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## Cover Story

Victor DUPERON was son of Francis Duperon and Exelia (Leya) Gagnon. He was born approximately 1890. His siblings included Orsen, Staneilas, Simon, Sarah, Marie, Evangeliste, Adele, Elizabeth, Delia, Melinda and Helen. He farmed in Lake Leelanaie (Provmont) Michigan. At the age of 19, he left home after a family disagreement and has not been seen or heard from since. The Francis Duperon family moved to Canada in 1908. This large family with over 2,000 known descendants would very much like to locate this missing brother's descendants. Any information anyone can provide would be greatly appreciated. Contact Evelina Duperon at 4408-45 Street, Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1G9.

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## President's Message

Margo Moffat

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As we move towards the close of 1996 I reflect upon some of the good things that have happened throughout the year. One of the major highlights was our move into the Armoury Building. The service we provide to the communities we live in is another highlight. Our youngest branch, Drayton Valley, is thriving under the care of its branch president. Grand Prairie Branch recently received a major donation to its library.

Art and Sylvia Avery, members of the Fort McMurray Branch, have a street named after them. I believe it is to be called Avery Crescent. Art and his wife have been involved in their community for many years and are well known for their volunteer service to many local organizations.

Other branches are doing wonderful things in their communities. What does this mean to us as a society? It means that we have strong, creative, caring individuals who collectively or individually give of their time and talents to enable us to progress and prosper as a society. We continue to provide education and resources in the field of genealogy through workshops and other events.

This society could not exist without the dedication of our branch presidents and our members. I express my thanks as your president and as a private citizen. Our communities benefit from our programs and our nation is richer in heritage as we strive to search and record genealogies before records are lost or destroyed.

I invite all members to participate in their branch activities as a board member or as volunteer in branch projects. When the work is shared, it lightens the load. I am grateful for all the work that is done in every area of our society from *Relatively Speaking* to Membership Secretaries, from set up to clean up committees and so on. As we approach 1997 may we accept every challenge, overcome every obstacle and find that elusive ancestor!

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## Editor's Message

Lillian Wight

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Just after retiring from teaching, I made a point of attending the family picnic in Ontario. A half first cousin, once removed, (I now know what that means), asked if I would be interested in a copy of a photo she had had made. It was of my grandfather on my father's side at about age 30, together with his half-brothers and half-sisters, his father and step-mother. The resemblance between my grandfather and our second son is remarkable.

I knew most of the half-brothers and half-sisters as they were the senior people at our annual picnics, but who were their parents, and THEIR parents? And so it was that I was hooked! I decided to take the course offered by the Edmonton Branch. Then I joined the Society. Next step was to visit the LDS Family History centre where I found my Osborne family on the IGI and later in Parish records.

Why am I telling you this? Because today, as your editor, I have the privilege of being the first person to browse the many publications that come to our library, either on an exchange basis or by subscription. Those periodicals originate as far away as Australia and as close as our neighbouring branches, provinces and states. They contain articles of local history, descriptions of social and economic conditions of earlier times, migration patterns, queries of families, how-to-research guidelines, unique family stories, profiles of individuals, technological updates, book reviews and bibliographies, all neatly packaged in very readable and sometimes humorous format.

There is such a wealth of information in these publications to help both you and I in supplementing our statistical findings, just waiting to be tapped, and not only in current issues. Please give some thought to investigating some periodicals. You may find that they will become a regular part of your genealogical diet as they have mine. For example, *Ancestor*, Vol 23 No3, Spring 1996, contains an extensive list of Scottish research sources in celebration of their Genealogical Conference. In addition, "Gleanings" in this issue are only a small sample of this periodical fare.

"Gleanings" could become a regular feature. Have we a member who enjoys reading and would welcome the experience of being the 'column reporter'? Please let me know.

As this issue is the last one of 1996, may I extend warm Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to all our readers for the Christmas season and the coming New Year.

# 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, Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton, ☎ 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.



## Alberta Family Histories Society

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 6:45 pm and general meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

## Provincial Archives of Alberta

### CHALIFOUX FAMILY TREE

PAA Accession 96.543 is a recent donation from John Chalifoux from Thorhild. It consists of numerous binders with information regarding the Chalifoux family. This family tree traces the descendants of Paul Chalifoux who came to Quebec in 1647 from Perigny near La Rochelle, France right through to present day (1995) descendants. This is a marvellous resource for anyone with a connection to the Chalifoux family. ■

## 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

Alexander .....	Reynolds, Bentley, Koepke
Anderson .....	Dickens, Masterson, Hawkins, Lisle
Bamforth .....	Taylor
Barritt .....	Handle
Berry .....	Harzline
Castor .....	McAlister, Hickerson
Forbes .....	MacIntosh, Sullivan, Ellis
Fox .....	Lewis, Fraser
Sanderson .....	Kirkpatrick, Dow
Siemens .....	Harder, Fisher, Remple

**More Next Edition!!!! ■**

## Family History Centre

Lee Rolins, Director, Edmonton

9010 - 85 Street, Edmonton ☎ (403)469-6460  
Mailing address: Family History Library, % Lee  
Rolins, 9604-75 St., Edmonton, AB T6C 2H9

**Hours:**  
Tues & Wed 9am-9pm; Thurs, Fri & Sat 9am-5pm  
Sunday 4:30-8:30pm (Non-members welcome!)

### UPCOMING SEMINARS

(contact FHC in new year for exact dates)

- February '97:  
"A Visit to Odessa, St. Petersburg, Bessarabia"

Family History Centre, con't...

- March '97:  
"A Visit to Ireland"
- April '97:  
"Part Indian, Mostly French"

#### PAF USER's GROUP:

Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at the Bonnie Doon Stake Centre (address above).

#### GREAT NEWS.....

The fiche and film have been organized according to geographic location.

We expect to have the holdings of the FHC (this particular location) on computer to enable a search in a similar fashion to the way it is done on *FamilySearch*™.

#### SOME REFERENCE MATERIALS AT FHC:

*Ancestral File*™; Church Records of Scotland (new on CD); English Records (some census and birth, marriage and death indexes 1837-1903); *IGI*; Irish Records (b,m,d and deed indexes); Ontario Index to early births, marriages and deaths (1869-1921); Research Guides of Canada, USA, England, Ireland, Scotland and other countries; USA Records (Accelerated Indexing System - indexes of early US census records and pre-1700 marriage records for New England States).■



La Société  
Génomique  
du Nord-Ouest

#### Researching Your French-Canadian Ancestors

Research Library : ☎ (403)424-2476

#200, 10008-109 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 1M4

Hours : Mon, Tues, Wed 10am to 3pm



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 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.

Hours of operation : 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday

#### Address :

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United Empire  
Loyalists'  
Association  
of Canada

#### KEEP THESE DATES OPEN for 1996-1997

##### Edmonton and area meetings:

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

#### CONTACT:

Edmonton Area: Fran Losie ☎ (403) 482-1480  
Calgary Area: Bruce Miller ☎ (403) 287-3258

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

Contrary to popular myth, a large percentage of Loyalists were of non-British extraction. Many were of German, Swiss, French, Dutch, American Indian and African descent. Loyalists transcended all social classes from wealthy merchants to farmers and trades people.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association's head office is in the historic George Brown House in Toronto, with branches all over Canada including Edmonton and Calgary. Membership in the Association is only possible through belonging to a local branch.

When you have proven your lineage to an United Empire Loyalist, you can apply for certification to add U.E. after your name (as established by Order in Council, Quebec, November 9, 1789, Lord Dorchester). The Branch Genealogist and the National Genealogist must approve the application, and then you will receive a certificate with your name and the name of your Loyalist ancestor.

Membership in the Edmonton UEL Branch (\$45) provides you with two copies of *The Loyalist Gazette*, published in the Fall and Spring by the National office, and provides help from our Branch Genealogist and the National Genealogist.

Because we use the AGS library for our meetings, we also encourage membership in the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. ■

## Computer Corner

Rocky Gibney, AGS 2923

### Computer Programs Review Continued...

#### For IBM compatibles:

***Brother's Keeper***<sup>TM</sup> This is a "shareware" program that is available in DOS or for Windows. Cost for the shareware license is approximately \$49.00 U.S. This program is best termed as "fair." It is a case of "you get what you pay for." It has been around for a long time, with numerous updates provided over the years. It has the ability to do many different charts and will import pictures and graphics with the latest edition. It produces lovely box charts as one claim to fame. Its popularity is due in large part to its relative access without paying for the shareware license. Please pay the shareware fee, as this money goes to further enhancements of the program. The program is available for downloading on most computer genealogy bulletin boards.

***Family Origins***<sup>TM</sup> From Parsons Technology. This is a very good program. A recent upgrade was released a little more than a month ago (Version 5). Certainly worth upgrading, if you own older versions. This program has a loyal following, and is easy to use. This is a *Windows 3.1* or *Windows 95* program. It produces many nice charts as well. Its shortcomings may be in keeping track of your sources and conflicting data, but this has been addressed in version 5 for the large part. It has a loyal following. This program is inexpensively priced.

***Family Gathering***<sup>TM</sup> Previously known as ***Visual Roots IV***<sup>TM</sup> from CommSoft. A very good program. Has a database engine and feel. A large program. Not as user friendly as most other programs. Powerful search capabilities, and highly customizable. Recommended for only those comfortable with computers and working with databases; good for indexing, and one name searches and inexpensively priced.

#### For Macintosh Systems

***Reunion***<sup>TM</sup> From Leister Productions. This program is arguably the best program out right now for the Macintosh systems. It has many of the same features as the other standard programs available. I would certainly recommend this one for those looking for a Macintosh program. Moderately priced. This program is also available for the PC.

**Next issue:** *How to get on the Internet, and the tools needed to do the job right.*

#### WEB SITES Worth Surfing:

- **Computers in Genealogy** (published by the Society of Genealogists in the UK):  
<http://www.gold.ac.uk/~cig/>
- **Kindred Konnections**, is a fee-based service claiming to be the second largest database in the world. \$15/month.  
<http://www.kindredkonnections.com>
- **American-Canadian Genealogical Society** (a leading French-Canadian genealogy society):  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/acgs>
- **Iowa Obituaries**:  
<http://www.netins.net/showcase/morris/obits/obitview.htm>
- **Surnames on a Map - U.S. Surnames Distribution** (this is a cute site):  
<http://www.hamrick.com/names/index.html>

**Next issue:** more websites that assist you in your quest for finding more records. ■



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## Translations

Coordinator: Sue Philips, AGS 1660

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I have recently had requests for translation of Italian, Polish and Russian. I have passed these on to volunteers willing to translate any specific language. Many members have come and gone over the years so I have lost some translators. Would any member willing to help with translation requests please contact me, either through the AGS address, by phone in Edmonton (403)430-6779, or by e-mail at [mcava@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:mcava@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca) and let me know if you are still available and what language(s) you can help with?■

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## Federation of Family History Societies

Coordinator: Sue Philips, AGS 1660

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We recently received the newest publications from the FFHS. These have been passed on to the Library for processing and will soon be available for members to borrow. The titles are:

- **Writing and Publishing Your Family History** by John Titford
- **Basic Facts About Using Baptism Records for Family Historians** by Pauline M. Litton
- **Researching Family History in Wales** by Jean Istance and E.E. Cann
- **Basic Facts About Using Record Offices for Family Historians** by Tom Wood
- **An Introduction to The British Army: Its History, Tradition and Records** by Iain Swinnerton
- **First Name Variants** by Alan Bardsley

I also have a small booklet on the structure and organization of the FFHS. This describes the members of the executive and directors of committees and explains their duties and responsibilities. If anyone is interested in looking at this, please let me know.

We had two very successful sessions with Dr. Colin Chapman in September. He spoke on Eastern European Research and British Research to very enthusiastic audiences who snapped up the books he had for sale and ordered 80 more.■

## Canadian Military Records

Reprinted from the *Ottawa Branch News*,  
Sep/Oct 1996, Vol. XXVIX, No 5, p 161

A recent article posted on InterNet said that a man was delighted with the amount of information he received, although he waited 8 months to receive his father's military records. It prompted a reply from an anonymous donor, who provided additional information, apparently quoted from:  
<http://www.archives.ca/www/Personal/Records.html>

"In accordance with the Privacy Act, access to personal information relating to an individual who is still living requires that person's written consent. If the individual has been dead for less than 20 years, limited information may be released in accordance with the Privacy Act. Proof of death and relationship must be provided. A death certificate, newspaper obituary or funeral director's notice are accepted as proof of death.

"Proof of relationship" refers to a document that clearly demonstrates the relationship between the individual concerned and the person requesting the record. Both names must appear on the document. A newspaper obituary, baptismal certificate or full - form birth certificate are acceptable, but a wallet-sized certificate is not. Please do not send original documents; photocopies are accepted.

There are no restrictions on access to information relating to an individual who has been dead for more than 20 years; however, proof of death is required if the individual did not die serving with the Armed Forces.

Requests can be submitted informally, using an Access to Information Request Form, available at public libraries and government information offices.

Note that there is a \$5.00 application fee for formal requests made under the Access to Information Act.

Under the Privacy Act, you can examine or obtain copies of your own personal file. You can also examine or obtain copies of someone else's personal file. Provide you submit that person's sign authorization to do so. There is no fee for processing Privacy Act request."

Although the Personal Archives is located at Tunney's Pasture in Ottawa, the mailing address is the same as the National Archives. Please indicate *military personnel records* or something to that effect on the envelope..

National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, ON, K1A 0N3

They prefer written requests only.■



# Emigration

Bill Tufts

When researching our family background we readily acknowledge that our ancestors did move from place to place, but we seldom stop to wonder why. Beginning on the following page is a list of Irish families who intended to move to British North America. Even today it is a major decision to pull up stakes and move thousands of miles to another country, but our ancestors ventured forth in vessels that a harbour master would not allow to clear port by today's safety standards. Travel in this period could be perilous, to say the least. Historians have discovered that there were "push factors" at home that made them decide to leave and "pull factors" to draw them to where they settled. In the case of the Carlow and Wexford inhabitants named in the following lists, there were two tiers of push and pull. A post war recession and failing crops were a decided push factor. The British government was offering assistance to many who wished to start anew in British North America where they would have new land - and lots of it by Irish standards. This was a motivating pull, but the British government, for all its humanity, had ulterior motives when they made the offer.

Soldiers returning from the Napoleonic wars on the continent had flooded the labour market. Simultaneously from 1812-1814, there had been another war in North America. In order to stave off the cost of transporting Canadian based troops home to deteriorating conditions, government offered free land to soldiers as well, if they settled in British North America. Realizing that it now had a shared AND UNPROTECTED 1,000 mile border with the United States, Britain wished the colonies to become self-sustaining and be able to protect themselves against the Americans should another war erupt. The disbanded soldiers could make up the officer corps of a home militia, offer military expertise and provide proper training to the general rank and file. Military settlements were established in the second tier of counties inland from the border (the St. Lawrence River) at Richmond, Franktown and Perth. In the accompanying lists, the compiler noted that upwards of 1,100 men were capable of carrying arms. Some had shown their loyalty in the '98 uprising and by their actions, attachment to the Crown. This responsibility to defend Canada was the "pull" factor the Crown had to assist emigrants to settle in eastern Ontario. Further, there was a "push" factory by the Crown to remove people from the responsibility it had to care for those living in the British Isles. If people left Ireland, government would not be required to feed, clothe and house them. A more detailed article on this list and the

people in it was written by Dr. Bruce Elliott and was published in: Donald H. Akenson, ed., *Canadian Papers in Rural History*, Vol. VII (1992), pp 227-305, including detailed footnotes and information on some specific families. (Source: *Ottawa Branch News*, Vol. XXVIX, #5, September-October, 1996)

[Editor's note: Emigration: Part II, Carlow and Wexford Emigration, 1817-8, found in the same issue, p 163+, lists the Irish families referred to in the above article.]■

## From Littleport to Canada

Lucille Horne, AGS 2943

(First printed in Cambridgeshire FHS Journal, Nov 1995, p161.) Reprinted with permission.

My great grandmother, Mary Ann Gotobed, the eldest child of Thomas and Mary (formerly Bridgeman, late Ralph) Gotobed, was born 27 June 1860, at Ten Mile Bank, Littleport. At the time, her father was identified as a farm labourer, but the family moved to Camberwell, Surrey, shortly thereafter, where several siblings were born. Only one, a brother, Thomas Bridgeman, survived.

On 10 June 1878, Mary Ann married Thomas Swift (both Londoners), in the church of St. Barnabas at Hull, Yorkshire. Her father, Thomas Gotobed, was listed as a contractor on the marriage certificate.

In 1888, with four small sons, and no parents still living (Mary Gotobed had died the previous December in Camberwell Workhouse) Thomas and Mary Ann decided to emigrate to Canada. They were living in Toronto in March 1889, where their fifth child and first daughter was born. Two more children were born while the family lived in Toronto. Thomas Swift was employed as a carpenter, working on an Upper Canada College building project.

The lure of free homesteading land in Western Canada prompted the Swift family with their seven children to leave Ontario for Alberta. In 1894 trains across Canada travelled approximately 100 miles per day and rested on a railway siding at night, so the journey to Edmonton took nearly a month. One of the older children recalled that homesteading families were required to fetch the following day's water supply from nearby streams. The men usually searched the surrounding land for rabbits or small game birds which provided fresh meat for their meals. All cooking was done in a special rail car.

From Littleport to Canada, con't...

Three more children, one of whom died at 13 months of age, were born in Alberta. The family obtained land, east of Edmonton in the Clover Bar District, and with the help of the older sons became farmers.

Mary Ann and her second son enjoyed a holiday back in London in 1898, visiting her brother and his family. She must have extolled the advantages of pioneer life as he too emigrated to Alberta in 1905.

In March 1906, Mary Ann became ill with pneumonia and died, eight months pregnant, at 46 years of age. She was buried in Strathcona Burial Grounds, now known as Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Edmonton. Life was extremely difficult in those days.

A final note to the life of Mary Ann - her eldest daughter Mary, born in Toronto in 1889, died on Vancouver Island in 1994 at 105 years of age.

[Editor's note in the Cambs FHS Journal] By a strange coincidence, earlier in the year I received a letter from Joyce Ream (10006-108 Street, Fort Saskatchewan, AB, Canada, T8L 2J6) who told me that Sarah Gotobed, the sister of her grandfather, John, married Martin Hurst in 1884 in Littleport. She wondered if there was any connection with my husband's Hurst line. The Littleport couple moved to Leicester and Joyce corresponds with their granddaughter, Rosemary Barnes who also lives in Leicester. It was only a couple of years ago that Joyce also discovered that a third cousin, also descended from the Gotobed family was living in Fort Saskatchewan - Lucille Home, the author of the article above! Through Lucille, Joyce found that she had 500 descendants of her Gotobed family living in Western Canada today. ■

## The Homestead Act

From the *Wetaskiwin Times*, 3 May 1901

Submitted by Pat Hewitt, AC&S 142

As a great number of settlers are coming into this district this spring it would be well to explain a few clauses of the Homestead Act.

