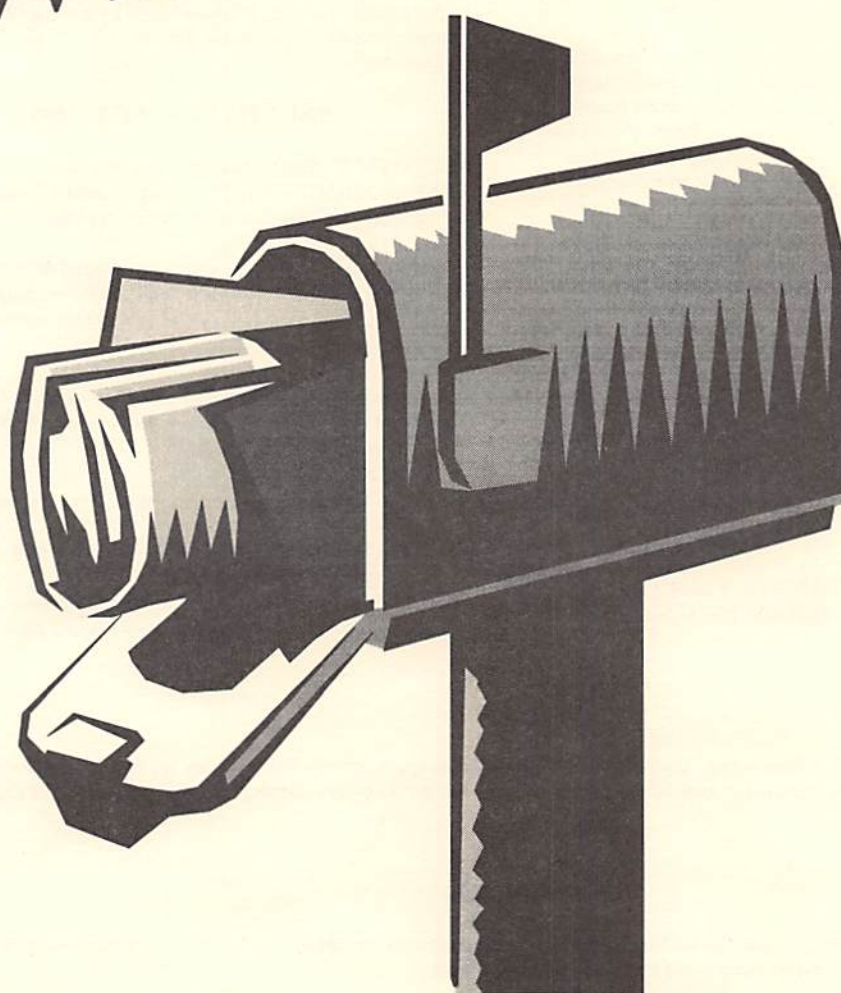


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President's Message

Margo Moffat

I will be in Scotland as you read this and perhaps by the time you have read the entire magazine, I will be strolling through an Irish graveyard! In June, I was in Winnipeg to present a genealogical workshop to the Clan Moffat. I also did a workshop on Scottish Clans for the Scottish Heritage Festival. It was a wonderful weekend and it was good to visit with other Moffats from Canada and the United States. In Winnipeg, I was asked what the benefits of membership in our society are and so I proceeded to list them. As I did so, I realized that **we have a lot to offer to members** and we should be mindful of those benefits as we talk to prospective members. I have listed some for you. It may well be that some branches can add to the list some of their own special benefits:

- ***Relatively Speaking***, an AGS publication that is informative and entertaining
- Special interest articles/ Queries published in *Relatively Speaking*
- **Workshops** to further education in the field of genealogy
- **AGS & Branch libraries** containing books, fiche and other resources
- **Genealogical materials for sale**
- **Special Interest Groups** within branches
- **Beginner Courses** presented by branch members/ guest speakers
- **Annual Conference & Banquet**
- **Networking** amongst members to overcome research roadblocks
- **Multiple benefits** from past and present members who participate in indexing projects
- **Opportunities** to participate in special projects / committees / host a workshop
- **Other benefits** include the **friendships** that are formed as you mix with other members.

The most important benefit for me as a Scot is the **bargain** I get for just \$27 a year. That means for \$2.25 per month, I have the world at my fingertips. I can check out a cemetery index that saves me the time and effort to travel to that locality to search for a headstone. I can't think of any other institution that will give you an education or those resources for \$2.25 a month.

Enjoy your summer. May you be able to find the headstone, decipher the old handwriting and have enough money for the photocopier!

Editor's Message

Lillian Wight

Have you ever thought of yourself as a scientist? Do you realize how often you hypothesize by formulating an idea, then test your theory (by researching) to prove your lineage? Webster defines genealogy as "the science or study of family descent," or "a chart or recorded history of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor or ancestors." Therefore, you really are a scientist as you work on your family history.

And because we belong to a 'genealogical society', it is important that we serve the needs of our members in furthering their studies of family descent. However, we must keep in mind that our readership is made up of new members, seasoned researchers, aspiring genealogists and those in other provinces, states and countries who acquaint themselves with our publication through an exchange process and look to us for history. So the challenge is there!

But before we embark on the business of accepting that challenge, let's acknowledge the quantity and quality of work done by our previous editor, Jim Farnel, who has set a fine example for your newly-appointed editor. Congratulations, Jim, and thank you for a job well done! We are also extremely fortunate to have our staff officer, Joy Doyle, with her creative talents and expertise, to collate and format everything you see within these covers.

Already we have a committee of volunteers to consider content and format, to assist by typing and proof-reading. **NOW WE NEED YOU, THE MEMBERS...** to contribute people stories, articles, unique research techniques, or perhaps old voters' lists, school attendees, etc., or some of that history that you've been planning to record to share with others.

I urge you to start now. Deadlines for the next issues are October 15 and January 15. Sounds like a long way off but it really isn't. Please send your submissions in Word Perfect or ASCII text together with a hard copy if possible. Enjoy this month's issue and watch for new columns currently being planned.■

Genealogical Updates

AGS Library News

Norma Wolowyk, Librarian

Members of the AGS are entitled to borrow from the library by mail or in person. The library is located in #116, the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton, phone 424-4429. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm. To borrow by mail, please send your requests to Alberta Genealogical Society, #116, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5H 3Z9. If you have any questions regarding the library, please phone me at 488-1418.

In this, my first contribution to *"Relatively Speaking"* as AGS librarian, I would like to reflect on our library through the years, what we have been in the past and consider what we might be in the future.

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

As I browsed through back issues of *"Relatively Speaking"*, it was moving to see that the generosity, caring and concern which flourished in our Society at the beginning still exists today. The first acquisition of the AGS Library, in 1973, was Volume 1 #1 of the *"AGS Bulletin"* and the first book donation was *"Hexes and Heather"* by Mrs. Gladys Stoner. These items were housed at Mr. Charles Denney's residence until a permanent library was established. Mr. Denney also volunteered to act as temporary librarian and had opened up his own personal library of over 1000 volumes to members of the Society.

In the spring of 1974, plans were underway to establish a mailing service, and library collection policy was being discussed. By then, the library housed eight books, five family histories and five periodicals. Peter Swann was the librarian. During 1976 under the librarianship of Heather Reil, the library became more accessible to members by being located in Edmonton from September to December at the home of Jack and Enid Fitzsimonds and the

Calgary home of Flora and Jim Eagleson during February to May.

In 1977, Janette Roseneder was the AGS librarian followed by Ella Pittman in 1979. The library holdings or location was not mentioned again until November 1979 when a list of the holdings was published. The librarian was Ruby Egler, replaced by Ella Pittman by year end. In the fall of 1981, another library holdings list was published, in which 24 books were listed.

In 1982, the AGS president was lamenting the fact that AGS library resources could not be shared with members outside the major centres. In the spring of 1983, library materials could be ordered by mail on a honor system of paying postage. In 1985, the library was located in Redcliff and Eve Dyck was librarian; the holdings had expanded to 306 books. Rita Laczkowski became librarian in 1987 and set up a system of periodical indexing and prepared the 1989 AGS library holdings list.

Finally in 1987, the library was successful in receiving the Postal Book Rate from Canada Post. The library moved to Red Deer in 1988 and over the next eight years, Evelyn Fairbrother and Betty Barnhill, assisted by Claire Ellis, Janet Coatham and Mary-Joan Cornett, with Lucille Dougherty as librarian, dedicated many hours managing the library, ordering books and mailing out members' orders. In 1990, Evelyn Brown in Calgary took on the job of indexing the periodicals and continued to do this until end of 1995 - another instance of many, many volunteer hours donated to the Society. A library list update was prepared in 1991 by Lucille Dougherty.

Over the years, there have been many people dedicated to the AGS Library. We salute them and give many thanks for their hard work. The strength of an organization is in its members and our library today is what it is because those before us had goals and dreams and volunteered many hours to achieving them.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

The library holdings are now shelved in Edmonton. See the beginning of this article for information on access to the materials. During June, Colette Hoppe and Melanie Delainey, the AGS

summer students, entered the books into computer. There are nearly 1000 books now listed. Shirley Machan is currently assigning Dewey Decimal numbers and subject headings to all materials. We are now mailing out orders to members after Evelyn Fairbrother enlightened me so I could enlighten the post office the location of the library book rate in their procedure manual.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

It is hoped that by the end of 1996 we will have a new library holdings list prepared. In the meantime, if you do not have access to the 1989 and 1991 holdings lists, please do not hesitate to phone me at 488-1418 to inquire about materials for your areas of interest. A copy of the lists is filed in the pamphlet cabinet in the Edmonton Branch AGS Library under "AGS Library".

I encourage all members to make me aware of any publication or periodical they would like to see available in the library.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY

The following new publications are now available for borrowing:

1. "Books You Need to do Genealogy in Ontario, an Annotated Bibliography", by Ryan Taylor and reviewed by Blane Ryan in this publication.
2. "Genealogy on the Macintosh", by David Tippey and reviewed by Terry Gregory in this publication.
3. "Genealogical Research in England's Public Record Office: A Guide for North Americans", by Judith Prowse Reid and reviewed by Shirley Machan in this publication.
4. "A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation, Vol. 2", by Donald Whyte.

If you are interested in reviewing books, indexing periodicals or volunteering in the library to help process materials, please give me a call. ■

"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration!"

Thomas Edison

AGS Projects

ALBERTA: Index to Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1870 to 1905, Vol. 1

Book Review, Courtesy of Doug Stobbs

"Alberta: Index to Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1870 to 1905, Vol. 1", has just been published by the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society and is sure to be welcomed by anyone doing research in what was the Alberta District of the Northwest Territories.

The book is an index to the 32,000 original registration records which are held in the Provincial Archives and because of this, not accessible to those outside the Edmonton area. The volunteers who extracted the information from the records did a thorough job, and there is additional information in the Index, in a card file held by the "Edmonton Branch".

The original records were released to the Provincial Archives by Alberta Vital Statistics in 1989. There are two accession numbers applicable to these collections and these are noted in the preface to the Index. In addition, the Index records the box, file, and registration particulars for each entry which will save both time and frustration to anyone intent on retrieving the original records.

The column headings in the Index are as follows: Surname, given names, then parents or spouse; Sex; Event: indicates whether B, M or D, and the full date; Age; Place; Bx-File-Reg.

The volunteers who extracted the data (over 7,500 hours) and also published it deserve a good deal of thanks for this significant new finding aid. "Alberta: Index to Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1870 to 1905, Vol. 1" may be purchased from: Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton Branch, Box 12015, Edmonton AB, T6E 3L2. Price is \$55.00 Cdn. which includes taxes and postage.

Editor's note: Doug is the current editor of "Chinook: The Journal of the Alberta Family Histories Society," Calgary, Alberta, Canada. We thank him for this review first published in the Summer 1995 issue of *Chinook*, and for giving his permission to reprint it here. ■

ARCHIVIST / HISTORIAN

Mary Ann Legris, AGS Archivist / Historian

As Archivist / Historian for the Alberta Genealogical Society, appointed by the Executive Committee, my duties are to collect, organize and deposit archival materials of the Society in the Provincial Archives of Alberta for safekeeping and consultation.

Materials to be collected include: records relating to the Constitution and By-laws; minutes; financial reports; correspondence; conference materials; publications; membership lists; correspondence lists; articles published concerning the Society, Branches and members; and photographs and other items deemed to be of value to the Society.

The Archives receives records on permanent loan, but the Society maintains ownership of those records. Archival storage conditions, including boxes and file folders, environmental controls and security are provided.

At the time of a deposit, the material is accessioned, a detailed inventory is prepared, and a main entry card is placed in the card catalogue entitled Alberta Genealogical Society. There are presently eight accessions at the Archives. These collections can be viewed during Archives business hours: Tuesdays through Fridays 9am - 4:30pm. On Saturdays, 9am - 5pm, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, requests for viewing need to be made by 3pm on Friday, Tuesday or Wednesday, respectively.

Note: Information gleaned from materials prepared by Keith Stotyn and Sherry Bell. (Edited with permission of author.)■



The Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1980 to promote and encourage an interest in family history research. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month (second Monday if first is a holiday) at Knox United Church, 506 - 4th Street SW Calgary. Beginner classes are at 6:45pm and general meeting starts at 7:30pm.

The AFHS presents its **17th Annual**

Genealogical Seminar: *Wild Rose* Seminar '96 on Friday and Saturday, 25 and 26 October 1996 at the Crossroads Hotel, Calgary, AB. The feature speaker is Ryan Taylor; others are David Bickman, Georgette Brodeur, Ann Gardner-Lavender, Marmie Longair, Tove Ludvigson, Bill Mumford, S. Gail Niinimaa, Sally Rae, Harry Sanders and Ron Whistance-Smith.

\$50 full registration before 1 Oct 1996

\$60 full registration during 2-18 Oct 1996

\$15 single session and coffee

\$20 lunch with speaker

Five sessions, handbook, coffee breaks, wine and cheese reception, Saturday lunch with speaker. For **further information and registration, contact: Louise Sauve (403) 239-2841■**

Provincial Archives of Alberta

Surrogate Case Files Now Available

Pat Pettitt, AGS #2342

PAA Collection 95.399 consists of surrogate case files relating to the estates of deceased persons for Edmonton (1898-1969), Athabasca (1909-1969) and the Northwest Territories (1922-1969). The documents in each file may include the following: Probates, Affidavits, Oaths of Executors, copies of Wills, Applications for Letters Probate, Applications for Letter of Administration, correspondence, etc. Although these files are held off-site, retrievals can be requested on Tuesdays and Thursdays for next day viewing.■

Census Alert

Irene Jendzjowsky, AGS

Did you know that the 1901 Canada census is the last census that will be published? Did you know that under the 1905 Statistics Act, any census records collected after 1905 cannot be released or published?

For genealogists, census records are a valuable source of information in their searches for family history. They can provide you with date of birth and country of origin for those family members

family are usually enumerated, census returns also reveal important family relationships and sometimes, may indicate occupation, religion and give you a glimpse of the family's material wealth as well. The information on census returns varies depending on date and jurisdiction.

Basic family information recorded on census forms for 1911, 1921, 1931 and 1941 has been microfilmed and is stored at the National Archives of Canada. Microfilm copies for the complete information recorded on census forms for 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1981 are also stored at the National Archives of Canada. All paper documents for these census forms have been destroyed. The 1991 census is currently at the National Archives of Canada but has not yet been microfilmed. It is not clear whether it will be microfilmed in the future, because of the expense involved.

Although the census records after 1905 cannot be released according to the Statistics Act (1905), access to these records is possible under very strict and limited conditions (e.g., for aggregate research where individual identifiers are not published or released). They have also been used to provide people with information about proof of citizenship, proof of age and that type of information.

