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**Frederick James KENNEDY aged 7 months 22 days**  
Born 29th April 1913 in Eden, Manitoba

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Many thanks to our production crew!

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## President's Message

Margo Moffat

What a weekend in the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre! I enjoyed our 24th annual conference. I loved the "Market Square" setting of the exhibitors' booths. The sessions I chose to attend were wonderful. I also enjoyed meeting other conference delegates. I had a great time and I hope you did too.

The "Guess My Home Town" raffle was won by Pamela Bissell, an Edmonton Branch member. Her mother was born in Dumfries and Pamela remembered it was my home town. Pamela's prize was two banquet tickets and an AGS membership.

At the banquet, it was an honor to present the President's Award to Milt and Lil Clelland for their service to the Lethbridge Branch and the promotion of Family History. Lifetime memberships were awarded to Jack and Enid Fitzsimonds and Clarence and Jean Madill. Both couples have given many years of service to the Society and continue to do so. It was a pleasure to recognize the endeavors of these six people.

The Salt Lake City Raffle was won by Veronica (Ronnie) Daniel, an Edmontonian. We wish her success in tracing her roots as she visits the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. A special thank you goes to nine (9) year old Sean Meehan. Sean drew the winning ticket for us at the Annual General Meeting. His mother was an exhibitor at the conference.

A warm welcome to Florence Woodward who is our new 2nd Vice President A.G.S. and to Bev Tucker who is now the Branch President of Grande Prairie & District Branch. I extend my appreciation and thanks to Bill Whitney who has stepped down from the 2nd Vice President's position. Bill worked untiringly on behalf of the Society and freely gave of his time and talent so that we could strengthen our weaknesses.

A special mention must go to Carol Anderson, 1st Vice President A.G.S. and our banquet guest speaker,

Judy Schultz; these ladies stole the show by discovering they are related. It was a reunion that movies are made of!!!!

As President I get to do fun things like teaching an old Scottish initiation rite to conference delegates and to spend time with conference speakers. It was a delight to meet with our keynote speaker, Ryan Taylor. We spent a lot of time together in the company of my husband and Carol Anderson. I have to admit his genealogical stories were almost as good as mine!!! His conference sessions were enjoyed by many delegates.

As I begin my third and final year as President, I extend an invitation to our membership to get involved in your branches. The friends and the associations I have made will last a lifetime. You will learn so much from the experiences you share with each other on committees or at meetings. You might even find you are related!

On behalf of our membership I welcome Bev Trace, our new Office Coordinator to our Society. She comes to us with excellent credentials and I look forward to working with her. Our best wishes to Joy Doyle who leaves her position as Staff Resources person to meet the increased demands of her present employment. We wish her continued success in her career.

And now I leave you with this story. I was having lunch at city hall with some colleagues when a female friend remarked, "I told my husband we should join the Geographical Society when he retires. Do you think that's a good idea, Margo?" "Geographically and genealogically I do", was my response. Until my next message, happy researching.

## Editor's Message

Lillian Wight

There are several changes with this issue of *Relatively Speaking*. First of all, I would like to pay tribute to Joy Doyle for the fine work she has done in collating and formatting the material for publication these last few years. We appreciate your efforts on behalf of the membership, Joy, and wish you every success in your new endeavours.

We welcome Bev Trace to her new position as office coordinator and look forward to working with Bev in compiling material for upcoming issues. I am also pleased to have Pat Rooney join our team as editor of *Clandigger*. With your assistance in contributing articles for publication we will work together to make the magazine one of which we can all be proud.

You will notice that we have chosen a lighter weight bond for the contents and have put a forty-page limit on the size, both decisions made to curtail the cost of publication. To allow sufficient time to attend to every aspect of publishing, we are now requesting your submissions six weeks in advance of publication date. (See next submission date below). As summer is a'comin, why not start now to write about your unique experiences researching, or share with us a short story or a helpful tip.

At our annual conference several of our members were honoured for long and distinguished service to the Society. Congratulations to the Clelland, Fitzsimonds and Madill couples. See their pictures elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, a note of appreciation to those who have articles in this issue, and a wish to all our members for interesting and useful researching throughout the summer.

**REMEMBER: Submission deadline for the August issue: July 1, 1997**

#### **SALT LAKE TRIP WINNER**

Lucky winner of the trip to Salt Lake City is Ronnie Daniel, holder of winning ticket # 2159. Congratulations, Ronnie. Please write and tell us of your experiences.

#### **CORRECTION**

The surname of the groom, pictured on the front cover of the February 1997 issue of *Relatively Speaking*, Vol. 25 No. 1, was inadvertently left out. His full name is **Allister McCurdy Wattie**.

#### **Cover Story:**

#### **SHORT LIFE COMMEMORATED IN MANY PLACES**

by Sherry Bell AGS #1756

#### **Flying Officer Frederick James KENNEDY RCAF**

Born 29th April 1913 in Eden, Manitoba

Parents Alexander Donald Kennedy and Jennie Elizabeth Clark

Missing 29 May 1942 after air operations (overseas)

Presumed Dead 30 May 1942 for official purposes



Unfortunately, I never had the chance to meet my uncle Fred but in some ways I have more information on his life than on the lives of his siblings. Back in 1985, when I started doing genealogy, one of the first things I did was to write for the military service records of my uncle and my father. Today, one can apply for these records to the Personnel Records Centre using an "Application for Military Service Information" form which lists the criteria for the release of information. (Enquire at the AGS/Edmonton Branch Library for a form or write to Personnel Records Centre, National Archives of Canada, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3).

An excellent source of information concerning Canadian airmen and airwomen who lost their lives during World War Two is available in the Reference Section of the AGS/Edmonton Branch Library. *They Shall Grow Not Old by Les Allison and Harry Hayward* was published by the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum Inc., Brandon, Manitoba. The authors mention that the book was produced to fill an "information gap" since many relatives do not know the details of the death and burial of their deceased servicemen and women. In the biography on Fred Kennedy, for example, it mentions that "Stirling Aircraft # W 7515 failed to return home from a mine-laying operation....Flying Officer Observer Kennedy has no known grave, his name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial," which is 32 km west of London, England.

Fred Kennedy's name is also inscribed in the Book of Remembrance of the Second World War in Ottawa, Canada on page 86. "A grateful nation recognizes his sacrifice every year on February 24th, when this page is displayed for public viewing in the Chapel of the Parliament of Canada" (letter from the Sergeant-at-Arms, House of Commons).

This year my brother (Fred's nephew Major D.M. Kennedy) was pleased to be in attendance on February 24th at the Chapel for the ceremony at 11 am. Although I could not be there, my brother arranged for coloured photocopies of the title page and the appropriate page to be sent to me. Some pages of the Book of Remembrance are also available for viewing on the Internet through the Carlton Freenet. This project was mounted by students as part of SchoolNet and is well worth a visit. To arrive

at this website, use the following URL (or uniform resource locator): <http://schoolnet2.carleton.ca/books/testeng/general.htm>

Manitoba has honoured its war casualties through a Commemorative Names Program. Thus, one can find the tiny "Kennedy Island" in Northern Manitoba situated close to the Saskatchewan border in Engen Lake. For a fee, one can obtain certificates suitable for framing showing the exact location of the geographic feature from Manitoba Natural Resources (Survey and Mapping Department). When I last visited Neepawa, Manitoba, I photographed the War Memorial (in front of the County Court House) with Fred Kennedy's name on it to add to my files.

In the 1930's, Fred Kennedy had attended arts classes at the University of Manitoba and Winnipeg Normal School. He had just embarked on a promising career as a school principal in 1939. Looking over the mementos and photographs of his life contributed by family members and gathered from various official sources, I can only conclude that Fred Kennedy made a solid contribution to his community. I hope by preserving these items his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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Cards not needed in measles cases:

Homes in which persons are suffering from measles will no longer be required to have quarantine placards shown, according to new provincial regulations of the Public Health Act, announced Tuesday in the Alberta Gazette. Isolation of the patient for 10 days and a 14-day quarantine of contacts will be required to be maintained.

Communicable diseases for which quarantine placards are now required are: cholera, diphtheria, meningococcic (communicable) meningitis, poliomyelitis, paratyphoid fever and whooping cough.

from the Calgary Herald Archives, Feb. 6, 1997  
Submitted by Pat Hewitt AGS # 142

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# Genealogical Updates

## AGS Library News

Norma Wolowyk, Librarian

All AGS members 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, phone 424-4429. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm, for extended hours see the Edmonton Branch Library report in the *Clandigger* section of this magazine. 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, or E-mail: [nwolowyk@compusmart.ab.ca](mailto:nwolowyk@compusmart.ab.ca)

### WHAT'S NEW IN THE AGS LIBRARY

Please remember when requesting materials written about in this column that there may be some delay due to the rush on borrowing.

A member has written in to ask if we still are purchasing books. The answer is, yes we are. Please let me know, by letter, phone or E-mail, if there are any books you would like put on the "library wish list". Try to give me as much information as possible as to title, author, publisher and date of publication.

### BOOKS RECENTLY CATALOGUED:

#### GENEALOGY MANUALS

929.1 BEL Roots for kids: A genealogy guide for young people, by Susan Provost Beller. 1989. (See a review of this publication, by Rob Milson, elsewhere in this publication).

#### CANADA - REFERENCE

929.371 GUI Guide to family history research in the archival repositories of the United Church of Canada. Compiled by the Committee on Archives and History, United Church of Canada. 1996. (See a

review of this publication, by Marion Sim, elsewhere in this publication).

#### CANADA, ONTARIO - GENEALOGY REFERENCE

929.3713 STR Strays! An index to the OGS strays project. Published by the Ontario Genealogical Society, 1996. (See a review of this publication, by Marion Sim, elsewhere in this publication).

#### ALBERTA - LOCAL HISTORY

The following books were donated by Peter Goutbeck:

971.231 PEAa Part II "I remember" Peace River, Alberta and adjacent districts, 1914-1916, compiled by Katharine Hoskin. 1976.