Some settlers have the idea that, on obtaining a patent for the first Homestead, they can file on a second one. Such, however, is far from being the case. The right to a second homestead only applies to settlers who have obtained a patent or a recommendation for patent prior to 1889.

The day of the squatter is past and gone. Until a man has perfected his entry he cannot exercise rights of ownership in respect of the land.

The entry fee is only \$10, and it is the man who is willing to make entry who will have the first right. Several applicants have made affidavits when filing on land that there was no one living on it and no improvements, when it turned out otherwise. Such people who do not take the trouble to find out the circumstances deserve very little consideration at the hands of the Government.

On the other hand those persons who think they can hold on to the land without making entry are liable to find themselves mistaken. Many amendments to the Homestead Act have been passed by the Federal Government, and at the present time the settler's needs have been studied closely and the fees reduced considerably. Formerly a cancelled entry cost \$15 to file on, now it is only \$10. Inspection fees re application for patent were \$5. This charge has been done away with altogether. Many other concessions have been made, and still further amendments have been introduced this session by Mr. Sifton, Minister of the Interior. - Herald. ■

## New Homes of Alberta

From the *Wetaskiwin Times*, 3 May 1901

Submitted by Pat Hewitt, AC&S 142

The following poem, giving a new settler's idea of Alberta, was composed by Alberta Larsen, of Duhamel:

Come all our friends, be happy and sing with jubilee,  
For we have come to the land where homes are free;  
So let it ring with an echo from sea to sea,  
As we are travelling onward so merrily  
To the good land of Alberta.

You must not think we're in a land of snow,  
For you'll not find a better home where'er you go  
Where horses and cattle all winter out do roam,  
So come with us and sing, "There is no place like Home!"

To the good land of Alberta.

Our oats won first prize and fame at the Paris fair,  
So we must have a good climate and healthy air;  
The potatoes and gardens here so lovely will grow;  
We would like to know where you better can show,  
Than in the fields of Alberta.

The saskatoons and raspberries all over you find,  
The sweet fruits of wild nature - oh, is it not kind?  
The blue lakes and rivers are all full of fish,  
So hurry and come to us and have a good dish,  
In our new homes in Alberta.

Wild ducks and geese by the thousand, here fly;  
As they wander all summer beneath the blue sky,  
The chickens and partridge over the prairie do run,  
And I'm positive that they have lots of fun  
In the tall grass of Alberta.

Now don't lack courage, but have a strong will,  
So you can leave your friends and your father's door sill,  
And let the old countries have their trouble and strife;  
Take with you all you have, your good children and wife,

And build new homes in Alberta. ■

## Just Starting Research - Beginners' Page

as appeared in *Hertfordshire People*,  
No 57, Spring 1996 and No 58, July 1996

Advice for those who have recently begun to trace their family history.....

Within this page we hope to give members who are new to this pastime a few tips and ideas to make life a little easier and not fall into the traps that so many of us did when we began. Remember this is a COMPULSIVE hobby, but extremely rewarding.

### A few golden rules:

- Always work from the known to the unknown. Begin with yourselves, close relations and friends.
- Progress logically, working on only one line or name at a time.
- Always PROVE a connection before continuing research.
- Record everything exactly as it appears in the document EXACTLY as it appears in the document. If it is not useful now it may be in the future. It may contain a vital clue.

### The DO's of research

- Devise a suitable and straightforward record keeping system.
- Do your homework before visiting a record office. Know what you want to find and where you might find it.
- Observe the rules - use a PENCIL only.

- Remember town and county boundaries are imaginary lines not physical barriers. Your ancestors may move across county boundaries or to another parish without thought to your needs.

- Keep an open mind on places, dates, and above all the way your name is spelt. Literacy was not the same 100 years ago as it is today; people wrote what they heard. Your name may be spelt differently. The date granny gave you may also be a few years adrift.

### The DON'Ts of research

- Don't trust information to memory under any circumstances.
- Don't believe everything you see written down -- ages, places of birth and other information are known to be inaccurate, if not downright incorrect.
- Don't give up after a few setbacks. Seek help and advice, that way you will progress and find the whole idea very rewarding.

Here is a foolproof research system:

### THE BASIC RESEARCH SYSTEM

- ESTABLISH OR REVIEW WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT AN ANCESTOR
- DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO FIND OUT NEXT eg. a baptism, was the person in the workhouse, etc.
- SET YOUR GOAL so that your research is not sidetracked.
- DECIDE WHICH RECORD OR SET OF RECORDS WILL BEST HELP YOU FIND THE INFORMATION YOU WANT. You may need to call the record office or look at a reference book.
- LOCATE THE RECORD. Find out where the record is held.
- SEARCH THE RECORD
- RECORD EVERYTHING EXACTLY AS THE RECORD STATES otherwise vital clues may be overlooked.
- EVALUATE THE INFORMATION. Is it exactly what I want? PROVE THE CONNECTION.
- USE THIS INFORMATION TO SET YOUR NEXT GOAL.

By using this system every time you should have all the correct information and be able to logically progress your research. So many beginners (and indeed some experienced researchers) don't follow this simple set of rules and become easily sidetracked, often missing vital pieces of information.

Initially, it is essential to obtain sufficient information to identify an ancestor, to distinguish effectually one person from all others. Concentrate on finding first names, dates, places and relationships. All such information should be recorded in the way it appears in the original document. Once the essential facts have been found, then you can "put the flesh on the bones". That way you will dress the right person! You will build up a picture of a "living person", not just basic facts. After all, that is what family history is all about. ■

## Mysteries in a Prairie Cemetery

by Phyllis Alcorn, AGS 144

While working on the records of the Alliance Cemetery during the past twenty years, I have encountered several names which have no connection with local families. All were left in unmarked graves, which I found rather sad.

In search of information I read through many old issues of *The Alliance Times* newspaper and eventually came across written accounts of their deaths. These obituaries did not give much information about the deceased and I could not help but wonder about them. Who were these people? Where did they come from? Did their families ever know what happened to them?

Perhaps someone, somewhere, is searching for a missing family member. In hopes of finding that family I would like to give what information I have been able to locate.

**JOSEPH LAMBERT:** died accidentally on 8 Jan 1921, aged about twenty years.

Joseph was employed on a farm in the Alliance district and died after he was crushed when a load of wheat overturned. He had apparently come to the district from Calgary, but no one could find any relatives and he was buried in the Alliance's cemetery. The newspaper account states: *"We understand that he was a returned soldier and the Great War Veteran Association will endeavour to locate next of kin."* None were found.

Does anyone have a Joseph Lambert in their family?

**ELLIOT COWAN:** born in Norththumberland County, England, 8 Sep 1872; died 24 May 1925; interred in the Alliance cemetery.

Elliot Cowan apparently came to Canada about 1911 and worked on the Pat Burns' ranch near Calgary for a few years. When war broke out in 1914, he enlisted in the 137th Battalion at Calgary and was at the front for three years. After injuries he received an honourable discharge and again worked on the Burns' ranch until 1920. Elliot Cowan then settled on land near the Battle River, south of Alliance, where he resided until his death.

Did Elliot Cowan's family remain in England? Were they notified about his death? Or did a son or brother simply set on an adventure and never return?

**MRS. GORDON WREN IVERSON** (nee Miss M. R. Malloy, Glasgow, Scotland): Died after a few hours illness at the Commercial Hotel in Alliance on Saturday, 20 Aug 1927. Her sister, Mrs. Jack Smith of Lethbridge, and a friend, Mrs. J. Clark of Calgary, arrived in Alliance the following Monday evening and attended the funeral the next day. Mrs. Iverson was buried in the Alliance Cemetery.

Does anyone know anything about Mrs. Gordon Wren Iverson?

All the above questions remain unanswered and these graves were left unmarked in a lonely cemetery near a small town on the prairies. Can anyone help solve the mysteries?■

## Certificate Found: Does it Belong in Your Family Tree?

The original certificate, with the following information, was found in an antique store in Vancouver, BC by one of our members: Sally Smaha of Terrace, BC. She will give it to anyone who has Leonard Barry Harrison on their family tree.

*"Diocese of Rupertland / Certificate of Baptism I hereby certify that Leonard Barry, the child of J.B. Harrison & C. Maud Harrison, was baptised in St. Margaret's Ch. on the 20th day of Jany. 1924 by me, F Glover. Sponsors: J.B. Harrison, C.W. Waring, Clarissa Maud Harrison. Date of Birth Oct 27th 1923"*

Diocese of Rupertland

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Issued in three grades by The General Board of Religious Education of the Church of England, Toronto.  
 No. 1. For Children eight years and under (15c. per doz.  
 No. 2. For Children ages nine to eleven years (\$1.00 per 100  
 No. 3. For Scholars twelve years and over, 25c per doz., \$1.75 per 100.

## Remember Dublin . . .

### Why Gatineau?

by Clarence Madill, AG# 1684

My political interests were pretty well non-existent all my life. My father was a Conservative, my grandfathers were conservative and conservatism was good enough for me, I guess. I had no doubts that the members of Parliament were doing their jobs for the good of the whole country and not necessarily for party or personal gains.

Recently two packets of mail came into my hands, as AGS Mail Coordinator, which dispelled by belief that political maneuvering was not all for the "good of the country". The first was from Francoise Houle, Director General of Client Services and Communication Branches, describing the great new facility built at Gatineau, Quebec, where our National Canadian Archives were being moved. The second came in a large tube containing ten large display sheets showing on one side, a cut-away of the grand state-of-the-art, multi-million dollar building and on the other side, a printed description and an invitation to attend the grand opening in June 1997.

Now, I have no ill feeling toward the people of Quebec except for the Separatist Activities which have taken over a near majority of the population, instigated no doubt by a few radicals who will keep trying until they get their way to the detriment of all of Canada. The locating of a new National Archives facility in Gatineau has to be one of the biggest political gambles of our time, a maneuver to appease the Quebec interests.

I doubt that there is one genealogist who, with any Irish interests in their searching, has not been disgusted by the willful destruction of Irish records in the fire of 1922 in Dublin. Instructions had been sent to all Irish parishes to send all their church records to Dublin. We can only be thankful that some parishes and individuals did not do as asked or made copies of their holdings - now the main source of information that we can get.

In spite of this, our government has seen fit to move all our National Archives into a province which is a hotbed of discontent with a desire to separate from the Dominion of Canada. What happens to our precious Archives, our Canadian heritage, in the case of Separation? Is it not feasible (unthinkable) that radical activities might try to destroy anything Canadian as happened in Dublin 74 years ago where the spite was against the English.

I believe in the decentralization of certain government departments and interests away from Ottawa, like part of the Royal Mint to Winnipeg, but that is just money and can be replaced, but our precious archives, our history and heritage, once destroyed, is gone forever. Why are they being moved away from our Capital City? Granted the distance is negligible, but it is still into Quebec. ■

## Relations 2.1

### A Newton Genealogy Program

Peter Mitchell, AG# 3435

Do you have an Apple MessagePad™? Or are you thinking of getting one? Read on....

A new release of Relations, a shareware genealogy program for Newton devices, is available. Relations 2.1 is a complete rewrite of the previous version of Relations to take full advantage of the new Newton OS2.0. This new version also implements more of a relational data structure and adds a number of new features:

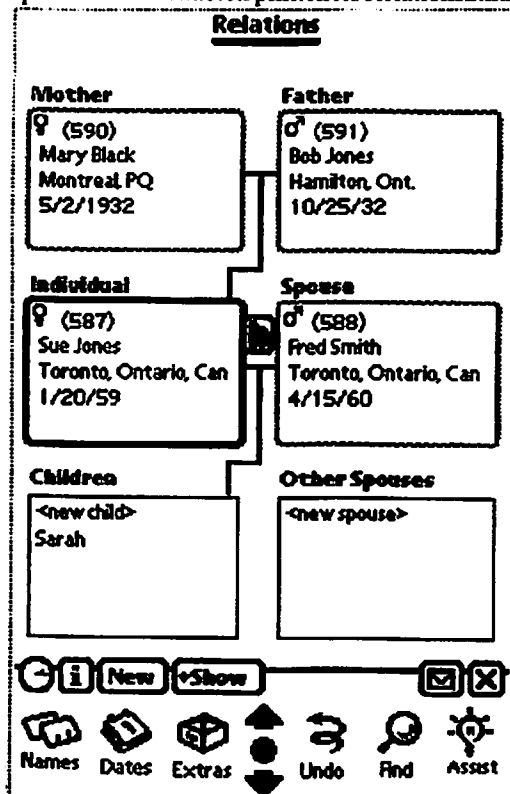
- Scroll through individuals in any view
- Enter notes including text and/or drawings
- Enter source/reference citations
- Import/export in GEDCOM format

This is one way of carrying your genealogy database in your pocket. It is a free-standing genealogy program, it doesn't require any other software. However, it can also work in conjunction with almost any genealogy program on a Macintosh or PC. Data may be exchanged via GEDCOM files. (The drawings will not be transferred as that capability isn't in the GEDCOM specification.)

Relations is a shareware program with a \$25 registration fee.

The latest version can be downloaded from:  
<ftp://members.aol.com/pmitchmsd/Relations21.sit>.

For more information, look at:  
<http://www.ccinet.ab.ca/pmitchell/Relations2.html> ■



Surname Index to:  
*Germans from Russia in Alberta:*  
*Reminiscences*, T. Yeldin, editor  
 created by Al Meyer, AGS 3447

Hello. My name is Al Meyer (AGS #3447; I seem to share the same number with Henry Meyer). Recently, I read the book entitled, "Germans from Russia in Alberta; Reminiscences", T. Yeldin, editor. It was published in 1984 by the Central and East European Ethno-cultural Groups in Alberta Study Project. I obtained a copy from the Grande Prairie Public Library. It irritated me that the book didn't have an index of names, so as I read it, I wrote down all the last names and the appropriate page numbers. This was very easy to do, so perhaps others could do the same as they peruse their next unindexed book.

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[Editor's note:  
 What a good idea!  
 Thankyou, Al. You will  
 have many appreciative  
 readers.]■

The Skulls of Your Ancestors  
 May be Awaiting Your Visit

Michael Algar for *The Financial Post*, 27 Jul 1996  
 Submitted by Helen McArthur, AGS 2861

Mainland, Orkney

It isn't every day I'm handed a 5,000-year-old human skull, but here at Ronnie Simison's farm on Orkney, nobody thinks it's unusual. The bone has been polished smooth by constant handling; in fact, every visitor to this makeshift museum is invited to handle skulls and jawbones that once belonged to the area's Stone Age residents.

That same morning I sat on the walls of a Bronze Age house while Simison's daughter explained how inhabitants cooked their food with heated stones. By the end of the day I had crawled into the tomb under a burial mound, marvelled at 60-tonne stones set in a precise circle, and studied a village of furnished homes — all dating to around 3,000 BC. That's how it is on Orkney's islands off the northern tip of Scotland, where the past is always present.

Just east of Stromness, Skara Brae, Orkney's largest neolithic settlement, doesn't offer a "hands on" experience such as you'll have at Simison's farm. It is awesome, nonetheless, to see the sod-roofed subterranean houses from the Stone Age, buried until the

mid-1800s when a raging storm swept in from the sea to scour away protective layers of sand. All the homes, connected by a covered walkway, are identical. Some are furnished with stone slab shelves, beds and bureaus; even running water and indoor toilets.

Nearby, huge jagged stones forming the Ring of Brodgar were dragged from island quarries and sunk into the soil at precise intervals. When erected 2,500 years ago, there were 60 stones. Now there are 35, of which some are no more than stumps. Apparently a meeting place and ceremonial site, the ring was almost certainly linked to Maes Howe, a neighboring burial mound recognized as the finest example of a chambered tomb in Europe. Eight metres high, but entered by a tunnel so low I was almost forced on to hands and knees, it has cells off a main chamber pierced by the sun's rays only at each winter solstice. Graffiti left by Viking intruders are now valued runic inscriptions. Someone unknown complained that the tomb had been looted by Crusaders.

Some of Orkney's 18th and 19th-century history is beautifully presented in Stromness, where a small museum displays artifacts from that area, when three-quarters of the Hudson's Bay Company employees originated in Orkney. Known as good, steady workers who could read, write and do basic arithmetic, they were given passage on company ships that called at Stromness to replenish water supplies before setting off on their transatlantic voyages.

Starting wages with the company in North America were as low as £6 a year. Even so, with free food and lodging, it enabled Orcadians to save for a piece of farmland and a boat back home.

Veterans of two world wars have been coming to Orkney for years, to explore more recent history at Scapa Flow. In 1919, the German navy scuttled 74 ships rather than see them fly foreign flags. Following the outbreak of the Second World War, a German submarine slipped into this harbor to sink the battleship Royal Oak. That's when Winston Churchill ordered rock-and-concrete barriers built between the chain of islands around the harbor. They're now causeways linking communities.

There are 70 islands in the Orkney group, of which 20 are populated year round. In summer and early fall, the days are long and the weather mild and dry. On the largest island, known as Mainland, archeological sites are the greatest draw although naturalists, environmentalists, and divers and sea-kayakers also show up in droves. Kirkwall's Highland Park distillery is a must for those who like to complete their Scottish visit with a wee dram of the local whisky.

The distillery is one of five remaining in Scotland that still uses peat to roast its malt.

Access to Orkney is simple between spring and fall when ferries are frequent between the islands, and from Scotland's mainland and Norway. British Airways /Loganair will fly you in on scheduled services from Glasgow and Aberdeen. Guest accommodation is provided in first-class small hotels, B&Bs, self-catering crofts and hostels. Seafood and home-grown beef and lamb ensure memorable meals. The Creel Inn in St. Margaret's Hope overlooking Scapa Flow is one of the best.

For more information on the Orkney Islands, contact the British Tourist Authority, 111 Avenue Rd., Suite 450, Toronto M5R 3J8, phone (416) 925-6326■

## Under the Baton

Summarized from an original article  
by Lillian Wight, AG8 2668

The original Edmonton Schoolboys' Band played their first concert program at the Royal Canadian Legion Memorial Hall on 9 November 1936 under the direction of Thomas Vernon Newlove, a teacher at the Edmonton Technical School. Founding members of the band included young men from the Newsboys Band which had disbanded in 1928, the Edmonton Fusiliers Reserve Band and from Edmonton Public Schools.

Some of the instruments were donated, some purchased in second-hand shops and repaired by the director, and some were privately owned. Rehearsals moved to the third floor of McCauley School in 1937 and a junior feeder band was established. Home-made uniforms were made, and majorettes were introduced.

For years the Edmonton Schoolboys' Band was the official band of the Edmonton Eskimo football team. They also played in the Edmonton Gardens for all the home games of the world renowned women's basketball team, the Edmonton Grads. The band was the only civilian band to play the Royal salute for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at their Edmonton stop at the CNR station in 1939. Band concerts were held in the Empire Theatre and also in Westglen High School auditorium.

During World War II, 156 members together with their director signed up for active service, many as bandsmen in one of the three Armed Forces. O.W. Murray was appointed assistant bandmaster at that time.



