scotland, you may find it helpful to use the **old Scottish naming pattern** to try and find the given names of your ancestors farther back. Instead of going down the line try using the pattern in reverse. Research on my Sutherland line in Cape Breton has shown that the old naming pattern was used wherever possible around the year 1825. By using the old pattern backwards I had made a speculation on half a dozen names back to the year 1775 but could not prove any of them and I had pretty well given up the search. Then the unexpected happened. . . a nephew of mine was down in Cape Breton and happened to contact another branch of our family down in New Zealand. Information from this branch shows that the naming pattern had been used with them too and that two of my conjectures were correct. Further research may show that some of the others are right too. This method may not always work, but if you are at the end of your line, it is fun to speculate a little and a great feeling if you find you are right.

1st son is named after the father's father.

2nd son is named after the mother's father.

3rd son is named after the father.

4th son is named after the father's oldest brother.

1st dau. is named after the mother's mother.

2nd dau. is named after the father's mother.

3rd dau. is named after the mother.

4th dau. is named after the mother's oldest sister.

GENEALOGY on the WORLD WIDE WEB by Edward Kipp

Societies - Genealogy

□ British Isles FHS of Greater Ottawa

<http://www2.magma.com/~ekipp/bifhsgo.htm>

□ New England Historic Genealogy Society

www.nehgs.org

□ Ontario Genealogical Society, Head Office

http://www.interlog.com/~dreed/ogs_home.htm

□ Kingston Branch, OGS

<http://www.novatech.on.ca/clubs/ogs.htm>

□ Lambton County Branch OGS

<http://www.io.org/~ipsys/lambton>

[/lambton_page.html](http://lambton_page.html)

□ Ottawa Branch, OGS

<http://www.ott.igs.net/~ottawabr/ogsottawa.htm>

□ Palatines to America

<http://genealogy.org/~palam>

□ Waterloo-Wellington Branch, OGS

<http://www.dcs.uwaterloo.ca/~marj>

[/genealogy/ww.html](http://genealogy/ww.html)

Genealogy - Canada

□ Calgary Freenet: Canadian Genealogy

<http://www.freenet.calgary.ab.ca>

[/science.cdnene.html](http://science.cdnene.html)

□ Canadian Military Genealogy FAQ

<http://www.ott.igs.net/~donpark/canmilfaq.html>

□ Genealogy Links to Canadian Sites

<http://magi.com/~jholwrell/gene.html>

□ Genealogy Resources Canada

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/canada.html>

□ Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid

<http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa>

□ Ontario Head of Households: 1871 Census

<http://www.sfo.com/~genealogysf>

[/gendatot.html#canada](http://gendatot.html#canada)

Government

□ Canada, Government of

<http://Canada.gc.ca>

□ Canada - Books of Remembrance

<http://schoolnet2.carleton.ca/books>

□ National Archives of Canada

<http://www.archives.ca>

□ National Library of Canada

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ehome.htm>

□ Ontario, Government of

<http://www.gov.on.ca>

General Resources

□ Canadiana: The Canadian Resource Page

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/user>

[/clamen/misc/Canadiana/README.html](http://clamen/misc/Canadiana/README.html)

□ Genealogical & Historical Societies

<http://www.magibox.net/~tfc/geneal.htm>

□ Helm's Genealogical Toolbox

<http://uxl.cso.uiuc.edu/~al-helm/genealogy.html>

□ Genealogy Resources on the Internet

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt>

[/gen_intl.html](http://gen_intl.html)

- ❑ **Non-US Genealogy Data**
<http://www.sfo.com/~genealogysf/gendatot.shtml>
- ❑ **The Genealogy Home Page**
<http://ftp.cac.psu.edu/~saw/genealogy.html>
- ❑ **The Genealogy Calendar - Home Page**
<http://genealogy.emcee.com/PAF/www/events>

Other Sites

- ❑ **Ancestors: PBS-TV Series (in production)**
<http://kbyuwww.byu.edu/ancestor.htm>
- ❑ **Edward Kipp's Home Page**
<http://www2.magma.com/~ekipp>
- ❑ **Eugene Stark: GED2HTML Conversion**
<http://bsd.cs.sunysb.edu/%7estark>
- ❑ **Family History Answers - Heritage Quest**
 RHONDA.M@GENIE.GEIS.COM
 GEDCOM to HTML: List to Sites
<http://bsd.cs.sunysb.edu/%7estark/genweb>
- ❑ **Gene-Pool Home Page, The (Quaker)**
<http://www.innerlight.com/genepool>
- ❑ **Janyce's Genealogy Page**
http://www.wolfenet.com/~janyce/02_gene.html
- ❑ **National Capital Freenet, The**
[http://www.ncf.carleton.ca \(GO ROOTS\)](http://www.ncf.carleton.ca (GO ROOTS))
- ❑ **Public Records Office, England - Leaflets**
<http://info.ox.ac.uk:80/~malcolm/genealogy/pro>
 Article found in *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, Vol. 2 #1 - Winter 1996 edition.



WARNING!!! INTERNET VIRUS

There is a new computer virus being sent over the Internet, known as "GOOD TIMES" (engineered by a user of AMERICA ON LINE) and is unparalleled in its destructive capability. Other well-known viruses such as "Stoned", "Airwolf" and "Michaelangelo" pale in comparison to the prospects of this newest creation by a warped mentality.

What makes this virus so terrifying is the fact that NO program needs to be exchanged for a new computer to be infected. It can be spread through the existing e-mail systems of the Internet. It always travels to new computers the same way in a text e-mail message with the subject line reading "Good Times".

Once a computer is infected, one of several things can happen. If the computer contains a hard drive, that will most likely be destroyed. If the

program is not stopped, the computer's processor will be placed in an nth-complexity infinite binary loop - which can severely damage the processor if left running that way too long. Unfortunately, most novice computer users will not realize what is happening until it is far too late. The program is highly intelligent - it will send copies of itself to everyone whose e-mail address is contained in a receive-mail file or a sent-mail file, if it can find one. It will then proceed to trash the computer it is running on. The bottom line to avoid infection: if you receive a file with the subject line "Good Times", **DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY! DO NOT READ IT!** The act of loading the file into the mail server's ASCII buffer causes the "Good Times" mainline program to initialize and execute. Rest assured that the name that was on the "From" line was surely struck by the virus. Warn your friends and local system users of this newest threat to the Internet. It could save them a lot of time and money.



Federation of Family History Societies Sue Philips, AGS #1660

The next edition of the British Isles Genealogical Register is underway. This is a massive list of names being researched in the British Isles submitted by genealogists all over the world. The first edition was a tremendous success and is available on microfiche in our library. Forms are distributed with *Relatively Speaking* and the cost is one pound sterling per form. The forms may be photocopied and individuals may submit as many names as they like.

The English counties are again being re-organized and many boundaries will change. For example, Cleveland will completely disappear. Currently the map is being reviewed and further information will be passed on as I receive it.

The Family History Club of Great Britain which is under investigation and currently has at least two court judgements against it is now advertising under the name of Knowledge Base Publications Ltd. It is disseminating false or misleading material about some Family History Societies so if anyone is considering a purchase from this company please be cautious.

*** ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS OF BRITAIN ***

British Ordnance Survey Maps are now available from
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Announcements

conferences, new books, etc.



KELLY

Kelly Clan Gathering. Ann Lane KELLY, OGS#4227

Ireland's official Kelly Clan gathering in May 1995 was a resounding success with over 100 O'Kellys and Kellys from around the world meeting in County Roscommon. Exciting future plans were discussed including the 2nd gathering in **May 1997**. Come join your family. Annual membership dues are 20 Irish Punts (an international money order in Punts is kindly requested). The **Clan newsletter** will be mailed **three to four times a year**, and the September 1995 back issue will be sent you directly.

Clan Secretary is Sean O Ceallaigh,
Kelly Clan Association, 'Ros na Ri', Castleknock,
Dublin 15, Ireland. Phone #01 8300565.



Schürch Family Assoc. "Gather and Mix in '96"

Bi-Annual Family Reunion:

19-21 July 1996 at The Markham Fairgrounds, Markham, Ontario, Canada. We expect approx. 1,000 family and friends to attend this gathering with people arriving from Switzerland, various US states, as well as Ontario & surrounding areas. Many of the surnames related to this Swiss German Mennonite family later became known as Pennsylvanian Deutch Mennonites and United Empire Loyalists.

Contact for Canadians: Kathleen Sherk, 174 Vermont Street, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2M8 (519) 747-0397; for All Others: Margaret-Ann Durward, 93 Strathcona Drive, London, ON, Canada N5W 1R1 (519) 659-2549.

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Editor's note - We received a well-written report from Eileen Crane regarding her experience attending the 21st Anniversary of the FFHS at the House of Lords in London, England. Unfortunately, due to lack of space we have not printed it, but have placed it on file at the AGS Office /Library - available for anyone to read.

Bachelors

submitted by Colleen Anderson, AGS □2691

Dr. W.S.B. Loosemore wrote a book on the early settlement of Drayton Valley and it was published by the Drayton Valley Historical Society. In it I found a very interesting section on bachelors lives and the difference one generation of one family made to an area. Many, many descendants of this family still live in the Drayton Valley area.

From: **"To Trails End"** by Dr. W.S.B. Loosemore. Published by D.V. Historical Society.

"Many homesteaders were bachelors leading lonely lives, and the Carnwood area seems to have been a particularly poor and lonesome area. Florence Crawford (previously Gillespie), whose family settled there, remembers these men coming to their house just for company. The isolation affected them deeply, and nine of them took their own lives.

"Old Billy McDowell was the first to bring in good black cattle to Carnwood," Mrs. Crawford records. "He had a beautiful team of horses and a dog he loved, but he couldn't stand it any longer. He put his horses and dog in the barn and shot himself. There wasn't much left of him to bury, so we put his remains in an apple box. It was the best that could be done.

"One hung himself on an old stump. The rest shot themselves. My cousin Harry was one of them. He was living with his old mother. She was

quite old, so it was hard for Aunt Sarah when she found her son shot to death behind the barn."

A similar fate was avoided in the Drayton Valley area by the providential appearance of the Bray family early on. There were seven daughters born to this fortunate couple in Rocky Rapids, providing wives for many of the single men here. Perhaps it is not an exaggeration to say that the stability, or even the survival of this community, hinged on these girls."