971.234 KIK K.I.K. country. (The history of Kathryn, Irricana and Keoma Alberta). 1974.

971.234 DRY Drybelt pioneers of Sundial, Enchant, Retlaw. 1967.

971.233 FOR Forgotten echoes: A history of Blackfoot and surrounding areas. 1982.

#### ALBERTA - GAZETTEERS

917.123 AUB Volume IV Place names of Alberta, Northern Alberta by Merrily Aubrey. 1996.

#### CANADA, ALBERTA - GENEALOGY SOURCES

929.323 ALB Alberta, formerly the Northwest Territories: Index to registrations of births, marriages and deaths, 1870 to 1905. Published by the Edmonton Branch AGS. 1995.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA - LOCAL HISTORY

971.145 MOU Mountain treasures: The history of Kimberly BC. 1979.

#### ENGLAND - HANDBOOKS, MANUALS

929.1212 CHA Tracing ancestors in Northamptonshire, by Colin Chapman. 1994.

929.1212 CHAa Tracing ancestors in Bedfordshire, by Colin Chapman. 1995.

#### MINNESOTA - GENEALOGICAL SOURCES (FICHE)

1992 International Genealogical Index (IGI) for Minnesota. 8 Fiche. Donated by Ida King.

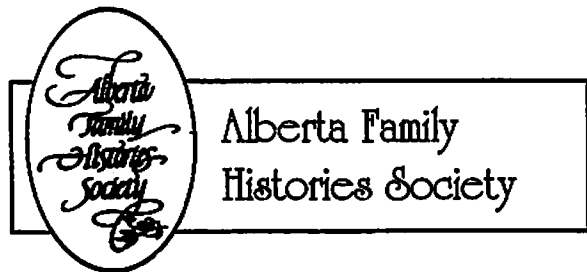
## FAMILY HISTORY

929.2 BUL v.2 Descendants of Josiah Bull, Jr.,  
1738-1813, by Mary Lynch Young.  
1997

## CATALOGUES

Ida King has donated the following two catalogues from Higginson Book Company of Salem, Massachusetts. Both of these catalogues are very comprehensive listings of genealogical resource materials available for purchase.

1. The Source Catalog 7. American Local and County Histories and Genealogy Reference and Source Books.
2. Family History Catalog No. 13, American Genealogy.



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.

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**Wild Rose Seminar '97**  
**Alberta Family Histories Society**  
presents its  
**18th Annual Genealogical Seminar**  
**Friday Oct. 3 and Saturday Oct. 4, 1997**  
**Crossroads Hotel, Calgary, AB**

Further information contact:  
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Cathy Barnes 272-7522

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## Provincial Archives of Alberta by Pat Pettitt

The Archives has received a collection of Estate files from Red Deer (1907) - 1962) and from Stettler (1914 - 1936). This collection is identified as Accession 96.661 and is arranged chronologically. More Supreme Court Divorce files from the Edmonton Court House from 1968 - 1971 have arrived at the archives. (Accession 97.67). Both of these accessions are housed off-site and can only be accessed by docket number which must be obtained from the relevant court. Procedure books relating to these collections may be transferred to the archives at a later date.

Many families have deposited material at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Three accessions regarding the LAMOUREUX family contain original documents, photographs and news clippings. The Lamoureux family were early pioneers in the Fort Saskatchewan district. Joseph and other family members arrived in 1875 and settled on the north side of the Saskatchewan River. The family operated a lumber mill, grist mill, ferry, were involved in teaching in the first school, managing the Saskatchewan Hotel, and were in public office. The photographs include immediate family, distant relatives, neighbours and school chums as well as views of the land and buildings around Lamoureux. A large family chart helps to identify the family connections. See Accession nos. 71.114, 71.137 and 71.151. In the Phonotape collection there are interviews with Mrs. Therese Lamoureux (nee Morin) in 71.150; Mrs. Alphonsine Landry and her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Landry Cook, in 71.151; and Eugene Larose who married Antoinette Lamoureux, in 71.152. Be sure to check these if you have any Lamoureux connections or if your family lived in the Lamoureux area.

## 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
Emery	McIntire, Sleeper, McMackin, Clark, Knight, Cameron, Stoskopf, McMullen, Askelson, Blase, Decker, Nelson
Faure	Sanchez, Pallares, Cribrer Freeman, Powers, Benbrook, Van Ness, Hagen, Heron
Keeler	Palmateer, Omes, McElheny, Smith
Laboucan	Howgate, Pyna
Leitner	Harlet
Lipke	Krzykowski, Opalka, Kowak
Loyek	Bembenck
Maquire	---
McWhirter	---
Stewart	Rosencrane
Thierstein	Benz
Wawryniuk	Semchuk, Kostiuk,
Warobey	Topolowska, Baran,
Wright	Smit



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United Empire  
Loyalists'  
Association  
of Canada

1987--1934--1912--?? Which was the date of the first charter for the Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association?

In 1987, when Lois Cummings UE, President of the Calgary Branch of the United Empire Loyalists, suggested that since there were so many Edmonton members in the Calgary Branch, Edmonton should form their own Branch. Little did she realize that there had been a Branch in Edmonton in 1934 and also 1912! Paul Robison UE became the first President in 1987.

These facts were brought to light in 1997 when the National Office decided to update the history of the organization, Branch by Branch. Susan McKeen, Wilma McKinnon and Fran Losie searched old Edmonton Journal records and came up with exciting results, and the following chronology.

The 1912 Branch seemed to have 16 ladies and 7 gentlemen signing the first application. Their first president was Mrs. B.J.Saunders. They held meetings in the McKay Avenue School assembly

room where the first legislature was also held, and a main concern was then, as it is now, that very little space is accorded in the school curriculum to the part the Loyalists played in the formation of Canada. This branch was the only branch west of Ontario. The last meeting recorded in the Edmonton Journal was May 17, 1913, a banquet, attended by Lieutenant Governor Bulyea and the Mayor, to mark the landing of the Loyalists in New Brunswick in 1784. The first World War seems to have curtailed activities.

The 1934 group, known as the Fort Edmonton Branch, organized by 17 prominent lawyers and doctors, indicated in minutes that they "should follow the same plan of organization as in the other provinces with the lady members of the organization having a Vice President and a Convenor of a Ladies Committee". The president was Dr. O.J. Baker. The Calgary branch was already in existence at this time. The main concerns at the time dealt with commemoration in schools, province wide, of the arrival of the Loyalists (as in 1912), and at Canadian Club; the collection of Loyalist books to be made available to the members; concentrating on activities which would further the War effort; appointment of a genealogist for the branch; encouraging school authorities to take a stronger stand against children who refused to salute the flag. The last meeting recorded in an old minute book kept by P.S. Bailey (and given to the present branch by his great niece Yvonne Brown of Edmonton) was November 19th, 1940. No doubt, as with the 1912 branch, the World War intervened. So far no more references have been found in old Edmonton Journal archives, but the search continues!

If interested in joining a United Empire Loyalist branch, please contact:  
Edmonton . . . Lois Cummings, UE, President  
..... tel: (403)988-8450  
Calgary . . . Bruce Miller, UE, President  
..... tel: (403)287-3258

Submitted by Fran Losie, AGS #2796

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I'm not stuck - - -

I'm just ancestrally challenged!

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Federation of Family History  
Societies April 9, 1997  
from Sue Philips AGS # 1660

The new edition of the British Isles Genealogical Register is currently being prepared for publication. Application forms were distributed through *Relatively Speaking* and many members participated. By closing date some 17,000 individuals had participated, covering some 200,000 names being researched in Britain. Once complete, AGS should receive a copy of the BIG R on microfiche which will be available in the library, as is the previous edition which is also worth checking if you are researching in Britain.

The FFHS has set up a home page on the Internet and information about member societies is available through that site.

The General Registry Office (St. Catherine's House) and the census search rooms at the Public Records Office in London are now both under one roof at the Family Records Centre, Myddelton Street, London EC1. The new facility has larger reading rooms, better furniture and equipment and more facilities such as a cloakroom and a book shop. The address for postal requests for Vital Statistics certificates remains the same.

The cost for a certificate obtained from the local registry offices in England has increased to six (6) pounds as of 1st April.

The 1881 census index is complete. At present they are in the process of compiling the entire index onto a single alphabetical index for the entire country. The FFHS has also decided to make the individual county sections available for purchase by individuals. Cost will vary depending on the size of the county (Lancashire would cost approximately 200 pounds while Rutland would be around 3 pounds). It will not be possible to buy individuals sections of fiche, only complete county sets.

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Diet for a genealogist . . . .

Fiche and Ships!

## Computer Corner

by Rocky Gibney AGS # 2923

### Citing your electronic sources:

The following are excerpts from John Wylie's lecture at the FGS Conference in Rochester, NY last summer entitled "Richard Lackey Died Too Soon: How to Document Modern Media and Online Sources."

#### Plain Text at Web-Site:

Sophia raven <sophia@aol.com>. "How I Found James Jones in Canada" .  
<<http://genealogy.xxx/NGS/mygen/Jones.txt>>. Dec. 1995. [This lengthy test file appears to be an unedited report generated from an unknown genealogy management software application.] (NOTE: the information in brackets is optional, used only if you wish to add explanatory data to the citation.)

#### Hyper Text at Web-Site:

Truman Colari <sdrj69a@prodigy.com>. "My Jones Genealogy."  
<[www.everton.xxx/mygeno/Colari.htm](http://www.everton.xxx/mygeno/Colari.htm)> August 1995. [This file contains numerous hyper-links. Three in the "Jones" section link to:  
<<http://www.xxx.net/xcl-80/atzec/ged/jones.ged>>,  
<<http://com.ecu.xx/data283/slipping.htm>> and  
<<http://compuserve.xxx/12345,678/data.ged>>. A review of these links revealed no additional information on this particular Jones line in December 1995.] (NOTE: again, the brackets contain information not "required" for the citation, but may be added as desired.)

#### File From An Online Source:

Barbara J. Henry [barbhenry@compuserve.com> and 2345 Any St., Anytown, MD 12345.] "Marriages in Madison County NY."  
<<ftp.cs.roots.ny/marr/madison.txt>> July 1993. [This is a collection of information taken directly from marriage records in the Madison County Courthouse, Wampsville, NY by Ms. Henry.]

#### Usenet Group Message:

William T. Wylie [<xxxx12a@prodigy.com> and 345 Evergreen Ln., Anytown, MD 12345.] "My New York Joneses". In soc. genealogy.methods, 12

July 1995.

#### Private Email Message:

Caroline A. Mye <myec@xx.xx.tnet.tx.us> "My Wylies." Private e-mail message to the author <jwylie@ix.netcom.com>. 8 Aug 1994. [Ms. Mye provided her rationale for determining that Moses Wylie was the son of James Wylie of New Hampshire.]

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

## WEB SITES WORTH SURFING:

#### Family Origins software

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/formalsoft>

The Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia (GANS) has put its "Surname Interest" list from its membership into a searchable file on its WWW page. <http://www.ccn.cs.dal.ca/Recreation/GANS/ganshomepage.html>

The Irish-Canadian List is made up of names of Irish immigrants who settled in Canada:  
<http://www.bess.tcd.ie/roots/irishcan.htm>

Genealogy presented by the Irish Genealogical Society, International:  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish>

Ancestry Infobases with 8 free searchable databases  
<http://www.ancestry.com>

Next issue; more websites that assist you in your quest for finding more records.

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### Question: What is a Genealogist?