What can you do to make a change? If you are concerned about not being able to access census records after 1901, you can contact your Member of Parliament, and the following Ministers in the Federal Government to voice your concerns and hopefully help make a change in the Statistics Law to allow for publication:

Honourable John Manley,
Minister Responsible for Statistics,
356 Confederation Building, House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 ☎ (613) 995-9001

Honourable Sheila Copps,
Minister of Canadian Heritage,
Terrasses De La Chaudiere, Jules Leger Building,
12th Floor, 15 Eddy St., Hull, QC K1A 0M5
☎ (819) 997-7788, fax: (819) 994-5987 ■

Are Your Family Bible Pages Lost?
Pat Pettitt, AGS #2342

The Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA)
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 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 PAA, 12845-102 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5N 0M6 or send a SASE with your inquiry to Pat Pettitt, 11448-42 Ave, Edmonton, AB T6J 0W3 or rgpet@skylite.datanet.ab.ca

Family Surname	Related or Associated Names
Horton	Potter
Janzen	—
Kerr	McGhee
Knott	Bronk, Dunnington
Mosley	McPherson, Shade, Zerba, Foster
Mott	—
Pruitt	Johnston
Reed	Cantwell, Dye, Cooney, Swain
Sanders	King, Wyant, Volmer
Wishart	Flett

More Next Edition!!!!

Family History Centre

Lee Rolins, Director

9010 - 85 Street, Edmonton ☎ (403)469-6460

Planned Hours of Operation:

On Tuesday, 30 July, 84 persons attended the Family History Centre. On Tuesday, 23 July, 72 attended. With these beyond capacity attendances, we are attempting to recruit staff to open an additional day: Wednesdays 9am - 9pm for the month of AUGUST ONLY.

Beginning September, we are planning for three additional four-hour shifts.

Hours will then be:

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am-9pm; Fri & Sat 9am-5pm

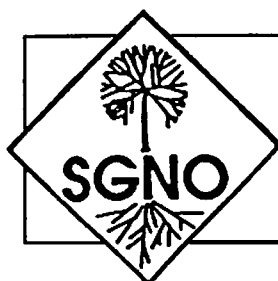
Publication of these changes and hours will be available at the Centre as the plans unfold.■

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

Did You Know?

- ...that the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia was founded in 1968
- ...headquarters are in Lincoln, Nebraska
- ...an Edmonton & District Chapter was formed about 1979
- ...the Edmonton Chapter is most often referred to as "Germans from Russia"
- ...arrangements to share library facilities with Edmonton Branch AGS were made in 1984
- ...Jack Fitzsimonds and Ron Neuman were presidents at that time
- ...both groups have access to each others' resources
- ...some "Germans from Russia" are members of AGS
- ...library holdings include books, journals, maps
- ...meetings are held every 3 months
- ...4 newsletters are published annually
- ...pot-luck suppers are held twice per year

Abstracted from AHSGR Newsletter, June 1996. ■



La Société
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Researching Your French-Canadian Ancestors

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*"Go for the moon and if you miss
the moon by a fraction of an inch, you
know that you are 250,000 miles closer
than when you first started."*

Jack Lemmon



La Société Historique
et Génomique
de Smoky River

Denise LaFleur

The Smoky River Historical and Genealogical Society located in the heart of the Peace River region at Donnelly, Alberta invites you to research your roots and discover Alberta's history.

The research library is considered to be the leading genealogical centre west of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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The Society's official bulletin is called "Origines" and is published quarterly. Our personnel is bilingual and we make it our pleasure to serve our clients in both French and English.

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Address :

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C.P. 224, Donnelly, AB T0H 1G0

☎ (403)925-3801 fax: (403)925-2203

E-mail address: genealfa@agt.net

If you are unable to come to our centre, research may be made by our staff at a fee of \$15/hour.

La Société Historique et Génomique de Smoky River situé au coeur de la région de Rivière-la-Paix à Donnelly, Alberta, vous invite à retracer vos racines et découvrir l'histoire de l'Alberta.

Notre centre de recherche est le plus éminent dans tout l'Ouest du Canada.

Les collections d'archives, livres de recherche, livres d'histoire locale de tout le Canada, même du centre nord et du nord-est des États-Unies, des tableaux et histoires de familles sont accessibles avec votre cotisation annuelle. Le bulletin trimestriel de la Société a pour nom "Origines".

Notre personnel est bilingue et se fera un plaisir de vous servir dans les deux langues officielles.

Cotisation annuelle 10,00\$

Avec votre cotisation vous avez accès:

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- microfilms ■



FACTS ABOUT LOYALISTS

- In 1775, there were roughly 4,000,000 people living in the Thirteen Colonies.
- Of these, roughly one third were in favour of evolutionary political development, e.g., loyal to the Crown.
- One third were in favour of revolutionary political development, e.g. for Independence.
- One third were mugwumps, waiting to see which way the wind was going to blow.
- Roughly 100,000 loyalists were compelled to leave their real estate and personal property for a new location.
- It is estimated that approximately 40,000 of them came north to British North America.
- Others went to the British West Indies, to Great Britain and to other more remote parts of the North American continent.
- Roughly half of the 30,000 in the Maritime provinces re-emigrated to Great Britain, the Canadas, the West Indies and back to the United States.
- Through natural increase, the approximately 100,000 loyalists have descendants totalling 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 today, after seven to ten generations, with about 10% or 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 of them living in Canada.
- The sons and daughters of the Loyalists attempted to form an Association as early as 1812, and periodically since then with the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Ontario and also of Quebec forming in 1896, and the Canadian Association in 1914.

- The present Edmonton Branch received its Charter from the National UEL Association in May 1987. Although there had been a group called the Fort Edmonton Branch from 1934 to 1940, no Charter has surfaced.

Keep these dates open for 1996-1997

Edmonton and area meetings:

MONDAYS Sep 16, Oct 28, Feb 10, May 12 at
Edmonton Branch AGS Library (address on cover).
A separate listing of books of interest to Loyalist
researchers is available at the above library.

Contact:

Fran Losie ☎ (403) 482-1480 Edmonton Branch
Bruce Miller ☎ (403) 287-3258 Calgary Branch. ■

Computer Corner

Rocky Gibney, AGS 2923

Picking the right computer program for your genealogy records is important. The right choice prevents a lot of heartache and re-entering of your data. Today's programs are easier to use and have more features than those of just a few years ago. The following list is a brief review of the more widely used, if not better programs available.

For IBM compatibles:

Family Tree Maker™

This is the most popular Windows program. It was the #10 highest selling personal productivity software package sold in North America this past May. This is the first time for any genealogy program to make this list. There are two versions of this program to choose from. There is a *Windows 95* and a *Windows 95 Deluxe* edition. The deluxe edition includes a number of CDs (Social Security Index, and three CDs of genealogies that have been contributed by other users of the program).

This program produces some of the best-looking charts in the market. Photos and other documents can be scanned and entered into what are called 'scrapbooks' for each individual. These pictures can be included in your family tree charts.

Other features, capability to E-mail a family file, contribute your file to the *World Family Tree* project (which puts it on a CD along with other family trees from other genealogists). There is an ever-growing list of CDs (census, books, etc.) that can be used with this program.

The Master Genealogist™ Sometimes referred to as 'TMG', this is arguably the best program for those who want to cite and track each source. Seen as the program for 'serious genealogists', it comes in either *DOS*, or by the time you read this article, in *Windows*. This program does not produce as pretty charts as other programs, yet it does have other features that make it quite the 'workhorse' of genealogy programs. TMG allows you to make 'to do' lists, or 'project lists'. Surety factors for conflicting data and sources is a feature this program has, that no other does. This is one of the more expensive programs, but you get what you pay for.

Personal Ancestral File™ or 'PAF'

This is possibly the program that really got computerized genealogy going; by far the **BEST BUY** for your dollar. This program does all the basics well, yet is really showing its age. This is a *DOS* program. If you have an older computer that can't run *Windows*, this would be the program for you. There are numerous 'add-on' programs that assist PAF to be more versatile and user-friendly. Of these programs, **Paf*Mate™** and **Hot Notes™** are the better ones to try. **Paf*Mate™** is a *Windows* companion program that produces quality charts and reports, such as fan charts and other large wall charts. **Hot Notes™** is a program that assists in citing your references. It helps you from re-typing in the same information for numerous individuals. Places and sources can be copied to numerous individuals, to make sure your records are entered with consistency. Included is a guide as how to properly cite your sources. As you enter your sources a file is created, that is virtually a bibliography of your various sources.

Ancestral Quest™ This may be the best choice for those on a budget who have an aging computer and like the look and feel of PAF. This will be the program that is the closest to PAF under the *Windows* environment. Not many improvements

over the PAF program here, but a lot less fussing about if you do not like *DOS*.

Next issue, I'll review **Brother's Keeper™** and **Family Origins for Windows™**, as well as **Reunion™** for Macintosh.

WEB SITES Worth Surfing:

Not many web sites have databases in which you can search for names. That is changing rapidly. Here is a list of some of the sites that allow you to do searches:

• **Books of Remembrance** The books held at Parliament Hill listing Canada and Newfoundland's war dead :
<http://www.Schoolnet2.Carleton.ca/books/remember.html>

• **Index of Heads of Householders, 1871 Ontario Census**
<http://www.Archives.ca/db/1871/introduction.html>

• **Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid** A listing of those resting in Ontario cemeteries (a partial listing, but an ongoing project):
Islandnet.com/ocfa/homepage.html

Next issue: more web sites that assist you in your quest for finding more records.■

NOTICE re:

Relatively Speaking, May 1996, page 9
Laura Turnbull, AGS # 555

The item called "**Warning!!! Internet Virus**" that appeared in *Relatively Speaking*, May 1996 needs to be corrected. The virus being referred to as "*Good Times*" was determined to be a HOAX as much as a year ago.

If anyone wants to know more about the hoax that was perpetuated with the virus warning mentioned above, he/she can go to the site on the internet that outlines the entire situation. That site is located at: <ftp://usit.net/pub/lesiones/GoodTimes-HoaxFAO.txt>

It is a good idea for people to be warned of the potential of viruses on their computer systems, but there is no evidence that a virus can be spread via e-mail.■

Federation of Family History Societies

Coordinator: Sue Philips, AG& 1660

The FFHS is setting up a **HOME PAGE** on the Internet. This will include information about the Federation, as well as the names and addresses of member societies. The address is:

<http://midas.ao.uk/genuki/>

New editions are in preparation for the booklets, "*Current Publications by Member Societies*" & "*Current Publications by Member Societies on Microfiche*". I have submitted a list of AGS publications for inclusion in both these books.

Registration forms for the British Isles Genealogical Register will be included in this issue of "*Relatively Speaking*". This is a great way to publicize the names you are researching in the British Isles (i.e. England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales) and is very inexpensive as well. The first edition is available on microfiche in the AGS and Edmonton Branch libraries and is well worth checking. Deadline for submissions is 1 November 1996.

New publications received and submitted to AGS Library:

- *The Hearth Tax*, 2nd ed.
- *Basic Facts About Using Marriage Records for Family Historians*
- *Lancashire: A Genealogical Bibliography*, Vol 2 & 3
- *Marriage, Census & Other Indexes*, 6th Ed.
- *English Genealogy: A Bibliography*
- *Record Offices: How to Find Them*, 7th ed.
- *The Surnames of Wales*

SPECIAL LECTURES :

British Isles and Eastern European Research

Noted genealogist and speaker, **Dr. Colin Chapman**, will be in Edmonton on Saturday and Sunday, 14 and 15 Sep 1996. He will be giving a half-day lecture on "*Genealogical Research in Eastern Europe - Sources and Their Present Location*" on Saturday from 1:30 - 4:30pm at the

AGS Library at the Prince of Wales Armouries, and a full day session on British research on Sunday from 9am - noon and 1:30 - 4:30pm. Topics for the British sessions will include: "*Tracing Your British Ancestors - English, Welsh, Scottish, Irish, Manx, Channel Islanders*" in the morning, and "*St. Catherine's House Inside Out - Civil Registration History and Pitfalls*" and "*Marriage Laws, Rites and Customs - Was Your Ancestor Really Married?*" in the afternoon.

Dr. Chapman is a founder of the Federation of Family History Societies and the inventor of the *Chapman County Codes*, the system of abbreviations for British counties. He began research into his family history at age six after finding a family Bible. He has written several books on various aspects of research including education records, ecclesiastical courts, census, etc., the latest of which is "*How Heavy, How Much & How Long? Weights, Money & Other Measures Used by Our Ancestors*". He is extremely knowledgeable on all his many topics and is a very entertaining speaker.

Cost for each half-day session is \$10 per person. On Sunday a buffet lunch will be served. Cost for lunch is \$6.50 per person. **Registration is LIMITED. Please REGISTER IN ADVANCE** by contacting **SUE PHILIPS** at 430-6779 in Edmonton. Please specify which sessions you wish to attend and if lunch is required for the Sunday session. Deadline for registration is 6 September.

Editor's note: We were sorry to learn of the recent death of Colin Chapman's father, Don Chapman. ■

Stolen But NOT Forgotten

by Bunny Hackler, AG& □2925

In the early hours of 16 June 1996, a tragedy struck when a fully-packed rental U-Haul (5' by 8') trailer was stolen from in front of our home in Lendrum district in Edmonton, Alberta. Following all advice about moving, the fragile and precious items were to be transported by us, not a commercial move, to our new home in Victoria, B.C.

Along with Inuit carvings, wooden carvings, tools for my silver jewelry-making, 45 boxes of pottery that I had created, 15 Stor-All 12" by 15" banker's boxes with **ALL** of my **Genealogical**

Records, certificates, books, maps, and family photos were stolen. Needless to say, the irreplaceable photos of great-grandmother, Ann (nee EGGS) WYKES, (Mrs. John WYKES) and 100 year-old artifacts from great-uncle George WORTNER were included!!

I may still be crying on the inside, but I am trying to smile on the outside because I have only now emotionally picked myself up, dusted myself off, and, with your much needed and greatly appreciated help, I will start all over again! (My project in Victoria was to put all of my information into a computer program.)

Special thanks to Pat Pettitt, Pat Woodman and Helen McArthur for helping me to start this recovery.

Some of my research names are:

WYKES, Elijah, stonecutter, b Mountsorrell, LEI, ENG, 1850's
 WYKES, Isabella, BUTTERS (ROBINSON), wife of Elijah, b&m Dalbeattie, KKD, SCT
 WYKES, John, b Mountsorrell, LEI, ENG
 WYKES, John, Dalbeattie, KKD, SCT
 WYKES, Ernest, ENG, d MA, USA
 WYKES, Amos, ENG, d NH, USA
 WYKES, Ada Ellen b Port Nant, WLS d Gloucester, MA, USA
 WYKES, Ethel, ENG, d Gloucester, MA, USA
 WYKES, Jessie, ENG, d Gloucester, MA, USA
 WYKES, Thomas and wife Rebecca, b & m ENG d Gloucester, MA, USA
 WYKES, Elijah Jr., b Dalbeattie, KKD, SCT d Beverly? MA, USA
 WYKES, Ann (EGGS), b ENG d Gloucester, MA, USA
 ANDERSON, Clara (WYKES), b ENG., d MA, USA
 CLARK, Nella (WYKES), b & d MA, USA
 WEIRRA, Grace Ora (WYKES), b MA, USA d OK, USA
 WISHMAN, Lucy (WYKES) b SAL, ENG d MA, USA
 WISHMAN, Herbert, husband of Lucy (WYKES) d MA, USA
 ROBINSON, William, Dalbeattie, KKD, SCT
 ROBINSON, Jessie (BUTTERS), " "
 ROBINSON, Thomas " "
 ROBINSON, Mary " "
 ROBINSON, Jane, Dalbeattie, " "
 m to Robert WILLIAMS, WLS
 ROBINSON, William Routledge, stonecutter b Dalbeattie, KKD, SCT lived in Westerly, RI, USA

BUTTERS, Jessie (HANNAH)
 BUTTERS, David, Cleveland, ENG
 HANNAH, James? or John? Angus? SCT
 ...connection to 2nd bridge over the Firth of Tay

HACKLER, J. Fred, TN, CA, USA
 HACKLER, Helen (ASHTON) wife of Fred, d CA, USA
 HAMILTON, Harlin, TN, USA
 WORTNER, George ? KY, USA
 CORN, Amanda (WORTNER) KY, IN, USA
 CORN, Rev. Isaac S., IN, IL, USA, d IL., USA
 CORN, Rev. Archibald, wife Jewell, IL, TX, USA
 CORN, Lesley, IN, USA
 CORN, Dollie, teacher, IN, d Walla Walla, WA, USA
 MACLEAN, Maggie (CORN) ? IN, USA
 FRAKER, Alena, d. Medford, OR, USA
 FRAKER, William and wife Lois, ?OH, USA
 FRAKER, Chester and wives, 1)Blanche; 2) Neva, Medford, OR, USA

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The Obituary Daily Times
 by Laura Turnbull, AC& ☐555

"*The Obituary Daily Times*" is a project that was started on the Internet last fall. The founder of this project is Denis-John Savard from Dieppe, New Brunswick (e-mail at djsavard@nbnet.nb.ca). Denis had the idea that there was a lot of genealogical information in obituaries that would be desired by others but they had no way of knowing about it and, even if they did, they would have difficulty in obtaining the information easily.

