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PHOTO COVER STORY: CEMETERY RECORDING, SUMMER 1976?

From Left to right: John R. Hughes, Mae Deans, Joe Nuthack, Judy Nuthack and daughter Francine, Wendy Podmore, Pat Hewitt, Gladys Stoner, Ailsa Walker. Believe the photographer to be Lorne Harris. Photo courtesy of John Hughes.

This group conducted the first cemetery transcription at Little Mountain Cemetery, an area now described as 16025 - 50 Street, which has become one of Edmonton's municipal cemeteries.

Pat Hewitt recalls the strange looks of passers-by who wondered about these people picnicing in the cemetery on a nice summer day. She remembers, too, how puzzled she felt about the tombstone found lying in the bushes. That very day a family arrived to replace that headstone with a new one because they had disliked the original.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margo Moffat



On the 18th day of January 1973, a very small group of men and women, nine to be precise, gave birth to a vision. The vision was to form a society of genealogists. The Alberta Genealogical Society was formed 25 years ago from those humble beginnings. Registration of the Society took place on April 4, 1973.

The original nine became Founding Members. At the end of 1974 membership grew from nine to ninety-four. Those early days were exciting times and have become part of our society's history. The founding members probably had no idea that their vision would influence thousands of people not only in Alberta but also around the world.

Since 1973 other visionaries have stepped forward to continue the heritage. And in the wake of those visionaries came the ordinary everyday members who won't blaze trails of fire. Instead they are the support beams of our society. They hold us together, some are known by name, others work quietly in the anonymity of general membership.

All are needed and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their time and talents that they give so freely to our society. I hope you enjoy the articles relating to our history and that you will join me at the 25th Annual AGS Conference in April at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre. It's a birthday well worth celebrating.

This is my last message as your President. I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and the many kindness' shown to me throughout my term of office. I have had a wonderful time and I have been privileged to work with some of the finest people in this society. I leave with fond memories and long lasting friendships. I extend my thanks to the Executive committee and in particular to Carol Anderson, 1st Vice President, and Bill Whitney, 2nd Vice President. I am confident that our new President will also be the recipient of the support which was given to me.

I also voice my thanks and appreciation for the many cards, floral tributes, letters and email which I

received at home in Scotland and in Fort McMurray at the time of my mother's death. It was greatly appreciated.

I wish you success in your genealogical research. May you find that elusive ancestor and have enough change for the photocopier! Thanks for the memories. ■

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lillian Wight

1998 brings us many reasons to celebrate! And celebrate we will!

First of all we'll recognize the Alberta Genealogical Society for being a successful, dynamic organization for 25 years. Congratulations, AGS! It is a tribute to your hard-working members throughout the province, your diligent volunteers, and the many individuals who have assumed leadership roles over the years.

And think how much has been accomplished in 25 years! We have grown from an attendance of 11 at the founding meeting to a membership of over 900 as of December, 1997. Cemetery transcriptions number in the hundreds of thousands, and the borrowing library holds a rich collection for genealogical research, just to mention a few accomplishments. (Your editor has decided that learning about AGS parallels doing family research...the more you discover, the more there is to discover.)

Beginning with this issue, No.1 of our 26th Volume of *Relatively Speaking*, we have invited members to reminisce and share some AGS history with you. Hopefully there will be special historical articles for each issue this year. Look for recollections by Charles Denney, Phyllis Alcorn and others, and keep those articles coming.

Congratulations, too, to Charles Denney, first president of AGS. He celebrates his 97th birthday early in the New Year. Happy Birthday, Mr. Denney!

Also honoured in this issue is Sheila Genaille, a former president of AGS Edmonton Branch. She recently received the Governor General's Award for her work in representing the interests of the Metis Nation over the years. Congratulations, Sheila!

Of special interest is the brief article on twins and triplets. Thanks to Rita Atkinson for the lovely photos. This is also the topic of her presentation to the Edmonton Branch's February meeting.

Plan now to continue this celebration by attending the AGS Conference April 17 and 18 in Edmonton. Mark your calendar now and send in your registration soon. All the best to you for 1998 ...happy reading...happy researching! ■

WHAT'S NEW IN THE AGS LIBRARY

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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.

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

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:

929.106 HIS Historical scrapbook, Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society - 1977-1995. Grande Prairie Branch AGS, 1997.

929.1072 MER About genealogical standards of evidence: a guide for genealogists. Brenda Dougall Merriman, 1997.

929.1073 FLE Recording your family history: a guide to preserving oral history with audio and videotape. William Fletcher, 1989.

929.111 GRE Searching for a soldier in the British Army or Canadian Militia. John H. Grenville.

929.1112 GENa Genealogy sources available at the Yukon Archives. 1985.

929.1115 PUN Genealogical research in Nova Scotia. Terrence Punch, 1978.

929.1924 KUR From generation to generation: how to trace your Jewish genealogy and personal history. Arthur Kwizweil, 1980.

929.371 MEN v.2 Annotated bibliography of genealogical works in Canada, vol. 2, index of family names, Aalart-Chaunt. Kathleen Mennis-de Varennes, 1986.

929.371 MEN v.3 Annotated bibliography of genealogical works in Canada, vol. 3, index of family names, Chaurand-Fysney. Kathleen Mennis-de Varennes, 1986.

929.371234 OBI Obituaries index as published by the Brooks Bulletin for the years 1910-1989. Brooks and District Branch AGS, 1997.

929.3713 STR v.2 Strays!: an index to the OGS strays project. Ontario Genealogical Society, 1997.

929.371274 CHU Church records St. Paul Lutheran Churches, Oldenburg and River Hills, Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada, 1906-1956.

971.004 KOV Roots and realities among Eastern and Central Europeans. Martin Kovacs, 1983.

971.201 BRI v.1 Biographical resources at the Hudson's Bay Company archives, volume one. Elizabeth Briggs and Anne Morton, 1996.

971.242 STW v.I and v.II. Footprints of yesterday and today: St. Walburg and surrounding districts. 1988.

971.23 FRYa Frog Lake massacre. Harold Fryer, 1975.

971.23 KRO Local histories of Alberta: an annotated bibliography. Compiled by Joann E. Krotki, 1983.

971.23 CHI Where the River Lobstick flows. Chip Lake Historical Society, 1987.

971.233 ARD Cherished memories. Ardrossan Unifarm, 1973.

971.233 DRU The hills of home: Drumheller valley. 1973.

971.233 MOR Blooming prairie, a history of Morrin and district. 1978.

971.27 MAC Cornerstone Colony: Selkirk's contribution to the Canadian West. Grant MacEwen, 1977. ■

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

Pat Pettitt, AGS 2342

If your family lived in the Wainwright area you will want to check out Accession # 97.399 which consists of 53 boxes of old school registers dated 1911 to 1987 from the former **Wainwright School Division # 32**. Some of the schools that are included in this collection are: Airlie, Albert, Alma Mater, Arm Lake, Ascot, Aspen, Avonglen, Battle Creek, Battle Heights, Battle Valley, Batts, Boomington Valley, Browning, Bull Creek, Butzeville, Chauvin, Cool Springs, Crescent Hill, Denwood, Dolcy, Echo, Edgerton, Edinglassie, Education Point, Empire, Fabyan, Gerald, Giles, Glenholm, Grangedale, Green Meadow, Greenshield, Heath, Killarney, House Lake, Irma, Jarrow, Lynx, La Pearl, Lewisville, McCafferty, Melbrae, Metropolitan, Northern Crown, Orbindale, Park Road, Parkview, Passchendale, Pelican, Plaxtal, Porter Lake, Mascot, Prospect Valley, Prosperity, Mayfield, Ribstone, Rodino,

Roros, Roseberry, Rosemayne, Ross, Saddle Hill, Silver Lane, Sligo, St. Aubin Sep., Stony Creek, Strawberry Pln., Sunny Brae, Sydenham, Trafalger, Wainwright Elementary and High, White Cloud, Willow View etc. This collection is held off site.

ARE YOUR FAMILY BIBLE PAGES LOST?

Pat Pettitt, AGS 2342

Original Family Bible pages, genealogies, passports and a variety of family records are located in Accession 69.204 at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. This is a collection of "Proof of Age" documents submitted by pension applicants. If you would like copies of the following entries which all contain *Military Passbooks* from the country of origin, contact the Provincial Archives of Alberta, 12845-102 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5N 0M6 or send an SASE with your inquiry to *Pat Pettitt, 11448-42 Avenue, Edmonton AB, T6J 0W3* or send message to *patp@connect.ab.ca*

Family Surname	Related or Associated Names
Bech	
Beier	
Bielecki	Beleski
Bernon	Strenberges
Bober	
Esquilat	Duduze
Gebura	Tmak
Grichting	Meichtry
Haluska	Halushka
Heinz	■



Alberta Family Histories Society

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



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The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Edmonton Branch

*N.B. These Loyalists who
have adhered to the Union of the
Empire and joined the Royal
Standard before the Treaty of
Separation in the year 1781
and all their Children and
their Descendants by either
sex are to be distinguished
by the following Capitals
affixed to their names*

*U. E.
Alluding to their great principle
The Union of the Empire.*

The Loyalists are now in the 20th century with E mail address: uela @ freenet.npiec.ont.ca and with a Web page www.npiec.on.ca/~uela/uelal.htm

Other National news is that the proposed 1998 budget shows a surplus--thanks to the leadership of President Bernice Flett and Treasurer Ed Scott to enable the Council to "turn things around".

The National membership chairman, Myrna Fox UE has requested documentation of gravemarkers of Loyalists in their area. Calling all you of Loyalist background, proven or unproven, here is a good personal project which may benefit our membership numbers, and history of the Association.

For instance, here in Alberta, one of the 1914 Charter members of the United Empire Loyalist Association was His Honour Hedley Clarence Taylor of Edmonton, and another was J.J. Gregory of Lacombe. **WHO WERE THESE GENTLEMEN?**--can anyone out there find their gravemarkers or research their accomplishments?--or are you related??

Who has information or would research the background and accomplishments of Mrs. B.J. Saunders, the first president of the 1912 Edmonton UEL Branch (the only branch West of Toronto at that time!)? For starters, there is a picture of Mrs. Saunders from the Edmonton Journal, 1913--she was President of the Women's Aid Society of the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

'Edmonton Journal' Thursday November 7, 1912 "Little Band of U.E. Loyalists Meet and Discuss Organization" Apparently it was impossible to organize because the papers, such as the constitution, either through "Failure on the part of His Majesty's mails, or oversight at the head office must have been responsible for their non-arrival". In Mrs. Saunders talk she read extracts "from an old history compiled

by T.W.H. Leavitt, covering the years from 1749 to 1879" "Upon a decision of the meeting, those present enrolled themselves in this way:

"We the undersigned, desire to join an association of United Empire Loyalists to be organized in Edmonton, providing we are able to prove our direct descent from one to the original United Empire Loyalists:

Mrs. R.J. Saunders, Mrs. George Powell Bate, Miss Jean Sherman, Mrs. A. Madelaine Haight, Miss N. Jean Haight, Miss Louise A. de W. Moore, Mrs. Eva Aylesworth Carpenter, Miss Marjorie McV. Saunders, Miss Beatrice J. Saunders, Mrs. S.A.G. Barnes, Lieut-Col. Carstairs, Mr. F.L. Clarry, Mr. E.S. Clarry, Mr. J. Fred E. Carman, Mr. Richard Secord, Miss Anne Merrill. Other applications received from those unable to attend the meeting were: Mr. Bailey Chamberlain, Miss Shibley, Mrs. Aylen (Fort Saskatchewan), Mrs. Moore, Mrs. John A. McDougall and Mr. and Mrs. D. Stephen Weese."

In another article Monday February 3, 1913, Edmonton Journal, L.F. Clarry (not F.L. as above, but probably same person) deputy attorney-general, gave an address to the Edmonton UEL group.

Some of you may recognize the names of prominent early Edmonton citizens. Wouldn't you like to know more about them and how they helped make our city great? So will the delegates to the National UEL conference to be held in Edmonton in 1999, as they consider our theme "Loyalist Heritage from East to West", and find out how these citizens, like the early Loyalists of Ontario, contributed much to the city and the nation.

The next UEL Edmonton Branch meeting will be Monday February 23rd, 1998, at the AGS Library 7:15 for 7:30. The Founder's Banquet is May 4, 1998, place TBA.

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Submitted by Fran Losie, AGS #2796 ■

GLEANINGS FROM PUBLICATIONS

by Lillian Wight AGS #2668

**The Colorado Genealogist Vol 58 Nos. 1 & 2 (Feb/May 1997)*

Parish Records of Early Denver Episcopal Churches, by Terence T. Quirke, Jr., Ph.D., C.G., pp. 3 - 18

- an introduction to the parish records of four of the earliest Episcopal churches in Denver which pre-date county and state-wide registration of vital records.

