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PHOTO COVER STORY: Peter Coole & Lucy Knowles

Married: 12 January 1910
at Church of England
Carmangay, Alberta.
(see story, page 8)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

E. Carol Anderson

It is with great pleasure that I write this message, to greet all of you, as I begin my term in office as the 16th President of the Alberta Genealogical Society. I regard this position to which you have elected me as one in which I will serve in to the best of my ability, accepting the responsibility and the challenge it demands.

I ask of you, the AGS Membership for your support as I and the other Elected Officers and Standing committee Chairpersons carry out the business of the Alberta Genealogical Society. You certainly have indicated your commitment to the Society by having donated over 22,000 volunteer hours in 1997. Each one of you, give yourself a hearty pat on the back! Working together cooperatively and in harmony for the good of the whole Society will only reap benefits for all, and the realization of the vision we foresee for the future.

We have just celebrated the anniversary of the first 25 years of the AGS in great style and reminiscence, as expressed by the banquet speakers; Frank Easton, Founding Member and AGS President 1974, and Wilfred Allan, AGS President 1985/86. Having our most senior Founding Member, Mr. Charles Denney present at the banquet was an honour for us. Having the prestigious 'Piper', Mr. Malcolm McCrimmon was a great pleasure as he led the way piping in the Founding Members and Past Presidents of the Alberta Genealogical Society.

The 25th Anniversary Conference was a great success with a large attendance, expert speakers for the sessions, comfortable facilities and good lunches, and from all reports everyone who attended expressed a pleasure in being there. I want to congratulate all of the people who were on the 1998 Conference Committee for a job well done.

The Annual General Meeting held on Saturday April 18th was well attended, and the response in ballot returns was much higher than it has been for years. This action shows responsible membership is at work in our Society, but still falls short in comparison to the total membership who have not used their privilege to vote.

There are exciting times ahead as we prepare for the

next 25 years (2023), and the many changes that will take place. Remember, you the members are the backbone of the Society, and if not for you we would not be here. Each of you has something to give, and we need you to inform us of your ideas, suggestions and give encouragement.

I very much enjoyed meeting many of you whom I have come to know over the years, and it is always fun to meet new people attending a conference for the first time. Enthusiasm and friendship are contagious when you are in a group of good people.

It is with sadness that we extend our sympathy to Cindy and the family of Jim Farnel, a friend and member of AGS, who passed away suddenly in April. Jim was former editor of *Relatively Speaking* and Publications Chairperson. We will remember Jim with fondness and greatly miss his presence with us.

I want to congratulate AGS members, Jo and Judy Nuthack, Norma Wolowyk and Pat Hewitt who were nominated by Claudine Nelson on behalf of the Edmonton Branch to receive the award of Life Membership in the Alberta Genealogical Society.

You will find in this issue of *Relatively Speaking* a copy of the 1997 AGM questionnaire that was given to all members present at that meeting. Please take the time to answer the questions and return the questionnaire to the Alberta Genealogical Society's office address. Also included is the AGS Committee Chart (revised 1996), an illustration of the organizational arrangement of the Executive Committee.

Have a great summer of travel, relaxation, genealogical research, family gatherings and fun in the sun. ■

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lillian Wight

Did you enjoy reading members' recollections of the early days of the Alberta Genealogical Society in the February newsletter? We continue to celebrate 25 years as a Society with 'More Recollections' in this issue. Many thanks to those members who have contributed articles so that we could reminisce, or learn more about the roots of the organization and appreciate the work that has been accomplished over the years.

In response to my request for articles I was also pleased to receive an interesting package of historical facts of Alberta from Dick Nash of Fort McMurray. Look for some of those in this and upcoming issues.

A number of the genealogy magazines that come to the library have short articles written by members relating an experience in doing family research. The writers usually describe an obstacle in their research, and continue to inform the reader about the strategies used to solve a problem. Each story is unique and very often gives the reader an idea to help with one's own research. Just the other day I had a conversation with an AGS member who said he'd like to see short stories by members telling of their experiences in researching. If we had enough articles along this line we could have a 'regular column'. How about it? Remember, your story is unique and needs to be told!

Some magazines also run a 'problem corner' in which members contribute a problem or stumbling block to be addressed and hopefully resolved by the column resource person. If this is what you would like to see initiated, we invite you to begin submitting your problems for consideration. Would you like to be the column resource editor or get a small group together to answer the questions that come? Again, it's a case of membership participation . . . the ingredient that makes for a satisfying publication. I hope to hear from you soon.

Welcome aboard to Eileen Crane, editor of Clandigger, and Joyce Dougan, who has kindly offered to help with typing. I'm looking forward to working with these ladies. And lastly, summer will be here shortly and you may be holidaying, visiting relatives, expanding your research or even documenting cemeteries for the Society. I hope it will be an enjoyable and rewarding time for everyone. ■

WHAT'S NEW IN THE AGS LIBRARY

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Members of the AGS are entitled to borrow from the library by mail or in person. The library is located in #116, the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton,

phone 424-4429. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and the third Saturday of each month from 9:00am to 12 noon.

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.

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To receive a copy please send \$2.00 to the above address.

BOOKS RECENTLY CATALOGUED:

016.3046 CAT Catalogue of census returns on microfilm, 1901. National Archives of Canada, 1992.

016.929371 CHE Checklist of parish registers 1986. National Archives of Canada, 1987.

912.7123 GAZ Gazetteer of Canada: Alberta. Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, 1974.

929.1114 DIT The 'Dit' name, French Canadian surnames, aliases, adulterations and anglicanizations. 1996.

929.1114 MIL Millers manual: a research guide to the major French-Canadian genealogical resources, what they are and how to use them. Douglas Miller, 1997.

929.1211 IRV Your Scottish ancestry: a guide for North Americans. Sherry Irvine, 1997.

929.1212 IRV Your English ancestry: a guide for North Americans. Sherry Irvine, 1993.

929.1215 IRV Going to Ireland: a genealogical researcher's guide. Sherry Irvine and Nora M. Hickey, 1997.

929.13931 FRA Dutch genealogical research. Charles M. Franklin, 1982.

929.2 HAMA The history of Hamer: the origins of the name and a Lancashire family. Geoffrey Hamer, 1994.

929.342 ALP FICHE Alphabetical list of bankrupts 1774-1786. (Great Britain) Society of Genealogists.

929.34264 SUF v.17 Pt.1 Suffolk 1851 census index: East Suffolk Blything District, Part 1 A-Chinery. Suffolk Family History Society, 1997.

929.34264 SUF v.17 Pt.2 Suffolk 1851 census index: East Suffolk Blything District, Part 2 Chipham-Gipson. Suffolk Family History Society, 1997.

929.34264 SUF v.17 Pt.3 Suffolk 1851 census index: East Suffolk Blything District, Part 3 Girdleston-Matthews. Suffolk Family History Society, 1997.

929.34264 SUF v.17 Pt.4 Suffolk 1851 census index: East Suffolk Blything District, Part 4 Mattin-Short. Suffolk Family History Society, 1997.

929.34264 SUF v.17 Pt.5 Suffolk 1851 census index: East Suffolk Blything District, Part 5 Showball-Z. Suffolk Family History Society, 1997.

929.3712 MOR Northwest half-breed scrip - 1885. Gail Morin, 1997.

929.37123 DAT Dates gone by...extracts from Grande Prairie newspapers, 1913-1920. Grande Prairie & District Branch AGS, 1997.

929.37123 PRO Proof-of-age documents in Alberta: a surname index 1863-1969. Documentary Heritage Society of Alberta, 1998.

929.3713 GIB v.1 Surrogate Court index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900 Volume 1: Norfolk County. June Gibson, 1988.

929.3713 GIB v.4 Surrogate Court index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900 Volume 4: Northumberland and Durham Counties. June Gibson, 1988.

929.3713 RUMa Roman Catholic marriage registers in Ontario, Canada 1828-1870. 1997.

929.3713 IND Book 1 v.1-4 Index to marriage registrations of Ontario, Canada 1869-1873.

929.3713 IND Book 2 v.5-10 Index to marriage registrations of Ontario, Canada 1869-1873.

929.3713 IND Book 3 v.11-16 Index to marriage registrations of Ontario, Canada 1869-1873.

929.3713 IND Book 4 v.17-21 Index to marriage registrations of Ontario, Canada 1869-1873.

929.3713 IND Book 5 v.22-26 Index to marriage registrations of Ontario, Canada 1869-1873.

929.3713 IND Book 6 v.27-31 Index to marriage registrations of Ontario, Canada 1869-1873.

(The above six volume set, published in 1996, refers to records in the Archives of Ontario that are identified as *Marriage Registrations, 1869-1873; Office of the Registrar General; Series RG 80-5; Archives of Ontario (MS 932, r 1-10)*

929.3713 COU v.32 Country marriages of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Volume 32, Waterloo County. 1996.

929.3713 COU v.33 Country marriages of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Volume 33, Grey County. 1996.

929.3713 MAR v.1 1837-57 The marriage registers of Upper Canada, Talbot District, 1837-1857. 1995.

929.3713 MAR v.2 1839-57 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Brock District, 1839-1857. 1997.

929.3713 MAR v.3 1841-70 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Huron District, 1841-1870. 1995.

929.3713 MAR v.4 Part 1 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, London District, 1795-1841. 1995.

929.3713 MAR v.5 1831-52 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Bathurst District, 1831-1852. 1995.

929.3713 MAR v.4 Part 2 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, London District, 1841-1852. 1995.

929.3713 MAR v.6 1816-53 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Ottawa District, 1816-1853. 1995.

929.3713 MAR v.7 1810-48 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Newcastle District, 1810-1848. 1996.

929.3713 MAR v.8 Part 2 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Johnstown District, 1847-1863. 1995.

929.3713 MAR v.9 Part 1 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Wellington District, 1840-1852. 1997.

929.3713 MAR v.9 Part 2 The marriage registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Wellington District, 1852-1857. 1997.

929.3713 SUR 1793-1859 FICHE Surrogate Court records index 1793-1858 Ontario. Appendix H.

929.3714 SEV 1762 census of the government of Quebec. 1997.

929.3715 JOH Irish emigration to New England through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada 1841-1849. 1996.

971.23 CUM 1953-77 Alberta History: cumulative index 1953-1977.

971.23 CUM 1978-91 Alberta History: cumulative index 1978-1991.

971.2302 TIN For King and country: Alberta in the Second World War. Kenneth Tingley, 1995.

971.233 REA The Fort on the Saskatchewan: a resource book on Fort Saskatchewan and District. Peter Ream, 1974.

971.9179 MAR The Ukrainian bloc settlement in east central Alberta, 1890-1903: a history. Orest T. Martynowych, 1985.

971.9179 KLY Svieto: celebrating Ukrainian-Canadian ritual in east central Alberta through the generations. Robert B. Klymasz, 1992.

ARE YOUR FAMILY BIBLE PAGES LOST?

Pat Pettitt, AGS #2342

In previous editions this column has contained surnames from the "Proof of Age" accession at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Now a book containing the complete index to all individuals is available for purchase from the Documentary Heritage Society of Alberta (the Friends of the Provincial Archives). Details will be found in the insert enclosed with this issue of *Relatively Speaking*. Aliases and maiden names are also indexed. Volunteers have again produced a wonderful finding aid to help genealogists research their Alberta Heritage. This incredible collection contains original documents in a variety of languages from many countries in the world. You might find your family's long lost Bible pages, passports, military booklets and birth registrations in this collection.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

Pat Pettitt, AGS #2342

Some very exciting collections have been recently deposited at the Archives. Accession # 98.421 contains daily registers (1942 - 1969) from the Residential School of Edmonton. Applications for Admission in 1969, student lists and some photographs are also part of this accession. Accession 98.405 is five school registers for Lac Canard School Division # 4080. Accession 98.403 is a copy of a published diary of a mother's experience of homestead life in Alberta by Margaret Maude Wertman WALDRON. The family travelled from Iowa and arrived in the Red Deer area in 1905.

If you are interested in the Mountain Park area, you will be delighted with a deposit by Bill Davies of

Edmonton. Mr Davies has researched and compiled a historical record of the men who worked at Mountain Park. He studied records in the Glenbow Museum and the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Occupations, ages, ethnic origin and other pertinent information is sometimes included. One chapter is dedicated to their accidents and another to the fatalities. In another book in this collection, you will find lists of teachers, postmasters, doctors and coroners as well as the births, marriages and burials that occurred in Mountain Park. Ask for Accession 98.412 to examine these two volumes of compiled records. ■

THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

New Hours

Full service, including retrievals from on-site accessions, is now available on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. through to 4:30 p.m. however the archives is no longer open on Tuesday evenings.

The new hours are:

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(After 4:30 - Reference room only and
no retrievals after 4:00 p.m.)

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to
4:30 p.m. ■

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the 1998 Elected Executive Officers of the Alberta Genealogical Society.

President	Carol Anderson
1st Vice President	Bill Whitney
2nd Vice president	Kate White
Treasurer	Richard McNeill
Secretary	Ida Tousignant
Past President	Margo Moffat



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 Southminster United Church,

3818-14A Street S.W., Calgary, ☎ 214-1447.

The library is housed at this location. Beginner classes are at 6:45pm and general meeting starts at 7:30 pm. ■



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GLEANINGS FROM PUBLICATIONS

by Lillian Wight, AGS #2668

**The Okanagan Researcher* Vol 14 No 2 Dec 1997
Northern Europe Web Sites, p.4
- briefly describes Dutch, German and Virtual Hebrides sites complete with addresses.

**NGS Newsletter Vol 24 No 1 Jan/Feb 1998*
Twinning, Part I: Its Relevance to the Establishment of a Family Pedigree, by Joan K. Mitchell, Ph.D., pp.10,11.
- discusses identical and fraternal twins. Includes four generation diagram.

The Center for British Studies Collections: A One of a Kind Genealogical Resource, pp. 8,9
- describes the wealth of holdings of the Norlin Library, University of Colorado in Boulder, USA

**The NYG & B Newsletter* Winter 1998
Before the Five-Borough City, pp. 3 - 6
- familiarizes the family researcher with the old cities, towns, and villages that came together to form "Greater New York"

**Family Chronicle* March/April 1998
Best of the Web, pp. 44 - 51
- identifies and describes 28 'preferred' genealogy websites
Genealogy Web Sites Worth Surfing, pp. 52,53
- more of the same
English Land Records, by Colin Chapman, pp. 6 - 9
- describes in some detail different types of records available to the researcher, and where they are likely to be located.
Gone to See the Elephant: The Rush to the West, by Richard L. Hooverson, pp. 25 - 33
- describes the many migration routes followed before the days of roads or railways, e.g. Oregon, Mormon, California and Bozeman Trails, Great Plains Routes, etc.

**Chinook, the Journal of the Family Histories Society* Vol 18 No 2 Winter 1997/98
Using a law library for family history research, by Lois Sparling pp. 33,36 -39
- contains a wealth of information suggesting new leads especially for the Alberta researcher.

**North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record*
Issue 73 Dec 1997
Baden, North Dakota History, by John Mogren, pp. 5+
- includes history, map, land tract records, 1900 census, cemetery info of Baden Twsp, Ward Co.

**Generations* Vol 22 No 4 Dec 1997
"nind inawendimin", by Jodi Cassady, pp.2,3
- a 3-part column citing research resources on aboriginal and Metis people; also contains an editorial on the need to responsibly critique one's own manuscript

**Lambton Lifeline* Vol 14 No 3 Sept 1997
Civil Registration of England Birth Certificates Part 2 of 2, pp. 34 - 37
- explains how to read each column of the register, supplying background info where applicable

**Irish Roots*, Issue No 23, 1997
Irish Passenger Lists, by Brian Mitchell, p. 25
- gives background information and lists sources to research

**Ancestry*, Vol 16 No 1 Jan/Feb 1998
The Third Degree: Tips for a Successful Interview, by George Thurston, pp. 20 - 22
- a practical and detailed how-to authored by a professional interviewer. ■

GLEANINGS FROM THE INTERNET

Center for Life Stories Preservation
- emphasis on the oral history aspect of families
<http://members.aol.com/Storycntr>
email: penga001@maroon.tc.umn.edu
email: Storycntr@aol.com

Genealogy Canada News Online
- a free bi-weekly Internet newsmagazine about Canadian Genealogy on the Internet published by Buckingham Press
<<http://www.GenealogyCanada.com>> ■

A REAL "COOLE" SUCCESS STORY

by Joyce Goldthorpe (nee Coole), Grand Forks, B.C.

For some time I have been in search of the ancestors of my grandfather Peter Coole 1869 - 1959 of Barons, Alberta.