The concept behind the project is that if people in their home communities would extract obituary information from their local newspaper and send it to a central location, that information could then be circulated amongst a list of subscribers (mainly contributors) via e-mail to further their own genealogical research. Thus began "*The Obituary Daily Times*".

The mailing list that developed is intended mostly (not only) for family historians, researchers and compilers to have access to obituaries from around the world on a regular basis.

In order to be a contributor to the "*The Obituary Daily Times*", you agree to a few very simple tasks:

- a) submitting an index of your local paper's obituaries (following the guidelines outlined) on a regular basis
- b) occasionally answering a query for more information on an obituary that you have indexed
- c) sending a carbon copy to the editor when answering a query so it can be added in the databank, for future links on a web page.

In return for indexing the obituaries from your local newspaper, you have access to obituary information from all the other newspapers being indexed.

Since its inception, "*The Obituary Daily Times*" has grown so that it now includes over 300 newspapers. These newspapers are from 41 of the 50 states in the United States, 9 of the 12 provinces and territories in Canada, and certain newspapers in Sweden, England, Germany, New Zealand and Australia.

In Alberta, three newspapers are currently being included in the obituary index. They are the *Edmonton Journal*, the *Calgary Herald*, and the *Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune*.

If readers are interested in becoming involved with this project and would like to extract the obituaries from their home newspaper, simply **send an e-mail message to Gen-Obit at:**

Gen-obit@mail.eworld.com

You will then be advised on how you can get started and also on whether or not the paper you are proposing is already being indexed.

For those individuals who would like to receive the indexes but are not able to participate in the indexing process, you can subscribe by sending a message to:

LISTSERV@mail.eworld.com

with no subject, and in the body the message:
SUBSCRIBE GEN-OBIT first_name last_name

By subscribing but not participating in the indexing, you would receive the listings, but would not be able to contact the contributor to obtain a copy of the obituary.■

Disaster-Proofing Your Genealogy

Irene Martin, Skamokawa, WA

Lynn stood knee deep in water looking through the front door of her house. On the floor inside she could see the boxes of eight years of research into her family tree. Water still lapped gently at them, and a thick coating of silt had turned the files and papers a muddy brown color. She had been storing the boxes on the living room floor, as she was preparing to move shortly. The day the flood occurred, she was forty miles away working on her new home. The boxes of papers were to be the last items to be moved. Now it looked as if they were gone forever.

*Damage to precious
personal memorabilia
can be avoided or minimized
by following basic procedures
to safeguard collections.*

Does this story sound far-fetched? It isn't. I know Lynn, and I know several other people who could tell similar tales of damage to precious personal memorabilia after flooding or other natural and man-made disasters. I have seen a collection ruined by being placed in a storeroom that also contained a hot water heater that leaked. I have seen containers representing a century of a family's photographs ruined by water that leaked through a roof damaged in a hurricane. The saddest part of these stories is that such damage can be avoided or minimized by following some basic procedures to safeguard collections.

Lynn's first mistake was in storing her materials on the floor, making them vulnerable to water damage. In addition, the materials were near the baseboard heaters, which had not been turned off while she was gone. When she arrived home, it was impossible for her to rescue her boxes, because of the danger of electrical shock from heaters submerged in water. In addition, the heat encouraged the growth of mold as the waters subsided, and caused the mud to cake on the photographs.

There are ways to avoid such problems, however. Materials should never be kept in attics, basements or storage areas where they are vulnerable to water or fire damage. Aside from the obvious hazards, these are seldom optimum areas for storage in any case, as they generally have extreme fluctuations in temperature and humidity. Storing materials in the upper drawers of file cabinets is an alternative, with the safest being a fireproof cabinet. However, such storage is expensive. An alternative is to have copies of materials in an off-site location. For example, duplicate floppy disks can be stored in a bank safety deposit box, or with a relative or friend, preferably in a different location. Similarly, negatives of irreplaceable photographs can be made and stored off-site. A copy of a family history could be made and given to the local library or archives, enhancing their collections and providing a reference copy in case of damage to the original.

An alternative safeguard is to have copies of materials stored in an off-site location.

If you do have damage, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers the following advice:

Documents, books, photographs and works of art on papers may be extremely fragile when wet; use caution when handling. Free the edges of prints and paper objects in mats and frames, if possible. These should be allowed to air dry. Rinse mud off wet photographs with clear water, but do not touch surfaces. Sodden books and papers should also be air dried or may be kept in a refrigerator or freezer until they can be treated by a professional conservator.

WARNING:
If you think a flood or other natural disaster cannot happen to you, THINK AGAIN!

To obtain the services of a professional conservator, the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, 1717 K Street, N.W., Suite 301, Washington, DC 10006, offers a free referral service. Telephone: (202) 452-9545. A final warning: If you think that a flood or other natural disaster cannot happen to you, think again. The

recent flooding in southwest Washington State is being characterized as a 500-year flood, one that had no counterpart in living memory. **Protect the work of years: Disaster-proof your genealogy.** (Found in *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, May/June 1996, p10)■

Checking the Averages

author unknown

If your research in the pioneering period (before 1850) has 'dead-ended', it is time for creative thinking. Use these trends to help you analyze your problems:

There are approximately three generations per century.

Average age for men to marry was 24; they rarely married before age 20. The average age for women to marry was 20; they rarely married before age 16.

First marriages were usually between couples near the same age. Women generally outlived their husbands, but old widowers frequently married much younger women who had never married before. (Remember those old Revolutionary War soldiers! The last widow died after 1900.)

Births generally occurred at two-year intervals. Frequently, the first child was born a year after marriage. As a woman aged, the interval between births grew slightly. Child bearing generally ended around age 45.

Families and neighbors generally migrated together. Women rarely travelled alone.

Men usually married women from their neighborhood, but if a seemingly "strange" woman turned up, check the man's former home. Often men returned to their former residence to find a wife.

If you cannot find an old parent, chances are he "went west" with a son.

If you have a male ancestor born ca 1840, strongly consider Civil War service.

Studies show that after 1850, Ohio pioneers frequently moved to counties in other states on the same latitude as their home county in Ohio.

If your ancestor has a virtue name (e.g., Patience, Silence), consider a New England heritage.

Children were often named for grandparents, both male and female.

Frequently a middle name or even first name was the mother's or the grandmother's maiden name, especially if the name was repeated through several related families.

(from *Nuggets from Paradise*, Vol. 7 No 11, July 1992) ■

Old Occupations: Flint-knapping

author unknown

It comes as no surprise that boat-building is one of the oldest crafts, the principles of design used since the time of the Vikings not having changed. But the oldest craft/occupation in the world is flint-knapping. Until the first half of the twentieth century, flint-knapping was still carried on in the village of Brandon near Thetford. It is said that the chipping of flints has been carried on in the district (Suffolk/Norfolk border) since the days of pre-history - many thousands of years B.C.

Until the 1920s the craft was carried on by one family, the sole survivor of a vast primitive industry that was once spread across the world. In the dying days of the industry, the chipping of flints was confined solely to the making of striking flints for flint-lock guns and rifles. Norfolk and Suffolk have been famous for the quality of their flints since the dawn of time, and there is plenty of evidence of the antiquity of the flint trade in this area. The various prehistoric flint mines, particularly those known as the 'Devil's Dyke', not far from Brandon, throw an interesting light on this most ancient of crafts. These mines are situated in a field and are shafts about twenty or thirty feet deep, spread at even intervals, with tunnels connecting them together at the flint-bearing level. There is plain evidence that the mines were strongly defended with earthworks and ditches, and were obviously places of great strategic and commercial value. In the fields grow tansy flowers and it is difficult to imagine the bustle and the turmoil, the plottings and the bloody encounters which this spot must have witnessed in the days when people's very existence depended upon flints and the craftsmen who worked them. (Article found in *The Genealogist* March 1996 edition, *Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc.*)■

Light on the Subject

by Elspeth Moncrieff

The History:

Candles were burnt in such huge quantities during the 18th century that two footmen at the court of Queen Anne, Messrs Fortnum and Mason, were able to leave service and set up their grocery business on the income they received from the sale of candle ends. Unlike on the Continent, the oil lamp never caught on in England and until the advent of gas in the mid-19th century, the majority of houses were lit almost exclusively by candlelight.

Dozens and dozens of candlesticks, chandeliers and wall sconces were needed to light the great public rooms and organizing the lighting in a large country house was a major undertaking. Several servants would have been responsible for the cleaning and trimming of a battery of candlesticks which took place in a special room known as the lamp room.

The bedrooms were the responsibility of the housemaids, while the grand silver fittings of the dining room would have come under the butler. Wax candles were among the most expensive of household objects and were carefully counted; they would never have been issued to servants who had to make do with the evil-smelling tallow variety. If you were careless enough to extinguish your candle prematurely once the servants were in bed, you faced a hazardous, dark journey to the kitchen to find a burning coal or tinder box as candles were far too valuable to leave burning in the corridors.

Candlesticks came in an enormous variety of materials. While porcelain or creamware were considered adequate for the bedrooms and brass or tin for the servants' quarters, nothing but gleaming silver would serve in the grand reception rooms. As well as indicating wealth and status, silver was enormously practical. It was hard wearing and reflected the light of the flickering candle flame, magnifying its brilliance several times. Chandeliers hung from the centre of the room and wall sconces would have been provided as candlesticks were needed for additional lighting and for activities such as reading, writing or sewing.

The grandest and most elaborate sets were made to place on the dining-room table, already resplendently loaded with its silver dinner service.

Even today no dinner party is complete without the soft, romantic flicker of candlelight. Toilet services include a small pair of candlesticks for the dressing table. Smaller pairs, known as dwarf candlesticks, with almost no stem, were made for desks. Bedroom candlesticks often had a snuffer attached for extinguishing the candle before going to sleep. (Article appeared in *The Genealogist* March 1996 edition; Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc.) ■

Why Read the *Everton's Genealogical Helper*?

Claudine Nelson, AGS 2592

A new source was recently discovered in *New York Times*, 21 September 1995 and submitted by R.E. Mooney : "*An Unexpected Treasure, Bank Books Shed Light On Irish Refugees.*"

The Emigrant Bank opened for business September 1850. Thousands of Irish famine emigrants were encouraged to put their money in the Bank - they were easy prey 'for gougers and exploiters of cheap labour'. It was also a way for them to send money 'home'.

An archivist was asked to look at the headings held in the bank basement after they were given to the New York Public Library. "*She found personal documentation in 'incredible detail' and grist for 'some ground-breaking scholarship'.*" The information on one emigrant from County Galway stated who his parents were, the fact that they were dead, that a sister was in New York and another in Ireland.

These ledgers and contents are now available for public inspection.

For a more complete account of the article: See *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, May/June 1996, page 152. It is the first article under "*Here and There.*" ■

Branch Bits

Brooks & District

No Submission received.

Drayton Valley

Our branch has recessed for the summer although it is hoped that everyone will continue their research over the summer. We are hoping to get the Riverview Cemetery recorded and the old cemetery finished over the summer. **Ten years' worth of obituaries from the "Western Review"** has been donated and we are in the process of getting them put on index cards and filed. The local historical society is in the process of compiling a history book of the area. It will be three years in the making and we look forward to it. A beginners' class is being arranged for the fall and our meetings will resume September 19.

A lot of my research so far has consisted of viewing reels upon reels of microfilm of past census returns. I have found them to be of immense help and when I am lucky the agricultural schedules are included and the information from them has helped put some flesh on the bones of my information. One line I am investigating has been notorious for not quite telling the truth in their responses.

Of course, this year was census year and as I filled mine out I could not help but think of someday my descendants looking through the 1996 census in search of me. As such, in the comments section, I left them a message, just in case. Being a farmer, I had to fill out the agriculture census with its questions that were somewhat nosy. As I filled it out I thought of my one line of long dead ancestors and their attitude toward the census. I couldn't help it, it must be hereditary, it was their fault I did what I did.

Colleen Andersen, President AGS #2691

Fort McMurray

No submission received.

Grande Prairie & District

This summer has been busy for those involved in the cemetery recording project undertaken by the branch. Numerous hours are being devoted by many members of the branch to complete the recording of the City of Grande Prairie Cemetery. Our present estimate is that there are about 4000 burials to be recorded. The old section has been recorded (2500 headstones and many unmarked graves) and work is continuing on recording the new section as well as extracting the information from the index in City Hall. Burials in this cemetery started in 1917 and continue to the present. When completed, the information will be sent to the provincial cemetery committee and hopefully the publication of the cemetery recording will be completed within the next year.

By the time you read this, Grande Prairie and District Branch members will be preparing for a busy fall season of genealogy.

Our first meeting is on September 17 at 7pm at the Grande Prairie Public Library. We look forward to seeing all our members come out to share their experiences from the summer.

In October, we will be busy with a number of activities. Our regular meeting is set for October 15, 1996. For this meeting, we will have Barbara Roth from Edmonton demonstrating how to make "Creative Memories" photo albums. Barbara will also be holding a hands-on workshop through the Grande Prairie Public Library on Wednesday, October 16. In the workshop, participants can learn how to organize photos, how to maximize the longevity of photos, and how to document personal stories.

We will have the opportunity to attend a genealogical conference organized by the LDS Family History Centre in Grande Prairie on October 18 and 19. The theme of the conference is "Digging for Ancestors". This conference is organized with a total of 16 workshops and a main session. It will run Friday evening and all day Saturday. The cost is \$20.00 and you can obtain registration forms from: Family History Conference, 9524 - 119 Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4P8.

Check out our home page on the Internet for up-to-date listings of our various activities. You will find information on our home page about meetings, memberships, *Genies in the Library*, our obituary file, cemetery recordings, our quarterly publication

Heritage Seekers, the library collection, the 1891 and 1901 Canadian census films available in Grande Prairie, our "Researchers' Group" and also various research trips and workshops held in our area. Check out our home page at: <http://www.terranel.ab.ca/~TurnBL/GPBranch.html>

Laura Turnbull, President AGS #555

Lethbridge & District

The big news as far as our Branch is concerned is the appearance of our Web page. Our page is linked to the AGS Home Page at:

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

We were online in time for the Alberta Genealogical Society Conference held 26 and 27 April 1996. Owen has done a great job. Our Home Page is located at:

<http://leth.sas.ab.ca/~owen/Ag sleth/agsleth.html>
Listings include archives, Family History Centres, libraries, newspapers, museums, link to Canadian resources and link to AGS Home Page.

(Excerpt from Lethbridge Branch Newsletter, *The Bulletin*, May 1996, p2.)

Medicine Hat & District

Our meeting for June was held at the Medicine Hat Public Library and Marlene Balsam gave us a tour of the facilities and what was available for researching. I gave a quick rundown of the Ontario Vital Statistics and how they work. We then had our general meeting followed by a social. We had 25 members present.

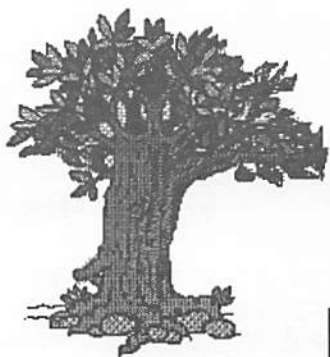
We plan to have our library opened every Thursday during July and August from 1-4pm for our members' use only. Over the summer, we also hope to do a few cemeteries that need to be done. This was our last meeting until September.

I wish everyone a great summer and best of luck on your research . . . maybe everyone will come back in September and tell us all the great stuff they found !!!

Betty Padfield, President AGS #1542

Red Deer & District

No submission received.



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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 Armouries - Governor's Room, 10440 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton. Time: 7pm (for 7:30) until about 10pm.