**P.E.I. Genealogical Society, Inc. Newsletter Vol 21 No 4, Nov 1997*

Deathbed Bequests, by Linda J. Nicholson, pp. 1,18

- description and examples of nuncupative wills.

**Heritage Review 27:3, 1997*

The Russian-Germans in the United States of North America, Preparations for Immigration, by Prof. Georg Rath; translated by Armand Bauer, pp. 9 - 22

- details the plans for settlement of the Mennonites, Hutterite Brethren, Volga, Bessarabian and Catholic Black Sea Germans. Includes some Canadian information. First of a series.

**Family Chronicle Nov/Dec 1997*

Acadian Roots, by Denis R. Beauregard, pp. 6 - 9

- a look at the history and the surviving records of the Acadians. Contains a chart of existing Acadian vital records and mailing addresses.

An Ounce of Preservation, pp. 19 - 24

- an extract from his book, C. Tuttle offers advice on how to treat deterioration of paper and photographs.

**SGS Bulletin Vol 28 No 3 Sept 1997*

Which John Smith? by Marie Svedahl, pp. 99 - 101

- naming patterns, additional rules and exceptions to help in determining your particular ancestor.

**Saamis Seeker Vol 18 No 3 1997*

Border Crossings, pp. 8 - 10

- lists the National Archives holdings of microfilms for ports in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario together with port locations and dates covered.

**Irish Roots No 3, 1997*

Heraldry in Ireland, Part Three, by Gerard Crotty, pp. 18 - 20

- the language of heraldry including the rule of tincture, furs, varied lines, crosses, charges, etc. ■

A wise man once said: "Learn from the mistakes of others, because no one lives long enough to make them all by themselves."

Bruce & Grey Branch OGS Vol 27 #4, Nov. 1997

A TIME TO REMEMBER

by Charles D. Denney, AGS # 105

It is recorded that a man was praying fervently to God when, to his astonishment, he heard the Holy One responding. "Yes, my son, you have a question?" Recovering himself quickly, the man said, "God, is it true that for you a thousand years are like a single second?" "Yes, my son, time is of no consequence." "And money? Is it true that there is no difference for you between, say, a million dollars and a single penny?" "Yes, my son, money means nothing to me." "Then it would be no problem for you to give me a million dollars?" "Sure," answered God, "just a second!"

My point is that in the history of the universe twenty-five years is but the blink of an eye. Even in our recorded history it is insignificant. But in the history of the Alberta Genealogical Society it is both significant and important.

*Moreover, that
our Society is twenty-five years old
is extremely gratifying to me,
as it must be for others still living who brought the
Society into being, and were its early members.*

To say that we originals had dreams of greatness for our organization wouldn't be true. However, we had enough stars in our eyes that we drafted our charter with a view to having Branches. How the word got out that our Society was born I can't imagine. But it did. Moreover, it must have been to our second meeting that two women drove in about 90 miles from Alliance. They even did it several more times. Since they, also, are 25 years older now, it is a little much to hope that they have kept up their membership.

Then another great thing happened: the word spread to Calgary, and in no time at all we had a Calgary Branch. Which meant that we had to have an Edmonton Branch. And, of course, the AGS became the parent to both. That's something like a daughter becoming the mother of herself. Unfortunately, after a time, some members of the Calgary Branch, for personal reasons, chose to destroy the Branch and to set up a rival organization. We were extremely disappointed. However, we were greatly heartened when folk in several other centers chose to become Branches of OUR society. At this point I want to congratulate them on their successes, their membership, and their endurance.

Though Frank Easton, John Hughes, D'Arcy Hande, Arlene Black and I no longer serve in any meaningful capacity, we have every reason to be happy that the Society continues to have around 1,000 members and that so many of them have served the Society so faithfully for so many years. Also, it is wonderful that so many newer members have assumed responsibilities that have kept the Society, and its Branches, alive and well. To name them would take more space than is likely available, and more knowledge than I possess.

I must, however, make special mention of the folks who, over the years, have edited and brought our magazine, **RELATIVELY SPEAKING**, to its present excellence. We must also be most grateful to those who have done so much to bring to light the Cemetery memories of our forebears. We must not forget the services of the several people who have been our Librarians, as well as the many who have devoted so much time to helping researchers, and taking care of the mail. And personally, I owe much appreciation for the work devoted women contributed to the indexing of the

vast number of obituaries, etc., that I unloaded on to them.

We have a special reason to think of the lives of Donna Schaffle, Helen MacKinley, Pearl Greenslade and Alan Ridge, founding members, whose memories we hold dear.

It is some thing to reflect, as well, that we founding members who survive, are now also 25 years older. D'Arcy Hande is the Archivist at the University of Saskatoon, has a very severely handicapped wife, and two charming 14-year old daughters. Frank Easton has retired from his insurance business, John Hughes is still active in his field, Arlene Black has moved from our area, and I, well, by the time this is printed, I will have passed my 97th birthday, and may, with help, again have celebrated it with the Edmonton Branch. A couple of days ago my blood pressure was 120 over 65. I am extremely fortunate in both my memories, my living accommodation, and my health. May I wish the same for all of you! ■

AGS Founding Meeting, Fall 1973

Members present at the Founding Meeting were:

Arlene Black	John Hughes
Charles Denney	Helen McKinley
Frank Easton	Donna Schaufele
Pearl Greenslade	Margaret Watt
D'Arcy Hande	

Alberta Genealogical Society Executive Committee 1973 - 1974

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THE START OF A SOCIETY

by F. C. (Frank) Easton, AGS#103

I have been asked to provide an insight into the beginnings of the Alberta Genealogical Society which I am only too pleased to do. The article has to be tempered with the comment that there were nine founding members of the Society and each one of the nine without a doubt would have their own thoughts of how it began from their point of view. No one of the nine founding members is the Society by itself, each would have their own story and certainly their own thoughts. The reader must therefore understand that an article by Frank Easton tells the story of the beginnings from the point of view of Frank Easton only.

It is indeed unfortunate, yes, almost tragic that so many of the founding members are no longer with us and therefore are prevented from telling their own story. No longer with us are the following: Donna Schaufele who's life was taken at a very young age as a result of a very tragic traffic accident which also took several other members of her family. Unfortunately Donna had to suffer in hospital some several years before she was finally spared further suffering. Her Aunt, Mrs Watt died a few years ago well into her nineties. Mrs Pearl Greenslade passed away at a relatively early age as a result of cancer. This therefore leaves the following founding members (in alphabetical order); Mrs. Arlene Black, Charles Denney, Frank Easton, D'Arcy Hande, John Hughes, and Mrs. Helen MacKinley. Some of the records suggest that the late Mr. Allan Ridge was a founding member. Mr Ridge was the Archivist at the Provincial Museum and was brought in to witness the signatures of the founding members and cannot be considered one of the founding members.

With that in mind here is my story.

I had been interested in my family history at an early age.

I am sure the interest was sparked by my mother who seemed to be able to impress on me the importance of family and its influence on an individual. My own research would later bear out the fact that the family history almost seems bred into

specific families. I have found that there is very little interest by most members of my father's family. My mother's family has had a family picnic each year for almost seventy years now. The information available from each side of the family varies accordingly. It is like pulling teeth on one side to almost a group of researchers on the other, all sharing their information. My wife's family on her father's side has been interested for years which certainly makes life easier for the dedicated researcher. Therefore it did not take me too long before I discovered the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, joined and soon found myself as a Director on the Provincial Board.

My particular profession did not lend itself to too many opportunities in Saskatchewan, unless you wanted to work for the Government and with my right wing doctrines, such a thought did not sit well with me. I therefore looked to other provinces for possible employment. An opportunity came to work in Alberta which is the direction I decided to go. In discussing the situation with some fellow members I was quite amazed to learn that a similar organization did not exist in Alberta. It was Mrs Helen Boomer (a former Saskatchewan President) who told me to form one when I got settled in and to contact a Mr. Charles Denney who would likely be interested as well. I had met Mr. Denney as he had been a guest lecturer at one of our annual conferences. It was certainly an intriguing and interesting thought. Well I did move here in the spring of 1972 with my family. We settled in Sherwood Park.

I cannot recall how long it was before I was able to take the time to call Mr. Denney, but call I did, and yes, he did remember me, and yes, he would certainly be interested in discussing the idea. He advised me that he knew two other individuals that were members of the Ontario Society, he would call them and see if they were interested in meeting as well. They were and the meeting was set up to meet at Mr. Denney's residence one evening. That is the first time I met Mrs. Pearl Greenslade and Mrs Helen MacKinley. The meeting was very informal and I cannot recall any minutes being taken but when one looks back the conversation did proceed in a unique direction. It was either Mr. Denney or myself (Mr. Denney, I think) that suggested that we should perhaps walk before we try to run so perhaps we should become a branch of the Saskatchewan Society. The other one of us that made the suggestion

thought it was a great idea. Well, that idea went over like the proverbial " lead balloon" as far as Pearl and Helen were concerned. They were both members of the Ontario Society and could not see any reason in the world why we should not form a branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. And so the discussion went. We all decided to sleep on it and try and bring some other individuals to the table for further discussions but perhaps the thing to do was to form an Alberta Society. That thought made sense to all four of us. Who is credited with such a brilliant idea, I really cannot remember but it also made sense that four people could not by themselves a Society make. I of course did not know any people here that were interested in Genealogy, consequently, who rounded up the other members I am not sure.

Mr Denney decided that he needed some assistance in his work on the Metis history and he hired D'Arcy Hande. Well I was delighted at that development as D'Arcy and I knew each other from the Saskatchewan Society and he would be a very strong member of an Alberta Society. How the others learned of the idea I am not sure and Mr. Denney may be able to shed some light in this direction. I think he knew Mrs. Watt and she brought her niece Donna Shauffele to the table. I think Pearl Greenslade knew Mrs Black, but how John and Pat Hughes found out I am not sure. Perhaps an article from John should be solicited as he was very influential in the beginnings of "Relatively Speaking".

That therefore brought us to the meeting that Mr. Ridge attended and served as witness. Mr Denney saw to the basic by-laws and became the first President and I became the Vice President. We mushroomed from there. I think I will save some further comments for the next issue which might be entitled "Vol I #1 and The First Branch". ■

*"The man who feels no sentiment of
veneration for the memory of his
forefathers; who has no natural regard for
his ancestors, or his kindred, is himself
unworthy of kindred regard, or
remembrance."*

Daniel Webster

THE CALGARY BRANCH OF AGS/ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY

Heartiest Congratulations to the AGS on your 25th anniversary!

Lillian Wight has kindly asked me to prepare a brief history of our organization, since we began life as the first Branch of the new AGS.

When AGS officially began as a society in 1973, the by-laws had provision for local branches. A Branch was formed in Calgary in January and February of 1974, by a group of interested AGS members. They received formal recognition from the AGS Executive on Feb. 20th, 1974, thus officially becoming the first AGS Branch. Edmonton was not far behind, organizing a Branch in February and March of 1974. *

Having formed the Branch, Calgary members worked hard to recruit other members, and often had a display table in one of the local malls to interest members of the public in what they were doing. Membership grew gradually, as did a small library that members brought to meetings in boxes. One of the early members remembers that there were about ten members present at her first meeting at the University of Calgary. Dale Alexander was the first Branch President.

The history of the Calgary Branch, which, in 1980, became the Alberta Family Histories Society, includes a lot of 'moving'. Each time the group outgrew their meeting space they had to find larger quarters. After the University, they met at the Central Park (Carnegie) Library with about thirty people attending. The group advertised in the Calgary Herald and continued to staff occasional mall displays to increase their membership.

The next meeting space was at Ernest Manning High School, where Hazel Brown was teaching. The boxes that contained the library (and the coffee pot) were stored in Hazel's classroom between meetings.

After several years, a move was made to the Masonic Lodge, just off Crowchild Trail, where the boxes could be stored near the meeting room. After some

years there, the space was needed by our landlord, so another move was made, this time to the basement of Knox United Church in downtown Calgary, where we encountered real luxury . . . a small storage room which became our library, with shelves for the books and journals.

We have shared in the general growth of interest in this fast-growing 'hobby' (avocation?), and by the spring of 1997 we knew -- we had to move again. By September of 1997, we were settled in at Southminster United Church, with a roomy and bright meeting space and a much larger library. Our membership donated generously to the moving costs, our Computer special interest group contributed a new computer and other support, and a special grant from one of the software companies enabled us to equip the library with a photocopier and new printer.