20 February 1998. It is hard to believe one year has passed since I wrote a letter of inquiry to S. Coole in Gloucester, England. The address I chose was obtained from *The World Book of Cooles* which I received in January 1997, as a gift from my uncle George Coole in California, as an aid to my research. After many days reading names and addresses (there were so many) I finally got out a map of England and the copy of my grandfather Peter Coole's birth registration provided to me by my cousin Ester. While my methods may seem a little unorthodox, one has to start somewhere, so using the map, the birth registration and *The World Book of Cooles*, I finally made my choice of addresses, choosing Simon Coole whose address and the location of my grandfather's birth registration coincided.

20 February 1997. I wrote a letter to Simon, including the brief information I did have, all the while hoping I would find the connection to our family. On 11 March 1997, I received a letter from Simon, thanking me for my interesting letter and stating that although he was not involved in the process of finding long lost relatives directly, his father is.

When he received my letter, he telephoned his father who was delighted. He has traced relatives in South Cerney as far back as 1705! After their telephone conversation, the father telephoned back about 15 minutes later to say he believes I was indeed a part of their family tree. It was Julia Scrivens or Taylor and Thomas Coole that he managed to link with my tree, and their children were unknown, so it opened up a whole new avenue to him.

At this point, I was so excited and shaking, I could hardly finish reading the letter. I must have reread that letter ten times within the next couple of hours, to be sure I wasn't reading something that wasn't there. I could scarcely curb my excitement till my husband,

Dave, came from work, so he too could read it. That evening I phoned my sister Dianne in Alberta to share the letter with her; she was just as excited as I. At this point I decided to curb my exuberance and not pass this information to the rest of the family until I had proof in hand.

Simon sent my letter to his father, Bob Coole, who prefers "Bob" to his given name, and he wrote to tell me of the link.

14 March, I received a letter from Bob and he said he was thrilled to receive my letter via Simon as he was sure by the information contained in it that I was certainly from the same Coole tree as he. "The evidence looks conclusive". I was elated, again hardly believing my good fortune. He had enclosed a few sheets of the Family Tree which he thought I would agree, are of great interest to both of us. He has been researching the family history for just over a year now but had a very lucky break by meeting a lady who had been on the trail for a number of years and has a fountain of knowledge of our family; her grandfather and his grandfather were brothers. He has a very large piece of paper on which he has the family tree from John Coole 1761 - 1841 downwards, some 450 family members. His letter told me that he believed my great great great grandfather was John Coole 1761-1841 who was also his great great great grandfather. He stated that if I agreed that this was my family ancestry, he would be able to give me a lot more information.

Bob has a wonderful sense of humour, collects anything to do with our family, especially copies of birth and marriage certificates, etc. (Any branches, twigs or leaves of the old Coole tree.) I promptly returned a copy of grandfather Peter Coole's birth certificate as confirmation of ancestry. Bob will have to obtain a MUCH larger paper to contain the Coole Tree.

The information continues to multiply and fly. For not only have Bob and Beryl provided me with three generations of great grand parents on the Coole side, but with three additional generations of our third great grandmother Susanna Rigsby 1765-1819, wife of John Coole, taking us back to 1703 in Glos. They have provided copies of birth certificates, and baptism and marriage registrations from the original church records. They have also provided proof of

three additional spelling variations in the surname "COOLE" - COOL 1887 - bapt. , COULING 1789 bapt., COLLE 19 May 1862 marriage of Thomas COLLE to Julia Scrivens, (Taylor). I doubt my grandfather Peter Coole, ever knew he and his three older siblings had been baptised COLLE by Rector Edward Nefs (Ness) of the Elkstone Parish Church, Glos. 1884- 1869.

As it turns out Bob and Beryl are second cousins, and they are both my fourth cousins direct. To both of them I am forever greatly appreciative for all the information they have provided. Beryl, as a great surprise to me, found information on the KNOWLES side of the family. Peter Cool married Lucy Knowles, Jan. 1910. Each time I receive a letter from Bob or Beryl, I feel like a kid on Christmas morning, for the information enclosed is always such a treat - more information than I had ever dreamed we would ever know of our family. Now my greatest wish is to someday meet my distant cousins. We are still in search of a few strays; Coole: possibly in Newfoundland and Ontario; England. Knowles: Alberta, England.

If you think you are related to this family I would love to hear from you. ■

GREAT UNCLE JACOB

By Charles D. Denney, AGS #105

For most of my life, I didn't know that I had a great Uncle Jacob Denney, as he spelled his name. But cousin Earl Denney down at Listowell in Ontario had a letter written in 1881 that had escaped Aunt Emma's housekeeping enthusiasm. It was to my grandfather, Leonard Denney, and it came from Thomas Jacob Denny, of Batesdale, in Suffolk, England. Among other things, he indicated that he and his family were going to come to Canada to join my grandfather and another great Uncle Henry. He also said that they had just recently had an "increas" in the family, "and she is a little dear."

If any other proof were needed, microfilm in the Federal Archives indicated that they did come to Canada, in 1883. Moreover, the film disclosed that the "little dear" was named Letitia. Much to my disappointment, none of my surviving relatives in Ontario could tell me more than that. After farming

for a time near Fordwich, the whole family had "gone west." But where ever were they in that vast expanse? I found Denn(e)ys at various places in Saskatchewan, but none of them would even use the SASE I sent to them to tell me they would not share with me.

Then out of the blue came a letter from a woman in Grande Prairie. Low and behold, she was a grand daughter of little Letitia and William Carson. Correspondence followed, with shared information, of which I was generous. There was even a visit with her, a sister, and three descendants of great uncle Henry. That was great. But there were other sisters, and her mother. When I wanted to learn more about them, I was told that they didn't want to meet me, or to have me know anything more about them; though it would have been different if I was a Mormon. That came as a shock to me, for I had shared very generously. Moreover, the Mormon people in their Family History Centers and at Salt Lake City, are renowned for their generosity.

I have learned that "going west" for Jacob Denney meant mostly Manitoba which means that he and his family should be on some of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan census records for 1891 and for 1901. Unfortunately, the census records out at the Provincial Archives are quite beyond my reach. So the rest of Jacob's story will likely remain an unknown to me. And to you. ■

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HERITAGE

The lyrics of an African Folk song say that when an old person dies, it's as if a library has burned down. It is true. There's a richness of family heritage in each person's life that will be lost if it isn't passed on to the next generation.

To preserve this heritage for our children, we must tell them where we've been and how we got to this moment. Sharing about your faith, about our early family experiences, about the obstacles we overcame or the failures we suffered can bring a family together and give it a sense of identity.

The stories of your past, of your childhood, of the courtship with your spouse, etc. can be treasures to

your children. Unless you share those experiences with them, that part of their history will be gone forever.

Take the time to make yesterday come alive for the kids in your family. (Focus on the Family)

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HOW ARE YOU DOING ON YOUR FAMILY RESEARCH? A Genealogical Quiz by Gwenn Hammond

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For each question that you can answer yes, give yourself one point.

1. Have you written a letter on one of your genealogical problems in the last six weeks?
2. Have you answered a genealogical query in the last two months? This could be one directed to you or one you offered to answer.
3. Do you belong to another genealogical society in addition to your local society?
4. Have you visited a library for research besides your local library in the last six months?
5. Are you an officer in your local society?
6. Have you worked on a special project for your society this year?
7. Have you made a telephone call for research in the last 2 months?
8. Have you purchased a book related to genealogy recently?
9. Have you given aid to a fellow genealogist with information, encouragement, or an invitation to join your society recently?
10. Have you given a program or arranged for a program for your local society this last year?

11. Have you read a Genealogy Helper in the last two months?

12. Have you published a genealogy on your family?

13. Have you worked on your family records or history book in the last two weeks?

14. Have you attended a genealogical workshop or class this year?

15. Have you used a special genealogical aid in the last months, i.e. microfilm, special maps, world atlas, inter-library loan?

16. Have you placed a query in a newsletter, Genealogical Helper or ad in a newspaper in the last three months?

17. Are your records and files in order, can you find what you need when you need it?

18. Are your 5-generation charts handed in to your society?

SCORE

15-18 points

You are on a genealogical roll. You will be back to the Ark before you know it!

11-14 points

You are a super genealogist. I hope your spouse is a genealogist too!

8-10 points

You are doing okay, don't give up!

5-7 points

You have lost your way. Get those records out on the dining room table!

Below 5

There is still hope, call on any of your genealogical friends for help!

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How did you score? ■

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

VOLUME 1 # 1

by Frank Easton, AGS #103

Vol # 1 and the first Branch

After the formation of the Society, one of the next orders of business was a publication. I had published Volume I # 1 as an information bulletin but we certainly needed something better than that. That is where John Hughes shone. Everything John did, he did with conviction and all the energy he could muster. He was put in charge of the publication as Editor, responsible for the whole publication, editing, name, printing; in fact everything had to be started from scratch. We were all to come up with suggested names but John shone again. At the next meeting John came with the "perfect name, *Relatively Speaking*. John and a number of us thought that name would be perfect. We are always speaking of "relatives" - so speaking of relatives *Relatively Speaking* would be exactly what we needed. Unfortunately all of us were not on the same wave length. One of our group knew of something else that was called by a similar name, or a name closely related and was afraid of a law suit. Well we were brave souls. A vote was called after some (shall I say heated) discussion and as usual democracy prevailed. The name has stuck and still remains a very appropriate name.

The first several publications were produced in the basement of my house, with Gestetner machines begged, borrowed or rented from wherever. The usual group to put the final touches of running off the pages, sorting, collating, stapling and mailing were John Hughes, of course, Mae Deans, Jo & Judy Nuthack, Bill Drew and myself. From time to time others would join us. We had an absolute ball. I remember one particular occasion when I had to rent a Gestetner Machine from a rental outfit down town. Well the blessed thing did not run very well, and please remember we wore out a lot of arms - this was before electricity you understand - but to top it all off our ink was a different grade than it used. We had to get some ink. We were all set to go. It was Saturday afternoon - how do we get the proper ink. Well nothing to do but somehow we found out who the Regional Manager of Gestetner was. Fortunately he lived on an acreage outside of Sherwood Park and

despite the fact that he was having a very nice dinner party for several guests, John and I got our ink. So we interrupted a dinner party on a Saturday evening; after all production must go on.

People were joining the organization from all over the province. As a group who once wondered if we were the only ones interested in Genealogy, we soon found out differently. The numbers kept growing and it soon became very obvious that Branches would soon be necessary to keep up the local interest. My job took me to Calgary frequently so that was the logical place to start. A meeting was arranged in my hotel room with a few people to discuss the possibilities. The individuals at that initial meeting besides myself were Dale Alexander, Ross & Win Campbell and Dennis Shaver. Their main concern was that if they formed a Branch would Edmonton do the same. They had a legitimate fear of being a Branch subservient to the mother organization which would be always situated in Edmonton. I promised them that if Calgary formed a Branch, Edmonton would also, which they did, very shortly after Calgary.

We were really off and running now, those Branches meant a lot to our growth, and still do. Dale Alexander continued on as a vital part of the Society and followed me, becoming the third President of the Society. It is indeed unfortunate that some of the Calgary group found it necessary to break from the AGS, but time heals all, and perhaps some time in the future there will be a coming back together. With my Irish roots, after seeing what has happened over there in the past and seeing what has happened in the last little while, one has to realize that nothing is impossible. A hope; if they can, so can we. ■

*"By the time
a man gets to greener pastures
he can't
climb the fence."*

ALL I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE I LEARNED FROM TREES

It's important to have roots in today's complex world. It pays to branch out. Don't pine away over old flames. If you really believe in something, don't be afraid to go out on a limb. Be flexible so you don't break when a harsh wind blows. Sometimes you have to shed your bark in order to grow. If you want to maintain accurate records, keep a log. Grow where you're planted. It's perfectly okay to be a late bloomer. Avoid people who would like to cut you down. Get spruced up when you have a hot date. If the party gets boring, just pick up and leaf. Be sure to cover your bare ash in the winter. As you approach the autumn of your life you can't hide your true colours. It's more important to be honest than popular. And remember, as you go through life always give yourself time to blossom.

(from The Beehive, submitted by Patrick Walsh
#0459, The Newfoundland Ancestor, 13,4) ■

The Alberta Genealogical Society "IN THE BEGINNING "

Submitted by William Hudson "Bill" Drew
AGS #137

It was a synchronicity of events which led me to discover the diverse and interesting founders of the yet-to-be-formed Alberta Genealogical Society. My personal interest in tracing my family tree came in the form of a member of father's 'first' family, a surprise indeed! I realized that I didn't know as much about my family as I had thought and this sparked my curiosity to seek help from others who had gone before me in this kind of quest. Interestingly enough, while my youngest daughter was at University, she met D'Arcy Hande who told her that such a group existed. I was overjoyed at finding such an interesting bunch of people who would help me in my journey and joined their meetings, held at the apartment of Mr. Charles Denney. We soon outgrew these premises and met every fourth Thursday in the staff room at 10040 - 104 Street, a room kindly provided to us by Northwestern Utilities. We officially became the Alberta Genealogical Society in

1973 and we haven't looked back since - except to search our roots of course!

There were eleven founding members chaired by Charles Denney, with Frank Easton as Vice President (Editor), and D'Arcy Hande as treasurer, Pearl Greenslade (membership), Helen McKinley, Arlene Black (genealogy) and Enid and Jack Fitzsimonds (publication, etc.). Allan Ridge as archivist witnessed the by-laws and requirements for formation of a Society. Later, a meeting held at the Hughes' home, led to the formation of "Relatively Speaking" which is still published today. A few more names include Mae Deans, Bill Drew, Pat Hughes, John Hughes (publications), and later Jo and Judy Nuthack (ancestry research), Pat Hewitt, Ailsa Walker, and Peter and Rose Goutbeck (cemeteries) and I'm sure to miss somebody!!

My story, in a concise nutshell goes something like this. I was born in the old Hudson Bay house in Hudson Hope, B.C. My father was a fur-buyer and it was this occupation that lured him to the great white North. In 1914, we came out to Edmonton, in the Calder area, but soon went back up North to the Northwest Territories. I can remember Ft. Rae and Ft. Smith. In the spring of 1922 we came out of the North and settled in Boyle, Alberta.

After five years in the R.C.A.F., attached to the R.A.F., I came back home and shortly after married Sally Plachner in 1946. We lived in Tofield, Peace River, and then settled in Edmonton. My father passed away in 1949 and it was shortly after this that I met with the above mentioned member of his 'first' family. And, the rest is history.

I am currently researching the following names: Davies, Drew, Drews, Drewes, Nobles, Nordling, Gilow, Ross, Pohle, Behrens from Pomerania, Germany, USA and more locally: Bastow, Barstow, Midgley, Murgatroyd, Hinley from around Leeds, Yorkshire, England; and Plachner, Plachno, Zallas, Zelles from Krakow and Przemysli areas of Poland. At present, I have no numbering system for my family, nor my father's South Shields, Durham, England connection; nor for my Swedish, Nordling connection.

Through my searching, I have found a cousin in Germany, who I have visited and have kept in touch

with to date. I discovered that my father's sister was killed by a careless driver in St. Louis, MO USA. Through the Public Archives in Ottawa, I discovered that my father arrived in Montreal, Quebec on 24 August 1880. My research has in fact connected me with all of my father's 'first' family, whom I have visited and got to know.

Thanks for reading about my remembrances of the founding of our Society and for letting me share my journey with you. ■

"Genealogy is a fool's errand. When an ancestor is found, there are two more for whom to hunt."

Roots Digest

NUTHACK BIOGRAPHY

by Joachim Nuthack,
Edmonton, Alberta, in May 1998.

In response to a request by Claudine Nelson, President, Edmonton Branch AGS, to set out a few biographical items, please let me first express my gratitude to the whole Society for honouring me with a Life Membership. One doesn't join a society for the honours one can collect, one generally joins to grow and learn, and then pass onto others what one has learned. There is seldom a person who joins who cannot become a valuable asset to the society he or she joins.

Born in Berlin, Germany in February of 1936, with ancestors coming from western Pomerania (Vorpommern), eastern Pomerania (Hinterpommern) and West Prussia, my life was quiet for only the first seven and a half years.

As the tides of World War II turned against Germany, with the Battle of Stalingrad and the ever increasing amount of bombing raids on German cities by the British and American air armadas, German politicians took the same steps the British politicians did only a few years earlier when German bombers devastated many British cities, namely evacuate as many children out of the cities as possible.

The majority of these were evacuated into not related country families mainly to the east of Berlin out of the reach of Allied bombers. My sister and I, however, were fortunate enough to be evacuated to relatives. My father had spent some time with an aunt, the sister of my grandmother, during World War I, and through family negotiations, my sister and I were able to spend nearly a year and a half in a small eastern Pomeranian village with this aunt's family.