A drop-line chart in the book gave the following info:

"Andrew BRAY married Jean McCARTNEY and had sons: George m Mary BLOCK; William; Cecil; twins Herbert and Stanley; Andrew m Ruby YOUNG (who had Denis, Melvin, Gordie, Stanley and Alex); Vance m Margaret JACKNIFE (and had David, Eugene, Anne, Lucy).

The daughters referred to in this section of the book were, Lucy m Paul WICKANDER (who had Andrew, Jean, Ralph, Alice, Una); Agnes m Edwin ERICKSON (and had Arvet, Nels, Lillian); Dorcas m Jessy BEAUCHAMP (and had Ethel, Nora, Violet, Stanley, Vance); Mary m Gilbert McCALL (who had Hazel, Grace, Jeanne, Agnes, Ivy, Donald, Gilbert); Martha m Carl ERICKSON (and had Edith, Forest, Vance, Percy, Mary, Heather); Daisy m Ed HINES (and had Rose, George, Danny, Patrick, Christine, Sylvia, Thomas); daughter Sarah either did not marry or died."

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Our library is complete - and what a success it is! This was well evidenced at our program for April which was a Scavenger Hunt (looking for information contained in our branch office pertaining to research); organized by Carol Anderson and Clara Iwaasa. This was an excellent learning tool which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It should be a required exercise to take place twice a year! Our program for March was presented by another two members. Laurette Doucet presented an interesting review of her search for her roots, complete with charts. Don McIver gave a most informative oral and written report of researching Irish roots, and a presentation on resources and sources on the Internet. February's program was a presentation from Jackie Murray on her "Learning Oxford Experience", and visit to Harrogate; complete with many interesting pictures. Again, I have to emphasize the resources we all have right in our own membership and to thank the members for taking the extra time needed to prepare for presenting a program.

If summer ever arrives I am sure some members will be in cemeteries far and near documenting information and discovering new "connections". Our annual Garage & Bake Sale will be held May 11th, and June will see the winding up of our meetings for the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Stewart, President.

Drayton Valley

Our Branch is looking at many new faces this winter as our membership continues to grow. We are looking for the snow to finally disappear so that we may do the recording of the

Riverview Cemetery. An obituary file has been started with the obits from the local paper, *Western Review*. Many of our new members are new to genealogy so plans are in the works for a fall beginners' course. We will be breaking for the summer at the end of May and will resume on September 19.

Colleen Anderson, President

Fort McMurray

The Fort McMurray Branch has seen a steady increase in membership in the first quarter of 1996. New members interest vary from Portugal, Northern Ireland and Eire to Newfoundland. It seems that our mail promotion and advertisements on the local TV channel have been working for us.

In February the branch's monthly meeting was a presentation by Photomagic on copying photographs without negatives. This process also showed how we could isolate parts of photographs and reproduce the one section. Harry Aime had a photo of a farm scene which had been taken at quite a distance but once through the scanner the people in the photo were easily distinguishable. Photomagic also told us of new equipment being brought to their store which will enable them to "fix" cracks and tears from the original photo. The meeting was well attended by branch members who quickly availed themselves of the opportunity of making copies of their old photos.

The March meeting again was something different. Yes, it was on computers and was presented by Malcolm Backhouse. Malcolm explained the software programs for genealogy, *Family Tree Maker* (demonstrated by Pat Dobson) and *PAF*. Malcolm also gave examples of the Internet and to everyone's delight the meeting was shown that we, the Fort McMurray Branch, were now on the Internet. Through the work of one of our members, Jim Kornelson, the Fort McMurray members can "surf the net" at our library. If anyone wants to reach us our e-mail is: FMSGENE@TNC.COM. TNC North has donated twelve hours a month on the Internet to our branch.



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Culloden

The Battle of Culloden was fought on a cold, rainy day 250 years ago - April 16, 1746 on Drummoissie moor just east of Inverness. It took its name from nearby Culloden House.

It is a beautiful place to visit. A quiet, open meadow with a view of the sea which is 2 to 3 miles away. A sea which had the Kings' supply ships crowding the shore on that day. The heather is almost knee high and just coming into purple bloom in late summer. When the two armies met here in 1746 the heather was brown and spiky in early spring. There is a souvenir shop (of course) and an overly nice building with the usual kind of historical displays. A path takes you some fifty yards to the clan graves and the spring where some of the wounded had their last drink. In the other direction is the large, flat-topped boulder, Cumberland's Stane, where some say the Duke of Cumberland stood, he being short and very stout, to watch the battle. Others say he only ate his lunch there after it was all over.

It was a very poor piece of ground that the rebel army of Prince Charles Edward Stuart chose for their last stand. It gave all the advantage to the Government army. Flat, open, bereft of trees or cover, it was ideal for Cumberland's well-trained artillery. It was to be equally ideal for the cavalry in pursuit after the battle.

William, Duke of Cumberland, favourite son of His Majesty George II celebrated his 25th birthday the day before the battle. His troops were treated to brandy and cheese with extra rations of meat from plundered Scottish cattle. His army consisted of 6,400 Foot and 2,400 Horse many of whom had been with him against the French in Flanders. They called 'Billy', 'Billy' as he passed by. It was not an 'English' army. It was the Government's army sent to put down a rebellion. Several of his units were Scottish - The Royal Scots, the Royal Scots Fusiliers and Argyll's Campbells. The pipes skirled on both sides.

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Clan of the Quarter: Armstrong



Motto:
Invictus
Maneo

(I remain
unvanquished)

Gaelic Name:
Mac Ghillielaidir
(Strong Arm)

There is a traditional story that the progenitor of the clan was **Fairbairn**, an armour bearer of a king of Scotland who saved his master when the king had his horse killed under him in battle. Fairbairn, through the strength of his arm, grasped the king by the thigh and set him onto his own horse. For this service the king granted Fairbairn lands in Liddesdale on the Borders and gave to him the name Armstrong.²

However the legends and traditions hold that the "first of the name was **Siward Beorn** ('sword warrior'), also known as **Siward Digry** ('sword strong arm'), who was the last Anglo-Danish Earl of Northumberland and a nephew of King Canute, the Danish king of England who reigned until 1035".³

The name is principally Scottish but probably of

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Check it out:

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Culloden

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The Prince's army listed 8,000 men but only about 7,000 were even near Culloden. Many were clan regiments, kilted and armed with their traditional arms - broadsword and targe. The men were exhausted and hungry. The rations were one biscuit each per day. They were dis-spirited, poorly equipped and badly led. They were about to lay down their lives on a piece of ground about which the Prince's commander, Lord George Murray, said 'Not one single soldier but would have been against such a field had their advice been askt.' Prince Charles, the 'blind optimist' refused to listen.

On the evening of the 15th the Prince became enamoured with the idea of a night attack on Cumberland's army. He hoped that he could catch the Duke's men 'drunk as beggars' from the birthday celebrations. A force of 4,000 men set off on a six mile march in the dark through unfamiliar terrain. It was a disaster. Units got lost. There were orders which conflicted each other. Men fainted from hunger, or they crawled away to sleep or search for food. The attack was called off at two o'clock in the morning. By dawn they were back to their starting point exhausted. Cumberland, having heard of the aborted night march, made as if to attack. The Rebels stood too, at least the 1,000 of them that were able to take the field.

By early afternoon the clan regiments had drawn up to form a first line. Clan Donald, MacLeans, Farquharsons, Mackintoshes, Frasers, Stewarts of Appin, Camerons and the men of Atholl, some 3,000 strong. Behind them was a second line, and in the rear was the Prince with the reserves.

The battle began shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon. It was swift and brutal. Trained, well equipped men will defeat poorly trained and equipped men almost every time. It's a military maxim. The Government artillery-men laid down rapid and accurate fire on the exposed Highlanders. It began to rain and the Highlanders old-fashioned muskets, which need dry powder, became fairly useless. The Government men had modern muskets which fired cartridges and had long bayonets attached to their muzzles. Deadly close in. The wind got up and blew the battlesmoke back in the faces of the Rebels. It was essentially over in a matter of minutes. Prince Charles Edward Stuarts' army was broken. The merciless pursuit began. The Rebel casualties were estimated at near 2,000 dead. The Government army counted 50 dead and 259 wounded. The Rebel wounded were left unattended for several days on the field, until some brave Inverness women came to tend to them.

We are all familiar with the romantic story of Bonnie Prince Charlie, his dramatic escape to France, the bravery of Flora MacDonald, the lost treasure, and the Skye Boat Song. The Prince developed his fondness for wine in France before he moved to Rome where he died in 1788.

As for the Duke of Cumberland he took his men through the Highlands and laid waste to the glens. No mercy was shown to

man, woman, child or beast. His is still the most hated name in the history of Scotland. In the Highlands he is still simply called The Butcher, a name he earned well. He returned to Flanders after the Scottish affair but developed a number of health problems. He died at age 44.

In the wake of Culloden the clan system was destroyed. The glens were emptied. The Highlands were subdued. The kilt and the tartan were banned. All arms including the infamous broadsword were banned on pain of death, although many, it is said, were hidden away 'for the next time'. Those are all elements of another story.

Don Geddes

Sources:

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Battles of the '45 (British Battles Series), 1972,
 Katherine Tommasson & Francis Buist

"What a way to honour the 250th anniversary of Culloden"

I was lurking around the internet and came across a controversy happening in Scotland. In their own words:

"It is our understanding that under a commercial pine forest, a 950 acre site will produce 48,000 pigs a year. ... 12,000 pigs for breeding, 36,000 for slaughter and 50,000 tons of excrement a year ... The plan identifies land around Inverness for potential slurry spraying and slurry injection, including such places as Black Isle, the coastlines of the Cromarty, Beauly and Moray Firth. The "Priority 1 & 2" areas include much of Nairn, Drummoissie Muir - including right up to Culloden Battlefield on the east side and down to Dores on the banks at Loch Ness."

They bring up several other items but of most importance to history buffs is the defacement of a historical site. As one writer wrote "people who fought and died for a cause deserve proper historical honour".