We currently have an attendance of 160 to 190 members and visitors at our monthly meetings, held on the first Monday of each month, from September to June.

How and why did the Calgary Branch become an independent organization? From this distance, that is not always easy to determine, especially for those of us who were not members at the time.

However, it would seem that, during the winter of 1979 and spring of 1980, relations between the AGS and the Calgary Branch became increasingly strained. Feeling alienated, many of the Branch members began to consider becoming a separate organization.

Reading some of the early issues of *Relatively Speaking* (see Vol 2, #2), it seems that there was some rivalry, as well as co-operation, between the Calgary and Edmonton branches, even in those early years. Suffice it to say that, by 1979, there existed considerable disharmony, which culminated in a majority of Calgary AGS Branch members passing a motion at their May, 1980 meeting to "go with a new Society". **

Thus the Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) was born. The members of AFHS have provided, through their memberships and fund-raising efforts, the funds necessary to provide meeting spaces and expansion of the library. While the organizations

split, it is important to note that many members of AGS branches are also members of AFHS.

In more recent years, strong efforts have been made by both organizations to co-operate in a variety of ways. In 1994, they co-operated in the production of the province-wide cemetery index. Both groups work to ensure that we complement rather than compete with each other's efforts. The Presidents have kept the communication lines open, and members of both attend each other's seminars and annual meetings.

So to AGS, our sister organization, I extend the congratulations of the AFHS on the celebration of this special milestone anniversary, the "25th"; and hope that we all have many years of co-operation and collaboration ahead.

Sheila Johnston, Chair, AFHS

* *Relatively Speaking*, Vol 2, # 2.

** Notes from talk given by Hazel Brown, the first AFHS Chairman, to the September 1997 AFHS general meeting. Hazel's notes have been a resource throughout this article. ■

RECOLLECTIONS - 25 YEARS

In the fall of 1972 (I think it was) I was advised by a friend, Mrs Arlene Black of a meeting of a few people who were interested in organizing a genealogical society in Alberta. The meeting took place in the home of Mr. Charles Denney and I was impressed with the number of genealogical books he had on display. Among them was "The Historical Atlas of Wellington County, Ontario" in which I was excited to discover the names of some of my ancestral families.

Although I had little knowledge about organizing a Society I did have a keen desire to research my genealogy. Some of the other people present at the meeting besides myself were Mr. Denney, Arlene Black, Frank Easton, Pat Hewitt and Mr. Darcy Hande who was involved in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and who had come at Mr. Denney's request to help us get started.

The new society was organized in 1972. Charles Denney became our first president and laid the foundation of the Alberta Genealogical Society which has continued to grow into the large well-run organization it is today. It has been a real privilege to become acquainted with the dedicated founders of this society and to develop new friendships with many new members who have joined the Society through the years.

Louise Croft ■

AND ANOTHER RECOLLECTION

In 1972 my interest in genealogy was sparked when I realized what a treasure trove my mother-in-law Mary Denning had on her (Haighle) Hitchell Family. She lent me all her old letters, an 1804 will, lease agreements, death cards, etc. to read. I was hooked and immediately started organizing and deciphering this fantastic collection. The family had saved all these and brought them to Canada in 1882 from Scotland.

Later I decided perhaps I should look into the Denning, McKellar and Steen families too.

An advertisement for genealogical forms led me to Gordon C. Crouse. I bought one of his kits and an old typewriter and really got organized. He suggested I get in touch with the Ontario Genealogical Society. I joined in March 1974 and they suggested I join the A.G.S. which I did as well as the Calgary Branch that was soon organized. I was first listed on the membership list in *Relatively Speaking*, Summer 1974, Volume 2, #3. I worked with the Calgary Branch Library for a while and was a member at-large.

I have always liked history and this seemed the perfect hobby. I know so much more background history on all the families I have researched. Learning where they came from and when. The finding of all the happy events and also the sad. The hardships some of these people have endured were heart rendering.

I have met so many wonderful relations in England, Scotland, Wales, Australia, several in United States and across Canada. It was they, more than anyone else who helped me pull all the families together. I have found genealogists are some of the most obliging and considerate people I have known. I remember getting an answer to a letter sent to Massachusetts Library 2

genealogists are some of the most obliging and considerate people I have known. I remember getting an answer to a letter sent to Massachusetts Library 2 years later. Apparently it made it to the basket bottom and stayed awhile. I received far more information than I had asked for, as an apology. Just this year I received a letter from a fellow in Australia who was doing some housecleaning and found my letter of 14 years ago. He thought it was time he answered it.

When I sit and think back to how little information was readily available 25 years ago and the massive amount there is now. Of course the hard work of a lot of dedicated people has made this possible. The coming of the computer, with programs every one can learn to use, has also been a tremendous help.

I have made 3 trips to Salt Lake City, one to the old Library and 2 to the new one. Local resources too, have been very helpful.

I belong to a genealogical society in Scotland, England, several O.G.S. branches, 2 U.S. societies and the A.F.H.S. over the years. I am sure the post office people smile when they see me coming for more stamps, for the massive amount of letters I have written during the course of my research.

Congratulations on your 25th anniversary
Florence M. Denning AGS #201 ■

JOYS OF GENEALOGY

by Phyllis Alcorn AGS#144

It was 1969 when I first realized I was interested in genealogy. Of course I called it "family history" and struggled to gather a bit of information from relatives still living. Naturally, most of the good sources were dead before I realized I wanted to ask them questions. That's part of Murphy's law: you never ask the right questions until it's too late to get an answer.

Back in 1969 a friend and neighbor, Mrs. Gladys Stoner, was also interested in genealogy and told me about the Ontario Genealogical Society and later about the formation of the new Alberta Genealogical Society, based in Edmonton.

I had joined the O.G.S. but distance made it strictly a

"mail-order" membership. Thus, when I heard about the group in Edmonton I was eager to join.

I was number 144 and the receipt for my first membership was dated September 27, 1973 and signed by D'Arcy Hande, who was the treasurer at the time. I still have it.

By that time Mrs. Stoner had moved to Edmonton but another friend who lived in Alliance also became interested. For several years Carol McDermott and I travelled to the City to attend meetings. The camaraderie was great and the other members were friendly and helpful.

Of course Mr. Charles Denney is the first to come to mind when I recall those early days of the A.G.S. Others I got to know were: Pat Hewitt, D'Arcy Hande, Frank Easton, Airlene Black, John Hughs, May Deans, Ailsa Walker, Jack and Enid Fitzsimons, Jim Allan. Of course there are many others as well. Carol and I would come home from monthly meetings encouraged and full of renewed enthusiasm.

When Carol McDermott moved away from Alliance I was left without a ride to Edmonton. I missed attending the meetings but kept in touch through *Relatively Speaking* and later the *Clandigger*. These magazines are a great asset to those living far from large centres. They enable us to keep in touch with others of similar interests.

My enthusiasm for genealogy has never waned. Since those early days I've completed two community history books, three family history books, and have plans for at least three more.

Genealogy is very addictive and I'm a true addict.

*Congratulations
to the
Alberta Genealogical Society
for 25 years
of great work and service. ■*

25 YEARS AGO

Relatively Speaking Volume 1 No 1, a publication of the Alberta Genealogical Society, was issued to the membership.

Following is the Editors Notes as they appeared in that historic issue.

"It is with a great deal of pleasure and some humblness that I have taken on what has turned out to be the awesome task of producing the first ever Alberta Genealogical Society Bulletin.

I am not a writer and lack the humour and imagination required to produce a Bulletin of the quality that our members deserve. It is to be hoped that with the increase in membership that we are experiencing that we will be able to draw from our ranks or be able to free one of our current members from other duties in order that we can produce a Bulletin of substance and quality.

This first publication would perhaps be better called a newsletter rather than a Bulletin however for posterity purposes we have called this Volume #1, No. 1.

Yours very truly, F.C. Easton, Vice President."

The first article printed in this first publication was titled "MEETINGS" and read as follows:

"All interested parties are of course invited to any of our meetings. We are extremely grateful to the NORTHWESTERN UTILITIES LIMITED for kindly providing us with a permanent meeting place for the coming year.

They have provided us with the use of their staff room located at 10040 104 Street on the fourth Thursday of every month. The location is central to all of Edmonton and the surrounding area. The time is right being from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. We should, however, make sure we are out and the premises cleaned up by 10:45.

Please mark your calendars as follows:

September 27, 1973

October 25, 1973

November 22, 1973

December - no meeting

January 24, 1974
February 28, 1974
March 28, 1974
April 25, 1974
May 23, 1974
June 27, 1974.

We are attempting to develop a program for the meetings that will be of interest to everyone from the beginner to the expert. Following is an outline of the programs that have been developed for the first three meetings, however, WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION.

September 27, 1973 - QUESTION AND ANSWER SEMINAR. We would ask that everyone attending bring to the meeting a prepared research problem written or typed. We will collect all questions prior to the meeting in order to avoid duplication and run through as many as possible and try to come up with an answer to your problem. Here again we need your help as you may have to answer to some one elses problem.

October 25, 1973 - BEGINNERS SEMINAR. We will have a display of as many different genealogical forms as we can obtain in order that you can glean some ideas on setting up your records. We will also have a display by older members of their works.

November 22, 1973 - COMPUTERS AND GENEALOGY. Mr. Peter Swan will be giving us a talk on methods available in putting your works on computer. If time permits we will follow up with a continuation of our QUESTION AND ANSWER SEMINAR."

The COVER STORY read " This month's cover features a 94 year old marriage certificate, certifying that on January 28, 1880, Charles Edward Hughes, of the Parish of Richibucto, County of Kent, Province of New Brunswick did marry by license Miss Catherine McKendrick, also of the Parish of Richibucto. Charles was the son of William Hughes and Sarah Hutchings. He was born in 1855 in Kinston, Kent County. He died in 1935 while living at Flatbush, Alberta. Catherine was the daughter of John McKendrick and ? Mattock. (Both the families were early P.E.I. settlers.) She was born in 1856 in Nova Scotia and died in 1941 at Flatbush."

25 Years ago! ■

ALLAN OMAND

By Charles D. Denney, AGS # 105

Allan Omand is alleged to have arrived in Edmonton in 1879. It may even have been earlier than that, for it's obvious that he understood the River Lot system then in operation on the north side of the River. What ever the year, he staked a claim to the west of A. Patton's Claim, which was west of Lawrence Garneau's Claim. And everybody knows that Lawrence Garneau settled where the Garneau district is in 1874. When the area was surveyed in 1882, Allan Omand was confirmed as the owner of River Lot #3. A. Patton's was #5, and Lawrence Garneau's was #7. Next to the east was John Walter's Lot #9. He settled there in 1875.

But Allan Omand wasn't the only Omand here in 1882, for someone named J. Omand had his name on the 1882 map. It was on the fraction of the S.W. quarter of Section 30, immediately south of Allan's River Lot #3. **LOW'S DIRECTORY OF THE EDMONTON DISTRICT** for 1899, which seems to be the earliest available, says J. Omand was a carpenter and that Mrs. Allan Omand was a farmer.

Besides a couple of cultivated fields, and a residence on the hill overlooking Emily Murphy Park, it is alleged that Allan had a coal mine in the hill below.

Allan Omand also had a neighbour down below west of him on River Lot #1. That is where Hawrelak Park and the Mayfair Golf Course are located in 1997. Like Omand and Garneau, he seems to have come from the Manitoba scene. He is also on the map for 1882. Moreover, he had a friend back there, a widow named Mary Clarke, whose maiden name was Mary Douglass. She was born in Montreal about 1850. At age 17 she married an English Doctor Clarke. Which would be about 1867. Unfortunately for her, Clarke was burned to death about three years later. Which means that she was a widow about 1870. I suggest that these dates are all out about ten years, for in 1882 Mr. Hebert headed for Winnipeg to make Mrs. Clarke his wife.

Unfortunately, that marriage didn't last too long either, for Mr. Hebert was killed in a mining accident in Nevada; and Mary Douglass was a widow again, with all that big River Lot #1 to farm. The 1882 map shows that there were two dwellings and a cultivated field on the Lot just west of where the

Groat Bridge is now. It must have been lonely for her living out there.

Perhaps that is why she married her #3 River Lot neighbour Allan Omand about 1892. And maybe why they had a son F.C.Omand born in 1895. His neighbour, Dr. C. Angus McGugan, took a considerable interest in him, and wrote to the City of Edmonton Archives about him in 1967. So F. C. lived to be at least 72.

F.C. said his mother died in Edmonton in 1924. He also said Allan sold most of his Lot to John McPhadden. That was about 1904. Now what did Allan do after that? And when did he die?

If all these abouts frustrate you, they may give someone else a basis for better research. ■

You Know You're an Addicted Genealogist!

