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PHOTO COVER STORY: Charles Edward Knight

son of William Steel Knight and Eleanor McLellan
born in 1863 (?) in Portipec, Nova Scotia
married Eliza Watson in 1888 at Fish Creek, Alberta

We are in possession of four of the medals he wears in this picture. The medal on the left is missing. We also have a pair of mounted deer heads that he reportedly gave to his wife as a wedding present.
Submitted by Anne and Wayne Knight, AGS # 2946.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

E. Carol Anderson

Our days have become so busy and how quickly does time pass by. Here we are at the end of the summer, having enjoyed the long hours of daylight and sunshine for the past three months; now it will soon be the season of Fall. I hope that everyone has had a pleasant and happy summer time with possibly some great genealogical discoveries to add to your family tree.

During the past months the branch members have kept very busy in their communities with cemetery recordings, genealogical seminars, displays held at local fairs and libraries, shopping malls, and special events such as museum days and open house exhibits. All of these occasions require some form of advertising and publicity that informs the public of who you are, and the active role you perform in your community.

Everyone usually becomes quite enthusiastic when it comes to promoting their interest and pursuit of genealogy to the public, and it is in the best interest of the society when branch members can actively participate in this way. Please submit articles in *Relatively Speaking* about your branch activities. As all of us are interested in what each other is doing, share your ideas with others.

I have recently become aware of several community genealogy groups within our province who are pursuing their genealogical research independently from any society. Some have been thinking about the AGS and inquiring as to the benefits it has to offer in joining. I encourage you, as members of the AGS to become more aware of people in your areas. Invite them to your branch as prospective members, open the door and tell them about the organization.

Perhaps we should consider a province-wide promotion and publicity blitz to incorporate new branches under the auspices of the Alberta Genealogical Society!

For the first time this fall, the Alberta Genealogical Society will be offering a two day educational teaching seminar on "Genealogy Beginner's Classes". The course will be held on a weekend in Edmonton. We are encouraging each branch to send two representatives, those who are presently teaching a

course, or other branch members who want to learn 'how' to teach new members. If you are interested in attending, please take advantage of this opportunity by contacting your branch president to register.

Congratulations to the three AGS Branches who celebrated their 20th Anniversary this spring. They are Grande Prairie, Red Deer and Medicine Hat. The members in all three branches are to be commended for their commitment and great effort in achieving this goal. May you continue to grow and prosper in your branch membership, and in all of your future endeavours.

As genealogists and family historians, we require specific documents and the information contained therein for genealogical research purposes, in order to achieve our goals in recording the data related to our ancestral families, as accurately, and as historically proven as is possible. One method used to do this is to read the enumeration census of Canada. To date, we have had the accessibility to read all of the microfilmed enumerated census up to the year and including 1901, by obtaining and viewing the films at various library and archives centres across Canada.

The following statement was written in a letter to outgoing President, Ann Ward of the Ontario Genealogical Society on February 12, 1998 by Mr. Ivan P. Fellegi, Chief Statistician of Canada: "Under the current legislation, the 1911 and other post-1901 census records cannot be transferred to the national Archives of Canada for subsequent public release".

As I understand, the reasoning behind this legislation is a result of the *Statistics Acts* passed in 1906. There is no proposal foreseen in the future to place in effect a retroactive amendment to the legislation. Therefore I encourage all the members of the Alberta Genealogical Society to write letters of concern about this legislative act to your Federal Member of Parliament. Your Branch President should have received information regarding this in June, when a letter writing campaign was initiated to PRESERVE CANADIAN HISTORY.

DO YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ANOTHER CENSUS? (see page 23)

The above was the title of an article that appeared in the Ottawa Branch, OGS newsletter, and was posted on the Ontario GenWeb. It was prepared by Lyn Winters, Gloucester, ON a retired officer of the

RCMP and a former employee of the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada. It was also written up in the Manitoba Genealogical Society 'Generations' newsletter, Vol. 23 No. 2 June 1998. Read this article and you will be better informed about the decision made by Statistics Canada regarding the post-1901 census restriction.

Another matter of extreme importance that needs your attention as members of AGS, is to remind you to renew your membership in the Society before the year-end on December 31st. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances many members did not receive their reinstatements within the Society until late in the spring of 1998. I say reinstatement, because until you have renewed your membership for the coming year, you as a member are "not in good standing", and you do not have AGS membership privileges. To avoid any delays this coming year with your membership renewal, write it down NOW, on the calendar, the mirror, your computer or any other favorite place that will help you to remember.

A goal for several years, a dream that many people would so much like to achieve is to have our membership reach over the 1000 mark in 1998, during our 25th Anniversary year. Let's do it members! ■

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lillian Wight

A special thank-you to our members who have contributed writing for this issue. Timely, too, is the cover story, a way of marking the 125th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Please keep those articles coming!

It's also time, I believe, to mount a letter-writing campaign.

The first issue we have to address is that, by law, "Canadian Census Records are NOT available after 1901". I quote from a Statistics Canada document as follows: "Starting in 1906, however, and in subsequent censuses, the legislation that gave the authority to collect census information contained statutory confidentiality provisions. These provisions are such that only the person named in the record may have access to his/her information. There is also no time limitation on the access. Even when the person is

deceased, the provisions are still in effect. As a result, Statistics Canada, without breaching the Statistics Act, cannot transfer the census records taken under the authority of the 1906 and subsequent Statistics Acts to the National Archives".

To preserve and provide public access to the genealogical, historical, and sociological information recorded in post 1901 censuses, legislation needs to be reviewed, amended or replaced to allow the collected information to be released. This is a national issue, and it requires a concerted effort on everyone's part to enact change. (See the article on page 23 for further information and mailing addresses).

At the provincial level is the discussion regarding the need of and possible location for a new building to house the Provincial Archives. The collections of 80,000 boxes of records and more than two million photographs require a new facility, an excellent way to mark Alberta's 100th anniversary in 2005 of becoming a province. But the location of such a facility is crucial and your voices need to be heard!

Look to the blue pages in your telephone book for mailing addresses and remember that each letter you write represents the voices of approximately 1000 citizens. The need is urgent.

Now is the time to "go for it"! ■

ANCESTORS

*If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
There might be some of them, perhaps,
You wouldn't care to know,
But here's another question, which
Requires a different view,
If you could meet your ancestors,
Would they be proud of you?*

Anon

(from The Banyan Tree, January 1990) ■

WHAT'S NEW IN THE AGS LIBRARY

by Norma Wolowyk

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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 Suite 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.

NOW AVAILABLE: Alberta Genealogical Society Library Holdings

(A listing of books and periodicals that are available for borrowing in person or by mail).
Printed April 1998.

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

BOOKS RECENTLY CATALOGUED:

929.1 FED The Federation of Family History Societies Handbook 1998/9. FFHS, 1998. (Provides information on all societies which are members of the FFHS)

929.131 BRA Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns. 2nd Edition. Edward Brandt, Mary Bellingham, Kent

Cutkomp, Kermit Frye and Patricia Lowe, 1997. (This excellent research guide was reviewed in *Relatively Speaking* Vol. 26 No. 2, page 22, by Dr. Walter Meyer)

929.305 GEN 1998 Genealogical Research Directory: National and International. Keith A. Johnson and Malcolm R. Sainty, 1998. (This year's edition of the GRD contains over 150,000 surname references. The feature article is *Pre-Parish Register Genealogy: English Sources in the Public Record Office* by John Titford).

929.2 PUR Purdom Family Trees. 1998. (Compiled by Dr. Paul Purdom and donated to the AGS Library by James H.C. Johnson, this genealogy includes the names of Hakes, McKenzie, Miller, Pierce, Purdom, Teskey).

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971.233 BIN Dreams Dust and Dedication. (History of the Bindloss and Cavendish Communities). Bindloss Community Club, 1985.

971.233 BUC Hlus'Church: A Narrative History of the Ukrainian Catholic Church at Buczac, Alberta. Andrij Makuch, 1989. Historic Sites Service, Occasional Paper No. 19.

971.233 HAY Each Step Left Its Mark: A History of Hay Lakes and Surrounding Area. Hay Lakes History Book Committee, 1982.

971.233 SHA Out of the Peasant Mold: A Structural History of the M. Hawreliak Home in Shandro, Alberta. Marie Lesoway, 1989. Historic Sites Service, Occasional Paper No. 16.

AVAILABLE FROM THE EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Tracing Your Family Tree, revised in April 1998, this 34 page booklet is available at no cost and is an excellent guide to some of the basic sources available for genealogical research at the Stanley A. Milner Library in downtown Edmonton. ■

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

Pat Pettitt, AGS #2342

Several Genealogical collections have recently been deposited in the Archives.

98.864 is a collection of 3 volumes containing the history and descendants of the Fluet family in Canada. Jacques Fluet, born 1651 in the parish of St Jacques in Bealencourt France was the originator of this family. This is a study of the family from Jacques to the Alberta branch of this family 1651-1998.

98.634 is a 29 page booklet listing 7 generations of the Corbetts in Canada.

98.862 is a valuable collection of photographs, documents, souvenirs and family histories deposited by the Edworthy family. Researchers interested in the early days of the Calgary Stampede, Banff, and Fort Edmonton Park will find fascinating photos in this collection. There are family charts done for the followings families: Edworthy/Westlake, Fink, Devoe/Grossenberg, and Alex McArthur. The Memoirs of George Edward Edworthy, 1899-1977 are also included.

Another recent deposit is 98.649 which is a very beautiful and unique journal about the Royal Visit of 1939 kept by Vera Collins Webb. She illustrated it with lovely water colours, and it is a delight to look at.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES - MOVING ???