Thursday, 26 September 1996 - General Meeting

- Ron Boehm, author of "*Spirit of Edmonton*"
"Important people and places in Edmonton"
- Barbara Dacks, Editor of "*Legacy Magazine*"

Thursday, 24 October 1996 - General Meeting

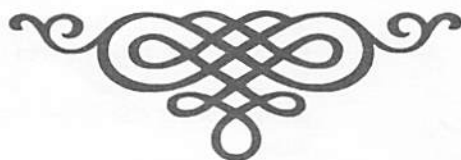
- Marion Rex, AGS #3341
"Start With What You Know"

Thursday, 28 November 1996 - General Meeting

- To be announced

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President's Message

Florence M. Woodward

While Edmonton Branch finished general meetings in June with a program featuring members' research with helpful hints and anecdotes, committee meetings and library activities are in full swing. With the two girls from *Seed* program and the library opening hours expanded to include evening openings, the library is a hive of activity. Colette and Melanie, our two summer workers, are accomplishing much in a short time that we as regular volunteers cannot. They have put the AGS holdings on computer as well as the Denney books, the *Big-R* fiche, and are now working on the very time-consuming 1901 census, along with Ian Holmes and his crew of proof readers. Lillian Wight has completed organizing and labelling the map collection so it is now easily accessible.

The cemetery committee is active on two fronts -- rural with recordings in Mundare and Chipman among others, and urban with recordings of the Edmonton Cemetery, the only cemetery on the continent (or perhaps the world) with a major roadway running through it. Lucille Horne has planned future trips out in the country, weather permitting. Her number is 998-9748. She needs your help and you will have an enjoyable day out in the country. I have been involved in both city and rural outings and found them to be challenging and good fellowship. I was even allowed to stop in Mundare for their famous sausage!

The by-laws committee, chaired by Jean Madill, is meeting regularly, and plans to have its project ready for your executive and the general meeting in September.

Tom Trace has been working diligently to get our new postal box in place, and by the time you read this, we will have it installed in our new location.

We have been involved in some outreach this year, with displays at Leduc, at *Vitalize '96, Klondike Days*, and look forward to the *Edmonton Self Starters* day at Meadowlark Mall on September 27 from 10am - 9pm. Contact me if you can man the display for an hour or two that Friday (483-5940).

Our fund raiser, Anne Burns-Richardson, has moved to British Columbia so we are again looking for someone for this position. We also need an editor for *Clandigger* who will work closely with Lillian Wight, who is now editor of *Relatively Speaking*. We also need your stories, anecdotes, and contributions for our wonderful magazine to make our editors' jobs easier.

I hope your summer has been a good one, and I look forward to working with the executive at our next meeting on September 12, and to seeing all of you at our general meeting on September 26 at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre in the Governor's Room. ■

Library News

by Susan McKeen

Hi, everybody! Summer is almost over and everyone is once more getting ready for a busy fall of genealogy. We have some new library hours, thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

The library will be OPEN as follows:

Tues, Wed and Thurs: 10am - 3pm

Wednesday evenings for 1996: 7 - 9pm

August 21, September 11 and 25,

October 9 and 23, November 13 and 27

Saturday mornings for 1996: 9am - noon

September 21, October 19, November 23

On Monday, September 23, we have a meeting scheduled at 7pm in the library for everybody who works (or wants to work) in the library. New volunteers are always welcome! Working in the library is a really good way to get to know others in the society and to learn new genealogical skills. It's also truly amazing how many people you meet who are working in the same area as you are, or who know the same distant people as you do. It's also a lot of FUN!

I would especially like to thank everybody who has donated books or materials to the library. The Donations Committee met on July 19 to go through seven boxes of material. Donations of genealogical material are simply wonderful! We, as a society, have a limited budget for purchases for the library and, as you know, the good stuff is not cheap, plus we don't always know about all the books that are available. Your kind donations are always gratefully appreciated!

We have a Wish List at the desk for people to sign. This way, the Purchasing Committee knows what you, as a member, want to see in the Library. After all, it is YOUR Library. Also, a sheet put in the Library file or simply given to the staff listing what you want -- your name and phone number also helps -- will do the same thing.

Well, that's about all for now.

Susan ■

Vignettes of History

Alberta Names

by Aphrodite Karamitsanis

The name for Dogpound, about 25km southwest of Carstairs, was first used in 1883 by a surveyor named Fawcett.

The Post Office opened in 1900.

The Cree Indian name, Mizekampehpocahan, means "*wolf caught in Buffalo Pond*".

Joseph Burr Tyrell, a geologist and historian on the staff of the Geological Survey of Canada from 1881 until 1898, suggested the Cree name, Ko-ma-tas-ta-moin, meaning "*stolen horse*" (or dog) creek as another interpretation.

The Stony Indian name, So-mun-ib-wapta, which translates, "*Edge Creek*", is yet another possibility. The Palliser expedition map of 1865 shows this particular feature as "*edge creek*".

Of these several versions of this name's origin, perhaps the most likely is the derivation from the translation given by the Cree. It refers to the dogs pounding on the creek as the Indian braves return to winter camp after hunting.

During the winter, it is said that some tribes settled along the banks of the creek, as it provided a roadway to the game area.

Article appeared in *The Edmonton Journal*, Sunday, 21 Aug 1988. ■

History Comes Alive

by Florence Woodward, AGS #2448

One of the neat things about genealogy is that it continually expands one's horizons. My roots go back to early Quebec, with many of my ancestors having come to the New World in the early 1600s and 1700s. Three items have come into my hands recently which made this time period come alive for me. One is a book, "*The Unredeemed Captive*," written by John Demos, a historian who was trained at Harvard, Oxford, and Berkeley. It is the story of an eminent Puritan minister, his

daughter Eunice, and the rest of the family, who were captured in Deerfield, Massachusetts in February 1704. They, along with many others, were taken by the French and Indians to a fort near Montreal. Eunice, who was just seven years old when she was captured, never returned. Her father, who had been released, worked with other officials of Massachusetts to try to bring her back to Deerfield so she could be redeemed and saved from her French-speaking Catholic captors. Eunice was always just out of reach, and finally it was learned that she was not being held against her wishes, but she had forgotten English, had married a Mohawk man, and could not be persuaded to return.

An article I found in the *Edmonton Journal* in 1994 tells of an Old Canadian Road which carried Yankee traders and French Canadian migrants. This highway was 177 years old and was used by American herdsmen who drove their livestock north toward the Canadian frontier and to market in Quebec, and more importantly by Canadians who were fleeing from crop failures, cholera epidemics and job shortages. This route was the first significant immigration of French-Canadians to Maine in the United States. This road dates back to 1817, three years before Maine became a state. Massachusetts had jurisdiction over this territory and ordered a road to Quebec which was a major market for livestock, crops and fish. Traffic was heavier going northward until the 1830s, when the Irish potato famine sent a huge wave of immigrants to Quebec. Cholera carried by the immigrants set off an epidemic, and fears of the disease, along with poor crops and no jobs spurred Canadians to travel to Maine, where major building projects were underway in the new capital, Augusta. The legislature, fearing the cholera would spread there, tried to call out the militia to keep the refugees out, but were unsuccessful. In 1853 the Portland to Montreal railway took away the Old Canadian Road traffic and brought most of the thousands who came to Maine to work in mills and factories. By 1900, about one-third of Quebec's one million population had settled in Maine.

A more recent article in the *Edmonton Journal* tells of an invader's ship that was sunk in Baie Trinité on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, probably in the 1690 invasion attempt of Sir William Phips and 2000 militiamen from Massachusetts. This ship was discovered in 1994 after a huge storm washed away the sand which had covered it for three centuries. The ship was wooden and carried many swords and muskets. Apparently, Sir William Phips was a shipbuilder, a part-time general, and an opportunist who made his money by salvaging a wrecked Spanish galleon in the Caribbean. In 1690, when France and England were fighting for control of the New World, he led an attack on Port Royal, and for some reason decided to attack Quebec City and capture new France, according to Grenier, chief of underwater archaeology for Parks Canada. They had a fleet of 30 to 40 ships but, because of the weather and other delays, it took two months to reach Quebec, which gave Frontenac time to

prepare Quebec City and to bring more soldiers from Montreal. We know from history that the New Englanders were defeated. Not only that, but they had borrowed the money to pay for the fleet and the loss nearly bankrupted Massachusetts. More ships were lost on the way home but there are no records of the location of wrecks. Hopefully in the near future our governments will be able to do excavations and remove artifacts from the shipwreck. As Muriel Jones always says, *"This will put meat on the bones"*. ■

Heraldry and Genealogy

by Florence Woodward AGS #2448



Heraldry, a medieval system of personal recognition, is still a lively tradition throughout the world today. Our country is hosting the 22nd International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences in Ottawa, August 18-24. This is a first because this Congress has never been held outside of Europe since its founding in 1929.

During the Crusades, knights decorated their shields and arms with personal symbols to identify (herald) themselves, their families and followers. By the 16th century, arms were granted only by a sovereign. As colonists, Canadians had to apply for new arms, first from France's sovereign, and later from England's sovereign. As Canada developed into a nation, it developed its own heraldic symbols--the maple leaf, the beaver--and placed them on flags, uniforms and military heraldry.

Canada is celebrating the Congress by issuing a heraldic stamp which contains distinctly Canadian symbols--a schooner, the maple leaf, the fleur-de-lys, aboriginal art-set against mountains, wheat fields, oceans and forests. These symbols tell us who we are, where we have been, and where we are going. Heraldry is an important part of genealogy and can help us fill in some of the blanks in our stories. ■

'Cities of the Dead'

by Claudine Nelson, AGS #2592

New Orleans' cemeteries are a must on the city tours. Visitors are discouraged from wandering in these intriguing cemeteries alone because 'undesirables' have attacked and robbed the unwary. I wish that we had more time to wander among these 'cities of the dead' as they appear so interesting -

large almost garish tombs next to a simple vault, new next to very, very old.

The traditional method of 'laying the dead to rest' by burying below ground proved to be unsatisfactory in a city that is close to sea level, undignified when bodies floated to the surface soon after burial and also a potential health risk back in the 1700s. Therefore it was decided to bury the dead in the manner of the Spanish, in above-ground vaults which were first erected in 1788 in St. Louis Cemetery #1. There are at least eight of these cemeteries in present New Orleans area. Most of the present day burials still take place in these 'vaults' although a below-ground burial is possible due to modern technology.

Fortunately the guide on a walking tour of the 'Garden district', who took us into the LaFayette Cemetery #1, was willing to answer the many questions.

A tomb is a concrete vault with usually space to hold two caskets, a shelf between upper and lower, and a crypt at the very bottom to eventually hold the bones. A body must be interred and sealed in the vault for one year and one day before the vault may be opened for a new interment. Because of the intense heat that builds up inside the vault, acting similar to a cremation, there is usually not much remaining. The remains of the burial casket are removed from the vault and the 'bones' are pushed down through a hold into the crypt at the bottom. In this way the crypt can be used for many generations.

If someone within the family dies during the period of a year and a day, they are interred in attached vaults which surround the cemetery and look like a concrete fence filled with drawers which face inwards. (The cemeteries are locked at night.)

There are many old vaults; some of the inscriptions are difficult to read due to the weather while others have been restored either by the family or by a non-profit group, 'Save Our Cemeteries', who conduct tours through this cemetery.

The vaults can be owned by an individual family, families or by an organization (eg: Pipefitters' Union). A vault can be sold and, if agreed, the 'remains' can be left in place with the

previous names placed on the side of the vault; or the 'remains' can be removed and interred in one of the 'drawers' in the fence and the information would then be inscribed on the front of the drawer. They are usually sold to raise money - frequently a down-payment for a house!

P.S. I did not find any of my kin lurking about; need to go back for a longer time!■

For Your Information: Passenger Lists at the National Archives of Canada

contributed by Tom Trace, AGS #1663

The National Archives of Canada holds microfilm copies of the manifests of ships arriving at the three main eastern ports of entry: Quebec City, 1865-1919, Halifax, 1881-1919, and Saint John, NB, 1900-1918. These manifests contain much genealogical information such as name, age, occupation and intended destination of passengers. However, the lists are arranged by port and date of arrival; they are not indexed. In order to undertake a meaningful search, it is necessary to know the exact month, year and port. The name of the ship and the last port of sailing are also helpful. Passengers from mainland Europe often boarded transatlantic ships at ports in Great Britain.

A nominal index to these manifests has been completed for the period 1865-1869 (reels T-13367 to T-13391).

It should be noted that some names were missed when this index was compiled. Should you, therefore, wish to attempt a search of our passenger lists for a record of the arrival of your ancestor, microfilm copies are available at the Provincial Archives of Alberta, 12845-102 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5N 0M6.

Unfortunately, there are no indexes for the 1891 or 1901 census returns.

For most provinces, the census returns of 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1901 are nominal, listing each person individually, with details as to age, sex, country or province of birth, religion, racial origin, occupation, marital status and education. The 1901 returns also include date of birth, year of immigration, and address or location of land. For 1851, 1861 and 1871, there are some agricultural returns, which give lot and concession numbers of the farm, and provide considerable detail such as acreage, livestock and agricultural products.

In order to undertake a search of our census records, the researcher must know the approximate locality, as the arrangement of these returns is by township within each county. Small towns and villages were enumerated within their respective townships; larger towns and cities are listed separately. In the case of cities, particularly the larger centres,

it is very helpful to know the ward in which the person lived.

The persons listed below have indicated that they are willing to undertake searches in the holdings of the National Archives for a fee. While the Archives does not vouch for the quality of their work, they believe these people to be competent to search the sources most frequently used for research purposes. Inquiries concerning services and charges should be addressed directly to the researcher of your choice:

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**The microfilm shelf-list
covering arrivals at Quebec for the
period 1865-1873 follows. . .**

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C-4530	1878 Jul 6	1880 Nov 14
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T-486	1905 Oct 7	1906 May 28
T-487	1906 Jun 1	1906 Aug 6
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East European Interest Group

The next meeting of the East European Research Group will be held on Wednesday, 4 September 1996 at 7:30pm in the AGS Library. Dr. Frances Swyripa will be our guest speaker. A display of East European books and newsletters available from the AGS Library will be set up for the meeting.

We are currently compiling a list of East European genealogical resources. This information will be placed in a binder in the AGS Library.

For further information, please call Anne Luciuk at 489-2648. ■

England & Wales Research Interest Group

DO NOT MISS the EXCITING MONTH of SEPTEMBER!! We have a special guest booked for Thursday, 5 September, 7pm at the Prince of Wales Armouries - Dr. Walter C. Meyer, A.G., will speak on *"Getting the Most Out of Your Computer"*.

Further reference to lectures by Dr. Colin Chapman to be given Saturday and Sunday, 14 and 15 September 1996, is made in *"Special Lectures"* (listed immediately following The Federation of Family History Societies article by Sue Philips). ■

Irish Research Interest Group

RESEARCHING IN IRELAND?
Let's help each other!

Workshop atmosphere where we learn together to discover the best ways to find our Irish family information.

Monday, 9 September 1996
at #116, Prince of Wales Armouries (AGS Edmonton Branch Library) at 7pm. **Please be prepared to PARTICIPATE!**
Bring along a pedigree chart.

We meet bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month, (unless otherwise informed).

Any questions? Call either Pat Hewitt at 454-4408 or Pat Woodman at 455-2933.

SEE YOU THERE! ■

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YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE
... JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!**



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Jacobite Women

This article by Maggie Craig comes to you with her permission from the Celtic Heritage magazine's website (<http://Fox.nstn.ca/~celtic/index.html>).

Very briefly, after the Revolution of 1688, King James II was exiled to France. Jacobites, named for the Latin 'Jacobus' meaning James, were supporters of the claim that the descendants of King James II (the House of Stuart) were the rightful heirs to the throne of Scotland - not the Hanoverian George I (the rising of 1715) or George II (the rising of 1745). The revolt in 1745 was a rising of the Scottish Jacobite Highland chiefs under "Bonnie Prince Charlie," (Charles Edward Stuart, grandson of King James II). They won several victories in Scotland and England only to be forced back and defeated at the Battle of Culloden in 1746..