Many fond memories linger in my mind to this day. From farm life to a religious faith; from childhood friends which my wife Judy and I visited in former East Germany in 1985; to knowing what it means to belong to an extended family, are impressions indelibly written onto my soul.

The stay in Pomerania ended shortly, very shortly before the Red Army of the Soviet Union swept across the eastern German Plains on its way to Berlin. Through what I can only define as coincidences of providence, luck itself can never be that good, my sister and I were able to get back to Berlin before the Red Army reached our peaceful, quiet Pomeranian village. We were able to leave, the realities and friends stayed behind. Many of them did not survive the onslaught and the immediate post war years that followed only days after our departure.

Although I had escaped Allied bombing raids for more than a year, two days after the return to Berlin, February 3, 1945, one of the heaviest if not the heaviest air raid on Berlin was staged by the Allies. Only those who have experienced air raids can fully appreciate what goes through people's minds, I believe. As I think about this now, some fifty years later, one thing is astonishing, as a child I did not think I was in mortal danger even with the ground shaking under my feet as the bombs exploded nearby.

Through family circumstances our family was spared the horror of being in Berlin when the Battle of Berlin was waged between the remnants of Germany's forces and the Red Army. At the time of Germany's surrender in May 1945 our whole family, father, mother, sister and I had found shelter with a farm family in Schleswig-Holstein, the most northern province of Germany. We stayed there until our return to Berlin in early fall of 1945.

Needless to say my schooling was more than disorganized. Moving around not only in Germany while the war was in full swing but also later between East and West Berlin until our family came to Canada, I attended ten different schools over the formal educational years. This left me with the resolve never again, if it was in my power, to be the "new kid" on the block.

Arriving in Quebec City on May 13, 1952, travelling west to Edmonton by train, I found work with my one and only employer, the then Building Products Limited roofing manufacturer, nine days later.

I had had seven years of English instruction in school which gave me a better start in Canada than the non-English speaking immigrants, however, reading became my main pastime activity for several years.

During the latter half of the fifties I met my wife Judy. We were married in March of 1959 with the first son, Richard, coming into this world early in 1960. Bernard followed him in 1962 and Francine, their sister, in 1966. All three are now married blessing this family with a load of grandchildren.

Our family was growing and gaining in age. Only my paternal grandfather was still living at the time of our marriage. Thoughts of what both my first name, Joachim, and our family name, Nuthack, actually meant had been in my mind from the late forties on. Questions to that effect at that time had not yielded any definitive answers.

Joachim, although not very common as a German given name, was not my biggest concern, because there were other boys with this name in the Berlin neighbourhoods. Nuthack, however, was a different matter altogether. Since the late forties, as mentioned, I had this question in my mind, yet no one had really been able to satisfy my curiosity. It would be left up to me to search and find the answer. Some more time passed, my grandfather in Berlin died and whatever knowledge he might have had of our Pomeranian family went to the grave with him.

Procrastination being ever so much the enemy of family research held sway with me also. Not until the early seventies, after reading an account of Mr. Denney's genealogical efforts in the Edmonton

Journal, did I take the plunge into my own genealogical work, beginning with, as we all should, contacting and interviewing as many living relatives as possible.

It was a slow process but not an unsuccessful one. All of my parents' generation contributed to my own efforts, for which I am constantly grateful, as they realized I was the only one, to that time at least, who had given much thought to putting our family information on paper.

My quest to find the meaning of my names was also crowned with success. My given name comes out of the Hebrew language, one of the Old Testament kings having it, meaning "God will judge". My surname comes out of the now slowly disappearing language of Low German meaning, "Nut Hawker". The spelling of the latter hasn't changed much over nearly four hundred and fifty years, only the "c" has crept in between the "a" and "k" sometime between 1550 and 1700. Certificates covering later dates show this "c" constantly.

To cut this autobiography just a little shorter, there are numerous stories yet to tell, I will concentrate on my AGS activities. I had joined the Society in late 1974 enjoying what I learned but also looking at some of the presented information critically and finding some things wanting. Berliners have the reputation of being "big-mouths" in Germany. It didn't take long for this Berliner to open his "big mouth". Making noise inevitably leads to being told to put my money where my mouth was. As I was piling up resources of German genealogical research, other members would ask questions, of which I could solve some but certainly not all.

My comments during business meetings prompted the late Doug Wright, then President of the Edmonton Branch, to ask whether I would let my name stand for the branch presidency after his term had expired. I responded positively and held the post for the following two years.

Frank Easton, one of our founding members, got me involved in the long running "Tracing Your Family Tree" course, which I had the pleasure to coordinate during the time of my branch presidency. I had plenty of opportunities to "put my money where my mouth was". As branch president I was able to get to know

the wider work of the Society in that the Society's executive committee met in Red Deer every two months or so to discuss mutual concerns. Calgary had formed its branch, Lethbridge and Red Deer following soon after.

A growing society is never short of jobs of one kind or another. It was my pleasure to bring our "Ancestor Index" into being and led it through several years. I helped with the work on "Relatively Speaking", never though on the writing staff, work that didn't seem to fit my temperament. There are things to which one can say "no" and get away with. After "Relatively Speaking" had been published for ten years in 1983 the challenge to index localities, surnames and articles appearing in the quarterly was like cheese to a mouse for me. I had to attempt it and after months of what seemed unbearably tedious work it was completed. "Unbearably tedious" it may have been but the knowledge I gained from doing it by reading every article, finding every locality mentioned on a map, be it Canadian, British, German, Polish or whatever, made the "unbearable tedious" work a very insignificant price to pay. The challenge to index the second ten years of "Relatively Speaking" and putting the first index into a computer format is very enticing and may be another project for me in the future.

As you may have noticed on the cover of the Spring 1998 of our quarterly, I even tried my hand at cemetery recording. There is nothing like having a picnic in a graveyard on a warm summer day with friends.

With the approaching nineteen eighties computerization raised its head in our Society as everywhere else. Executive meetings touched on the subject but none of those present at the time ever thought it would become such a vital tool in genealogy as it is now only fifteen short years later. Peter Goutbeck, his son John, and the Fitzsimonds tackled a program to capture the cemetery recordings flowing into the AGS from across the Province of Alberta. My efforts centred around the "Ancestor Index" and how that could fit into the medium. Later I began working with Membership to develop a membership program; with my wife, Judy, and later Clarence Madill a mail program; and lastly, a program to sort mailing lists and labels for "Relatively Speaking" in the order Canada Post requires for the Society to get the most advantageous

postage rate possible for such a publication.

In closing let me say the Alberta Genealogical Society has given me friends for life, has given me an appreciation not only of family history but of history in general. I would not have got this without being a member of the Society. What I have done over the years is only a tiny, an insignificant, repayment for hours and hours of enjoyment. I again thank you, one and all, for the honour of being selected as one of your lifetime members. God bless you all. ■

CANADA AT WAR - NATIONAL REGISTRATION IN WWII

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When Canada declared itself to be "in a state of war" in 1939 it passed legislation entitled the "War Measures Act" which provided broad powers to the government to nationalize the state. One matter was control of the population to assure military needs as well as provide manpower/womanpower for vital industry.

People living in the country over the age of 16 were required to be registered under the National Registration program. It was required to complete an 18 question form and receive a pocket card which had to be carried at all times. These records still exist and are held by Statistics Canada. They turned out to be a valuable proof of age when the Old Age Security legislation came about in the 50's and it became necessary to prove age 65.

Stats Can will provide a copy of the original form to persons seeking genealogical information providing that;

1 - The person has been dead for at least 20 years. That proof, by either a death certificate or a newspaper obituary, is required to be provided by the requester.

2 - Full details such as name, place of residence, birth and death date, are sufficient that a unique entry can be identified.

3 - A payment of \$45.00 plus GST of \$3.15 (\$48.15) is submitted. If the search fails, the money is refunded in full!

Submit enquiries to: Robert Marcotte, Census Pension Search, Statistics Canada, B1E-34 Jean Talon Bldg., Runney's Pasture, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0T6. ■

TELLING FACT FROM FICTION

Terry Gregory, AGS # 3209

For all good family historians, rule one is - quote sources for facts given. This was brought to mind in a short article about the creation of the English language which appeared in *Je Me Souviens*,¹ the journal of the American-French Genealogical Society and reprinted in the February issue of *Relatively Speaking*. The anonymous author of the article, without a single footnote, boldly tells how English emerged in the fourteenth century from "the melding of. . . Norman French with ancient native languages of the British Isles." The complex history of the English language is neatly simplified in a few short sentences. Which is nice - if it were true.

It begins, "It was not until the fourteenth century that there began, in any true sense, an English language spoken in England." This is probably a reference to the publication of *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer, written in Middle English [ME] between 1385 and Chaucer's death on the twenty-fifth of October 1400.² Which raises the question - which came first, spoken or written English? If English was not spoken prior to the writing of *The Canterbury Tales*, for whom did Chaucer write this poem?

The truth is considerably different from that given in the article. The English language was spoken at least eight hundred years earlier and was no more a collection of "ancient native languages" than French was in the same period. The unnamed author overlooks manuscripts written in 1000 A.D. held in the British Museum, London, which contain the famous Old English [OE] epic poem *Beowulf*.³ These manuscripts were transcriptions of poems taken from the spoken word. They were transmitted orally over several centuries before being written down and long before the English nation was blessed with the Norman presence. The poem *Widsith* ("Far Journey"), the first known Old English poem, was probably composed about the sixth century.⁴ There is plenty of evidence too that English continued to be spoken and written after the conquest of 1066.

During the twelfth century there were books such as *Brut* by Lawman and many ballads and romances as well.⁵

The next statement - "Until that time, Norman French was widely used" - is incomplete. It should read "Norman French was widely used by the nobles." The gentry, according to Keith Wrightson, even as late as the 1600s, represented a mere 2% of the total population of England.⁶ They were the land owning nobility who communicated in French and Latin under the Plantagenets. The vast majority of the people (98%), spoke Middle English, the language of Chaucer, which contains much Old English with a strong influence of Norman French.

When the English and their French speaking masters communicated with each other, French words inevitably crept into the language. For example the lord had one word, 'boef' [OFr], for the cattle he raised on his farm and the meat he ate. The English servants who tended the cows [OE] and bulls [OE] served their master the meat he called 'boef' - which became beef. We still make this distinction. However look in any dictionary of modern English and you will find few words that are truly Norman [Norm] or Old Norman [ONormFr] anymore. English has evolved, appropriating many words from a variety of other cultures and losing many that it no longer needs.

Thankfully there is one that has not fallen into disuse. *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines it this way
truth n., . . . [ME. *truethe* <OE *treowthe*:] 1
c) the quality of being in accordance with experience, facts, or reality; conformity with fact. 2. that which is true; statement, etc. that accords with fact or reality.⁷

Now there is an honest to goodness Old English word. If the author in *Je Me Souviens* had remembered to include some sources, we might have learned the truth.

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CCT AGM 1997 NOSTALGIA "IN SPIRIT"

by Ron Johnston, AGS #3275

Editor's Note: Ron is a long-time member and Secretary-Treasurer of The Canadian College of Teachers, a national organization often referred to as CCT by its members.

John Abbott College - in buildings formerly a part of Macdonald College of McGill University - specifically Stewart Hall. It was there, 70 years ago, that **Albertine Woods** attended to take her teacher training. And it was there that **Ron Johnston**, her son, stayed for a week for the 1997 CCT Conference and AGM.



Albertine Woods

There is no question that the building and the atmosphere provided an additional incentive for me to continue the genealogical research that my sisters and I have been doing.

In June we started out to track down the first school at which my mother had taught, Suffield School - 1925-26. She had completed Grade IX, just turned 18 and needed to earn some money to go to college. I don't know what her salary was, but from the first paycheck she purchased a *Victrola* record player (78rpm records) which I still have.

We had a general idea of the location, but Suffield no longer exists. It was a copper mine somewhere between Sherbrooke and North Hatley, Quebec. My sister phoned a friend who is in the general area, and he in turn put us in touch with a woman who was unbelievably helpful. She knew the area was once called Butternut Flat. And not only did she know the location of the Suffield School (a private home was built on the location after the school burned down), but she also had the original School Register from which we were able to locate the entries in my mother's handwriting. I guess my mother was fortunate in having small classes for her first year of teaching, but they were at five different grade levels. The school year was 169 days, finishing on June 11th. The subjects taught were Writing, Drawing, Reading, Spelling, Recitation, Scripture, Tables, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, English Composition, French and Hygiene.

The next year, 1926-27, was back to school to continue Grade X in the fall and on to Macdonald College in the Spring. A search of the archives at Macdonald College produced a College Calendar which provided some interesting information. Admission to the School for Teachers for the First-Class Elementary Diploma included "...candidates who have successfully passed Grade IX may be admitted to the term after Christmas, provided that.....have attended a superior school, taking the full work of Grade X up to that date.....". The courses started on February 1st and Closing Exercises were held on June 9th. There was no tuition fee for Quebec residents; room and board was \$7.00 per week. There was a \$1.00 laundry fee and a \$3.00 medical fee. The Dean for the School for Teachers was **Sinclair Laird**, with nine other specialist lecturers. The courses included: a general review of subjects taught in rural schools; lectures in methods of teaching the specific subjects; lectures in the principles of education, school management and school law. Emphasis was placed on modern psychology in education and on practice in the classroom. Despite a concentrated four months of

work, there was time for entertainment too. My mother spoke of going to a performance of the musical *The Student Prince* (Sigmund Romberg 1924).

And so it's on to the next school - the Ames School, 1927-28. We know the location (the building is no longer there) since it was less than a mile from our family home. But what about records? Where are they kept? A call to a friend didn't seem very hopeful, and yet, four weeks later she arrived at my sister's with copies of school board meetings and the School Register. Wow! What luck!

Seven teachers were needed for the Municipality of Melbourne and Brompton Gore. The ad in the *Sherbrooke Record* cost \$5.82. A total of 31 teachers applied for the positions, 16 with Diplomas, and my mother was given a contract to teach at the Ames School (District No. 14) for the term of nine months at a salary of \$55.00 per month. The school year was 181 days in length, finishing on May 31st. Subjects taught were as for the previous school, with History, and Nature Study and Agriculture being added starting at the Grade VI level. Dry firewood for the year cost about \$30.00. At one of the schools in the district 'scholars' were paid \$9.00 for sweeping for the previous year. It was here that my mother met my father - she taught his brother and his sister.

My mother then moved for the 1928-29 school year to Cherry River. Again, we knew the general location, and even found it listed on one of the road maps. It is now officially Orford, and is just outside Magog, Quebec. We didn't have a contact for this location, but drove to the town and stopped at the local 'depanneur' to inquire as to the location of the town hall. We were told that it was just up the rise within sight. On arriving and explaining what we were searching for we were extremely surprised to be told that in fact we were standing in the old school. It had been renovated and converted to the town hall. However, we have not been as lucky as far as records are concerned. Although we were put in touch with the editor of *The Outlet*, a volunteer community service newspaper, and we were able to get a picture of the earlier school structure from a back copy of the newspaper (thanks to the library at Bishop's University), we still are looking for more details on this school.

The fourth, and final, school is at East Angus, Quebec; a four-room school where my mother taught French to all the students. We know the location of the structure - it

is now the town library - but we have yet to see what else we can find out. It has been such joy on this simple research trip - an outshoot of the CCT Conference and AGM. But of special joy has been the companionship of my sisters (who also attended the Macdonald College School for Teachers in the early 50s) during the search. ■

RECOLLECTIONS

High River Branch of the AGS

By Lucille Dougherty

The first meeting of the newly formed branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society of High River was held on March 13, 1990. Ten people were in attendance. Positions filled were Chairperson, Program Convenor, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

Discussion was held regarding the purpose and direction that the group should take:

- sharing of info and assistance in personal genealogy research
- recording of cemeteries in the area and making available the information
- pioneer historical file for public use and research
- collecting and organizing local historical materials
- pooling resources such as the availability of info from individual memberships in various genealogical societies throughout the world, thus spreading out info sources and minimizing duplication and costs.

The High River Genealogy Branch dissolved on the 11th of February 1992 due to lack of participation. ■

*"Before most people start boasting
about their family tree, they usually
do a good pruning job."*

O.A. Battista

DIE PEST

(a report of the plague in 1611 & 1629
in Winterthur & Sennwald, Switzerland)
by Walter C. Meyer

*Ring around the rosy,
A pocket full of posies,
Ashes, Ashes
We all fall down!*

Ring around the rosy describes the lesions associated with the disease, a redness surrounding a suppurative boil. The posies, the flowers collected for the funeral or perhaps to mask the scent of death. Ashes come from the belongings of the victims which were often burned in an effort to prevent further contagion, and everybody fell down dead. Another version says Tishas, Tishas instead of ashes, referring to the sneezing that might be associated with the pulmonary form of the disease. This often sung and danced nursery rhyme is really an infantile depiction, a morbid game perhaps but a vivid description of the black death that spread across Europe several times, especially in the 14th and 17th centuries. Every person having European ancestors has the bubonic plague, or black death as it was later called, as part of their heritage. So many people were killed by the disease in every country of the continent that no one of European ancestry is without having direct ancestors or a distant relative dying in one of the plague visits. The plague is part of all of our family histories.