Under the Baton, con't...

In 1951 band headquarters were moved to Victoria Composite High School and the directors continued to offer instruments, music and tuition free of charge. School credits were also awarded to those students attending high school.

Mr. Newlove, affectionately known as "T.V." over the years, retired in 1967 having achieved his dream of 32 years - "To form a school band which DID become one of the finest school bands in the country". The band continued to operate under the direction of Robert C. Whittet until 1969 when the final performance was held in Victoria Composite High School Auditorium.

A 60th Anniversary Reunion of the Edmonton Schoolboys' Band was recently held at the Mayfield Inn. The reunion was organized by one of the former members, Frank Mathew(1937), and proved to be a very special time for those who attended. The editor extends thanks to Frank for providing this information together with the following list of the original band members of 1936.



#### Edmonton Schoolboys' Band Members 1936\*

ANDERSON, Albert	Clarinet	Toronto, ON**
BALFOUR, Sigurd	Clarinet	Lethbridge, AB
BALL, Donald(d)	Trombone	
BELTER, Ed	Cornet	Edmonton, AB
BELTER, Paul	Drums	Aylmer, PQ
BRISTOW, William(d)	Clarinet	
BROWN, Charles	Trombone	Peace River, AB
BROWN, James (Jim)(d)	Alto	
BUSENIUS, Clarence	Piccolo	Sherwood Park, AB
CAMPBELL, Allen(d)	Baritone	
CARLYLE, George	Cornet	Winnipeg, MN
CHRISTENSEN, Robert(d)	Trombone	
CLARK, Malcolm	Clarinet	Victoria, BC
CROOK, George	Drums	
CROOK, Roy	Cornet	Edmonton, AB
CUMMING, Grant(Scotty)	Cornet	Edmonton, AB
CURRY, Arthur(d)	Clarinet	
CURRY, Kenneth	Cornet	Ottawa, ON
EADIE, Alan(d)	Baritone	
FORBES, Jack(d)	Bass	
GEE, James(d)	Trombone	
GELDART, Gordon(d)	Cornet	
GREEN, Robert	Cornet	
GRILLS, Rae	Drums	
HARCUS, George	Cornet	Sherwood Park, AB
HESLEP, Earl	Bass	Edmonton, AB
HUNT, Robert(d)	Saxophone	

LIGGINS, Douglas	Cornet	
MARR, Ted R.	Saxophone	Ottawa, ON
MARTIN, Arman(d)	Clarinet	
NIMECK, John	Clarinet	Edmonton, AB
O'FLAHERTY, Thomas	Clarinet	Grande Prairie, AB
ORNEST, Saul(Stan)	Clarinet	Plantation, FL
PARKER, Harold	Cornet	
PARKINSON, Harry	Trombone	St. Bruno, PQ
PARKINSON, Leslie J.	Clarinet	St. Paul, AB
PETERSON, Arlo	Saxophone	
PURCHES, Walter	Clarinet	North York, ON
SHAW, Claude	Cornet	
SHEDDEN, Donald(d)	Clarinet	
SHEDDEN, Ernest(d)	Clarinet	
SMOLYK, Sam(d)	Drums	
TEBBY, Jack(d)	Clarinet	
TIMMS, William(Tymchuk)	Drums	Calgary, AB
TOBY, Ray(d)	Clarinet	
TWETER, Gilbert(d)	Alto	
WOLFE, Evan	Saxophone	Vancouver, BC

\*Names first appeared in a concert program  
 \*\*Current residence (Address available upon request)  
 (d) - deceased  
 List amended to publication date■

## Finding Your Genetic Connections

by Maureen A. Connolly  
 From Everton's Genealogical Helper Mar/Apr 1995

The term 'family tree' brings to mind a diagram of the marriages, divorces, deaths, and offspring of a family. People usually compile a family tree to identify their family members and discover how they relate to one another. But as fascinating as that information can be, it is only a part of all you need to know about your family.

Joan discovered this the hard way when she had difficulty breathing after receiving a general anesthetic for a surgical procedure. Later, she discovered that her maternal aunt had a similar complication and that it was caused by a hereditary enzyme deficiency. Had she been aware of this, Joan could have been given a different anesthetic and would never have had this life-threatening complication.

John had a recurring mouth sore that would not heal, even with repeated antibiotic treatment. This symptom continued for nearly one year before other

symptoms, including drastic weight loss and memory lapses, convinced him to see his doctor, who quickly diagnosed adult-onset diabetes. John later discovered that both his paternal aunt and grandmother had had diabetes. Had he and his health-care provider known this before his symptoms began, the onset of his disease could have been delayed or even prevented.

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Joan and John found out that knowing your family health history is as important a part of health care as eating a well-balanced diet and having regular medical checkups. According to the UCLA School of Public Health book *50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save Your Life* (Earth Works Press, Berkeley, California), "almost one-third of all known diseases and conditions are linked to heredity."

Most people know that certain diseases, like Huntington's disease, hemophilia, and sickle cell anemia, are hereditary. However, conditions such as alcoholism, obesity, diabetes, and cancer can also run in families. The recent discoveries of a "fat gene" and a gene that is found more often in people with certain types of cancer add to the growing evidence that heredity affects health at least as much as environment and lifestyle.

**Your genes make you who you are. Your inherited genes determine your eye, skin, and hair color as well as genes that determine how healthy you are.**

Your genes make you who you are. You and your siblings are made up of genes inherited from your parents, who inherited their genes from your grandparents, who inherited their genes from your great grandparents, and on and on, back to the first human beings. You inherited genes that determine your eye, skin, and hair color as well as genes that determine how healthy you are.

In the past, families lived in close proximity to each other, went to the same doctors for many years, and knew each other well. It wasn't hard to keep track of each other. In the 1990s, however, families are scattered all over the world and can easily lose track of

each other. Family members often have different doctors, some more than one, and they often change doctors as often as they change insurance plans.

The result of this way of life is that the information we need the most, our family health information, is also the most difficult information to get and keep track of. The solution to this problem is the family health tree or pedigree. In putting together a family health pedigree, you get the fun of compiling a traditional family tree plus the added bonus of discovering information that could save your life or the life of a family member.

"Most people are aware that they should document their family health information, but they don't know how or where to begin," says Cynthia Waters, originator of *Genetic Connections: A Guide to Documenting Your Individual and Family Health History* (Sonters Publishing, Washington, Missouri).

**Put together a family health pedigree and enjoy the satisfaction of a traditional family tree plus the added bonus of discovering information to save lives - yours and other family members.**

Waters, who has worked in the health care field for many years, conceived the premise for *Genetic Connections* after dealing with her parents' health problems. "When the doctors asked about my mother's medical history, I realized how little I knew about her health history, especially information from her childhood. I told myself I should collect a family health history that I could pass on to my children so that they wouldn't someday find themselves in the same position I was in. The problem was, I was unsure where or how to start such a task."

**Dr. Thompson states he can perform numerous and expensive tests that won't provide nearly the information a person's medical history can.**

Realizing that other people probably felt the same way, Waters approached an associate, Dannette L. Nelson-Anderson, RN, with her idea. Their collaboration resulted in *Genetic Connections*, a guide that includes a book, history forms, step-by-step

### Finding your Genetic Connections, con't...

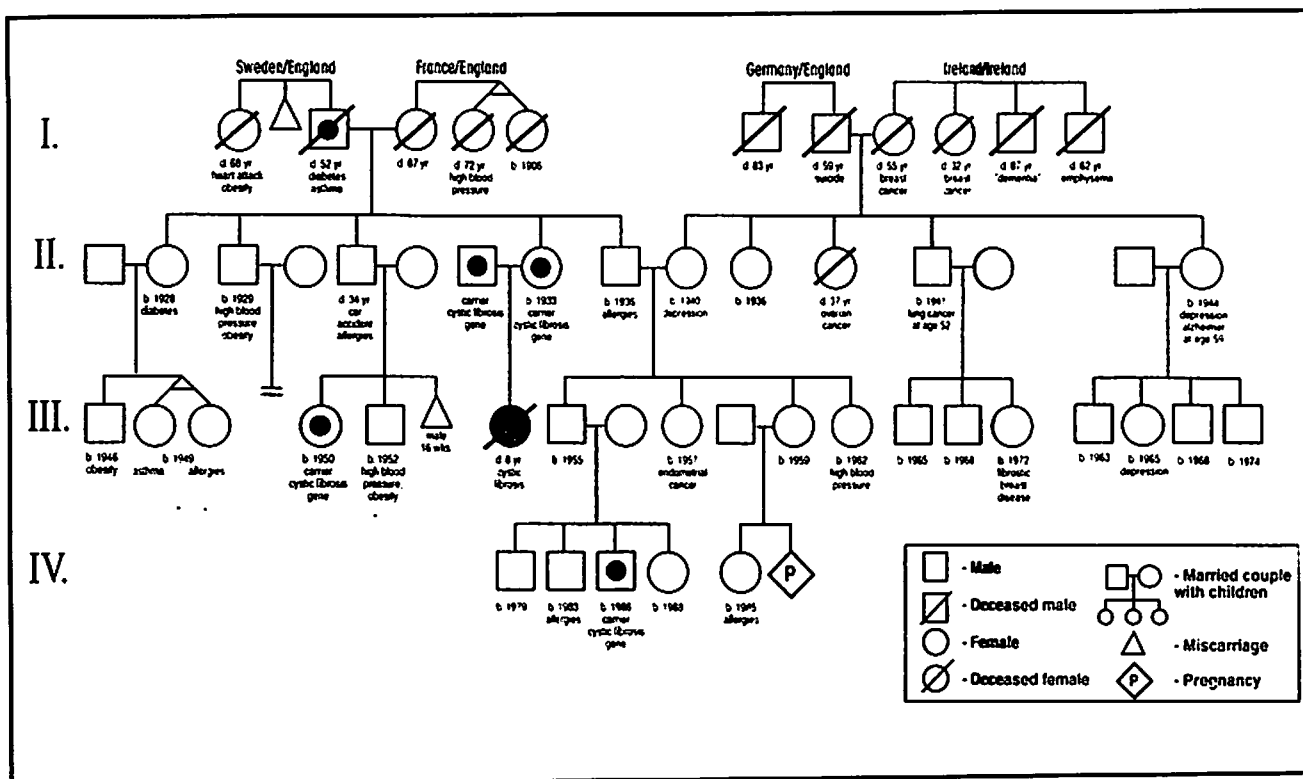
instructions for preparing a family health pedigree, and specific information on a wide variety of diseases and health disorders.

Having this information organized and ready to share with a health care provider can save money, time, and trouble. Dr. Joseph Thompson, a family practitioner at DePaul Health Center in St. Louis, says, "I could perform numerous and expensive tests, and it wouldn't give me nearly the information that a person's medical history can. I suggest that people organize their medical records in the same form as their taxes and canceled checks. It's that important."

Nelson-Anderson explains, "Your family pedigree can reveal prevalent diseases within your family and

may indicate how they have been transmitted from generation to generation. This information can help your health care provider determine your risk of having these same diseases so that you can take steps to prevent them or lessen their severity."

As more disease-causing genes are discovered, new techniques for diagnostic testing and treatment of genetic disease will be developed. Says Nelson-Anderson, "knowing your health pedigree, and therefore your own risk of disease, allows you to take a proactive role in achieving and maintaining good health. People don't have to suffer the same fate as their ancestors." ■



### An ancient remedy to strengthen the nervous system:

*1 quart of strong slippery elm tea; 1 pint black currant wine; 1 oz. tincture iron.*

*Dose: 1 wineglass full three times a day!*



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## Upcoming Dates

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

### Thursday, 28 November 1996 - General Meeting

- Tim McCargar, Director of Cemeteries

- No meeting in December

### Thursday, 23 January 1997 - General Meeting

- TBA

### Thursday, 27 February 1997 - AGM, Elections

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# President's Message

**Florence M. Woodward**

September and October have been busy months for our branch. Our September general meeting featured speakers Ron Boehm who talked about his recent publication, *The Spirits of Edmonton*, and Barbara Dacks who talked about launching her publication, a heritage magazine, *Legacy*. We are looking forward to hearing Marion Rex, one of our members, speak on her genealogy at the October meeting. The Special Interest groups have all had initial fall meetings with good attendance. The Colin Chapman seminar was a tremendous success. He will be back in two years if we invite him!

The 1901 census project is ongoing with many of our volunteers transcribing, checking and inputting the data. We can always use your help if you are not already involved.

Two fundraising projects are underway, the AGS raffle for a trip for two to Salt Lake City, and Entertainment Books '97. Tickets and books are available in the library. We need your support!

Initial plans are underway for our trip to Salt Lake City in 1997. Start saving and organizing now for next October.

Collection of volunteer hours is an ongoing concern with our branch. To make it easier for you, we are keeping recording sheets in the library, and we will have these volunteer sheets at every general meeting. You can even phone in your hours to the library volunteers who will record your hours for you! Remember, we need accurate numbers whenever any grant requests are made.

Although Edmonton and surrounding areas are a blaze of colour at this time, I realize that this will be my last message to you before the December holiday season. My thanks to all of you for a job well done this year. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday time with your family and friends. ■

## Support the Edmonton Branch Fundraiser...

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# Library News

**by Susan McKeen**

Hi, Everybody! Christmas is almost upon us again. It's simply amazing how fast the year goes by!

The library will be closing on 12 Dec 1996 and will open again on 7 Jan 1997 with our regular hours which are as follows:

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10am - 3pm**  
**Wednesday evenings: 7pm - 9pm**

**1996: November 13 and 27**

**1997: January 15 and 29**

**February 12 and 26**

**Tentatively for March to June, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.**

**Saturday mornings for 1997: 9am - noon**  
**November 23**  
**January 18**  
**February 15**

**Tentatively for March to June, the 3rd Saturday of the month.**

On the 4th Monday of the month, (7pm in the Library), we usually have a meeting scheduled for everybody who works (or wants to work) in the library. Please phone and check first. 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 that are working in the same area you are, or who know the same distant people as you do. It's also a lot of FUN!

There are a variety of jobs that need to be done, so if you can only donate a few hours a month, that would also be gratefully appreciated.

We have a Wish List at the desk for people to sign. This way, the Purchasing Committee knows what you, as a membership, wants 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.

Wishing everybody

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AND**

**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

Susan ■

## Bylaws for the AGS, Edmonton Branch

A proposed set of Bylaws will be presented at the Edmonton Branch AGM for membership approval.

Upon Executive approval, copies of the proposed Bylaws will be available to members at #116, AGS Edmonton Branch Library after mid-January.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmonton Branch Executive

# SALT LAKE TRIP OCTOBER 1997

Start buying \$2 raffle tickets for a free trip for two to Salt Lake or start saving---for the October 1997 Salt Lake City trip sponsored by the Edmonton Branch, AGS. Dates are not firm but will probably be one of the last two weeks in October 1997. Members of other branches are welcome (indeed encouraged!) to join us. Don't delay when the application forms come out in the February issue of *Relatively Speaking*. To find out what to expect on the trip, read the excellent account by Terry Gregory, p 16, Nov 1995 issue of *Relatively Speaking*.

And don't refuse when someone offers you a chance to buy a \$2 raffle ticket because the prize is airfare and accommodation for 7 days, for two people, plus services of a professional genealogist up to \$500 Cnd. SUCH A DEAL!

Those interested in being on the planning committee, (and having some say in what happens!), please phone Pat Woodman (403) 455-2933. ■

## Vignettes of History

### Alberta a treasure-house of historical place names

by Rick McConnell

Most summers, family vacations really began for us when we reached a place my youngest brother called "Woder's wime."

L's are difficult for young tongues. What he meant to say was "Loder's Lime," a stark grey edifice in the first cut of the Rocky Mountains not far from the gates of Banff National Park. Reaching that always signalled the first landmark on the road to a summer of sunshine and freedom and white-bellied trout dancing on the end of a thin nylon line.

In all those many summers, and in the dozens since, I never knew who Mr. Loder was or how his "Lime" came to be in that valley beside the Trans-Canada Highway.

A group called Friends of Geographical Names of Alberta Society, with support from the department of community development, has just released the fourth and final volume of a rich and an exhaustive resource called "*Place Names of Alberta*".

Inside the covers of these four books are more than 10,000 place names for every officially named mountain and peak, river and creek, city, village, hamlet and locality in this great province.

Each entry includes a geographical position and, whenever possible, the history of the name's origin.

The first volume, released in 1991, gave us all the names in our mountain parks and foothills.

That's where I discovered that the Loder Lime Co. Ltd. and a mountain peak nearby were named for Edwin Loder, who first settled in the Kananaskis area in the 1880s. He later incorporated the lime company my youngest brother mispronounced so many years later.

This little story is as permanent now as the granite of Loder Peak, 16 km east of Canmore. So much of our history is there in the names that surround us. And that's what makes this collection such a treasure.

Merrily Aubrey, the province's coordinator of geographical names, spent two years working on the final volume, released this month.

"We are really interested in names as a cultural and historical resource," she says.

Alberta is the only province to have such a comprehensive listing of place names. Yet there are hundreds we don't know the origins of and "those are the ones we'd like to go after," says Aubrey.

"One is never finished; there are always more sources to check."

Here are some of my favorites  
from the four volumes of *Place*

*Names of Alberta:*

Moonshine Lake

Stomach Lake

Diaper Lake

Toodles Lake

Looking Back Lake

Worry Lake

Saturday Night Lake

Driedmeat Hill

Unnecessary Mountain

Whelp Brook

Two O'Clock Creek

Cataract Creek

Dismal Creek

Yelling Creek

Dog Rump Creek

And my all-time favorite:

Cow Juicer Creek

Surprisingly, considering the size of this project, "there are a lot more features unnamed officially than there are named," Aubrey says.

In order to be official, and to appear on government maps, a name must go before the 12-member Alberta Historical Resource Foundation Board. To be considered, the name must be in current local usage and accepted by those who live nearby.

"It's the people in the area who know the name best and they've got to live with it so they have a personal stake in it. Names are very important to people."

Some of our most colorful names are gone now, preserved only in these volumes or in historical records. The hamlet of Compeer, 57 km southeast of Provost, was originally called Sleepy Hollow. Near Sundre there was once a hamlet called Westward Ho, named after Charles Kingsley's 1855 novel.

Many of Alberta's place names, perhaps more than 10 per cent, have native origins. The people who lived here for centuries before the white invasion used names that made sense to them, often descriptive names or ones that commemorated events.

Thus we have Wabamun Lake, 70 km west of Edmonton. Originally called "White Lake" on John Palliser's 1865 map, the name means "mirror" in the Cree language.

We also have "Five Kill Hill", some 30 km west-southwest of Lloydminster. The Cree called the place *neenan-kahnipahate*, meaning "the place where five were killed."

Europeans have been leaving names all over Alberta since Anthony Henday first set foot here in 1754.

Many, like Sundre (Norway) and Banff (Scotland) were names they brought from home. Others, like Nordegg (Martin Nordegg) and Morinville (Jean-Baptiste Morin), are named for early pioneers or prominent local citizens.