#### Answer:

Someone who has:  
The PATIENCE of Job  
The CURIOSITY of a Cat,  
The STUBBORNNESS of a Mule,  
The EYESIGHT of an Eagle,  
The LUCK of the Irish,  
and the ABILITY and  
STAMINA of a Camel,  
- to go for long hours  
without food and drink!

submitted by R. Muriel Jones, AGS # 1554



## Members Honoured

Three couples, all members of the Alberta Genealogical Society, were honoured recently at the annual AGS conference held in Edmonton.

**Milton and Lillian Clelland** were presented the President's Award by Margo Moffat for their dedicated and continued service to AGS and the Lethbridge Branch. Beginning in 1992, Lillian served as vice president, president and coordinator of the Branch. Milton assumed the presidency in 1995. They continue to take an active role in the Society serving as past presidents and advisors in their local branches.

**Jack and Enid Fitzsimonds** were the recipients of honorary memberships in the Society in recognition of their long and dedicated service. They have been members of AGS since 1973, serving first as Librarians for the Edmonton Branch. Jack served two terms as president of AGS, and later two years as president for the Edmonton Branch. He has served for many years on committees as the need arose - Finance, Publications, Master Data Bank, and By-laws, and continues to organize the preparation and mailing of the *Relatively Speaking* publication as he has for more than a decade. Enid has been corresponding secretary for AGS, editor of *Relatively Speaking* for three years, vice-president, chair of cemetery recording as well as Grants coordinator, and she continues to assist with the work of the Branch as needed. (Enid's cookies are a special treat at the mail-out work bees.) Jack and Enid are also active members of the Edmonton Historical Society.

**Clarence and Jean Madill** are also to be congratulated on receiving honorary memberships in the Society. Together they served as program directors for the Edmonton Branch in 1987. Since then Jean has served on the Edmonton Branch executive and as Research Chair for AGS. She assisted in the "1898 - 1905 Alberta Vital Statistics" indexing project. She made lunches for AGS executive meetings held at the McLeod Building until 1995. Her support of genealogy extends to working on the Reference Desk at the Provincial Archives, and serving on the first executive board of the Documentary Heritage Society. Clarence received the President's Award for 'dedicated and continued service' in 1992/93. He assumes responsibility for setting up the meeting rooms on a regular basis as he always did at the McLeod Building. In fact he can be counted on to "go for" anything that is needed. Clarence contributes articles for *Relatively Speaking*. He has been AGS mail coordinator for the past seven years, and continues to receive and record all incoming mail on a twice weekly basis. Clarence and Jean are members of SPARE - The Society for the Protection of Architectural Resources in Edmonton.



We extend our  
congratulations  
and our thanks to our  
honoured members  
for their contributions  
in making our  
organization  
the success that it is.

## Looking for Ann Jane Mather of Newcastle?

by Catherine Low AGS #741

A small item in the latest issue of the *Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Journal* ( Vol 21 - No.4, Pg. 120 & 138) reminded me of the importance of always going back to the source to verify and learn more about information found in secondary sources such as the *IGI*. One needs to be mindful of the fact that the *IGI*, while one of the greatest tools for genealogy, is just that, a tool and like all compiled records, although their production is monitored to avoid errors as much as it is possible, the outcome is not guaranteed. Anything that requires the copying and transferring of information is open to a degree of error (it was said previously that there was a 10% possibility or occurrence of error for each time information was entered into a document or new source). So it's worth remembering that humans entered the data and can err.

The NDFHS Journal cites an example of an IGI entry for Northumberland, England, 1992 ed. for a birth:

**MATHER, JACOBO: ROBBERTI &  
ISABELLAE: 1797 March 26 : NEWCASTLE  
ST ANDREW RC**

This information appears to be noting the birth information for **Jacobo or James Mather, the son of Robert and Isabel, born or Christened March 1797, Newcastle...**

This information was taken from the Latin in the Parish Register (and checked more than once!) BUT, when the information was checked against the actual register, it was found that this information in fact pertained not to James Mather, but to a daughter of Robert and Isabella. In fact James Mather was the **PRIEST** and it was actually **Ann Jane, the DAUGHTER of Robert & Isabella Mather (formerly GIBBON) ...** who was born 02 March and Ch. 26th March 1797....Newcastle... James Mather, the priest was also the Godfather, and Helen/Eleanor/Ellen Potts of Gateshead the Godmother.

There were a lot of opportunities for error here as well as a lot of opportunity to learn more valuable family information - the Mother's maiden name, the Godmother and Godfather - but most importantly the birth of **ANN JANE** - who isn't listed in the IGI since she is lost here and poor **James Mather, the priest who was given the wrong parents and birthdate!**

It's a *valuable* idea to take the time to read the old source documents such as parish registers anyway since they often offer interesting details about the life of the parish that one does not get from the bare bones "information only" documents. In addition, you can glean some interesting insights into the make-up of the community - the similarity of names and the number of families in the parish - elements in timing or the proximity of related families etc., all of which brings a new dimension to your research and maybe new in-sights that help explain alliances etc., or new ideas on ways to document a particular family.

## The Denney Papers

Still looking for that missing birth, marriage or death in Canada? Try the Denney Papers - Names Index

The "working cards" for the C.D. Denney Papers - Volumes 1-79, which have an index, are filed alphabetically. These contain many isolated instances of events in the early Manitoba Parishes, and include Winnipeg events that may hold your missing Marriage or Baptismal event.

While not every single name appearing on the cards is listed in the index since there were too many "single" entries in some letters of the alphabet and a lot of cases where the variations in spelling were too excessive for the one item. It's worth checking the volume for your particular letter for a Canadian event not yet found.

I found the marriage of **Henry Albert CARMAN** in 1897 in St. James Parish to Jeanette Ackland. He was born in 1872 in Halifax and is, I believe, a

cousin of the "Canada's poet laureate" Wm. Bliss CARMAN, who was born in New Brunswick in 1861. I had been looking for this for some time, and would not have thought to look in the "West", particularly since they returned to the east again.

This is not the first marriage I have found in the Winnipeg area. I suggest that as today, young people were attempting to follow the work wherever that took them. During the time of the expanding frontier - it meant of course, the west and Winnipeg, Manitoba, etc. first. There are many items in the Denney Papers related to the early western parishes and records are not limited to Metis or simple Alberta information. In most cases the card notes where the information such as the marriage took place or from where the information was extracted.

## Food for Thought

submitted by Ken Young

Have you ever gone to the Family History Centre looking for your elusive ancestor whom you know was born in Canada and married in Canada but you just never found him/her? A place you might try on microfiche is "CANADA PROVINCE UNKNOWN". Yes, there are tens, hundreds, perhaps thousands or more names filed alphabetically where the province was not clearly identified. Some localities are easy to place while others might require some research on your part. If it is the correct name and the dates are about the same as you suspect, perhaps with further investigation you may find that this is your ancestor. For example, it wouldn't be hard to place Montreal, Kingston, St. Foye or Brockville, or an entry such as Norfolk, Simcoe.

Another interesting item in the library catalogue under "Locality Canada--Emigration & Immigration" is the "St. Albans' Border Crossing Index". This is an index of "Form 528" which people entering the United States from Canada used from January 1895 through to June 30, 1954. The Sound Index (Soundex) is from 1895 - 1924. Among other things, this index covered aliens crossing the border on trains. It is the question asked on the cards that have genealogical value.

Some of them are:

- family name
- given name
- place of birth (town, Country, etc.)
- age
- last permanent residence (town, country, etc.)
- name and residence of nearest relative or friend in the country where alien came from
- destination, name and complete address of relative or friend to join with
- money shown

There are many more questions on the card but the information contained is only as good as the person filling out the form made it to be. The question I have been pondering is, how helpful am I, when filling out forms that I think are asking for useless information.

Bruce & Grey Branch, O.G.S., Vol. 27, #1, Feb. 1997

## SEEKING LOCAL HISTORIES

Do you know of a local history of your Alberta hometown? The Documentary Heritage Society of Alberta would like to hear from you!

The DHSA is looking for copies of local histories not currently held to enhance the local history collection at the Provincial Archives of Alberta in Edmonton. These books are a treasure chest of genealogical and historical data for all researchers.

If you know of a local history that should be preserved for all Albertans, contact:

Documentary Heritage Society,  
c/o Provincial Archives of Alberta  
12845 102 Ave.  
Edmonton AB T5N 0M6  
(403) 427 - 1750



# Book Reviews

## ROOTS FOR KIDS - A GENEALOGY GUIDE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Susan Provost Beller

reviewed by Rob Milson AGS 711

*Roots for Kids* is a book which can be used in a teacher/pupil situation. As the author states, it can be used, "1. as a twelve week enrichment class in genealogy for grades four and up; 2. as a ... mini course in which students create a family tree based on home sources of information; 3. as a self-taught genealogy course for grades six and up."

Chapters follow a basic format for anyone starting in genealogy by starting with oneself, using family group sheets, using pedigree sheets with particular attention to numbering systems, and questions to ask when researching.

Making use of vital records, land records, wills, state records (census, tax, military records, etc) and National records (census, military, and immigration records) are dealt with.

Other records such as libraries, historical societies, newspapers, church records, etc. are also written up showing how they can be used to advance one's genealogy.

It is a good basic book for a teacher (or parent) to use with children who are self-motivated or who have a general interest in genealogy. Reading level is easy if used by a child alone. If used in a class situation where each child uses it as a self-guiding workbook, it could become quite costly with the indicated price of \$16.95 U.S.

As intimated above, it is U.S. oriented so much of the material might not apply to Canadian schoolchildren whose ancestors were Canadian or who originated in any other country other than the U.S.

A sizable portion of the book consists of an appendix which provides blank family group sheets, pedigree sheets and many forms for transcribing U.S. censuses from 1790 to 1910. A proviso is given, however, where only the purchaser may reproduce these forms for his or her personal use only.

Having first been printed in 1989, it is somewhat dated (eg. it talks about not removing cards from a card file in the Public Library.)

From a personal point of view, I might use the book as a general guide for what to teach when in a children's genealogy course but with the proliferation of computer programs and the availability and interest in computers by children nowadays, I would much prefer to have the child(ren) use some

program to keep track of their research.

The bottom line however is that if the book is used with any children, interest is piqued in their minds about their own ancestry.

## "STRAYS! AN INDEX TO THE OGS STRAYS PROJECT: VOLUME 1"

Project Coordinator: Shirley E. Lancaster.

Published (1996) by The Ontario Genealogical Society, Suite 102, 40 Orchard View Boulevard, Toronto, ON, Canada M4R 1B9. Available from the publisher at regular price \$10.00, OGS Member price: \$8.00, plus shipping and handling: In Canada \$3.00 first item + \$.75 each additional item.