This article was precipitated by finding a report written in 1635 telling of an episode of *der Pest* that had recently taken place in a small, remote mountain village in Switzerland. Sennwald, in Canton St. Gallen, is found in the Rhine valley in the east of the country just a few kilometers south of the entrance of the Rhine river into Bodensee, the Lake of Constance. Bodensee is bordered by three countries, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Less than two decades prior another episode of *der Pest* had occurred in the Swiss town of Winterthur, Canton Zürich, which is located just a few kilometers north and east of the city of Zürich, about 80 kms from Sennwald. The results of both of these episodes were of much interest because of their intensity.

First some information about the disease itself, its cause, its process, and its course through the country side. The name black death comes from the appearance that often developed on the skin of a victim. Tiny capillaries could rupture leaking blood under the skin which, like a bruise, would darken giving the black appearance. Bubonic comes from the word bubo, which itself comes from the old German Boubon, meaning groin or swelling in the groin. The causative organism is a bacterium called by various names: *Yersinia Pestis* discovered by A. J. E. Yersin. (Interestingly, since we are reporting Swiss epidemics, Yersin was a Swiss bacteriologist who was associated with the Pasteur Institute in Paris); *Pasteurella Pestis*; *Kitasato's bacillus* (Kitasato and Yersin each discovered the organism independently during the plague in China in 1894); *bacillus pestis*; and *plague bacillus*. The incubation period for the disease was short, generally from two to five days.

There are several clinical forms of the disease of which two were predominant in the destruction of so many people: bubonic plague and pneumonic plague. Bubonic plague was transmitted to man from rats by inoculation through the skin from the bites of rat fleas. It is primarily a rat infection which secondarily involved man but didn't seem to affect other large mammals nor birds. There always seemed to be a precursor of rat plague prior to the outbreak of the disease in man and an abnormal number of dead rats would be a sign of an impending human epidemic. The rat form of the disease, which seems to be particularly virulent produced a massive infection in the blood of the rat. When the rat died the fleas fled to a different host, either another animal or man and the bites from the fleas then inoculated the new host. One source said that even in the most severe human cases the septicemia was not as intense as in the rat. Upon the ingestion of the rat's very septic blood the bacteria would multiply in the flea's gullet causing a blockage. The increasingly hungry fleas in trying to satisfy their hunger would attack a new host intensely in the process of which the elasticity of the flea's gullet would force some of the blood back into the new host thus inoculation of the bacteria would result. Because of the generally lower septicaemia in man flea bites apparently did not transmit the disease from man to man only from rat to man. The bacteria,

inoculated through the skin by the insect bite, would infect the lymph nodes of the groin, armpits or neck producing inflammatory swellings with the collective mass of nodes usually suppurating, ulcerating then draining pus. These swellings were called buboes and the red inflamed areas around the lesions were of course the ring around the rosy. Often the patient quickly died with no time for marked lesions to develop.

The second predominant form, pneumonic plague was a rapidly progressive and frequently fatal form of pneumonia in which the infection was spread readily from person to person by tiny droplets of sputum sprayed into the air during coughing or sneezing. It was suggested by one medical dictionary that the historical description of the symptoms indicated it was the pneumonic form which killed the most people. Also it seems that when the infection involves the lungs is the only time the disease is transmitted from man to man. Common symptoms were chills, high fever, headaches, extreme lethargy and indifference, photophobia (being bothered by light), dyspnea (difficult or laboured breathing), cyanosis (a bluish hue to the skin due to lack of oxygen) and delirium. Once infected the disease progressed quickly with death resulting in a few days or even the day the first symptoms were noticed. The rate of survival was low after infection.

In the history of the disease a number of accounts tell of the rapidity with which the disease often killed. Reports can be found of many people being fine in the morning but dying by nightfall with no apparent symptoms having been displayed, or the reverse, being well when they retired but dead before morning. Control of the disease involves breaking the cycle of infection, rat to flea to man, thus destroying the animals and providing good personal and environmental hygiene is the solution. An anti-plague serum was developed and is useful but this did not happen until the late 19th or early 20th century. Interestingly an hypothesis by one recent author proposed that it was not bubonic plague which killed one-quarter to one-third of the population of Europe in the mid 14th century. This author compared 1) the descriptions of the disease and its progress as written by many contemporary authors who of course did not know anything about the cause of the disease itself, 2) the environmental and archeological possibilities of

having the right kind of rat present and migrating in sufficient numbers, 3) the type or types of flea needed along with the possibility of its existence in all the variable climatic conditions found throughout Europe. These were compared to the epidemiology of the disease as seen in Asia and Africa during this century when much more was known about its causes, infectiousness and prevention. His conclusion was that bubonic plague was probably one of the many epidemics (including typhoid, typhus and many others) that killed numerous people but that it could not have been the only cause, nor even the major cause of the great European plague of 1347-50. In his opinion the most probable major cause was anthrax.

Whatever the cause it is an historical fact that on multiple occasions, almost every decade or so in fact, and in myriads of locations across Europe there were epidemics and it became a fact of life for the residents that deaths increased dramatically. The two cases used as examples of the effects of the plague both took place in the early 17th century in small Swiss towns.

Sennwald, in Canton St. Gallen, had a population of about 600 in 1629. The death records show that for the first four months the death rate was quite normal but then from May till August of that year there was an astronomical increase in the death rate brought about by "a pestilence the likes of which has never before been seen in this country." It spoke about the pestilence having been reigned down by God. There were 102 families in the village in early 1629 of which more than half were exterminated by September. Only 48 or so families survived but no family remained unaffected. Out of the 600 residents of the village over 450 men, women and children died that summer. That makes a death rate of about 75% which is 2½ to 3 times the estimated death rate from the great epidemic that spread over all of Europe from 1347 to 1350.

Winterthur, now a bustling small city some 20 kilometers north-east of Zürich the largest city in Switzerland, had an estimated population of about 2000 in the year 1600. This town was afflicted with an epidemic in 1611, which in the *Bürgerbücher* (Citizens Books compiled in the latter 19th century) is simply referred to as 'Pest'. The summary of deaths

listed in the parish register at the end of the year, after having 22 deaths recorded from January to June was:

July - 93
 August - 219
 September - 478
 October - 239
 November - 80
 December - 18

The normal death rate was around 40 per year so these figures show an excess of more than 1100 deaths beyond normal. Thus over 55% of the population died from the 'Pest' during that half year. Whatever the cause surely a dreadful episode. In the Burgerbuch all the families of the town, including the names of the wives and children plus the dates of most of the marriages, births and deaths were recorded. Of the 1149 in the death record of 1611 about 679 were listed in the Burgerbuch as having died from the plague and of these about 650 had their ages given or they could be estimated. 51% of those thus listed were female and 49% male. In the following table the percentage represents the deaths of each age group (male plus female) out of the 650.

Age Distribution			
Age		Female	Male
		Percent of total	
0-10	48	20	10%
11-20	73	89	25%
21-50	175	136	48%
51-81	38	75	17%

The percent figures probably roughly correspond to the population distribution figures of the period so it would appear that the disease was not selective as to sex nor age groups but indiscriminately affected whomsoever was contaminated by the causative organism.

Imagine the problems that were produced for those who inhabited these two villages during those periods. The fear from not even knowing the cause nor having any idea how to control the disease as they watched and wondered if they would be next and possibly even having enough fear to cause them to leave their own sick loved ones to fend for themselves. The fear of God as they probably considered what sins they had committed to warrant

such an affliction from him. The control of body wastes and refuse from living was not good back then at that best of times. Imagine the stench that might have developed in their houses because of the sick and dying and particularly when every member of the family was afflicted. How did they deal with preparing food or for that matter looking after the crops and the flocks? Imagine the technical problems of trying to bury that many corpses suddenly or of even finding enough people to dig. The cemeteries would have been soon filled requiring new locations for graves and in that country space for cemeteries was limited. Did they have time or even concern for funerals? Did they dig individual graves or could they only manage mass graves in which corpses were unceremoniously dumped? With all those deaths many people lost their conjugal companions. How did they deal with that physical need? Did this affect the morals of those remaining and for that matter did the whole traumatic episode affect their relationship to and their ideas about God? How did they deal with any property left by the extinction of families? Many questions arise about how they managed and controlled their lives during and after the epidemic. Even after these many years one has compassion for those ancestors during the remarkable circumstances that were afflicted upon them and we must remember that many villages underwent similar afflictions. So the next time you play with your children or grandchildren remember your ancestors when you sing "Ring around the rosie." ■

ANECDOTES OF THE NATIONAL MAP COLLECTION

From Betty Kidd

Once there was the woman who reported that she had viewed the ghostly apparition of a horse-drawn hearse on a road not far from the centre of a major Canadian city. She phoned to request that we check early cartographical records of that area to determine if any cemeteries had been located along that particular road at any time in history. On one late eighteenth-century map, we actually did locate a small graveyard, the site of which is now a high-rise office tower. No other records - cartographical or textual - mentioned or indicated the existence of these graves.

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BOOK REVIEW

Germanic Genealogy

A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns

Second Edition, 1995, 1997

by Edward R. Brandt, Ph.D.; Mary Bellingham; Kent Cutkomp; Kermit Frye; Patricia A. Lowe; with a chapter on computer genealogy by Paula Goblirsch and Ray Kleinow; and an expanded chapter based on Dr. George E. Arnstein's Jewish genealogy.

Published by: Germanic Genealogy Society, P.O.Box 16312, St. Paul, MN 55116

Cost: \$32.00 plus \$6.00 postage (U.S. funds)

The authors are to be commended for their significant efforts and for their great success in producing this impressive volume.

The term Germanic in this book denotes a commonality of language not nationality nor even family of languages. It is not a genealogy book on Germany but about German-speaking peoples. There has never been a single country comprising all the German peoples. On the contrary, speakers of the German language have come from many European areas and, since their emigration from Europe which started centuries ago, also now from many countries in the Americas, Asia, Australia and Africa. In the preface to the book it points out that German-speaking people, "where they constituted a small proportion of the population provided a much greater number of immigrants." The purpose of this book then is to provide information, background and resource material for genealogical research, not only for those coming from Germany but also for the multitude of German-speaking peoples who originated from, or who had ancestors in, the large number of German language areas in central and eastern Europe.

The book itself is rather large, over 8" by 10½", with 517 pages in twenty three chapters covering a wide range of subject matter. The chapter headings which cover many topics are: 1)Beginning your Search; 2)Using American Records to find your Ancestor's Place of Origin; 3)Researching Germanic Ancestors in Canada; 4)Computers and Genealogy; 5)Family History Library and its Centers; 6)Passenger Departure and Arrival Lists; 7)Personal Names; 8)Place Names; 9)Political and Physical Geography;

10)History of German-Speaking People in Europe; 11)History, Migration and Genealogy of Various Religious Denominations; 12)History and Demography of German-Speaking Jews; 13)Genealogical Resources for German Jewish Ancestry; 14)Germanic Migration to Non-European Countries; 15)Researching Germanic Ancestors Outside the United States and Canada; 16)Genealogical Resources Relating to German-Speaking Ancestors in Europe; 17)Researching Germanic Ancestors in the German-Speaking Countries; 18)Researching Germanic Ancestors in East and South European Countries; 19)Researching Germanic Ancestors in West and North European Countries; 20)Corresponding with European Sources; 21)Reading the Records; 22)Annotated Bibliography; and 23)Useful Addresses. The annotated bibliography comprising chapter 22 is supplemented by specific bibliographies at the end of each chapter. As well there are two appendices: A) Dateline of Germanic History and B) Maps. A rather substantial index and fourteen tables round out the extensive contents.

The contents make this a large and general resource book not one of a specific or localized area of interest and it is difficult to pick any chapter as being the most useful, it depends upon the topic one is looking for. The 26 maps, though they are just outline maps, show all the European areas being discussed but also show *Central Europe* as found in various periods of time (the present, 1955, 1924, 1815 and 1721). *East & West Germany (1949-1990)*, the *German Empire 1871-1918*, and the *Growth of the Kingdom of Prussia 1648, 1815 & 1866* are all included and these are helpful in trying to locate migrations of groups or individuals. Since these are outline maps other maps must be consulted for details. The wide range of topics from geography and history to migration, names, correspondence suggestions and copious address lists are all beneficial. Being the significant resource book that it is, all genealogists from the very beginner in researching Germanic peoples to the seasoned specialist can find information here to assist in their quests.

The layout of the book makes it mostly easy to read and to search; the table of contents contains many sub-headings showing the pages on which they are located; the headings in the body of the book are in bold type and easy to locate; the tables are easy to follow and all pages contain a maximum of



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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, 28 May 1998 -

Topic: Maps and the Resources available at the University library and how to use them.
Speaker: Ron Winston-Smith

Thursday, 25 June, 1998 -

Topic: Members Night - Bring your pedigree charts, stories, displays and anything else of interest.

No Meetings July and August

Happy Summer Holidays!

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President's Message

Claudine Nelson

Springtime! What did it mean to our ancestors? Gentry or farmers: a time to plant; Mariners: a time for calmer seas; Emigrants: a time to leave for a new land; Immigrants: a time to break more land, build a house or ...?

Our library resources may have the answers or lead you to other sources. Edmonton Branch members may borrow library material for up to four weeks. Do not overlook the resources that can be used only at the library.

The 'Tracing Your Family Tree' 10 week course is having another successful session with 29 avid students enrolled.

We now have a Branch brochure giving: location, hours, and what is available in Room 116. We have distributed them to City libraries, Rutherford Library at U. of A., and Society of Retired and Semi-retired. Brochures available at Room 116.

The Annual General Meeting was held in February - see new Executive listed on Clandigger cover. New Executive = new ideas. We invite you to be on a committee; just talk to/call an Executive member to see how you can be involved.

Speakers for the General meetings : January - What is at the Provincial Archives for Genealogists. We also celebrated Mr. Charles D. Denney's 97th birthday, one of the founding members of AGS; February - Continuation of a talk about 'Genetic or coincidence' of multiple births on a family tree; March - A member's personal experience with adoption.

As you work in your garden reflect on the roots of your origins. You may find your thoughts spreading like 'Creeping Charlie' and gain a new 'route' to discovering a breakthrough on your ancestry.

Happy Digging!

Library News

Sherry Bell, Library Director



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Library Hours:

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

In this issue of *Relatively Speaking*, there is a long list of recently catalogued items from the AGS Edmonton Branch Library collection. AGS Edmonton Branch members may borrow up to ten books for four weeks but other visitors to our library may consult these items onsite. When visiting the library, remember to check for new items on the display shelf and the white table near the windows.

Some of the new items were bought with our library acquisition funds, others with trust funds from the Scottish Research Interest Group and some have been kindly donated. Thanks to all donors and those who made submissions for the wish list. There is still time to make suggestions for 1998 purchases. Please provide author, title, publisher and date of publication, if known. The members of our acquisitions committee do take the members' interests into consideration when choosing how to spend our money. Finally, thanks to Norma for processing the new arrivals so that they are available for borrowing.

England + Wales Research Group

Motto "Leave No Stone Unturned"

We meet on the first Thursday of every month, except July and August, at 7:30 p.m. in 116 Prince of Wales Armouries in the AGS Library. We seem to be almost 'bursting our seams' lately, as we gain new people each month - this stands to reason, I suppose, because of the vast number of our ancestors who came from England and Wales to this country to

make a new life for themselves and us, their descendants.

We eagerly give short talks on such things as Deed Polls, Gretna Green Marriages, and other interesting topics that can help us in our research...we also learn about some interesting occupations by which some of our antecedents earned their daily bread, eg. 'Fettlers', 'Chamberlains', 'Haberdashers'.

Many have had very positive results from suggestions made by members of the group as to 'where to look next' - the results are then passed on to us all, which in turn encourages us to 'leave no stone unturned'. Our 'theme' table continues to be a hit and when we had our last meeting, we learned, via a tape recording and song, how to say the longest name of a town in all the world - that one from Wales!

At our next meeting in April, Art Overton will tell us about the 'Chatham Chest'.

At our May meeting we'll hear about 'Manorial Records' from Carin Routledge.

New people are always welcome and if you wish to have your name on the phone list, please call Muriel Jones at 447-3592.

Irish Research Interest Group



The Irish Interest Group meets the second Monday of the month, every two months, at 7:30 p.m. in 116 Prince of Wales Armouries, the AGS Library. Meetings are in September, November, January, March, and May.