Researchers who use the Provincial Archives should be aware that the Government is presently studying the possibility of moving the archives to Stony Plain, 20 miles west of downtown Edmonton. This will seriously hamper research as the extra miles will make it inaccessible to many. The archives is the custodian of Alberta's government and private records and it is inconceivable that it would be located anywhere but the Provincial capital. The Minister in charge of locating a much needed new building for the Archives is Stan Woloshyn, Alberta's Minister of Public Works, who also is the representative of the provincial riding of Stony Plain. A new building is desperately needed, but surely Albertans want a building they can be proud of in a location that is accessible to all. Of what value are records that only a few can look at? This inestimable

collection of Alberta's history and the history of our pioneers deserves to reside proudly in the capital of Alberta. Please make your concerns known to the government and to the media.

BOOK SALE - OCTOBER 3, 1998

The Documentary Heritage Society of Alberta will hold a book sale at the Provincial Archives. Book donations can be brought to the Archives or telephone Norma Wolowyk at 488-1418 for pickup. ■

TRANSLATION COORDINATOR Sue Philips, AGS #1660

It has been fairly quiet in the Translation department. I have received requests for translation work in Polish, Norwegian and Rumanian. The first two I was able to refer to members who have offered their services in these languages but I have no volunteer for Rumanian. However through the Federation of Family History Societies I was able to refer the inquirer to their translation service which does deal with that language.

I also received an inquiry through the Internet from a non-member which was referred to me by one of our branches. The request was regarding Finnish translation but since I do not have a volunteer for this language I was not able to help. However I was able to reply to the individual with information on a website for translation in Finnish.

Thanks to Herb Albrecht for doing some German translation for another member, Judy Konojacki. Judy has made a donation to AGS in appreciation and thank you to her for her generosity. ■

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES Sue Philips, AGS # 1660

1999 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Federation. To commemorate the occasion the FFHS is sponsoring the introduction of a new variety of rose called "Ancestor". This is a pink patio rose which will be launched at the Hampton Court Flower Show in July 1999. Unfortunately for us, it will not be possible to supply bushes to overseas members although UK members will be able to order in advance.

The FFHS is making an attempt to standardize abbreviations used in family history research. This will be done through the Projects e-mail list and they will try to publicize and distribute lists of abbreviations.

The National Burial Index Project is making steady progress. So far it is estimated that the index contains 5 million records. Many member societies are already publishing their indexes on microfiche. The first national collection will be published on CD-ROM in the fall of 2000. It is hoped cumulative indexes will be published after that at 3 - 5 year intervals. There will be no restriction on the dates of burial recorded in the index although initially it was planned to cover 1812 - 1836 because many societies have already gone beyond these dates. The index will cover England, Ireland and Wales but Scotland may be published sooner since they have fewer burials to record.

The FFHS is also starting a National Index of Memorial Inscriptions. This will be accessible, when complete, via the Internet, e-mail, fax, telephone or mail. The Inventory of War Memorials has just received more funding and now includes Scotland.

The Computer Advisory Group has some projects of its own underway. These include a list of UK placenames and a list of standard forenames.

The Public Record Office has started a pilot scheme to make census records available over the Internet starting with the 1841 census. However it appears that this will be difficult to search and not very useful so the Federation is proposing a census index project to make census surname indexes accessible through the Internet, starting with the 1851 census. Since much of this already exists in printed format it is hoped it will be simply a matter of scanning the data rather than re-entering by keyboard.

If any members are interested in keeping in touch with Federation news you can subscribe to the e-mail list. For further details contact David Hawgood at David_Hawgood@compuserve.com •



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



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Researching Your French-Canadian Ancestors
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Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. 10 am to 3 pm •



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"We, These Loyalists who have adhered to the Union of the Empire, and joined the United Empire Loyalists Association on the 1st of September in the year 1868 and all their children and their descendants by either sex are to be distinguished by the following Certificate affixed to their names"

U.E.L.

*Alluding to their great principle
The Union of the Empire*

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Edmonton Branch

National E-mail uel@npiec.on.ca

web page www.npiec.on.ca/~uel/uelal.htm

Edmonton web page

<http://www.gocities.com/heartland/estates/9030>

Four members of the UEL Edmonton Branch (Lois Cummings U.E., Cal Chisholm U.E. and his wife Vera, Fran Losie U.E.) attended the 84th annual National UEL Conference in historic Kingston, Ontario. Activities included: a reception and tour at the City Hall, where the Mayor was presented with his U.E. Certificate; and the dedication of a UEL flag to the city at Confederation Square in downtown Kingston, to commemorate Loyalist Day in Kingston, complete with military escorts in Loyalist uniforms.

Our Loyalist past came alive on the commented bus tour along the Loyalist Parkway to Adolphustown. The names and places we have seen in the Loyalist Gazette and our research, and have heard others discuss, now had more meaning. To see the actual landing place of our ancestors and to see the land of my ancestors Dusenbury and Cotter, was thrilling.

At Adolphustown ferry landing, Cal Chisholm received his U.E. Certificate from President Bernice Flett, who is related to Cal's Loyalist ancestor Van Koughnet. The unveiling of the commemorative plaques to the Loyalists, and the raising of the Loyalist flag was punctuated by the toot of the ferry boat as it docked, and the fury of a rainstorm just at the end of the ceremony. A tour of the Church of St. Albans the Martyr, built as a U.E. Loyalist memorial church, and lunch, complete with entertainment by a re-enactment of Rev. John Stuart.

The afternoon saw a tour of a loyalist home, Fairfield House, as well as a visit to Hay Bay Church, built in 1792, the 1st Methodist Chapel, for Rev. William Losee.

Walter Stewart, author of True Blue, (a Loyalist study), and many other books, was the speaker at the Gala Loyalist Banquet. Following a costume parade, the head table was piped in. It was exciting to see in person people whose names and pictures appear in the Loyalist Gazette, and the news such as: The Honourary President, John Matheson O.C., U.E. (responsible in part for our Canadian flag); the newest Hon. Vice President, Phillip Leith, U.E.; the new President, Ed Scott, U.E.; and new Senior Vice President, Dr. Blair Orser, U.E., from Fredericton N.B.; Peter Johnson U.E., the new editor of the Loyalist Gazette; Peter Milliken U.E., M.P. for Kingston and the Islands (of Godfrey-Milliken private members bill fame, in answer to Helms-Burton U.S. bill); Donald R. Maracle, Chief of the Mohawks; Harry Danford U.E., M.P.P. for Peterborough-Hastings, author of private member's bill that U.E.L. history be included in Ontario school curriculum; John Cruikshank U.E., new public relations officer for U.E.L. Association.

Other highlights - an efficiently run, informative Annual General Meeting; - the church parade at St. George's Cathedral and stirring sermon; - lunch and tour at Old Fort Henry - meeting friends again from the Winnipeg conference, and NETWORKING LIKE CRAZY with distantly connected relatives, and people with knowledge of Loyalists in Alberta.

I urge Alberta UEL members (regular and associate) to take advantage of not having to pay air fare to attend the 1999 conference in Edmonton June 3 - 6, which includes the A.G.M., in order to better understand and appreciate the association. An opportunity too good to miss.

The next Edmonton Branch meeting will be held September 14 at 7 pm at McLaurin Memorial Baptist Church with Dessert, research helps, and socializing. Visitors welcome. Contact Lois Cummings U.E.

For information about the Association:
Edmonton area - Lois Cummings U.E. (403) 988-8450

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submitted by Fran Losie U.E., AGS #2796■

GLEANINGS FROM PUBLICATIONS

by Lillian Wight AGS #2668

**Families Vol 37 No 2 1998*

A Geographical Genealogy for Use in the Archives of Ontario, Toronto, by Thomas F. McIlwraith, pp.81 - 87

- designed to assist the researcher in accessing the great variety of holdings at 77 Grenville St., Toronto, many of which exist in other repositories in the province.

**Ancestry Vol 15 No 6 Nov/Dec 1997*

Exchanging Genealogical Information, by Diane Dieterle, p. 9

- contains tips for the beginning researcher

**Families Vol 36 No 3 1997*

Searching English Parish Registers, by Fraser Dunford, pp. 183 - 191

- a light-hearted, practical approach to finding and using parish registers

**New England Histories Genealogical Society Nexus Vol XV No 1*

Diana, Princess of Wales: A Genealogical Tribute, by Gary Boyd Roberts, pp. 30 - 32

- explores several components of her father's ancestry

**Wiltshire FHS April 1998*

Illegitimacy & Its Records, by Jean Cole, pp. 16 - 18

- some suggestions of where to look

**Family History News & Digest Vol 11 No 3*

The Imperial War Museum, by Sarah Paterson, pp. 121 - 124

- a feature article describing the variety of holdings available to the researcher

**The Marin Kin Tracer Vol 21 No 2 1997*

Sample List of Genealogy Links, p. 7

- an entire page of E-mail addresses

**SGS Bulletin Vol 29 No 1 March 1998*

Using Canadian Records to Trace Your British and European Ancestors in Western Canada, by

Laura Hanowski, pp. 3 - 8

- a practical approach, containing useful information about the resources listed

**Genealogical Computing Vol 17 No 4 Spring 1998*

Software Reviews by Alan E. Mann and Larry Naukam, pp. 34 - 38

- software reviews of Legacy 2.0 and Reunion 5.0

**Saamis Seeker Vol 19 No 1*

Ships of our Ancestors, by Eileen Stahl, p. 9

- a way to access information about ships used to bring immigrants to North America

**Kingston Relations Vol 25 No 1 Jan/Feb 1998*

Speaker's Corner, pp. 1,4

- helpful guidelines on researching Anglican Church records from a presentation by Paul Banfield entitled "Using the Anglican Diocese of Ontario Archives"

**Family Tree Magazine Vol 14 No 7 May 1998*

Ejectment Books: An Unknown Source for Irish Family History, by Michael J. Coffey

- a primary resource citing examples and availability

**Genealogists' Magazine Vol 26 No 1 March 1998*

City of London apprenticeship and livery company records, by Cliff Webb, pp. 1 - 4

- describes in detail this unique source

The development of London's cemeteries: a brief survey, by John M. Clarke, pp. 9 - 12

- includes historical development and burial practices

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Ringwald's Law of Household Geometry . . .