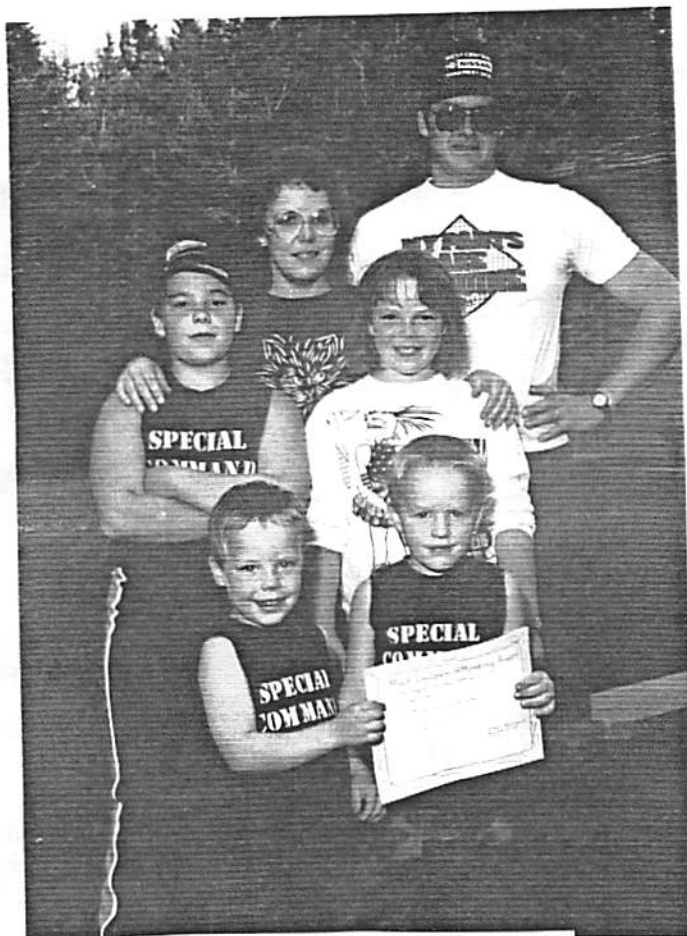
...when you brake for libraries
...when you get locked in the library overnight and you never even notice
...when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery
...if you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall
...when you think every home should have a microfilm reader
...if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book
...when you know the town clerk in every county by name
...if town clerks lock the door when they see you coming
...when you're more interested in what happened in 1797 than 1997
...if you store your clothing under the bed and your closet is carefully stacked with notebooks and journals
...if you can pinpoint Kirkcaldy and Inverness on a map but you're not sure if Whitehorse is in the Yukon or the Northwest Territories
...when all your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin"
...if you've traced your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it all fully documented, and still don't want to quit!
(from Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS Journal No 64 Aug'97) ■

KOEHMSTEDT TRIPLETS AND TWINS

By Rita Atkinson, AGS #248

Tracing the KOEHMSTEDT Family Tree back to 1752 and through five generations, we found that the family of over 2,000 had 38 sets of twins and one set of triplets.

The first set of twins recorded was in 1913 and the last in 1988. The triplets were born in 1964. The twins included 9 sets of sons, 16 sets of daughters and 13 sets of sons and daughters. The peak of a woman's chances of conceiving twins is between the ages of 35 and 39. On checking 20 sets on which we have records I found that ours range from 23 years, with three sets, to 47. Of the 38 sets - three died at childbirth, one at 6 years; one killed in an accident at 50 years, and we have just learned that a triplet and a twin were killed in car accidents by drunk drivers last year.



Nathan & Natalie, b. 1978
Brian & Blair, b. 1984
Weber Twins (mother is also a twin)



Darrell & Dennis
Kennedy Twins, b. 1962





Wanette

Wanda

Wanona

Koehmstedt triplets, b. 1964





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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 February 1998 - ELECTIONS

Topic: Family Multiple Births - Genetic or Coincidence

Speaker: Rita Atkinson

Thursday, 26 March, 1998 -

Topic: My Experience with Adoption

Speaker: Kate White

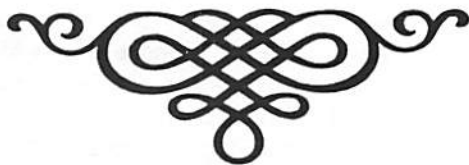
Thursday, 24 April, 1998 -

Topic: Different styles of Calligraphy that can be used for our charts and albums

Speaker: Member TBA, Edmonton Calligraphic Society

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President's Message

Claudine Nelson

Genealogy continues to be a growing hobby.

In 1997 the Edmonton Branch was pleased to welcome 153 new members, 349 renewals for a total of 502 members in 434 households, an increase of 61 members in '98.

At the end of November we had 5,234.75 volunteer hours recorded. Please call the library with your unrecorded hours so that they can be tallied - this is important when AGS goes to apply for government grants.

It is our desire to make our library user friendly, but food and beverage are only to be consumed in the kitchen area or in the common foyer. We will be contracting with a cleaning company to clean and dust the library on a weekly basis; this to be 50/50 cost shared with AGS.

The Branch AGM (Annual General meeting) will be held on Feb. 26. This is the opportunity for AGS Edmonton Branch members to exercise a vote. **Only members in attendance may vote.** Contact Florence Woodward, Nominations Chair, if you wish to put your name forward for election or name a nominee.

Committee chairs welcome volunteers. This is your organization! Share your skills. Learn a new skill. This is a great opportunity to meet others with 'genealogical' interests. We all learn a great deal in talking with one another - e.g., Did you know that 10 generations ago you had about 1,000 ancestors?

We extended best wishes to Mr. Charles Denney on his 97th birthday, January 25th, at the January General Meeting. He is one of the original founders of AGS; his membership card is AGS #105; and he donated his library so that it is available to genealogists at our facility.

The Spring 'Tracing Your Family Tree Course' starts February 10 - a wonderful way to avoid the winter blahs. In April it will be Conference '98 - the 25 year celebration.

My 1998 Resolution: To start writing one family history and not just collect data!

Library News

Sherry Bell, Library Director



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2nd & 4th Wed. evenings	7pm - 9pm
3rd Saturday	9am - noon

I hope everyone had a chance to read our guest columnist's report in the last issue of *Clandigger*. Thanks go out to Doreen Smillie for maintaining the pamphlet file throughout the year and for the article updating us on its contents.

As usual, many of us have been busy at the library but we did take a well-deserved break over the holidays. The library volunteers voted to reduce the number of staff meetings from nine to six per year. The consensus was, however, that the meetings were a useful means of keeping volunteers up to date on changes in the library.

The acquisitions committee met to decide what we should purchase with our library funds. Thanks to Catherine Low, Susan McKeen, Pat Pettit, Norma Wolowyk, and Florence Woodward (by phone), we have an eclectic mixture of new material on the way. Remember to check our display stand and table for newly catalogued items. We were not able to buy everything on the wish list but it's not too late to add something new since we now have 1998 funds to spend. We hope Shirley Machan, our cataloguer, has a good rest and comes back to us in the spring all ready for action. In the meantime, thanks to Norma for stepping into the breach.

You may have noticed the chairs are more accessible for meetings now that Dennis McKenzie has rearranged some of the furniture. Thanks to Dennis for helping us out and to Norma Wolowyk for making the arrangements. Judy Bradley has agreed to maintain our bulletin board until she returns home to Grande Prairie in June. Thanks Judy. We will need a new volunteer at that time as well as another volunteer on desk duty.

A recent donation of genealogical journals from Dr. G.J. Conradi will be of interest to those with roots in Germany and East European countries. Thanks to Herb Albrecht for taking on the task of making them accessible to our on-site patrons as this will be a non-circulating collection. We hope to provide a finding aid to help those who don't read German. Check our *Genealogical Resources in the Edmonton Area* book (pp.10-11) for a preview of what to expect when the collection is ready.

English + Wales Research Group

Motto "Leave No Stone Unturned"

Our monthly get-togethers are rolling along famously! Our numbers are growing and we average approximately 30 - 35 at our meetings. More and more of our English/Wales researchers are contributing to make for exciting and enjoyable meetings.

Our Christmas 'party' was held in early December, where we were treated to stories of Christmas memories, and special Christmas 'goodies' supplied by our group members.

More and more of our members are contributing to the meetings. A new part of our program includes chapters from individual member's family stories and it is most interesting to hear how each writes in his or her own particular style. All are entertaining, bringing laughter, or even tears to our eyes as we are touched by the circumstances or the occasion.

We have a 'feature' table displaying books, articles, and anything that pertains to a particular

area or theme - eg. Cornwall, Norfolk, English Christmas, etc. This idea is proving to be a real winner, and sometimes we even get an edible treat from the area on display.

Short reports are presented by members, topics having been drawn from our 'job jar'. We have one general topic and usually two 'occupation' topics. These each require our members to do a bit of research and the internet has become a favorite tool from which to obtain information for these reports. Copies of these are placed in our Resource Book for anyone to make copies of, or read over at leisure, as the Resource Book is kept in the Reference Section of the library.

Each month we receive a sheet of 'Tid Bits' gathered from various FFHS publications which keep us up to date on what's new and interesting.

Our newest 'project' is to order into our library as many 1851 English Census Indexes as they are completed in Britain. Our homework for this month is to fill in a sheet for our own area of research with details on how to obtain the index. There will be a draw each month, and five will be chosen to be placed on order.

We still have a problem section and if anyone has a particular bottleneck, an overhead is on display and discussed, with members offering suggestions on 'where to look next'.

We welcome new members, and if you wish any further information please call Muriel Jones at 447-3592.

Our meetings are held in the AGS Library on the first Thursday of each month. Next meeting is March 5, 1998 followed by April 2, 1998 at 7:30 pm.



Irish Research Interest Group

Next meeting date for this group is March 2, 1998 at 7:30 pm in the AGS Library. The topic for the evening will be announced later.

For more information contact :

Pat Woodman at 455-2933 or
Pat Hewitt at 454-4408.

East European Research Group

The next meeting of the East European Research Group is planned for Wednesday, April 01, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the AGS Library in the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This meeting will feature a second presentation by Elaine Kalynchuk on locating "special documents". This includes getting a picture of the actual ship which your family arrived on, detailed surveyor maps, aerial photographs etc.

Just getting started on researching your Ukrainian family history or stumped on what to do next? Then be sure not to miss these two presentations! Many of the research methods and resources Elaine will discuss will also be useful to researchers of other East European countries. For questions about these presentations or the East European Research Group, call Karen Hesson @ 489-8920 or send e-mail to: khesson@compusmart.ab.ca

Please bring a small donation to cover the cost of handouts, future mailings, etc. Thank you!



Scottish Research Interest Group

The Scottish Research Interest group had a wonderful December meeting as we were entertained and participated with the Edmonton Caledonia Country Dance Society. The Dancers put on a delightful selection of dances and then had those who wished to participate learn and actually perform a 'wee' dance. The Edmonton Caledonia Country Dance Society is always looking for more members so if you are interested contact Rob Milson AGS #711. After our break of some Scottish treats Dave Geddes AGS #3485 enlightened us on a small area of Northeast Scotland.

If you are interested in Scottish Research please feel free to come to our upcoming meetings Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, June 2. Learn more about Border Reivers, the

battle of Bannockburn, Researching in Moray and 'The Pipes'.

Arrive by 7:15 for 7:30 prompt start. Wear either your tartan or a piece of Celtic jewelry* and join in the fun.

For further info contact:

Les Campbell
Pam Forsyth
Dave Geddes or
Wilma McKinnon

*Editors note: Will you be warm enough?

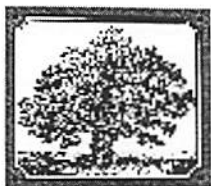
Genaille Receives Medal

by Lillian Wight AGS #2668

Sheila Genaille nee Hayes, now in her second term as president of the Metis National Council of Women, was recently honoured in Rideau Hall, Ottawa, when she was one of five Canadian women awarded the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case.

Sheila was born in Russell, Manitoba, completed her high school diploma in Alberta and has lived in Edmonton and St. Albert more than 25 years. She is a former president of the AGS Edmonton Branch. Some years ago Sheila was engaged by Charles Denney to copy all the Denney Papers so that copies could be placed in the Edmonton Branch Library when the originals went to Calgary to the Glenbow Museum and Archives.

Sheila is a seventh-generation Metis who has represented the interests of Metis women at constitutional, first ministers' and other national conferences. Most recently Sheila travelled to Geneva, Switzerland at the request of the Canadian government, working to ensure the proper representation of aboriginal women as they prepare the United Nations Draft Declaration on Indigenous Peoples.
(abstracted from The Edmonton Journal, 19 Oct. 1997) ■



HERITAGE SEEKERS

Extracts from the December 1997 Newsletter of the
Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society

The President's Cubbyhole

by Bev Tucker, AGS #3233

The Branch has had three very enlightening meetings in our fall programming.