We have tried to encourage our members to contribute information on 'What's New' as far as research in Ireland is concerned, offer suggestions on how to overcome stumbling blocks, and make contributions to our Resource Book.

Our March meeting was a special celebration in honor of St. Patrick's Day with 'the wearin' o' the green' and a visit from a local group of Irish Dancers. They were the Mattierin Dancers from Sherwood Park, under the direction of Merv and Patty Bell.

They are absolutely marvelous performers. Their group consists of young people of all ages, from about 5 or 6 years of age to later teens, who seemed to greatly enjoy performing for us. We were privileged to witness all the many types of dance that they are so proficient at, including the 'hard shoe' dancing we have seen on River Dance - these children are definitely future contenders for a place in that group! The children were accompanied by dedicated parents and dance instructors, who must be given credit for the wonderful job they are doing with their very talented, and well-behaved charges. We all enjoyed their performance very much, which added greatly to our celebration.

It was a 'fun' evening, finished off by some 'green' snacks, including green veggies and dip, green apples and grapes, and green shamrock cookies.

We always have room for new people and if you wish to be placed on our phone list, please call Pat Hewitt at 454-4408.

East European Research Group

The "East European Research Group" is a "self-help" group of Edmonton area individuals who meet every other month in the library of the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS). The main purpose of "EERG" is to help AGS Members who are researching their East European roots by providing information and opportunities to network with others who are doing similar research.

The February and April 1998 meetings of the EERG attracted large numbers of people and were immensely successful. Elaine Kalynchuk, author of a book on a branch of the Kalynchuk family in Canada, gave two information-packed presentations on how to research your Ukrainian family tree and find the village in Ukraine that your ancestors came from. She also talked about where to obtain various types of information such as ships' photos and maps, and ways of publishing your family history. Detailed handouts from Elaine's presentations are available in the EERG Resource Binder, in the AGS Edmonton Branch library.

The next EERG meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 1998 at 7:30 pm at the AGS library in the Prince of Wales Armouries. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring your pedigree charts and other genealogical treasures for an evening of sharing success stories and research tips. We'll also be discussing several projects underway. Projects include organizing research trips to various archives and museums, updating our resource binder, identifying East European reference material in the AGS Edmonton Branch library, developing a list of members who are willing to do lookups for other researchers, and identifying available translation services. After June, the next EERG meetings are planned for September 16 and November 4, 1998.

For further information about the EERG or to suggest speakers for future meetings, please contact Karen Hesson of Edmonton by phoning 489-8920 or send e-mail to khesson@compusmart.ab.ca. A list of EERG members' research interests is provided on the "Genealogy is Fun" webpage at <http://www.compusmart.ab.ca/miswilc>.

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NOTICE

The well known English lecturers Marjorie and Richard Moore will be giving a one-day seminar on June 25, 1998 at the Prince of Wales Armouries, Edmonton. Space is limited. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

For more information please phone Gina McCaslin at 451-2848 or Pamela Farmer at 452-4685.

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Remembering Jim Farnel

It was at the annual AGS conference of 1994 that I first met Jim Farnel and his wife, Cindy. I had just been reelected President and was in desperate need of a Publications Chairperson. I cannot recall how the subject came about, but he accepted the job with enthusiasm and excitement even though he had just taken over as Editor of Clandigger.

Jim forged ahead with a new style and format for *Relatively Speaking* with the intent of making a good publication even better. His first issue as Editor was Vol. 22 No. 2 May 1994, published in the booklet format. By November 1994, Clandigger, the Edmonton Branch publication was incorporated into *Relatively Speaking*. He felt that all AGS members should have the opportunity to read about Edmonton Branch news.

He was still into fine tuning the publication when a new challenge came on line, "Vital Stats Index for Alberta". A large group of members had worked over 7500 volunteer hours on the project and he felt it would be a shame if it was not published. He spent many hours contacting libraries and institutions to ensure sales, so that the publication would be a sales success for the society. Jim worked hard to increase revenue on publication sales.

Jim spent many hours in finance committee meetings working to make AGS a better organization. As President, I counted on his keen business sense when making vital decisions in running the Society.

Just prior to Jim stepping down from his position of Publications Chairperson, he, his son Jimmy, and I drove to Red Deer to help pack and move the AGS library to our present location. After three years he felt he had accomplished what he had set out to do by presenting the society to members and the general public in a professional and readable magazine.

Jim worked hard in running his business, Polyrama Plastics, but he always took time to help the AGS and especially me whenever I needed a hand or someone to bounce ideas off, or help on a project.

Jim was very keen on doing genealogy and even started a business "GEN-ASSIST", using technology for family research, in his effort to always be of help to other genealogists.

Jim Farnel will be sadly missed by all members of the Alberta Genealogy Society with whom he worked and shared his interests and enthusiasm.

Submitted by Tom Trace, AGS #1663



Heritage Seekers

Extracts from the March, 1998 Newsletter of the
Grande Prairie & District Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society

The President's Cubbyhole

by Allen Meyer, AGS #3447

Greetings to all branch members. I've enjoyed being your Vice President this past year, and look forward to my new role as President. Bev Tucker has been very helpful, and I know she will continue to be valuable in her new position as Past President. I know it will be a pleasure to work with the other members of the executive as it has been in the past. This is a great crew!

I like to think of our branch (or any organization) as a ship - it all moves in the same direction in an organized fashion, and carries information from one place in time to another. This is an important journey, as Margo Moffat reminded us of the critical importance that genealogy plays, not just within our own families, but also on a national scale. We carry forward the names, history, and legacy of our ancestors; and when we're docked in port for monthly meetings we have a little fun (not THAT kind of fun). For this and other reasons I'm glad that Harry Lehnert brought his model ships to our anniversary meeting, as well as on a previous occasion. There's much to be said about a finely crafted vessel.

Thanks to all of the men and women who make this branch possible, and especially those ladies who dedicate so much of their time so that we can sail smoothly. Anchors away!

Information on This Issue:

As the Grande Prairie & District Branch celebrated its 20th Anniversary on February 17, 1998, this issue is predominantly devoted to those celebrations - history, reminiscences, and fun. We hope you enjoy it as much as we have.

New Logo:

You will notice a new image at the top of the page. This is the finalized drawing of the Branch Logo which has been in development since last fall.

The Logo is designed by Al Meyer and had to go through Grande Prairie City Council for approval of the use of the swan image.

AGS President's Award



Margo Moffat presented the AGS President's Award to the Grande Prairie Branch during our 20th anniversary meeting. The inscription reads:

"In appreciation for 20 years of outstanding volunteer service in the promotion of family history and genealogy, 1978-1998."

Accepting the award from Margo (left) are Branch charter members Paulette Hrychiw, Marie Matkin and Laura Turnbull. Thanks Margo.

20th Anniversary Special Awards



Honorees - 20th Anniversary

Pictured (l-r): Paulette Hrychiw (charter member), Joan Bowman (17 years), Marie Matkin (charter member), Gwen Turner (19 years), Leita Askew (15 years), Laura Turnbull (charter member).

Missing: Merna Nelson (charter member), Carol Thomson (charter member), Marjorie & Jacques Monlezun (18 years), Allan & Elsie Lock (18 years), Fran Moore (16 years), Nora Hassall (16 years), Sharon Schneider (15 years), Beverly Cunningham (15 years)

20 Years, 20 Questions or What Do You Know About Us?

by Debby Was, AGS #2650
(Answers on next page)

- 1) When & where was the Grande Prairie & District Branch, AGS formed?
 - 2) Who was the first president?
 - 3) Name the charter members present tonight.
 - 4) Name our favorite genealogy "teacher."
 - 5) Who has the library honored for making a major contribution to the preservation of local history in Grande Prairie?
 - 6) Find two people at this meeting who are researching in the same Canadian province.
 - 7) Name the person who is researching their ancestry in the most unusual place and name the place.
 - 8) When was the annual AGS conference held in Grande Prairie?
 - 9) Name two members whose research have shown that they could be related.
 - 10) What is the name of the branch newsletter?
 - 11) Name the member who informs the community about our meetings & activities.
 - 12) Name at least two places where our members like to "hangout"?
 - 13) Name another local research repository other than the Grande Prairie Public Library .
 - 14) Who is our AGS president and what is her country of birth?
 - 15) Find 2 members who are researching in each of the following areas:
 - a) United Kingdom
 - b) United States
 - c) Ukraine
 - d) Germans from Russia
 - e) France
 - 16) Name two major branch projects.
 - 17) Who gave a major donation to our branch library in 1996?
 - 18) Name an AGS president who has given a presentation to our branch.
 - 19) Who phones members to remind them of the meetings?
 - 20) Who instigated the "Genies in the Library" program?
- Bonus question:** What is the most important research tool in the Grande Prairie Public Library?



Working out the answers to the questions!

Answers to "20 Years, 20 Questions"

- 1) Feb 22, 1978, Recplex Conference Rm.
- 2) Carol Thomson
- 3) Laura Turnbull, Paulette Hrychiw, & Marie Matkin
- 4) Laura Turnbull
- 5) Isabel Campbell
- 6) Many answers
- 7) Paulette Hrychiw in Madagasca and Kuala Lampur; and any other answers.
- 8) April 2 & 3, 1982
- 9) Bev Tucker & Don Moreau; Dorothy McDonald & Paulette Hrychiw; Joan Bowman & Gwen Turner
- 10) Heritage Seekers
- 11) Barb Moreau, Publicity chairperson
- 12) LDS Library; Grande Prairie Public Library; Donnelly Library; Paulette's house; Tim Hortons
- 13) GP Museum; LDS Library; GP Regional College library plus others?
- 14) Margo Moffat from Scotland
- 15) Many answers
- 16) 1901 census; Cemetery Index; Obituary Files; Newsletter; Branch Library
- 17) Paul Gibson
- 18) 1983-85 - Laura Turnbull; 1985 - Wilf Allan; 1993 - Tom Trace; 1998 - Margo Moffat
- 19) Nancy Timanson & Evelyn Stark
- 20) Barb Moreau

Bonus: Card Catalogue



More members working out the answers!



Cake with Logo design

Libraries in the Grande Prairie Area

Grande Prairie Public Library

(Where your Grande Prairie & District Branch Library is located)

9910-99 Ave, Grande Prairie

Telephone: 532-3580

Tues. - Thurs. - 10 am to 9 pm

Fri & Sat. - 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday - 1 pm to 5 pm

Closed Mondays

Family History Centre, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 11212-102 St., Grande Prairie

Telephone: 532-3609

Tuesday: 10 am - 4 pm & 6 - 9 pm

Wednesday: 1 pm - 4 pm & 6 - 9 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm

Grande Prairie Regional College

10726-106 Ave, Grande Prairie

Telephone: 539-2939

Mon - Thur - 7:45 am - 10 pm

Fri - 7:45 - 4:30 pm

Sat - 10 am - 4:30 pm

Sun - 1 pm - 9 pm

Dates Gone By ...



Bev Tucker presents a copy of
"Dates Gone By" to Margo Moffat
for the AGS Library

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

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.

Write to the Branch for an order form. Cost is \$12.00 plus \$1.75 for postage & handling. We look forward to sending this excellent work to as many as possible.

Meetings

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

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Publicity: vacant
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Researchers: Joan Bowman 532-4697
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Editor: Joan Bowman 532-4697
Layout & Copying: Laura Turnbull
Distribution: Dorothy McDonald

WebSite Address

<http://www.telusplanet.net/public/ags/gpbranch.html>

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

information but perhaps they give the appearance of being a little crowded. Not many errors or shortcomings were seen in the work but there were a few—for instance on one page it gave the wrong location for the International floor of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City which disagreed with the information on the following page. In the discussions about Swiss personal & place names two books that I feel are important, *Geographisches Lexikon der Schweiz* and *Familiennamenbuch der Schweiz*, were not mentioned in the body of the work however the latter was listed in the bibliography. The chapter on *Reading the Records* is rather brief. It does give samples of German type and script; however it might have been useful to show examples of the variations in letter shapes and penmanship as they changed over the years. There is a German word-list divided into some useful main groups—*Kinship, Jurisdictional & other Terms; Occupations & Related Terms; Time; Numbers; and Illnesses, Disease, Causes of Death*. These are of course needed, and it would be unrealistic to expect word-lists in each of the languages where German-speaking peoples lived, however Latin, being so universally used might have been included here to advantage. It is quite impossible to include everything in one volume and selectivity needed to be employed so it must be pointed out that for all topics in the book there are references included for the interested reader to obtain further detailed information. There were a few grammatical errors and typos, but not many, and one or two sentences were either incomplete or were obtuse in their meaning. Other than a few, mostly very inconsequential flaws and the possibility that its binding (it is soft-covered) may not survive extensive library use, the book is very well done. It is researched thoroughly and presented well.

It is a book that this reviewer thinks should be in the library of all societies or centres where any Germanic genealogical research is undertaken. I am strongly recommending that our local Family History Centre acquire a copy for its patrons to use.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter C. Meyer, DDS, BMus, MMus, AG ■

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know in 1937 the Province of Alberta had 57 ferries? The North Saskatchewan River alone had 19 crossings.

Rivers	No. of Ferries
Athabasca	5
Bow	4
Big Smoky	1
Narrows Lac Ste. Anne	1
McLeod	4
North Saskatchewan	19
Peace	2
Pembina	6
Red Deer	12
South Saskatchewan	2
Wapiti	1
Total	57

The annual average cost of operating these fifty-seven ferries over a period of the last four years (1934 - 1938) has been \$56,490, and the average cost of renewals and replacements over the same period has been \$16,210.

Submitted by R. H. (Dick) Nash, AGS #659
Source: The Case for Alberta Part I, Alberta's Problems and Dominion - Provincial Relations, King's Printer 1938 ■

WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A BUTCHER, BAKER, OR A BARBER?

by R.H. (Dick) Nash, AGS #659

I have in my possession a 1914 Gazetteer listing merchants of Canada. Don't forget, back then, most businesses were small family-run enterprises and quite often the full name of the owner was the name of the shop. Alberta has about 100 pages in the Gazetteer. Please see following page.