Any horizontal surface
is soon piled up.

. . . does this apply to genealogists?

SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEER CHARLES KNIGHT, 74, DIES; Veteran Member Mounties

Came West as Scout, Fought in Riel Rebellion

Miner, Rancher

One of the best known pioneers in Southern Alberta, and veteran member of the North West Mounted Police, Charles Knight, 74 years of age, died at the family residence, 518 Fourth Avenue West, yesterday afternoon following a lengthy illness.

Born in Portipec, Nova Scotia, he left his home at the age of 20, coming West as a scout under Colonel Sam Steele, and fought in the Riel Rebellion. He served in the North West Mounted Police force from 1882 to 1885, and three years after resigning from the force, engaged in ranching at Pine Creek and Sheep Creek.

He was assistant in the original geological survey in 1851, to Dr. Dawson, after whom Dawson City in the Yukon is named.

In 1888 he married Eliza Watson, daughter of Sandy Watson, Pine Creek hotel proprietor. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Fish Creek church.

Knight was among the first Alberta ranchers to export live cattle to the Old Country, and he made a number of trips overseas in connection with sales. When the Imperial government passed regulations requiring slaughtering of imported cattle immediately upon their arrival in England, in order to combat a threatening outbreak of foot and mouth disease, Mr. Knight organized vigorous opposition to the measure in its application to Canadian cattle which were free of the disease, and he was largely instrumental in having it abolished. This made it possible for cattle to be placed in feed lots in England for fattening before killing.

For a number of years, Mr. Knight operated a cattle and farm sales agency in Calgary, and following the war established and operated the Rocky Mountain Paint Factory, which he disposed of several years ago. He had large mining and oil interests. In his ranching days he turned his hand to the blacksmith trade.

Funeral services are expected to be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Jacques' funeral home.

From the Calgary Herald, 24 March 1938

The following was received from The Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa, Canada

"29 March '78

Constable Charles Knight, Regimental Number 999, engaged in the North West Mounted Police on March 1, 1884 at Winnipeg. At the time of engagement he listed his age as 20 years 7 months. He was 6 '1/4" in height, 175 pounds, with light brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. He listed his previous occupation as blacksmith. He was also employed by the Force as a farrier. Constable Knight served in the North West Rebellion and was under fire with Herchmer's command at Cut Knife Creek on May 2, 1885. He was awarded the Rebellion Medal. Most of his career was spent in Calgary and he purchased his discharge from the Force on July 24, 1886. He stated that he intended to reside in Calgary. Constable Knight died in Calgary on March 23, 1938."

Submitted by Anne and Wayne Knight,
AGS #2946 ■

MAD DONALD McKAY

Charles D. Denney, AGS #105

If you didn't know it before, you should know that there must be, and have been, myriads of Donald McKays. In Pictou County, Nova Scotia, there is a Donald McKay behind every bush and another in front. And there are plenty of bushes. Even in Scotland, where they invented the breed, it is the same thing. The result is that some of them have nicknames. So I wish to introduce you to "Mad" Donald McKay.

Our Donald was born some where in Sutherland Shire. At an early age in the 1700's, he came to Montreal to work for the North West Co. as a fur trader. Where all that was isn't clear. However, in 1791 he was on the Albany River. There, one day, he

persuaded Hudson's Bay Co. officers that they would like him to work for them. That must have been an achievement.

Anyway, in 1793 the officers at Albany House were in an expanding mood; so they sent Donald away out west to establish a place called Brandon House. There was nothing wrong with that; but there was something wrong with Donald. He acted so erratically that his employees drove him out of his own House. The HBCo was tolerant; so he was given other responsibilities.

Donald followed the custom of taking a native woman for a wife. With her he had two sons. And, of course, the eldest was named Donald. Which meant that the younger son was named William. Unfortunately, being married didn't mean that he abandoned his arrogant swashbuckling way. He made enemies. Bitter enemies. How Mad Donald and William escaped I don't remember. But Mrs. Donald got her head fatally bashed in and young Donald was left for dead also. It was fortunate for him that Mad Donald discovered him and nursed him back to health, with a big scar on his head. Then he and the two boys were taken back to Scotland. Which should be the end of the story. However, in 1805 the Company gave him another year's unsatisfactory try.

After which he and Young Donald disappeared in the hills and heather and gorse of Scotland. A renowned historian eventually announced with all his authority that Mad Donald died in 1810 and was suitably buried in his native turf.

Not so William. Hudson Bay officers needed good help, and in the grown William they recognized good help. His service for the Company was long and faithful. In his retirement he was one of the Red River Settlers' most famous citizens. When he died in 1887 every big wig and every little wig in the community turned out for his funeral. And a Winnipeg paper wrote a long story in which it reported that he had a brother Donald who died at Pictou, Nova Scotia, "about four years ago."

William had married, and had descendants. One of them was T. R. Pat McCloy, a real historian of Glenbow association in Calgary. And an avid genealogist, too. He was hungry for information about young Donald. So when he learned that my

wife and I were heading for Halifax for a Canadian Authors' Association Conference, he was quick to suggest that I might find time to do some searching at Pictou that would bring happiness to both of us.

What a piece of misdirection we had. Pictou is not only a City but a whole County. In the City a lovely lady archivist did her best to help me separate this Donald from that Donald from this Donald. It was hopeless. But a couple of citizens had taken it on themselves to record every name and date of every person buried in every cemetery in the County. There were several Donald McKays, buried without their nicknames! I copied some of those lists, with little hope that they would be helpful. Except for Kenzieville. There was a Donald there whose dates might fit young Donald.

In Halifax I played hooky from the Conference and went to the Archives at Dalhousie University. Folks there did their best. I had so little to go on. Finally one kind man said "here is a scrap book. Maybe you should have a look at it." As I leafed through it I came upon a fifty year flash-back from one of the local papers. To my utter astonishment I discovered it was a story about a swashbuckling, sword-slashing, boastful character named Donald McKay. He had come from Scotland to upper Barney's River, in Pictou County, in 1822, to join family there.

The guy hadn't died in 1810 at all. And he wasn't buried under a heather bush back there at all. I had found a story about Mad Donald himself. He was buried somewhere in Pictou County, and likely near Upper Barney's River. Finding Upper Barney's River was not too hard. But finding someone in 1977, or whatever year it was, who would know anything about Mad Donald and young Donald looked hopeless. However, I had to try. There were two men visiting by the little bridge. I told them all this story and implored them to think hard for someone to help me. Finally one of them said to the other "He should see Ken, shouldn't he?"

Ken was not a Donald, but he was a McKay, and he lived "just up there around the corner in a big white house." He welcomed us in, and listened while I told my story all over again. As I talked I discerned that I was talking to the right man. When I said 'you know of these people' he agreed and announced "I have his journal."

What a revelation! I controlled myself even when he said No, he wouldn't show it to me. It had already been abused enough. I impressed on him the value of the document to researchers if it were in a suitable archives. I pointed out that his big house was as vulnerable to fire as any other frame house. I suggested that if he were to die, someone settling his estate might not recognize it for what it is. I implored him to come with us back to Dalhousie to have it copied, arguing that if, the original was lost, there would at least be the copy. No go; it had already suffered enough damage.

But we talked about its contents, and him, and his mother who died "right there" in the kitchen, about his loneliness, about his meals, his health, about me, about my wife, the cemetery, the huge white church, Lower Barney's River, and dear knows what else, until he suddenly remembered that he had a typewritten copy, and I could see that.

The copy started in the middle of a sentence. When I innocently inquired if the original started that way, Ken brought out the precious document itself! To my consternation it was a stenographer's note book, the kind shorthand smart secretaries used in more recent times. Though shorthand of sorts was in use from ancient times, I am sure this type of book was of more recent origin. Also it appears that this was a copy made in clear pencil by Ken's father about 1897 from Mad Donald's version. If it was really Donald's work, it was about 170 years old. If it was the son's, it was still about 90 years old.

O yes, the notebook started in the same middle of a sentence. But the cover and at least one page of narrative were missing, a corroboration that the book had suffered some abuse.

During further conversation, Ken finally got around to agreeing that I could take the typewritten version out for copying. In the morning we headed for New Glasgow and the library there. The librarian hadn't heard of Mad Donald, and didn't much care. But she had a copying machine and helped me make three copies. On each I explained the significance of the Journal. Foolishly I left her one of the copies. Then I mailed one to Pat McCloy in Calgary. When we arrived home about three months later there was an ecstatic letter awaiting me from Pat. There was also another from a J.C. Jackson of Washington State. Because Pat knew that Jackson had spent years

researching the history of Mad Donald and had a sizable manuscript on him, Pat had sent him a copy of the Journal. He was delighted, and pleased to find that, as far as it went, it confirmed his own research.

When I told Mrs. Shirley Smith, keeper of the Hudson's Bay Archives in Winnipeg, she too was excited. Fortunately she would shortly be visiting in Pictou County and would try her wiles on Ken. That didn't work. So I made another copy and sent it to her for the HBCo Archives.

Oh yes, both Mad Donald McKay and western born son Donald are buried in the near-by Kenzieville Cemetery, far from his native Sutherland Shire. So are descendants of his Scottish wife. He died in 1837. Perhaps in another time some historian will give me credit for having made a great find. Up until now, only Pat McCloy, J.C. Jackson, and Shirley Smith have shared my excitement. ■

MY LIFE WITH AGS

By Pat Hewitt AGS # 142

Alberta Genealogical Society and Edmonton Branch and I go a long way back.