September was "Digging Around the Public Library" presented by Barb Moreau, Debbie Was and Paulette Hrychiw, informing our members what is available in the library, where to find it, and how to use it. This will also help with teaching other members on how to help out being "Genie's". It was well received.

The October meeting had Laura Turnbull presenting "Computer Use in Genealogy", giving a general overview of factors to consider when choosing a program.

November's program was "Checking out the Grande Prairie College for Genealogy Resources", to learn what is available there. There will be no meeting in December. Regular monthly meetings will resume on January 20, 1998. See you all then.

"DATES GONE BY" has been published. Remember to get your copy.

The Branch has kept a Scrap Book from 1977 and we have made a copy for our library collection as well as one for the AGS Library collection.

Now that summer is over, the Census extraction progress is going better. We have mailed the first completed set, and the rest are in various stages of progress.

For the months of July, August and September 1997 there were 163 1/4 hours of volunteer time generated by the group.

We have our first fund-raiser started, chocolate sales, and they appear to be going quite well so far, we are half way. The second fund-raiser we are going for is a raffle for a quilt that has been made by a couple of our members. Remember to pick up your tickets (contact one of the executive committee) in December, the draw date will be at our meeting in June 1998.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the executive who have been so helpful to me this year. Way to go! You've done an excellent job.

Here is wishing each and everyone of you a very safe and HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, and may you find that elusive ancestor under your tree.

Meetings

Grande Prairie Public Library
Meeting Room, 9910 - 99 Avenue,
Grande Prairie, Alberta
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
except for July, August, and December

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Our Activities in 1997

Grande Prairie and District Branch

by Barb Moreau, AGS #3197

This year there were over 60 members in the branch searching their own family trees around the world.

The members helped other researchers, assisted with extracting information from the 1901 census, and completed the extraction of over 5,000 names from the Grande Prairie Cemetery for a AGS publication. By the end of the year the club members will have accumulated over 1000 hours of volunteer time.

The society continues to support the Grande Prairie Public Library "Genies" program. Knowledgeable members are available in the Isabel Campbell Room at the Grande Prairie Library to assist people researching their family roots on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. and Fridays, 1 - 3 p.m.

This year we are proud to say we have completed and published a fully indexed book of extracts of births, marriages, and deaths from the Grande Prairie newspapers from 1913-1920 titled DATES GONE BY. This book is available for purchase from the Branch.

On Saturday, February 28, the club will be holding a beginner's genealogy course. Please contact the Library for information and registration dates.

In the May or June of 1998 we plan to hold a Genealogical Fair in Grande Prairie with resources from all over the province. Contact members or watch the Daily Herald for the date and information.

Interesting programs throughout the past year included:

- January - Researching in Atlantic Canada - presented by Catherine Ledger, Barb Smith and Joan Bowman.
- February - A new executive was elected, followed by a fun evening of sharing our heritage with costumes and a family quiz.
- March - Books in the Library presented by Barb Moreau
- April - Researching in Quebec and France for those French Ancestors presented by Paulette Hrychiw
- A number of members of the society attended the AGS Conference in Edmonton.
- May - Canadian Ministers in World War II presented by Duff Crerar
- June - German Research presented by Harry Lehnars
- September - Digging around the Library presented by Barb Moreau, Debby Was & Paulette Hrychiw.

- Started our fall fund-raisers to raise money towards the purchase of the 1881 census which will be housed in the Library with the 1891 and 1901 censuses.

- October - Computer Use in Genealogy: what to look for in a program presented by Laura Turnbull

- November - Checking out the College Library for Genealogical Resources.

Another interesting year of programs has been planned for 1998. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month except December, July and August at the Grande Prairie Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

New Genealogy Books

Library Report for December 1997

by Debby Was, AGS #2650

The Grande Prairie Public Library has added several genealogical books to their collection. Many of these can be borrowed with a valid library card.

The following titles can be borrowed from the library:

- 808.066 929 HAT "Producing a Quality Family History" by Patricia Hatcher
- 929.1 KEM "For All Time: A Complete Guide to Writing Your Family History" by Charley Kempthorne
- 929.1 SMI "Genealogy is More Than Charts" by Lorna Duane Smith
- 929.107 2 HEY "The Oxford Guide To Family History" by David Hey
- 929.107 2071 DOU "Here Be Dragons!: Navigating the Hazards Found In Canadian Family History: A Guide For Genealogists" by Althea Douglas
- 929.209 73 CHO "Polish Roots = Korzenie Polskie" by Rosemary Chorzempa

The following video can be borrowed from the library:

- V 929.107 2 YOU "Your Heritage To Discover, To Share" by Louise St. Denis

New to the Reference Area (non-circulating):

- R 016.929 1 REF "Reference Sources for Canadian Genealogy" by Mary Bond

And coming soon:

- "Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States" by Christina K. Schaefer

Call Debby Was if you need help locating library material: 532-4902

Thumbnail Sketch

Paulette Hrychiw, (Pivert) AGS #534

The last time I did a thumbnail sketch was in the Vol.1, No. 3, September 1978 issue of Heritage Seekers. Our group had only existed a few short months.

At that time I had just made my first attempts at doing research in France and Madagascar looking for information on my paternal grandparents. My father André Pivert was born 11 November 1896 at Epinay-sur-Seine (Seine-St.-Denis), which is in the northern environs (districts) of Paris, France. He was the third of a family of four, three boys and one girl.

My interest in Madagascar is my grandmother, Hélène Berthe Emilie POUTEAU who had given birth to her fifth child, a still born son who had come into the world at 3:00 a.m. on 15 April 1901 in the district of Antsirane, in the port city of Diégo-Suarez, Madagascar. She had just passed her 25th birthday the previous January. Almost one week later, 21 April at 9:15 a.m., my grandmother joined her infant son in the soil of a foreign land. My father would have only been about 4 1/2 years old. His two older brothers were about 8 and 6 years, his little sister not even 3 years old. As far as we know, only a distant cousin of my grandfathers has been the only family to stand at my grandmothers grave. He had been stationed in Madagascar during the Great War (WW1).



Hélène Berthe Emilie POUTEAU PIVERT

In the years since this last thumbnail sketch, I've gotten my POUTEAU lines back to a Symphorien POTHEAU who was born ca 1641 in Morancez, (Eure-et-Loir), France. This community is immediately south of the ancient city of Chartres. The POUTEAU families have lived in and around this area in eight villages (all less than 25 km from Chartres) for over 235 years. Other names associated with the POUTEAU families are: GENET, DARIEN, AUDIS, PANTHOU, LAME, LECOEUR, BENOIST, ROCHE, BOUDAY, BONNEREAU, MAINTIEN, REVEIL, GLIN, BIGOT, BRAY, DUBOSC, GUILLET, GOUGEON, HURET, PERRUCHET, BERNARD, MOUNOURY, and TRICHEUX. The trades of these families are varied; tournear-lathe operator; day laborer; mason, grape-

growers; wagon driver; shoemaker, farmers, several of the wives were servants; indicating that many of these ancestors lived simple lives.



Alphonse Marie Frédéric Théophile PIVERT

Unlike my grandmother's family, my grandfather Alphonse Marie Frédéric Théophile PIVERT came from a family with itchy feet. Alphonse was born and died (1865-1937) in Clichy, a northern district of Paris, but when looking into his life a bit closer we see he traveled far and wide. He had taken his wife and small daughter to Madagascar to set up a brick and tile factory (or so the family story goes). His wife died there, he had to accompany his small daughter back to France and put her into the care of his eldest sister, who already had the care of his three sons. Back to Madagascar to see to his affairs, only to find he had lost everything. By August 1909 he is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. We know he was still there by September 1914 (one of his sons had joined the army and given his fathers address as Kuala Lumpur). We know he came to visit his sons in Alberta sometime in 1917. He might have spent some time in Detroit, Michigan about the same time.

Great grandfather Frédéric was born (1820) in the village of Vitre, (Ile-et-Vilaine), near Rennes, but he married, raised his family and died in Paris (1898). His father before came from another village called Ballots, (Mayenne). The earliest PIVERT I have is Jean-Baptiste Gille, who died at Ballots in 1753 at 40 years of age. Here I have lost track of him. I am descended from his second marriage, so until I can find his first marriage which would name his parents and birth place, I am stuck here. The other families associated with Pivert's did not stay still either. I have chased these families all over the old provinces of Bretagne, Maine, Normandie and Perche. They are: ORIAU, RIVIERE, MOUTELIERE, LEGUAY, HAMAR, LOUAISON, COESNON, SAILLARD - several lines, CHEVANCE, POIDEVIN, DESRUES, NEZ, GASTIME. These names I have been able to follow into the early 1701-1704 and late 1600's. L'HOMMET, BOURGUIGNAN, SAILLARD, GALLOPEU, LEGAL, CHEVEL. They have led me a merry chase all over France. I wish I had the opportunity to do some of it in person.

Most of the research I've done in France has been accomplished by ordering films through the Family History Center here in Grande Prairie. I have also used this resource to search in Catholic records in Poland for my husband's maternal lines, and Greek Catholic records in Galicia for his paternal lines, with great results.

If anyone has a connection with any of the names I have listed, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Paulette Hrychiw, 11321 - 101A Street,
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 2S3

Volhynia Records Extraction Project

by Al Meyer, AGS# 3447

The St. Petersburg parish film records for Volhynia, Ukraine are now being extracted and will be indexed for a web site as they are completed. These birth, marriage and death records cover the years 1836-1885 for Zhitomir, Heimtal, Rozyszcze, and Volhynian Government.

Besides the normal information contained in these birth, marriage and death records, there is other information that can reveal important links to ancestral lines and previous residences. For instance, many colonists came from Congress Poland, and the town names are often noted in the various entries. Parents, god-parents and wife's maiden names (or previous married name in the case of a second marriage) are also contained in these records.

Some entries indicate that the records contain a great deal of extra family information. As these records are a rich source of information for Volhynian Germans, this information should prove to be a bonus to those researching their Volhynian roots.

This project was begun late last spring with a group of volunteers interested in the Volhynian Germans. By July of 1997, the project was in full swing with seven extractors and six data entry people. Three more extractors have joined the team recently and it is hoped that as word spreads, others interested in helping with this project will come forward. The years 1845, 1847, and 1883 have been completed and years up through 1861 are in process. Most extractors find that some knowledge of the German language and the old German script is helpful; but, it is not absolutely necessary.

For further information, or if you would like to help with this project, please contact:

Marcia Ritke Momose,
Volhynian Extraction Project Coordinator
e-mail: momoser@means.net
snail mail: 11400 Brenda Blvd
Becker, MN 55308

Dates Gone By ...

The old Grande Prairie newspapers are located on microfilm in the Grande Prairie Public Library. The newspapers and films begin in 1913.

Since June, 1983, Joan Bowman's ongoing contribution to "Heritage Seekers" has been to provide extracts of the births, marriages and deaths as found in these old newspapers. (See page 9 for the latest extracts.)

These extracts are now available in a published and indexed book which contains the extracts from:

a) Grande Prairie "Frontier Signal", published September 1914 to August 1916, and

b) Grande Prairie "Herald", published March, 1913 to December, 1920.

Cost is \$12.00 plus \$1.75 for postage & handling.

Write to: Grande Prairie & District Branch, AGS
Box 1257, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4Z1

Upcoming Events

Feb 17 20th Anniversary Celebration
Grande Prairie Branch Annual Meeting

Feb 28 Beginner Course: "Tracing Your
Family Tree", sponsored by the Grande
Prairie Public Library, Cost: \$10.00

Mar 17 "Being There: Research in
Ontario & Quebec"
Presenters: Genevieve & Frank Shultz
and Barb & Don Moreau

April 17 & 18 "Seek, Research, Record"
25th Anniversary Conference
Edmonton, Alberta

All programs are preceded by a
short business meeting.

Genies in the Library:

- Wed: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Fri: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

At other times, please ask the staff at the Grande Prairie Public Library for contact information.

CONFERENCE TIDBITS

Mary Ann Legris AGS #2837

The program for the 1998 conference has been finalized and promises to provide a wealth of information. The keynote speaker will be Dean J. Hunter from the Family History Department of the L.D.S. Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has worked for this Department for 25 years. He was the Reference Consultant and Senior Reference Consultant in the British reference area of the Library for 12 years and, for 13 years, the Collection Development Specialist responsible for building the English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and Gibraltar collections.