Anyone from anywhere is encouraged to send in a vote on the plan which will apparently be forwarded on to the planners. If you are interested in voting you can visit their site at:

<http://www.netlink.co.uk/users/interart/nessie/veggies>

or

<http://www.scotnet.co.uk/highland>

or

give me a call and I'll see if I can vote for you.

Deb Mallett



Clan of the Quarter: Armstrong

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Cumbrian origin. It was common in Northumbria and the Borders. They became a powerful, warlike border clan in Liddesdale and the debateable border land and continued to expand their influence into the valleys of the Esk and Ewes. In about 1425 John of Gilnockie, aka Johnnie **Armstrong**, aka Black Jock, (brother of Thomas Armstrong of Mangerton, Liddesdale), built his stronghold - Gilnockie Tower on the river Esk near Langholm. He became one of the most famous of all Border reivers. The belief persists among his countrymen that he only raided the English (levying blackmail throughout the English Marches), which may be true, but "one may doubt whether Armstrong left his own side alone out of any patriotic sentiment". Johnnie enjoyed the protection of Robert, 5th Lord **Maxwell**, Warden of the Scottish West March. "He and his son Christie signed - or at least put their 'hands at the pen', since Johnnie was illiterate - a bond with Maxwell at Dumfries in 1525, whereby John received the tenancy of lands about Langholm and agree to serve Maxwell in peace and war - which probably meant leaving Maxwell's cattle alone if he turned a blind eye to their other activities."¹

The Armstrong's were said to be able to raise three thousand horsemen and at one point were in virtual control of the debateable land.

In 1529 James V (17 years old at the time), seeing the Armstrong's as a threat to his own authority, tricked Johnnie Armstrong and 36 of his followers into a meeting at Caerlanrig Chapel in Teviotdale near Hawick where the King's army surrounded Johnnie and his followers. Despite Johnnie's offers

to make a deal they were promptly "all hangit apoun growand trees". This included his brother Thomas of Mangerton and Ill-Will Armstrong. The official record is short:

"John Arme strange, 'alias Blak Jok' and Thomas his brother convicted of common theft, and reset of theft etc. - Hanged"

Johnnie was immortalized as the 'Borders Bandit' by the ballad 'Johnnie Armstrong'.

There were several other notable Border Armstrongs - Kinmont Willie, Sim the Laird, Ill Will Armstrong, Sandie (his son), Old Sim of Mangerton, the Laird's Jock, Dick of Dryhope, Jock of the Side, Lance of Whithaugh, etc.

The union of the Crowns in 1603, which brought an official end to the Anglo-Scottish border wars, also brought the hanging of the last of the Armstrong lairds in Edinburgh in 1610. "The families were scattered and many sought new homes in Ulster, particularly in Fermanagh. Armstrong is now among the fifty most common names in Ulster."² The name is also still numerous in Cumberland.

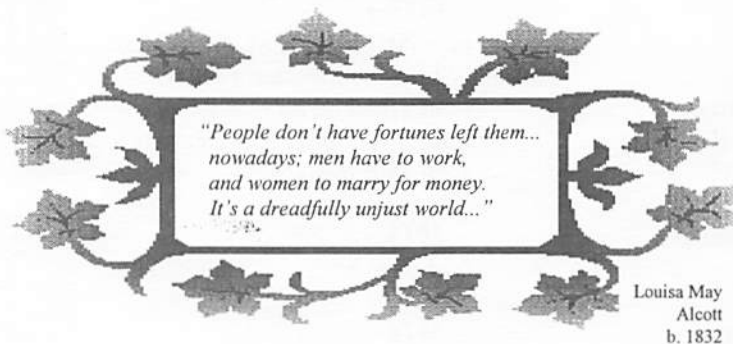
Two other famous Armstrongs, who also show the Armstrong spirit of adventure are Sir Alexander Armstrong, the Arctic explorer and Neil Armstrong, first man to walk on the moon.

"There has been no trace of the Armstrong chiefs since the dispersal of the clan in the 17th century, but a powerful and active clan association is in existence."³

The septs of the Armstrong Clan are Crozier, Crozer, Fairbairn, Grozier, Nixon.

"On the Border was the Armstrongs, able men,
Somewhat unruly, and very ill to tame." - Satchells

Deb Mallett



S.R.G. Meetings Coming Up:



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

Time: 07:30pm

Sources:

The Steel Bonnets,¹ George MacDonald Fraser, HarperCollins, 1971

Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia,³ George Way of Plein and Romilly Squire, HarperCollins, 1994

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Clan Armstrong Home Page,²

http://www.ccn.cs.dal.ca/Heritage/FSCNS/Scots_NS/Clans/Armstrong.html

Scottish Clans & Families,

<http://www.almac.co.uk/es/webclans/index.html>

The Celtic Net,

<http://Fox.nstn.ca/~celtic/index.html>

A College in the Craigs of Stirling

"Many are aware that for long there has been a Kirk, but not many - even in the "City of the Rock" itself - suspected that there was a College in the Craigs of Stirling."

This was written by the Reverend D.D. Ormond, F.S.A., Scot in Stirling in October 1897. He is the author of a book called "*A Kirk and a College in Craigs of Stirling*" which deals with both the Kirk and the College spanning over a century. In Chapter VII he very kindly lists the the students of Theology at Stirling from 1805 to 1819. So here's hoping nobody notices that I am a few months short of the 100 years required before reprinting - because I'm going to reprint the

list for you.

In Chapter VIII, Rev. Ormond gives an introduction to some of the students: Josias Alexander, Andrew Symington*, Archibald Rogerson, Robert Winning, John Sprott, David Armstrong, Hugh Young, Peter Macindoe, William Symington*, John Milwain, William Anderson and John Campbell (those with *'s have pictures). If any of these look like your ancestors I can get the introduction for you.

Deb Mallett

Source:

A Kirk and a College in the Craigs of Stirling, D.D. Ormond, Sterling 1897

~ 1805 ~

Josias Alexander, Belfast
David M'Dougall, ?
Andrew Symington, A.M., Paisley
Archibald Rogerson, Darvel
John Sprott, Galloway
John Kell, Ireland

~ 1806 ~

David M'Dougald, ?
Andrew Symington, A.M., Paisley
Archibald Rogerson, Darvel
John Sprott, Galloway
John Dickson, Ireland
John Gibb, Hollytown
Andrew Irvine, Dumfriesshire

~ 1807 ~

Andrew Symington, A.M., Paisley
Archibald Rogerson, Darvel
John Sprott, Galloway
John Dickson, Ireland
Andrew Irvine,,Dumfriesshire

~ 1808 ~

Archibald M. Rogerson, Darvel
John Gibb, Hollytown
Andrew Irvine, Dumfriesshire
David Armstrong, Eskdalemoor
James Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire
Matthew Adam, Ayrshire

~ 1809 ~

John Gibb, Hollytown
Andrew Irvine, Dumfriesshire
David Armstrong, Eskdalemoor
James Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire
Edward Gibb, Hollytown
Matthew Adam, Ayrshire

~ 1810 ~

David Armstrong, Eskdalemoor
James Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire
John Jeffray, Airdrie
Matthew Adam, Ayrshire

~ 1811 ~

David Armstrong, Eskdalemoor
James Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire
John Jeffray, Airdrie
John Courtas, Dumfries

~ 1812 ~

David Armstrong, Eskdalemoor
James Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire
John Jeffray, Airdrie
John Courtas, Dumfries
John Osborne, Darvel
Hugh Young, Darvel

~ 1813 ~

John Jeffray, Airdrie
John Courtas, Dumfries
John Osborne, Darvel
Hugh Young, Darvel
James Irvine, Ireland
Thomas Mitchell, Ireland

~ 1814 ~

John Jeffray, Airdrie
John Courtas, Dumfries
John Osborne, Darvel
Hugh Young, Darvel
James Irvine, Ireland
Arthur Fullarton, Ireland
James Stewart, ?
Peter M'Indoe, A.M., Stonehouse
William Symington, Paisley

~ 1815 ~

John Osborne, Darvel
Hugh Young, Darvel
Peter M'Indoe, A.M., Stonehouse
William Symington, Paisley
John Milwain, Stranraer
John Martin, Airdrie
John Hawthorn, Ireland
Samuel Carlile, Ireland

~ 1816 ~

Hugh Young, Darvel
John Osborne, Darvel
Peter M'Indoe, A.M., Stonehouse
William Symington, Paisley
Campbell Madden, Ireland
Robert Winning, A.M., Paisley
William Anderson, A.M., Ireland

~ 1817 ~

Peter M'Indoe, A.M., Stonehouse
William Symington, Paisley
John Milwain, Stranraer
Robert Winning, A.M., Paisley
John Fleming, Darvel

~ 1818 ~

(not there)

~ 1819 ~

Robert Winning, A.M., Paisley
John Milwain, Stranraer
John Campbell, Lorn
James Henderson, ?

Directory of Scottish Ancestors - 1996

The Scottish Research Group, Alberta Genealogical Society, is producing a "*Directory of Scottish Ancestors - 1996*". Submission entry criteria asks that one or both parents of a family group be born in Scotland. Submission entry form is similar to a "Family Group Sheet". **Deadline date for submission is Wednesday, May 1, 1996** with publication release date of October 1, 1996 at the latest. Publication costs will be determined by August 1, 1996.

At present, 74 people have submitted about 311 family groups (as at April 12, 1996). Two sets of people have each found a common ancestor before publication.

If anyone or any Scottish Research Group in Canada or Scotland would be interested in obtaining a copy of this new "*Directory of Scottish Ancestors - 1996*", please write for further information to the Scottish Research Group, A.G.S., c/o Deb Mallett, 9566-111th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0A7.

Helen McArthur



There is a new book store on the internet. "Books From Scotland" is an international mail order specialist for new Scottish interest books. They are exclusively mail order and their online catalogue contains almost 1,000 books and maps. If you can't find what you are looking for, you can let them know and they'll see if they can help. There are several sections including Genealogy & Emigration, Border History, Clans & Tartans, Maps, etc.

If you'd like to browse their catalogue check out their site at: <http://www.discribe.ca/books/books.html> (or ask me and I'll get a copy for you). Their mailing address is Books from Scotland, 18 Primpton Ave., Dalrymple, Ayr KA6 6EL, Scotland, UK.