Canadians must add 7% GST to both book and postage charges.

Non-Canadians to pay in US funds + add \$4.50 first item + \$1.50 each additional item.

reviewed by Marion Sim AGS #2026

This small booklet contains a wealth of information. It is divided into two segments, the first part giving an overview of *Strays*, what they are, how the concept of collecting began, why they are important, where they are to be found and what to do with a stray when you find one.

According to the booklet, a "Stray" is defined as "a person who is described in a record of an event as being from, or connected with, a place outside the area in which the event took place. For example, someone born in one place dies in another and the event is reported in a local newspaper, or their birthplace is noted on the tombstone or listed on the death registration. That person has "strayed" from their place of origin".

Some examples of sources are included, such as a marriage registration, newspaper obituary, and tombstone showing the information on the "stray" which has been extracted. As well as the above noted sources, I did find several instances where the event was listed as "settled". A blank Strays Submission Card can be found at the back of the book and photocopied.

The second part of this booklet, which is the Index itself, is well set-out, in alphabetical order, surname in capitals and offset for easy viewing. They contain quite a bit of information. A sample, picked at random, is as follows:

ROBINSON, Louisa May, of Snowden,  
Haliburton Co. Death 1973 JUL 16,  
Vancouver, BC. Source: City of  
North Vancouver Cemetery, V3  
Fol 25,  
Blk. 708, L8"

Note: Keep in mind that all the persons  
listed in the Index have their  
origins in Ontario.

To genealogists researching Ontario families,  
this booklet will prove a most useful tool in finding  
that elusive relative who has "strayed".

**"GUIDE TO FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH IN  
THE ARCHIVAL REPOSITORIES OF THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA"**

by The Committee on Archives and  
History, The United Church Of Canada (1996)  
Available from the publisher at regular price \$14.00,  
OGS Member price \$11.00, plus shipping and  
handling: In Canada \$3.00 + \$.75 each additional  
item. Canadians must add 7% GST to both book and  
postage charges. Non-Canadians to pay in US funds  
+ add \$4.50 first item + \$1.50 each additional item.

reviewed by Marion Sim AGS #2026

This book gives the reader an excellent overview  
and history of each of the denominations which  
joined to become The United Church of Canada,  
namely, The Methodist Unions, The Presbyterian  
Unions and the Congregationalist Unions. This  
information is further broken down into the regions  
of Atlantic, Central and Western Canada.

In the center-fold of the book there is a  
comprehensive diagram entitled "Unions of  
Churches in Canada leading toward The United  
Church of Canada" and this clearly shows the many  
affiliations which took place prior to the  
amalgamation which became the United Church of  
Canada. It is interesting to note the roots go back to  
1749! An added help is a Glossary Of Terms,  
located on the inside of the front and back cover.

I found the section "Sources for Family History"  
very helpful. The different types of records are listed  
and full explanations are given. This is beneficial  
when reading the "Summary of Holdings" in the  
Archival Repositories.

Of particular interest to the genealogist is the  
section on Archival Repositories (generally referred  
to as Conference Archives). Great care has been  
taken to cover every point for a person wishing to  
contact/visit the Archives, including mailing and

street address, hours of operation, phone numbers,  
contact person, fees for services, summary of  
holdings and amenities related to the Archives,  
noting parking, public transportation and what food  
services are available.

This book is a good source of information for a  
person looking their family history and also the  
history of the United Church of Canada.

## Searching in the U.S.

The U.S. Health and Human Services publishes a  
book called *Where to Write for Vital Records*.

It has the addresses of where to write for all birth,  
death, marriage and divorce records in the U.S. It  
includes information on costs and remarks on what  
records are available and telephone numbers to check  
on current costs. Also included is information on  
where to find records on high-seas births and deaths  
and certificates of citizenship

I am constantly amazed at the requests for these  
addressed when the cost of the book is only a couple  
of dollars. This is the book every genealogist should  
have.

Write to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S.  
Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.  
20402. Ask for DHHS Publication No. (PHS) 90-  
1142. -- Ken Leonard <kenl@sky.net>  
(kileonard@rdc.noaa.gov)

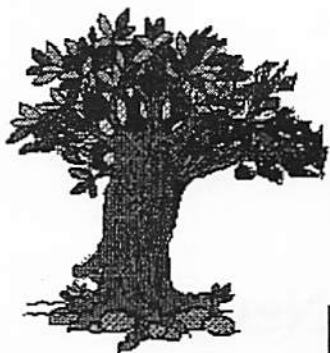
## Closed

The Religious Society of Friends, (Quakers), will be  
closed for 12 months at least, from 22 March 1997  
for rebuilding work.

## Reduction In Opening House

The Public Search Room of Lancashire Record  
Office, now closed for the first full week of each  
calendar month. Daily opening hours are  
9am - 5pm, Mon, Wed & Thurs, 9am - 4pm Fri. Any  
queries phone 01772 263039

(from Wiltshire Family History Society, Jan. 1997,  
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## Upcoming Dates

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

### Thursday, 26 June 1997 - General Meeting

☐ Bring your pedigree charts

☐ No meetings in July and August

### Thursday, 25 September 1997 - General Meeting

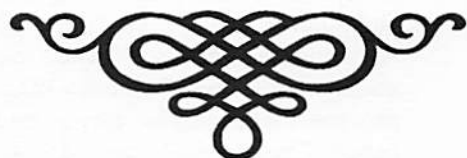
☐ TBA

### Thursday, 23 October 1997 - General Meeting

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# President's Message

April 1997

It is snowing and blowing! Will spring never arrive?  
This delay provides more time to work on genealogy!

What a vibrant branch we have! In the first month of being Branch President I have attended many meetings: Special Interest Groups', Genealogy Course, a Library Volunteer meeting, an AGS Executive meeting as well as the Branch Executive and General meeting. It has been a learning experience; one of growing respect and admiration for all of our Volunteers who give of their time so generously.

This month the library will celebrate its first year of occupation at the Prince of Wales Armouries. Library usage has increased. We have 7 Special Interest Groups holding evening meetings - English/Welsh, Scottish, Irish, Eastern European, United Empire Loyalists, Germans from Russia and Dutch. The success of these groups is due to the leaders and member participation.

The March general meeting was the first "Genealogy Sock Hop" - to preserve the Governor's room newly finished floors we were requested to remove shoes, or clean them extra carefully. The building staff will set up and dismantle the room to avoid marring the floor. Round of applause to Clarence, Malcom, Eddie and others who have arrived early for many years so that our meeting room was ready for use. The guest speaker was Bob Clarke who showed us some of his medals whilst giving a lively talk on his hobby "WW1 medals".

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month - Without Volunteers the Genealogical Society would not be functional. A large bouquet of thanks to all Volunteers. For the first quarter of 1997 our Branch volunteers have recorded 1435 hours.

Summer will come. May this be your season to meet good friends and family. In the fall we hope to hear of those who "dug up" family treasure during the holidays.

Happy Hunting!

Claudine Nelson

## Library News

by Sherry Bell

The Edmonton Branch, AGS Library  
is located at the Prince of Wales  
Armouries Heritage Centre, Room  
116, 10440 108 Ave., Edmonton  
AB ☎(403) 424-4429  
Fax: (403) 423-8980

### Library Hours:

Tues, Wed & Thurs	10am - 3 pm
2nd & 4th Wed evngs	7pm - 9 pm
3rd Saturday	9am - noon

Since this is my first column as Edmonton Branch, AGS Library Director, let me introduce myself briefly. I've been an AGS member since 1985. When I can get to it, my family history research covers much of Scotland, England and many Canadian provinces (mostly Ontario), with a bit of U.S.A., Ireland, Australia and New Zealand thrown in for variety.

At the Provincial level, I served for many years as the AGS Archivist/Historian. In the early 1990's, I also worked with Pam Forsyth and her team as Assistant Editor of Clandigger while it was still a separate publication. Last February, I completed my Master's degree in Library and Information Studies (MLIS) at the University of Alberta, convocating in June 1996. At the February AGM, I was elected by acclamation to the position of Library Director. (I'm still wondering if this was because everyone else already knew what a daunting task it was...hmmm.)

Lately, I have been familiarizing myself with our multi-library facility at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton. Thanks to Susan McKeen and the many (over 30!) library volunteers for their patience and cooperation during this transition period. I'm continually amazed at what a hub of activity the library is, with several libraries operating under one roof. As well, many meetings take place here every month (AGS and Edmonton Branch Executives, library staff, interest groups, and Tracing Your Family Tree Course). Several projects are



# HERITAGE SEEKERS

Extracts from the March 1997 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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**Researchers:** Paulette Hrychiw 532-5277 and  
Joan Bowman 532-4697  
**Volunteer Coordinator:**  
Catherine Ledger 532-4751

### Newsletter "Heritage Seekers"

**Editor:** Joan Bowman 532-4697  
**Layout & Copying:** Laura Turnbull  
**Distribution:** Dorothy McDonald

## Upcoming Events

**May 20 Regular Meeting**  
**Program:** World War I Padres  
**Presenter:** Duff Crerar

**Jun 17 Regular Meeting**  
**Program:** tba

**Sep 16 Regular Meeting**  
**Program:** tba

**Oct 21 Regular Meeting**  
**Program:** tba

### **Genies in the Library:**

**Wednesday evenings:**  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
**Friday afternoons:**  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

The Alberta Genealogical Society has a  
*Home Page* accessible on the *Internet*..

It currently contains information about the Society,  
Branches, Membership, etc. To access this page, just  
point your 'internet browser' to:

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

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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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# "Biscuits & Boasts"

Compiled by Catherine Ledger, AGS # 3034

## Results of the "BISCUITS & BOASTS" Evening at the Grande Prairie Branch Meeting, February 18 1997

Thanks to all who participated by filling in their "My Ancestors Can Beat Your Ancestors" questionnaire from the December 1996 newsletter. Thanks also to those who showed up at the meeting dressed as their favourite ancestor. Paulette Hrychiw actually made her entire outfit from scratch!! I think we can agree that the evening turned out to be quite entertaining and informative.

Some questions resulted in several appropriate answers so we have included many of the most popular along with any that seemed to be winners "hands-down".

### 1) Most unusual occupations:

- coffin maker
- sod buster
- licensed victualer
- water-witcher
- cigar manufacturer
- cow leech master & farrier
- gold miner in South Africa
- varnish maker
- burler (picked burls off of wool)
- bronc rider
- vote officer for House of Commons
- author of "The Maltese Falcon"
- US president
- nanny of Robert Louis Stevenson
- King Edward III
- osier (peeled reeds of straws for mats & baskets)

### 2) Most unusual place of birth:

- 9th hole of Fort Saskatchewan Golf Course (not a course at the time)
- kitchen floor (head first!!)
- tent on the banks of the Saskatchewan River
- hospital in the middle of a field in New Zealand (miles from anywhere)

### 3) Most unusual cause of death:

- on Franklin Expedition lost in the north
- crushed in cement plant
- murder in Newfoundland (called suicide)
- hanging in Montreal 1697 for strangling a child born out of wedlock

- 6 year old girl fell into ashpit when they were making lye
- killed by Iroquois (scalped & decapitated - head kept talking....)