Kenneth Aitken is the Prairie History Librarian for the Regina, Saskatchewan Public Library. He has held this position since 1984 as well as being the Director of the Family History Centre in Regina since 1991. He is a certified Genealogical Researcher and Instructor. He is the author of many articles on genealogy in Canada, England and the United States.

Both speakers will give four sessions covering a wide range of topics.

Nancy Millar, Alberta's "cemetery lady", author of *Remember Me As You Pass By*, *Stories for Prairie Graveyards*, and *Once Upon A Tomb*, *Stories from Canadian Graveyards*, will tell us about her exploration of graveyards and their historical importance.

University of Alberta Professor Himka will present Research in the Ukraine, and Judii Rempel will cover Mennonite Research.

Several members with expertise in areas of genealogical research will be presenting workshops. Father John Nowakowski is an expert in graphoanalysis - the study of handwriting in order to reveal the character and personality of the writer.

Norma Wolowyk, A.G.S. Librarian, will describe the Resources of the AGS Library, and Arlene Borgstede will give the Beginners Class. Heather Devine's Metis Research will take advantage of the Denney Papers in the AGS Library. Be prepared with family information that can be used in her working sessions.

Georgette Brodeur will discuss resources for researching in Quebec, and President Margo Moffat

will present the importance of developing a family medical history.

If you missed a tour of the City Archives a few years ago, you will have an opportunity to meet Bruce Ibsen, City Archivist, and tour the City Archives.

Once again there will be sessions for Computers, Software Programs, and the "Mysteries of the Ged-Com". Exhibitors with information, supplies, services, books, and souvenirs will also be in attendance.

It is the Twenty-fifth Anniversary and banquet speakers Frank Easton and Wilf Allan will offer some reminiscences of early days. Plan to attend. You may meet long-time friends, make some new ones, discover a relative or two, pick up some valuable tips and supplies, and have a great time. ■

BLIZZARD STRANDS CONFERENCE GOERS

Excerpt from Red Deer & District Historical Review
by Evelyn Fairbrother

In April 1985 the Red Deer Branch hosted a Conference of the AGS at the Black Knight Inn. Keynote Speaker was Jimmy Parker of the Utah Genealogical Society. The event was planned for Friday and Saturday, with the last workshop ending about 4:15 pm to give people time to get home Saturday evening. However, a good old Alberta Spring Blizzard blew in on Saturday and by 4:15 the highway had been closed. Now we had a lot of AGS Conference goers stranded in Red Deer!

The solution to the problem was arrived at with the help of the Conference Committee and the Black Knight Inn: feed the people and keep them over night. This gave AGS members from across the province a chance to visit and get to know each other better. The event was enjoyed by all, and the Saturday night Banquet at the AGS Conference has been held ever since. ■

LOST GRAVEYARD

By Bev Rudolfsen

This article first appeared in the October 22, 1997 issue of The St. Albert & Sturgeon Gazette, and the editor of the Gazette has kindly granted us permission to reprint the article here.

Sturgeon County - Scattered like a broken string of pearls, the tombstones in this forgotten corner of a farm field are aged sentinels of a different time.

Most of the people slumbering beneath the few mossy grey stones in this abandoned Namao-area cemetery lived almost a century ago, but to Gordon Carson and Kathy Borreson, they've become three-dimensional personalities with colorful pasts.

"People deserve to be remembered," said Borreson, a Bon Accord resident. "We look at their death, but we also look at their lives and remember. It touches our own mortality."

Working with the Bon Accord Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Carson and Borreson have spent the last few years piecing together the stories of the pioneers in this tiny resting place.

Beginning this fall, they plan to start freeing the cemetery of its tightly woven shroud of thistles, wild Alberta roses and overgrown willows. To guard against vandals and other damage, they asked that the exact location of the cemetery not be disclosed.

The church is accepting donations to erect a cairn at the site, honoring the memories of the people resting there.

The graveyard itself had a relatively short life-span. Abandoned sometime after its last known burial in 1927 and known alternately over the years as St. Martin's, Sturgeon and Sunnyside Cemetery, it fell prey to Mother Nature and indifference. It was established in 1892, when Queen Victoria awarded 40 acres of land to form an Anglican church at Namao, then known as Sturgeon River.

Research by Borreson and Carson show the first known burial was in 1893, when 12-year-old Wilbert Hewitt died after a gun accident. The last known burial was that of Susannah Gibbons in 1927. She was the wife of William Reynolds Gibbons, for

whom the town was named. Her husband was buried there in 1916.

In 1935, the parish at Sunnyside Church was dissolved and replaced with the Bon Accord Holy Trinity Church. In 1940, 37.8 acres of the land was sold for farming, leaving 2.17 acres for the cemetery. The land around it was seeded to crops and the graves were forgotten as the imposing headstones weathered, the earth heaved and the web of brush thickened.

Borreson isn't sure why the district didn't thrive. A log church was erected there in 1894 and doubled as a school and community hall. It's believed to have burned around 1910. "People used other burial sites. I think it's because the population shifted."

Interest in the grave sites was revived briefly in the 1970's, when members* of the Alberta Genealogical Society compiled a list of people buried at the cemetery and a number of possibles. That work was taken up in 1993 by Carson, who knew he had family buried there and wanted to respect their memories.

"It's something I can do for my community and my deceased elders. The saying, 'Gone but not forgotten' - it's a hypocrisy. When we want to help we have a cemetery day at Namao and the same three people show up. No one is there to honor their dead." Carson is related to three of the people buried there, but has no idea exactly where they lay. There are eight gravestones scattered among the willows, but research shows 24 people were likely laid to rest there. Borreson has a list of another five who may or may not be there.

The cemetery holds tightly to its secrets and that has proven the biggest challenge to this project, she said. "We're trying to compile a list of who's there. There's depressions in the ground we know are early burials."

They've been unable to locate a plot plan because it was also used as a community cemetery. "The records are in a number of different places."

By combing vital statistics records, church records, old newspaper accounts, obituaries and then tracking down descendants, they've been able to piece together the list they have so far. (con't.)

"Virtually everyone we've talked to about the cemetery has helped us in some way, as individuals government channels with ideas, information, referrals, offers of assistance or encouragement. It's really been very positive," said Borreson. But much remains to be discovered.

Many of the graves are unmarked or were tagged with wooden markers that burned. Besides the graves nestled in the thick windbreak, Carson and Borreson aren't sure how many others lay under what is now ploughed farmland within the two-acre radius. They don't expect to ever know.

Some people thought to be in the cemetery have shown up on other lists for graveyards elsewhere. Arthur Millard Ray, an eight-year-old area boy, died in 1901 from croup while visiting Wetaskiwin. Newspaper accounts mention he was sent home for burial, but fail to say where. "We think he's buried here because the pieces fit together," Borreson said.

It's that aura of mystery that drew her into the project a couple of years ago. She compares it to having only a few pieces of a jig-saw puzzle. "You have to find the rest and they're all over the place. When we find one piece of information, it's making the picture of what life was like back then in this area a little clearer. It's a cross-section of society back then. It's like detective work.

Their research has yielded a rich, sometimes poignant tapestry.

One of the marked graves is for William Henry Peters, none, who died in 1893, likely of appendicitis. He was joined in 1896 by his sister Sarah Jane, 15, after she was kicked by a horse.

Other youngsters claimed too early include Myrtle Edith Taylor, who died at six months in 1896 and Hannah Lucy Gibbons, 11 months, claimed by either diphtheria or scarlet fever in 1923. Other notables include Clair Goodwin, a music-lover and mother of 12 who died in 1910 of epilepsy. Borreson believes her grave was marked with a rusted tin plate, which she hopes to reproduce. Edward Sleape died in 1923. "He played in bars and churches. He'd be one we would have liked to meet."

She hopes to find the grave one day of a hired man from Gibbons who died in 1927 and was known only as Tibby.

The austere beauty of the carved tombstones hold a special attraction for Borreson and she's carefully etched their likenesses into what a schoolboy dubbed "ghost posters." She lays paper over each stone and using a pencil, rubs over the word and carvings. "I did them so there's a record somewhere."

To Borreson, the little graveyard is as enchanting as its occupants. "I have found this to be the most peaceful place on the face of the earth. There's so much beauty in here," she said, looking around as the sunlight filtered through the trees and bounced on to a soft carpet of leaves scattered over the graves.

The people sleeping under her feet would probably agree.

To learn more about the project or to donate to it, call Rev. Michael Lawson of the Bon Accord Holy Trinity Church, 921-2164.

* AGS Members: Pearl Greenslade headed the committee with assistance from Enid Fitzsimonds and Peter Goutbeck

The people who have either been identified or are strongly believed to be buried in the cemetery are:

Wilbert Hewitt, 1893
George Henry Willows, 1893
William Henry Peters, 1893
Janet Sudella Maxfield, 1895
Priscilla Sybil Carson, 1895
Myrtle Edith Taylor, 1896
Sarah Jane Peters, 1896
James Stamp, 1898
Charles Francis Cardinell, 1899
Annie Laurie Squarebriggs, 1900
Benjamin Hewitt, 1901
Arthur Millard Ray, 1901
Mary Ann Hewitt, 1901
Jenny Bell Squarebriggs, 1903
John Charles Freemont Barr, 1910
Clair Goodwin, 1910
Lucy Hewitt, 1910
Agnes Milligan Hewitt, 1911
William Reynolds Gibbons, 1916
Mabel Amelia Kibblewhite, 1917
Charles Clark Maxfield, 1919
Edward Sleape, 1923
Hannah Lucy Gibbons, 1923
Susannah Gibbons, 1927

Possible unconfirmed burials are:

Ruby Alice Taylor, 1899

Alex Shackleton, 1899 *

Daniel Squarebriggs, 1902

Miss Skidmore, 1907

Tibby, a hired man from Gibbons, 1927

*now believed buried

in Ft. Saskatchewan

Kathy Borreson, a local historian, has also allowed her name and telephone number, 403-921-3856, to be published.. ■

WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A SURVEYOR?

Fran Losie AGS #2796

Does anybody out there have (or know of) old surveying chains?

The APEGGA (Engineers Assoc.) is looking for them for ceremonial purposes.

Phone 436-5276 or leave a message if necessary. ■

OUR QUEER LANGUAGE

by Edwin L. Sabin

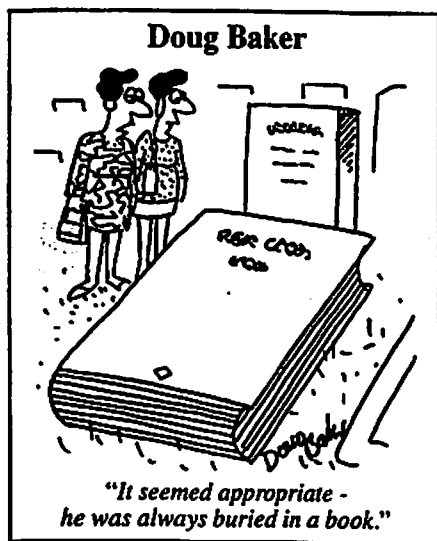
When the English tongue we speak
Why is break not rhymed with freak?
Will you tell me why it's true
We say sew, but likewise few?
And the maker of a verse
Cannot cap his horse and worse?
Beard sounds not the same as heard,
Cord is different from word,
Cow is cow, but low is low;
Shoe is never rhymed with foe.
Think of hose and dose and lose,
And of goose -- and yet of choose.
Think of comb and tomb and bomb,
Doll and roll and home and some.
And since pay is rhymed with say,
Why not paid with said, I pray?
We have blood and food and good,
Mould is not pronounced like could.
Wherefore done but gone and lone,
is there any reason known?
And in short it seems to me
Sounds and letters disagree.

(from South Okanagan Genealogical Society October 1996) ■

A man visiting a graveyard saw a tombstone that read,

"Here lies John Kelly, a lawyer and an honest man." "Well, how about that!" he exclaimed. "They've got three people buried in one grave."

(from Reader's Digest, June 1996) ■



(Family Tree Magazine September 1997)

IN THE MAILBAG:

J. White is seeking death dates/burial sites of early NWMP members. To determine approximate birthdate subtract 20 years from 'join' year.