Two books that caught my interest are "*Cargoes of Despair and Hope*" - the story of Scottish emigration to North America 1603 - 1803; and "*A Dance Called America*" - the story of the Gaels from the Highlands and Islands who were cleared from their lands and their struggle to set up communities in Canada & America in the 19th century. However I have not checked to see if these books are available here.

This is for information only and is not meant to be a recommendation. I haven't tried them myself.

Deb Mallett

Queries ...

McArthur • Ross

Would like to hear from descendants regarding ancestors of John McArthur and Ann Ross, married 08 January, 1828 Cornwall, Stormont County, Ontario.

McArthur, John - b: <1799>;

d: 23-Aug-1868 Martintown Glengarry Co, Ontario

Ross, Ann - b: <1799>;

d: 25-Apr-1888 Martintown Glengarry Co, Ontario

Children:

1. Archibald W. - b: <1828>

2. Donald John - b: 13-Nov-1830

3. Arthur (great grandfather)

b: <30-Oct-1832> Martintown Glengarry Co, Ontario

d: 25-Mar-1897 Lancaster, Glengarry Co, Ontario

4. Jane - b: <1836>

5. Elizabeth - b: <1839>; d: @ 15 months <1840/1841>

6. Ann - b: <1841>

7. Duncan - b: <1844>; d: 15-Jun-1892 at Martintown, Glengarry Co., Ontario

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(Yes, with no new queries, I am forced to rerun them)

Send your queries to:

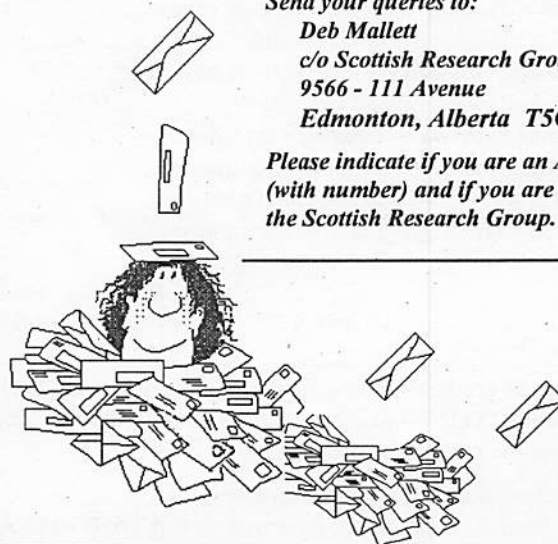
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The Lassie O' Merry Eighteen.

My father wad ha'e me to marry the miller,
 My mither wad ha'e me to marry the laird;
 But brawly I ken it's the love o' the siller,
 That brightens their fancy to ony regard.
 The miller is crooked, the miller is crabbed,
 The laird, though he's wealthy, he's lyart and lean;
 He's auld, and he's cauld, and he's blin', and he's bald,
 And he's no for a lassie o' merry eighteen.

"But oh, there's a laddie wha tells me he lo'es me,
 And him I loe dearly, ay, dearly as life;
 Though father and mither should scold and abuse me,
 Nae ither shall ever get me for a wife.
 Although he can boast na o' land, nor yet siller,
 He's worthy to match wi' a duchess or queen;
 For his heart is sae warm, and sae stately his form,
 And then, like mysel', he's just merry eighteen."

Song by Robert Tannahill
 June 3, 1774 - May 17, 1810, Paisley

More Auld Scottish Terms ...

- Doit - small copper coin worth 1d. Scots
- Precepts: - warrants
- Quit, Quite - remit a debt
- Roup - an auction
- Scryed - proclaimed, intimated, especially of lost property or rouns, often at the Kirk door
- Siller - money, silver
- Town - farm or groups of crofts

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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Upcoming Dates

Regular meetings of the Edmonton Branch are held on the 4th Thursday of each month (excluding July, August and December) at the Prince of Wales Armoury - Governor's Room, 10440 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton. Time: 7pm (for 7:30) until about 10pm.

Thursday, 27 June 1996 - General Meeting

- Members' Anecdotes & Dessert Night
Bring enough dessert for 3 people!

- No meetings for July and August

Thursday, 26 September 1996 - General Meeting

- Ron Boehm, author of *Spirits of Edmonton*
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President's Message

April 1996

I hope your past three months have not been as busy as mine - two moves - and that you have been able to enjoy the harbingers of Spring - the fresh smell after the rain; the raucous crows and gulls; the flocks of geese honking overhead; the pussy willows; finally robins chirping and searching for worms in the green grass. Spring is a time of renewal, a time to reflect, but more importantly, a time to look ahead.

Our library will be officially opened this month when we host the branches and delegates to Conference '96. What a wonderful place to work in now that the facility is finished, our books and the Denney collection are all shelved with space for reference materials, maps, periodicals, fiche and readers. The AGS Library has its own special place in our library, as well as the *Germans from Russia* collection. We are extending our library opening hours to include one Wednesday evening per month May 15 and June 19 from 7-9pm. See you there.

Thanks to Edmonton Branch members who did a fine job working the March casino. Because of your efforts, Edmonton Branch profits were approximately \$12,500 with same amount going into AGS funds.

Our monthly general meetings which include guest speakers are well attended in the new facility. Special interest group meetings are helping to meet some of the needs of our members. The Eastern European group will have its inaugural meeting soon.

As this is my last chance to greet you before our summer break, I hope to see you at our May and June general meetings. I hope that you will take time to "smell the roses", that you will schedule time to work on your genealogy, and that you enjoy a happy and profitable time in your family tree.

Florence M. Woodward

Wonder is the desire for knowledge!

St. Thomas Aquinas

STAMPS FOR SALE
postage from the following countries
available at the library:

USA
Australia

England
New Zealand

Library News

by Susan McKeen



The Edmonton Branch, AGS Library is located at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre (main floor) 10440 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton

☎ (403) 424-4429
fax: (403) 423-8980

Library Hours:

10am - 3pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Time certainly flies! Here it is time for the May issue already.

First of all, again many thanks are due to our wonderful volunteers who gave up their Easter Saturday to come to the Library to help put the rest of the books on the shelves. We started about 10 in the morning, and by 2 we had all of the Denney books and papers and all of the AGS books on the shelves.

Congratulations to Norma Wolowyk who is the new AGS Library Director!

Our hours have remained the same, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 until 3. We have set up an evening opening for June 19 from 7 till 9.

We hope to have the Library open during our regular hours for July and August, but please phone before you come, because at this point, we just aren't sure that what we plan will work.

Our open house in conjunction with Conference 96 was a huge success, everybody enjoyed seeing the facility and the food was wonderful. Then we were open on Sunday morning -- and the Library was full! It seems like such a good idea, we hope to be able to do it again next year.

The Edmonton Branch Library will be open additionally on Wednesday evening, 17 July '96 from 7-9pm and Wednesday evening, 21 August '96 from 7-9pm. An Edmonton Branch Library Staff meeting will be held Tuesday, 25 June at 7:30 pm.

Have a marvellous summer -- enjoy all the family reunions and ancestor hunting! That's about all for now -- see you in the fall!

Susan.

INDEX SEARCHES

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

- BIRTH, MARRIAGE & 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 CEMETERY DATABASE (mainly burials in Alberta)

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

Tracing Your Family Tree Course

The Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society is holding its popular ten week beginners' course in Family History: "Tracing Your Family Tree", Tuesday evenings at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440 - 108 avenue, beginning in September. Space will be limited to 25 people so register early! A second course will be offered in March 1997. For more information please contact Kate White at 426-1099.

Thanks for the photographs!!

Next time you visit the library, check out the fascinating archival photograph album documenting the history of the Edmonton Branch of AGS. A huge thank you to those members who have generously donated photographs for this project. Unfortunately, very few pictures seem to have survived from the early years of the branch. Many special events, projects and volunteers are not documented because pictures have been unavailable. Please check your albums and shoe-boxes for any photographs relating to the history of the Edmonton Branch.

Thank you to all members who volunteered their time to work on the album. A very special thank you to Barbara Roth for allowing us to attend Creative Memories workshops in her home. The album and all decorations are archival so our photographic history should stand the test of time!

We are still missing some files of chief executive officers, and committee chairpersons as well as minutes of committee meetings. If you have anything that relates to the history of the branch please contact Pat Pettitt, Edmonton Branch Archivist at 436-3627 or e-mail rgpet@skylite.datanet.ab.ca

Vignettes of History

**Letter to the Editor of the "Courier"
Perth, Ontario, Friday, 10 Feb 1893
from Edmonton, N.W.T.**

"Dear sir, I take pleasure in sending you a short sketch of this section of the great North-west, and which may be of interest to some of your many readers. On the north bank of the great Saskatchewan River, 192 miles north of Calgary, and about 1000 west of Winnipeg, is the frontier town of Edmonton, the northern outpost of civilization, and the first northern point of railway communication in America. Since the completion of the road, some 18 months ago, Edmonton has grown from a small village of a few hundred inhabitants to that of the most enterprising and important town in northern Alberta, and the gateway to the great Peace River region. It is also the headquarters of the Hudson Bay Co., and base of supplies for the whole region north to the Arctic Ocean. The old, historic Hudson Bay fort is still here intact, and trade is still carried on within its walls, but soon this relic of other days must

follow the road of many other fine old trading posts that have succumbed to the advancing tide.

Now that the railway has come, progress has been the word on every hand, and in every line. A feeling of confidence now possesses the business man and farmer alike and the result is, Edmonton is making rapid strides in advancement. People coming in here now by rail find an attractive country and a confident and energetic people. The town has a good supply of well-equipped stores that would do credit to a place five times its size. It ... churches, the principal denominations being well represented; two banks, Dominion land office, registry office, Immigration sheds, and court House now in course of completion at a cost of \$10,000. During the past summer there has been a number of mercantile blocks erected, and some very fine private residences that are worthy of special mention, notably that of S.S. Taylor, Mrs. Hardisty's and several others.