"People do like to name things after themselves," says Aubrey.

It's much harder to have your name preserved today than it was in the early part of the century. Back then you didn't have to be royalty or a politician.

In 1905-06, someone named W.S. Fetherstonhaugh worked for the Canadian National Railway in an area south of Grande Cache. Today his name is preserved on a mountain, a creek and a pass.

My grandmother used to jokingly claim that Alice Lake, northwest of Banff, was named after her. I now know it was named for Alice Nichols, wife of Rev. Harry P. Nichols, one of the founders of the American Alpine Club.

In the spirit of my grandmother, and knowing my chances for immortality are slim, I'll settle for Mount McConnell.

It was named for Richard McConnell of the Geological Survey of Canada.

McConnell Creek and McConnell Ridge are nearby.

Mountain McConnell. It has a nice ring to it.

Near Didsbury there's a Deadrick Coulee. That one I'm not so sure about.

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Life on a CPR colonist car in 1887; depicted by artist, Melton Prior, on the cover of *Alberta History*, Winter 1978.



## Writing Letters: Finding Another Source for Information

by Tom Trace, AGS #1663

For many years I've had a medal from my grandfather, Robert M. Currie, Aberfeldy for Aberdeen Angus Bull 1909, presented to him by the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland. This medal has sat in the drawer for at least eight years, and I have always wondered if I could obtain information on it.

Last July, I wrote a letter to the Royal Agricultural Society of England, and was informed the letter was forwarded to "The Scottish Farm and Countryside Educational Trust." On 28 October 1996 a reply came with a copy of the original competition entry, cost of entry, entry fees and amount of money won. The Descriptive of the Medals of the Society read:

"The Society's "Gold Medal" and the "Silver Medal", as represented in Fig 1 of the annexed Plate, are both from the same die, cut by Mr. Ingram of Birmingham, from a design by Mr. Lizars of Edinburgh. These Medals are granted for approved Essays or Reports; for the improvement of old, or the invention of new, machinery; for successful competition in the rearing and fattening of stock, and for various other objects, as detailed in the annual List of Premiums."

The letter described the reason for the award:

"I have enclosed a copy of the report on the District competition at Weem from 1904 where Robert Muir Currie won a silver medal for winning a cattle competition. On the 18 September 1909 at the Home Farm show at Castle Menzies, Mr. Currie, a hotel proprietor and farmer from Aberfeldy, won the medal for his Polled Angus Bull.

"Regretfully, the show was only a small district one and as a result, was not reported in the national press, so we have no newspaper record of the event. I have, however, sent you a description of all the R.H.A.S.S. medals from the society's 1843-4 transactions.

"Many members may have connections in the Scottish farms and the following information might be of interest:

"Here at R.H.A.S.S., we have extensive library / archives, which is often neglected, and is as a pleasure to receive enquiries like yours because it makes us realize what a valuable and interesting source of information we have at our disposal."

The Scottish Farm / Country Side Educational Trust  
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## Eastern European Group

Lecture Given by

**Dr. Frances Swyripa**

Notes by David Pasay AGS #3105

Whenever my attention is drawn or directed to the question of Ukrainian immigration to Canada, the now famous quote by Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Department of the Interior in Laurier's Liberal Government from 1896 to 1905, comes to mind. Sifton was responding to those who had been criticizing his government's policies regarding Galician and Bukovynian immigration to Canada. Sifton said:

*"A stalwart peasant in a sheepskin coat born on the soil, whose forefathers had been farmers for ten generations, with a stout wife and half a dozen kids, is good quality."*

Fair-minded people of various origins who have studied the history of western Canada know that Sifton's words, although somewhat less than delicate by today's sense of correctness, do have merit. Good quality is a fundamental value for us all. Ted Byfield, editor of *The Great West Before 1900*, after having commented on page 246 on the negative attitude some Anglo-Canadians had toward the first immigrants from Eastern Europe, writes: *"Two facts, however, gradually forced official policy to yield. One was that too few Britons could stand the tough conditions of prairie pioneering, the other that most so called Galicians could"*.

The point is that they, the Galicians and the Bukovynians, arrived, and having been instrumental in opening the west, became nation builders. The Ukrainians, unlike most other East Europeans, have retained their identity even after 105 years of Canadian citizenship.

The June 8, 1899 issue of the *Edmonton Bulletin* relates this story:

*"A (young) Galician woman, half starved and thoroughly exhausted, with three small children, applied at the police barracks on Tuesday (6 June 1899) for food and shelter....after having spent nine weeks on the trail. The youngest child, a baby of 12 months, she had hauled the entire distance in a primitive home-made hand cart which also contained the slim supply of rags (sic) which did duty for their covering when sleeping out at night. The other children were eleven and three years of age. Through the medium of an interpreter the woman then told that her husband had left her three months ago to go to Calgary and get work on the railroad. They had not heard of him since and not having a cent of money or anything to eat had to get out to avoid starvation. The unfortunates were given shelter for the night in the police barracks and taken over to the immigration shed in Strathcona yesterday"*

(7 June 1899) where they will be cared for while police endeavor to find the whereabouts of the missing husband."

In *The Great West Before 1900* on page 240, are these words: "It was upon women more than men that 'the burden of Empire making most truly rests, and she is often worn and old before her time', wrote Elizabeth B. Mitchell, a young Scotswoman who visited the west during the later frontier days, in *Western Canada Before the War*. 'She has little ease - but has great honour, she is really a queen ruling in her domain. The words suggest 'can't and exaggeration' but there is none."

Mitchell spoke of all pioneering women, Western and Eastern European, Asian and African alike. Canada has been blessed with all and despite their many hardships they were able to find caring people, people who were willing to help strangers in need.

[Editor's note: David's article relates to the lecture given by Dr. Frances Swyripa at the September meeting of the East European Group. She described in detail three distinct waves of East European settlers who came to Canada beginning in the late 1800's.]■

## East European Interest Group

Anne Luciuk AGS #2317

Here is a brief story on how and when our East European Group was formed. On 19 February 1996, the following five members met at the home of Joan Margell: David Pasay, Peter Skitsko, Marika Mrochuk, Joan Margell and Anne Luciuk.

Joan had previously given an interview on CBC Radio about her trip to Ukraine, where she had met with relatives. She had many calls from people, wanting to know how to get in contact with their relatives. We each gave an account of what we had accomplished in the way of research.

Peter had found a source in Galicia, from which he had obtained some information on his family. Marika, while she was in Ukraine, with the help of her cousin, was able to access the Archive records in Chernivtsi. We know there are records at the Archives; we just have to find a way to access them.

It was then decided to form a research group and hold meetings bi-monthly, in order to exchange information. David volunteered to be spokesperson and find a location for meeting and set a date. Marika offered to take care of publicity. Our first meeting was set to be held at the AGS Edmonton Branch Library, on Monday, May 13th. Peter chaired the first meeting, and we had 21 persons attend.

At this meeting it was decided to work on a resource book for the benefit of all members. With the help of Karen Hesson, Maria Peck and myself, we now have a resource binder with much information at the AGS Edmonton Branch Library.

The East European Research Group will meet on Wednesday, 6 November 1996. Program for the evening, "Show and Tell". Please bring your pedigree charts. We hope to solve a few problems together.

Another meeting will be held 8 January 1997, program to be announced at a later date. We meet on a bi-monthly basis the first Wednesday of the month at the Prince of Wales Armouries, AGS Edmonton Branch Library. For further information call Anne Luciuk at 489-2648.■

## 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, 4 November 1996  
116 Prince of Wales Armouries  
(AGS Edmonton Branch Library)  
at 7pm

Please be prepared to PARTICIPATE!  
Bring along a pedigree chart.

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# The Thistle

The Scottish Research Group segment of The Clandigger

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## Why They Left ...

Why they left (1774-1775). I found a small book in the library called Emigrants From Scotland to America - 1774-1775 which was "Copied from a Loose Bundle of Treasury Papers in the Public Record Office, London, England". It includes several passenger lists from Scotland to the States.

What interested me most about the lists were the reasons people gave for emigrating. In particular, the ship Bachelor of Leith from the Counties of Caithness and Sutherland bound to Wilmington in North Carolina in April 1774 gave very detailed description of the passengers and their reasons for emigrating. Age, marital status, children, where lived, on which estate, problems they had, why they were leaving, where they were going, advice they had received from family and friends already in America, were all mentioned. In some cases the price of rents, cows, potatoes, etc. was mentioned.

Many had been encouraged to emigrate by relatives or friends already in America speaking of all they could look forward to in North Carolina. "Provisions are extremely plenty & cheap, and the price of labour very high, so that people who are temperate and laborious have every chance of bettering their circumstances." That "his family might subsist more comfortably there, and in all events they can scarce be worse." One was informed that "one days wages will support him for a week." Another that "one mans labour will maintain a family of twenty persons." And "a sober industrious man could not fail of living comfortably, lands could be rented cheap, and ground not cleared purchased for 6d. an acre; that the soil was fertile, and if a man could bring a small sum of money with him, he might make rich very fast."

There were several of these accounts but the following two give a good picture.

"**William Gordon.** Saith that he is aged Sixty and upwards, by Trade a Farmer, married, hath Six Children, who Emigrate with him, with the Wives and Children of his two sons **John &**

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"The Thistle" is a publication of the Scottish Research Group of the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society.

## Clan of the Quarter: Mackenzie



Motto:

Luceo non uro  
(I shine, not burn)

The surname itself is rendered in Gaelic as "Maccoinneach", from the personal name meaning 'fair bright one'. Cernunnos, the Horned One, was an antlered god whom pagan Celts in Gaul revered as their ancestor. Effigies of this being survive in England, together with the myth of Herne the Hunter. In Gaelic Scotland he emerged as *Conneach*, the Bright One, complete with antlers. *MacCoinnich* or *MacChoinnich*, 'son of Conneach'. The English form of the name preserves the mediaeval Gaelic pronunciation of the genitive, which in early Irish is *Cainnigh*, pronounced 'cainny'. When the English language reached the Children of Coinneach they chose the name Kenneth. With the introduction of heraldry into the Gaelic world Cernunnos was represented by a stag's head in the MacKenzie coat

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## Check it out:

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## Why They Left ...

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**Alexander Gordon.** Resided last at Wynmore in the Parish of Glyne in the County of Sutherland, upon Lands belonging to **William Baillie** of RoseHall. That having two Sons already settled in Carolina, who wrote him encouraging him to come there, and finding the Rents of Lands raised in so much, that a Possession for which his Grandfather paid only Eight Merks Scots he himself at last paid Sixty, he was induced to emigrate for the greater benefit of his Children being himself an old Man and lame so that it was indifferent to him in what Country he died. That his Circumstances were greatly reduced not only by the rise of Rents but by the loss of Cattle, particularly in the severe Winter 1771. That the lands on which he lived have often changed Masters, and that the Rents have been raised on every Change; And when Mr. Baillie bought them they were farmed with the rest of his purchase to one Tacksman at a very high Rent, who must also have his profits out of them. All these things concurring induced him to leave his own Country in hopes that his Children would earn their Bread more comfortably elsewhere. That one of his Sons is a Weaver and another a Shoe Maker and he hopes they may get bread for themselves and be a help to support him."

"**Wm. Sutherland.** Aged Forty, a Farmer, Married, hath five Children from 19 to 9 years old, lived last at Strathalidale in the Parish of Rea, in the County of Caithness, upon the Estate of the late Colonel McKay of Bighorne, Intends to go to North Carolina; left his own Country because the Rents were raised, as Soldiers returning upon the peace with a little Money had offered higher Rents, and larger Fines or Grassums, besides the Services were oppressive in the highest degree. That from his Farm which paid 60 Merks Scots, he was obliged to find two Horses and two Servants from the middle of July to the end of Harvest solely at his own Expense, besides plowing, Cutting Turf, making Middings, mixing Dung and leading it out in Seed time, and beside cutting, winning, leading and stacking 10 Fathomes of Peats yearly, all done without so much as a bit of bread or a drink to his Servants."

**Aeneas McLeod** (age 60) said that he was "harrassed and oppressed with arbitrary Services daily called for without Wages or Maintenance." **Willm. Sutherland** (different than above) explains that he "was obliged to perform with his Family and Horses so many and so arbitrary Services to his Landlord at all times of the Year, but especially in Seed time & Harvest, that he could not in (the) two years he possesst it raise as much Corn as serve his Family for six Months."

The other heads of family that are mentioned on this passenger list and that have detailed descriptions are **William McKay** (Parish of Farr county of Strathnaver), **John Catanock** (Chabster, Parish of Rae, County of Caithness), **Ellz. McDonald** (Parish of Farr, County of Sutherland), **Donald McDonald**

(Parish of Rae, County of Caithness), **John McBeath** (Parish of Zildonnan, County of Sutherland), **James Duncan** (Parish of Farr, Shire of Sutherland), **Hector McDonald** (Langwall, Parish of Rogart, County of Sutherland), **Hugh Matheson** (Rumsdale, Parish of Kildonan, County of Sutherland), **Wm. McKay** (Craigie, Parish of Rae, County of Caithness), **Alexr. Sinclair** (Dollochlagy, Parish of Rae, County of Caithness), **George Grant** (Aschog, Parish of Kildonan, County of Sutherland), **William Bain** (Wick, County of Caithness), **George Morgan** (Chabster, Parish of Rae, County of Caithness), **Willm. Monro** (Borgymore, Parish of Tongue, County of Sutherland), **Patrick Ross** (Parish of Farr, County of Sutherland), **Alexr Morison** (Kinside, Parish Tongue, County of Sutherland), **George McKay** (Strathoolie, Parish of Kildonan, County of Sutherland), **Duncan Gun** (Achinnaris, Parish of Halerrick, County of Caithness), **John Ross** (Kabel, Parish of Farr, County of Sutherland), **James Sinclair** (Forsenain, Parish of Rea, County of Caithness), **Aeneas McLeod** (Parish of Tongue, County of Sutherland), **Aeneas Mackay** (Parish of Tongue, County of Sutherland), **Donald Campbell** (Parish of Adrahoolish, County of Sutherland), **Wm. McKay** (Strathaledale, Parish of Rea, County of Caithness), **William McLeod** (Parish of Adrachoolish, County of Sutherland), **Hugh Monro** (Parish of Tongue, County of Sutherland), **Willm. Sutherland** (Parish of Latheron, County of Caithness), and **James McKay** (Strathnaver), **William McDonald** (little Savall, Parish of Lairg, County of Sutherland) who was 71 years of age with 3 children aged 3 to 7.



On Sept 4, 1775 another ships' passenger list has one main account of why it's passengers were emigrating. "The Farmers and Labourers who are taking their Passage in this Ship unanimously declare that they never would have thought of leaving their native Country, could they have supplied their Families in it. But such of them as were Farmers were obliged to quite their Lands either on account of the advanced Rent or to make room for Shepherds. Those in particular from

Alpine say that out of one hundred Mark Land that formerly was occupied by Tennants who made their Rents by rearing Cattle and raising Grain, Thirty three Mark Land of it is now turned into Sheep Walks and they seem to think in a few years more, Two thirds of that Country, at least will be in the same State so of course the greatest part of the Inhabitants will be obliged to leave it. The Labourers Declare they could not support their families on the Wages they earned and that it is not from any other motive but the dread of want & that they quit a Country which above all others they would wish to live in.

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## Why they left ...

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**Captain Allan Stewart** formerly a Lieutenant in Fraser's Regiment goes with an Intention of Settling in the Lands granted him by the Government at the End of last War. But should the Troubles continue in America he is Determined to make the Best of his way to Boston and Offer his Service to **General Gage**. ... The Tradesmen have a prospect of getting better wages but their principal reason seems to be that their relations are going and rather than part with them they choose to go along."

There are several other passenger lists in this book. Some of the other reasons for leaving were:

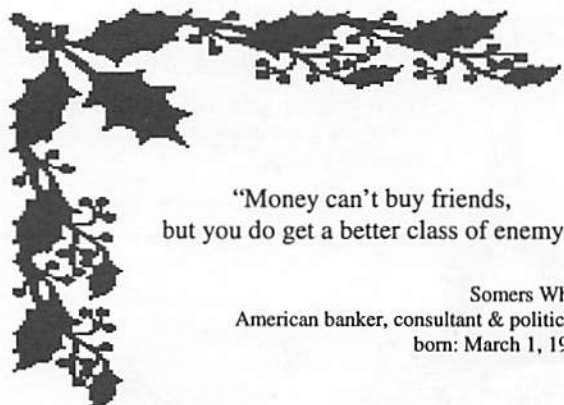
**Agnes McAwan** (Glenluce) is leaving "Because she sees others leaving it"; **Agnes Adair** (Glenluce) "cannot get a Husband"; **James McMiking** (Galloway) "to make a Fortune"; **Ann Johnston** (Stenness) "Assigns no other reason than that she wants to leave this Country"; **John Mowat** (Deerness) "does not like the encouragement in this Country"; **Thomas Louttit** (Stromness) "a beggar"; **Andrew Brigg** (Kirkboam, Galloway) "to Mend his Fortune"; **Thomas Trumbell** to "Run away from this place"; **Robert Douglas** "Run away"; **John Adair** (Beak) "In hopes of making Rich"; **Willm. Hume** (Glasgow) "To Recover Debts"; **James Clark** (a waiter at Galloway) "having run away with a young widow & left a wicked Wife thought shame to appear".

Deb Mallett

Source:

*"Emigrants From Scotland to America - 1774-1775"*

Compiled & Indexed by Viola Root Cameron, Genealogist,  
London, England



"Money can't buy friends,  
but you do get a better class of enemy."

Somers White  
American banker, consultant & politician  
born: March 1, 1931

## Clan of the Quarter: Mackenzie

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of arms.

Makbeth Makkyneth was present at pleas held at Dull in Angus 1264. After that there are many variations of the name - M'Kenzoht, Makcanehe, Makkanehy, Makkenye, Maksorle, McConze, M'Kenye, Makkingze, McKannych, Makcainze, Makcanze, M'canzeoch, McCenzie, McHinzie, M'Hunzie, McKinzie, M'Kainzie, M'Kenzoht, McKanye, McKanyee, M'Kanze, Mackeanche, Makkanchy, M'Keanzie, Madeinny, Makeinzie, McKenyee, McKenyie, Makenze, Makkangze, McKangzie, Makkanze, Makkeinzey, M'Kenezie, M'Keinezie, M'Keinzie, M'Kenich, Makkeny, Makkenych, Makkennych, Makkenze, M'Kenzoht, McKenzy, M'kinze, Makkinze and M'Kynich.

The Mackenzies were one of the clans who held lands in Ross between Aird on the east coast and Kintail on the west. They are believed to share a common ancestry with Clan Matheson and Clan Anrias, all three descending from the Celtic dynast Gilleoin of the Aird, who lived at the beginning of the twelfth century. He seems to have been a scion of the ancient royal house of Lorn. By 1267 the family seem to have been settled at the Eilean Donan Castle at Kintail, the great Mackenzie stronghold at the mouth of Loch Duich.