Reg. #	NAME	JOIN	LAST KNOWN
2290	AUSTIN, John Holme	1889	1925 Calgary
3478	BARKER, Mark	1900	1969 Calgary
4691	BASS, G. H.	1907	1925 Calgary
590	BELL, R. A. F.	1881	1951 Calgary
6746	BELLIG, W.	1917	1962 Calgary
1765	BIERD, Harry Ernest	1886	1938 Edmonton
5915	BISSELL, Joseph W.	1914	1954 High Prairie
4705	BOASTER, F.	1908	1925 Calgary
2031	BURGOYNE, Sydney	1887	1925 Calgary
7640	CAMERON, John Alexander	1919	1979 Edmonton
4356	CAMPBELL, A.	1905	1925 Calgary
4135	CARTER, William H.	1903	1952 Peace River
2789	CASWELL, Frank Alexander	1892	1954 Canmore
6825	CHEW, J. D. H.	1918	1954 Medicine Hat
4421	CHURCH, S. G. G.	1905	1951 Rocky Mtn. Hse.
3202	COMYN-CHING, J. M.	1897	1934 Edmonton
2207	CRAIG, Robert Primrose	1888	1925 Cochrane
1109	CRAIG, Thomas	1884	1932 Pincher Creek
9861	DANN, Frank A.	1921	1954 Calgary
1227	DEANS, John H.	1885	1925 Sylvan Lake
6685	ELDRIDGE, S.	1917	1925 Calgary
6940	FAIRHURST, Lyle	1918	1950 Lethbridge
4004	FIGGINS, John Thomas	1903	1954 Lethbridge
8145	FOSTER, R. A.	1919	1969 Calgary
2626	GRAY, William	1891	1925 Foremost
7806	HULLEY, Charles	1919	1967 Lethbridge
1331	JENKINS, Henry Herbert	1885	1932 Pincher Creek
8657	JOHNSTON, W.A.	1919	1978 Calgary
6278	KENNEDY, John	1914	1954 Lethbridge
2728	LAMB, William	1891	1925 Lethbridge
9456	LAYLAND, James Henry	1920	1950 Lethbridge
9692	LYON, James	1920	1954 Rich Lake
1289	McCARGAR, James Elgin	1885	1931 Calgary
6709	McKENZIE, R. James A.	1917	1951 Edmonton
4934	MANSFIELD, R. C.	1909	1939 Calgary
6456	MARCELLUS, H. M	1915	1925 Vulcan
6563	MOONEY, P. R.	1916	1954 Fort McKay
6192	MECHEN, H. E.	1914	1925 Nanton
7242	MOFFATT, James L.	1918	1973 Worsley
3395	MOORHEAD, W. S.	1899	1925 Medicine Hat
7349	MULLALLY, M.	1918	1954 Calgary
6075	NIPPIN, R. T.	1914	1925 Calgary
7243	PARRY, C. E.	1918	1954 Lethbridge
236	POPE, T. Frederick	1874	1925 Beaver Mines

6179	PRATT, Delmer W.	1914	1954 Grande Prairie
8827	PURDIE, Harry W.	1919	1979 Edmonton
6646	REDPATH, G.	1917	1925 Calgary
6559	REID, Austin Edward	1916	1917 Travers
4179	ROSE, E. V.	1904	1962 Calgary
4286	SCHURER, A. H.	1904	1925 Edmonton
4599	SCHREYER/SHIRES, Johann A.	1907	1973 Edmonton
6758	SHEPPARD, F.	1918	1925 Calgary
8815	SHEPPARD, T. M.	1919	1925 Calgary
8493	TUFF, Albert George	1919	1970 Calgary
6146	WADE, J.	1914	1925 Calgary
5975	WALKER, Bryan	1914	1925 Cochrane
5940	WILLIAMS, J.	1914	1919 Howie
3221	WHEELER, Arthur	1898	1908 Olds
580	WRIGHT, Thomas J.	1881	1919 Edson
213	WRIGHT, William R.	1878	1925 Calgary

Anyone with information to share on any of the people listed above is invited to contact J.W. White at the following address:

J.W. White
RCMP Veterans' Association
1510 Westmount Dr.
Kamloops, B.C. V2B 5Z9

e-mail: rcmpvets@sage.ark.com ■

Ian Smythe, AGS #3567, sent the following information: **Ulster Scottish Society of Canada**

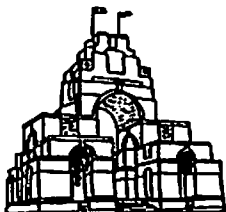
The Ulster Scottish Society of Canada was formed in 1995 and has members in all Canadian provinces. Formed for the purpose of promoting the historic connection between Ulster and Canada, group activities may include articles on genealogy and history for public reading and the sponsoring of qualified speakers on various topics. Further information may be obtained by contacting the president - Mr. Brian E. McConnell, P.O. Box 1239, Digby, Nova Scotia, B0V 1A0. Phone: (902) 245-5856; Fax: (902) 245-6800. Its page on the internet is: <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/ag371/Gaelic/ulster.htm>

On a cultural footnote, The Loyal Orange Association is accepting applications in Edmonton, Innisfail and Calgary. For more information write to:

Ian Smythe
10522 - 71 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6E 0X1 ■

From Brian V. Thomas the following was received: For six years, my hobby has taken me to Belgium and France, photographing the W.W. 1 graves for relatives who are unable to visit their ancestors who perished in the War. I am now planning my 1998 trips. My fee is £15 sterling plus £2 for overseas postage and packing. This sum includes my personal visit to the cemetery or memorial, a 7" x 5" photo of the grave, a 7" x 5" general view photo of the cemetery, information about the cemetery and, if available, information about the regiment. If anyone would like an information sheet, they can write to me at my U.K. address enclosing details and an IRC for return postage.

Brian V. Thomas,
8 Russell Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2BH
Tel: 0115 928 1451 ■



Branch Bits

Lethbridge & District

Lethbridge Branch now has 55 members.

Following our October meeting, Ila Skeith and Phyllis Burnett orientated the members and guests to the Genealogy Library. It is always nice to know how to operate the equipment as well as to find those rare resources which are seldom used.

Prior to the November meeting, the first Beginners Class was held, taught by Anne Bains. That was well attended by members and guests. Following the meeting, Jim George, a retired School Teacher and United Church Historian, presented the history of Mountain Mill Church, which is located 10 miles west of Pincher Creek, near Beaver Mines. The Church was built in 1906 and continues to be in use today.

I hope you all had a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year to all.

Kindly note our change of address and adjust your records

128
909 - 3rd Ave. N.
Lethbridge, AB
T1H 0H5

Respectfully submitted,
Winnifred Evans, President

Drayton Valley

The branch is active again after the summer vacation although from the sound of it members made good use of the time to do some research. At the November meeting a presentation was done on what is available in the AGS library and Betty Smyth is willing to put together a trip to the library if enough interest is shown. A trip to the Family History Centre can be organized also.

More books were purchased at the AFHS Conference in Calgary in October and members are urged to sign them out. We have also purchased a home study course with workbooks, and hope to have individual members present a lesson at each meeting. Members are reminded that the museum where we meet is open on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm as well as Wednesdays, and they are welcome to go in and return or sign out books from the cabinet. Marie Bruner has entered all of the cemetery recording that was done by our membership and it is on the computer system at AGS.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Anderson, President

Brooks & District

Current membership for the Brooks Branch is 28. Volunteer hours for the months of October, November and December are 154.

Our plans for this year are to hold another beginners course in the fall for those who could not attend the one held in September. We will also be doing more fund raising besides the annual garage sale for our branch. Plans are to promote the branch with another mall display possibly in the fall months.

Our evening meeting in November featured guest speaker, Mrs. Anne (Murray) Baines of Lethbridge. Anne talked on her research of the Dukes of Sutherland which has led her to the Murray clan in Nova Scotia. It was an interesting talk about how she got the information and received help along the way.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas Social. This featured a potluck supper and entertainment. Our entertainment this year was a White Elephant Sale which was to raise money for the Branch and was enjoyed by all members who participated. Games were played after this event with the winners receiving a gift for their good work in

figuring out the title of the song from a part of the song. A good time was enjoyed by all. Total raised from the White Elephant Sale was \$168.05.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Penner, President¹

Red Deer & District

In September I gave a program on writing letters for the purpose of gathering family history.

We were able to do a display in Bower Mall October 16, 17 & 18. Quite a lot of people showed an interest and we had 15 newcomers out to our Beginners' Program at the October meeting.

Our members shared their family treasures at the November meeting. A most interesting variety of items were displayed from a lovely Christmas angel to some very old books including an old Ukrainian cookbook and a book of Mother Goose rhymes from England. One member displayed a scrapbook compiled by her father while he was a prisoner-of-war in Germany during WWII.

Kurt Nagel presented our branch library with the 8-volume set of his family history. Published and bound by himself they are a lovely addition to our library.

Our volunteers are back in our library every Wednesday evening helping anyone who needs a hand with their research and doing our indexing projects for the Red Deer Archives.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyne Fairbrother, President

Fort McMurray Branch

The Branch Library opened again in September having been closed for the summer. The library has been reorganized linking all the computers to a network. A faster modem has been purchased for the network.

The Branch Home Page was put on the Internet and there are some exciting ideas coming forward for the content.

In October the new executive was elected:

President:	Patricia Dobson
Past President:	Erica Roy
Vice President:	Jan Brown
Treasurer:	Diane Hunter

No one came forward for the Secretary's position and Pat Dobson will continue to do the Executive Meeting minutes until a replacement is available. At the handover meeting a resolution was passed that the Senior Librarian become a voting member of the Executive.

For the November meeting we are having a working session to help new members get started with their genealogy and other members to familiarize themselves with the new system in the library and the new printer/reader.

We have endeavoured to streamline our paper work in an attempt to cut down on expense and time. Therefore, only one copy of the Executive Meeting minutes is kept in the library for members' viewing and archive purposes. Executive Members receive a copy of the Action Items.

This bi-monthly report to the AGS will be the report to be included in *Relatively Speaking*.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Dobson, President

Potpourri

SEARCHING FOR ANCESTORS

If you're searching for someone who may have died in the First or Second World War and you want to determine where the grave site is located, you can contact:

Canadian Agency
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To find out where an ancestor is buried, you can write to the Canadian Agency for information on any Commonwealth death. It has access to the entire database of deaths (1.7 million names from across the Commonwealth) and, upon request, will search the records in an attempt to find your ancestor. Supply as many details as you can, but staff will attempt a search with even just a first and last name. (B. Billings, Kingston Relations Vol 24 No 5 1997)■

50 YEARS OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

In 1946 the Canadian House of Commons and Senate passed the Canadian Citizenship Act. Up to this time, the basic identity of Canadians had been as British subjects, with Canadianism as a local variant. The new Act reversed the order, giving primacy to Canadian citizenship, and setting out the conditions under which Canadian citizenship could be granted. The Citizenship Act was a product of post-war optimism and nationalism, and received wide and general support. All the other Dominions in the Commonwealth were forced to pass similar measures, as was the United Kingdom, which passed an act, defining its citizenship for the first time, in 1948. The Canadian Citizenship Act came into force on Jan.1, 1947. (From: The Canadian Philatelist Vol 48 No4 Jul-Aug 1997)■

THE WORLD SHIP SOCIETY

Amendment to Address of the Custodian of the Negatives of Ships Photographs held by The World Ship Society . . Article on page 13 of Vol 25 No 4 Relatively Speaking November 1997.

Today I received a letter from the new Custodian regarding a request I had sent for a photograph of a ship, the name and address is as follows:

Mr. David Whiteside
Ribblesdale
Langley Gardens
Corby Hill
Carlisle
CA4 8PS
England

The charges are 1.50 pounds per postcard size photograph plus 50 pence postage per card.

From E.N. Wilkes AGS # 2373■

ODDS AND ENDS

A coat of arms is inherited the same as a surname, by the legitimate descendants of the person to whom the coat of arms was first assigned or allowed. The word Ecuyer used after a name denotes the title, Esquire, given to nobles. A commoner caught using the title was fined by the king and the town's citizenry would ridicule the offender.

There was a time in the history of France when over 275,000 persons had a title of nobility. Today, millions are entitled to their coats of arms by inheritance. However, the cost of having the research done, and the results officially recorded, is often prohibitive; sometimes exceeding \$10,000.