I had been working on my father's line (Morton) and my husband's Hewitt line since 1968. When I visited my in-laws in 1972 my husband's Aunt told me her husband had a cousin in Edmonton, George Doig, and that he belonged to the Mormon Church and I should try and get information there. I called George Doig. He told me about an Arlene Black who belonged to the church. I met her at the entrance of the Bonnie Doon Stake Centre and was amazed at her Book of Memories. She gave me some forms to use. Little did I realize that later on she would become one of our Life Members.

A little while later I noticed in the paper that they were setting up a new office for research and I went right over. I was excited to find my great grandfather in the Ontario census records. Some months later I noticed in the Edmonton Journal that there had been a meeting of some people and they had founded the Alberta Genealogical Society. I phoned the number and got either D'Arcy Hande or Frank Easton who told me the first meeting would be held in the Milner (Gas Co.) Building on 104 Street in September. I went down that night and was really excited to see 30 people. Most of the now Life Members were there

and I remember Mr. Denney, Jim Allan and Mrs. Gladys Stoner (who looked after the coffee fund). In my diary (which was only three lines) I have "Went to the Alberta Genealogical Society meeting. Met Dr. Raspberry there (a veterinarian from St. Albert where my friend's daughter worked). Met Mrs. Effie Chevalier. Home 11:15." I didn't mention that I didn't have \$5.00 to join at that time. Next month I paid my \$5.00 and became member #142. Effie was #143. "Picked up Mrs. Chevalier and went to the "Tree" meeting. 30 people there. Very interesting. Home 11: PM." For some reason I don't have anything for the November meeting but I am sure I was there.

Thus started my long lasting friendships with various members and working for the good of the Society. Effie Chevalier and I became very close friends until she passed away some years ago. In March 1974 after Calgary started up their branch we held our first Edmonton Branch meeting in the Milner Building. I believe this was part of our Annual Meeting. I was nominated as Secretary-Treasurer; Wilf Barry, President; Carin Routledge, Vice President and Jim Allan, Publicity. Had quite a number of people as far as I can recall. I stayed on the first Executive Committee for one year - I enjoyed meeting nights as there always seemed to be someone there who knew where you could find information.

In 1977 I accepted the Membership Secretary position with AGS. I enjoyed this very much. I typed up all the membership lists by hand. At that time membership renewals were sent out the month you first paid your membership dues and not as at the present time January - December. This was an easy way to send out memberships. I also contacted many members who lived in Edmonton and tried to make them feel welcome and tried to help them with ideas for research. I set up a New Members Kit. I also made up membership lists for the Executive meetings which were held in Red Deer in the basement of the Public Library. Travelling by car to Red Deer was a fun time as some of the members told stories and recited poems. In 1980 I decided that I was unable to continue as my husband became ill.

From time to time I helped with mailing the *Relatively Speaking* bulletin.

April 1979 Ailsa Walker started an "Information Newsletter" which gave dates of the meetings, etc.

Our Branch Library opened in the basement of McDougall Church on 101 Street south of Jasper. The next issue was August 1979. Finally she published Vol. 1 No. 1 which was unnamed until Carin Routledge won the contest for the title of *THE CLANDIGGER*. In March 1980 Pat Stewardson and I worked as Editor - Rob Milson, Mae Deans, Rose Rose helped with sending in articles and typing up information. Rob and Mae went on to other things so Rose and I then worked along with Betty Sutherland. Mailing our *Clandigger* usually happened at my home where Norma Wolowyk and Barb Roth, the membership secretaries often came to help. My last publication was Vol. 9 No. 4 (December 1988). R. Muriel Jones became Editor and we were off to another great season until June 1994 when *THE CLANDIGGER* was included with the *RELATIVELY SPEAKING* bulletin.

In 1994 I became Program Director for the Edmonton Branch and it was great fun looking for people to give lectures and talks and displays at our meetings. We had some excellent speakers and the membership seemed to enjoy them all.

At the present time I am Corresponding Secretary for the Edmonton Branch, which entails sending thank-you letters to our speakers and various other letters as necessary.

This has been a great 25 years. Through the help of members and also membership in other organizations, I am still researching my eight families. I never would have gotten this far without the information given me through this Society. Getting on the Internet has been really exciting and just the other day I got a message from someone I didn't know about in Australia. Thanks to all the very good friends I have made over this time - it certainly made a difference in my life.

I wish you all great success in your research.
Thanks! ■

*"How good a red hot idea is
usually depends on how much heat it loses
when somebody throws cold water on it."*

from Alberta Chapter, German From Russian
Heritage Society, Bulletin #85, May/June 1998. ■

EARLY MIGRATION TO MANITOBA

Submitted by Doreen Smillie, AGS # 1250

George Goodson Knowlton left Leeds County, Ontario, in the spring of 1882 with his wife, Martha and seven children for richer farm land in Manitoba. After the completion of the railway as far west as Manitoba, many people arrived there to find land in newly opened territory.

George eventually bought land north-west of Brandon from which he made a comfortable living for his family. He later donated an acre of this land to build a school for the children of the area. Records indicated that a good percentage of these children were Knowltons.

The following is a letter to his cousin, John Kilbourne, who had gone to Petosky, Michigan sometime earlier.

Brandon Aug 3 - 1882

Dear old friend John

I have been waiting to write to you. In your last you asked me to let you know my address: The Nwst Country & you thought of coming to see me But I delayed to write you not being sure where my address would continue to be but I think it better to write & if I change my place I can tell of the change I have been here all summer so far but think of moving this fall or next spring. Have got no land as yet there is quite a large percantage of this country poor land & emigration has been unusually large this year & the land that was in the market was soon taken up making it rather hard to get well located & I am in consequence left without a farm as yet & I am not as much in love with the place as thought I would be before coming here I think the CPR R will be a huge monopoly & it shows its power already Not getting farm we had to do something so we went to team in Brandon & make \$100 a month or a little more but spend a good portion of it living as what we buy is so dear In the spring the hay was as high as \$50 per ton oats \$12 ham 20¢ a pound butter 5¢ cheese 20¢ tea 60¢ rice 10¢ flour \$3 but we brought the most of those things with us to last for some time However we buy enough to give us to feel the fast prices of the new place This is a fast place for its age see if its equal to Petoskey for its first

year about 40 stores & hotels 4 barbers 4 butchers 4 bakers 7 or 8 Laundrys & is an incorporated city 4 watch 1 hope & police force & lock up in course of erection

John I do wish so much that we were in easy reach of each other. How is it that we are to be kept apart all our lives long I wonder if we cannot find a country that can hold us both I almost feel like saying that I would split the differance & meet you in Dacota I do wish so much you could come out & see us I am getting quite grey but am better in health than for some time past I think may agree with me out here I have seen some beautiful land here one place where there was 100 acres of wheat & 200 in a place & it was just lovely It is said that on west of this place there is some very fine land & I think of going to see it How much I would like the company of an old & tried friend to go with me to QuAppelle as it is called here

We are living in a duck tent as yet not knowing where we would go for the winter but we may put up here for the winter & build a small house or shanty As shanties here are very common lumber is dear \$35 for common & 45 for flooring siding so you can see how people of my means have to build small Lots are very dear here too But some out lying lots can be got less than the price of a farm for 25 - - -

Martha is ploding around getting supper while I write & says she joins me kindest heart felt regards as in the past so now & ever hope to be your unflinching friend

George ■

WHO WAS J.J. ROBINETTE?

Marie Bruner, AGS #2183

Shortly after I started my family history search I was given a box of photographs that had belonged to my grandmother. Among these pictures was one from around 1908, in the form of a postcard. It had been sent to my grandmother, then living in Minnesota, from J.J. Robinette who was in Spokane. It pictured a man and woman and had a message to the effect that J.J. had just finished a government building in Spokane and would grandma like visitors?

I know that grandma's mother had been a Robinette before marriage, so the name belonged in the family.

The government building in Spokane was a lead. I wrote to the Spokane library and received newspaper articles on the building of the post office building in 1908, but there was no mention of J.J. Robinette.

Soon after getting the box of photos, I was given some papers which had been found after Aunt Nellie (Bruner) had died, and in those papers I found one that was a testimonial to Aunt Nellie's birthdate -- and it, too, was signed J.J. Robinette. So who was he? A close relative or a distant cousin? I had a researcher in DeKalb and surrounding counties in search for any paper - deeds, wills, land transactions etc. for one that might have been signed by J.J. Robinette, but no luck. Other searches had revealed that the Bruners and Robinettes had intermarried in DeKalb Co.

During most of my years reserching the family I could not discover who J.J. was. He was connected with the family, but how? Last year I answered a query from England about a Robinette, in the GRD. No connection, but the answer I received directed me to the Robinette Association of America. I joined the association and purchased three volumes on my Robinette line. (There are ten hefty volumes containing descendants of one Allen Robinete who came to America in 1683.) And, in one of the books, behold! I found J.J. J.J. Robinette was John Joseph Robinette, Son of George Robinette who was an uncle of Grandma's. George Robinette was a travelling pastor, and son John Joseph was a building contractor who had built many post office buildings across the U.S.

So I find that it just goes to show, don't give up at the first negative reply, because sometime, from somewhere, that relative will be either found or identified. ■

NEW AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives reports that several new reference works are now on its shelves thanks to a \$1,000 donation from the Ottawa Branch. New titles available at the genealogy desk are *Repertoire des officiers de milice du Bas-Canada 1830-1848*, *The CEF Roll of Honour*, listing Canadian soldiers who died in the First World War, and *The Barr Colonists 1903*. New sources in the reading room are *Alberta Index to Registration of Births, Marriages and*

Deaths 1870 to 1905 (Volume 1) (Call number CS88 A4 A12) and *District Marriage Registers of Ontario* (early 1800s), Volumes 1 to 9, indexed and published by NorSim Research and Publishing (Call number CS88 O5 A19). Several other books are yet to come.