By the fifteenth century the earldom of Ross formed part of the patrimony of the Macdonald Lords of the Isles, and at that time the Mackenzie chief could call out two thousand warriors to do his bidding. Alexander Mackenzie of Kintail attended the Parliament at Inverness summoned by James I, at which the king imprisoned the Lord of the Isles with some of his important chiefs. The Mackenzie chief was too young for this fate, but he quickly learned to whom he should pay allegiance, a lesson which succeeding Stewart monarchs were to hammer home to the other Highland chiefs, and he obtained royal charters to his lands of Kintail in 1463. The Mackenzies weathered the storms which the Stewarts unleashed on the Macdonalds, so that their fortunes waxed as the Macdonalds' waned. Alasdair of Kintail raised his clan against the last Earl of Ross and was rewarded by James III, who granted him extensive lands confiscated from MacDonald in 1477. The splendid tomb of his son, Kenneth, in the full armour and panoply of a knight, can still be seen in Beaulieu Priory. In 1508, Kintail was erected into a feudal barony, and it was as Lords of Parliament that the MacKenzies were able to expropriate the MacLeods of Lewis. The disreputable details are related in Donald MacDonald's *Lewis: A History of the Island*, 1990.

By the beginning of the seventeenth century the Mackenzie territory extended from the Black Isles to the Outer Hebrides. They had gained the island of Lewis from its former Macleod rulers and Lochalsh from the Macdonells. Their western stronghold was at Eilean Donan Castle where they installed the

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Macraes as hereditary constables. The Macraes were fierce in defence of their Mackenzie overlords, becoming known as 'Mackenzie's shirt of mail'. In 1609 the chief, Colin, was raised to the peerage as Lord Mackenzie of Kintail and he died in 1611. His son was created Earl of Seaforth in 1623, taking his title from the most impressive sea loch in Lewis. Lord Mackenzie's brother, Sir Roderick Mackenzie of Coigch, was to found the line created baronets in May 1628 and, in 1702, Earls of Cromartie. They made their chief seat at Castle Leod, a name chosen to demonstrate their connection with the Macleods of Lewis.

The Seaforth Earls embraced the reformed church and were signatories of the National Covenant in 1638. They fought against Montrose during his campaigns in 1645-46, the chief's standard being taken at the Battle of Auldearn. The execution of Charles I appalled Seaforth, who hurried to join Charles II in exile in Holland. He died before Oliver Cromwell's final victory at Worcester in 1651. His heir joined in the rising against the Commonwealth in 1653, which ended with the defeat of the royalists by General Monck at Loch Garry. Seaforth made his peace with Cromwell in January 1655.

The family did not waiver in their support of the Catholic James VII, and Seaforth fought at the Battle of Boyne in 1690. He was already a Knight of the Thistle, but the exiled king made him a marquess. The fifth Earl was charged with treason for his participation in the Jacobite Rising of 1715, and his titles were forfeited. Although his grandson was made Earl of Seaforth again, the male line came to an end in 1815. The Earls of Cromartie were also Jacobites, and George, the third Earl, fought at the Battle of Falkirk in 1746. He and his son, Lord Macleod, were surprised and captured at Dunrobin Castle in April 1746. The earl's titles were forfeit. His son, John, was pardoned in 1748 and in 1777 he raised two battalions of Highlanders and served in India with the rank of major general. For his services the forfeited estates, but not the title, were restored to him. His descendant, Anne, was created Countess of Cromartie in her own right in 1861, with a special destination of the earldom in favour of her second son, Francis. The present Earl of Cromartie is her descendent.

Alexander MacKenzie became the first white man to cross Canada in 1793. He went to Canada in 1779 and by 1784 was employed by the North West Company, a rival of the Hudson's Bay Company in its westward drive to secure fur trading arrangements. While based at Fort Chipewyan (north of Alberta and at the time the furthest outpost of the trading companies), Mackenzie, 'endowed by nature' resolved to 'test the practicability of penetrating across the continent of America' to the Pacific Ocean. So, with two birch-bark canoes manned by eight Indians men and four of

their wives, he set off in June 1789. During this 100 days of travel he crosses the Great Slave Lake and descended on to a vast river but not the Pacific. This river, Canada's longest was thereafter named MacKenzie. Later, in 1792-3, he resumed his 'favourite project of my own ambition' and struck out by a more southerly route which after a nine-month odyssey of adventure he struck the Pacific. He was knighted in 1802 and married in 1812 (to a Miss Mackenzie who seems to have been half his age). So it continued in the 19th century, when MacKenzies were among the few who succeeded in depriving the MacDonalds of some of the highest offices in the new dominion of Canada.

The adventures of Donald Mackenzie (c. 1783-1851), fur-trader and governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, are recorded in Washington Irving's *Astoria*. "He weighed over 300 pounds but was so active that he was called 'perpetual motion'."

The line of Seaforth is extinct (as forecast by Conneach Odhar), but the chiefship of the children of the Bright One is held by the Earls of Cromartie, still addressed formally as *Cabar Féidh*, Stag Antlers. Throughout the nineteenth century the right to the chiefship was disputed. However, this was put to an end when the father of the present earl matriculated his arms in June 1980. He was officially recognised by the Lord Lyon as 'Cabarfeidh', chief of the Mackenzies.

### Sources:

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## A Calendar for any Year...

### January:

- 12 - Old New Year's Day
- 16 - Union with England ratified by Scots Parliament, 1707
- 17 - Battle of Falkirk, 1746
- 25 - Robert Burns born, 1759

### February:

- 02 - Candlemas Day
- 13 - Massacre of Glencoe, 1692
- 24 - Battle of Roslin, 1303
- 27 - Battle of Ancrum Muir, 1545

### March:

- 01 - National Covenant signed, 1638
- 05 - Flora MacDonald died, 1790
- 14 - Edinburgh Castle recaptured from the English, 1313
- 15 - Underground Railway in Glasgow opened, 1886
- 31 - Last Mass in St. Giles's Cathedral, 1560

### April:

- 16 - Battle of Culloden, 1746
- 17 - The Knight of Liddesdale (Douglas) took Edinburgh Castle from the English, 1341
- 27 - Battle of Dunbar, 1296

### May:

- 01 - Union with England came into force, 1707
- 10 - Battle of Loudon Hill, 1307
- 13 - Battle of Langside, 1568
- 18 - Disruption of the Church of Scotland, 1843
- 22 - Battle of Inverurie, 1308
- 31 - Tay Bridge opened, 1878

### June:

- 01 - Battle of Drumclog, 1678
- 10 - Battle of Glenshiel, 1719
- 11 - Battle of Souchieburn, 1488
- 22 - Battle of Bothwell Brig, 1679

- 24 - Battle of Bannockburn, 1314
- 28 - Kelso Abbey burned by the English, 1544

### July:

- 01 - Bank of Scotland established, 1695
- 17 - Lady Glamis burned as a witch, Edinburgh, 1537
- 19 - Battle of Halidon Hill, 1333
- 21 - Robert Burns died, 1796
- 22 - Battle of Falkirk, 1298
- 27 - Battle of Killiecrankie, 1689

### August:

- 06 - English government offered £30,000 for the head of Prince Charles, 1746
- 11 - National Dress prohibited, 1746
- 15 - Battle of Largs, 1263
- 16 - Charles II signed the Covenant, 1650
- 19 - Battle of Otterburn and death of The Douglas, 1388

### September:

- 03 - Battle of Dunbar, 1650
- 09 - Battle of Flodden, 1513
- 10 - Battle of Pinkie, 1547
- Battle of Cambuskenneth, 1297
- 11 - Battle of Stirling, 1297
- 13 - Battle of Philiphaugh, 1645
- 14 - Battle of Homildon, 1402
- 21 - Battle of Prestonpans, 1745
- 28 - 'Chapter of Mitton', 1319. Scots win a battle under a smoke screen!

### October:

- 19 - Union with England proposed and abandoned, 1669

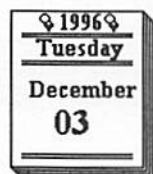
### November:

- 02 - First Scottish Settlement in America, 1698
- 13 - Battle of Alnwick, 1093
- Battle of Sheriffmuir, 1715
- 23 - Battle of Solway Moss, 1542
- 24 - John Knox died, 1572
- 30 - St. Andrew's Day

### December:

- 28 - Tay Bridge disaster, 1879
- 31 - Hogmanay

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



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

Time: 07:30pm

Obtained on the Internet  
From the Scots Book of Lore & Folklore  
compiled by Ronald MacDonald Douglas, 1982



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### Notices ...

Well I guess this is goodbye (well for me and the newsletter anyway). I want to thank everyone who has contributed articles and helped me with mine. It has been great fun and a quite a learning experience.

As of the date of writing this I have not heard of anyone who has decided to take on the Scottish Research Group newsletter so I'm not sure if you will see one in the next issue of *Relatively Speaking*.

I apologize to anyone who may have sent me items that did not get published. I had every intention of putting them in this issue but in the last few months I have moved, started up a part-time business and am still working full time. That's not much of an excuse but I'm afraid that, in all the mayhem, I have misplaced them. I do apologize. I'm sure as soon as I hand this in I'll find them.

Well I'll see you at the meetings!

Deb Mallett

### More Auld Scottish Terms ...

boll - a dry measure of varying amount; a measure of grain equal to six bushels

bygane - past

cess - a land tax

cousin-red - kinship

liferent - property held for a lifetime which cannot be disposed of further by the holder

Nevoy (nevo, nefo, - Scottish forms of nephew  
nevey)

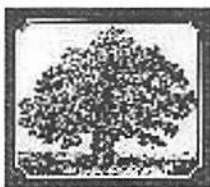
vassal - a tenant holding lands under a lord

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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# HERITAGE SEEKERS

Extracts from the September 1996 Newsletter of the  
Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society

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## Meetings

at the  
Grande Prairie Public Library  
Meeting Room, 9910 - 99 Avenue,  
Grande Prairie, Alberta  
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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## Upcoming Events

**Nov 19 Regular Meeting**  
**Program: "Why Not?**  
**A Newsletter"**  
**Presenter: Debby Was**

**December No Meeting**

**Jan 21 Regular Meeting**  
**Program: tba**

**Feb 18 Regular Meeting**  
**"19th Anniversary"**  
**and Executive changeover**  
**Program: tba**

**Mar 18 Regular Meeting**  
**Program: tba**

**Genies in the Library:**  
**Wednesday evenings:**  
**7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**Friday afternoons:**  
**1:00 - 3:00 pm**

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"Heritage Seekers" is published four times a year by the Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society in March, June, September and December.

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# **Paul M Gibson Collection Ontario Genealogy Resources**

The Grande Prairie & District Branch was the recipient of a major donation over the summer. Paul Gibson (AGS #340) of Calgary, Alberta has been researching his families and in the process has collected many books and microfilms pertaining Ontario and other parts of Canada.

In early July, Paul approached the Branch with the information that he had books and microfilms relating to Ontario research that were looking for a "good home" and offered them to the Grande Prairie Branch.

In the exchange of letters, we determined that the books Paul was offering were ones we did not already have in our collection. We felt with the number of our members who have research in Ontario or eastern Canada, that this would be a valuable addition to our library and to the region. We also checked to make sure that there would be enough room to house the collection in the Isabel Campbell room at the Grande Prairie Public Library.

By late July, the books and microfilms had been received and were sent over to the Peace Library System for cataloguing. Book plates marking them as being a donation from Paul M Gibson were placed in each book. These items were unveiled at the September 17th meeting. All members at that meeting had a chance to look

at the collection before it was officially placed on the shelves for the public. The full extent of the donation includes 187 books, 54 microfilms and various back issues of periodicals including *Relatively Speaking*, *Families*, *Newsleaf*, *The Searchlight*, *Canadian Genealogist*, and the Okanagan Historical Society annual publications. All the materials included in this collection are in mint condition.

For a full breakdown of the title, author, publisher, and date of publication for each of the books deposited into the collection, please see the September, 1996 issue of "Heritage Seekers". Also listed are the names and dates of the census films and newspaper issues that are covered by the microfilms. We hope that you will take the opportunity to visit the Grande Prairie & District Branch's library to extend your research into Ontario and other parts of Canada.

We would like to sincerely thank Paul Gibson for his most generous donation. We hope that he will have the opportunity to visit our branch in the future and see members and the public in the Grande Prairie area making use of his collection.

**Thank you, Paul**



# **Grande Prairie Municipal Cemetery**

## **Recording Project**

by Tracey Kirouac, AGS #2471, Cemetery Recording Coordinator

The major project for our committee for 1995-1996 was to complete our branch's largest cemetery, the Grande Prairie Municipal. This cemetery dates back to early homestead days of the 1910's. In 1982 it was expanded to the east which in effect doubled its size. The recording of the original part of the cemetery had begun in 1985 by Branch members, but being large and active, it had been put on hold for several years until being made a priority last year.

In June 1995, I gathered up the recording notebooks from 1985 and started entering them into the Master Data Bank data base, in order to print off a list to start with. Then along with volunteers Paulette Hrychiw and Debra Was, we spent a cool October day checking the data and adding new information lot by lot and plot by plot starting with the oldest section of the cemetery. Two more days of data entry aided by my daughters Lindsey and Jacqueline were completed before an early snowfall shut us down for the winter. With this data entered we had approximately 2200 names and about one quarter of the original cemetery done.

A late, wet Alberta spring delayed our start, but volunteers were signed up and preparations begun. On June 23, 1996 volunteer branch members Paulette Hrychiw, Valerie Jenner, Tracey Kirouac, Lindsey Kirouac, Dorothy McDonald, Alan Meyer, Gwen Richards and Muriel Rorem met at the cemetery at noon. Plot maps and computer print-outs were distributed and we spread out. It was a terrific recording day with fair skies and light winds. After four hours of steady work, a significant area had been covered and we quit for the day. The next morning Paulette, Dorothy, Bev Tucker and I met again to finish off the remaining sections.

While recording that morning we stopped to talk to two of the City's "Grave Diggers" who were measuring out a plot prior to bringing in their backhoe. These two young ladies blew away any preconceived notions we may have had of that profession. They took time out to show us the location of the mass burial that had been done in 1966 when the city moved the graves from the old Catholic Mission Cemetery to the Grande Prairie Municipal. They told us that the memorial being made which would list those persons buried there, should be in place by the end of July 1996. A good part of that list had been provided to the City by our Branch taken from our records.

After several days of data entry, all our new data was correlated leaving us with a data base of approximately 2500 names which did not include the newer, post 1982 section. Originally it had been my plan to send it off for publishing once this section was complete. But first we decided to contact City Hall in order to try to obtain a map of the new section which would allow us to tackle it too. While talking to the department that kept the recordings of the burials, Paulette received permission to bring in our volunteers during that office's working hours, and using our data base as a place to start, go through the City's records to add to our own.

This turned out to be a much bigger job than we first imagined. With such an old cemetery, many of the grave markers, which of course we were using for our data, had long since disappeared. That's if they ever existed to start with. Some stones had been moved over the years which meant our records of burial plot locations were in error. But on top of this, the City records were all arranged alphabetically and included the post 1982 section which we did not have. Eight hours of steady work by one volunteer only got her through the A's.

As I write this we are into the C's. From here, the new data will have to be data based, sorted and the post 1982 section separated and printed in order for volunteers to tackle the grave marker recording of that section. The plan has now expanded from simply recording the original section for publication, to completely recording both sections and cross-referencing every entry with the City records. A conservative estimate would put the entries at 5000 names once we have this completed. This new section is growing daily as you can imagine, being the primary cemetery for a City of over 31,000 people. But once the City records have been gone through once from A to Z, we will consider the project completed for this year, with plans to do an update in another ten years. Right now our committee is hoping for a late fall in order to have time to record the new section. If this can be completed before the snow flies, we should be able to publish early in 1997.

I would like to take the time to thank my cemetery committee volunteers for the countless hours of work that they have put in to date, also recognizing the many more hours that they will put in before this project sees publication.

# **A Small World We Live In!**

by Joan Bowman, AGS #1108

On November 22, 1995, my mother-in-law, Mattie Bowman, celebrated her 95th birthday. Subsequently, her picture appeared in the local paper. Some time later, I received a telephone call from a Marilyn Bankhead of Wanham, Alberta stating she had seen the picture, and was hoping Mattie was a relative to a Wesley Bowman who she was seeking. The reason being, Wesley Bowman was best man for her parents, George and Ann (Siemens) Wendland of Wanham, Alberta who were married January 4, 1937. The family was planning a 60th Anniversary celebration for them this July 6, 1996 and hoped to find the best man for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Wendland never saw Wesley after he went to war. Marilyn did say that he was only working here at the time and had come from Edmonton, but was originally from Saskatchewan.

From the January 7, 1937 issue of the Grande Prairie paper, the "Northern Tribune", I got a photocopy of the wedding announcement of George and Ann Wendland which I sent to Marilyn. Following that, I wrote to Eunice Kusisto, a cousin of my husband who lives in Beechy, Saskatchewan to see what she might know. Eunice in turn looked in the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan telephone directory for a Ralph Bowman she had gone to "Success Business College" with in 1946-1947. As a result, she wrote to an R. I. Bowman listed in the directory that she hoped was Ralph. As luck would have it, he replied to Eunice stating the following:

"I am not Ralph, but Richard Ivan Bowman and I did have a brother Wesley who used to ride the box cars looking for work prior to the war and was working in the Peace River country. He joined the RCAF in August, 1941 and served overseas. He was awarded the "Operational Wings" of the RCAF in recognition of his gallant service in that he had completed a tour of operational duty in action, September, 1944. He was also recognized for distinguished service by the King earlier in June,

1944. After the war, he married, moved to Vancouver and raised four children. Wesley died of a heart attack January 6, 1980 at Joffery, B.C. where he had retired. His wife Dora passed away in 1994."

Along with this information, Ivan sent a newspaper clipping from the newspaper, "The Star Phoenix" of Wesley Bowman and four of his siblings, all of them in uniform, as published in the March 15, 1945 edition and again 50 years later in the March 15, 1995 issue.

I sent all of this information and the pictures off to Marilyn who sent it to an Aunt who confirmed this was indeed the lost Wesley Bowman. The sad part is that Wesley was not here to be at the 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration. However, the party was a huge success and Marilyn tells me that Ivan Bowman is coming here for a visit and to meet us all!

I was thrilled to have been a part of helping find Wesley but it is also mind boggling to realize what a small world we live in when we know someone who knows someone else, etc.!

## **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Centre**

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Grande Prairie, Alberta  
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Tuesday: 10:00 - 4:00 pm & 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Wednesday: 1:00 - 4:00 pm & 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 - 3:00 pm

# Branch Bits

## Brooks & District

I must apologize to our Branch for missing the publication deadline of the last *Relatively Speaking*. To catch up on some news, our annual garage and bake sale was a total success and as always, lots of fun. That junk sure can turn into some valuable research material.