Deb Mallett

Jacobite Women

"When I tapped 'Jacobite women' into the computer, it gave me a succinct answer: There were no entries for that particular combination. Not even Flora MacDonald was deemed worthy of reference. With all due respect to that lady, the concentration on her story implies that she was unusual. She was not. Hundreds of women were actively involved in Jacobite Rising of 1745-46." - Maggie Craig

Some were guilty of nothing more than showing mercy to the wounded. In the days and weeks following Culloden, every house and cellar in Inverness was stuffed full of Jacobite prisoners. Anne Leith from Huntley, a widow with a young son, was scathing about those who were so "chicken-hearted" that they were afraid to be seen helping them.

She visited as many as she could, taking food and bandages and badgering her influential relatives to get better conditions for them - "demanding the usage due to prisoners of war." She was arrested at

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Some of the hooped skirts these Jacobite Women may have worn.



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Clan of the Quarter: Hunter



Motto:
Cursum perficio
(I accomplish
the hunt)

On May 2, 1374 at Hunterston in Ayrshire a charter was signed by Robert II confirming a grant of land to William Hunter 'for his faithful service rendered and to be rendered to us in return for a silver penny payable to the Sovereign at Hunterston on the Feast of Pentecost'. To this day the Laird of Hunterston keeps silver pennies in case of a royal visit for the payment of his rent. This William was thought to be the 10th Hunter of Hunterston. Before this there are records of the Latin form of the name 'Venator'.

The family probably came to Scotland early in the 12th century at the invitation of David I when they were given the lands which became known as Hunter's Toun. The Hunters were hereditary keepers of the royal forests of Arran and the Little

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the point of a bayonet, body-searched and interrogated, but she continued with her visits.

John Gray wrote of her in September 1746 from Southwark Jail, thanking her for her care of him. His health was better but the fetters bothered him and he had the toothache...

Anne MacKay from Skye had no influential relatives. She also took succour to the prisoners in Inverness. A plot was hatched by a group of ladies to rescue Robert Nairn, a prisoner in the cellar of Anne's house. She decoyed the sentry, and Robert Nairn escaped. In custody in the guardhouse, Anne was at first offered a bribe of five guineas to tell who else had been involved. When she contemptuously rejected the money she was ordered to be kept on her feet in the guardhouse for three days and three nights and not allowed to sit or lie down. She told her interrogators nothing.

The Stuart cause seems to have had an especial appeal to women. More than one emulated Isabella Lumsden, who told her lover Robert Strange that the engagement was off if he didn't join the Prince. Robert went only to please his beloved, but she did at least save his life afterwards.

Women at that time wore enormously wide hooped petticoats. The fashion became so exaggerated that it affected furniture and even architecture. Inveraray Castle, built in the 1740s, has a staircase on which the banisters bow out at the bottom, specifically designed to allow the wide skirts the space they needed. Men ridiculed the fashion, complaining that it was designed to keep them at a distance, and the Scots Magazine of June 1745 advertised a pamphlet entitled "The enormous abuse of the hooped-petticoat." Robbie Strange had reason to be grateful for the vagaries of the fashion.

Surprised by a platoon of redcoats at the door and with no time to find a hiding place, Bella lifted her hooped petticoats and he dived underneath them. She then sat calmly at her spinning wheel while "the confused soldiery ransacked the house." He survived to marry Bella and became Sir Robert Strange, the famous engraver.

Lady Anne Mackintosh was 22 years old at the time of the '45, married to Aeneas, 22nd Chief of the Mackintoshes. A contemporary observer said that Anne was "head over heels" in love with her husband. Despite this, when Mackintosh decided to throw in his lot with the Hanoverians, Anne raised his clan for the Prince.

She criss-crossed the countryside on horse-back for a fortnight during the raising of the regiment. With a pistol in one hand and a bag of money in the other, and using a mixture of threats and promises, she managed to persuade 200 men to join

up, acquiring the nickname of "Colonel Anne" on the way.

She reviewed the men before they left for the Battle of Falkirk in January 1746. In February she entertained Prince Charles at Moy and it was here that the famous Rout of Moy took place.

The Dowager Lady Mackintosh, a cousin of the Laird of Mackintosh, sent word to Anne that Lord Loudon, just 12 miles away in Inverness, had got wind of the Prince's arrival and was sending a large force to apprehend him.

Anne sent the blacksmith out to see what could be done. Donald Fraser had only four men at his disposal, but managed to foil Loudon's troops into thinking they were up against an army. It was a wild night, thunder and lightning adding to the atmosphere. Donald Fraser took up his position by some stacks of peat and got his four comrades to move in and out of the stacks, calling on imaginary reinforcements to join them.

The ruse worked. The government troops not only retreated, 200 of them deserted, alarming their officers so much that they retreated over the Kessock Ferry to wait in Whig-held Ross and Cromarty for the arrival of Cumberland. Inverness was left wide open and Charlie walked into it without a shot being fired.

The Jacobites sent out various sorties from Inverness. On one of these they defeated Lord Loudon's troops near Dornoch, taking the Laird of Mackintosh prisoner. The Prince released him into Anne's care, saying that he could not be more secure or more honourably treated. When he was brought to his wife, it was reported that she greeted him with "military laconism."

"Your servant, Captain," she said. Her husband was equally polite. "Your servant, Colonel," he replied. After the Rising they lived together apparently happily for the next 24 years until Aeneas died in 1779.

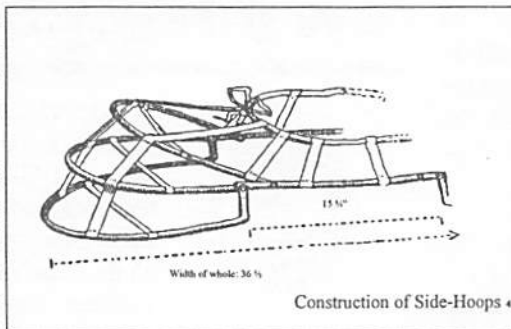
A few days after the battle Anne was arrested. She was struck by one of the

soldiers, but another dragged him off, threatening him with violence, "if he touched that lady." As Miss Farguharson, Anne had once interceded to save him from a flogging.

Another party of dragoons arrived under the command of Sir Everard Fawkener, Cumberland's secretary and an old admirer of Anne's. "Is that Anne Farguharson?" he asked. None the less, he did his duty and arrested her. She was kept prisoner in Inverness for about six weeks but was not badly treated. She was, after all, a lady.

Mere women were not so lucky. John Prebble quotes the story of Lord George Sackville, son of the Duke of Dorset. A

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ragged band of clansmen raided his baggage train as he was making his way through the Highlands in the week after the defeat. Lord George gave vent to his aristocratic temper at the next clachan. The soldiers were instructed to rape every woman there while their menfolk were forced to watch. Then, in their turn, the women were held to watch as their husbands, fathers, brothers and sons were shot and bayoneted by the army's finest. Similar stories abound. Rape was used quite deliberately as a weapon of war, to humiliate the country and its people.

One lady did, however, suffer physical violence for the Jacobite cause - but at the hands of the Bonnie Prince Charlie himself. Clementine Walkinshaw was a Glasgow girl, the youngest of ten daughters of a fiercely Jacobite family. She was named for Prince Charlie's mother, the Polish Princess Clementina Sobieska. The Walkinshaws were an old Renfrewshire family, "weel connectit" and proud of their ancestry, claiming descent from Robert the Bruce. The family home was the Camlachie Mansion in Gallowgate, pulled down in the late 1960s.

Clementine was 25 when the Jacobites occupied a fiercely Hanoverian and hostile Glasgow over Christmas and New Year 1745. John Campbell, later fifth Duke of Argyle, and the dashing "Colonel Jack" of the Hanoverian Argyle Militia, is said to have been in love with her but politics and religion stood between them.

Legend has it that Clementine met Prince Charles at the ball he gave at the Shawfield Mansion which stood at the foot of present-day Glassford Street. They became lovers for a week or so later at Bannockburn House, where "Clemmie" nursed the Prince when he had a bad cold, ordering up cinnamon and mustard to help alleviate it.

The facts of Clementine's life with Charlie are difficult to disentangle and shrouded in mystery. Stories are told of a daughter born from the liaison at Bannockburn House, who died as a young woman in Finsthwaite, a village near Newby Bridge at the bottom of Lake Windermere. Known locally as the "Finsthwaite Princess," her gravestone names her as Clementina Johannes Sobiesky Douglass, an alias often used by the Prince himself.

"The hoops that hippos and
haunch do hide."

*Pleasant Quippes for Upstart Newfangled
Gentlewomen.* Goddon, 1596

What we do know for certain is that Clementine did not begin living with the Prince on the Continent until 1752. She bore him a daughter Charlotte, later created Duchess of Albany by her father. Clementine lived with Charles for eight years until increasing verbal and physical abuse forced her to run away, taking Charlotte with her.

Clementine Walkinshaw has had a bad press - both then and now. Some Jacobites of the time believed her to be a Hanoverian spy. This suspicion arose because one of her sisters was employed at the court of the Hanoverian Prince of Wales in London. Given the impeccable Jacobite credentials of the Walkinshaw family, the idea that it might have worked the other way seems not to have occurred to any of her critics. Isabella Lumsden, in later years Lady Strange, and always a besotted Jacobite, refused to receive Clementine and Charlotte, and called Clementine "a vile jade."

With the honourable exception of her biographer Leo Berry, historians have been unkind to Clementine. It has been suggested that her relationship with Charlie turned sour when he found out that she had had other affairs. There is no historical foundation for this allegation. Considering Charlie's numerous affairs, the fact that so many (male) historians offer this almost as a justification for his brutal treatment of her is a breathtaking example of the good old double standard in operation.

He beat her frequently with a stick and was insanely jealous of her. He also had a nice line in verbal abuse in public, on one occasion calling her a s—t in front of their friends. Clementine's answer has a nice dignity. "Although you are a prince, you are not worthy to be called a gentleman."

She died in Switzerland in genteel poverty in 1802, outliving both Charles and their daughter Charlotte, who lived with her father for the last three years of his life. Charlotte's son, Count Roehanstart, is buried in the nave of Dunkeld Cathedral. His grandmother sacrificed everything for his grandfather - her good name, her reputation, her country, and her family, who never forgave her for the disgrace she had brought on them.

Isabel Haldane was the wife of Charles Stewart of Ardsheal. He was initially reluctant to lead the Stewarts of Appin to war. She offered him her apron. He could stay home and keep house, and she would bring the men out. Both Isabel and Appin were to suffer greatly for their support of the Jacobites.

"Green Appin of Loch Linnhe" was just too close for comfort to the military garrison at Fort William. Ardsheal, skulking near his house for some months after the defeat, was an attractive prize, particularly for the ambitious and sadistic Captain Caroline Frederick Scott. An Edinburgh man, John

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Prebble wrote of him that he would not have been out place in the Waffen SS.

His cruelties eventually were too much even for some of his own officers who remonstrated with him. Scott offered the Nuremberg defence. He knew very well what he was doing "which was not without orders." Isabel Haldane stood up to him.

No time had been lost in plundering the cattle and sheep of Stewart of Ardsheal. Isabel appealed to Major-General John Campbell, later fourth Duke of Argyle, and father of Colonel Jack. A harsh enough man by modern standards he returned some of her milk cows as well as sending her some oatmeal, "which I desire you to accept for the use of yourself and the little ones." Isabel's unhappy situation, John Campbell declared, "makes my heart aik."

Caroline Scott returned to Appin in August, when Major-General Campbell was busy elsewhere, and stripped Ardsheal House bare. Everything of value was looted, even the children's school books. He had the wood panelling taken off the walls and the slates taken off the roof. Isabel, standing bemused while her house was dismantled about her ears, was asked for her keys. The gallant Captain then offered her his hand, led her out of the house, and told her to go. The house was no longer hers.

She was, however, made of stern stuff. She stayed at Ardsheal and wrote an impassioned letter to John Campbell, complaining of Scott's treatment. Her fury shines through as she details all the things that Scott took, horrified that "any man especially bred in a civilised country and in good company could be so free of compassion or anything at all of the Gentleman to descend to such a low degree of meanness". A postscript asks Campbell to excuse the rough paper, "my friend Captain Scott having left me none better."

Ardsheal, father of Isabel's nine children, was meanwhile hiding in a cave hidden by a waterfall on the hill behind the house. He managed to spend the odd night with his wife in the barn at Ardsheal. On one occasion, the warning of approaching redcoats was given too late. Isabel covered her husband with straw, spread a blanket over it and was sitting calmly on top of the blanket by the time the soldiers arrived.

Even after Ardsheal left Scotland on a French ship in September 1745, Scott did not leave Isabel alone. He returned in the December of that year and put the house to the torch. The only shelter left to Isabel was a boathouse down by the loch. The night after the burning of her home she gave birth to a daughter there.

Scott and some of his officers went to see her the next

day. Scott told her, "I do think your husband was a great fool to join the rebels and leave you and your children without a home." Isabel treated his taunting with the contempt it deserved. Later she was able to rejoin her husband in Sens, near Champagne. Ardsheal House was rebuilt and is now a hotel.

Around 80 women were arrested by the authorities after the '45, including Flora Macdonald, who spent almost a year in custody. Some, along with their children, were transported to the West Indies. Others were released, others escaped.

A modern woman might wonder how Colonel Anne dealt with her conscience. The Mackintoshes were slaughtered at Culloden. Modern women might also have had qualms about sending her lover off to battle - or maybe not.

We might agree, however, that the strength and dignity with which the women of the Jacobite era participated in, and coped with, their turbulent times is worthy of our remembrance and our admiration.

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History of Costume, Blanche Payne; Harper & Row, New York, 1965²
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Clan of the Quarter: Hunter

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Cumbrae by the 15th century. The 16th century brought mainly military duty to the Hunters. Later they became peaceful Laids, tending their estates and looking after their tenants. Robert, son of the 20th Laird, became minister of West Kilbride, where he bought land and so founded the Hunters of Kirkland.

The early 18th century brought financial troubles to the estate. However, Robert Hunter, son of the 22nd Laird, succeeded to the estate and managed it so well that he is viewed as the 2nd founder of his ancient family. After his death, his daughter, Eleanora, and her husband (her cousin Robert Caldwell - who assumed the Hunter name) made extensive improvements to the estate.

Presently Neil Hunter of Hunterston is the 29th Laird and Chief.

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

Queries ...

**Ramage • Hastie • Harge • Ferguson • Irvine •
Hunter • Gordon • Young • Robertson**

Searching for information on these intrepid
women who married my **Ramage** ancestors:

John **Ramage**, b. 1650 = Helen **Hastie**, b. ?
m. 30 Nov 1677, Carrington, Midlothian, Scotland

Willam **Ramage**, b. 01/Apr/1683 = Janet **Harge**, b. ?
m. 12 Jun 1713, Carrington, Midlothian

John **Ramage**, b. 06/Feb/1719 = Margaret **Ferguson**, b. ?
m. 07 Jun 1745, Carrington, Midlothian

William **Ramage**, b. 08/Mar/1751 = Jean **Irvine**, b. ?
m. 16/Dec/1791, Cockpen, Midlothian

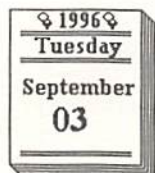
Alexander **Ramage**, b. 27/Oct/1808, d. 08/Aug/1868?
= Mary **Hunter**, b. ?
m. 1841 in Temple?, Midlothian

James **Ramage**, b. 14/Jun/1844, d. 23/Sep/1903 Clinthill, Mertoun
= Elizabeth **Gordon**, b?, parents: David **Gordon** = Janet **Young**
m. 03/Apr/1868, Greenlaw

Andrew **Ramage**, b. 14/Feb/1854, d. 1917
= Isabella **Robertson**, b. 1857, Black Isle, Highland Region
d. 10/Aug/1933, Dalmeny, W. Lothian
buried at Preston Kirk, E. Linton, E. Lothian
m. 1876 at Preston Kirk, E. Lothian

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Margaret **Aitken** (b. 1826? Scotland; d. Jul/1919 W. Wawanosh,
Huron Co., Ontario)
= James (aka John) **Campbell** (b. 1820? Ireland; d. 22/Oct/1893
W. Wawanosh)
m. 02/Mar/1848 in or near Hamilton, Ontario

Emily **Pullen** (b. 05/Mar/1868 Lucknow, Ontario; d. 29/Oct/1942
Wawota, Saskatchewan)
= Robert J.H. **Campbell** (b. 14/Sep/1861 Lucknow, Ontario;
d. 28/Nov/1943 Wawota, Saskatchewan)
m. 02/Apr/1890 Arkon, Ontario

Letitia **Kernahan** (or **Carnaghan**) (b. Wingham, Ontario)
= George **Pullen** (b. Wingham, Ontario)

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Notices ...