From Ottawa Branch News, March-April 1998 ■

Elusive Ancestor - by Merrell Kenworthy

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.

He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.

He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.

He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.

And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.

His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list

of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.

So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.

I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;

but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.

No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.

To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,

Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES

from The Chautauqua Genealogist Vol 21, No.1 Feb. 1998

Submitted by Marion Sim, AGS #2026 ■

MY GOOD NEWS STORY

by Doreen Jones, Canmore, AB

I had never been really curious about my birth mother, even though my adoptive parents had died many years ago, always thinking it would be a long and probably time consuming process to try and trace her. Then when as a family we emigrated to Canada in 1986 it was even further from my mind but as my children got older they suggested I should try even if only to get information on health, e.g. was there a history of heart problems.

So at age 58 in the summer of 1997 I decided to do something about it even though I thought the possibility of my mother still being alive was pretty remote. My eldest daughter was seeing Keith Wight and he told me his mother was very interested in genealogy and so I spoke to Lillian. She suggested some people I should contact to try and get my original birth certificate and then I could enlist the help of some people who might do some searching for me.

I wrote to the courts in the town where I had lived. They could not give me any information but told me to contact the Registrar General. I received a letter back from him saying I would have to go for counselling in Calgary and then I would receive my certificate. This was very exciting as at last I would get a name and an address as to who I was and where I was born.

I wasn't sure what to do next, but at that time I was going to visit England and decided to go to the archives and do a search. Then I tried the registrar of births, marriages and deaths, also the local library but without much success. In the meantime I was given the names of some people in England who help people like myself who live abroad.

When I returned to Canada it was getting close to Christmas so I decided to wait until after the New Year to phone a searcher in England. I was told to send all the information I had collected and she would see if it was possible to help me. Two weeks later I received a letter from her saying my mother was still alive at age 85 and would like to see me and also giving me the phone number of my mother's sister.

I phoned my Aunt and told her I would be coming over to see her and my mother. She said to me I had a brother. In England I visited both my aunt and my mother who were very lovely ladies, but the most

exciting time was phoning my brother who didn't know about me and him coming to see me. We had so much to say to each other. I will keep in touch by phone with my mother who told me about my father and where I was born and why she put me up for adoption. My brother is coming over to visit us in Canada next year. I am very very glad that at long last I have found my family. I feel extremely lucky as once I had started to search it really didn't take very long, and I thank everyone for their help and support.

Editor's note: Doreen's family have really encouraged her throughout this whole experience. They also take great delight in teasing her by calling her by the name with which she was christened. •

WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT? THE CASE FOR CAREFUL CITATION OF SOURCES

by Kath Sharpe

Far too many of us learn the hard way the importance of recording the sources of information about our families. In the excitement of 'finding' the missing link in our chain, we enter the name/date in our records and forget that some time in the future we may need to look at that source again.

For example, we come across a piece of information at variance with an earlier note, and no indication of where we had found the first one. How annoying! But of course points regarding ancestry or descendency should never be based on a single source.

When Michael Gandy talks of our 'moral duty to get it right' or Christine Rose writes of the 'preponderance of evidence' they are concerned that our hobby leads to a credible and worthwhile contribution to family and community history.

The moral then, is to be careful, indeed meticulous, about recording the source of every name, date or fact we find about our family. The inheritors of our work will be all the more grateful if they can recognise the source of the entry we transcribed, in which library, on which date. A note on a scrap of paper may indeed hold the key to finding that missing ancestor, but only if the source is given and can be checked. Oral history can be as valuable as published work, but it must be

noted as such, with even a note that the speaker appeared to have a good memory, and that some information had been confirmed.

We must assess the value of our source, and quote it correctly. An index, hand-made or computer generated, can point the way, but is never as valuable as the primary source. For example, information found on the IGI should always be checked against the microfilm of the parish register or Bishop's transcript, and indeed sighting that primary source can lead to information relevant to your family that only you can appreciate. It should be obvious to a following researcher that you did, or did not, consult the source of the index information.

A photocopy of published information is better than notes or a precis. Exact transcripts should be indicated by quotation marks. Some reference books are more authoritative than others, but this is difficult for the beginner to assess. When the source is noted, the reader can decide.

Having read this far, and made a resolution to lay good foundations for future research, what is recommended?

As soon as possible, make a record of the date and place where the source was seen or heard. If it was seen in a library, it is worth including the shelf location, (classification / call number) which is not necessarily the same in all libraries. If you were listening to a relative, or visiting a cemetery, note that too.

Then describe the item by including the following:- title / author / format (e.g. book, microfiche, newspaper) / place of publication / publisher / date of publication. The title-page is always the preferred source of bibliographic information (keep this in mind when designing this page in your own publications). Transcribe title and author information exactly. Beware of using cover or spine titles, as the original title could have been shortened or varied for binding purposes. There is no need to include honorifics or academic qualifications for the author as they vary over a lifetime. Information about the publisher is necessary for a formal bibliography. It is then possible for you, or anyone else, to find it again, in another library perhaps. For publishing details, prefer to use what is on the front of the title page, but if necessary look at the back or verso of that page. The place of publication to be quoted is the first listed, and likewise the publisher. If no publisher can be found, but only a printer, it may be

assumed the author took responsibility for publication. The date of publication refers to the year of first publication or of new or revised editions (which presumably contain rearranged material or corrected information) but not of reissues or reprints. If you cannot find a date, you may use the abbreviation 'n.d.' for 'no date' but if at all possible make an intelligent guess and use something like '[199-?]'.

In the case of microforms, consult the preliminary frames as well as the eye-readable title for citation sources. Note the frame numbers from which you transcribe.

Long before you reach the stage of publication, you will need to devise a system of references and cross-references which suits you, and can be understood by researchers who inherit your family papers.

When you are preparing your history for a wider audience, there are a variety of acceptable methods for acknowledging the primary records consulted, or the publications of other authors. A work specifically prepared for genealogists by Richard S. Lackey; *Cite your Sources* has not been superseded to my knowledge, and can be read with interest, while ignoring the American bias. It is suggested that you seek out the latest edition of the *Style manual for authors, editors and printers* a work from the Australian Government Publishing Service, which is highly recommended for writers of family history who wish to present consistent, professional work to their readers. This book resolves the problems of apostrophes and non-sexist language, for example, as well as explaining conventions in publishing for writers and computer users. May you never again be forced to say 'I don't know where I found that'.

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HOW I GOT INTO GENEALOGY

by Kate White, AGS #2282

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Kate White, which translates to Katherine Jane White on a pedigree chart. I was born in Ottawa on November 20, 1960. For the first ten days of my life I was called Norma. Then a social worker from the Children's Aid Society picked me up from the hospital and took me back to her office. It was there that she presented me to a young couple seeking to adopt their second child. I guess I passed the inspection because they took me home with them and called me Katie. I don't ever remember being told I was adopted it was just something I always knew. My Dad used to call me Pocahontas. Much to my disappointment I later discovered who Pocahontas was and that I was not she. When I was 12 I became curious about what my birth mother looked like. I imagined her to be terribly smart and an athlete, maybe even in the Olympics. My Mum and I started having tea together Sunday afternoons and I seized the opportunity to ask her about my adoption.

At first she didn't tell me very much. I found out that my name used to be Norma. Most genealogists have an innate curiosity about these things and while I was not yet a genealogist my curiosity took over. Our talks about adoption became an annual event. Each year I would learn a little bit more. I learned that my birth mother was 31 when she had me, and that she already had 4 children when I was born. I also learned that she was 5'2" and had big brown eyes. Finally, when I was 17 I learned that my complete name at birth was Norma Margaret Tighe. When I found that out I couldn't wait to look up Tighe in the phone book. Did I imagine I would find a listing for 'Tighe, Mother of Norma Margaret' with the phone number? I must have been a little naive as a child.

When I was 17 my Mum asked me if I would like to see a picture of my birth mother. I thought about it and decided I did. My mother gave me the name of the social worker and told me they would be able to contact my birth mother. Although I was scared, there was no turning back. After all, I would finally resemble someone and understand why I look the way I do. When I met with the social worker, I was told that a bylaw had been passed just three days earlier that prevented the Children's Aid from contacting my birth family. Until that point, their policies had not

been very well defined and they would have been glad to help me. I was very disappointed but mostly I was angry. I remember leaving the office saying "then I guess I'll just have to find her myself." I cried all the way home. My emotions were playing havoc with me. Feelings of abandonment resurfaced and I felt very determined to carry out my word.

With just three days to get ready for summer camp I headed to the main library where I went through the city directories from 1955 to the present (1977). While my Mum thought I was out buying toiletries and bug juice I was actually submerged in directories documenting every single Tighe in the Ottawa area. I compared the city directories to the phone books to make sure I had them all. You would think that being at camp would force me to put my mission aside but instead I stayed up late many nights pouring over my notes with a flashlight looking for some clue. On my days off I went to the local library near camp and continued my one name study. Lord only knows where I thought that would lead. From camp I went to England for a month and continued my incessant search for the name Tighe. I was obsessed. I hadn't shared my secret with anybody.