We have enjoyed a full house at our meetings lately and perhaps that can be partially attributed to our public exposure at the local Museum Days during the summer. It was interesting to speak with people from as far away as Texas with some useful information. People were impressed with the amount of resource material offered through our Branch and the contacts available to us. It was also interesting to see the amount of interest expressed by older teens!

September's program was a sharing of *'summer finds and activities'*, the incredible and the incredulous! This month's program was conducted by Betty Penner who shared her Mennonite Russian ancestry with us and her marvelous photo albums. Also a special exercise drawn up by Carol Anderson and undertaken by four of our members was reported on. Consensus was that it was a wonderful learning tool. December's program will be our annual Pot Luck Supper and we encourage all members and former members to join us.

We have had several requests for research, and it is rewarding when information can be supplied. The memorabilia of Nellie Robinson which was this year given to us as guardians, thanks to the perseverance of Margaret Eaton, was forwarded to family members in South Dakota. These possessions had been stored in Brooks for years and were gratefully received by the family.

Our immediate plans include beginner's classes to be offered in November, and publishing obituary notices from the local Brooks Bulletin for the period 1910 to 1989.

From everyone at the Brooks Branch - Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Stewart, President AGS #2841

## Drayton Valley

We would first like to welcome new members Marie Bruner, Doreen Thomeus, Blanche Cherrington and Christine Patten. A very successful beginners' course was held October 5th. Many thanks to Pat Pettitt, Pat Woodman and Arlene Borgstede for sacrificing their Saturday to come out and teach it. Our other exciting news is that we now have a home! The Drayton Valley Historical Society is opening a museum and they have agreed to lease us some space. We are looking forward to moving in soon and hope that this will give us a more solid base and better access to our library by our members.

Colleen Andersen, President AGS #2691

## Fort McMurray

We have had our fall election and will continue to have the same executive members for the coming year.

The "Freedom of Information Act" will be the focus of our upcoming program, and we are planning to set up a display table at Peter Pond mall. We are presently working hard on program planning for the coming year to bring genealogy to the people of Fort McMurray.

Erica Roy, President AGS#2749

## Lethbridge & District

No submission received.

## Medicine Hat & District

We had our first meeting in September after our summer break. On September 12, we had a tour of the Hillside Cemetery, which our members found quite interesting. For our September and October meetings, we had discussion groups in which we were able to help each other with any problems we were having.

Brian Cline is our nominating chairperson for our elections which will take place at our November meeting. We also started some fund raising by having members bring in bottles or the cash and have raised \$92 so far.

We have had a few new members join and plan some interesting topics to help us all in our research, such as military records, loyalists, museums and criminal records.

Our library continues to grow with new books and the various newsletters.

Betty Padfield, President AGS #1542

## Red Deer & District

We've started our Fall season with a visit from Rob and Joanne Milson from Edmonton who gave an interesting talk on using maps in our search for family history. They also brought along a good selection of British maps for sale. At the October meeting, several of our members will share with us the various ways they have presented their research to others... rather like "Show and Tell" where we can see what others have done and maybe get some new ideas. For November, we are looking forward to having Charles Bird speak to us about the Internet and what it has to offer of interest to genealogists.

Wednesday evenings several of us gather in our library to work on an indexing project for the Red Deer Archives. Our library is open to the public during regular hours and the Archives section when we are working on projects. Books are available for loan to Red Deer Branch members.

Evelyn Fairbrother, President AGS #1833■

## Meat on the Bones - Part 2 England 1996

Gina McCaslin

Thirty-one churches plus a crematorium are more than enough for a person to visit in less than two weeks! But that is what my cousin Nancy and I did during my spring 1996 visit to England.

The statistical part of my genealogy was the result of many years research. Now I wanted to relive and breathe the life and times of my ancestors.

One may feel that one church is pretty much like another, with its beautiful stained glass windows, the exquisitely carved pulpits and altars, the unusual baptismal fonts and, of course, the collection boxes.

If all I had wanted to see was churches, my trip would not have been one of a lifetime.

I wanted to visit the churches, stand at the altars where my forebears had exchanged wedding vows, christened their babies and buried some of them along with the elderly. I wanted to stand and inhale - get the feeling right into the pores of my skin. This I did.

**It is a feeling I can't describe, but  
the hair on the back of my neck  
stood up on many occasions.**

One such time was in the small hamlet of Shorncliffe in Gloucestershire where there are only a few thatched cottages and the church.

This has never been a place of any size, boasting a population of 11 men living at the manor in 1086, and a population of about 50 in 1334. After the Black Death in 1348, the number was reduced to 25 and has remained around that to this day. One may wonder how a hamlet of this size could build a church. This was due to the custom that every manor, however small, should be an independent parish. This church was built around the mid to late 12th century.

Sheep in the neighbouring field came to welcome us with their bleating and seemed happy to see us.

A man from the neighbouring cottage conspicuously came outside to sit and read his newspaper even though the weather was chilly and overcast. He was obviously suspicious of any foreigners in town.

I enquired if someone had the key to the church and was directed, mostly by arm and hand movements,

to a cottage down the lane. This cottage resembled the pictures one sees on picture post cards or the top of chocolate boxes.

We found an old lady weeding her garden. If I had been a child I would have known for sure that she was a witch - the straight, short white hair surrounded her pointed features. She wore old black gardening clothes and had an old trilby hat on her head (not the pointed type associated with witches). Nancy and I looked at each other and I got the unspoken message of "You wanted to come here, not me". Plucking up courage, I opened the gate and approached "the witch".

She was more than happy to talk to strangers, and when I told her that one of my ancestors had been a warden at the church, she was overjoyed and wondered if she had known him. I assured her that it was before her time. She laughed when I told her my William Stephens was church warden from 1780 to 1787. "I'm not quite that old," she said, "I'm only 82". She went into the cottage and returned with a key resembling the jailers' keys depicted on T.V. It must have been at least nine inches long and very heavy.

**Triumphant, we walked back up the lane to the church holding the key in such a way that the man in his garden could not miss.**

We unlocked the heavy wooden door and walked inside. This was the first hair-raising experience. I said to Nancy, "Just think, my 4 X great-grandfather held this same key and turned this same lock over 200 years ago." That may not have been exactly true as until recently churches were known as a refuge for parishioners and strangers alike. Sadly that is not the case now and many are locked against vandals, although we were delighted to find some were left open in villages where crime seems to have passed by.

We returned the key and thanked our friend again. I don't know if it was her toothless smile or the big black cat that rubbed around my legs that made me wonder - was she real or a figment of my imagination?

Our next experience was a little different. We went to Cerney Wick, another little hamlet in Gloucestershire. We found the hamlet and church with no difficulty, but finding a place to park the car was another story. The lane was so narrow and winding there was no place to pull off except for the pub parking lot. We thought we would risk it, so left the car there and walked across to the church. It was locked, but a man in the neighbouring house came out to check his plants. I enquired about the key to the church and he

said he had it and would show us through. He told us that his wife had let someone take the key to see the architecture of the ceilings of the church. Upon returning, the vicar found the altar brasses were missing. Now people wanting to see the interior were escorted. We thanked him and returned to our car. We were studying the road map to decide where our next church would be when someone came to the car. I was ready with all kinds of excuses why we were parked there, but didn't get the chance. Our visitor was a local who wanted to know if we were lost. We assured him we knew exactly where we were and were just deciding where to go next and that we had just visited the church as our ancestors had lived in the area many years ago.

He obviously was familiar with the area, notably the pub, and must have had a lot invested in it. However, he did tell us there had been an interesting article in the previous week's local paper and if we would like a copy, we should go and see his wife at the stables "two bends down the lane on your right". We decided we had nothing to lose and wound our way to the stables where we had to try and explain why we were there. After a while our local arrived and presented us with the paper, and bid us farewell.

The following day Nancy and I set out again to the Ampneys, a group of four villages in Gloucestershire - Ampney St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Crucis and Down Ampney. They are very picturesque and all within a few miles of each other. Yes, we had ancestors in all four parishes!

We were unable to find the church in the village of Ampney St. Mary, so asked one of the locals who had seen us drive past and turn around. He laughed and said he was just practising saying, "I don't know, I'm a stranger to these parts" (a response we were getting used to). However, he was able to direct us to the church which stands by itself in a field a mile or so away.

**He told us the village had moved from its original spot during the Black Death.**

We found the very quaint little church in a field - again surrounded by sheep. A little brook ran across the meadow behind it. This reminded me of the song "The Chapel in the Valley".

Our next stop was at Latton, just across the border into Wiltshire. We had arranged to meet the vicar here at 2 pm. The vicar is shared between this parish and the larger one of St. Sampson in Cricklade, where he lives.

The church at Latton was quite significant in my Habgood family line, for although some of them died in



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other parishes and as far away as London, they seemed to have wanted to be interred at Latton. This was a wealthy family and there is a stained glass window dedicated to one of them. Also, a tomb type grave marks the final resting place of some, and is now a "listed building."

The vicar arrived promptly and soon had us marshalled into the church, flicking on the light as he went. This man was all of 4'8" tall with snow-white hair. He had an enchanting smile, sparkling eyes, and looked quite suited to his "dog collar". He reminded me of a bookend and I wondered if his wife would be the companion bookend, or would she be a large, domineering person. We were never to find out.

**Two respectable looking middle-aged ladies borrowed the church key. When they did not return, it was discovered that church vault was missing.**

Our vicar looked anxiously up at me (I'm sure he has to look up to most people) and asked how long we planned to be. I thought perhaps 15 to 20 minutes. He had already escorted us to the stained glass window and I had a feeling he wanted to be somewhere else. Upon enquiring, he looked at his watch, then at Nancy and I, and said his wife (always the wife) had let two middle-aged respectable looking ladies borrow the church key. When they did not return, it was discovered that the church vault was missing. I knew there must have been a message there for us. I changed the subject by asking where the Habgood graves could be located. "In the churchyard" was his reply. "Yes, but which part of the churchyard? Everywhere, they are all over"! He was right!

Our friend was also the vicar at St. Sampson, Cricklade where I also wanted to go. He was looking at his watch again, then suddenly gave us the key and said, "Turn out the lights when you leave and make sure you lock the door. I will see you at St. Sampson at 3 pm". With that he turned and left, reminding me of the white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland. I'm sure I heard him say as he scurried through the churchyard, "Oh, my ears and whiskers, I'm late, I'm late".

Nancy and I looked at each other, wondering what to do next. We looked through the church but hadn't really noticed where the light switches were. However, we finally found a panel box and switched every switch, then left.

We had trouble locking the door as the key, still the jailer type, was a smaller, newer version, and we almost lost it in the original keyhole, so we had to hold it just right for it to work.

We spent some time in the churchyard seeing the many Habgood graves that were still legible. In this part of the country, most graves were made of a soft Coltswoold stone and have not stood up to the years of wind and rain. If the stones are intact, they are usually virtually impossible to read.

Nancy and I felt compelled to arrive at St. Sampson, Cricklade promptly so as not to disappoint "the white rabbit." Cricklade was no problem and we could see the church. However, the road leading to it seemed too narrow for modern conveyances, so we parked on "Main Street" and had to hurry to the church, arriving just as the clock was striking the hour. We were surprised to find the vicar sitting anxiously in his car, which was parked in a large parking lot adjacent to the church. Somehow our explanation of having to find a place to park didn't ring quite true. He seemed relieved to see us; we assured him we had secured the church at Latton, and yes, we had turned out ALL of the lights.

I told him that although I had some ancestors associated with St. Sampson, the majority were at St. Mary's which I had been informed was now used as a Catholic church. "Oh, yes," he said,

**"the town was split down the middle - one side St. Sampson and the other St. Mary's Parish. You would only have to move next door and you could be living in the other parish."**

By this time, he had repeated his performance of unlocking the church door and flipping on the lights. Nancy and I were both carefully watching. This was no small village church and we didn't want to be left trying all of the switches to restore the church to its slumber.

I asked the vicar if there was a pub in Cricklade called The Red Lion. His eyes lit up as he said, "Yes, it's the local and is directly across from St. Mary's". I felt I should explain that Nancy and I were not in need of liquid refreshments, but that in one of the Habgood wills dated 1811, the Messuage lands and house were mentioned, and they either included or were adjacent to The Red Lion. "Oh, yes," he said, "the Old Manor House is right next door to The Red Lion".

With that the twinkle returned to his eyes and he asked in hushed tones, "Would you like to see inside St.

Mary's?" I assured him I would if I knew whom to contact for the key. With that he handed me the key and said, "Even though St. Mary's is now used as a Catholic church, the Anglicans still own it and this key opens both". He gave us the key after we promised to lock up both churches and put the key through the letter box of the vicarage situated next to St. Mary's. This, we found, was where he lived.

After leaving St. Mary's and making sure it was locked, I turned around and, sure enough, there was The Red Lion and Old Manor House just waiting for me to take a picture.

From Gloucestershire we made our way to Dorset where other lines of our family had lived.

**Dorset has so many quaint little villages and winding roads you feel moved back in time, and to appreciate the beauty, you have to relax and take your time.**

No one seems to hurry.

Nancy's husband had joined us for the second week of our holiday and seemed quite content to fall in with our plans. One of our notable church experiences was in the small hamlet of Frome St. Quinton where our Lake line had lived from at least the early 18th century.

We parked the car in the only street and John and Nancy walked one way while I went in the opposite direction to find the church. I found a man in his garden and asked him for directions. He pointed behind me and sure enough, there it was, hidden behind the hedges. The track up to it had to be navigated on foot. The church, once again, was in the middle of a field, this time carefully guarded by a herd of cows. They came to greet us, looking at us with big mournful eyes. Being city born, I was not about to enter their territory. We retraced our tracks to the man in the garden and asked if there was another way to get to the church. He looked puzzled. We explained the cows. "Oh, they won't hurt you," he assured us, but we weren't so sure.

He did point to a second access. This meant a short walk around the field, past the old rectory and along another lane to a further field, over a stile, through another field to a second stile. When we got there, the cows had beaten us to it and were there waiting by the stile, their mournful eyes still on us (I'm sure there was a twinkle in them and the trace of a smile on their faces). Where would we go next? John took one look at them, waved his arms and shouted. The cows looked at us in disgust, turned and left. We then climbed the stile into the field and through a gate to the church. As you can

imagine, the church was very small and tranquil in this beautiful setting.

Once again, I was overcome with the feeling of belonging. This is where so many of my ancestors came from.

As we left the church, we found the cows had lost interest in the invasion and were now contentedly grazing at the far end of the field. Once again, tradition tells us that the village had moved during the Black Death, leaving the church to stand alone in the field.

Services are still held in this quaint church which makes one wonder what you would wear on a wet Sunday - maybe wellies and a souwester!

The hamlet consisted of one street and surrounding farms. There was no shop, no post office, not even a pub. It is hard to believe that so many of my Lake family were born, married and died here in the 120 or more years I have them recorded at Frome St. Quinton.

Prior to my trip, I had written to my old friend, Janet, provided her with the death dates of my grandparents Smart, requested that she contact the local vicar at Boldmere Church in Sutton Coldfield, asking for the location of the grave. Janet and I had spent many hours as children in this churchyard. It was a nice walk from our home and I think we practised our gardening skills by taking the watering can, which always hung on a hook by the tap outside the church. We would diligently water the flowers in the graves.

**I had always looked for my grandparents' grave, but to no avail.**

Later, my mother told me there was no headstone. Somehow I had in my memory the location of where I thought the grave was and Janet agreed that was where we had visited. She had got the location from the vicar - Section 2, lot 303. My childhood friend, Maureen, had suggested that perhaps after locating the grave, I would like to clean it up and plant a rose bush or something to keep its location recorded. She offered to keep an eye on it while visiting her parents' grave. This I thought was a good idea, so Nancy and I drove to the churchyard equipped with shears to do the initial cleanup. The churchyard is now sadly neglected and I enquired of a young fellow trying to cut the overgrown grass if he could tell me where section 2 was. He was not able to help us but said his dad would be able to tell us when he returned from lunch. Nancy and I roamed the churchyard and I was able to locate some of the old neighbours and Maureen's parents. I also found the

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remains of the sundial which brought back memories of my childhood days.

Eventually, the verger returned and upon our request, decided it would be quicker to consult the plan of the churchyard. We used the few remaining headstones as guides and counted first one way then the other. Yes, there it was - not the grave that I remembered, and quite a distance from it. I could see at once that I didn't need a rose bush to mark its location. There was a large oak tree growing out of the centre of the grave. My first comment was, "Well, it looks as though I have found my roots"!

On another day, Nancy, other family members and I had been visiting Burntwood, the area in which they, my mother and our grandparents had lived. We visited Hammerwich Church, near Lichfield in Staffordshire, where our grandparents were married in 1897. We took pictures of the outside, but unfortunately the church was locked.

Toward the end of my holiday, an old friend asked if I would like to go anywhere. I said I would like to go to Hammerwich Church. I was surprised to learn that she had attended a wedding there so knew exactly where it was. This time I contacted the vicar before going. She said she would be at the church later as she had a funeral there. We arrived just after the funeral and I was delighted to see the inside of the church and to stand at the altar where my grandparents had exchanged their wedding vows. Later, I was talking to one of the old-timers at the church who knew my cousin Philip (well known locally for his photography and nature lectures) and also my aunt and uncle who are now deceased.

The church stands on a hill, again surrounded by fields, and you can see for miles in every direction. This time the fields were occupied by horses. After taking pictures, we walked through the churchyard and through the field to the railway tracks where the Hammerwich Station had once seen the coming and going of local people. My mother had told me of her return visits home on her days off from service, when she would take the train to Hammerwich and then have to walk the three or so miles to Burntwood. We retraced our steps to the church, from where I would assume my mother would have climbed the stile and made a cross-country walk home. We were content to take the car!

My holiday was nearing its end. I had been in 31 churches and visited the crematorium where my parents' final resting place is located.

One couldn't help feeling that this had been a trip of happy reunions, both with those still living to carry on the family lines and those who have gone before and left us with a rich legacy. ■

## Book Reviews

Review by Janet Gosior, AGS #1531

### **"A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation: Volume 2,"**

by Donald Whyte, F.H.S., F.S.G. Published (1996) by the Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Boulevard, Suite 102, Toronto, ON M4R 1B9.

Available from the publisher at: regular price \$33.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling, plus GST; Ontario Genealogical Society members \$26.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling, plus GST. Outside Canada, pay in US funds, plus \$4.50 postage and handling.

This excellent reference is the second volume of Donald Whyte's book, **A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation**. When the first volume was published in 1986, it was considered one of the most significant documentations of Scottish emigration to Canada prior to 1867. Volume 1 contained 12,500 entries and Volume 2 contains an additional 11,000 entries.

**The aim was to give the following information: name, parentage, place of origin, dates of birth and death, destination, date and ship, occupation or profession, wife/husband, date of marriage, children and sources.**

Naturally all of this information was not available to the author, however, as many details as possible are provided for each entry from various sources. Names of emigrants are listed alphabetically and the data is contained in a very understandable format, with references given in bold type at the end of each entry. The codes are defined in the "Bibliography and Guide to References" at the back of the book. Also included in Volume 2 is a 37-page Appendix of additional information, and in some instances, corrections, for the emigrants listed in Volume 1 (1986).