Edmonton overlooking the river, and 171 feet above the water's edge, possesses many beautiful and charming building sites, from which unsurpassed river scenery, in great variety, is seen in every direction. The river is here about 300 yards wide, and here placer-mining is carried on in the summer with varying success, the operators making from \$2.50 to 85 per day. Two ferries, one at each end of the town cross the river, but this mode of transportation will soon give way to an immense traffic bridge, connecting the old town with South Edmonton, a rustling, busy little town of no small pretensions, and the terminus of the railway. The first houses were erected here in the fall of 1891, and at the close of 1892 there was a population of 300. It has three or four excellent stores, two churches, a good public school, post office, immigration buildings the Inevitable G.P.R. land office, roller flour mill, second to none, capable of turning out 100 bbls. of flour per day, also two hotels, one of them built and owned by the C.P.R., which is a spacious one, 65 x 85 ft. and 3 stories high.

The building trade promises to be brisk the coming summer, many of the businessmen contemplating building, among whom I may mention is W. Halliday, merchant taylor, a large two-story building, the plans of which are now in the hands of the architect. W. Wilkie, the pushing and energetic real estate boomer, office and ware-rooms, and H. Wilson, merchant, is to the front with good-sized building, and many others. The surrounding country is rapidly filling up, and undoubtedly this little town will enlarge in unison. This country, that is

attracting so much attention just now, has much to offer, much to please the eye, being a magnificent park-like country, gently rolling land, interspersed here and there with pretty groves of poplar and spruce, suitable for building purposes. Good spring water can be got everywhere at a distance of 10 to 30 feet, besides there are small lakes and spring creeks throughout the whole territory.

The country is particularly adapted to mixed farming. The sub-soil is clay, with 20 to 30 inches of heavy black loam, and less subject to frost and extremes of heat and cold than the open prairie of Manitoba.

The settler can obtain all the coal he requires from the Saskatchewan river, or from the banks of the numerous creeks for the digging; this should be a great desideratum for the Intending settler, and would advise such to see this country before choosing elsewhere. Before six weeks we will see such a rush from the neighboring States of the Union, and even from far away Vermont, Into our North West that will astonish our astute cousins across the lines of reciprocity, by the way, it is to be hoped, the Dominion Government will not attempt to discourage. My letter being already too long, I must postpone till some future time, a more complete description of this interesting country.

East European Study Group

**Ukraine/ Poland/ Russia/ Czech/
Slovakia/ Rumania/ etc., etc.**

Our first meeting was held Monday, 13 May at the Genealogical Library. Twenty-one persons attended this meeting, and were pleased with the results.

Our plan is to put a binder together with information to help each other, and others, as to the resources available.

Next meeting will be held in September on a Monday night (exact date is not sure as the first Monday falls on Labour Day and the building will be closed).

Commonwealth War Graves Commission by Norma Wolowyk, AGS #243

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is responsible for recording the place of burial or commemoration (worldwide) of all members of the armed forces of the Commonwealth during the two World Wars. The head office is in England, but there is a Canadian Agency in Ottawa. This office has a staff of five people and currently handles about 3500 inquiries a year. The Canadian office can supply information on both Canadian and other Commonwealth forces personnel.

The Commission responds to all inquiries at no cost. When making an inquiry only the name is needed but in cases of common surnames any other identifying information is helpful, eg: birthplace, date of birth.

A reply to an inquiry lists rank number, battalion, date of death and exact number and location of the grave and Panel of the deceased soldier. Included will be an information sheet on the cemetery, a plot plan pinpointing the grave and a map indicating the location of the cemetery in the local community.

The registers may also contain other biographical information such as name and addresses of next of kin, places of enlistment, etc. and this information will also be supplied. A contact address for service records of the deceased may also be given.

The Commission also has a photograph service in which they can supply a photograph of the headstone. The cost for this service (out of the Canadian office) is \$12 and may take anywhere from a month to a year depending on the accessibility, etc. of the gravesite.

ADDRESSES

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission
2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead Berkshire S16 7DX
England Phone: 011-44-1628-34221
Fax: 011-44-1628-771208

England & Wales Research Group

As usual, there are NO MEETINGS of the England & Wales Research Group for JULY & AUGUST . . . **but do not miss the exciting month of September!!**

We have a **Special Guest** booked for **Thursday, September 5th** at the Armouries at 7pm.

Also, we have tentatively booked **Colin Chapman from England for the third week in September** (if all goes well).



The Irish Research Group

The first meeting was held November 13th in 916 McLeod Building. It was decided to hold the meetings every month on the first Monday. Our next meeting was February 5th in the new Library at the Prince of Wales Armouries. A speaker on ancient Irish Wells was Dr. Dorothy Tovell of the University of Alberta.

April 1st meeting we looked at two members' pedigree charts on an overhead projector and asked for ideas to help the members research their Irish ancestors.

Plans are being made for sharing our skills and developing ways to enhance our Irish records. Our Irish Resource Book is on the Reference Sector of the Library. Check this book each time you go to the Library. We ask all members to bring a pedigree chart to file in the Binder which is being updated each meeting.

Next meetings: June 3rd / August 5th / October 7th / December 2nd; 7pm to 9pm. For information call Pat Woodman 455-2933 or Pat Hewitt 454-4408.

Re: Early Census Enumerators

by R T W Birch, 88 Woodbrook Road, Abbey Wood, London SE2 0PA

source: *Suffolk Roots*

In the August 1994 issue of *Suffolk Roots* there was an article sent in by Alex Smith (3412) about an Enumerator's Summary of the 1851 Census. I read this with interest and thought that many people are probably unaware of why the Census was initiated in the first place. It seems at the time of the Napoleonic Wars, the Government of the country at the time did not know how many men were in the country that could be enlisted to fight for King and Country, and so began the 1801 Census. Later it was found to be useful to expand the Census to include the rest of the population, hence the 1841 Census and further evolution in later Censuses. The other thing that struck me was the undervalued and put upon role of those early Enumerators whose role was probably akin to today's estate agents, MP's etc in the opinion of the 19th century public.

Therefore I thought of penning *The Enumerator's Tale* (shown below) as a sequel to the August issue and reflect the two points made above. To also point out the valuable contribution of the work done by these early Enumerators for the benefit of future generations.

The Enumerator's Poetic Tale

by RTW Birch

**Here we have listed the people of the Union all
From the turbulent North to the South held in thrall,
Originally conceived in 1801 to count the numbers in the lands,
Of men available that could fight as Trained Bands,
For England and the Union against their dastardly foe
Men took up the rifle and put down the hoe.
In 1841 the men in power decided to make a change
They decided to extend the people in the range
Suspicion spread and the people went into rages,
Now were revealed the Old & Young Girl's approximate ages.
The Heads, the Wives & the Children young & old in each location
The Rector, the Parish Clerk, the Verger and the Convocation.
The Able, the Cripple, & those who fought against the rules,
The Gentry, the Ladies, the Esquires, & others resembling Ghouls.
Landlords, Fishermen, Sailors and the wealthy Banker,
Farmers, Labourers, Weavers and the military's lowly Ranker,
Bakers, Butchers, Tailors, Widows & the high & low Ingrate,
Here we have the despised Doctors, Police & the Magistrate.
Here the unhappy folk who entered through the Workhouse door
Detested & loathed by the so-called Guardians of the Poor,
So heres a message to my underpaid fellow Enumerators
Think well of yourselves as one of life's timely Innovators,
Ignore the threats of the plague, dogs, shotguns & the fists
And get the ages, names, and where born on the Census lists.
Many will be grateful when we are long gone
Of the thankless task I and thee did take on,
Future generations will find their kinsfolk of our time
And be thankful to us despised Enumerators in our prime,
And so I leave thee with this heartfelt greeting
May we all meet at the 1861 Census without bleating,
Raise your tankards up high, mayhap many be wed in the next decade,
The Census swell'd, by a young beau coupling with coy young maid.**

Our May meeting is a presentation by Lynn Meehan on the *'Ins and Outs of Getting Published'*.

CORRECTION: In the last *Relatively Speaking* Branch Bits there were some errors, Lynn Meehan has published Volume I, County Fermanagh and NOT County Armagh. Sincere apologies to Lynn on that error.

Also Lynn's second publication is Volume 2, County Tyrone and is due for release at the end of May.

A summer project this year is to update the index for old Fort McMurray Cemetery and to start indexing the new cemetery in Asband and get the info back to Peter Goutbeck for inclusion in the Mater Data Bank.

The Fort McMurray Genealogical Library will be open during the summer and branch members should check channel 10 for times.

Grande Prairie & District

Branch News:

Our annual meeting in February saw the installation of the new executive. Serving the branch for 1996\1997 are: Laura Turnbull, President & Membership; Bev Tucker, Vice President; Genevieve Shultz, Secretary; and Alrene Dempster, Treasurer. Other members of the executive include: Debby Was, Library; Paulette Hrychiw, Researchers and Obituaries; Tracey Kirouac, Cemeteries; Joan Bowman, Newsletter & Researchers; Barb Moreau, Publicity; and Catherine Ledger, Volunteer coordinator.

The AGS Conference '96 is now over and we had our highest number of members in attendance. Everyone found many sessions and displays that tied in with their research and enjoyed the opportunity to meet others working on their genealogy. It was also a great opportunity to see the resources available in the Alberta Genealogical Society Library and the Edmonton Branch Library.

A program called 'Genealogy for Kids' is being presented by Catherine Ledger and members of

the branch at the Grande Prairie Public Library on May 14th. It is open to children in Grades 4 to 6.

The 'Pedigree Chart' program started this year with membership renewals has seen many members submit their pedigrees so that they could be viewed by others at our Library. At present, over 40 pedigrees are available with more than 400 surnames being represented. Watch for a future issue of *"Heritage Seekers"* to contain these surnames.

Branch meetings will continue in May and June before a summer recess when many members will be taking every opportunity to extend their research and to share their success with family and friends.

Lethbridge & District

At
the February

15th meeting of the Lethbridge & District Genealogical Branch, the annual Election of Officers was held, namely:

President:	Milton Clelland
V. President:	Winnifred Evans
Secretary:	Tuby Gordon
Treasurer:	Anne Bains

Valerie Guiring, Program Director of the Adoptees Search Agency was our guest speaker. Her topic was *"Searching for Biological Parents"*.

On March 16th Betty Stewart of *"Creative Memories"* presented a Workshop on the preservation of family pictures, documents, and memorabilia. Betty was also the guest speaker at our March meeting.

Our Library has received more donations of history books of southern Alberta towns. Also, our Librarian was authorized to purchase other histories still available.

To date, 52 members have paid their 1996 membership fees.