When I returned from England I moved to Toronto. There I joined Parent Finders and attended my first meeting. I was so nervous I could hardly talk (if you can imagine that). I was paired up with a search coordinator who got to hear my story. Unfortunately I didn't have any of my notes with me (I was afraid they would have seen me for who I really was; an obsessed researcher, not that any of you can relate to that I'm sure.) She told me to call her the next day at three o'clock with my notes in hand. I had a squash match that day but managed to make the call from a pay phone in the hallway outside the squash courts. It was quite a sight. There I knelt in a sea of papers with a phone stuck to my ear trying to piece together a puzzle without any edge pieces. In twenty minutes I had my birth mother's name and phone number in hand. Good thing I was heading onto the squash court - I had a great deal of energy to release. Parent Finders offered to act as an intermediary by making the first contact. They convinced me I should sit on this new found information to let it really soak in. It was 5 months and another birthday gone by before the President of Parent Finders made the big call. The president called me back right away to relay my birth mother's reaction. Mary Jane had barely identified herself and explained the reason for her call

when my birth mother exclaimed "I'm her mother!" The arrangement was that my birth mother would phone me the next day between 5:00 and 5:30. At 5:15 sharp the phone rang and we spoke for the first time. We talked for an hour and a half but to be honest I really don't remember much about the conversation. I do remember telling her about the summer camp I went to every year. She told me that her mother lived in a house on a lake I had paddled down every summer since I was 9 years old. That sent a chill up my spine. I had probably waved at her as she stood at the end of her dock. We exchanged letters and photographs and decided to meet a couple of months later. At this point I decided I had better tell my parents what I had been up to. They were very surprised but also very supportive. My youngest brother wasn't as supportive. He was 15 and hurt because he thought I was leaving the family to rejoin my birth family. Perhaps that was the first time I told him how much he meant to me as a brother and how fortunate I felt to be his sister. My older brother who was also adopted did not approve of my actions. He thought this was the most hurtful thing I could do to our parents. It was a couple of years before we really talked about it.

I headed to Ottawa for a weekend in March where both my adoptive and birth family lived. My birth mother and I met at a restaurant called "La Guillotine". The emotion of seeing her for the first time was overwhelming. I don't remember what we talked about but I do remember that we stared at each other the whole time and neither of us ate what was in front of us. After lunch we went back to her place where I met three of her four children, their husbands and children. It was quite an afternoon. I finally went home that evening and proceeded to throw up for several hours. I had no idea how much tension had built up inside me. My parents were very relieved that everything had gone well and they too expressed great relief.

With my own search completed, I started helping others with theirs. In fact, that is how I became interested in genealogy. For that, and many other reasons, I'm glad my birth parents chose to place me for adoption. ■

ALBERTA ADOPTION LAWS

Access to Information

by Diane Lewis

From: The Tree Climber, Red Deer & District Branch AGS

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Chapters and probably books could be written about adopted children, birth parents, and the Alberta Government's involvement in this situation since the beginning of our province in 1905. I will try to give a brief overview of what has transpired over these many years.

Alberta began recording adoptions about 1920 and from then until 1993 there were approximately 88,000 adoptions in the government records. If one adds a birth mother and a birth father, plus two adopted parents and maybe some siblings then one must realize the mass numbers of people who have been touched by the adoption triad. In 1938 the Edmonton Journal stated that there were over 1000 babies who needed new homes. Remember in those days there were no birth control pills, minimal family support and probably the only unwed mothers around were widows. The shame and guilt felt by the pregnant unwed teenager or young mother extended back to the family, and more often than not she was sent off to a home for unwed mothers or to live with a distant aunt until she was "well" again. She had no choice other than to surrender her new born child.

Girls were still getting pregnant in the 1970's but the scene had changed dramatically. A few were keeping their babies to raise on their own but the "pill" and abortions were probably the major reasons we now saw a one-to-two year waiting list for adoptive parents. New born babies for adoption were scarce.

As genealogists, you have probably come across a family where an adoption has taken place and are uncertain as to how you should complete your record sheets. If you are the adopted child then you most likely do not have any history; you don't know your birth mother or birth father or any of your four grandparents or eight great grandparents, where they originated from or why you are fascinated by trains and have deep blue eyes. You have no heritage to call your own.

During these years the Alberta government was responsible for the care of these children; keeping records of those surrendered for adoption and finding homes for them. Secrecy prevailed. In 1985 adoptees over 18 years of age were able to go back to the government and register with the Post Adoption Registry (PAR) to see if perhaps a parent was wishing to make contact with them. The adoptee could also request information from his or her file which was classified as non-identifying information. Since the court had sealed the adoption records no one could receive the names of the birth parents or the adopted parents. By 1993, over 19,000 adoptees and birth parents had registered with the PAR. Various groups had also been established, such as Parent Finders, to help adoptees and birth parents try to locate their child or parent.

Finally in 1992-93 the government began to listen more to the adoptees. Edmonton Parent Finders' "Policy Action Group" began working with MLA Gary Severtson of the Innisfail Constituency who recognized that changes were needed. He prepared a Private Members Bill 365 which was presented to the House in May of 1993, but because an election was called soon after, the paper died on the order table.

A new bill 208 went through the Standing Policy Committee and Parent Finders continued to lobby the Government with personal letters, a candle light vigil at the Legislative Buildings, and a petition of over 11,000 names during the fall and winter of 1993-94. The Department of Family and Social Services, which is the government department adoptions falls under, conducted over 20 public consultation meetings to hear the pros and cons of opening the adoption record files. Information from the 1000 attendees and over 500 letters showed an overwhelming 88% of Albertans wanted open adoption records and supported the new bill. Hon. Mike Cardinal was minister of Social Services at this time.

Bill 208 also died on the order table and in the fall of 1994 government Bill 52 was introduced. This was a watered down version of the previous bills. The following changes to the Child Welfare Act which affected the triad were passed in March 1995.

1. Adoptees would be allowed full access to their personal file; non-identifying information could still be requested. 2. Social Services proceeded to licence Private Search Agencies and for a basic fee of \$250.00 adoptees could hire them to do a parent

search and, if there was no objection from either party then a reunion could be initiated. If there was objection then a veto would be placed and the file would be closed. 3. Adult adoptees who were adopted between 1966 and 1985, whose surnames did not appear on the original Adoption Order could apply to the PAR for this information.

Since that time the government rules have been amended to include birth parents and siblings as also being eligible to hire a Search Agency for a search, however many of the searches are costing considerably more than the original stated fee.

Parent Finders and individuals are still pressuring the MLAs to review the Child Welfare Act. In June 1997, interested individuals attended a public meeting in Red Deer with President of Parent Finders Canada and two MLAs. A group of five individuals from the Red Deer area made a presentation to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services in early January 1998 asking for further review of the present laws governing open adoption legislation. Numerous articles and stories (many of them sad) have told the story of adoptee and parent searches and reunions in the local newspapers. Within the last month Dave Rutherford had a birth mother and an adult adoptee on his TV and Radio show, discussing their views on the current legislation. On line also was Hon. Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Social Services and a representative of the Search Agency.

We keep hearing the same story, - OPEN THE RECORDS. Some people only want to know medical history (17% of all adult medical problems are hereditary), and some want to know if their birth child is living and okay, and some adoptees would like to meet a birth parent or sibling.

What we have found, is that our government over the last 70 some-years has made some major mistakes at the expense of adoptees' rights. Many papers in the adoption files have been shredded, and many adoptees feel like second-class citizens. Not only have some of the files been destroyed but siblings have been split up and adopted into different homes and told that there were no relatives. One birth mother who was told her baby had died at birth was shocked when she was contacted and told her daughter was searching for her. Adoptive parents who thought they were getting healthy new born babies found out after many years of hardship that

their adopted child had a learning disability or suffered from fetal alcohol syndrome. The government has even gone so far as pulling some of the Vital Statistics Birth Registers which were at the Provincial Archives for public use because adoptees were searching these for clues to their identity.

Birth parents and adoptees who don't want to be found definitely need to have these rights recognized but to keep the files closed to the rightful owners needs to be considered as a high priority, too.

Anyone wishing to make their views known to the Standing Policy Committee on Adoption Rights can send it to: Chairman Bonnie Laing, MLA Calgary Bow, 130 Legislature, Edmonton, ALBERTA, T5K 2B6 - to your local MLA - or to: Minister of Family and Social Services, Hon. Dr. Lyle Oberg, 104 Legislature, Edmonton, ALBERTA., T5K 2B6.

The address of the Post Adoption Registry of Alberta is: Family and Social Services, 9th Flr. Seventh Street Plaza, 10030 - 107 St., Edmonton, ALBERTA T5J 3E4.

For further discussion or clarification my phone number is 403-749-2479. ■

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

From Judy Bradley,
Grande Prairie, AB

Dear Lillian,

I would like to express my gratitude to the many members of Edmonton Branch AGS that made my extended stay in Edmonton such an enjoyable time. It was wonderful to be made to feel I was a valued member of Edmonton Branch. Edmonton Branch members were friendly, and eager to include me in a number of projects and activities.

I have been a member of AGS for many years, and although I knew Edmonton Branch members have worked hard on the behalf of all AGS members to make AGS the strong organization it is, I had not realized the time commitment involved in the many tasks cheerfully carried out on a daily basis. I was

truly amazed that whenever the membership was asked to help out with one activity or another, ALWAYS there were volunteers ready to take the challenge. Most of these people go about their tasks quietly, and as a result the job is done with apparent ease with the majority of people not realizing the time and commitment given by the volunteer.

For example, I knew AGS had a large amount of mail going through its office each week, but I did not realize that our AGS mail coordinator spends TWO FULL DAYS each week recording receipt of, then directing each item to the appropriate department. I also knew that our AGS library is a lending library with many members borrowing from a distance. Once again, library volunteers see that this is done daily, as well as constantly watching for new publications to add to our collection. A small army of Edmonton Branch volunteers work the various casino nights and another dedicated group of people see that *Relatively Speaking* is published and distributed.