At the June 27, 1996 general meeting of the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society the following motion was passed:

"All members of the Edmonton Branch Special Interest Groups shall be members in good standing with the Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton Branch."

Newsletter Editor Wanted

The 10th issue of "The Thistle" (Nov/96) will be my last due to other commitments. So we are looking for a kind soul willing to take it over. It's a lot of fun. Really! If you would be interested we would be very happy to hear from you.

Deb Mallett

More Auld Scottish Terms ...

grandsher, gransher - a great-grandfather; an old man

guidsire, gudesirr - a grandfather

great-gudsire - a great-grandfather

gutcher, gou(t)cher, - a grandfather; a relation, a cousin
gowcher, geetcher

Oe, o, oi(e), oy(e), oye - a grandchild; a nephew

sister-bairn - literally the child of a sister, but used to signify the child of an aunt in denoting cousin relationship

uterine - born of the same mother but different fathers

Source: *In Search of Scottish Ancestry*,
Gerald Hamilton-Edwards, Phillimore & Co. Ltd., 1972

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.

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Meat on the Bones England 1996 - Part 1

by Gina McCaslin

I have just returned from a most fantastic trip to England!

I was born there, so was not a complete stranger, although I had to 'tune in to the lingo'. Once this was in hand, I began to relax and become 'one of them'. I have been back several times in the last twenty years, but wanted to return in spring and see the bluebell woods and hear the cuckoo again. I was not disappointed. I was also witness to the grand display of daffodils which grew everywhere and gave a splash of colour to the roadsides and fields. The bluebells replaced the daffodils and the woods were a hue of blue which brought back so many happy childhood memories of when I would pick huge bunches to take home to Mom.

The cuckoo was not so easy to find. They are now few and far between. However, my cousin Nancy and I did hear one on two occasions.

Having these two ambitions completed, I would have been happy, but there was more to the trip than bluebells and cuckoos. I had spent hours writing to people and making contacts to do some genealogy. I have spent many years on research and have done quite a lot of the statistical side. My ambition this trip was to visit the parish churches that had seen the christenings, marriage and burials of my forebears. This was mostly successful, as my cousin and I were in more churches in two weeks than we had been in our combined lifetimes.

I have several tales to tell about the church experiences which I hope I can contribute to a later edition of the Newsletter. This time I would like to relate another story.

I met Dennis Pearce last spring when he spoke to our English group. I found he was from Twyford in Hampshire which is where my great-grandparents, George and Emily Ward, lived for seven years, and where my grandfather and his siblings had gone to school. Nancy and I were invited to stay with Dennis and his wife Doreen. Doreen had managed to get the original School Journal from the girls' school in Twyford, so after a walk around the village, camera in hand, and visiting the school, church and the remains of the farm where our great-grandfather had worked as a groom, Nancy

and I started to wade through the entries in the Journal. I knew our family had moved from Twyford to Staffordshire in 1890 when Mr. Rae, my great-grandfather's employer, had died. This then was a good place to start.

The entries in the journal revealed the attendance, weather conditions and the epidemics that had plagued the village. It also showed that the vicar was a regular visitor to test the progress on the catechism. He also seems to have fallen ill with some of the sicknesses that prevailed.

I was delighted when suddenly we came across the following entries :

Jan 14 (1890) -

Examined Standard 2 in Dictation this morning - also took the infants to singing. Mr. Ray's funeral this afternoon, so several were absent.

Oct 6 -

Took three names off the books as the family Ward are leaving the village. Admitted three others from Shawford. Mr. Cull called.

Oct 13 -

The three little Wards, whose names I took off the books, are coming for a few weeks longer as their father is now, for the present, unsettled in his work. Was obliged to mark their attendance over the cancelled line for a time. Began fires today.

Nov 3 -

Admitted three new children - one especially very backward, for though 9 ½ years does not even know her letters. The 4 Wards, previously mentioned, have now really left, and gone to Staffordshire.

You can imagine what a thrill it was for us to find these entries, especially as we did not find any other children referred to by name.

The 1891 census revealed that my Grandfather Albert, and his older brother, Arthur had stayed behind in Twyford when the family left. My grandfather, then aged 14, was a baker's apprentice and Arthur, 16, a carpenter's apprentice.

In Dorset we met a very distant cousin who had phoned me and said, "*Don't do anything on the Lake family until you see me, as you will be wasting your time. Things are not what they may first appear*". As I had done extensive research on this line, I knew full well what she meant. This 'cousin' turned out to be a gold mine of information. Not

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only had she done extensive research, but she had managed to obtain photographs of many of the ancestors. She was like the proverbial British bulldog with a bone. Once she had got her teeth into something, she wouldn't let go! A truly wonderful person, so willing to share information, and to go out of her way to help. She also managed to contact another elderly relative we were not aware of who lived locally to her. One morning she met me at the Dorchester Records Office armed with old family photos, which she had managed to borrow from this ninety-year-old relative, and had done laser copies for me.

Dorset is a very pretty county, and on the whole is quite unspoiled. Nancy and I drove down the narrow country lanes taking the 'pretty' way to the villages of our ancestors, hoping we would not meet with cars travelling in the opposite direction. In particular, I enjoyed the beautiful thatched cottages and quaint villages. In the Frampton, Cattistock areas we seem to have had ancestors living in every parish at one time or another.

We stayed for a week in Frampton, Dorset, where we were joined by Nancy's husband, John. The village church is the prominent feature of this small village, and is situated on a corner. Across from the church is a row of four houses which were once the alms houses and where our William and Elizabeth Lake ancestors (2XGreat grandparents) had lived in their later years (1890's - 1907). We were staying on the premises of the old Manor Farm, which, after being destroyed by fire, had been rebuilt as a holiday residence. We stayed in what had once been the old stables.

I stood in the parking lot of our 'holiday home' and looked across the field and meadows beyond the old manor wall.

What a thrill I felt, knowing I was seeing virtually the same view that William and Elizabeth must have seen daily.

One of our days was spent visiting the villages that once had known our ancestors. One of our stops was Cerne Abbas where the Cerne Giant, 180 feet long, adorns the steep side of the downs. We wandered through the village and inquired where the Old Work House was. We were directed back to the Giant where the old work house stands across

from this tourist attraction, now turned into a nursing home. We retraced our steps, and sure enough, there was the nursing home, which, despite the obvious upgrading, still looked very much like a work house. This is where our ancestors Susannah and Titus Foot (3Xgreat-grandparents) had died in 1828 and 1838 respectively.

We also visited Olive and Don Harris who share my Habgood ancestors from mid 1700's. This was the wealthy line of the family, but sad to say, the wealth has long disappeared, although wills and a book attest to their authenticity. Olive and I were able to share information, and she very graciously offered copies of wills and old photographs. Don had previously provided me with a copy of the family tree 1667-1992, which he had painstakingly done in beautiful calligraphy.

Later, after we had returned to Staffordshire, and after several impromptu family get-togethers, Nancy, John and I picked up my cousin Bill, Nancy's brother, whom until this trip, I had not seen in approximately 50 years. I had wanted to go to Burntwood, where my mother was born, and where I have happy memories of visiting my grandfather, Nancy and Bill during my childhood.

The old house still stands, although it is now an insurance office.

Fortunately, Bill had been a keen photographer in his youth, so provided me with a photograph as the house had once been. We now have the updated version. Sadly, the bakery where our grandfather was the village baker, has only the stables visible, but even these brought back memories to Bill, who, after leaving school, had worked alongside an uncle delivering the bread by horse and cart for our grandfather. The village is now built up with the overflow of surrounding towns, but some parts haven't changed much. I was taken to the favourite play areas spoken of in my mother's life story, namely The Sheep Wash and Nag Brook. Bill and Nancy had been born and raised in Burntwood and they both relived happy memories of their childhood years playing in the same areas. Although Bill still lives close by, it has been years since he visited these places.

We also visited The Lodge at Sandhills where our great-grandfather, George Ward, moved after the family left Twyford. It still looks the same

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as it must have back in 1890.

A little further away was the canal where my mother had spent many happy summers staying with her maternal grandparents who were lock keepers. The locks have been filled in, but the canal and basin remain, together with the tow path that felt the pounding of the canal horses pulling the barges slowly along.

Another afternoon, Nancy, Bill and I visited two of my mother's cousins who are now nearing 90, and who were eagerly awaiting our visit. They were delighted to see us, and although they knew Nancy was going to be with me, they had no idea that Bill would be there too. They had not seen Bill and Nancy for about 50 years when Bill would take Nancy for a bike ride to visit them.

One more highlight of my trip was to hold in my hand the medal that our great-grandfather, George Ward, had received for serving with the 30th Regiment of Foot when they were sent to Canada to fight in the Fenian raids, 1866-1869.

This medal is in the possession of my cousin, Philip Ward.

To this point, Nancy and her husband, John, were interested in the information I had gleaned over the years. Now they were showing a greater respect for the time and effort it takes to unearth some of these facts. I was delighted when John spent a couple of hours at the local records office trying to get information on his family. It also inspired him to phone an elderly relative from whom he got some family information about which he had not known. I think we have another one hooked on genealogy, don't you?

Back now in my adopted country, I can reflect on this wonderful holiday, and relive the experiences which made the six weeks pass so quickly and pleasantly. I have lots of photographs and a video taken by my cousin, to take me back during the long winter days to the spring of 1996.■

In Stony Ground

by Beryl Young

A young couple exchanged marriage vows on 17 March 1890, in the county of Bolton, London. Aaron Nuttall, a 25-year-old who had sailed around the world, took Isabelle Saynor, an attractive Yorkshire lass of 23, to be his wife. For better or for worse, they dreamed of a new life together in a new land. They planned to become homesteaders on the Canadian Prairies.

It was six years before the couple arrived in Saskatchewan and by then they had two young sons, Bill and Jim. In 1896, \$10 bought Aaron land 22 miles south of Maple Creek. He built a log house close to a creek where box elder trees provided shade and he planted more elders. A good choice, elders are hardy trees that survive in rocky soil, tolerate dry summers and -40° winters. Aaron purchased shorthorn cattle and broke his quarter section with a walking horse and plow.

As a rancher's wife, Isabelle had her hands full. In the early mornings, she carried water into the house, milked the cow and fed the chickens. Six more babies came in quick succession.

Granny Naismith, a neighbor and midwife, strongly advised Isabelle not to have another child, but Isabelle became pregnant again.

Christmas 1907 was a happy one for the family in the log house. Bill was 16, Jim was 13, Amy 10. Len was eight, Gertie six, Frank five, Annie four and Art 14 months.

Isabelle cooked a special dinner, finishing it off with her plum pudding, and that night Aaron sang to the children - old favorites like *The Blue Danube* and *The Road to Mandalay*. Isabelle put away a spare plum pudding for the following Christmas.

Not quite a week later, on 30 December, Isabelle went into early labor. Aaron sent Bill to bring Grannie, but before they returned a baby girl was born. Isabelle began to hemorrhage.

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"Look after the baby," the dying mother told her oldest daughter Amy. "Wrap her up and keep her warm."

As Grannie Naismith walked in the door, the 40-year-old mother died.

Seeing that the newborn was warm and safe, Grannie tidied Isabella's body, woke the children and guided them into the bedroom. "Your dear mother is dead," she said, as she led them in to kiss her good-bye.

The next morning dawned cold and bleak. Aaron was left with nine children, the youngest not a day old.

In honor of his wife, Aaron named the baby girl Isabelle Saynor Nuttall, giving her his wife's first name and also her maiden name, a choice which years later would be a great comfort to the woman born that tragic night.

Aaron was left to care for the children and keep the ranch going alone. For a few months, Isabelle's sister Kate was there to help. All the children loved and fussed over "Belle", but after Aunt Kate left, it was Amy who fed baby, bathed her and got up with her in the night.

Word about the family's plight travelled through the area. Emma and Samuel Spiller, who had come up from the United States to homestead west of Regina, heard about the Nuttalls. The Americans had left behind a tragedy; five of their six sons had died of cholera.

The Spillers approached Aaron and asked about taking Belle. By the fall Aaron had decided he had to let Belle go, and one day in October a man and a woman arrived in a narrow-wheeled democrat. The woman held some baby clothes and a pretty bonnet, and as the children watched, strangers drove away with their 10-month-old sister.

"I was never adopted", said a baffled Isabelle, now 89 and living in Vermont. "I was just given away."

That first Christmas without both their mother and Belle was a cheerless one. Aaron found the plum pudding Isabelle had put away, but he never did get around to singing for the children.

The early years were not easy. Aaron loved his children and did his best, but at times he had to go into town and twice he travelled to the Chicago stockyards selling cattle. The big boys looked after

the stock while the little ones worked in the garden, picking the saskatoons and chokecherries that grew along the creek. The older girls made bread, washed the dishes and did the laundry.

Like the box elders, these children had landed in stony ground. They had no mother and very little schooling, and lived in isolation on the ranch, yet they grew up strong. As they left the ranch, each one was to find a place in the world.

Bill and Jim bought land nearby and in turn, each came to live on the homestead with their families. Frank raised his family not far away. Gertie and Annie married and raised families in Alberta.

Len and Art worked land near their sisters. Amy had seven children and lived in Maple Creek. Pa visited them, still singing his favorite old songs, now to his grandchildren. In 1930, at the age of 67, Aaron died of cancer.

In the Second World War, Len, posted to England with the air force, heard that the Salvation Army could find missing relatives.

To Len's surprise, they found Isabelle, married and living on a dairy farm in Vermont. Back in Canada, Len talked it out with his family but worried that contacting Belle would upset her, decided to "leave it alone". Len would be 70 before he saw his sister.

Until 23 Oct 1969, Isabelle Saynor Spiller Ranney believed that she was the only daughter of Emma and Samuel Spiller.

She knew that they and her one brother had died. She did not know that the Spillers had moved to the eastern states just a few months after Belle came into their lives. Isabelle had gone to school and on to teachers' college, then married George Ranney. The couple had three sons and had been married for almost 30 years.

Isabelle and George had travelled to visit a cousin, where Isabelle, then 62, learned the truth.

Isabelle remembered feeling "all goose prickly" as her cousin asked, "Do you know that you are not the Spiller's child?"

The cousin knew her real father had been a rancher in the Canadian West and that he had brought cattle to Chicago and then came on to visit the

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Spillers. Isabelle did remember a nice man called Mr. Nuttall who had brought her chocolates.

Isabelle also learned that 25 years earlier the Salvation Army had a request to find her, so once home she wrote to them and they sent her letter on to Leonard.

Leonard was overjoyed, telling Isabelle about her first family - four brothers and three sisters in Canada who for years had longed to find her. Isabelle read that her father was dead and that her brother Frank had died just a few years earlier. For the first time, Isabelle learned that her mother died giving birth to her.

In a letter to Leonard, Isabelle wrote: "One of my first reactions to the news that my mother died when I was born was a feeling of sorrow for having been the cause of all you children being left motherless. It made me feel that I should try my best to be the kind of person she would have wanted me to be since she gave her life for me.

"I have been wondering if by any chance her maiden name was Saynor as that is my middle name. Whenever I used to inquire about where the name Saynor came from, the subject was closed."

More astonishing pieces fell into place as letters flew between Isabelle and her new family. Now she wanted to visit her Canadian family, but she had never been able to get a birth certificate, which made international travel difficult.

Amy, then 73, and Art, a year older than the 64-year-old Isabelle, came from Saskatchewan to visit in 1969.

For Amy who had waited 60 years, the years fell away as she put her arms around her sister. They had so much to talk about, so much to learn about each other.

A few months later, Isabelle set off for Canada with her youngest son. At a Nuttall family reunion, all agreed Isabelle, though brought up far away, was "just like us".

"I liked them all", said Isabelle. "It was wonderful."

Since then, Isabelle has come to Canada many times, often staying a few weeks on the old homestead. Three sisters are still living: Gertie and Annie, 95 and 92, live in Alberta; Isabelle at 89

remains in Vermont near her children, but feels very much a part of the large Canadian family.