Editor's note:
to be continued in upcoming issues. ■

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Leimeux, A.		Wrightson, C. & Son		Atkinson Bros. & Kelterborn	
Burns, P. & Co., Ltd.	Bankf	Young, G. W.		Fort Saskatchewan	
Mitchelltree, W. L.		Duggan & Gaw			
Burns, P. & Co., Ltd.	Bankhead	Canmore Meat Market		Camrose	Frank
Edmond, James	Bashaw	Colebrook, R. F.		Carbon	Forty-One Market Co., Ltd.
Gebert, Geo.	Bassano	Long, J. H.		Cardston	Gilmore, O.
Olesperg, E. S.	Bawlf	Reeder & Co.			Gadsby
Forty-One Market Co., Ltd.	Bellevue	Weisbrod, C. A. & Co.		Carlstadt	Granum
Hart, Phillip		Hansom, B. F.		Carmangay	Grassy Lake
Damron Bros.	Bentley	Baird & Campbell			Halkirk
Deisting Bros.	Bittern Lake	Baker, C. & Son			Hanna
Duckler & Gibson	Black Diamond	Boucock, Harold		Carstairs	
Krouse & Son	Blackfalds	Woelk, R. F.			Hardisty
Boyd, W. W.	Blackie	Wlart Bros.		Castor	High River
Burns, P. & Co.	Blainmore	Beaton, Leonard			
Forty-One Market Co., Ltd.		Adams Bros.		Champion	Hill Crest Mine
Kafowry, F. S.		Bettin, Henry		Chipman	Innisfall
McLean, Arch.		Ramage, D.		Clareholm	
Fuller & Smith	Bowden	Williams, D. P.			Innisfree
Brant Meat Market		Delaney, Geo. A.		Coalhurst	Irma
Latam, F. M.	Bremner	Johnson, E. C.		Cochrane	Irricana
Northwest Live Stock Co., Ltd.		Burns, P. & Co.		Coleman	Irvine
	Bruederhelm	Forty-One Market Co., Ltd.			Islay
Johnston, G. H.	Burdett	Pisoni, J.			Keoma
Boutry, Achille	Burmis	Stauclick, Jas.			Killam
Rlene, B. F.		Wiltse & Banton		Consort	Kitscoty
Sherwood, R.		Asquith & Duckworth		Curonation	Lacombe
Yarborough, C. C.		Smith & Moore			
Tamney, Daniel D.	Cadogan	Cyr & Smith		Cowley	Lamont
Ames & Pitts	Calgary	Goodland Bros.		Crossfield	Langdon
Austin, Jacob		Hays, George		Czar	
Barker, C. J.		Slack, E. J.		Daysland	Leduc
Becker & Damhoff		Austin, C. H.		Delburne	
Bell & Campbell		Card, M.			
Berghman, Paul		Roselle, Louis			Lethbridge
Birt & Williams		Daykin, W.		Diamond City	
Blunt, J. A.		Glasgow, W. M.			
Boys Grocery & Meat Market		McKenzie, D.			
Brink, Arthur M.		Jones, M. E.		Didsbury	
Burns, P. & Co., Ltd.		Welcker, Norman			
Burns, R. & Co.		Haviland, I. N.		Donalds	Lille
Canadian Meat Co.		Cumming & Wilson		Drumhiller	
Cory, Harry R.		Erickson, Williams & French		Eckville	Lloydminster
Cowling, J. T.		Filhor, Amlon		Edberg	
Crown Meat Market		Dancey, Thomas		Edgerton	
Currie Bros.		Adams Meat Co.		Edmonton	Lougheed
Davis, Wm. I.		Alberta Meat Market			
Doyle, Chas.		Albuschlova, M.			Lundbreck
East End Meat Market		Arnold & Horae			Macleod
Edward, Ernest		Block, T.			
Farmers Meat Market & Pork Pack-		Boychuk, John			Magrath
ing Co.		Braunstein, Leo.			Manville
Fisher Bros.		Brody, H.			
Gillespie, J. S.		Burns, P. & Co., Ltd.			Medicine Hat
Gross, J. B.		Campbell, Wm. M.			
Harding, B. J.		Dagg, Joseph J.			
Hergert, G.		Edgar, John S.			
Hughes Meat Co.		Edgar, Wm.			
Imperial Meat Market		Edmonton Meat Co., Ltd.			
James, S. G. & Son		Fellicetti, Luigi			Milk River
Jones Bros.		Fulton, E. P.			Millet
Jones, W.		Geary Bros.			
Kaiser, Adam		Geary, H. E. & Co.			Minburn
Lawn & Beattie		Gillander, W.			Mirror
Lawin, C. L.		Gould, Geo.			
Lewis, W. H.		Hackney, Jas. H.			Monarch
Lyse, F. M. & Co.		Hardy, J. & Co.			
Male, Wm.		Heath, Mark			Morinville
Marks, Isaac		Hehsdoerfer, Jos.			
Martin & Gardner		King Meat Co.			Mundare
McDonald, H. C.		Lazaruk, Geo.			Munson
McDowell & Sons		Leonard, Alfred			
McGinn, Robt. N.		Lepore, Anthony			Namaka
McKay & Bennett		Main Street Meat Market			Nanton
McMann, Thos.		Meunier, E.			
McMillan, E. R.		Midgley, Herbert			North Edmonton
Mission Bridge Meat Market		Miller, Lewis J.			Ogden
Mitchelltree & Denoon		Montana Meat Market			Okotoks
Morgan, Joseph		Neil, W. T.			
Newing, William		Nichka, Stephen			Olds
Palmer, Geo.		Nix, J. E.			
Peel & Son		Noak, William			Passburg
Producers Outlet		Renas, T.			
Rhodes, T. S.		St. Onge, G. E.			Penhold
Rice Bros.		Spanton, J.			Pincher Creek
Rohl, Geo.		Speer, F. W. & Co.			
Royal Meat Co.		Stern, Isidor			
Shattock, Walter		Suss, J. G.			Pincher Station
Southwest Meat Market					

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IN OUR MAILBOX:

Dear Folks:

Congratulations on your 25 years! "The work" is splendidly supported by your society! Bringing resources and people together, generating and nurturing interest, encouraging growth in the research and presentation of family histories, accurate genealogies - good stuff to be rewarded.

I read (the Library copy!) Frank Easton's article and it shamed me into this membership. Hearing of Frank, D'Arcy Hande and Helen Boomer brought great memories of the first days of the Saskatchewan Society. Thank you Frank - I owe you for that.

Last year's conference, the Irish and internet sessions I attended was marvellous. Credit yourselves with regenerating and jump-starting my interest after 10 years of lapse. I've run my BEADLE/BEDALL/BEDALE ancestors to ground from London, Ont., 1863 to Teesdale, Durham Co., England 1680, because of my rekindled interest. The internet access to indexes of parish records for Yorkshire and Durham is a huge help.

I congratulate you all again and look forward to the April conference! Thank you all: Executive, Board, Committees, for the work you do - you don't hear it often enough but YOU'RE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Sincerely,
Duncan Rand,
Lethbridge, Alberta

Editor's Note:
What a pleasure to receive such an enthusiastic response, Duncan. Thank you for expressing your appreciation to those who work so hard for the Society. Thanks, too, for you 1998 membership application! ■

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Dear Peter Goutbeck
Re Cemetery Recording

"Thanks so much for the headstone photograph and the information about John Leedy. I appreciate that you thought of me and the EDHS Cemetery Walking Tour. We had already discovered the stone and its

interesting inscription and we've done a bit of work to find out more about him. I enclose the same in case you can use it."

Sincerely, Kathryn Ivany

JOHN WITNAH LEEDY (F-38-2)

Born 1849 in Ohio
1875 Married Sara J. Boyd of Frederickton, Ohio

Elected to State Senate of Kansas 1893-1897
Elected Governor of Kansas 1897-1899 - last populist governor
- advocated things like state banking to provide loans to farmers (now taken for granted)
1901 - went to Alaska - to practice law
1908 - became city attorney
"struck it rich" in mining
1910 - came to Alberta - farmed near Whitecourt
was an active member of the UFA until 1921 when he split with Wisewood
1926 - sought seat in Alberta Legislature as independent - defeated
1935 - died - funeral expenses and memorial paid by State of Kansas ■

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From: Robert Davison
<RCDavison@classic.msn.com>

Subject: FFHS: Major John Crosse Godsolve
CROSSE 1766-1854

This gentleman raised a Troop of Yeomanry (the Havering Cavalry) at his own expense, transported them to Ireland and took part in military actions during the 1798 Rebellion. Specifically for his actions in defending Londonderry, the 'ladies of the City' presented him with a silk banner (guidon) which is in the possession of a relative of one of our members.

With the tremendous interest in 1798 matters in Ireland this year (200th commemoration) the North of Ireland Family History Society is seeking information on family histories of the lesser known 'players.' What we have so far on Major CROSSE is just the sort of thing we are after, but we would like more! Do any fellow FFHS members have information on CROSSE and in particular, the Havering Yeomanry

Cavalry? We do know that CROSSE, his wife and 9 children are buried in the family vault at Rainham. Presumably this is Rainham, Essex and not Kent, in view of CROSSE's connection with the Havering Cavalry, which I assume originated from Havering-atte-Bower, Essex.

Any information please to Robert C. Davison, General Secretary, North of Ireland Family History Society. E-mail <RCDavison@msn.com> ■

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Submitted by Fern Muirhead, AGS # 3474 ■

A PRESIDENT'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who attend meetings regularly and on time, and who remind or invite others to come.

Blessed are those who speak up at meetings, to bring out the points and contribute their own experience.

Blessed are the brief, because they win the good will of the others.

Blessed are those whose participation is good-humored, for they brighten up the meeting and prevent disruption, despite any differences in opinion.

Blessed are those with perspective, who acknowledge to themselves, if not to those present, that conditions of others may be different, and hence their points of view.

Blessed are those who can face opposition without taking offense or feeling a personal criticism where none was intended.

Blessed are those who, having accepted a responsibility, discharge it promptly and give a good accounting of their performance.

Blessed are those who voice appreciation in front of their fellow members, so that those who have earned approval may enjoy it in good season and feel rewarded.

....anonymous ■

Submitted by Claudine Nelson, AGS #2592

COMIC RELIEF

After careful research it has been discovered that the artist, Vincent Van Gogh, had many relatives. Among them were his:

- obnoxious brother, Please Gogh
 - brother working at a MAC store, Stopn Gogh
 - dizzy aunt, Verti Gogh
 - cousin from Illinois, Chica Gogh
 - magician uncle, Wherediddy Gogh
 - Mexican cousin, Amee Gogh
 - nephew who drove a stage coach, Wellsfar Gogh
 - constipated uncle, Cant Gogh
 - ballroom dancing aunt, Tan Gogh
 - bird lover uncle, Flaming Gogh
 - nephew psychoanalyst, E Gogh
 - fruit loving cousin, Man Gogh
 - little nephew, Poe Gogh
 - sister who loved disco, Go Gogh
- and a
- niece who travels the country, Winniebay Gogh

The above appeared on a German - Russian listserve. Thanks to the contributor.

(from The Alberta Chapter Germans from Russia Heritage Society Nov/Dec 1997) ■

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ALBERTA IN 1914

Submitted by R. H. (Dick) Nash, AGS #659
Source: Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland
Gazetteer, Toronto, 1914

In 1914, Alberta had the following cities, towns, post
offices and railway stations.

Editor's note: Because this list is comprised of four
pages, we will continue to print what space will allow
in upcoming issues.

In the following section work the cities, towns, post offices, railway stations,
etc., are arranged alphabetically by provinces, giving complete description of each place
as to location, population, nearest bank, railroad or water routes, express, telegraph, etc.

ACM.

Dominion of Canada Gazetteer, 1914

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ALBERTA

ACME, a settlement on the C. P. R. Has Telegraph, Telephone, Express, Money Order Office, and Bank. Pop. 800.
AETNA, a settlement, 6 miles from Cardston, the nearest Ry., Telegraph, Express, and Bank. Has stage to Cardston, bi-weekly. Pop. 600.
AIRDRIE, on C. and E. branch of C. P. R., 20 miles from Calgary. Has Telegraph, Express, Bank, etc. Pop. 200.
ALDERSYDE, on the C. P. R., 5 miles from Okotoks. Has Telegraph, Express, Money Order Office, etc., nearest bank at Okotoks. Pop. 50.
ALIX, on Lacombe branch of C. P. R., and G. T. P., Tofield to Calgary, 25 miles east of Lacombe. Has Telegraph, Express, Money Order Office, Bank, etc. Pop. 600.
AMISK, a settlement on C. P. R., 6 miles from Hughenden, the nearest Ry., Telegraph, etc. Pop. 30.
ANDREW, a post settlement, 80 miles from Edmonton and 48 from Fort Saskatchewan. The nearest Telegraph, Express, Railway, and Bank at Lamont, 25 miles. Has stage twice a week to Lamont. Pop. 300.
AUDROSSAN, on the G. T. P., 15 miles from Edmonton, the nearest Telegraph, Express, Bank, etc. Pop. 20.
ATHABASCA LANDING, a settlement on the Athabasca River, and on C. N. Ry., 97 miles north of Edmonton. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Has Government Telephone. Stage weekly to Edmonton. Pop. 600.
BANFF, on the C. P. R., 80 miles west of Calgary. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 500.
BANKHEAD, on C. P. R., 5 miles from Banff, the nearest banking point. Has Telegraph and Express. Pop. 100.
BARDO, a Post-Office on C. P. R., 45 miles from Wetaskiwin. Bank at Tofield, 5 miles. Pop. 250.
BAR HILL, a settlement about 10 miles from Lethbridge, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, and Express.

BARNWELL, a station on the C. P. R., 5 miles from Taber. Has Telegraph and Express, bank at Taber. Pop. 20.
BARONET, a settlement about 6 miles from High River, the nearest Ry., Bank, Telegraph, and Express.
BARONS, on C. P. R. Has Telegraph, Express, Money Orders, Bank, etc. Pop. 500.
BASIFAW, on G. T. P. Ry., Tofield to Calgary branch. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 200.
BASSANO, a town on the Main Line of C.P.R., 100 miles west of Medicine Hat. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 1,500.
BATTENBURG, a settlement, 25 miles from Edmonton, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, etc.
BATTLE LAKE, a settlement, 45 miles from Wetaskiwin, the nearest Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Stage bi-weekly.
BAWLF, a settlement on the C.P.R. Has Bank, Railway, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 700.
BEAUMONT, a settlement 6 miles from Edmonton, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Bank, and Express. Pop. 150.
BEAVER HILLS, a settlement, 80 miles from Edmonton and 31 miles from Fort Saskatchewan, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, and Express. Stage weekly. Pop. 40.
BEAVER LAKE, 6 miles from Mundare the nearest Railway, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 50.
BEAVER MINES, a mining camp, 12 miles from Pincher Creek, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Bank, etc. Pop. about 200.
BESEKER, a station on the C.P.R. Telegraph, Express, Bank, etc. Pop. 100.
BELLEVUE, a station and settlement 2 miles from Frank, the nearest Banking point. Pop. 75.
BELLSVILLE, a Post-Office, 10 miles from Sedgewick, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
BELVEDERE, a settlement 65 miles from Edmonton. Nearest Telegraph, Express, Bank, and Railway at Morinville, 35 miles. Pop. 50.
BENTLEY, a settlement 13 miles from

Lacombe, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank. Stage to Lacombe. Pop. 150.
BERGEN, a settlement 8 miles from Olds, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
BERRY CREEK, a settlement 12 miles from Castor, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
BICKENDIKE, on main line G.T.P. Ry., 8 miles from Edson, the nearest Banking point. Pop. 25.
BIG VALLEY, on C.N.R. Has Telegraph, Express, and Bank. Pop. 50.
BISMARCK, a Post-Office 20 miles from Ponoka, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
BITTERN LAKE, on C.P.R., 25 miles from Wetaskiwin. Has Telegraph and Express. Bank at Camrose, 10 miles. Pop. 50.
BLACK DIAMOND, a Post-Office, 12 miles from Okotoks, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
BLACKFALDS, on the C. and E. branch of C.P.R., 100 miles north of Calgary, and 6 from Lacombe. Has Bank, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 200.
BLACKFOOT HILLS, on C.N.R., 7 miles from Lloydminster, the nearest banking point. Has Telegraph and Express.
BLACKIE, on C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. about 300.
BLAIRMOUTH, on Lethbridge and Crow's Nest Pass Branch of C.P.R., 2 miles from Frank. Has Telegraph, Express, and Bank. Pop. 1,500.
BLUFF CENTRE, a Post-Office, 8 miles from Ponoka, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, and Express.
BON ACCORD, a Post-Office, 20 miles north-east of Edmonton, nearest Bank, Telegraph, and Express at Morinville, 9 miles.
BONNIE GLEN, a Post-Office, 20 miles from Millet, the nearest Railway, Express and Telegraph. Bank at Wetaskiwin, 25 miles.
BOTHIA, on Lacombe branch of C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 150.
BOWDEN, on C. and E. branch of C.P.R., 65 miles north of Calgary. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 300.

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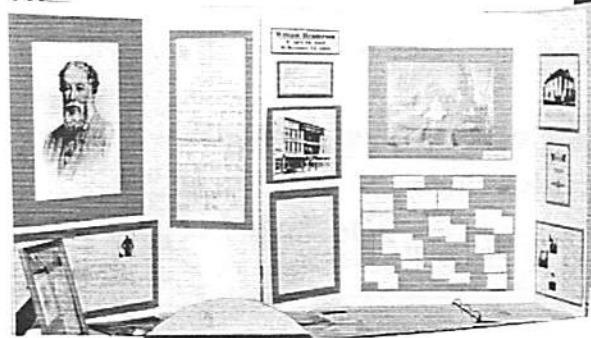
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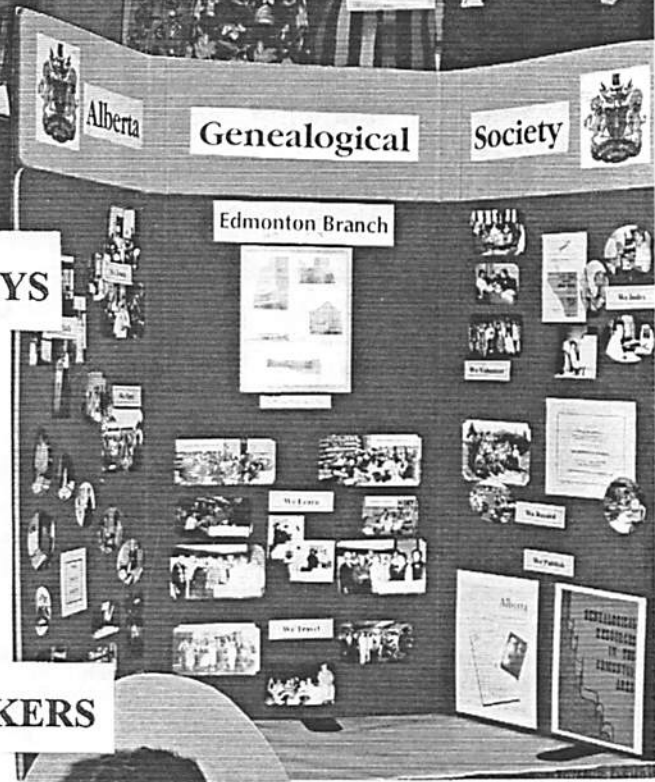


Banquet Guest Speakers
Frank Easton & Wilfred Allan

APPRECIATION AWARDS



DISPLAYS



**Nancy
 Millar**



**Kenneth
 Aitken**

SPEAKERS



**Norma
 Wolowyk**

BANQUET NIGHT



**1 to r: Mairi MacCrimmon, Anne Luciuk,
 Sherry Bell, Ian Holmes, Claudine Nelson**



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SEEK RESEARCH RECORD

Alberta Genealogical Society
25th Anniversary Conference



Margo
Moffat

Mary Ann
Legris



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PRESIDENTS

l to r: Margo Moffat, Larry Clark, Jo Nuthack, Wilfred Allan,
Laura Turnbull, Jack Fitzsimonds, Frank Easton, Charles Denney



Wilma & Shirley
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Branch Bits

Brooks and District

The current membership for the Brooks Branch is 34. Our January meeting was held on the 8th with a computer program put on by three members. They shared the pros and cons from each program and what they liked best about them. Well presented by our members. I am sure those who are interested in buying a program will have a better idea what may best suit their needs.