Respectfully submitted,
Milton Clelland, Branch President

Medicine Hat & District

We have been having great turnouts at our meetings for the past few months and an increase in our membership.

Some interesting topics that we have had, were Internet, Searching Basic Scotland, Extracting Obituaries From Medicine Hat Papers.

We have two meetings left before the summer months are upon us.

Our members along with the public enjoyed a very interesting workshop with Louise St. Denis at the Medicine Hat Public Library on Tuesday night April 23, 1996. It was very informative and productive, Generating a lot of interest in our branch. We hope to have a few new members join our group in May.

Some of our members are planning to take in the Conference in Edmonton on April 25 and 26, 1996 and hopefully bring back some new ideas and information to our meetings.

Betty Padfield
President

Are You Part of the TAIT Family?

Surely you must have heard of the TATE Family! They are in every organization in the world. There is **Dic Tate**, who relishes running everything. Then there is **Roe Tate**, who is forever trying to change things. **Agi Tate** stirs up trouble whenever and wherever possible, with the added helping hand of **Irri Tate**, who is always there to lend a helping hand. Each and every time new ideas are suggested to benefit others, you'll always find **Hesi Tate** and surely, **Vege Tate**, who always declines to do work that can benefit others. Now, **Imi Tate** just wants to

lay back and proselytize what other organizations found to be successful, and never himself, try anything new . . . **Deves Tate** loves to be disruptive, and of course, what family would be complete without big **Poten Tate**, who always wants to, and does, play big shot in everything that's not his business.

But it is friends like **Facili Tate**, **Cogi Tate** and **Medi Tate**, who always save the day and really gets everyone to pull together and become a "Loving Family".

Where do you fit into this family?

Article found in Lockheed 'Star Dusters' Newsletter, submitted by Red Deer Branch AGS member

Population of Canada by Census Year

Included with the 1996 Census form was this recap on the population in Canada during those years:

1666 --	3,215	(New France / Nouvelle-France)
1824 --	150,066	(Upper Canada / Haut-Canada)
1871 --	3,689,257	
1881 --	4,324,810	
1891 --	4,833,239	
1901 --	5,371,315	
1911 --	7,204,838	
1921 --	8,788,949	
1931 --	10,376,786	
1941 --	11,506,655	
1951 --	14,009,429	
1961 --	18,238,247	
1971 --	21,568,310	
1981 --	24,343,180	
1986 --	25,309,330	
1991 --	27,296,855	
1996 --	?	



British 1881 Census

author unknown

article found & submitted by

Kurt Nagel, AG& □1473

3 April 1881

Until now, the search for one ancestral family by those compiling their family history from among the millions of people in the British 1881 census could be compared to the search for the needle in a haystack. Researchers who did not know the location of their ancestor in 1881 faced the virtually impossible task of spending years reading millions of names before happening upon the name of their ancestor. Researchers who were lucky enough to know the county where their ancestor lived still faced hours or days of searching. However, thanks to a recently completed indexing project, the name can be located in a matter of minutes.

Thirty million residents of England, Wales, Isle of Man, Scotland and the Channel Islands were indexed. Done by the Federation of Family History Societies, the Scottish Association of Family History Societies, and the Family History Department of the Latter-day Saints, started in 1987. Phase one of this project involved transcription of the original census onto standardized forms. The Church provided photocopies of each page of the original census - a total of nearly seven tons of paper. The second phase required a careful checking of the transcription to ensure a high level of accuracy. The third phase of the project required that each census entry be input twice onto a computer using Church designed software. More than eleven thousand computer disks containing data were shipped from the management centre to the Family History Department in Salt Lake City. Phase four of the project involved the actual indexing of the names on the 1881 census. When the Family History Department received the disks for one entire county, the data was loaded into the mainframe computer to be sorted and indexed. Nearly seventy full-time family history missionaries and employees managed this phase of the project. The final index, stored on laser-printed microfiche, was then made available to the public.

Seventeen thousand volunteers spent an estimated two and a half million hours.

One Index, Five Arrangements

In addition to creating a copy of the original census (in which residents are arranged in the order they were interviewed, or "enumerated") census project workers rearranged information from the 1881 census in several ways.

Surname Index: An alphabetical listing of all surnames within each county by surname, forename (given name), and age.

Birthplace Index: An alphabetical listing of all surnames grouped by birthplace. Within this arrangement, individuals are listed alphabetically by forename and age.

Census place index: An alphabetical listing of all surnames grouped by census place (residence on 3 April 1881). Within this arrangement, individuals are listed alphabetically by forename and age.

List of vessels and ships: An alphabetical listing of all vessels or ships. Within this arrangement, individuals are listed alphabetically by surname, forename, and age.

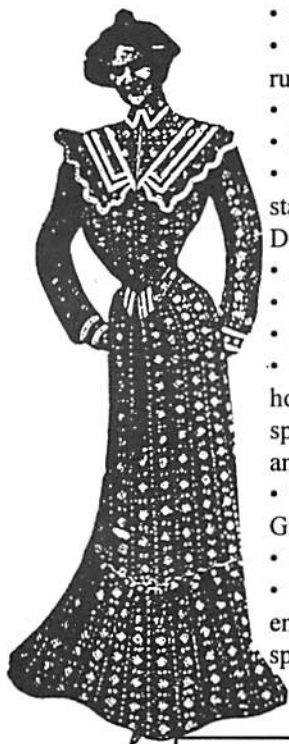
List of institutions: An alphabetical listing of all schools, jails, hotels, orphanages, barracks, and so on. Within this arrangement, individuals are listed alphabetically by surname, forename, and age.

Fun and Fame in the British 1881 Census

Census takers called enumerators collected standard information about each person, such as name, age, marital status, address, and occupation. Boring? Far from it, as the following examples prove!

British 1881 Census, con't...

- The wife, mother, and daughter of James Christmas were all named Mary Christmas
- Frank Guest was listed as a visitor
- Harriet Goodhand was listed as a domestic servant
- The families of William Lovegrove, Henry Dearlove, and William Darling all lived on the same block in Oxfordshire
- A woman named Rose married Robert Garden
- Emma Boatwright married a seaman
- Mr. Thorn lived in Rose Cottage
- Robert Speed, a bus driver and post runner
- Robert Robb, a detective officer
- Phoebe Brain, a scholar
- One woman's birthplace was listed as "in stage coach between Nottingham and Derby"
- John Pounder, a blacksmith
- William Scales, a piano maker
- Herman Hamberger, born in Greece
- Curious occupations: dirt refiner, hoveller, mole-skin saver, piano puncher, sparable cutter, spittle maker, tingle maker, and whim driver
- Twin four-year-olds named Peter the Great and William the Conqueror
- Brothers named Seaman and Landsman
- The occupation of three daughters was entered as "They toil not, neither do they spin"



Coincidence? Or Fate!

by Vera Hauck, AGS □1877

The AGS Conference '95 in Edmonton was my fourth consecutive conference, and the most rewarding - genealogically speaking.

Would you believe I met a lady from Scotland there whose great-great-great-grandmother was buried in the same little churchyard as my great-great-grandparents? ("It's a small world after all!").

Since my paternal grandfather was born in Scotland, I attended the Scottish session conducted

by John Patrick. At the beginning I did not realize that the Patricks still live in Scotland. He certainly got my attention when I saw my maiden name appearing on his pedigree chart which he was using for an example.

John's wife, Isabelle, was sitting in the back row near me, so I later spoke to her and showed her my pedigree chart. To my surprise - and delight - she said that my ancestors had lived just down the road from her present home. She immediately jotted down some names and dates, saying she would "have a look and send a picture if she found anything". Time passed, I did not hear from her.

The August issue of *Relatively Speaking* arrived in the mail. A notice on page three caught my eye. It said there were photographs of a gravestone in Airth, Scotland waiting to be claimed at the AGS office in Edmonton by the lady who spoke to Isabelle Patrick at the Scottish table at conference '95. The names given were from my chart, I could scarcely believe my eyes. I assumed she had lost my name and address.

Carol Anderson, AGS 1st Vice President, lives here in Brooks and since she was going into Edmonton that weekend for an executive meeting, offered to bring the photos back.

I phoned Mrs. Florence Woodward, President of Edmonton branch, and she graciously agreed to make sure that Carol got them. Carol did, and delivered them right to my door on her way home. Suddenly I felt "in touch" with my ancestors who were married in 1799!

In a subsequent letter from Isabelle, she informs me she is trying to locate the old records which are no longer kept in the little church "down the road". The church in the photograph is not the one which was there 200 years ago, but there has been a church on that same site for many centuries. She did, however, provide some general information on the area which is intriguing.

I sincerely appreciate the extra effort made by all those kind people who helped to make this connection for me. My faith in genealogy has been restored.

The Case of the UOPs

by Dr. Walter C. Meyer, A.C., A.C.S. □3447

Some years after my father's death I was looking through several boxes of books he had stored in his garage and which had been left undisturbed by my mother as she continued to live in their residence. Surely the most interesting and perhaps the most important item was a largish book measuring about 22.5 cms wide, 27.5 cms high and 6 cms thick. The covers were padded leather, very intricately carved with a metal clasp to hold them shut. The pages were edged in gold and the book appeared to be a moderately sized family bible except that the few pages, being only sixteen in number, were much too thick. Inside were not words but 71 photographic portraits mounted either one or four to a page. The photos were mostly of two sizes 10.5 cms by 16.5 cms and 6 by 10 cms, and all seemingly very old. In a separate location 15 other photos were found, obviously from the same collection, making a total of 86 photos. It is dismaying to observe that only 2 of the 71 photos had identifying names and only three were dated. The separate 15 had been identified by my father. Most of the photographs did have the photographer's name and location printed on them so it was known where they were taken but since I didn't recognize most of the people the problem was to identify the individuals in the "UOPs", the Unidentified Old Photographs.

Some, but very few of the images on the photographs were known to me. For instance one portrait was of my father in the same clothes he wore for a family photograph taken in 1920 when his brother emigrated from Switzerland. Another was of his grandmother with her twin infant daughters born in 1864. The most recent photo was over 60 years old, the oldest about 120 years placing it quite early in the history of photography. Intriguing photographs, especially since I presumed they were related to me, but as well an interesting problem of identification.