### 4 a) Most number of children to one father:

- Gwen Richards' genealogy cites 22 to two mothers and one father

### 4 b) Most number of children to one mother:

- Dorothy McDonald's genealogy cites 19 to one set of parents - Pierre BROSSEAU and Barbe BOURBON from 1700-1727 - no multiple births
- (incidentally Paulette Hrychiw's genealogy boasts 41 sets of twins!)

### 5) Most unusual combination of names:

- Exercise CONANT (Debby Was)
- Mehitable CONANT (Debby Was)
- Euphrosine GUTKNECHT (Laura Turnbull)
- Friedericke PFLUGRAD (Laura Turnbull)
- Thankful \_\_\_\_\_ (Joan Bowman)
- 2 brothers: War & Peace (Maury Van Vliet)
- Pleasant Jane ROBERTS (Wendy Rogers)
- Manetta HENRIETTA (Wendy Rogers)
- Genereux Janais Joachim GUYON (Bev Tucker)

### 6) Most given names:

- Marie Jeanne Margaret Anne Stella MARCIL (from Paulette Hrychiw)

### 7) Most generations with the same name:

- Debby Was' genealogy cites 6 John CHAMBERLAINs in a row

### 8) Most unusual community name:

- Piddletown, Dorset, England (now called Puddletown)
- Sheepshed, Leicestershire, England
- Wildboarclough, Cheshire, England
- Pwllheli, Wales
- Tuschutschin, Preussen (part of Germany?)

### 9) Youngest age at marriage:

- Dorothy McDonald's genealogy cites 12 years Louise GAGNE b. 21 Jan 1642, first child not born until she was 17

### 10) Oldest age at marriage:

- Bev Tucker's grandmother Marie Aurora Melanson GUYON age 85



ongoing, such as indexing sections of the 1901 Census and sorting various collections to make them more accessible to researchers. Members and non-members are welcome during our regular hours (see above).

We have ordered the U.K. Telephone Directory on CD-ROM, renewed U.K. genealogical societies journals as well as Canadian provincial society subscriptions. A meeting of our donation committee will be held after the Conference to deal with the abundance of book donations.

If you have ancestors who served in WW1 as part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and did not return from the war, be sure to check the new reference book donated by Carin and Dave Thomas. Remember, there is a wish list posted in the library, so recommend some titles (preferably with author and publication information if possible) for future acquisitions.

## Salt Lake Trip Update

Still some places left for the Salt Lake Trip, Sunday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 5, 1997!

Thirty people have registered for the 5th biannual trip to Salt Lake City, organized by the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. They are from Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Red Deer, Spruce Grove and St. Albert.

You'll come, the rest of Alberta, there's still time and room. Coax your friends to come - SOON for a solid week of research for a little more than \$1000 plus food.

Final payment of air fare (\$350 total) is due August 7, 1997, and for accommodation (CDN \$104.75 single, double or triple) before September 12, 1997. Further information or application forms from Fran Losie (403) 482-1480 or Pat Woodman (403) 455-2933 or the library. (Forms were included in the February *Relatively Speaking*).

## Scottish Research Group

Upcoming meetings

Tuesday 3 June 1997



Tuesday 2 September 1997

Doors open at 7 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

Program for June:

- results of March questionnaire on SRG member interests
- tips on sources for getting back to Scotland
- troubleshooting/Bring your Scottish research problems. Please write out roadblock/problem with names and dates known or bring pedigree charts with gaps you are having trouble with. We can make an overhead and give everyone a chance to help solve the problem.
- feel free to wear your tartan items and/or Celtic jewellery to add to the fun (optional).

## English Research Group & Wales

Motto "Leave no Stone Unturned"

Are you researching in England or Wales? Are you a member of our enthusiastic group? If not, then why not join us on the first Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 pm. We meet at the Armouries in our AGS Library to exchange information, help each other and generally increase our knowledge of England and Wales, their geography, history and inhabitants.

Program for Future Meetings:

JUNE: Occupations: Amen Clerk and Barmaster  
General Topic: Parish Chest and Bernau Index

SEPTEMBER: Occupations: Approver and Licensed Victualler  
General Topics: The Public Record Office and The Channel Islands

OCTOBER: Occupation: Church Wardens  
General Topics: Inventories/Wills and Feet of Fines

Plus of course, the usual monthly items....

Do bring along a Pedigree Chart if you have a problem. e.g. What do I do next? What should be my next step? etc.

ALL AGS MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

## Translation Coordinator

During the year requests were received for translations of French, Italian, Polish and Russian. These were passed on to volunteers, and any appropriate notices placed in *Relatively Speaking*.

I have attempted to update my list of volunteers with very poor results. When I requested that anyone who had volunteered previously let me know if they were still willing to participate, I had only one reply. I do not know if the previous volunteers have left the society or have just not bothered to contact me again. At this point, if someone makes a request, all I can tell them is that the information I have may not be current. If I can't get more volunteers to update my list, this position might as well become redundant. I will attempt to revise my list but if the situation does not improve this service to members will be lost.

Sue Phillips AGS # 1660

## Vignettes of History

### ST. ALBERT

(Article appeared in the Edmonton Bulletin, Feb. 3rd, 1902.) Submitted by Pat Pettit AGS # 2342

St. Albert village, mission and settlement is situated nine miles northeast of Edmonton. This is the oldest farming settlement in the district, and lies chiefly on the north bank of the Sturgeon River and Big Lake. The village lies in the valley of the Sturgeon where it is spanned by a large wooden bridge, at the point at which it leaves the lake. The mission, which is the chief centre of interest occupies a beautiful and commanding position on the north bank of the Sturgeon valley, overlooking the village below and having a beautiful view of the Big Lake to the west and the Sturgeon valley to the east. This is the seat of the Roman Catholic diocese of St. Albert which includes all the western part of the Territories. A large handsome and costly brick cathedral is now being constructed to replace the present building which has been outgrown by the settlement.

The bishop's palace is a very handsome building, especially considering that it was erected before the advent of railways in the district.

The grey nuns or sisters of charity have a

convent, hospital, Indian orphanage, and school occupying a number of large and sightly buildings in handsome grounds.

The village transacts a large amount of the business of the thickly populated region lying north and west. The post offices served from St. Albert, are an index to the number and importance of the tributary settlements. They are Morinville, Egg Lake, and Legal to the north, Rae, and Riviere Qui Barre to the northwest, and St. Pierre and Villeneuve to the west. The village contains:

- 2 large general stores
- 2 hotels
- 2 physicans
- A police detachment
- 1 harness shop
- 2 meat markets
- 1 wholesale liquor store
- 2 implement agencies
- 3 blacksmith shops
- 1 shoemaker
- 1 milliner and dressmaker
- 1 Chinese laundry
- 1 fruit store
- 1 planing and grain crushing mill
- 1 barber shop
- 1 carriage shop
- 1 restaurant
- 1 bakery
- 3 fee and sale stables
- C.M.B.A. society
- Public Hall
- Telephone connection with Edmonton and

Morinville

Mail is carried three times a week between  
St. Albert and Edmonton

A large brick yard has been established by the mission to provide material for the new cathedral. The capacity is 12,000 a day, and it will employ 10 men. The cathedral will be 72 x 178 feet.

## Cemetery Recording Trips

Summer 1997

July 5 - Wellington

July 26 - Harry Hill

August 16 - Smoky Lake

September 6 - Radway

Meet at 8 a.m. at Prince of Wales Armouries. For further information, call Lucille at 998-9748.

11) Most number of siblings marrying siblings:

- Bev Tucker's genealogy - 3 brothers & 1 sister married 3 sisters & 1 brother

12) Most number of wars a single line of family was in:

- Debby Was' genealogy, surname of PLATER
  - ⇒ Battle of Tel el Kebir
  - ⇒ Boer War
  - ⇒ World War I
  - ⇒ Russian Revolution
  - ⇒ World War II
- a great-grandfather, a grandfather, his two brothers, and a son
- Genevieve Schultz's genealogy - 6 brothers in World War II & all came home

## Merna Nelson

AGS #533

Merna is a charter member of the Grande Prairie & District Branch and for 16 years Merna filled the role of Grande Prairie Branch, A.G.S. **Historian**.

The Grande Prairie & District Branch was 'conceived' in 1977 and officially 'born' in 1978. Merna was a charter member and always did her share for the Branch and the Alberta Genealogical Society. Merna was our first treasurer and held that position two times: 1978 to 1981, and 1985 to 1986. Along with this, she took on the Historian job in 1980 and kept it until last year, 1996. She was also involved in almost everything else that the society was doing: recording cemeteries, raising money, travelling to conventions, or just helping with the general working of the society.

The scrapbook that you made to record those first years of the Branch will hold a place of honor among the Branch's holdings at the Grande Prairie Public Library. When you are home each year in the Peace, we will expect to see you at meetings and active in the Branch activities.

We all say, "Thank You, Merna, for all your years of dedicated work."

## Old Newspapers

Births, marriages and deaths as contained in the Grande Prairie "Herald" newspaper. Continued from the December, 1996 issue of "Heritage Seekers", submitted by Joan Bowman, AGS #1108.

### Jun 9, 1920 Issue:

- "Murdered - Hugh JACKSON ... came from Swan River seven years ago .. and was married to Mrs. ELEY."

- "Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jens HANSEN June 2, 1920, a daughter."

- "Died - at his father's home, near Burffalo Lakes, Kenneth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DAHL."

- "Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank CAMPBELL, on June 4, 1920, a daughter."

- "In the Matter of the Estate of Adolph KINDERWATER, late of LaGlace, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, deceased ... who died on the 9th day of Aug. 1915, ... "

- "In the Estate of Fred LEBRIE / Alfred LEBRIE, late of Grande Prairie, Alberta, deceased ... on 22 Dec., 1916 ... "

### Jun 15, 1920 Issue:

- "Anniversary of six murders - (unsolved): Ignac PATAU, Charles ZIMMER, John WUDWAND, F. PARZYCHOWSKY, John SNIDER, and Stanley SNIDER ... "

### Jun 22, 1920 Issue:

(More in this issue on the above mentioned unsolved murders)

- "The funeral of the late James Thomas SMITH, aged 28 years, who died from the effects of a kick from a horse, took place on Saturday at St. Vincents Church, Rev. Father JOSSE officiating ... survivors - wife and a "wee bairn" ... "

Jul 6, 1920 Issue: No births, marriages or deaths found.