Our February meeting was our annual meeting night. After the elections we held a program for the evening done by Don McIver on the websites available on the Internet and the best ones that he has found so far. Different websites include those where you may find maps for the areas you are interested in as well as local interest and history of the area. A very informative evening especially for those of us using the Internet. This month we also started another fund raiser for the branch, a Bakeless Bake Sale. As well all copies of the Brooks Bulletin Obituaries Index have been sold so we will be printing another batch soon, for sales are still coming in for this book.

Executive for the 1998 year are: President - Betty Penner; Vice President - Sandra Bramble; Secretary - Margaret Eaton; Treasurer - Pauline Mark; and Past President - Jean Stewart.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Penner, President

Lethbridge & District

I am sorry to announce the passing of two of our senior members in January. Our sympathy is extended to the families and loved ones of Reg Milne and Lenore Menard.

Election of officers was held at our annual meeting on February 19. Our slate of officers is as follows:

Past President - Milt & Lil Clelland
President - Winnifred Evans (2nd year of 2 year term)

Vice President - Owen Robb (2nd year of 2 year term)
Secretary - Laureen Piekema (acting)
Treasurer - Vacant
Publicity - Vacant
Membership - Laureen Piekema
Newsletter - Phyllis Burnett
Researcher - Mary Roberts
Programming - Ila Skeith
Federation Books - Muriel Walters
BMD Indexes - Muriel & Ray Jolliffe
Phone Committee - Muriel Walters, Amy Woodruff, Bev Henderson
Social Committee - Vacant

Our membership numbers 61 as of February 19. Volunteer hours for January and February 1998 total 363 hours.

Beginners classes resumed in January and are well attended, indicating a favourable part of programming. Greg Ellis, City of Lethbridge Archivist, gave us a presentation on the Heritage Buildings of Lethbridge. That was also well received.

A tour of the University of Lethbridge Library proved to be popular and interesting. Twenty members and guests attended the U. of L. on January 22.

Following our meeting of February 19, Ila Skeith presented a book review of "Remember Me as You Pass By" by Nancy Millar.

In 1989, family histories were submitted by school children entering a contest. These have been stored since then. Cataloguing of this information will start this winter.

In March we will look forward to an orientation as to the Genealogical Resources held in our Lethbridge Public Library.

Submitted by Winnifred Evans, President

Medicine Hat & District

Our December meeting program was "Show and tell". The stories our members tell always makes the program portion of our meeting very interesting.

At our January meeting we held three workshops. Deb Phillips taught a "Beginners Workshop", Betty Padfield gave us some good tips on "Letter Writing" and Faye Hood had some really good ideas on "Organization".

February was election time once again. I am happy to say that all elected positions were filled. Following the elections we made plans to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our branch. It was decided that we have an Open House on Saturday, June 20th, 1998.

Respectfully submitted by Edie Pinder, President

Red Deer & District

The January meeting of the Red Deer Branch was held in the Gallery of the Red Deer Museum because the Alberta Winter Games committee was using the Stewart Room. Kurt Nagel gave a presentation on using the resources available through the LDS Family History Center, especially for the intermediate researcher.

At the February meeting we had open discussion on the various problems being experienced by different members. It was also election night and Mary Joan Cornett acted as our elections officer. We were unable to elect a branch president, although negotiations are still going on! Our executive for the coming year is as follows:

Past President - Evelyne Fairbrother
Vice President - Gordon Becker
Secretary - Bob Watson
Treasurer - Mary Joan Cornett
Membership Secretary - Betty Barnhill
Editor/Treeclimber - Jo Allen & Carol Scriven

We are currently working on several projects, including indexing local church records for the Red Deer Archives. The proof reading has begun for the 1997 Vital Statistics from the Red Deer Advocate.

Anyone who would like to help is invited to come and join us in our library on Wednesday evenings.

Submitted by Evelyne Fairbrother, Past President.

BEHIND THE SCENES . . .

by Margo Moffat, Past President AGS

Of every conference there is a willing band of volunteers who plan and re-plan and plan again until they have the final product, an AGS Conference. It takes patience, courage and a very thick skin to deal with the no's to requests for help. It also pulls the group together in a special camaraderie that remains with them long after the conference is over. Why do they do it? Certainly not for the hard work involved but because they believe in the importance of conferences.

A genealogical conference is reminiscent of a family reunion. Some of the comments from the conference evaluation forms stated what people liked best: the camaraderie; the enjoyment of meeting old friends and making new ones; the diversity of topics presented; increased length of coffee breaks which allowed browsing at displays or talking about research; the banquet; the bagpipes; being re-energized; speakers overall; the library; the software program; the program labels on the outside of the registration packets; and the goodies at all the breaks

Some of the things not liked were: doors not being open on Friday (the conference committee didn't like it either, the security guard was late. Ah well, to err is human!); uncomfortable chairs; lack of public phone; starting early in the morning; length of the banquet & banquet food; Friday is difficult for working people; room smelling of smoke (delegates were not smoking) and quality of overheads at AGM.

There were 71 evaluation sheets handed in and the summary clearly shows it was a successful conference. And just like a family reunion some will leave with a special feeling of it being all worthwhile while some will complain about this and that. That's human nature doing what comes naturally. We are grateful that 71 delegates completed the evaluation and handed it in. We do read them and try to

incorporate your suggestions and ideas for future conferences. The idea for longer coffee breaks came from one of last year's evaluations.

There was one particular area that the conference committee struggled with and that was the sale of genealogical supplies and books. Several suppliers were approached to do so and they declined. Having some materials and books sent from a supplier in another province was a solution that could not be used due to lack of volunteers to man the table. We are fortunate that one of the exhibitors had certain supplies for sale.

Founding members and past AGS presidents accompanied by their spouses were piped into the banquet. It was one of the highlights of the banquet as were the guest speakers. I felt that we needed to recognize the tremendous service rendered by those men and women throughout our twenty-five years as a society. They gave us their time and their talents to ensure a strong foundation for our society.

An AGS past president commented that he couldn't do the job now because it has changed so much over the years. It is like running a small business.

I know that many of us go to conferences to socialize and hone our skills as genealogists. We are constantly educating ourselves so that we may become more proficient in our research. A conference is the social event of the year. I had breakfast every morning with Dean Hunter and Ken Aitken, conference speakers. It was an opportunity for us to update each other on what AGS and other societies are doing in the field of genealogy. It's also an opportunity to exchange ideas and information on what is happening at administration levels within genealogical societies.

One of the necessary components of an annual conference is the annual general meeting. This year we elected a new president and I presented the president's gavel to her. Presenting the gavel is a symbol of the authority or mantle being passed to an elected president. It should always be done in the general assembly of the AGM. Those members present witness the handing over of the gavel and it is symbolic that the new president conducts the rest of the meeting. It also shows that the outgoing president recognizes and supports the incoming president.

An election can be stressful because it means change. Change in leadership and possibly in administration. The same stress is noted when a new employer comes on board or a new king or queen. The individual asks: is the change good, and how will it effect me?

Speaking personally, I can tell you that the newly elected president and vice presidents are a good representation provincially. Our president is from Brooks, the vice presidents are from Edmonton and Fort McMurray. I think there are going to be tremendous benefits from their administration. The president has many years of executive experience and is able to step into her presidency fully equipped to take over the administration of the society.

Unlike conference delegates who can return home and not worry about administration, the new president has to deal with society business immediately after the last session. My comment for the rest of the evening and the next day was "ask the new president".

The volunteers involved in the organization of the '98 Conference were thanked publicly and privately for their generosity and commitment during the conference. I thank them again for a job well done. To our conference delegates, we couldn't have done it without your participation. Come again next year! ■

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Enjoy our pictures on previous pages

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Reason for Canopy Beds

Most English homes of old had 'thatched' roofs. Canopies were placed over the beds to keep bugs, mice, dirt, rain, etc. from disturbing your sleep!

(Cleveland S. Durham N. Yorks Journal Vol 7 No 1) ■

Potpourri

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

From the Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin,
Autumn 1997

If you plan a trip to Salt Lake City for family-history research and are traveling by road, one stop along the way should be the Idaho State Library in Boise, only a couple of miles off the freeway. This often-ignored resource holds not only the state archives, but also the library collection of the Idaho State Genealogical Society and the Idaho State Historical Society.

This is not a collection focused solely on Idaho, but includes material from across the country and beyond. It has some holdings not found in the Family History Library in Salt Lake, for instance, books and microfilms that might contain the clue to solving your family problem. Also, for a dime each you can obtain copies of old Idaho birth records - which cost plenty at the state vital records office across the street. Parking (two hours only, so watch it) is free in the library lot, and parking also is available on the street.

Don't overlook facilities such as this when traveling, either close to home or for many miles. For instance, in the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, the state capital, is the joint genealogical collection of the Wyoming State Library, the Laramie County Library System and the Laramie LDS Family History Center, and also a local history holding. It is a 10,000-volume genealogy collection and is particularly strong on Virginia and New England in addition to Wyoming and the west. In addition, the state archives has many Wyoming cemetery records plus a biographical collection; the state library has governmental documents and western history materials. ■

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA

From "Kindred Spirits", Volume 16, Issue 4, Fall 1997

In 1997 the National Archives of Canada celebrates 125 years of accumulating and preserving and storing

our historical records. On June 1, 1872, with a budget of \$4,000 and three small, empty rooms, Douglas Brymner began his work as our first national archivist. Brymner's vision was "to obtain from all sources, private as well as public, such documents as may throw light on social, commercial, municipal, as well as purely political, history." Provincial governments, the Public Record Office in England, the British War Office, the British Museum and even records in Paris and Rome were searched to uncover and recover documents relating to Canadian history and heritage.

In 1906 an especially designed archives building opened on Sussex Drive. Here new acquisitions could be exhibited to the public. Flags, medals, uniforms, weapons, and other war memorabilia were also displayed. Arthur Doughty succeeded Brymner as archivist. He encouraged the use of the facilities for research and began publications of appropriate documents for libraries and schools. He instigated travelling exhibits so more Canadians could view some of the collection. In later years architectural drawings, audio recordings, film, documentary art, photographic records and electronic records were the objects of special initiatives. Today the Archives holds more than 128,000 linear metres of government and private records, over a million maps, 19 million photographs, 300,000 works of documentary art, 200,000 hours of sound film and video recordings. The Sussex Drive building had become too full so the Archives were moved to the National Library in a new facility in 1967. This also soon became full as the collection continued to expand making additional facilities a necessity. The current archivist, Dr. Jean-Pierre Wallot, has overseen the construction of a large storage facility in Gatineau which is open this year. The usage of, and clients researching the material, have changed over the years. Historians, land researchers, the media, students, and - increasingly - genealogists, make use of the vast stores of data. A researcher no longer has to visit Ottawa to take advantage of the plethora of records housed there. By inter-library loan, material can come from the National Library to one near you. The development of technology has made records more

easily available with the National Archives now having a web site on the Internet. To quote from "The Archivist": "The principle behind the public services offered by the National Archives is self-service and researcher autonomy. To the degree possible, the institution will aim to deliver its services and create a research environment in which clients can obtain the information they need with minimum intervention by staff."

To access the web site: <http://www.archives.ca/> ■

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES

The Hudson's Bay Company Archives at the Provincial Archives of Manitoba has opened its own website at

<<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/index.html>>.

The website serves as an introduction to the Hudson's Bay Company Archives (HBCA) and includes descriptions of the various holdings (i.e. textual records, maps, library, photographs and documentary art) and staff responsibility areas. There are a number of resource pages, and information concerning access to the records through Inter-Library Loan. There are hypertext links to related institutions, a list of record series which have been microfilmed, and a list of archives and libraries which hold the microfilm finding aids. If you have any questions or comments, please contact: Maureen Dolyniuk, Archivist, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 1T5. Tel: (204) 945-2620.

e-mail: mdolyniuk@chc.gov.mb.ca

(from OGS Newsleaf - Supplement to Families, Vol 27 No 3 Nov 1997) ■

HOW TO RESEARCH NEW BRUNSWICK RECORDS AT HOME

Write to The Provincial Archives of N.B., P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5H1, and ask for a County Genealogical Guide for the county in N.B. where your ancestors lived. The Guides list the material that is available on microfilm, such as marriage, church, probate court, land and other records, with reel numbers for most items. Once you

know the reel number, go to a library near you that has a microfilm reader and ask it to borrow for you from PANB up to 3 reels at a time, which the library may hold for up to 21 days while you review them. Census records for the years 1851/61/71/81/91 and 1901 are available on inter-library loan from The National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3. You will need to specify the County, the Parish and the year, or the microfilm reel No.

(from Generations, Winter 1997) ■

NEWS FROM THE "PRO" AT KEW

The service records for officers who served in the British Army between 1914 and 1920 will be released on Tuesday, 3 February 1998. These records are an incomparable source of information about the careers of individual men. Unlike comparable records for other ranks, the original documents will be available. To mark the opening of these records the PRO organized a one day conference. For further details, please contact James Guthrie or Simon Fowler at the PRO (Tel: 0181-392-5279).

It has been decided to keep the PRO open on Saturday for the normal hours 9:30am to 5pm, although document ordering is slightly curtailed: 9:30am to 12 noon and 1:30 to 2:30pm.

If you had ancestors who were involved in the various working class protest movements, from the corresponding societies of the 1790's to the suffragettes of the 1910's, you may be interested in our next exhibition which opens 25 February and runs to early May. It coincides with the 150th anniversary of the great Kennington Green meeting organized by the Chartists, which many historians feel was the closest time Britain has come to revolution since the 17th century. Was your ancestor there? Or did they sign the monster petition which was presented to Parliament, demanding the vote for working men and annual elections?

(Abstracted from Family Tree Magazine February 1998) ■

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Everton's Genealogical Helper Jan-Feb 1998 ■

GENEALOGY POX

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Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at the mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret calls. Hides phone bill from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes. No known cure.

Treatment:

Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where they can be alone.

Remarks:

The unusual nature of this disease is - the sicker the patient gets, the more they enjoy it.

(from the Internet. Found in Generations, Winter 1997) ■

STRAYS

Mr. James BRIDGE of Okotoks, Alberta, married Miss Sarah Alice STAMWORTH, 28th Dec. 1920. The wedding took place at the bride's parents residence, Mr. and Mrs. STAMWORTH, Carr's Landing near Vernon, B.C. Rev. Lennox Fraser officiated at the marriage ceremony.

(from Vernon News, Vernon, B.C., 6th Jan. 1921, 'Wedding Bells', page 5.)

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Cindy, Jimmy and Megan Farnel, in the recent loss of their husband and father, Jim Farnel, an Edmonton Branch member.

Copy of Land Title Certificate from 1940

Submitted by: J. Harry Edey, AGS #1300

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PAULUK, Geraldine - 308, 600 Kirkness Rd., Edmonton, AB T5Y 2H5

**GALBRAITH
MULHOLLAND**

Looking for sister Mary Ellen GALBRAITH, b. 25 Sept 1953, Belfast N. Ireland. Name changed to Mary Ellen MULHOLLAND, in Ireland SCOTT (sometime in the 1960's). Arrived in Toronto, Canada 1972. Married to Maurice Raymond SCOTT on 29 May 1985 in the Church of Canadian Martyrs in Toronto. Our mother's name was Alice Elizabeth GALBRAITH (nee GREEN), b. 25 Nov 1919. She was married to Arthur GALBRAITH about 1938 or 1939.