In addition to the voluminous amount of personal contributions by way of letters to Donald Whyte, the author has researched widely. He has consulted numerous sources, both printed and manuscript and gathered and compiled much information that would not otherwise have been available to the family researcher.

A few examples of sources include: local histories from Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island; various Canadian genealogical society publications; *The Scottish Genealogist*; various passenger lists, holdings at the National Archives of Canada (Ottawa), The Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Hudson's Bay Record Society, The Archives of Ontario (Toronto); and numerous published books in Canada and Scotland on immigration. In addition, a number of people volunteered research time and submitted hundreds of entries for inclusion.

Once again, Donald Whyte, a prominent and dedicated genealogist, has produced an unsurpassed resource book for genealogists searching for their Scottish ancestry. Together Volume 1 and Volume 2 form the single most comprehensive directory and indispensable resource of Scottish emigrants to Canada before 1867. This book is an absolute must for researchers of Canadian-Scottish ancestry.■

**Review by R. Muriel Jones, AGS #1554**

**"The Surnames of Wales"** (for historians and other) by John and Sheila Rowlands. Published in the UK by the Federation of Family History Societies (Publications) Ltd. and Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 10001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 for \$19.95 + P&H \$3.50.

Wales, unlike England, used the ancient Patronymic naming system which has resulted in a lack of variety in predominantly male surnames, while matronymic surnames are rare indeed. This prompted the remark by the Registrar - General in 1856 that '... the name of John Jones is a perpetual incognito in Wales, and being proclaimed at the cross of a market town would indicate no one in particular.' John and Sheila Rowlands attempt to dispel many of the myths which surround the subject of surnames in Wales such

as the widely-held belief (outside of Wales), that nearly everyone is named Jones.

The book explains the mystery of the ap/ab prefix and the possessive 's.' It lists the ten most common names, of which five are the only ones listed (so far) on my father's family tree. There is much detailed information and insight on the surnames found in Wales, predominantly Patronymic but also biblical and even nicknames. It was noticeable that there appeared few Old Testament names in North Wales but a predominance of them in South Wales. WHY? The Rowlands tell us.

Chapter 5, I found easy and interesting to read. It contains a glossary of surnames with a historical and linguistic paragraph on each name. My worst fears were confirmed that JONES is the most common Welsh patronymic surname! Not so easy was Chapter 4 - A Survey of Surnames - although the numerous maps depicting the distribution and incidence were most helpful. The chapter would be of help especially to overseas researchers whose only knowledge is that their ancestors came from "somewhere in Wales." For instance, after studying map 4-13, p 57, I would begin my research in South Wales if looking for a Llewelyn. If he married a Morgan or Hopkins, then the area to begin searching could almost be pinpointed.

Another chapter is devoted to migration, emigration and place of origin, and I personally found most helpful the information on the Hundreds and the parishes within each Hundred. Appendix 1. I am still puzzling my way through Chapter 2 dealing with the complexity of women retaining their maiden names, e.g. Agnes vch William David (wife of John ap William ap Hugh) so I give fair warning to all members, especially any JONES, that this very English person tracing her husband's very Welsh ancestry, intends to try to negotiate a 'permanent loan' agreement with our AGS Librarian, the moment this book is in circulation!■

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## Potpourri

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### ● USE OF PHOTOS FROM NATIONAL

**ARCHIVES:** Planning to use photographs and/or documentary art records from the National Archives of Canada? Be sure to ask for a copy of the terms governing the reproduction and use of same. The terms outline copyright guidelines, compulsory credit, applicable fees, and access to records. Write to the National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3 for details. *A copy of the Terms is on file in the AGS office, courtesy of Tom Trace.*

### ● US NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATION AID:

If seeking an ancestor believed to be buried in a national cemetery, write to the Director, National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20410. Include the person's full name and, if possible, the date and place of birth and death, state form which the person entered the military service, rank, service branch and unit. (Per *Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin*, Autumn 1995.)

● **CEMETERY RECORDING HINT:** Take a can of shaving cream with you when recording headstones. Spray foam over the difficult-to-read stones and wipe off. The white foam in the crevices makes it easier to read.

● **DIVORCE RECORDS IN CANADA:** These are handled through a private act of Parliament of Canada. These private bills were published annually at the back of the Statutes for the year.

For more details, check: IRWIN, Ross W. "Early Divorce Records" in *Families*, Vol 35 #2, 1996. (Per *SGS Bulletin*, Vol 27 #2, June 1996.)

● **EXPLANATIONS OF SOME SURNAMES:**

Unmarried women are called spinsters because spinning was traditionally the work of unmarried women. They were called spinsters rather than spinners because the ending '-ster' was generally applied to women in earlier times.

This fact accounts for duplicate forms of a number of surnames. The feminine equivalent of the name Brewer is Brewster. Male weavers were often called Webb, and female weavers were often called Webster. And a man who made bread for a living was a Baker, but a woman doing the same job was a Backster or, as we now spell the name, Baxter. (Per *Generations*, Vol 20 #4, Dec 1995 Manitoba Genealogical Society. They credit *Reader's Digest*, Mar 1995 and James McDonald in *Sunday Express*, London.)

● **A WEE BIT OF OULD SOD:** These are old terms of land assessment from Ireland:

- 1 Gneeve = 10 Acres
- 2 Gneeves = 1 Sessiagh
- 3 Sessiaghs = 1 Ballyboe
- 2 Ballboes = 1 Ploughland, Seiseagh or Carrow
- 4 Ploughnads = 1 Ballybetaugh or Townland
- 30 Ballybetaughs = 1 Trioca Cead or Barony

(Per *Red River Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol 25 #2, Apr 1995. They credit *A Simple Guide to Irish Genealogy*, comp. by Rev. Wallace Crane, 3rd ed., 1966, p 26.)

● **IRISH PASSENGER LISTS:** Consult the Irish periodical *Galway Roots*, Vol III, 1995 published by the Galway Family History Society. It lists passengers bound for Canada from Galway aboard the 'Sea Bird' and the 'Northumberland'. 'The State-Aided Emigration from the Crown Estates of Boughill and Irvilloughter, 1848-1849'. Included are name, age and personal details.



● **Supplement to "DICTIONARY OF SCOTTISH EMIGRANTS TO CANADA BEFORE CONFEDERATION":** Donald Whyte, author of the two-volume *Dictionary of*

*Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation* (Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, 1986 & 1995) is now compiling a Supplement to the above. He invites readers of *Relatively Speaking* to contribute directly to him any information about pre-1867 Scottish emigrants provided the information is free from copyright, and is

not already published in the above volumes. Donald will reply to anyone who writes with information. His address is as follows:

Donald Whyte, J.P., F.H.G., F.S.G. 4 Carmel Road, Kirkliston, West Lothian, Scotland EH29 9DD  
☎ 0131-333 3245

● **NEED THE HELP OF A SCOTTISH RESEARCHER?** In his letter to the editor, John Adams indicates that he:

- will research records in Scotland
- will provide advice to those planning to undertake their own research in Scotland
- can recommend research sources is a moderately skilled photographer
- charges £12 Sterling per hour
- charges at cost for copies of documents

Contact: John Adams, Genealogist, 8 North Gardner Street, Glasgow G11 5BT Tel/Fax: 0141-334 1021

● **INFORMATION ON POLISH RESEARCH:**

In August 1996 I wrote to the Archives in Warsaw, Poland inquiring about where I could find parish information on my relatives in a certain area of Eastern Poland.

One month later I got a reply to my letter stating the following:

- They will begin a search for me once I deposit \$30 US in their bank called: Naczelnej Dyrekcji Archiwow Panstwowych w Powszechnym Banku Kredytowym (III Oddzial w Warszawie, nr konta 370015-807885-3000-3-07). The numbers are their bank account number.
- When this money has been deposited, they will charge \$15 US per hour plus \$10 US per copy. (Info provided courtesy of Judy Konojacki, AGS #2472.)

● **"PARENT FINDERS"** by Jean Reeve is a copy of a speech delivered to the Waterloo-Wellington Branch OGS. It appears in the Branch Notes August 1996 issue, p43. The article describes the charitable, non-profit organization, Parent Finders, and suggests ways of starting a search to reunite families separated by adoption.

● **NEW ADOPTION RULES IN BC:** Effective 4 Nov 1996, it will be easier for adults adopted in British Columbia and their birth parents to get information about each other. They will have access to birth registration and adoption information identifying one another. Those who wish to protect their privacy will have the option of filing a disclosure veto, prohibiting release of birth or adoption information, or file a no-contact declaration that allows for release of information, but prohibits personal contact. For disclosure or no-contact form call Vital Statistics Agency, Province of BC (toll-free) 1-888-212-1188. For info on Adoption Act contact Ministry of Social Services., Province of BC 1-888-236-7888.

## ● FRENCH LANGUAGE GENEALOGY

**WEBSITE:** Xavier Guyot, the French representative of the GRD, works for IBM in Orleans, France. He has recently created a web site called KAROLUS for those researchers who are fluent with the French language; website address being:

<http://www.easynet.fr/karolus/>

The home page is in French, lists the various options and services provided, including access to various French archival information. Give it a try.

For those with a limited ability to read or write French, POWER TRANSLATOR can be purchased which does a passable job of converting English to French. Any French responses can be scanned through a printer (eg. HP Officejet LX) using TEXTBRIDGE OCR for Windows in order to convert the scanned or faxed copy into ASCII.TXT format which can then be read by POWER TRANSLATOR, and converted back into English. Power Translator allows for the addition of single words and idiomatic expressions to be added to the dictionaries with the program.

Textbridge is produced by Xerox Imaging, and Power Translator is produced by Globalink, and both should be available locally from a reputable software supplier. (Info graciously supplied by J. Michael de Laroque, B.Ed., M.Ed. Internet E-mail: mdel@agt.net)

## ● LAND MEASUREMENT GUIDELINES (For Ontario):

These guidelines, as researched and written by Paul T. Henderson, OGS #16848, were printed in *Kingston Relations*, Vol 22 #5, Nov/Dec 1995, p 58.

The basis for the guidelines is the *Gunther chain*, which was invented by Edmund Gunther in 1620. Reference: *Family Tree Magazine* Jun/Jul 1994 and other sources.

1 chain = 66 feet = 4 rods = 100 links

A rod is known as a pole

10 chains = 1 furlong = 40 rods = 660 feet

80 chains = 8 furlongs = 1 mile = 5,280 feet

1 acre = 10 square chains = 43,560 square feet

Streets were laid out one (1) chain wide

25 links = 1 pole = 1 rod

1 link = 7 92/100 inches

Concessions were laid out 100 chains wide:

100 chains = 10 furlongs = 6,600 feet = 1 1/4 miles

Lots were usually 20 chains wide (some only 19 chains):

20 chains = 2 furlongs = 1,320 feet = 1/4 mile

Each lot was 20 x 100 chains, or 1/4 x 1 1/4 miles =

200 acres: 1,320 x 6,600 feet = 871,200 square feet

(Found in Waterloo-Wellington Branch OGS

Newsletter: Branch Notes, Vol 24 #2, May 1996 p 22)

## ● HOW TO FIND DAY OF WEEK of ANY DATE:

It should be remembered that on the introduction of the New Style Calendar, the day following 12th September 1752 became the 14th of September.

Example: What day of the week was 22 Jul 1934?

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|--|----|
| (1) Take the last two digits of the year:            | 34 |
| (2) Add 1/4 of this number, neglecting any remainder | 8  |
| (3) Add the date of the month                        | 22 |
| (4) Add according to the month (as below)            | 0  |

Jan: 1 (in leap year: 0)	Jul: 0
Feb: 4 (in leap year: 3)	Aug: 3
Mar: 4	Sep: 6
Apr: 0	Oct: 1
May: 2	Nov: 4
Jun: 5	Dec: 6

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| (5) Add for the 18th Century: 4 |           |
| for the 19th Century: 2         |           |
| for the 20th Century: 0         |           |
| for the 21st Century: 6         |           |
|                                 | Total: 64 |

- (6) Divide the total by 7 and the remainder gives the day of the week as follows:

1=Sunday 2=Monday 3=Tuesday 4=Wednesday  
5=Thursday 6=Friday 7=Saturday

64 divided by 7 leaves a remainder of 1

ANSWER: 22 July 1934 = SUNDAY

(Article by Brian Birch of Sussex, England; found in The Norfolk Ancestor, Vol 7, part 13, Jun 1996.)

## ● RESEARCHING NEW YORK DUTCH

**FAMILIES:** A detailed article by Henry B. Hoff, F.A.S.G., F.G.B.S. appears in Summer 1996 issue of The NYG&B (New York Genealogical & Biographical Society) Newsletter, pp12-14.

## ● STRAY HULL MARRIAGES IN ONTARIO'S

**OTTAWA DISTRICT:** The first Anglican parish in Hull, Quebec was begun in 1823. Where did people get married before that? Try the early civil marriage registers for the Ottawa District where marriage records were found for quite a few residents of Hull. They were registered at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace in Liber 1, Vol 9, Ottawa District. (Found in the "Ottawa Branch News," Jul/Aug 1996.)

● **HASKELL FAMILY SOCIETY:** has reunited a number of 'lost' family members, but the greatest coup came when they reunited two sisters, desperately seeking each other for the last 65 years, one living in England, the other in western Canada.

With members in ten countries able to trace their origins to a little corner of SW England, through 500 years of recorded family history, the society's international aspects proved of great value in bringing these sisters together.

Membership is open to all Haskell descendants at £8.00 UK, \$11 US, or \$13 Canadian and includes a quarterly newsletter, free unlimited queries and gratis research. Contact Mrs. Mary Haskell, 21 Royston Way, Slough, Berks, England SL1 6EP.

## ● PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARCHIVES

**NEW ADDRESS:** 11 Soho Street, Suite 104, Toronto, ON M5T 1Z6 ☎ (416) 595-1277. The Archives are now open again. They have limited research hours, so call ahead for an appointment.



● **ADDRESSES RELATED TO HERALDRY:**  
**CANADA - Canadian Heraldic Authority, 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0A1**

In 1988, Canada became the only nation in the British Commonwealth with its own heraldic college. This official body exists to promote Canadian heraldry, and provides services such as reproducing prints of shields and assisting in the creation of new shield designs. A non-official body called the Armorial Heritage Foundation maintains a website:

<http://www.hookup.net/~dbirk/chf.html>

which provides useful and advice for novice heralds and a good deal of info on Canadian and European heraldry.

**UNITED STATES - American College of Heraldry, PO Box 1899, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203-1899 USA Fax: (501) 834-4038**

The American College of Heraldry is a private, non-profit organization for the recording of arms in America. For info and application forms, send \$1 US to the above address or access the college's website

<http://users.aol.com/ballywoodn/acheraldry.html>

**IRELAND - Chief Herald of Ireland, Genealogical Office, 2 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.**

Contact this office for info and assistance with regards to heraldry in the Republic of Ireland (Eire). For matters relating to Northern Ireland, contact the College of Arms (London). Also of interest may be the Proto-Heraldry in Pre-Christian Ireland website:

<http://www.finearts.sfasu.edu/uasal/iherald.html>

which discusses the battle standards of Gaelic Irish chieftans.

**COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES - College of Arms (London), Queen Victoria St., London EC4 United Kingdom Fax: 44 171 248 6448**

This is the official body governing all matters relating to heraldry in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and all Commonwealth countries except Canada and Scotland. The College of Arms also assists Americans of British descent. Visit the British Heraldic Archive's College of Arms website

<http://www.kwtelecom.com/heraldrt/collarms/>

to get further info on the services available. Also of interest, The Medieval Ordinary site:

<http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/dba/>

discusses British arms before 1530 AD.

**SCOTLAND - Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms, HM New Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT, SCOTLAND**

Though part of the United Kingdom, Scotland maintains its own offices and laws dealing with heraldry. For more info about the Lord Lyon and Scottish heraldic practices, visit the Heraldry in Scotland website:

<http://www.kwtelecom.com/heraldry/scotland.html>

For info on clan heraldry, visit the Great Hall of the Clans site:

<http://www.DIScribe.ca/world/scotland/clans.html>

**EUROPE - The Royal Families of Europe site:**  
<http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/public/genealogy/gedcom.html>

contains the heraldry of most European monarchs. The Crown of Russian Empire:

<http://acs.bu.edu:8001/~razumkin/cre.html>

discusses Russian heraldry.

(Found in *Family Chronicle* Vol 1 #1 Sep/Oct 1996.)

● **GLEANINGS FROM CURRENT PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED (in Our Library):**

● *Family Hist. News & Digest*, Vol 10 # 4, Sep 1996

\* **Records of Apprenticeship: A Lesser-Used Source**, by Lilian Gibbens, pp167-171

- describes the history and types of apprenticeship and the effects of changing times

● *Seattle Gen. Soc. Bulletin*, Vol 45 # 4, Summer 1996

\* **The Scandinavians**, pp175-177

- five articles to honour the 150th anniversary of Swedish mass migration especially to America

● *Halton-Peel Newsletter*, Vol XXI Issue 4, Sep 1996

\* **They Went to the States**, pp96-40

- excerpt of a speech by Mary E. Garbutt on how to locate family members in the USA

● *Chinook*, Journal of the Alberta Family History Society, Vol 17 # 1, Fall 1996

\* **Passports and passport applications for genealogical research**, by Jan Roseneder pp1, 4-7

- includes history of passports, sources of information and available data

\* **The mystery of Baptist records, or the lack thereof**, pp8-12

- a reprint from *Generations*, by Philip Griffin-Allwood, citing 12 guidelines for finding Baptists

● *Lancashire*, Vol 17 # 3, August 1996

\* **Migration in the Past: Some Key Results from the Residential Histories Project**, by Colin Pooley and Jean Turnbull, pp23-25

- family historians and genealogists provided input for this study conducted by Lancaster University... useful in helping to track movement of your ancestors

● *Kindred Spirits*, Vol XV Issue 3, Summer 1996

\* **Grave Experiences**, by Kay Pickard, pp5-8

- former Albertan tells how she became so involved with cemeteries

● *The Times Colonist* is in its 138th year of publication in Victoria, B.C. In the Sunday edition, a section called "Your View" features an "In Search Of" column of letters and queries of individuals searching for friends or relatives. *The Times Colonist* is published by Thomson Canada Ltd. Mailing address: 2621 Douglas St., Victoria, BC V8T 4M2.

E-mail: [timesc@interlink.bc.ca](mailto:timesc@interlink.bc.ca)  
(information from Bunny Hackler)

● "Manorial Records for Family Historians", by Dr. M. Rogers, appears in "The Banyan Tree", the Journal of the East Yorkshire Family History Society, April 1996, pp7-8. This short summary points to the value of researching manorial records and also cites the difficulties to consider.