Living in Edmonton for the year, and being a part of this wonderful group of people, I realized their secret. They have learned the best way to work together is to share. No committee or "project team" is ever filled - there is always room for additional members wanting to help out. Growing up, I often heard Mum say, "Many hands make light work." Well, Edmonton Branch members not only make it light work...they make it fun.

So thank you to Edmonton Branch not only for giving me the support of your friendship, but thank you also for all you do for ALL members of AGS.

Sincerely,
Signed, Judy Bradley

Editor's note:

Thank you for your kind words, Judy. Edmonton Branch members appreciate your comments. Remember, too, Judy, you were one of those willing volunteers! We enjoyed having you "aboard". ■



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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, 24 September 1998 -

Topic: Putting your Family History on Video
Speaker: Doug Bovee

Thursday, 22 October, 1998 -

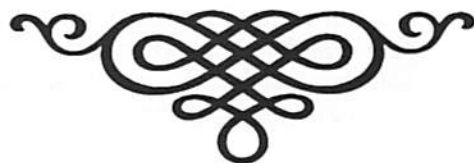
Topic: The People Behind the Place Names in Edmonton
Speaker: Bruce Ibsen, City of Edmonton Archives

Thursday, 26 November 1998 -

Topic: The Role of N.W.M.P. in the Early Days of the Province of Alberta
Speaker: Reiner Cohl

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President's Message

Claudine Nelson

The Executive has extended, on behalf of the membership, Branch Life Membership to Pat Hewitt, Jo and Judy Nuthack and Norma Wolowyk. They have been members in the Branch for many years; have contributed and continue to contribute many volunteer hours to AGS. Read their autobiographies to understand why they were so honored. The June meeting was 'members night': an opportunity to display family trees and listen to members talk about their personal research highs.

Cemetery recording proceeded during the 'not pouring with rain' days. Larry directed his volunteers in the city environs. Wilma gave direction to the wanderers recording up in the beautiful countryside of Lac La Biche. She empowered 'Bill' to lead us down dusty roads to find cemeteries which would be known only to the locals. This increased the awareness of why cemetery indexes are so valuable as you would not easily find these wayside areas.

Where does the time fly? Have you made progress on at least one of your family lines? The library has many new publications. I had hit a stumbling block and several of the new books have opened up a pathway for research on my maternal line. Take time and browse the shelves. Titles can be misleading.

After the summer hiatus, Special Interest Group meetings will be ready to inspire us once they start in Sep/Oct. A Special Interest Group can usually help solve an ancestral problem by giving some suggestions when you are at a 'blank wall'. These groups focus on a specific country and are meant to be interactive. You may have the solution to someone else's problem.

Bring/phone in your 'volunteer hours' to the library. Include travel time, not personal research time. Information is needed by AGS when they apply for Provincial grants.

EDMONTON BRANCH FUNDRAISER

What: Dinner, Silent Auction, ghost speaker.

When: October 30, 1998

Where: Prince of Wales Armouries, Governor's Room

Contact:

Florence Woodward for tickets. 483-5940.

Maximum: 128. This will be a sellout! Forty-four

signed up or expressed interest at June 25th general meeting.

*Silent auction donations: We already have 3. We need yours!

Library News

Sherry Bell, Library Director



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

We have returned to normal (whatever that is) after a flood on July 1st in the kitchen of our room at the Prince of Wales Armouries. Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out to help with the cleanup, including Bev and Tom Trace's son, Ian.

Please remember to check our display shelf (near periodicals) for the recently catalogued donations to Edmonton Branch.

Recording and Indexing



We have had a very successful recording season for cemeteries. Holy Cross and Northern Lights, at the time of writing this, are well on their way to being completed. A trip was made to Lac La Biche area where one group managed to record 7-1/2 cemeteries and the other group, that only had 3-1/2 cemeteries to complete, got caught up in the history of the area and didn't get their work done! One of our Edmonton Branch members, who lives in Lac La Biche, has kindly offered to rescue the group that didn't finish and will complete the last cemetery for the area.

Two other trips hopefully will have been completed by the time *Relatively Speaking* is in your hands. One of these trips will have been to the Two Hills area which hopefully will be completed, as well, this year. Thanks to Peter Goutbeck who, while on holidays, completed the cemeteries that are too far for us to go on a one day trip.

Now the fall and winter work for us will begin with the entry of the data that we have collected over the summer. We haven't given all our group time off

from data entry however as some of the cemeteries have already been entered to data disk and will soon appear on the Master Cemetery Database.

Remember everyone to start brushing up on your Ukrainian as we do want to record a large Ukrainian cemetery in the city next year!

If you would like more information on our cemetery projects please call or e-mail me, Wilma McKinnon at 460-3986 or jgmck@telusplanet.net

Special Interest Groups

England + Wales Research Group

Motto "Leave No Stone Unturned"

It has literally been 'standing room only' recently, and we never seem to have enough time to complete our fully-packed program.

Upcoming for the remainder of 1998, when we resume on Thursday, September 3rd are the following: **General Topics** - Customs & Excise, Passports, Monumental Inscriptions, Universities.... **Occupations** - Wainwright, Huguenot, Chamberlain, and more....

Table Topic - Yorkshire

And of course, our Tid-Bits & Book Reviews, Problem Corner, 'My Story' segments all form part of our exciting, interesting and informative evening! Come and join us!!

DATE: First Thursday of the month (with the exception of July & August)

TIME: We start promptly at 7:30 p.m. so we like to arrive by 7:15 p.m.

WHERE: AGS Library, Edmonton

Please call Muriel Jones at 447-3592 for information or to add your name to our Phone List.

Irish Research Interest Group

We're making a new start in September!

WHEN: Second Monday of every second month beginning in September, as follows:

Sept, November, January, March, May

TIME: 7:30 p.m. sharp! Please arrive at 7:15 to start promptly at 7:30.

PLACE: AGS Library located in #116, Prince of Wales Heritage Centre, 10440 108 Avenue, Edmonton.

WE NEED: Interested people with Irish ancestors to

make this group come alive....

We need your ideas, your participation, your knowledge, your research experience....

WE NEED YOU!!

If you would like to become involved in making this a dynamic group, please join us in September. To have your name added to our Phone List, to share your ideas, or for more information please call Pat Hewitt at 454-4408, or Margaret Bendickson 922-3050.

Scottish Research Interest Group



At the March meeting of the Scottish group, our featured speaker was Pat Woodman who gave a fascinating talk on the Border Reivers, naming many of our feuding ancestors who lived, worked, and committed a bit of larceny on both sides of the English-Scottish border. She recommended an excellent book on this topic, *The Steel Bonnets* by George Macdonald Fraser which has been donated to our Library. Pat left a list of several other reference sources on this topic in our Scottish Resources Book at the Library.

Another feature of the evening was a talk by Malcolm MacCrimmon about the history of the bagpipes, followed by a few tunes by the master piper himself. Malcolm, many of us did not realize that the pipes could be compressed into such a small carrying case!

At the June meeting, Margaret Bendickson, just back from Scotland, spoke about the highlights of her trip. Margaret recommended a novel she had just read, *Sunset Song* by Lewis Grassie Gibbon, a Scottish classic set in the early years of the twentieth century. At the same meeting, Marilyn Rhodes spoke about researching in Moray.

Any member interested in tracing Scottish ancestors is welcome to attend our meetings - the next dates are Monday October 5th and Tuesday December 1st. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Genealogy Library at Prince of Wales Armouries, 10440-108 Avenue. Wear your kilt, some tartan, or a piece of Celtic jewelry if you have some.* Tell us your problems or roadblocks - someone else may be able to help.

In October we will have Margaret Bendickson speaking on the Clearances and Susan McKeen speaking on the history leading up to the Battle of Bannockburn. There will also be a chance to get a glimpse of Les Campbell's knees as he has promised



to wear his new kilt! For further information contact Wilma McKinnon 460-3986.

*Note to the editor: We Scots are a hardy northern folk; even wearing just a wee bit of Celtic jewelry we can stay warm and toasty!

East European Research Group

A *phenomenal* fall session is in store for the East European Research Group starting this September. Al Schut of Tree Frog Press will be speaking at our September 16, 1998 meeting on how to publish your family history. He'll be covering topics such as self publishing versus using a professional publisher, getting your document ready, how to handle photos, what electronic formats publishers can accept, the amount of time and money needed to publish a family history book, and the various choices you'll need to make regarding page layout, types of paper, binding methods, and other related topics. Mr. Schut will also give a brief overview of the 10 week course he will be teaching this October on how to write and publish your family history. He's also promised to bring some of the family history books he has published for display and to spend a few minutes answering our questions. If you're thinking about writing or publishing your family history (wouldn't this be a great project to commemorate the new millenium!) you won't want to miss this meeting. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the AGS Library at the Prince of Wales Armouries in Edmonton. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Anne Williamson at 962-5818 or send e-mail to miswile@compusmart.ab.ca by September 11 so that we can ensure sufficient seating. Donations of a twoonie at the door would be appreciated for an honorarium for our speaker.

Several members have expressed interest in going as a group on field trips to various archives around the city. Our first field trip is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA). Irene Jendzjowsky, Archivist and Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator for the PAA, has generously volunteered her time to show us the various research materials and finding aids in the PAA reference room that would be of interest to East European genealogists. She'll also give us a tour of the "stacks" (a.k.a. the back rooms where the document, photo and other collections are stored which most visitors to the PAA rarely get a chance to see). If you wish to sign-up for this tour of the PAA, please call Karen Hesson at 489-8920 or send e-mail to

kheesson@compusmart.ab.ca. Right now there are only a couple of spots open in the morning tour, however, an afternoon tour will be scheduled if there is sufficient interest.