Isabelle has since learned that treasures from her childhood, a doll with a wicker carriage and a piano, were gifts from her father.

On a sunny day last June on a drive south of Maple Creek with three of Aaron and Isabelle's grandchildren, the site of the old log homestead was located. Only a few stones and some pieces of blue and white crockery remain to mark the spot.

By the red barn are the creek and the handsome box elder trees, now more than 40 feet high.

The year 1996 marks 100 years since Aaron and Isabelle came here to make a life in the new world.

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New Scottish Research Tool *FamilySearch™ 2.23*

by Kenneth J. G. Young
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has released a new version of *FamilySearch™*. This is a computer tool for family history research and it now includes a new resource for Scottish research.

The version, *FamilySearch™ 2.23*, was sent to more than 2500 Family History Centres throughout the United States and Canada including the one in Owen Sound.

FamilySearch™ 2.23 features the computerized version of the *Scottish Old Parochial Records*. This new resource file is titled "*Scottish Church Records*".

The "*Scottish Church Records*" consist of an Index of nearly 10 million names. These names were originally listed in parish registers and similar records of the *Church of Scotland* (Presbyterian). The Index also includes records from a few other denominations. Entries date from the 1500's through 1854, with a few later entries.

Information available from the Index includes:

- given names
- surnames
- parents of spouse
- gender
- birth, christening or marriage dates and places
- source information.

Once you have identified the specific parish where ancestors lived, it is then possible to extend pedigree lines and build family groups by conducting parent searches.

The "Scottish Church Records" are the most used source of those seeking information prior to 1855. It may document as much as 60% of the Scottish population during the time period recorded.

(Printed in BGOGS Vol 26 No 2 May 1996 and submitted by Enid Fitzsimonds.)

Editor's note: Enid states that this resource covers a period of history prior to Civil Registration (government records of births, marriages and deaths) which began in Scotland in 1855, and that it is available in the Edmonton Family History Centre. ■

The Federation of
East European
Family History Societies
by Peter Towey

Do you have ancestry from East or Central Europe? Do you need help in finding records and understanding them? Do you wish there was a family history society that covered your area of interest? Good news! The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) was formed in the USA in 1993 to answer these questions.

FEEFHS exists to encourage:

- the formation of societies in its areas of interest
- co-operation between societies working in the area
- the provision of databases covering two or more ethnic or religious groups to help researchers
- harmony and co-operation between Societies devoted to genealogy in Eastern Europe.

FEEFHS also exists to promote the awareness of the existence of its member societies,

their service and their publication. To do this, FEEFHS publishes a quarterly Newsletter, now in its third year, that covers news of FEEFHS, its conference, and its member societies (at the latest count there are 78 in 11 countries)! and news of the extensive current LDS Archive-filming activities in East and Central Europe. FEEFHS also publishes several times a year its *Resource Guide to East European Genealogy*, setting out full details of all the member societies; a list of professional genealogists and translators able to help with work in the area; an e-mail address book of members; and a listing of World Wide Web addresses (i.e. places on the Internet) relevant to East European family history.

The area FEEFHS covers is perhaps wider than traditionally has been thought of as Eastern Europe.

There are societies covering Germany, Poland, Russia, Lithuania, the Ukraine, Switzerland, Slovenia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Jewish research in various countries, Rumania, Hungary and Croatia.

FEEFHS is also actively working in the setting up of the new Silesian Genealogy Society of North America (SGSNA) as a sister society to the Silesian Genealogy Society set up in 1993 in Wroclaw in Poland. Joint membership of both societies is encouraged but the new SGSNA will help by providing access to the substantial amount of Silesian material that is available on microfilm at Salt Lake City and by providing an English language newsletter.

The UK is represented amongst FEEFHS members -- the Anglo-German FHS joined this year and I am their (long-distance)! representative on the Board of FEEFHS. Any society or individual who would like information or to be put in touch with FEEFHS or its member societies should write to me: *Peter Towey, 14 River Reach, Teddington, Middx, TW11 9QL (with an SAE please)* and I will do my best to answer and/or send details of societies that cover your area of interest (or reach me on CompuServe on 100535, 2632@compuserve.com). ■

1996 Summer Students

Work for AGS

by Colette Hoppe

co-written by Melanie Delainey

As NAIT students of the Office administration Program, we all knew that there was a prerequisite to start second year: 120 hours of work experience. Starting in March, all students of Westwood Campus frantically began their search for summer-time employment. A lot of people were fortunate to obtain employment with members of their families who owned their own business. For others like ourselves, pounding the pavement and relying on job tips passed on to us from various instructors and department heads were our only hope for a summer job. I know for myself I began to feel a little uninspired by all the rejection letters flowing in with the daily mail.

When the opportunity to work as a summer student here at AGS was made available to me, I did not hesitate to apply. We all knew that if you did not jump on it when a job became available, chances were you were never going to get one. After all, we were competing against approximately 200 other students from NAIT on our campus alone, not to mention all the other students from U of A and Grant MacEwan. I faxed in my resume ASAP and was surprised when I came home one day shortly after that to find a message on my machine from Susan McKeen asking if I would like to come in for an interview. I remember waiting nervously in the library before my interview. Melanie came out before me and I was next in line. Florence Woodward and Susan McKeen were my interviewers and I felt that everything went well. The job sounded interesting enough, not to mention that it would mean getting my practicum completed. I was quite excited about it. It only took a day after my interview, and Florence called me back to inform me that the job was mine if I wanted it; I was ecstatic.

The first day at work was mind-boggling. Susan did her best to simplify and explain the library system, what was on microfiche and microfilm, where to find cemetery listings, where periodicals can be found and how to fix the photocopier if it jammed. To Melanie and I it seemed confusing, but I felt confident that with time and with help from the

volunteers that it would start making sense sooner or later. Before this job, I did not even realize that there was a library in Edmonton dedicated to research of family history and genealogy. It was not long before an interest in my own family history came about. Now here we are two and half months later when all of the faces now seem familiar and carry a name. We already have made many new friends and have learned so much new information and in the process have gained lots of new experience to take back with us to NAIT in the fall. Working here at AGS has been an incredible learning experience for me.

I find it very rewarding to be helping out where help is needed. From the conversations I have had with various people involved with the society, it seems that most of the tasks we have been given are jobs that have been left for quite some time or were jobs too big for people who come in to volunteer two or three times a week. For instance,

the AGS and Denney books all needed to be catalogued and numbered in the computer; a huge task, needless to say.

I have completed entering in over 2,500 books from those two collections. Melanie, on the other hand, is working on transferring information from the microfilm machine onto paper from the 1901 Alberta Census. From there, I take that information and enter it into a database on the computer where it is printed and proof-read for the use of someone who will, in the future, proof-read further to create a book that has been wanted for many years. It is the most boring, repetitive, eye straining work ever invented, but Mel loves it. I do not know how she does it.

I will really miss working here when the time comes for us to go back to school. I would like to thank Florence Woodward, Susan McKeen, and Tom Trace for making our positions available, and to all the volunteers for your help and patience when we were just learning our jobs. Who knows, maybe in a few years, I will be a strong AGS member fervently seeking the growth of my family tree.

Editor's Note:

Thank you Colette and Melanie. We could not have done it without you. You have demonstrated your willingness to learn. Your exceptional capabilities, your initiative and your diligent work ethic, always with a pleasant and helpful attitude. We wish you every success as you complete your studies and embark on your chosen careers. ■

Accepted Standards
of Conduct for
Family History Researchers
compiled by Joy Reisinger

- I will be courteous to research facility personnel.
- I will do my homework, know what is available, and I will know what I want.
- I will dress appropriately for the records office that I am visiting.
- I will not take small children into repositories and research facilities.
- I will not approach the facility asking for "everything" on my ancestors.
- I will not expect the records custodian to listen to my family history.
- I will respect the records custodian's other daily tasks, and not expect constant or immediate attention.
- I will be courteous to other researchers and work with only a few records or books at a time.
- I will keep my voice low when conversing with others.
- I will use only designated areas for my workspace.
- I will not go into off-limits areas without permission.
- I will request permission before using photocopy and microforms machines, and ask for assistance if needed.
- I will treat records with care and respect.
- I will not mutilate, rearrange, or remove from its proper custodian any printed, original, microform, or electronic record.
- I will not use my fingertip or pencil to follow the line of print on original materials.
- I will not write on records or books.
- I will replace volumes in their proper location and return files to the appropriate places.
- I will not leave without thanking the records custodians for their courtesy in making the materials available.
- I will follow the rules of the records repository without protest.

Compiled by Joy Reisinger, Certified Genealogical Records Specialist, 1020 Central Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656 for the 1995 annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Seattle. Some points were adapted from codes adopted by the Board of Certification of Genealogists and the Association of Professional Genealogists. (Taken from *The British Genealogist*, Vol.25 #2, June 1996.)■

Book Reviews

Reviewed by Blane Ryan, AGS #1793

"Books You Need to Do Genealogy in Ontario; an Annotated Bibliography," by Ryan Taylor; Round Tower Books, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1996. Available from the publisher at \$14.95 US + \$2.50 S&H or from Global Genealogical Supply, 158 Laurier Ave., Milton, ON for \$19.95 + \$5.40 GST, S&H.

Ryan Taylor has produced an excellent bibliography of genealogical publications in an easy to use format. His work is sectioned under a general heading and then a heading for each County/District (pre 1972 naming). In addition to the technical details of the books, he gives short explanations about the contents. Only material published for sale in book form is covered.

Several sets of publications have been specifically omitted by Taylor and these are identified in his introduction. They are: local histories listed in Barbara Aitken's, *"Local Histories of Ontario Municipalities 1951-1977"*; directories listed in Mary Bond's, *"Canadian Directories 1790-1987"*; and cemetery recordings published by branches of the OGS. However, both of the above books and the various categories of publications available from OGS are listed and described in the general section of Taylor's book.

This work greatly simplifies searching for genealogical reference works for Ontario.■

Review by Terry Gregory, AGS #3209

"Genealogy on the Macintosh," by David Tippey. Published (1996) by David Hawgood. ISBN 0 948151 13 7

Jeff Goldblum in *Independence Day* uses his trusty Macintosh to battle world-destroying aliens, while family historians are happy if theirs keeps dead relatives in order. Have you ever wondered if you are getting the most from your computer?

Genealogy on the Macintosh, by David Tippey, reviews in a clear and concise way the hardware and software options for Apple Mac users, reasons for choosing a Mac, the variety of new and

used models, types of printer and, of course, the genealogical software available.

In this 48 page, A5 size paperback, the author takes the reader step by step through word processing programs and their uses, databases, spreadsheets and paint and draw programs, with illustrations from his research. When discussing specialised genealogy programs, he proceeds logically from shareware to commercial software, describing the merits and problems of each one and in many cases backing his experiences with criticisms by experts in the field. He reviews Family Heritage File 3.3 through Family Roots 3.7, Personal Ancestral File 2.1 for Macintosh, to what is regarded as the best program on the market at the moment - Reunion 4. All software prices are quoted in pounds sterling or American dollars.

There are chapters on transfer of data from other sources including GEDCOM files, reading PC disks and scanning pictures and documents. Finally, there is a brief introduction to the Internet.

I found this slim book easy to read and explanations were kept simple. The book is well laid out, though the small size of type may be a problem for some. For anyone who is contemplating buying a Macintosh computer for genealogy, or using a genealogy program for a Mac, I would recommend reading this book first. For anyone who is looking for better ways of using a Mac in genealogy, you will find some good tips in here, too.

Genealogy on the Macintosh can be purchased from Family Tree Magazine, 61 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs., PE17 1HL, England. Phone 01487 814050, fax 01487 711361. Price is £4.05 overseas surface mail, £5 airmail. Visa or Mastercard is welcomed. Canadian dollar cheques are also accepted at current exchange rates (\$8.40 surface mail, \$10.40 airmail in May 1996).

A copy of *Genealogy on the Macintosh* is in the AGS library.■

Reviewed by Shirley Machan, AGS #2855
**"Genealogical Research in England's
Public Record Office: a guide for North
Americans,"** by Judith Prowse Reid. Baltimore,
MD : Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996.

The Public Record Office (PRO) in London, England, is one of the world's great repositories of documents of interest to North American genealogical researchers with English ancestors. But

Ms. Reid believes that most family history research can be done without leaving North America because so much of the important material has been copied and is available in certain libraries and archives in the U.S.A. and Canada.

On page one the author states the objective of her book "is to help researchers identify many of the more important PRO records that are available from such institutions as the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and the National Archives of Canada". In the following 148 pages she succeeds admirably. Information is as up-to-date as 1996, and there is an Internet address given for obtaining PRO Information Leaflets.

Chapters cover such topics as explanations of PRO class codes, special guides and tools for North American research, emigration and immigration records, censuses, non-conformist church records, birth, death and marriage records, and military, taxation, court and Parliamentary records. PRO record numbers are provided together with an explanation of how these records can be of use to the researcher. An extensive bibliography gives complete references for titles cited in the text. Several appendices cover useful addresses, local record offices of England and Wales (current to 1996), index to PRO record groups (listed numerically; also local government records of interest and where to find them.

Should the researcher decide a trip to the PRO is necessary, the first two chapters provide, in minute detail, all the information necessary for a successful visit, from "why" to visit the PRO to "how" to get there and "what" to do on arrival.

Altogether a very readable guide packed with useful information for the beginner and experienced genealogist alike.

Ordering information is as follows:
Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St.,
Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. ☎ 1-800-296-6687;
FAX 1-410-752-8492. Price: US\$22.50 + \$3.50
S&H.■

*"The primary purpose of an education is to make
one's mind a pleasant place in which to spend
one's time."*

Sydney J. Harris

Service For Members

● **DIRECTORIES ON THE INTERNET:** If you need a phone number or address of someone in the United States or Canada, check out the following web sites:

for USA www.switchboard.com
for Canada www.wyp.net

● **VITAL STATS - ONTARIO:** The Archives of Ontario hold the information for Birth, Death and Marriage registration from 1869 to Birth - 1898, Death - 1923 and Marriage - 1913. There is a Vital Statistics Hot Line at (416) 327-1593. Inquiries should be directed to:

The Archives of Ontario,
77 Grenville Street, Toronto, ON M7A 2R9
Attn: Vital Statistics Reference Archivist

● **CANADIAN PHOTO ARCHIVE:** A new non-profit Canadian archive that rescues pre-1945 portraits and photos has a surname index to its holdings. Send a SASE to Family Photo Reunion, 609-25 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB T2E 1Y6

● **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARCHIVES:** The Archives are now open after being closed for a year. They have moved to their new location at 11 Soho Street, Suite 104, Toronto, ON M5T 1Z6. They have limited research hours and it is suggested that you phone ahead for an appointment - ☎ (416) 595-1277.

● **POSTAGE RATE INCREASE:** The British Philatelic Bureau announced that postal rates were due to increase as of 8 July 1996. New costs for world-wide airmail, basic weight for use on items up to 10g: 43p; for world-wide airmail, basic weight for use on items up to 20g: 63p.

● **TRACING CANADIAN FORCES PERSONNEL:** The Canadian Department of National Defense has a master locator section to help find serving and/or retired members of the armed forces. Some rules and regulations pertaining to Access to Information and Privacy legislation may apply. ☎ (613) 992-5618.

● **WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A MERCHANT SEAMAN?** Responsibility for records on merchant seamen has been transferred from the Central Registry of Seamen in Ottawa (Transport Canada) to Veterans Affairs Canada in Charlottetown. Address inquiries to: Merchant Navy Registry, PO Box 7700, Charlottetown, PE C1A 8M9. ☎ (902) 566-8512.

● **RECORDS OF THE LUSITANIA:** The Cunard Archives at the University of Liverpool, England, is an excellent source of information on the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. Archival time is at a premium, so you can contact them for a list of local researchers. Write Edwin King, Cunard Project, University Archives, Box 147, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 3BX, United Kingdom. E-mail: E.King@Liverpool.ac.uk

● **THE PIONEERS OF DAUPHIN:** The Dauphin Valley was settled mainly from 1880 to the early 1900s by people of British stock who came from Ontario, Quebec, USA and Britain. The *Dauphin Pioneers Association* was organized by those early settlers who came, by their own means and prior to the coming of the railroad, to this area during this period.