# ? ? ? ? ? Queries ? ? ? ? ?

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 3Z9

<b>DENNEY, CHARLES D.</b>	502, 8315-105 Street, Edmonton, AB T6E 4H4	<b>AGS #105</b>
<b>CAREY</b>	Charles, was for several years Proprietor of the Transit Hotel in North Edmonton; d 1931	
<b>COLBY</b>	in Edmonton. His wife Jessie COLBY appears to have died previously.	
<b>BURTON</b>	Surviving were: Mars C. BURTON, Edmonton; Mrs. Thomas LOMAX, Edmonton;	
<b>LEEK</b>	Mrs. W. LEEK, Vancouver; Mrs. W. JAMES, Brandon; Thomas CAREY, Kamloops;	
<b>JAMES</b>	Charles CAREY, CNR Switchman, Edmonton. Any info about them or descendants	
<b>LOMAX</b>	appreciated.	
<b>DUNN, CHRISTINE</b>	Box 1177, Mayerthorpe, AB T0E 1N0	<b>AGS #3272</b>
<b>BANKS</b>	Evangeline (Eva), b 30 Jul 1891, Elmvale, ON to Sarah BANKS. Eva (my grandmother) m Noah S.A. HARMAN 30 Dec 1907 Elmvale, ON, came to AB with their two children c1912. Looking for possible surviving siblings & descendants for family info.	
<b>BANKS</b>	Sarah, lived at or near Elmvale, ON in 1891; dau Evangeline BANKS b 30 Jul 1891 at Elmvale, ON. Sarah had 14 children; was very religious. She had a leg amputated, age 56, may have used a wooden leg; later confined to a wheelchair; passed away age 93. Searching for Sarah's maiden name, names of husband & children, birthdates, family info. Will trade info.	
<b>EVANS, WINIFRED</b>	3417 Sylvan Rd, Lethbridge, AB T1K 3J6 ☎(403) 328-8656	<b>AGS #3108</b>
<b>ENNIS-SMITH</b>	Alfred Stuart, or	
<b>SMITH</b>	Stuart Innis; World War I Veteran; WWII Lieutenant with Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Any info appreciated.	
<b>JONES, JEAN</b>	2 Lytham Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Lancashire WN4 9RU England	
<b>POWELL</b>	George, married twice: (1) Agnes Minnie Elizabeth HILL, 31 Dec 1898, St. John's Church, Chester, Cheshire, ENG. Between 1898-1916, Agnes POWELL left England with probably three children to start a new life in Canada. George's (2) marriage was to Ellen ROGERS, at which time he stated he was a widower. Looking for record of death or remarriage of Agnes POWELL - have not been able to find it in Britain. Also seeking descendants of Agnes & George POWELL (may still be alive in Canada). Any info appreciated.	
<b>LEGGETT, D. LYNNE</b>	2749 Daybreak Avenue, Coquitlam, BC V3C 2E8	
<b>LEGGETT / HORE</b>	Seeking info on ancestors & descendants of Mrs. HORE (nee LEGGETT) who resided in Edmonton 1959. Her brother, Charles William LEGGETT, b 1883 ON, d 1959 BC. Charles' wife & young dau lived in Edmonton c1911-13 while he installed the first dial phone system. A son b 1911. Family moved to CA 1913. Charles is my husband's grandfather.	
<b>MACKENZIE, LISA</b>	9504-69 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6E 0S3	<b>AGS #2876</b>
<b>CHRISTOFFERSEN</b>	Family lived near Jenner and Atlee; 1920's.	
<b>DAHL</b>	Ole, lived in Ardrossan or Vegreville areas in 1930.	
<b>FADNASS</b>	Ingeborg, possibly lived near Seven Persons.	
<b>HILLEN</b>	Robert, of High River 1900-1910. Looking for his daughter's family.	
<b>HILLEN</b>	Margaret, of Ontario, m ? and settled in Alberta, 1930's. Looking for her descendants.	
<b>TILLEPAUGH</b>	Anna. lived in Smoky Lake or St. Paul areas. Would appreciate any info on above persons.	
<b>MANSON, B. CAMERON</b>	4008-125 Street, Edmonton, AB T6J 2A3	<b>AGS #3533</b>
<b>MANSON</b>	Robert, b 1835, Leith, SCT; m 1856 in Leith, SCT to Margaret S. McINTOSH of Nairn, SCT. Also seeking John MANSON b 1803, Edinburgh. His father, another John MANSON, m Margaret ROBERTSON, 1790, Edinburgh. From which part of Northern Scotland did he come?	
<b>McINTOSH</b>		

**MUIRHEAD, FERN, Box 50, Dunmore, AB T0J 1A0** **AGS #3474**  
**MAWSON** Thomas & Mary (EDEN). The MAWSONs came to Canada in 1883 with sons James, Robert, Matthew, and Thomas and settled in Lockport, MB. Would like info on their descendants.  
**SOMERSALL** Richard & Martha. The SOMERSALLS settled somewhere in Quebec where 6 children, Richard, Mary, Edward, Samuel, Eva & Lillian, were born. Most of these offspring then settled in Manitoba. Would like to contact any of their descendants.  
**PARTINGTON** Thomas & Louisa (HOLDEN), my great-grandparents, came to Canada in 1879, settled in Selkirk, MB. There were 10 children who accompanied them. I'd like to hear from any of the later generations.  
**GORRIE** Most of the GORRIE descendants residing in the West, trace their origins to John GORRIE & Mary BRUCE of Truro, NS. Would like to hear from any of these people.  
**BRANDT** Carl Christjohn Freidrick, b 7 Jan 1835, Falkenhagen, Germany; settled in Bruce Co., ON before moving west. Did he have bros & sis who also came to Canada?

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**NICHOLSON, MARJORIE (LUND), RR#1 Delburne, Alberta T0M 0V0** **AGS #2744**  
**LUND** Seeking info or correspondence with descendants of these siblings. Their parents: Mathias Nielsen SOUGSEIE (b 20 Aug 1831, Ringsaker) & Helene Eriksdatter HUSEIE (b 4 Mar 1832, Ness parish, Norway). They immigrated to the USA c1881? The males adopted LUND as their surname. I have 20 professional studio portraits, some are identified - others not. Will gladly share these. The photo studio name and address are identified.  
**siblings:**  
**NIELS** b 19 Jan 1858, Ringsaker, Norway; m (1) Lena (CROOKSALL?) Norway? c 1881/82; (2) Inger Pladsen Halvorsth DALBY, 1910, Quebec City; d 25 Jun 1936, Delburne, AB.  
**JULIUS M.** b 5 May 1861, Ringsaker, Norway; m Annie Marie PEDERSON, 1885, Scandia, MN; d 27 Jan 1940, Devil's Lake, ND.  
**EDWARD M.** b 24 Sep 1862, Ringsaker, Norway; m Louisa LOVESTADT, 1893, USA; d 25 Nov 1930, Maywood, IL.  
**MARTHINUS** b 24 Jan 1864, Ringsaker, Norway, m Amelia ERICKSON, 1890, USA; d 11 Aug 1939, Fosston, MN.  
**RANDINE** b 24 Feb 1867, Ringsaker, Norway, m possibly (1) Mr. ?GLADISH, where? (2) Mr. George HILL, c1902, Evanston, IL. Randine's death date unknown.  
**SYVERINE** b 12 Jun 1873, Ringsaker, Norway; married - no other info known.  
**MAGDA OCTAVA** b 19 Jun 1876, Ringsaker, Norway; married - no other info known.  
**HELEN(E)** Have no birth dates or death dates. She may have been married to Mr. Arthur THORSEN, residing in 1933 at Minneapolis, MN. Edward's 1930 obituary states his sisters were: Mrs. H.J. BALCHEN, of Maywood, IL; Mrs. R. HILL, of Evanston, IL; Mrs. A. THORSEN, of Minneapolis, MN; and Mrs. H. RUUD, of Norway. ■

## New Members' Interests

<b>MANSON, BRIAN C. , 4008-125 Street, Edmonton, AB T6J 2A3</b>		<b>AGS #3533</b>
<b>MANSON, John</b>	Apr 1803	Edinburgh, Leith, SCT
<b>McKAY (MacKAY), John</b>	1892	Jamestown, Dunbartonshire, SCT
<b>MacKINTOSH, Mary S.</b>	1856	Nairn, SCT
<b>MacKENZIE, Lavina Ann</b>	1882	Rose Valley, PEI
<b>WAUGH, Joseph</b>	1837	Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, SCT

<b>MUIRHEAD, FERN, Box 50, Dunmore, AB T0J 1A0</b>		<b>AGS #3474</b>
<b>MATTHEWS, George</b>	1850-1920	ON; MB; ENG
<b>MAWSON, Thomas</b>	1835-1910	MB; Lancaster, ENG
<b>PARTINGTON, Thomas</b>	1840-1930	MB; Manchester, ENG
<b>SOMERSALL, Richard</b>	1845-Present	PQ; MB
<b>THORNBUR, John</b>	1800-1900	ON; YKS, ENG

## Sympathy . . .

is extended to Tom Trace, AGS #1663, and his family, in the loss of his brother.  
Sympathy is also extended to Pat Pettitt, AGS #2342, for the recent loss of her mother.

## Announcements

conferences, new books, etc.

### • AGS RAFFLE!



### Genealogical Research Trip For 2!

- ☐ Includes return airfare and 7 days accommodation.
- ☐ Accommodation must include one Saturday night stay in Salt Lake City.
- ☐ Airfare and accommodation arranged through an approved travel agent.
- ☐ Prize must be taken by 31 October 1997.
- ☐ Maximum value of prize - \$2,600 Canadian.
- ☐ Services of a Genealogical Professional approved by AGS, maximum value - \$500 Canadian.
- ☐ Draw to be made when all tickets are sold or at the Annual General Meeting of the AGS; no later than 27 April 1997.
- ☐ Age limit: 18 years of age to purchase tickets.
- ☐ No cash in lieu of trip to be awarded.
- ☐ Minimum of 1,400 tickets to be sold before prize will be awarded.
- ☐ 5,000 tickets @ \$2 each have been printed.

### • FFHS CONFERENCE:



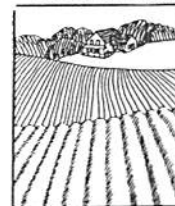
### "Sussex by the Sea":

4-6 April 1997, hosted by the Sussex Family History Group, 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: 27 April to 5 May 1997.** Details in Aug '96 issue of *Relatively Speaking*. To register, call Vonna McDonald at Bonaventure Tours, toll-free 1-800-876-5084 (in Calgary 271-2168).

• **ROOTS '97: In Celebration of the Quebec Family History Society's 20th Anniversary.** The QFHS will host Roots '97 June 6-8, 1997. It will be the largest English language Conference on Family History and Genealogy in the Province of Quebec. Watch for upcoming conference details.

### • OGS SEMINAR '97:



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ROOTS  
& OTHER CONNECTIONS

25-27 April 1997 at Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, ON. Notable speakers include Brian Gilchrist, Rod McLeod, Paul Smart, Ryan Taylor and Curt Witcher. For more information: contact OGS Seminar '97, Box 47518, Don Mills, ON M3C 1P0.

• **PROGRAM CREATES A "GENEALOGY BOOK"**  
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● **CONGRATULATIONS, JEAN MADILL!** Jean Madill, AGS Research Chairperson, was honoured at the 50th anniversary of the Wainwright Branch of the Ladies Auxillary to the Legion on Saturday, 7 Sep 1996. Jean was the Charter President of the Auxillary in 1946.

● **CANADA-WIDE HEALTH AND MEDICAL ARCHIVES** Telephone Information Network 1-800-281-INFO (1-800-281-4636). The Centre for Research in Information Studies at the U of Toronto, in association with the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, has established a new non-profit toll-free reference, advice and communications service specifically designed to help practitioners, researchers, custodians of archival materials, and others find answers to research problems and get advice on practical issues associated with keeping healthcare and medical archives.

The Network uses a menu-based voice-messaging system to route callers to recorded information on specific topics, and also allows callers to record personal messages requesting advice and assistance about specific problems and issues.

For more information, contact Barbara Craig, Director of the Centre for Research in Information Studies, Faculty of Information Studies, U of T, 140 St. George St., Toronto, ON M5S 1A1; ☎ (416) 978-7093, fax (416) 971-1399, email: craig@fis.utoronto.ca

● **TRENCH TEA AND SANDBAGS** by David McMillan.

This little 44-page booklet is a brief account of this man's army service in a Canadian Highland Regiment during the First World War. His nephew, R. McAdam, decided to print his

great uncle's story to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in which his uncle took part. The author was born in Dumfries, Scotland, 16 July 1887. He emigrated to Canada in 1910. After serving in the war he returned to Canada to work as a bank manager until his retirement.

Mr. McAdam is interested in preserving military history, and in supporting the UK Scottish Regiment and the Cameron Highlanders of Canada. In that regard he is offering this booklet for sale at a cost of \$8 (eight dollars), postage included. In addition Mr. McAdam indicates that he is situated near the Public Record Office which houses Medal Rolls and War diaries for Canadian Regiments, and because he has developed some useful files and information on some of them, he is offering to "do what I can" for any genuine family researcher. His address is 141 Chantry Road, Chessington, SURREY, KT9 1XD.

● **HOT OFF THE PRESS! RESEARCHING YONGE STREET** (264pp, acid-free, perfect bound) is available for \$17.95 + \$3.25 postage, from Toronto Branch Publications OGS Toronto Branch Box 518, Station K Toronto, ON M4P 2G9

● **GREAT FIRE Survivor's Restoration Revealed** (source: *Calgary Herald* - 18/5/96). Calgary's oldest downtown wood structure, the Power Block, has been restored. Erected by Montana whiskey traders when Calgary was still a tent town in 1884-85, the 8th Avenue structure is the only survivor of the Great Fire of 1886. Ameen and Fatima Pabani bought the Power Block a year ago for their Canadian Impressions store, recognizing the building's significance.

● **DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**



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● Kathy Enders, AGS #963, recently found a group on the Internet called the **Galizien German Descendants**, a member of FEEFHS founded in 1994. Membership is \$15 US. President: Evelyn Wolfer, 12367 SE 214 Street, Kent, WA 98031-2215 ☎ (206) 630-7864 e-mail: Ewolfer@aol.com

Editor / Secretary: Betty Wray 2035 Dorsch Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-1126 ☎ (510)944-9875 e-mail: 73733.351@Compuserve.com

Free newsletter queries are available to members, as well as the quarterly newsletter and access to its web site on the Internet. You can access a "Surname and Ancestral Villages Database". A members' e-mail listing is also kept. Three things are requested with your membership - a pedigree chart, family group sheets for all born in Galicia, and village listings. Both membership fees and the above information should be sent to Betty Wray.

The GGD is found at the following address: <http://feefhs.org/gal/frg-ggd.html>

In the latest newsletter, the home page is listed as: <http://dcn.davis.ca.us/~feefhs/>

Kathy says the newsletters are a fantastic find, and she is thrilled by all the specific information available. Since there are lots of folks of Galizien descent in Alberta, she feels this is a great opportunity to know about.

# RESEARCHER'S GROUP

## Letters Received

Prepared by Jean L. Madill, Chairperson  
The following is a list of the RESEARCH LETTERS received  
through the AGS mail for the period July 1 to September 1, 1996.

Enquirer	From	Name(s) Sought	Area Sought	Date	Seeking
SUMP, Lothar	GER	Sump family members	Anywhere	290796	Info sought
TRUELOVE, Pat	USA	Truelove, Goeddes, Berning	US & ON	290796	Info & certificates
LAWSON, Jan	USA	Thew/Grove family	Ponoka	290796	Info maternal family
LINDSETH, Dorothy	USA	Josie Conrad Reuther	Spring Lake, AB	290796	Burial info
GRIGGS, Mrs. Joy	ENG	Family name McKenzie	Calgary	010896	Info on family
EARNSHAW, Ken	ENG	William Earnshaw	CAN	010896	Residence / workplace
MEHAFFIE, Linda	USA	Madeleine Wallace	St. Albert	080896	Marriage record
MURPHY, Ross	Port Dover, ON	Roy Leeoun Murphy	AB	080896	Date of entry to Canada
HODGSON, W.J.	Summerland, BC	McConnell,Kjos,Shaw,Hodgson	AB	120896	Info on families
CASTYIGLIONE, Constance	USA	Lucinda & George Penny	CAN	120896	Info on family
SHUTTLEWORTH, Ann H.	AUS	Carl Otto Werner Mehliss	Peace River	150896	Info
LEMP, Mrs. Marilyn	Surrey, BC	James M. & Eliz. May Eaton	Strathcona/Edm	190896	Info on Grandparents
PROVIS, Ann	S AFRICA	Provis family	Anywhere	190896	Anyone searchingProvis
RAMSEY, Ebony S.	USA	Ancestors (not named)	Montreal	260896	Info on how to research
SMITH, Daphne	BC	Surgeson	CAN	090996	Info on emigration
PRATT, Tara	Calgary	Ronald Edward Pratt (father)	Calgary	090996	Seeking birth record
DUCHANE, Betty	Edmonton	No names	AUSTIA	090996	Info on tracing family
TAYLOR, J.M.	ENG	John Roland TAYLOR	CAN(1928-32)	090996	Info father's arrival/dep.
MULLIN, Denise	St. John, NB	No names (family research)	AB	090996	Info how AGS helps
FRIEDRICH, Daphne	USA	Schmidt (Birth family)	Edmonton	090996	Info father & siblings
PARKER, VerDon	USA	Glade May Rubbra-mother	Lethbridge	120996	Info on his birth
MITCHELL, Mrs. Shirley	S AUS	John Capell Parkinson	CAN	160996	Info on G.Grandfather
FEWER, Mrs. Ben	USA	Kenneth Leslie Lawrence	Edmonton	230996	Request obituary
GIRT, Mrs. Lois	USA	Family name "RIP"/"Ripatoe"	Anywhere	260996	Any history
VAN KUYK, Irene	SCT	Pieter Van Kuyk	CAN	260996	Info on father in law
ALDERMAN, Theresa A.	USA	Aaron Elmar Farnsworth	Edmonton area	260996	Where to search
METRUNEC, Jackie R.	Vermilion, AB	Welsh family	AB	031096	Info on paternal family

### CORRESPONDENCE

We will reply to requests as promptly as we can with an initial answer and a suggested procedure for any further research.  
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It is common courtesy to enclose a SASE and sufficient Canadian postage or IRCs with requests.



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## OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

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2. The objects of the society are:

a) To promote the study of genealogy and genealogical research within the province of Alberta;

b) To encourage adherence to accuracy and thoroughness in research;

c) To encourage and instruct members in the ethical principles, scientific methods and effective techniques of genealogical research and to defend the standards of genealogy from incompetent and disreputable persons;

d) To assemble a library of genealogical guides, handbooks, reference sources, family and local histories, and other books and materials which may assist the members, all of which will be available to the members;

e) From time to time to publish such bulletins, booklets, books, pamphlets, or other documents as may be found desirable and expedient by the Executive of the society and to make the same available to the members and others as such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Executive;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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