Nobility does not always mean royalty. Titles of nobility could often be bought by the wealthy. It could also be conferred by the king on a person who committed a brave deed, or was a

personal servant to the royal family. A title of nobility was also given to a knight (chevalier).
(from Je Me Souviens Vol 20 No 2 Autumn 1997)■

It was not until the fourteenth century that there began, in any true sense, an English language spoken in England. Until that time, Norman French was widely used. The modern English language is a melding of that Norman French with ancient native languages of the British Isles.
(from Je Me Souviens Vol 20 No 2 Autumn 1997)■

William the Conqueror, or Guillaume le Conquereur as he was known in his native Normandy, and his wife Mathilda were illegitimate children. After vanquishing the English forces and becoming King of England in 1066, William began erecting numerous abbeys there and his wife did the same in France. The reason for this, it was discovered, was the fact that they were cousins, and this was a way of atonement to the Church.
(from Je Me Souviens Vol 20 No 2 Autumn 1997)■

CLEANER FOR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

PEC-12, available at most camera stores, will clean "goo", ballpoint pen ink, finer oils, grease, pencil, smoke, soot and adhesive residue from old photos. Spray a little PEC-12 on a soft cloth and gently rub the surface of the print. It is archival safe and will not harm print or film.
(found in Westward Into Nebraska Vol 22 No3 1997)■

CHURCH RECORDS Diocese of Algoma:

The records of the Diocese of Algoma (Anglican Church of Canada) have until recently been stored in the Synod office. They have now been transferred to Laurentian University in Sudbury, which will ensure they are more accessible. This includes parish registers. To enquire, write to Rev. Harry Huskins, Archivist, Diocese of Algoma Archives, Laurentian

University, Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury ON P3E 2C6; telephone 705-692-3344. The diocese includes parishes in Sudbury, Algoma and Cochrane districts.
(from O.G.S. Families, Vol 36 No 2, 1997)■

THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY IN GENEALOGY

by John Becker, OGS #3334

The National Library in Ottawa offers two programs that every genealogist has an opportunity to use. The first is Legal Deposit. Every Canadian publisher is required by law to place two copies of the publication(s). One copy is retained in the Library as part of the permanent record of the country's print culture. The other copy is available through Interlibrary Loan to researchers around the world.

The second program involves cataloguing. The Library catalogues every item in the Legal Deposit program and publishes the catalogue annually through Canadiana. As well, the Forthcoming Books section of the magazine Quill and Quire periodically lists new additions to the Library.

In larger libraries, the entire holdings of the National are available for viewing through the Internet. And it can be accessed through your home Internet browser. The Home Page address is www.nlc-bnc.ca/ehome.htm or use your search engine to find the many links available.

It's never too late to get your publications into the Library. It is estimated that less than 10 per cent of the family histories lodged in local libraries have been sent to the National. Even if you published ten or 40 years ago, you still must send two copies to Ottawa.

And, of course, you can search the catalogue for your research interests.
(from SCAN, Simcoe County Ancestors News Vol 15 No 3, Aug 1997)■

1997 WAS MARKED BY: -

* the 150th Anniversary of the Great Irish Famine (1847), a world tragedy which permanently affected the history of Canada by the influx of thousands of immigrants

* the 150th Anniversary of the emigration of the Mississauga Indians from Mississauga to their new home at the New Credit Reserve near Hagersville

* the 130th Anniversary of Confederation

* the 100th Anniversary of the Victorian Order of Nurses, entering its 80th year in Peel, having begun with one nurse in 1919

* the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Museum Association

* the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Citizenship Act

* the 125th Anniversary of the National Archives of Canada
(from: Heritage News, Vol 10 Issue 3, Summer 1997) ■

CALL FOR NORWEGIAN FAMILY HISTORIES

The newly-opened Norwegian Emigration Centre in Stavanger, Norway, has compiled church records, emigrant registers, censuses, and bygdebokers from all over Norway to aid in genealogical research. The Emigration Centre would appreciate the donation of Norwegian and Norwegian-American family histories to add to their collection and to aid others in their genealogical work. If you or someone in your family has compiled a family history, the emigration centre will greatly appreciate receiving a copy. They will also be happy to help you in your genealogical research.

The address is : The Emigration Centre, Hotel Atlantic, Vernbaven 1, 4000 Stavanger, Norway.
(from Otter Tail County Genealogical Society Vol 12 No 2 June 1994, Fergus Falls MN) ■

In Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Margo Moffat and family, Fort McMurray, in the loss of her mother, and to Joy Doyle and family, Edmonton, in the loss of her mother.

Sympathy is extended to Edie Milne and family, Lethbridge, in the loss of her husband Reginald, January 10, 1998, at 82 years of age.

Sympathy is extended to family and friends of Lenore Menard, a Lethbridge Branch member who died January 15, 1998 at the age of 81 years. ■

? ? ? ? ? Queries ? ? ? ? ?

Queries are accepted free of charge from members and non-members. To purchase a copy of *Relatively Speaking* in which the query appears, non-members should send \$5.50 per copy with their query. Cheque to be made payable to Alberta Genealogical Society. Please forward your queries, typewritten if possible, otherwise printed plainly, to:

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e-mail: jeneane@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

MOYER Searching information on/or family of Alma Moyer. Alma was born in Toronto in 1909. One known sibling Mildred Moyer, birthdate unknown. Spelling of surname may vary (MAYER, MEYER, MOIR, etc.)

YACEY, Ruth - 4209 - 116 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5W 0W9
E-mail EXAM@Planet.eon.net

NICHOLSON George John Nicholson (or Nickolson) of Minnesota, U.S.A. d.o.b 1895 or 1897. Wife's names possibly Carrie.

NICHOLSON George Nicholson / Carrie (Ward) Nicholson (or Nickolson)
son John Nicholson - d.o.b. 1895 or 1897, Minnesota
son James Nicholson - d.o.b. unknown; possibly after 1897 as he was supposed to be younger than John.
possibly a daughter Ann, born in 1901 or 1902, who died at approximate age of six years.

BATCHELOR, Sharon - 2786 Churchill, Auburn Hills, Mich. 48326

FITZPATRICK Am researching the Fitzpatrick family. I believe that my husband's grandfather was born in Edmonton, Alberta. His name was John Howard Fitzpatrick, born 27 Feb 1899. His father was Edward and his mother was Margaret Dellavine Harrington. His grandfather was William Fitzpatrick and his grandmother was Anna Stiles. We believe some of William's children homesteaded in Alberta, and John's parents came to Edmonton to visit these relatives, and John and his sister Ethel were born there. They later returned to Cheboygan, Michigan. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

HEXTALL, Marion - 13A Somerset Ave., Clearview 5085, South Australia

HEXTALL Frederick b. 1871 Nottingham, wife Edith, and daughters Dorothy b.1909 and Gladys b.1912 emigrated from England in the 1920's to Alberta, where Frederick worked as a baker. He died pre WW2. Gladys married, moved to Vancouver. Any information greatly appreciated.

New Members Interests

SALLIS, Lynda 625 Knottwood Road W., Edmonton, AB T6K 2V6 AGS #3667

BEMBRIDGE	All dates	Duffield, DBY, England
SALLIS	1800's	GLOS, WOR, CHS, England
ABSHEAD	1800's	CHS, England
HULME	1800's	CHS, England
BARTON	All dates	Duffield, DBY, England

YACEY, Ruth 4209 - 116 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5W 0W9
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NICHOLSON, George John	Minnesota, USA
WOODMAN/NICHOLSON, Viola	Minnesota, USA
WARD/NICHOLSON, Carrie	Minnesota, USA
NICHOLSON, George John b. 1895 - 1897	Minnesota, USA
(also spelled Nickolson)	

RESEARCHER'S GROUP

**Research Letters Received
for the period 01 October to 30 December 1997**

Prepared by Jean L. Madill, Chairperson

**To contact an Enquirer send your letter addressed with Enquirer's name
and 45 cents postage attached to the Alberta Genealogical Society
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Enquirer	From	Name(s) Sought	Area Sought	Seeking
BRAZEAU, Rene	Quebec	Joseph & Marguerite Brazeau	Edmonton	Marriage certif.
THOM, Sheri	Kamloops	Wesley Edwin Spafford	Alberta	Name search
NEWELL, Shirley	Victoria BC	Ziegler family members	Alta records	Info from certifs
GILLETT, Lorraine	Nanaimo BC	Ott/Rinsky	Alberta	Name search
GIBSON, Mrs. Nancy H	England	Griffin/Perkins/Messer	Edmonton	Barnes/Bunyan/ Shrimpton
LUCHKA, Jeanne	Caroline AB	No names given	Alberta	Info on AGS
STANGER, Stella I	Vancouver BC	Family name "Chmelyk"	Beaver Creek	Children
BATCHELOR, Sharon	USA	JohnHoward/Ethel Fitzpatrick	Alberta	Info
MUIRHEAD, Mrs. Fern	Dunmore AB	Contact Frank D. Mathew		Members response
GILLETT, Lorraine	Nanaimo BC	Wheeler Leonard Otto	Alberta	Name search
GAMESTER, Marian E	North Bay ON	Blacklock (7 first names)	Alberta	Name search
GOLDTHORPE, Joyce	Grand Forks BC	Young (infant) Knowles	Calgary & Alta	Cem. check
WATKINS, Kaye	USA	Davidson	Buckhorn area	Name search
MEREDITH, Brian	Kamloops BC	James/Harold/John Carl Lake	Edmonton	Obits from paper
NELSON, Mrs. Lilian	Mississauga ON	Sarah (Nelson) Howe	Didsbury area	Death date
ASHLEA, Carole	USA	Cowling/Fitger/Blood	Alberta	Surname search
REID, Linda L	Toronto ON	Frank/Ellen/Blakely Polley	Esther AB	Surname search
REID, Linda L	Toronto ON	Joyce/Forest House	Arrowhead AB	Surname search
GUILFORD, Pauline Lydia	England	Lydia (Smith) Royce	Canada (Edm)	Great aunt
MARKHAM, Mr. BW	Dunnville ON	Joseph Walter Markham	Alta/Sask	Grandfather
McDONNELL, Martin	Ireland	Michael Keane	Anywhere	Info
DENDNAM, Donald	Edmonton	Boston Archive address		LDS
SWITZER, Beverley	Mankota, Sask.	Info on South Peace	Alberta	Soc/Hist book

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this area you may contact Jim
Brennan, 519-862-2619 ■

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Seminar 2000

OGS Seminar 2000 has been set
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Further details from:
Mr. A. Sampson
1 Oxbang Close
Redcar
Cleveland TS10 4ND
England
Tel: 01642 486615 ■

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Purcell's Gathering
September 12 & 13, 1998
in
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●
**The Young Irelanders
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July 1998**

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formed with a desire to improve
conditions for the Catholic Poor
prior to and during the Great
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of a revolt in 1848 many were
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Australia and America.

Notable names such as the
following were among those
involved in the movement.

O'Brian Meagher MacManus
Martin Mitchell O'Doherty
O'Donahue Duffy Dillon
Davis and many more.

Interested persons, or to register,
contact:

Tipperary Clans Office
45 Main St.
Tipperary Town
Ireland
Tel (062) 33188

Editor's note: Correspondence
re above is posted in the AGS
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Family members: Provision may be made for the payment of annual fees on a family or household basis where more than one individual member resides in a single household. The household will receive one copy of each issue of the publications provided to an individual member, addressed to the member whose name appears first on a current alphabetical membership list. {Bylaw 2 f(B)}.

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Alberta Genealogical Society Fees

Regular membership(s)

Individual	\$25
Family (Individual rate plus)	\$5

Senior Citizens (65 yrs and older)	\$20
Family (Individual rate plus)	\$4

Subscription only	\$25
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Branch Fees

Branch membership is open to any member of Alberta Genealogical Society. You are invited to join one or more Branches.

Brooks	\$10
Drayton Valley	\$7
Edmonton	\$7
Ft. McMurray	\$7
Grande Prairie	\$7
Lethbridge	\$10
Medicine Hat	\$10
Red Deer	\$7

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OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we desire to form a society under the Societies Act, R. S. A., 1970 and that:

1. The name of the society is:

Alberta Genealogical Society.

2. The objects of the society are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Its Branches

Brooks & District Branch

President: Betty Penner

P.O. Box 1538

Brooks, AB T1R 1C4

Meets 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

327 Third Street West

Basement, W. Entrance, Room #4

Phone: (403) 362-5021

Grande Prairie & District Branch

President: Bev Tucker

P.O. Box 1257

Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z1

Meets 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.

Grande Prairie Public Library

9910 - 99 Avenue

Phone: (403) 532-0559

Drayton Valley Branch

President: Colleen Andersen

P.O. Box 6358

Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R8

Meets 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

Drayton Valley Health Care Complex

4550 Madsen Avenue

Phone: (403) 542-2787

Lethbridge & District Branch

President: Winnifred Evans

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909 - 3rd Ave. N.

Lethbridge, AB T1H 0H5

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Provincial Administration Bldg.

909 - 3rd Ave., N. Lethbridge

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Edmonton Branch

President: Claudine Nelson

#116, 10440-108 Avenue

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Phone: (403) 548-3770

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Ft. McMurray Branch

President: Patricia Dobson

P.O. Box 6253

Ft. McMurray, AB T9H 4W1

Meets 2nd Wed., 7:00 p.m.

Fort McMurray Branch Library

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Red Deer & District Branch

President: Evelyne Fairbrother

P.O. Box 922

Red Deer, AB T4N 5H3

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