In 1931, a cairn listing over 300 of Dauphin's first settlers, was constructed to honour them. It is situated at the Fort Dauphin Museum grounds in Dauphin, MB.

I would appreciate hearing from descendants of any of Dauphin's original pioneers so I can document their stories. If any of your ancestors settled, however briefly, in the Dauphin area please write and tell me about them. Photographs are also welcome. The settlers' list is available upon request. [Please enclose SASE.]

Inquiries may be directed to: A.J. Tucker,
21 - 11 Davidson Ave. E, Dauphin, MB R7N 0C5.

"There are only two lasting bequests that we can give our children - one is roots, the other, wings."

- Anon.

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Queries are accepted free of charge from members and non-members. (Non-members are charged \$5.50 per copy of *Relatively Speaking* in which their queries appear.) Please forward your queries, **typewritten if possible, otherwise printed plainly**, to:

Editor, *Relatively Speaking*, #116, 10440-108 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5H 2Z9

ALLINSON, HELEN, 34 Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, England ME10 4HN

APPS

INGRAM

WHITEHEAD

I am writing a book about the history of the village of BREDGAR near here. Several young men left Bredgar for Canada in the early years of this century and I would like to find out where they settled and how they fared. Their names are: Frank APPS & two brothers, Arthur INGRAM - killed in the 1st war, and Gordon WHITEHEAD. I will gladly search my Bredgar files for any of your members who think they have ancestors from the parish in return for reply coupon or stamps. I will also check my files on the neighbouring village of BORDEN in a book which I published a few years ago.

BOELSILER, DEBORAH J., 64 Steele Crescent, Edmonton, AB T5A 1G3

AGS #3454

Email: boelsd@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

BLAIR

DES ROCHES

Alie Rae, any info appreciated.

Joseph Ephraim, b 16 Jan 1884, Miscouche, PEI. Would like info on his father Jerome *Cabi* DES ROCHES b 16 Aug 1852 in Miscouche, m Bibianne GALLANT c1850. Would also like info on their children: Jean Etienne, Joseph Ignace, Hyacinthe, Marie Angele, Jacqueline, Marie Leonie.

KELLY

Lillian m Joseph Ephraim DES ROCHES bef 1911 near Havelock, ON. Moved from ON to SK to MB, then retired, passed away in New Westminster, BC c1960s, aged late 90s. She was sister or dau of Jenny KELLY, who once resided in Havelock, ON. Could be related to D.O.KELLY of Kenora, ON. Any info appreciated on any relatives of Lillian KELLY.

HOFFMAN, DELORES, Rt. 1, Box 34, St. Onge, SD 57779 USA

BOOS

HANSON

WATSON

Seeking info on some of my families: the Ron & Marian HANSON family, Elizabeth & Nicholas BOOS families and John WATSON families, who lived near Edmonton and possibly Notikewin areas.

KLANCHER, D.J. (DON), 964 Bebek Road, Kamloops, BC V2B 6P1

SPENCER

William Isaac, b Jul 1857. Son of F.B. SPENCER, Rapid City, Man. Lived near Regina in 1883; served in NWMP 1883-88; Town Clerk at Lethbridge 1891-94. May have lived at St. Boniface in 1898. I have his North West Rebellion medal in my collection and for many years, have been trying to locate relatives. Anyone with info please write. Also, I recently acquired a fair bit of documentation on a family by the name of ING, in the event anyone is researching that name.

ING

LOREM (nee STEWART), MURIEL, 10109-89 Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 0E3

AGS #3231

STEWART

Donald, b 8 Mar 1837 ?Scotland, d 28 Feb 1907 at St. Vincent Twp., Grey Co., ON. Came to Canada c1844, m Letitia BRYANS 27 June 1870 at Orangeville, ON; 12 children: Mary Ann, Duncan, William, Elizabeth, Sarah, Alexander, Emma, Daniel, John, Janet, Edwin and Violet. Seeking name of parents, place of birth, info on descendants. I am the granddaughter of Duncan.

MADILL, JEAN L., 11127-125 Street, Edmonton, AB T5M 0M4

AGS #1684

SUTHERLAND

Francis, b 3 Aug 1875, son of David SUTHERLAND & Hele; Twp: Brantford, ON. Moved to Waskada, Manitoba in 1906; came west to Alberta and is believed to have worked on a ranch around Calgary. A Francis SUTHERLAND appears in Henderson Directory for the years of 1922-24; profession: painter. Family believed he may have passed away around the above dates. Would appreciate any info on above.

TURNBULL, LAURA, 6913-97A Street, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 5E5 ☎(403)532-7138 AGS #555
Email: TurnBL@terranel.ab.ca

TURNBULL Seeking info and parents for William TURNBULL (1744-1809) and Ann PEARSON
PEARSON (1746-1831). They lived in Kirkclinton, Cumbria, England. Have info on eight children
and many descendants. Interested in corresponding with others researching the family.

FORRYAN Seeking FORRYAN descendants. I have info on the FORRYAN family that was living
in Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, England from 1750s to now. If you have a connection
with this family, please contact me. Would like to share info.■

New Members' Interests

BOELSTLER, DEBORAH J., 64 Steele Crescent, Edmonton, AB T5A 1G3 AGS #3454
Email: boelsd@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

BÖLSTLER	bef 1930s	Switzerland; Phortzeim, Germany
HAGEMAN(N), Matthew	bef 1890	Germany; Poaar, Holland
MUNDLE	bef 1895	Dumfrey, Scotland; (Russell)Winnipeg, MB
O'CAHILTY, Alexander	bef 1882	Rathfryland, County Doon, Northern Ireland
VERSAL, Adam	bef 1890	Nebraska, USA; Warsaw, Poland

MEYER, ALLEN R., Box 29 Clairmont, AB T0H 0W0 Email: ameyer@terranel.ab.ca AGS #3447

BRAUN, Emilie	1870s-1950s	Essen, North Rhine - Westphalia, Germany
MEYER, Fredrich	1876 - 1959	Essen, North Rhine - Westphalia, Germany
PFAU, Gustav	1913 - 1940s	Kochanov, Poland
LEMKE, Mary	1892 - 1955	North Dakota; Russia
RODE, William	1888 - 1955	North Dakota; Russia

POLLARD, LYN, 9204 - 97 Street, Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 1S7

BEGENS, James	1838 - 1865	Poole, England to Cow Head, NFLD
PAYNE, Ketchura	1812 - 1893	Poole, England to Cow Head, NFLD
PATEY, Mary	1857 - 1920	Raleigh, NFLD
STARKS, George	1820	?Pool's Is., NFLD
SEMOTIUK, Petro	1900 - 1959	Karlo, Ukraine - near Carpathians
TALEFICH, Nicolo	1892 - 1955	Serbia / ?Macedonia

WORTH, CARL E., 9509-180A Street, Edmonton, AB T5T 2Z4 ☎(403)489-0220 AGS #3526

BART, Matilda	Bakersfield, California
EICHENBERGER, Anna	Vancouver, BC
THEISE, Carolyn	Hollywood, California
WIRTH, Karl	Kennell, Saskatchewan; NWT
WORTH, Henry	Salmon Arm & Vancouver, BC■

Sadly Missed . . .

† Marie Gallivan, AGS #2977, passed away 3 Aug 1996.

A service was held Monday, 5 Aug 1996 at St. Anthony's Church, Edmonton.

Strays

An Alberta 'stray' is a person who was born in Alberta and died elsewhere. Have you discovered 'stray' Albertans while researching or indexing? Please forward your findings to us for printing and help someone to find a missing relative !

Marriage -

CHATTERSON, Mr Levi of Alberta married Miss Jenny SHERLOW "on Monday afternoon", February 1919 at the bride's parents' residence, Mr & Mrs SHERLOW of Enderby, BC. The bride was their eldest daughter. Editor's note: Thank-you to Mrs Pat BAYLISS, Site 6A, Comp 13, RR5 Vernon, BC V1T 6L8. The above stray was found in "The Vernon News". ■

Announcements

conferences, new books, etc.

● 20th ANNIVERSARY: NORFOLKLORE '96 GENEALOGY FAIR: Saturday, 28 Sep 1996 in Simcoe from 10am-4pm. NOTE: the location has changed to the Simcoe Seniors' Centre, which is two blocks away from the Museum. The Museum's Archives will be open and admission covers admittance to both buildings. There will be books, maps, family charts, computer programmes, archival supplies and all sorts of other resources.

● HERITAGE CANADA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Theme: Pride, Policy and Profit: New Life for Heritage Places. Summerside, PEI from 17-20 October 1996. For info, contact Veronica Vaillancourt, Director, Heritage Network, Heritage Canada, Box 1358, Stn B, Ottawa, ON K1P 5R4 ☎ (613) 237-1066 ext 238. E-mail: HERCANOT@INTERSERV.COM

● SASKATCHEWAN GEN. SOC. ANNUAL SEMINAR: 25, 26, 27 October 1996. Two keynote addresses: "Discovering Your Ancestors in Manuscript Collections" and "Wedding Days, Pregnant Brides and Marriage Horizons". For other program info and registration, contact Prince Albert Branch SGS, c/o Box 1351, Prince Albert, SK S6V 1S9 ☎ (306) 780-9207 fax: (306) 781-6021.

● GENEALOGY SALUTES TECHNOLOGY - MANITOBA GEN. SOC. SEMINAR '96: held 18, 19, 20 October 1996 at the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, 180 Riverton Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. Keynote speaker: Louise St. Denis - "Your Heritage to Discover, to Share". For further program or registration info, contact Daryl Dumanski, ☎ (204) 668-9366.

● **FFHS ROAD SHOW, SALT LAKE CITY:**

Open day, **Saturday, 19 October 1996** from 10:30am to 3:30pm in the Family History Library (main floor), Salt Lake City. Come and go as you please. Iain Swinnerton will speak on "*The British Army in North America*" at the Church Museum, next door to the library, at 11am that day. No charge for the day, any family historians are welcome.

● **FFHS CONFERENCE, "SUSSEX BY THE SEA":** 4-6 April 1997, hosted by the Sussex Family History Group in its 25th Anniversary Year, at Bishop Otter College, College Lane, Chichester, West Sussex. There are a variety of booking options for conference delegates, with prices ranging from £28 to £175. Send SAE for booking form and further details to: Mrs. Doreen Hayes, 31, Poulter's Lane, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7SS.

● **GENEALOGY TOUR TO ENGLAND:** Held 27 April to 5 May 1997, the tour is 'land only', allowing you to book flights using 'air miles' if desired. Bonaventure Tours will be pleased to work with you or your travel agent to help you arrive early or extend your stay, and make additional travel arrangements throughout the UK. The group is limited to a maximum of 30 participants; refundable deposit of \$100/person reserves space. Tour will include orientations at major repositories and will be accompanied by genealogy specialist, Eunice Robinson (active in Vancouver genealogy groups, serving in many capacities, including coordinator of the BCGS Education Committee and Past President of the British Columbia Gen. Soc.; well-known and respected researcher, lecturer and writer on English and Irish genealogy.) Tour will include annual "*Family History Fair*", sponsored by the *Society of Genealogists*. To register, call Vonna McDonald at Bonaventure Tours, toll-free 1-800-876-5084 (in Calgary 271-2168).

● **IS YOUR NAME JOHNSTON/E?** Clan Johnston/e in America / Canada is a one-name organization formed to assist researchers who believe their Johnston/e ancestors may have originated in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

A regional newsletter is published which provides good exposure of members' queries. Our AGS member Bob McLeod, received front page coverage recently.

Individual membership is \$25. Membership commissioner for the Canadian branch is: Russell C. Honey, RR#1, Belleville, ON K8N 4Z1.

● **NEW NAME FOR EDMONTON'S CENTENNIAL LIBRARY:** As of 22 Aug 1996, the Edmonton Centennial Library will be known as the Stanley A. Milner Library, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton, AB T5J 2V4 ☎ (403) 496-7000.

● **UPDATE: PBS SERIES - ANCESTORS:** As outlined in our November 1995 issue of "*Relatively Speaking*", KBYU-TV, in association with the Public Broadcasting Service, is preparing a ten-part series on family history and genealogy.

The latest news is that this series is due to air on your local PBS channel in January 1997.

● **ARTICLES WORTH READING:**

"*Civil Registration and the Census*," by Janet Hiscocks. B & A (Bristol and Avon) Family History Society Journal, No. 84, June 1996, pp16-19 (particularly useful if researching in England and Wales).

"*Editor's Corner*" by Dave Sarjeant, Simcoe County Branch, OGS, Vol. 14, No. 2, May 1996, pp12,13. Includes summary of Michael Fitton's talk highlighting the value of researching British Manorial records and a mailing address for further information. Also summarizes Mary Garbutt's talk on locating family members who went to the USA from Canada West and cites reasons for emigrating. ■

Take time to show appreciation - thanks is the frosting on the cake of life!



RESEARCHER'S GROUP

Letters Received



Prepared by Jean L. Madill, Chairperson

The following is a list of the RESEARCH LETTERS recieved through the AGS mail for the period April 1 to June 30,1996.

Record #	Enquirer	From	Name(s) Sought	Area Sought	Date Rec'd.	Seeking
44	GRAY, Jackie	Courtenay, BC	John William Barnes	Coleman area	010496	Burial info
45	HOARE, M.B.	ENG	Scott/Alex/Michelle Robinson	AB	010496	Info: living
46	HANSTEEN, Ralf	GER	William / John Hansteen	AB	010496	Burial place
47	FLUMIGNAN, John	USA	Giovanni Flumignan	Diamond City	150496	Death info
48	OTTON, Sid	USA	Sidney / Adella Fanny Hardy	Medicine Hat	150496	Marr. certificate
49	VOSSLER, Gilbert/Anita	Medicine Hat, AB	John Vossler / Lydisse Bitterna	To Canada 1903	180496	Info: g-parents
50	DOHERTY, Lynn	Calgary, AB	Add: Niagara Falls Gen Soc	Walker fam.tree	180496	Help starting
51	HENDRICKSON, Kim	Calgary, AB	Mag: "Moffatana" by C. Moffat	Anywhere	180496	Info: magazine
52	EDWARDS, Mrs. M.	WLS	Cliff Alf Gold/ Gladys Reeves	Edmonton	180496	WmPearcey /DiMaria family
53	MCCOY, Janet Weisel	USA	George / Rosella Weisel	Edson, AB	250496	Thankyou
54	GRANT, Margaret R.	Chewynd, BC	John Kerr/Marg. Ellen Steedman	Edgison?, AB	250496	Info: mat. g-prnts
55	MINGO, Kristie M.	USA	John Charles/Wm Lewis Hillman	Lac La Biche	250496	Homestead record
56	BOOKER, Lynda	USA	Andrew/ Anna Blumhagen Adam	Hanna/Castor	250496	Obits / procedure
57	HUZAR, Liz	Calgary, AB	Rosa/ Josef/ Maciej Stefaniszy	South of Bruce	020596	Burial info
58	RICHARDSON, Debbie	Regina, SK	No name (g.grandfather)	RedDeer/Innisf.	160596	" " search/cost
59	LAKUSTA, Fredona	Swift Current, SK	Dora Budneyk	Edmonton	270596	Info on G-grandma
60	MIKULA, Deborah E.	USA	Frank/ Isabell Drayton (g-gpts)	" early1900s	040696	Wm Alderman:gggf
61	BRACKEN, Susan	Winnipeg, MB	Herbert D. Bruce	" (1981)	170696	Info
62	STARR, Joyce	USA	William Hayes Thompson	Canada c1931	200696	Death info
63	SYLVESTER, Richard	USA	Myrtle May Bedell & family		270696	
64	RICHARDSON, Debbie	Regina, SK	John Frederick W. Grosenick	Red Deer / Olds	270696	Burial info
65	LAYNE, Steven W.	Honolulu, HI	Jonathon Ellis Layne & family	Cardston	270696	Info on gg-father
66	LADWIG, Sandra	Red Deer, AB	Douglas D. Pitts	Edmonton, AB	040796	Death info
67	LACROIX, Mary M.	USA	Family names: Laqrois, Matte, etc.	Canada	150796	Ancestors once in Canada

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