The first step was to make multiple copies of each of the pictures. I have enough photographic knowledge and access to equipment to do this myself thus saving quite a whopping photography fee. These were then numbered and put together with identification pages. Each set of pages contained a

numbered space for each picture and each space was allowed for information by the recipients. Packages were put together containing the series of photos, the identification pages, an accompanying letter (which I had to get translated into German) and some money to pay the return postage. The five packages were then sent to: a cousin who had moved to Australia; a cousin in Bern, Switzerland; and three elderly cousins in Rhode Island, in Germany, and in Zurich, Switzerland. It appears that relatives had migrated somewhat. Patience is a virtue they say and for such a large task of reading, examining and writing about all those photos much time needed to be allowed, so I waited, almost patiently, but gradually responses did come back.

Australian cousin didn't know any of the photos so sent them to elderly Zurich cousin. Elderly Zurich cousin, with the help of his daughter and another cousin in South Africa, sent both sets with some positive IDs of his family and several speculative IDs, some of which may have been correct but some of which I could prove incorrect. Bern cousin didn't respond. German cousin's package was forwarded to a younger but still elderly sister in Zurich. A marvellous response came from elderly Zurich sister including positive IDs for five photos of her parents with three siblings who had moved to Germany. She sent a copy of her family tree (not totally accurate), and a blood chilling document. The document, a family group sheet, had been officially signed and stamped by the Burgermeister in their German village testifying that "there was no Jewish blood nor Jewish connection in that family." Intellectually I knew that occurred during WWII however these people were my relatives and reading of what nefarious action affected me personally.

Rhode Island cousin identified four photographs, her mother who died in 1901, her parents' wedding picture and herself and her brother as young children in Ferrara, Italy. She also sent me a calling card of her grandfather, my great-grandfather, who had owned a flour mill in the east of Switzerland until 1895. Some interesting family history and a dozen or so positive IDs were the result of all those efforts and packages.

The next step was to go to Europe personally to see what could be found. In 1991 the opportunity presented for my wife and me to do just that. Visits were made to one cousin in Germany and ten in Switzerland during which time contacts were made

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and renewed and family ties were joyously reconnected. We visited museums in cities where the photographs had been taken to discover if any records existed about the photographers and their negatives. Unfortunately most old portrait negatives had long been destroyed and we found no record of the photographers' activities. We did visit the photographers' shop in my father's home town. This turned out to be the oldest existing photo studio and camera shop in all Switzerland. It had been started by the owner's great-grandfather and was still in the family and in the same location after almost a century. They too destroyed old negatives after a number of years to make space for current ones. In the old studio they had a museum which contained the equipment that had been used in 1920 to take the picture of my father and his family.

In another museum holding a collection of old photos we found some that gave us positive IDs for a few of our "UOPs" but more particularly we also found two still older photographs, which must have been copies of daguerreotypes, one of which was my great-great-grandfather, and another of his children probably taken in 1853. This was incredible because photography had only been discovered in the late 1830's and early 1840's. From our visits to cousins we saw, and of course copied, photos that helped in our ID search.

Up to now, after a decade, about half (47) of the "UOPs" have been positively identified and several more tentatively so. By matching photographic locations, family group sheets and dates estimated to ages of children in some of the photos, a few more tentative IDs exist. Interestingly enough, of the two photos that were named, I have only been able to identify one of the people. While we were on tour with the Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir in 1991 we were billeted with an unknown couple and the wife's maiden name was the same as the one on the other photograph but unfortunately we could establish no connection. Also interestingly three of my father's IDs were inaccurate. He had made the identifications years after the pictures had been taken. The whole task has proven to be a fascinating detective project producing numerous lovely experiences and fine associations.

Our generation, or our parents, may be the first in the history of the world to have such a problem. Prior to our parents' time photography was

fairly new and people personally knew those whose images were recorded in family pictures. That generation is now gone and if their photographs were not suitably identified there is nobody left who remembers. One of the things to come out of this experience is -- if you want future generations to know who are in your photographs identify and date them properly now while you remember, preferably immediately after you receive them.

The Cripplegate Ghost

by Tom Duran

As I settle back into a comfortable chair and let my thoughts drift to Christmas, I cannot help thinking of the story my father used to tell me. After Christmas dinner, he would draw me well away from my younger sisters, for a story such as this about our own ancestor - even though it happened a long time ago and was prevalent in his own mind - would not be fitting for them!

Sitting me down, he would push a large plate of mince pies in my direction and pour himself a glass of dark sherry before starting to unravel an episode from our family's dim and distant past.

The story concerned his Great Grandfather Ambrose Duran, a Tea Merchant, who had spent much of his youth sailing the south seas. At that time, our family was living in Bridgewater Square, an oddly shaped quadrangle with just one entrance on the southern tip of what was then Finsbury.

Having been a naval man in his youth, Ambrose was a stickler for routine. Each morning would begin like every other; at dawn he would rise, wash and shave and then be off on an early-morning walk which would take him past St. Lukes Church in the Old Street and back, although his own parish church was St. Giles Cripplegate. Once back, he would sit down to breakfast precisely at 8 o'clock when his wife Elizabeth would join him.

Being set in his ways, this routine went on day in day out, year in year out. Until the day the unexpected happened. Ambrose rose as normal exactly at 6 am, performed his ablutions in usual way

and went out for his daily walk in the early morning air. Returning, he sat down to breakfast as he generally did - but this morning something was wrong. What was it that was not right? The table was laid out as usual, tea, toast, marmalade. What was wrong, thought Ambrose - then - 'where's my wife - where's Elizabeth!' He jumped up, and summoned the servants demanding to know where his wife was, but no-one could answer him, for no one had seen her.

Then followed a search of the house. Every room was checked until finally they creaked open the door of Elizabeth's bed chamber. There was his wife lying dead on the bed. Doctors were called but nothing could be done. Elizabeth was gone, and funeral arrangements were put in hand. As we already know, the family's parish church was St. Giles Cripplegate where Elizabeth was to rest within the crypt. Devoted as he was to his wife, our Tea Merchant wanted her to be buried in her wedding dress; he was also wealthy enough to leave her rather large wedding ring on her hand.

It is at this point that the story takes a sinister turn, for the Sexton who had witnessed all this, had taken a fancy to the ring on Elizabeth's finger. Around midnight the following evening, he took it upon himself to enter the crypt with the sole intention of removing the ring, re-sealing the coffin and no-one any the wiser. As the Sexton pulled at the ring it became clear to him that it was not going to leave the finger! Whipping out a knife from his pocket the Sexton made a dramatic swipe - the finger was now in his hand and not on the lady's!

A piercing scream issued from the coffin. So horrifying, that the Sexton shivered to his very bones, dropped the lantern and ran as fast as his portly figure would allow, up and out of the church. For Elizabeth was sitting upright and staring down at the blood pouring from her hand. She was alive!! She had been suffering from catalepsy - an affliction which leaves the victim in a death-like trance until with luck - she awakes in time to avoid being buried alive.

Elizabeth's thoughts now turned to her husband and getting home. Although dazed and confused, she picked up the lantern, walked out of the Church and made her way through the streets of Cripplegate to her home. The sight of this well-known lady, walking in a white dress with blood

pouring from her hand on the very night of her burial was too much. The story runs that anyone seeing her had their hair instantly turned to grey.

Elizabeth lived on for another twenty-seven years and bore her husband four more children, but was forever known as 'The Cripplegate Ghost'. This name was even added to her tombstone on her death which can still be seen at St. Giles Cripplegate to this day. Not only that, but on a cold night as the clock strikes 1 o'clock, the shadowy white-clad figure of my ancestor may still be seen walking the churchyard and the streets of the city. Perhaps it is this which drives me to hunt out similar strange sighting and bring them to the public's attention through a ghost walk which searches the City of London for its apparitions.

Tom Duran is a tour guide with *Guided Walks of London*, 41 Apelman Street, London E1. Article found in *Metropolitan* Vol. 18 No. 2, December 1995 (Journal of The London & North Middlesex Family History Society.)

Halbert's Under Cease & Desist Order

submitted by Laura Turhbull, AG& □555

Halbert's, Inc., of Bath, Ohio, a mail order firm that markets surname products, has agreed to the provisions of a cease and desist order issued by the United States Postal Service (USPS) in November 1995. "Halbert's Family Book Offer," and "Historic Book Offer" are trade names used by the Numa Corporation of Akron, Ohio.

On 23 March 1995, the National Genealogical Society (NGS), with the support of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), submitted to the United States Postal Service's Chief Counsel, Consumer Protection, a 120-page report on Halbert's marketing practises with the request that these practises be investigated.

NGS and FGS also, launched a "grass-roots" campaign to encourage the participation and cooperation of genealogists nationwide. A brochure

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and companion flyer entitled "*PSSST! Wanna Buy Your Name ?*" were mailed to genealogical societies and libraries. Societies were asked to reprint the cartoon and brochure text in their news letters. Librarians were asked to post the flyer on their bulletin boards. As a result, many people wrote to NGS and its Ethics committee about the solicitation materials they had received from Halbert's, and others wrote directly to the US Postal Inspection Service.

On 21 November 1995, the Postal Service issued a supplemental cease and desist order prohibiting Halbert's from further use of certain misleading marketing practises, which included a consent agreement signed by Halbert's. Previous cease and desist orders issued against Halbert's in 1985 and 1988 remain in effect.

The supplemental order issued in November 1995 includes the following provisions :

- * Halbert's was ordered to cease and desist from falsely representing" . . . that (1) a solicitation for a surname related product was sent by a relative of a solicitee; (2) a relative of a solicitee was involved in preparing a surname-related publications; or that (3) a relative of a solicitee endorses a surname-related product." The Postal Service contended that the company solicitations, which advertised books such as *The World Book of* (surname) and *The* (surname) *Since the Civil War*, violated the 1988 consent agreement, because they appeared to be letters from relatives of the addressees urging them to purchase a recently completed book on their family.
- * Halbert's was ordered to begin displaying prominently the following disclaimer on any advertising for surname-related publications: "No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended."
- * Halbert's was ordered to cease and desist from" . . . representing, directly or indirectly, that advertising has been approved by the United States Postal Service."