### Jul 13, 1920 Issue:

- "Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. FITZULLEN, on Friday, July 9, a daughter."

### Jul 20, 1920 Issue:

- "Found - the murdered body of Ardee HILLAS, two miles north of Peace River ... "

- "Died - Cannon SMITH (clergyman) of a cancerous attack ... "

- "Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex WISHART of Grande Prairie on Saturday, July 17, a son."

- "In the Estate of John George BECK, of Halcourt, Alberta, Farmer, deceased ... on 27th day of

November, 1917 ... "

**Jul 27, 1920 Issue:** No births, marriages or deaths found

**Aug 3, 1920 Issue:**

- "Married on July 24, 1920, Ernest HILBBERT of Sexsmith to Lulu LISCUM of Buffalo lakes, formerly of Edmonton."

- "Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. GRIFFITHS, a son."

- "Mrs. BOGARTH, received word of the death of Mrs. Oliver LOVE, sister of Osa MOISIER ... "

**Aug 10, 17, and 24, 1920 Issue:** No births, marriages or deaths found

- (Aug 24th issue tells of the first plane to land in Grande Prairie).

## Library News

As of this newsletter, I am going to use a new format for the library report. I hope to provide a more useful report on the resources available in the Grande Prairie & District Branch, AGS Library. Our collection is housed in the Isabel Campbell Room in the Grande Prairie Public Library. The resources are available to the public during any regular library hours.

Tue. - Thu.	10 am - 9 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm
Fri. & Sat.	10 am - 6 pm
Closed:	Mondays and holidays

Our collection consists of genealogical newsletters from various parts of Canada, a few newsletters from the USA, several genealogical periodicals, books, maps & atlases, an obituary file, videos, microfiche and microfilm. We have the entire 1891 & 1901 Canadian census on microfilm. Obituaries from the Daily Herald-Tribune, 1979-1990 are also on microfilm (alphabetical by surname). There is also a book of Grande Prairie & District Branch member's ancestor charts.

Besides the branch collection, the Grande Prairie Public Library has many resources available for local & genealogical research. Any genealogical queries sent to the public library are usually referred to the GP & District Branch researchers: Paulette Hrychiw & Joan Bowman.

In this report, I would like to discuss the Isabel Campbell Newspaper Index. Although this resource belongs to the GPPL, it is one of the most

used resources for local history. The index was started by Miss Campbell, a local historian. Realising that a need existed to locate local information printed in the newspaper, Miss Campbell indexed the papers from 1913 until 1960. Her index is on catalogue cards and is searchable by surname or by subject. Starting with the 1960 newspapers, the Grande Prairie Public Library continued the indexing with the help of volunteers and through special projects (SEED & UIC).

To date the index consists of:

- 1913-1960 - Card catalogues (one by subject and one by surname)
- 1960-1964 - a large blue book for each year (located on the top of the card catalogue cabinet)
  - alphabetical by subject & name
- 1988-1994 - individual books for each year (located on the top of the card catalogue cabinet)
  - alphabetical by subject & name
- 1985-1987, 1995 - currently being indexed

The index does not include the name of every person mentioned in the paper. What it does include is: local news or news important to the Grande Prairie district. Each article is analysed and the three most pertinent subjects from that article are indexed. The subjects could be general (e.g.: schools, churches, accidents, forestry, etc.), by location (e.g.: Sexsmith, Clairmont, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Montrose Junior High School, etc.), by business name (Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd., Canfor, Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd. etc.) or by surname (Doe, John). If you are having trouble locating an article, try using alternative subject titles. For instance - accidents could be located under: accidents, the location of the accident, persons involved in the accident, or RCMP.

I hope this article will encourage people to use this wonderful resource. Grande Prairie is the only city north of Edmonton with a newspaper index. Reference staff at the library are available to assist patrons in the library. The "Genies in the Library" can also offer some advice on using the index.

For individuals who cannot come to the library because of distance, you can contact one of our researchers at our post office address:

Grande Prairie & District Branch, A.G.S.  
Box 1257, Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4Z1

There is a charge for any photocopying. Please be specific in your requests, as our researchers volunteer their time.

If you require help with the G.P. Branch library, contact me I'm always glad to give a helping hand.

Debby Was 403-532-4902



## Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid

by Rob Milson, AGS # 711

Having read the article regarding the Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid in the February '97 *Relatively Speaking*, I would like to provide one caution in using it.

In looking up my grandfather's name, Joseph Kearney, who died in Guelph, Ontario in 1931, I was delighted to see his name listed as being buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph, ON Block E. I was even more amazed to see his wife Nellie listed also with the same information given regarding cemetery, etc.

Now I distinctly remember being in Lethbridge, Alberta on the 21st of March, 1982 when my grandmother, the same Nellie, was peacefully laid to rest in the Mountain View Cemetery. Something was not quite right here!

Fortunately, as Sherry Pettit points out in her article, a reference number is provided where further information can be obtained. In this instance, it meant writing to the Waterloo-Wellington Branch of the O.G.S.

Mrs. Penny Cleeves, a volunteer researcher with the Wellington group, quickly allayed my fears that my grandmother had decided to move to Ontario. She provided a transcription of the gravestone which says in part, "Joseph Kearney/beloved husband of/Nellie Davis died July 2, 1931/in his 42 yr."

As Mrs. Cleeves states, "Nellie appears in the OCFA simply because her name is inscribed on the gravestone."

My caution therefore is to emphasize Ms. Pettit's first sentence of her article. "OCFA is a pointer database, an index of individuals listed in the various transcriptions of the cemeteries of Ontario", not necessarily individuals who are buried there.

## Quarrier's Village

by R. Muriel Jones AGS # 1554

In 1995 I visited friends in Bridge of Weir on the west coast of Scotland. The day I arrived was Easter Sunday and my friends took me to an evening service in a unique church on the outskirts of the town. The church was the central point of a small compact village called "Quarrier's Homes" which consisted of numerous stoutly built large houses, a school, a craft centre, a large laundry and several administrative blocks. The whole was set amid rolling fields in the depth of the countryside. I was intrigued and wished to delve further into its history.

Information was readily available in a book I acquired, "The Village - A History of Quarrier's", by Anna Magnusson. William Quarrier, born and brought up in poverty "made good" as a Glasgow businessman, with a blazing desire to help deprived and hapless children in the Glasgow area in the 1860's. He deplored the usual fate of these children who either lived on the streets or survived in institutions such as the poor house. He envisaged each large house as a group home run by a foster father and mother with a committed Christian faith. The children were to receive good food, firm but kind discipline, schooling and CHURCH. Training was to be made available in various trades, etc., to fit them for adulthood.

Like Dr. Barnardo, he introduced a scheme of emigration to Canada for boys and girls pronounced suitable and to enable the project to continue 'to secure the open door in front, and maintain an exit door in the rear'. Thousands of Scottish children faced a completely different life in Canada and many stories are related in the book. Fairknowe Home was established in Brockville as a receiving centre and one of the boys passing through as late as 1930 was 'Scotty' MacLean who was sent to work on Ontario farms before joining the Canadian Army. He later went to Athens near Brockville and joined the Police Force, becoming its Police Chief in 1962. A success story. Others were not so fortunate.

What is good for genealogists to know is that detailed and complete records were kept on all Quarrier's children including those shipped to Canada. I wonder if any of our members are descended from a Quarrier's Village child or know of the history and records available to them. Today the village is kept in good order but the rapidly decreasing numbers of children in recent years demanded radical action and reorganization. In 1982 a bold and imaginative program was put into action. I found there a community which included orphans; groups of senior citizens; mentally handicapped; a centre for epilepsy; small businesses who rent vacant premises and Residential Courses in Leadership for Young People are held there too. Recently, surrounding fields were sold for residential housing.

My two friends and I were invited to one of the original houses for coffee and biscuits after the service, where I met two ladies who were Quarrier's children, had trained as registered nurses, and returned to the Homes to work with the handicapped. One had a very good experience whilst the other suffered under two very cruel 'foster parents', both of whom she assured me had been dismissed immediately their many cruelties were discovered.

Both ladies asked me to pass on their love to any Quarrier's children I might meet or hear of in Canada! This unique village is 16 miles from Glasgow and certainly worth a visit if in that area, especially for Scottish genealogists. I, who unfortunately have not one drop of Scottish blood in my veins, will not forget my visit to QUARRIER'S VILLAGE.



## New Homes of Alberta

from the Wetaskiwin Times, may 3 1901  
submitted by Pat Hewitt

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.

# Gleanings from Publications

by Lillian Wight, AGS # 2668

Ancestry, Vol 15, #1 Jan/Feb 1997

**Family History Sources at Brigham Young University, pp. 15 -18.**

- describes the genealogical holdings of the Lee Library at BYU, one of the largest collections of its kind in America.

The Essex Family Historian, No. 83, Feb 1997

**The Archives of the British Post Office, pp.27+**

- describes the great variety of records created during the course of the Post Office's daily work that are available to the public for research, e.g. employment records, pensions, appointment books, etc.

Abbotsford Genealogical Group Newsletter, Vol II Issue 8, Feb 1997

**Gretna Green Marriages**

- explains the history of the Gretna Green marriages and cites the current source of the collection recently purchased by The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies.

Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin, Vol 46 #2, Winter 1997

**A Canadian Geography and History Lesson, pp. 71,72**

- cites old names for 11 areas of present-day Canada such as Rupert's Land, New Caledonia, each with a descriptive paragraph.

**Using the Family History Library Catalog, pp 73 - 81**

- a comprehensive guide to using this genealogical tool.

The British Columbia Genealogist, Vol 25 #4, Dec 1996

**B.C. Civil Registration (Vital Records) and B.C. Probates on Microfilm, pp. 117 - 119**

- submitted by Dr. Penelope Christensen, these two articles update information available and provide brief guidelines for research

The Ancestral Searcher, Vol 19 No 4, Dec 1996

**Irish Family History and the HAGSOC Tour of Ireland 1996, pp. 209 - 237**

- historical and source information for searching family history in Ireland.