GREEN

**SPRICKERHOFF, Carole(nee GRAY) 615 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Suite 267, Toronto ON
M4S 3C5**

**EBELING
LOHMEIER**

John EBELING b. 1856, d. 1938 and wife Lisetta Marie LOHMEIER, b. 1858, d. 1917, married in Minnesota in 1878. All children were born in Minnesota and died in Alberta. They are Henry Louis, Christian, Henry, Wilhelmina, Anna Margaret, Matilda, John Carl, Frederick William and William August EBELING. I have old pictures of this family but cannot identify all people. I would like more information on descendants of this family and would like to get in touch with descendants. Any help appreciated.

**WOELLNER
EBELING**

Elma Frieda Uanda WOELLNER b. 1895, d. 1954? First married to Henry Louis EBELING b. 1879, d. 1958, married 27 Jul 1911 in Blackfalds, Alberta. Children from her first marriage were Frieda Marie, Albert Theodore, Gladys Mae, John Elmer, and Edward. Her second husband was ? BIGART. Elma had one son that I know of, William BIGART. William lived in Innisfail, Alberta, had a wife named Linda and six children. I would also like to find out where my Great Grandmother, Elma WOELLNER/BIGART is buried. I would like to get in touch with anyone that knows where Elma WOELLNER'S siblings, Herman, Pat, Emil, Gabe, Otto, Edna, and Paul went. I would like to get in touch with descendants of this family. Any help appreciated.

BIGART

BURNS, Joan - 15 Hogarth Road, Brantford, ON N3T 6E7

**TIPP
TUCKER**

John TIPP, a tailor, b. 1870 in Ontario. Wife Roselle TUCKER b. 1871 in Brock Twp. Sons L. Garnett b. 1893 and G. Clifford b.1900. Moved to Edmonton and had 3 more children - Claude, Cecil and Muriel. Any information appreciated.

WINTLE, Rosalie - 425 Parkview Drive, Kingston ON K7M 4B4

**WISEMAN
STOCK**

I would like to make contact with two sisters Jane and Lizbet, believed to be daughters of Marjorie (nee STOCK) and ? WISEMAN. Marjorie was the daughter of Jane Mills HOLDOM and George STOCK who were married in England in 1898. My grandmother was Eliza Eleanor HOLDOM the sister of Jane Mills. The WISEMAN sisters are thought to have married and to have been living in Calgary fairly recently.

MUIRHEAD, Fern - Box 50, Dunsmore AB T0J 1A0 E-mail: fmuirhea@memlane.com

MOONEY

I am searching for the descendants of WILL & LILLY (Somersall) MOONEY who were married in Milford, Manitoba in 1885. Will was the eldest brother of Nellie McClung. Will & Lilly had 6 children - Fred, George, Charlie, Adelaide, Nellie and Edna. This family reportedly left Manitoba for Edmonton in 1904. Lilly was a sister of my great-grandmother, and any information about any members of this family would be most appreciated.

Members Interests

GEORGE, Gertie Cardiff Echoes, 63 Prospect Pl, Morinville, AB T0B 1P0

MCEACHERN, Colin	1783 - 1849	Belfast, Queens Cty, P.E.I., Canada
JOHNSON, James Douglas	1861? - 1903	b.Illinois; m.Nebraska; res.Wyoming(Big Horn Cty)
GEORGE, William	1861	Woodsetten, Staffordshire, England
ALLAN, William	1855 - 1940	Dailly, Ayrshire, Scotland
HANCOX, Joseph	1881	Sedgley, Staffordshire, England

KAN, Marilyn Leslie Box 1940, Jasper AB T0E 1E0 AGS #3591

CROUCH	Bucks, Herts, Sussex; Canada 1850 - 1910
CHENNELLS	All; Bucks, Herts, Sussex; Canada and South Africa
GODDARD	Amersham, Bucks; 1850
REEVE	Stony Stratford, Bucks 1900

LESLIE	Bridge of Don and Old Machar Parish, Aberdeen 1750 - 1850; PEI and Nova Scotia 1800-1900
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STEPHEN, John	Monymusk, Aberdeenshire b1780; 90th Perthshire Lt. Infantry, 1805 St. Vincent, W.I.
LYALL	Old Machar Parish, 1820 Aberdeen
FAIRCHILD	Devonshire; PEIsland, New Zealand

NEILLEY, Doreen General Delivery, Rocky Rapids AB T0E 1Z0 E-mail: rasmyth@telusplanet.net

NEELY/NEILLY	Post - 1580	Donegal/Tyrone/Antrim/Down Ireland
NEELY/NEILLY		Ontario Canada
DALE	All	Devon/Somerset/Cornwall England
BORLAND		Tyrone Ireland, then New Zealand
BELL		Perthshire Scotland, then Australia

WANIANDY, Jean 2 Centennial Drive, Apt. 204, Ft. McMurray AB

WRIGHT, Tiberious	1871	Quio Quebec
WRIGHT, Percy Morrison		Hull Quebec
BROWN, Magnus		Athabasca Alberta

SEEFELDT, Elsie Box 413, Duchess AB T0J 0Z0 AGS #3814

DENNISON, Henry		Hamilton England?
CRAWFORD, Janet	b1830	Hamilton Scotland
HOGG, William	b1823 Scotland d01-09-1873	Alnwick Twsp. Northumberland Co Canada
HOGG, Ellen or Helen	b1821 d1885	Alnwick Twsp. Northumberland Co
DENNISON, Mary Ann	b1862	Alnwick Twsp. Northumberland Co
HOGG, John Henry	b1855	Alnwick Twsp. Northumberland Co

To Whom It May Concern:

I belong to the Victoria Genealogical Society, and at last night's meeting I picked up a copy of your journal from 1982, just to get your address.

I have in my possession several letters, certificates and photos for Mrs. Emily Browne (nee Farrar) and Samuel Francis O'Connor Browne of Highvale, AB. They were married in Dublin, Ireland March 29, 1911 then emigrated to AB. There is a teacher's certificate for Mrs. Browne dated 1912, and a homestead certificate for 161 acres to Mr. Browne at Highvale 1919. Also two pictures of a man probably Mr. Browne. Also mentioned were Duffield, AB and Myrmam, AB.

If any of your readers are interested in this information, they can have same by writing me, Mrs. J. Briscoe, P.O. Box 843, Sooke, B.C. V0S 1N0. ■

RESEARCHER'S GROUP

Research Letters Received
for the period 01 January to 30 April 1998

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
and it will be forwarded.

Enquirer	From	Name(s) Sought	Area Sought	Remarks
WILLIAMS, Russ	USA	Delia Vitaline Bourgeois	Lac la Biche	Info.on Mother's Ancestr
WATKINS, Kaye	USA	Hutton		Index Name Search
NEWELL, Shirley	Victoria, BC	Ziegler Family Members	Alberta	various registrations
FITZGERALD, Waverly	USA	Daniel F. Foley	Kathryn, AB	Info. & Obituary
FINLAYSON, Katherine	Scotland	James, Alex & Frances Munroe	Lethbridge/Edm	Info.
VAN NOSTRUM, Antony	Netherlands	Hendrikus/Catharina Nostrum	Edmonton	Info on family
JONSSON, Annelie	Sweden	Walfrid Carlsson	Alberta	Info on family member
LUNDSTED, Tricia Ann	USA	Ludvig Olson	Bowell, AB	Seeking info./death cert
WRIGHT, Carol	Barrhead	Patty Craft Res.request		Member' response
PHILLIPS, Harley	Burnaby, BC	Jessie Mae Marks(Robinson)	Edmonton	Info.on Parents' names
BATCHELOR, Sharon	USA	Edward Fitzpatrick	Strathcona Cty	E-Mail response
MITCHELL, Brian	Kingston, ON	Surname "Litke"	Cem Records	Surname search
LAZARUK, Peter	Eng	Lazaruk Family	Twps of Opal, AB	Homestead info.wanted
PUESTOW, Betty	USA	Turner Family	Wainwright	Bur.info requested
PAWSON, Mrs A.	Estevan, Sask	Samuel Ashenhurs	Wetaskiwin	Seeking d.info /obit
BARON, Raymond	USA	Henry/Henri Desire Baron	Alberta	Emigration/Obits, etc.
FRANCIS, Bob	Victoria, BC	No names	Alberta	Info on search methods
ROBERTS, Mary	Lethbridge	Lawrence Callan family	Edmonton	For: Collette Gruczelak
BOND, Mary		Hiatt F. Cox	Edmonton	Info on ancestor.
LITTLE, J.L.	Surrey, BC	Members of Buchanan family	Alberta	Addit. Info sought
REYNOLDS, Derrick	Eng.	Confidential names	Alberta	Birth & Marriage dates.
MACDONALD, Dave	Israel	Lillian Hammel (Adopted)	Canada/Alberta	Emigration papers, etc.
FOSTER, Angie Dixon	USA	Carrie Elizabeth Dixon	Claresholm, AB	Seeking date of birth
HANKS, Jean	USA	Byers Family History Diary	Alberta	Seeking updated info.
PERITORE, Laura	USA	Thomas Elliot Kay family	Alberta	Seeking info.
PERITORE, Laura	USA	Members of Kay Family	Alberta	Follow-up Addit.request
PERITORE, Laura	USA	Kay family	Cassils, AB	Cancel prev.request
GAMESTER, Marian	North Bay, Ont	Blacklock		Cancel name search
HODGKIN, Joan A.	Burnaby, BC	Hodgkin fam.members	Alberta	Request name search
LAZARUK, Peter	Eng.			Follow-up letter
Morgan Kennedy Henderson	USA	Nicol(Grandmother's Family)	Edmonton	Res.Assistance
POWELL, Jeanne L.	Saanichton, BC	Nelson Robert & Lillie Lee	Innisfail, AB	Verification of deaths
DEGENSTEIN, Barry J.	Battleford, SK	Degenstein, Schatz,	Alberta	Surname search.
DEGENSTEIN, Barry J.	Battleford, SK	M.Marthaller/M.W.Arrowsmith	Lethbridge	Record search
LORD, Arthur	Willowdale, ON	Dr.Goldwin Smith Lord	Edmonton	Info.on family
STEIVANG, Torill Hokstad	Norway	Claus Knutsen Rugsveen	Alberta	Search of families
KOBLUN, Dorothy	Thunder Bay, ON	Emil Koblun	Strathcona	Dis Seeking Bur.Info
MCDONALD, Rosemary	Espanola, ON	Soverin Ferland	Calgary	Also: Matilda Perrault
TINDALE, Francess	Hamilton, ON	E.Carol Anderson	AGS #943	Seeking relatives.

YANKE, Douglas	USA	Henry & Olga Stefan	Edmonton	Seeking family members
VAN VOOREN, Carin	USA	John Hammer	Peace River	Name search
MACDONALD, John H.	England	Alexander McDonald	Wetaskiwin	Any info.
ASHLEE, Carole	USA	Cowling, Fitger, Blood	Empress area	Name search
CAMPBELL, Roberta	USA	Delos Moffatt	Alberta	Possible Fur Trader.
PATTERSON, A. Russ	Kingston, ON	Alfred Henry & Hattie Graves	Alberta	Searching family
GAIGER, Mrs D.	Victoria, BC	Eleanor Maud Taylor	Alberta	Info.
HODGKIN, Joan A.	Burnaby, BC			Thank-You letter.
FRANKLIN, Glenda	Regina, SK	McPhaden Family	Edm./Strathcon	Info./Querie Nov. 1990

Announcements

● Consider the Alternative!

Those two eminent English genealogists, Richard and Marjorie Moore, will be giving a seminar on English genealogy in Calgary and Edmonton.

The Calgary presentation will take place on Saturday, August 15th beginning at 9:00 am. The cost will be \$25, which includes a light lunch. The Edmonton seminar will be June 25, 1998, cost is \$20. These are one day seminars.

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For more details please write to Bob Westbury, 4012 Comanche Rd., Calgary Alberta T2L 0N8, or phone (403) 282-1003, or E-mail 75407.3551@compuserve.com ■

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For more information, write to: Genealogy Summer Camp, OGS Toronto Branch, Box 518, Stn. K, Toronto ON Canada M4P 2G9 or leave a message at (416) 483-3223. ■

● Visiting Yorkshire in June?

The Cleveland, North Yorks & South Durham Family History Society have advised that the Yorkshire Family History Fair will be held on Saturday, 27 June 1998 at York Racecourse between 10 am and 4:30 pm. Further details are available from Alex Sampson, phone 01642 486615. ■

● Clan Gregor Society of Canada MacGregors Gathering!

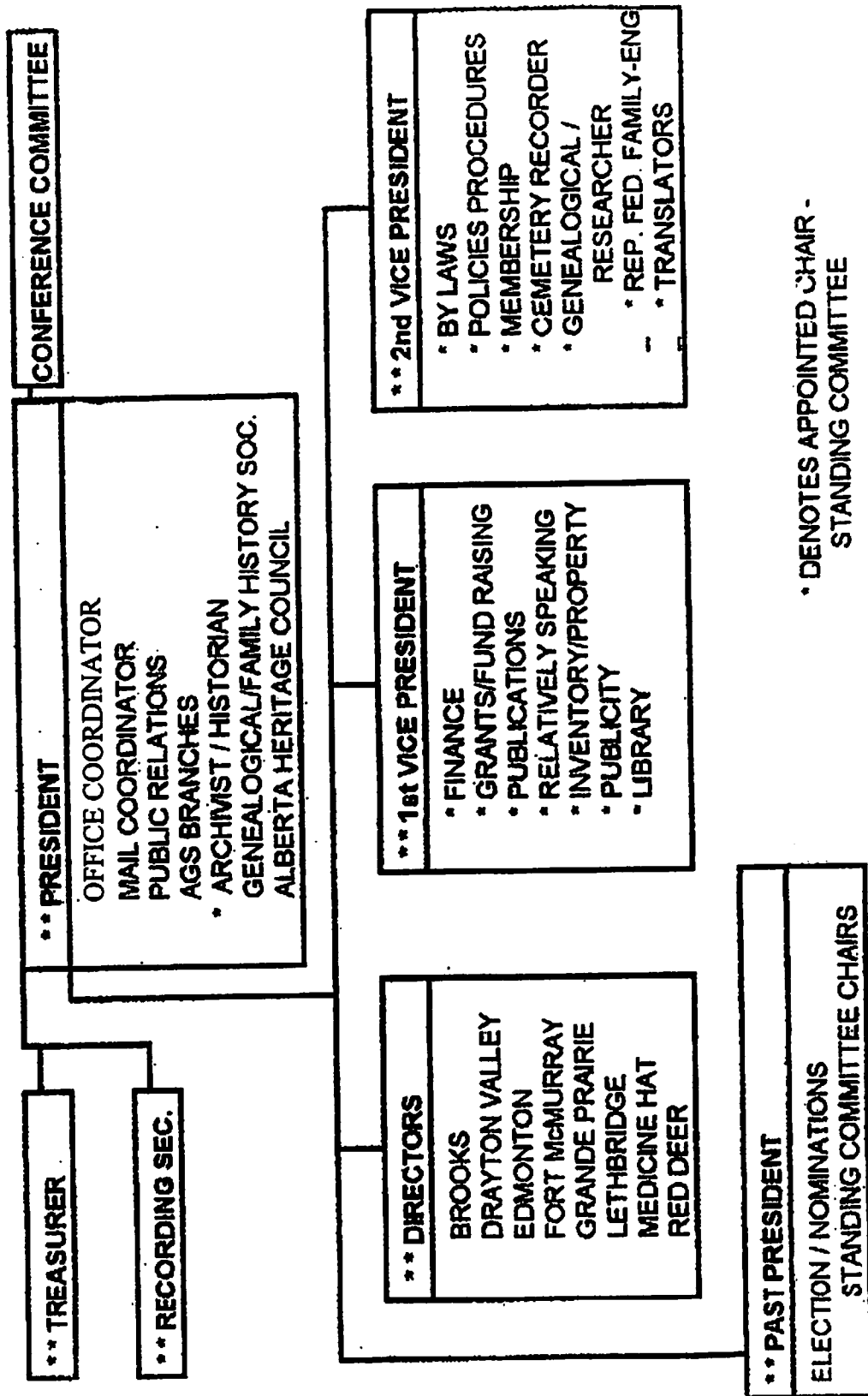
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For more information on the Gathering please call Ian McGregor, 4086 Blue Grass Court, Mississauga, ON L5C 3Y4 (905) 897-2024 e-mail - ianm@rom.on.ca ■

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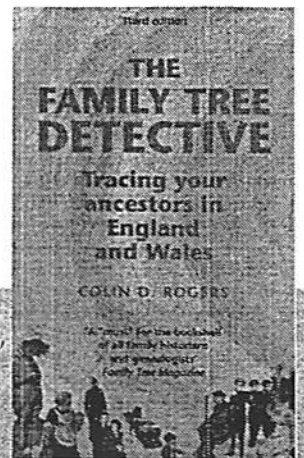
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