The consent agreement entered into by Halbert's in November 1995 contains several other provisions. Halbert's may submit proposed advertising to the USPS General Council not more than three times per calender year to obtain an opinion on whether the advertising violates cease and

desist orders. Halbert's must pay \$2000 for each submission to defray investigative administrative , and legal costs incurred by the Postal Service.

For a period of one year from the date of execution of the consent agreement, Halbert's must, "...within ten days (10) after written request therefor, pay full and unconditional double cash refunds, including postage, handling, and deposits, to all consumers who have previously requested in writing to Halbert's, and not received within thirty days (30) after the receipt of the written request therefor, refunds in connection with any and all surname-related solicitations in use prior to the date of the consent agreement." Halbert's must also accept and honor refund requests from the Better Business Bureau, the Postal Inspection Service, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and any other duly constituted governmental entity which has received complaints from consumers about its promotions.

Under the 1988 cease and desist order, the following conduct by Halbert's is prohibited:

- * Representing that a book is principally about a particular family name and the history of this family name
- * Representing that a book contains information about someone's forebears and their emigration from Europe
- * Representing that a book contains information about the heraldry and family crest of a particular family
- * Representing that a book explains how a particular family got its surname
- * Representing that a book explains why someone's forebears immigrated to the New World (the United States, Canada, and Australia.)
- * Representing that a book explains why persons with a particular surname immigrated to the New World.
- * Representing that a book is the result of research through numerous sources by themselves, or someone acting in their behalf, to compile information on persons with the addressee's surname who immigrated to the New World

The Postal Service has advised NGS that Halbert's is a member of the Direct Marketing Association and participates in the Mail Preference

Service. Anyone who does not wish to receive future mailings from Halbert's can have their name deleted from the company's mailing lists by writing to:

Direct Marketing Association,
Mail Preference Service, PO Box 9008,
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008.

The NGS Consumer Protection Committee (formerly the Ethics Committee) is chaired by Helen Hinchliff.

[Article found on Internet; source given as NGS Newsletter Vol 22, No.2, March/April 1996, pp25 & 31. It says: "This article may be reprinted in other publications"]

*Immigration Historian Swierenga
American Specialist Encourages
Dutch Researchers*
article found in *The Windmill*, 7 May 1996, p.14

KAMPEN, the Netherlands - Church registries and council minutes need to be preserved on microfilm. They also must be catalogued. And if they are going to be accessible, those of Dutch immigrant congregations in North America also should be translated to English. Dutch church councils should consider surveying their records for interesting information on the process of immigration.

These and other suggestions were made by American-born historian of Dutch descent, Prof. R.P. Swierenga, during a visit to Kampen, recently. He urged his listeners to support efforts to document historical data and make these accessible for research. Drawing on his own experience, Swierenga told his audience that the Dutch immigration history to a great extent still lies buried in church archives. Swierenga praised efforts by the documentation centre of the Reformed Churches (GKN-v) which was created three years ago to gather material on the Liberation of 1944-5.

After lecturing for many years at the Kent

State University of Columbus, Ohio, Swierenga is moving to Western Michigan's Hope College at Holland, the town which was founded by Dutch immigrants in 1847. For years, Hope College collected documents on the Reformed Church in America (RCA), which sponsors the institution founded by immigrant leader Van Raalte. Nearby Heritage Hall at Calvin College, where Swierenga was a student, has amassed the largest privately held collection on Dutch immigration in general, and the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in particular.

In the 1970s, Swierenga led a research project which catalogued emigrants who left the Netherlands for South Africa and the United States between 1820 and 1880. He also listed Dutch arrivals at American ports during that period. The information was arranged alphabetically by surname, and provided such details as province and municipality of origin, employment, age, size of family. The three volumes of these listings are also in the Windmill Archives reference department.

Swierenga attended a degree-granting ceremony at a Dutch university before visiting Kampen.

Article found in *The Windmill*, 7 May 1996

They'll Be Missed!!

Adrienne Anderson,
owner of *Genealogy Plus* (always a welcome site at our AGS Conferences)

Elizabeth Turnbull
(Laura Turnbull's Mother-in-law)
- passed away 20 Feb 1996, age of 83 years.

John Ivan Avey
- passed away on 11 March 1996.

Winifred B. Welton
- On 7 Apr 1996, Wyn passed away at the age of 72 years.

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contact: Mrs. Rosemary W. Ambrose, 594 Manchester Rd, Kitchener, Ontario N2B 1B3 ☎(403) 576-7371

E-mail address: gambrose@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca

FAIRCHILD Seeking info Arthur Septimus FAIRCHILD b c1880 Australia, em. to N. America (prob. Canada) c 1900; son Wilfred Reginald b 17 May 1906?; daughter Dorothy b 9 Oct 1908? m. Cole.

contact: Mrs. Susan Charters, Box 1480, Fort St. James, BC V0J 1P0

Anyone with information concerning shares issued by "The Black Diamond Oil Fields Ltd" c/a 1014; Alberta Petroleum Ltd" c/a 1914 or any other oil companies with public shares 1910 - 1920.

contact: John E. Frey, 9742-119A Avenue, Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 5H7

REICHERT Katherine b1877 Rastadt, Kherson, Russia; m 1897 to Michael KUFFLER in Rastadt, Kherson, Russia. Info re: Katherine's father, first name and if he stayed in Russia or immig. to Canada or USA and dates and places of birth and death if available.

GESOLE Margaret b1859 Rastadt, Kherson, Russia; m abt 1880 to Peter FREY in Rastadt, Kherson, Russia. Info re: names of parents and their children; dates and places of birth & death if available.

HECK Maria Eva b abt 1835 Rastadt, Kherson, Russia; m abt 1855 to George FREY in Rastadt, Kherson, Russia. Info re: names of parents and their children and dates & places of births & deaths if available.

FREY George b 1794 Hordt, Germany; immig. to Rastadt, Kherson, Russia with Michael GANDERMANN Family at age 17 as foster-son in 1811. Info re: What happened to his parents? How did they die and where? Who did he marry in Rastadt with names of their children and dates & places of births & deaths if available.

contact: Karl Gibson, Magpie Cottage, 32 Shipdham Road, Toftwood, Durham, Norfolk, NR 19 1JL Eng.

MacNEIL I am trying to trace my great aunt Kathleen Ivy MacNEIL (nee GIBSON, formerly BARNES), last known to be living in Edmonton about 15 years ago. She would now be about 80 years old. Her husband's name was James (Jimmy). Her son from her first marriage: Terry BARNES also came to Canada with them circa 1950 and may still live somewhere in Alberta.

contact: Helen Kerr, 407 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 USA

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KERR I'd like to hear from anyone knowing anything about James KERR who homesteaded with a friend about 30 miles from Olds at Mayton in 1905 or maybe 1904. He wrote this in a letter to his cousin in Scotland dated Jan 1906.

contact: Irene Ram, Box 296, Kaledon, BC V0H 1K0

MICKLE Researching MICKLE - WOODS - FULLERTON families of Calgary & surrounding areas. Appreciate any info. Thankyou for any assistance.

contact: Della Sanders, Box 220, Aneroid, SK S0N 0C0

BROWN

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McIVOR

I am searching for the descendants of Rhad E. BROWN and Maggie CAMPBELL of Edmonton and their children - Harold G. m Mary; Helen B. m Cecil JAMES and they had a child Patsy H.; Al Lloyd; r. Lynn m Lois SPRACKLIN and they had a child Marilyn L.; Douglas R.; Jean E.; and Stuart S. Also searching for the descendants of Jack McIVOR and Jean CAMPBELL and their children: Ruth, Margaret, Mary, Collin and M. from Drumheller.

contact: Mrs. Patricia R. Stevens, 6032 W. 20th Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99337 USA

BENTON

Information on Charles Jefferson BENTON, known to be living in or near Athabasca, AB in 1925 at age 50. Three of his children are Jacob, Mary, Lincoln.

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BARRETT, Oscar Edward 1894-1976 Blackfoot, Lloydminster, Calgary, AB

BARRETT, Edward b? d 1900-1904 New Richland, Minnesota, USA

FREY, JOHN E., 9742 - 119 A Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 5H7

FREY, George 1794-1860 b in Hordt, Germany; d in Rastadt, Kherson, Russia

GESÖLE, Margaret 1859-1910 Rastadt, Kherson, Russia

HECK, Maria Eva 1835-1875 Rastadt, Kherson, Russia

KOFFLER, Peter 1826-1880 Rastadt, Kherson, Russia

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GODDARD, ALLAN, General Delivery, Carnwood, AB T0C 0W0

GODDARD, George pre 1914 (New Castle) Northumberland, NB, Canada

JOHNSON, Thomas pre 1914 Red Bank, Northumberland, NB, Canada

GREY, VERDA, Box 1388, Hanna, AB T0J 1P0

BALSH, Caroline 1850 ? Ohio, USA

CAMPBELL, F. 1844 Eastern Canada

RASMUSSEN, Richard 1853 Norway

WILSON, Ruth 1888 Ireland

McBRIDE, BEA, Box 11, Wardlaw, AB T0J 3M0

HAMILTON, Nancy 1860 Orkney Island, Scotland

PAPANAKIS/WILLIAMS, Martin 1860 HBC. Norway House, Ruperts Land

PAPANAKIS, Edward Norway House, Ruperts Land

PAPANAKIS, Paul Norway House, Ruperts Land

WILLIAMS, MARIANNE, 8818 - 161 Street, Edmonton, AB T5R 2L2

GERBER, Mary Matilda 11 Oct 1858 Washington, Washington; Utah, USA

HEPPLER, John (Swiss Surname: ROETHLISBERGER, Johannes) 9 Dec 1872 Signall, Bern, Switzerland

JACOB, Emily Adelia (m above 22 Jun 1904) 19 Mar 1882 Midway, Wasach, Utah, USA

SNOWDON, Thomas William 12 Jan 1862 Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

THOMSON, Marjory (m above) 11 Jul 1866 Tillicoultry, Clackmannon, Scotland

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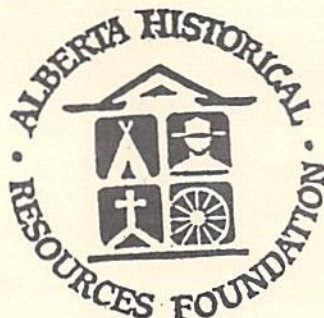
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