The Nottinghamshire Family History Society, Vol 9, No 10, Jan 1997

**Researching in Nottinghamshire**

- cites a number of research services available; includes application forms and lists costs

The Newfoundland Ancestor, 13,1 Spring 1997

**Naming Irish Children before the Famine, pp.17,18**

- details of Irish naming traditions

**Notes on Irish Surnames, pp.17,18 - gives meanings of surnames, variants and derivatives**

## Branch Bits

### Brooks & District

Spring is here and it is amazing to watch the shades of green come back into our lives again. Our program for April was Nestor Martinez on what is available and new at the LDS Church Library. There is so much that is coming into the library now with the opening of the former Communist countries, you almost need an update every month. With Nestor's talk attendance for the evening reached 30 people. The Brooks & District Genealogical Society now has a membership of 37 and for the first three months of this year we have reached a total of 484.5 volunteers' hours. Upcoming events are the Annual Garage and Bake Sale on May 10, 1997 and a Dinner Meeting on June 10, 1997. The June meeting will be the last one before the summer break.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Penner, President AGS # 1693

### Drayton Valley

No submission received.  
Colleen Andersen, President AGS #2691

### Fort McMurray

No submission received.  
Erica Roy, President

No submission received.  
Evelyn Fairbrother, President

### Red Deer & District

### Medicine Hat & District

The Medicine Hat Branch started out the Medicine Hat & District Branch, AGS new year with a Library Workshop in January. We sorted and filed periodicals and newsletters.

A presentation from Captain Alex Van Rooyen on "WW II Prisoners of War and the War Memorials" in Medicine Hat and the immediate area, was the program for our February meeting.

"Genealogy on the Internet" was the topic at our March meeting. A very interesting and informative online



presentation was given by Ken Short. Numerous questions were asked by our members and guests during the presentation.

Edith Pinder, President, AGS#1824

## Grande Prairie & District

See our newsletter at the centre of this magazine!  
Bev Tucker, President

## Lethbridge & District

At the February meeting of the Lethbridge & District Branch, AGS, the annual election of officers was held: President, Winnifred Evans; Vice President, Owen Robb; Secretary, Marilyn Astel; Treasurer, Anne Baines.

Committee Chairmen: Publicity, Nora Holmes; Membership, Loreen Piekema; Footprints, Phyllis Burnett; Librarian, Marion Fleming; Research, Mary Roberts; Program, Ila Skeith; Federation Books, Murial Walters; Obituary Recording, Ray & Muriel Jolliffe; Phoning, Muriel Walters & Edie Milne; Milt and Lil Clelland Past Presidents and trusty advisors.

Prior to the February meeting a large group of members visited the City of Lethbridge Archives and were given a tour by Archivist Greg Ellis. I was very enlightened as to the amount of material stored and the degree of access the public have to some of the information.

On March 6th, Marion, Laureen and Owen met with Gary Allison of the Lethbridge Herald who published an article about our local Society in an effort to gain some exposure for our Branch.

March 24, Irene Jendzjowsky from the Provincial Archives spoke about the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. This was open to the public and those who attended found the session informative.

To date we have 45 members, some of whom are not local. Hopefully we can increase our membership over the next season.

The position of Cemetery Recording has not been filled for this term. Please give some thought to becoming involved in this capacity as it is interesting and somewhat challenging. Marion also needs assistance in the Library whenever anyone can lend a helping hand.

Thank you to the membership for the opportunity to be your president. If you have any suggestions to improve the operation of the group, please feel free to contact me.

Congratulations to Lil and Milt on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Their Achievement makes wonderful Family History!

Winnifred Evans, President

# Potpourri

## IN OUR MAILBOX:

- Susan McPhedran  
13 Lovers Lane,  
Bowmanville, Ont. L1C 1X2  
April 14, 1997

I noted the following while researching at the Metro Toronto Reference Library and thought your society might be interested. I am fond of skeletons and scoundrels, especially when distanced from them by time and place.

THE (LONDON) TIMES  
14 APRIL 1909, p.12

### THE POLICE COURTS

#### The Fugitive Offenders Act

At Bow-street, George Christopher Douglas, 26, described as a mining engineer, was charged before Mr. Marsham, as a fugitive offender with stealing \$1,300 (L260) in Calgary, Canada.

Detective Schlegel of Liverpool, arrested the prisoner on board the Corinthian on her arrival in the Mersey from Boston on Monday. In his possession was L44 in Scotch notes and L99 in gold.

The prisoner, who made no statement, was remanded.

## FOUND

I have a marriage announcement for Samuel Burrow to Anna Maria Tape, Kilkhampton, March 2nd, 1893.

Person or persons may claim by enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope and proof of relationship to:

Elvina Hagan  
53226A Range Road 270,  
Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3L9

## THE ORANGE & THE GREEN

by Pat Woodman, AGS #2355

The conflict continues--

An attempt was made to copy a notice for the Irish Research Group, and to be politically correct, two copies were being made -- one on orange paper, the other on green. Those two sheets of paper were placed in the same tray in the photo-copier and a jam occurred. Finally, a green copy emerged, followed by a rebellious orange sheet -- it came out of the machine crookedly. Sent the orange paper through on its own, and all was well at last!

We have a truce now, and a two-toned Irish Research Group notice is up on our bulletin board.

## KERCHUNK?

It's all in how you hold your mouth: The current issue of *Ancestry* includes an article by Diane Gagle about 19th century photography. She quotes from the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* of 1877 giving advice to those sitting for portrait photographs: If a lady wanted to present a serene expression," she should say 'bosum' and keep the expression into which the mouth subsides until the desired effect. . .is evident." A distinguished look could be obtained by saying "Brush." If a lady wanted her mouth to appear smaller, then "Flip" was the word; larger, the word was "Cabbage." "Kerchunk" was used for a mournful look, and "S'cat" for a look of resignation.

(Families, Vol. 36, No.1, 1997).

## SOMERSET HOUSE

Although the search room for the Principal Probate Registry wills and administrations, from

1858, remains at Somerset House, the original wills and registers have been moved to Companies House in the City. All searches should continue to be made at Somerset House although there will now be a delay if you wish to "read" a will or administration, while it is brought across London. The PPR believe they can do this within an hour! But the ten minute or so waiting time for documents to be produced is certainly no more.

(from East Surry FHS, Vol.19, No.4, Dec.1996)

## **PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE: Chancery Lane**

.... has now finally closed with all original documents now at Kew (By the time this journal reaches you the Census and Rolls Chapel films will be at Myddelton Place). Some World War One army records are now available on film.

At Kew, with the completion of the refurbishment, the reader capacity is increased. There are 336 seats in the document reading room, 140 seats in the microfilm room and 102 in the map/large document room.

Details of the 1997 opening hours for Kew and Central London are published later. See below.

The Home Office has reviewed its closure of HO144 which included some sensitive material. The whole of the class list is now open and if researchers want to look at a closed file, then it will be considered for release. Application for a search needs to be made to the Home Office and not the PRO.

Kew is open on Saturday from 5 July 1997.

Public Record Office  
Revised Opening Hours  
Kew & Myddelton Place  
Mon, Wed, Fri. & Sat. --  
9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Tues -- 10:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Thurs -- 9:30 am to 7:00 pm  
MYDDELTON PLACE OPEN  
FROM 10 MARCH 1997

Hertfordshire People, #60, March 1997.

## **The City of Westminster Archives Centre**

*The many records of the City of London and for the County of Middlesex are held at the Greater London Record Office or Guildhall Library. You may not realise that this area of the Capital also*

*consists of the City of Westminster which has its own archives centre. Janet Pearson has paid a visit to the "other part of the City" and tells us what she found.*

To anyone who remembers the old Westminster library, opposite the coach station, this newish building will come as a pleasant surprise. It houses all the material that was previously in Victoria, Marylebone and Paddington. The area the city covers is from Paddington to Pimlico, north to south, and Knightsbridge to Covent Garden and the Strand, west to east. The centre has been open now for a couple of years.

It is located behind Westminster Abbey, designed in an individual style, as if to fit the piece of land allocated in St. Anne's Street. I had walked there from St. James' Station on the Circle & District lines.

I went to the vestibule where the receptionist showed me the cloakroom with lockers, a small room with a vending machine and seats where lunch can be eaten, and a lift to the fifth floor where the archive collection is housed. The reading room is a large room, has a good collection of books, mostly on local subjects as well as the Westminster Parish records. Apart from the usual registers there are admission registers to some of the workhouses, such as St. James' Piccadilly and St. Martin in the Fields.

I also noted from the St. Martin Poor Law records, pre-1835, that after settlement examination, those Irish people who did not have legal settlement were given a pass to take them to Liverpool. They were taken as far as Ridge on the Middlesex/Hertfordshire border and pointed on the right road out of town. A similar thing happened to Scots but they were taken to Cheshunt.

In their leaflet, Westminster Archives say they have churchwardens' accounts going back to 1460. I have not looked at these, but I did notice a pew rent book for St. James which listed all parishioners who rented a pew, and where they sat in the church. This was for the Georgian/Regency period.

There are also rate books from 1561-1969 which name householders and shopkeepers, Council minutes and business records from many firms in the area. The Grosvenor and Howard de Walden estates have deposited their records also. The local census is kept and there are photocopy and reader printer facilities. The staff are very helpful and knowledgeable and I had a profitable morning.

The centre is open 9:30 am to 7:00 pm  
Monday to Friday and 9:30 am to 5:00 pm Saturdays.  
Tel 0171-798-2180.  
Hertfordshire People, #60, March 1997.

### RESEARCHING IN GERMANY?

(from a newsletter submitted by Susan McKeen,  
AGS #1910)

German Genealogical Digest,  
245 North Vine No. 106,  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

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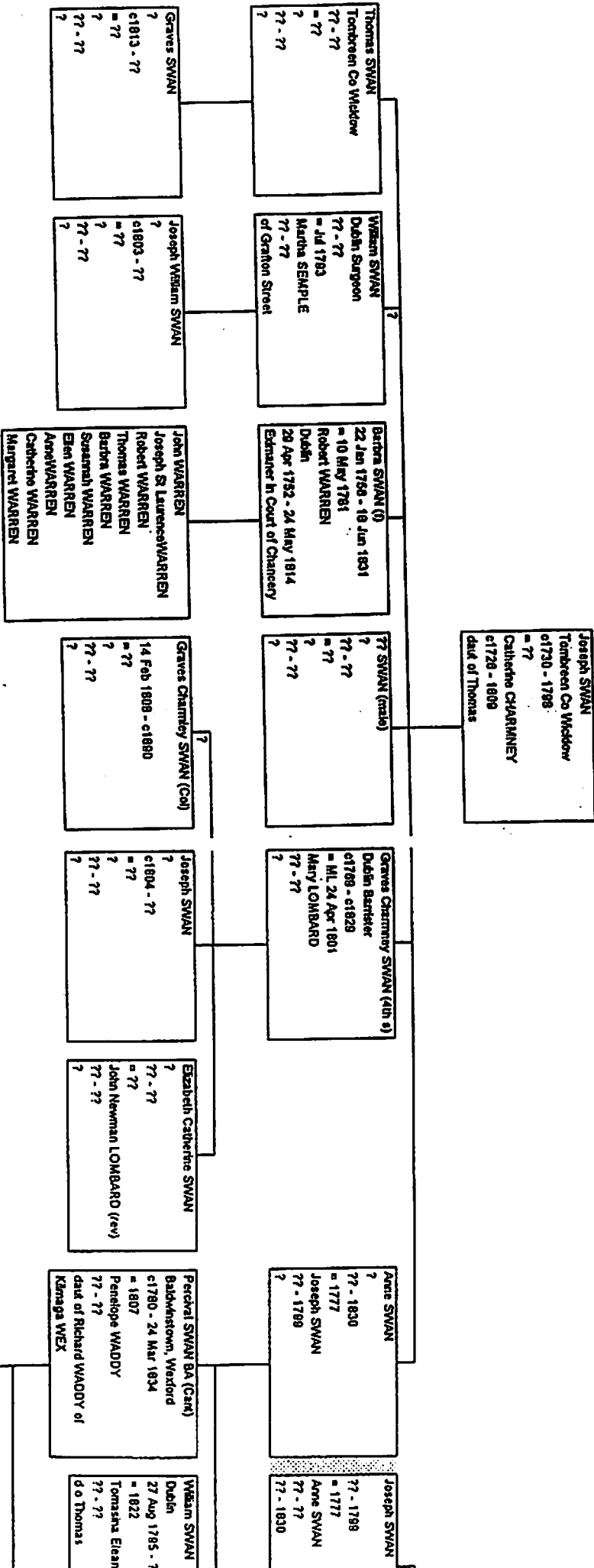
I am writing as the research in one of my lines drew me to the Edmonton area. On the Mormon Church Family Search CD ROM there was an entry for the SWAN family from Ireland by a Rosaleen S. Greenwood. The entry was apparently collated in 1983 and she is no longer at the address given, 7717 - 38A Avenue. She might have died in the intervening years or simply moved on. I am writing in the hope that she or someone else might still be researching the SWAN family. I believe that I have extended her research back one generation and show that they are descended from Sir Daniel BELLINGHAM Kt & Bt the first Lord Mayor of Dublin.

I enclose a tree summarizing my knowledge of the SWAN families from Ireland. The data from Rosaleen's entry appears on pages 2 to 4 of my tree.

If any of your members have an interest in this or other SWAN families from Ireland I would be interested to hear from them.

Regards, Nick

Editor's note: Only a portion of Mr. Reddan's tree is printed. For a copy of the whole document please contact the editor.



## ? ? ? ? ? **Queries** ? ? ? ? ?

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**Deelman, Laurie** 4136 Steede Ave., C-58, Port Alberni, B.C.

**ANDERSON-BRICKER** - Searching for family history and descendants of August Frederick (Fred) Anderson d.o.b. 07 May 1871 near Falkoping, Sweden. Family emigrated to Paxton, Illinois sometime before 1880. Fred married Gusta (Gussie) Bricker (d.o.b. 16 Aug 1883 near Troy, Mo.) 23 Mar 1910 near Strome, Alberta. The Anderson children were:

Benjamin Edward	d.o.b. 06 Dec 1910
Jeanette	d.o.b. 12 Sep 1912
Eva Gussie	d.o.b. 05 Nov 1913
Robert Paul	d.o.b. 22 Apr 1915
Gordon Luther	d.o.b. 29 Nov 1916

All the above children were born near Strome, Alberta.

**Wallender, Ruth** 504 E Columbia, Spokane, WA 99207

**BICH or BIECH** - Searching my grandfather's relatives. Christian Bich or Biech was born 17 Mar 1859 in Kulm Bess. He lived in Canada, Cragmyle, I believe, about 1912. He had several children living home with him. There were nine in the family. Also had brother-in-law David Doering, wife Wilhemena, also at Cragmyle. Would like any information about the families.

**Cahill, Barry** c/o Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 6016 University Ave., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 1W4

**FARQUHARSON STEWART** I am writing a biography of the Halifax lawyer James McGregor Stewart (1889 - 1955) and would like to hear from any direct descendant of Mr. Stewart's paternal aunt, Margaret Mary Stewart (Mrs. J. Farquharson), who died in Calgary, AB on 2 Nov 1937, aged 87.

**Anderson, Myra E.** P.O. Box 697, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7G6

**OLIVER, Louis** - aka OVERTON, Walter Lewis, b. 15 Jan 1899 in Swinton, England and died on the SS Lake Atlin in Durban, South Africa 27 Apr 1948. Was in the Merchant Navy as a 2nd engineer in B.C. Last known address was 38 Land St., Hamilton, ON, and was survived by a wife Charlotte E. in England. Any info would be appreciated.

**Butler, Owen** 11 Meadowlark Dr., Perinton, NY 14450 USA

**BUTLER** In search of the family of Frederick Francis Butler, b. 1878, Cobourg, Ontario; wife Eva Carter m. 1910, Cobourg, Ontario.

**Chomraich, A. Kyleakin, Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire, Scotland**

**MacDONALD** Johan (or Joanna) MacDonald b. 5/12/1871, Achnahanaid, parish of  
**NICOLSON** Portree, Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire, Scotland to George MacDonald and Effie Matheson. She married Samuel Nicolson(29), son of Samuel Nicolson and Jane Stewart, at 295 Cumberland St., Glasgow on 2/7/1903. Issue: 1) Samuel Nicolson b. 17/5/1905, 295 Cumberland St., Glasgow and 2) George Nicolson b. 14/10/1908 at Baker St., Crossmyhoof, Glasgow. Believe family of four emigrated to Canada in the 1920's and that either Samuel or George was employed by the R.C.M.P. in Calgary.

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**McDonald, Peggy** Site 4, Box 1, R.R.#2, Leduc, AB T9E 2X2 E-mail duf@superiway

**SCHNEIDMILUR** Mary Elizabeth b. 1904, Jagodnaja, Russia. Died 1937, Calgary, AB  
**NIXON** Rupert James from Liverpool, Eng. Lived in Brandon, Man. Possibly died there. Married 1899 Emily Louise Warriner.  
**EMERY** Arthur Belmore, pts. James Bartlett Emery and Margaret Belmore. Married 1903 Margaret Emma DeYoung in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. Died Medicine Hat, 1948  
**BIENERT** Julius - Germans from Russia, b. 1864, Keroblef, Volhynia. To Alberta abt 1893.  
**ROTH** Ludwig - Germans from Russia, from Volhynia. To Alberta abt 1893.  
**McDONALD** Jack Wesley, b. 16 July 1894 Vancouver, B.C. Pts. James McDonald and Jemima Smith. Married Mary Elizabeth Schneidmilor.

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<b>SCHNEIDMILUR</b> , Mary Elizabeth	b. 1904	Jagodnaja, Russia; Alberta
<b>NIXON</b> , Rupert James	m 1899	Liverpool, Eng.; Brandon, Man
<b>EMERY</b> , Arthur Belmore	m 1903	Nova Scotia; New Brunswick
<b>ROTH</b> , Ludwig	b 1864	Volhynia, Russia; Canada
<b>BIENERT</b> , Julius	b 1864	Volhynia, Russia; Canada

**DIEB, PENELOPE**, #50, 3400 - 48 St., Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1S1

<b>WILTON</b> , Thomas	1856 - 1922	b.Kent Co.ENG	Lived Ft. MacLeod 1900 - 1915
<b>SMITH</b> , William Robert			Hudson Bay, Man
<b>SWAIN</b> , James Sr.			Hudson Bay, Man
<b>McIVOR</b> , Roderick		b 1840	Hudson Bay, Man
<b>OLSEN</b> , Oluff			Hudson Bay, Man

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**North Central North Dakota  
Genealogical Record, Mar. 97,  
Issue 70.**



# 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 Jan 01 to Mar 31, 1997.

Enquirer	From	Name(s) Sought	Area Sought	Seeking
CARLSON, Linda M	Calgary	Gustaf Ragnar Carlson	Alberta (Oyen)	Info on great uncle
MUELLER, Mark G.	Denver, Co			Follow-up letter
SCHMIDT, Lillian R.	Vernon, BC	No Names		Someone to search obits
JACKSON, Dianne	Nanton	Prev. enq. J.C. Parkinson		Refer: Mrs. Ruth Hicks
NUTBROWN, Velda	Chauvin	Irish Society		Info on Cochrane Tartan
MEYER, Joyce	USA	James Monroe & Carrie Andrews	Alberta	Seeking info.
VARNEY, June	USA	Kay Bond	Claresholm	Seeking info.
SILVA, Pat Heath	USA	John Craig Moyes	50th Battalion	Info Calgary Highlanders
PIKE, David	London ON	Wm/Lucy & dau. Mildred Garner	Calgary 1920	Seeking Info
WHEELER, Mary C.	USA	Richard Burslem	Alberta	Info on Ancestor
WALLENDER, Ruth	USA	Christian Biech	Canada	Info on Grandfather
BRUNER, Marie Blanche	Evansburg	NAR, CNR & CPR		Wants addresses to write
PEARCE, Stephen	Toronto	Jane Pearce	Edmonton	Seeking info
WARBURTON, Mrs. Marilyn	NZ	Elizabeth (Betty) Jackson	Calgary	Info on next of kin
GRUCZELAK, Colletta	USA	Canadian Ancestors (no names)	Lethbridge	Help to research
MACDONALD, Myrna		Wm Cornellious & Izella McDonald	Calgary	Verify info.
VANDERGRIEND, Tanis	Barrhead	Marissen Vandergriend	Anywhere	Info on names
BELL, Morgan	Barrhead	Bell/Lavoie/Stedward/Dietz	Anywhere	Info on names
PROPERZI, Giro	Barrhead	Properzi, Craig	Anywhere	Info on names
JONES, Kelsey	Barrhead	Jones/Hawkey	Anywhere	Info on names
BUTLER, T. Owen	USA	No names	Calgary	Request researcher
BENNETT, Floyd B.	USA	Buker	Gage AB	Info on family
RUPPENSTEIN, L. Heieck	Germany	Franz (Frank) Heieck	Canada	Info on brother
SWARTS, Allen C.	USA	Mathew Whiting Misener	Edmonton	Info on mother's uncle
ALCORN, Mrs Phyllis	Alliance AB			Member's response
REDDAN, Nick	Australia	Swan family	Anywhere	Seeking info
SEALY, George W.	Burnaby BC	Gaunt family members	Anywhere	Info on mother's family
KRAYETHO, Annett	Prince Albert	Kionewitt/Mager	Fairview	Info on family
ORR, Pearl A.		Weleschuk family	Alberta	Records/census, etc
KARPYSHYN, Elsie	Olds AB	Karpyshyn	Anywhere	Info on family
YATES, Pamela	USA	William Yates	Wetaskiwin	Burial info on grandfather

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