Are you finding it difficult to get your family members to write down their memoirs or stories for your family history book? Then you won't want to miss our last meeting for the 1998 calendar year, which will be held on November 4, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the AGS Library in the Prince of Wales Armouries. At this meeting, Joan Margel will speak on how to collect oral histories. Over the last few months, Joan has travelled extensively throughout the Peace River country interviewing the hardworking pioneers who settled that region of Alberta several decades ago and recording their stories on audiotape. In her presentation, Joan will discuss what tools are needed to collect oral histories and how to interview people. She also plans to share with us the list of questions she's developed to trigger the memories of the people whom she interviews. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Anne Williamson at 962-5818 or send e-mail to miswile@compusmart.ab.ca by October 28 so that we can ensure sufficient seating.

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 kheesson@compusmart.ab.ca. Information is also available on our new webpage at www.genweb.net/~east-european where you can add your name to a list of EERG members' research interests, submit a research query, or join our e-mail mailing list.

Tracing Your Family Tree Course

The next ten week course will run Tuesday evenings starting September 15 to November 17 1998 at 7:15 pm in the AGS Library. \$50.00 for members; \$60.00 for non-members. Registrations begin August 15, forms are available in the AGS Library. For more details contact Shirley or Terry Gregory at 487-8536 or email teejg@compusmart.ab.ca

CORRECTION

The one-day seminar by English lecturers Marjorie and Richard Moore was held in Edmonton on July 25, not in June as previously noted.



Heritage Seekers

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

From The Helm

by Allen Meyer, AGS #3447

Greetings. I would first like to thank Laura Turnbull for her continued hard work towards making Heritage Seekers a great looking journal; especially since she included more photographs. They look great! After all, this is our voice, and it is equivalent to the swan's trumpet on our logo. Laura has also done much to advertise our branch and members on our internet site - an area of research that everyone should take advantage of. I will try to assist in this effort during our September meeting when I present a lecture on how to research genealogy on the internet.

I would also like to thank Catherine Ledger for the work she has done coordinating sales of raffle tickets at the Prairie Mall, Costco, Co-op, and Highland Games. Many thanks to all those volunteers who sold tickets. Your efforts help build our library, and promote genealogy to the general public.

Since our last issue we've enjoyed some great presentations at our general meetings. In March we learned how to prepare for and have fun enjoying a research holiday: Thanks to Barb & Don Moreau and Genevieve & Frank Shultz.

In April we showed & told: Bev Tucker shared her family history books; Leita Askew shared some information from the internet; Gail Schau tried to get help with an (almost) unreadable surname on a census, and she shared a most curious heirloom from Scotland having "eyes that follow you everywhere"; Hugh Impey told a story about how he was instrumental in bringing together some relatives who had lost touch with each other; Fran Moore shared some family history books and photo albums; Laura Turnbull shared some maps from Robert's Research Services; and I shared my grandpa's German passport from 1926.

And last month we enjoyed a first class lecture from Jerry Frank about Germans from Russia and Congress Poland.

I hope you all have a great, genealogical kind-of-summer. Keep diggin'.

Creative Public Library Service Award



Barb Moreau holding the Creative Public Library Service Award. See Press Release on next page for details. The award is on display at the Grande Prairie Public Library.

Isabel Campbell (1907 - 1998)

Well-known local historian, Isabel M. Campbell, died on Saturday, May 30, 1998. Born March 18, 1907 at Rock Springs, Wyoming, Miss Campbell came to the Peace area with her parents in 1919.

Isabel Campbell has left a wonderful legacy to this area with her many accomplishments in writing, indexing, cataloguing and contributing stories, articles, photographs, books and personal artifacts on the community. To quote an article in the "Grande Prairie Daily Herald-Tribune" June 1, 1998:

"Her legacy is immense - some 34,000 catalogue cards as part of the invaluable archival collection named for her in the Grande Prairie Public Library; a three-room log cabin in the Pioneer Museum's heritage village; a book - Grande Prairie Capital of the Peace - detailing every facet of the community's history up until it became a city in 1958; another - Challenge of the Homestead, detailing her family's experiences in the north - in 1988; and a slew of civic and provincial honors for her lifelong work."

Miss Campbell did much to preserve the history of Grande Prairie & area and she will be missed.

May 1, 1998

Grande Prairie genies receive library award

The Grande Prairie Public Library was awarded the Creative Public Library Service Award for its Genealogical Genies program. Community Development Minister Shirley McClellan presented the award to Grande Prairie Public Library Board Chair Michael Weidlich and Supervising Librarian Barbara Moreau at the annual Alberta Library Conference awards luncheon in Jasper.

"The Grande Prairie Public Library has found a creative way to expand its service by forming a mutually beneficial partnership with the Genealogical Society and involving volunteers in an engaging project," said McClellan. "By publicly recognizing such innovations, ideas are shared with other libraries and organizations that may be looking for new ventures."

The winning project is an innovative partnership between the library and the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. Members of the society volunteer as "genies" to help library patrons to research their family backgrounds. Genies use specialized genealogical resources acquired by both partners and housed by the library.

"This project has been a resounding success in our community. It demonstrates how innovative thinking, library board and staff cooperation and community partnerships can result in creative public library service," wrote Weidlich in a submission to the award panel.

In 1997, 13 genealogical genies donated over 180 hours of their time to help 78 people with their research. The project also increased library memberships and use, increased membership in the Genealogical Society, generated publicity for library programs and served as a model for other cooperative library programs.

The project has also led to initiatives such as coordinated purchasing of genealogical resources, volunteer cataloguing of those resources and assistance with the library's ongoing project of indexing the local newspaper. Other public libraries in the Peace Library System have expressed interest in the program.

The Creative Public Library Service Award was established in 1986 to provide public recognition for libraries that develop enterprising and imaginative ways to promote the library and its services. The criteria for the award include creativity, impact on the library and the success of the project to fill identified needs. The Alberta Library Trustees Association administers the award.

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Our Volunteers

by Catherine Ledger, AGS #3034

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to our volunteers at the Grande Prairie Branch of the AGS. This past year members have been busy with many different tasks relating to genealogy including executive duties, fundraising for the acquisition of new research aids, assisting others with their genealogy through the "Genies at the Library Program", and so on.

Some Recent Activities

Several members have been working on copying information from the 1901 Canadian census (Unorganized Territories), proofreading it and entering it into a computer program for the Alberta Genealogical Society. The Edmonton Branch of the AGS has indexed the rest of the Alberta areas. Thank you to Paulette Hrychiw for taking charge of this endeavor and also a special thank you to Bev Tucker who entered so much of the information.

A beautiful quilt has been hand-crafted by Paulette Hrychiw & Genevieve Shultz. This quilt, along with an exquisitely decorated goose egg made and donated by Dorothy McDonald, will be raffled off on June 16 at the monthly general meeting in Grande Prairie. While many members have been selling raffle tickets on their own, a few members deserve special mention, as they have pitched in to sell tickets in three local locations in town:

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Laura Turnbull | Leita Askew |
| Bertha Melnyk | Paulette Hrychiw |
| Dorothy McDonald | Evelyn Stark |
| Barb Smith | Jane Littleton |
| Valerie Jenner | Merna Nelson |
| Heather Gass | Bev Tucker |
| Debby Was | Genevieve Shultz |

The money from this raffle will go towards the purchase of the 1881 Canadian census on microfilm.

Three experienced genealogists from this branch have been offering beginner's classes in and around Grande Prairie. The most recent session was held February 28 at the Grande Prairie Public Library. Thank you to Laura Turnbull and her assistants Paulette Hrychiw and Debby Was. No doubt more classes will take place next year!

What's New

A BIG thank you for a BIG job well done. After a year of clipping obituaries from the Grande Prairie Daily Herald-Tribune, Heather Gass has decided to take a break. Heather is a volunteer who helps out wherever needed.

Barb Moreau has stepped down from her post as publicity person after four years. Her dedication to the

society and her wonderful sense of humour will surely be missed by the executive at their meetings. However, Leita Askew will be taking her place on the couch at those meetings. Thanks Leita for filling in when we needed you!

What's Coming Up

The branch has been invited to set up a table at the Highland Games on Sunday, June 14 at Muskoseepi Park. A few members have already volunteered to sit at the table and answer general questions about the branch and genealogy. This will likely be an interesting afternoon for those doing Scots research.

What's Up For Grabs

At this point in time the executive position of secretary remains vacant. Thankfully, past secretary Genevieve Shultz has been taking minutes since elections in February. Any member who wishes to do so may relieve Genevieve at any time. Please speak to Catherine Ledger if interested.

The role of cemetery coordinator is also up for grabs, as Tracey Kirouac has stepped down after four years. Tracey has completed quite a bit of work in this area and many others will benefit. If anyone wishes to take on this position, please talk to Catherine.

Looking for Former Students!

by Debby Was

Last month I received an e-mail from a lady in California. Janice wrote to tell me about her grandparents Michael Goshko and Katherine Humen Goshko.

Michael taught all over Northern Alberta between 1910 and 1940. They were in Peace River from 1929 to 1932 and near Nampa from 1932 to 1934. Michael passed away in 1967, but Katherine is very much alive at the age of 95 years. Katherine and her daughter, Vera Goshko Johnston would love to hear from anyone who remembers having Michael as a teacher.

Vera remembers a time when her Mom, an aunt and uncle and herself spent some time living with an Indian tribe, when Michael was not receiving a paycheck. Janice would like to find out the name of the tribe. Can anyone help these ladies?

If so you can contact them at:

Katherine Goshko & Vera Johnston
693 s. La Luna Ave. Ojai, CA. 93023

Library News June 1998

by Debby Was, AGS #2650

What's New!

- Guide to the Archives of the United Church, A : Alberta and Northwest conference
- Proof-of-age documents in Alberta : A surname index 1863 to 1969
- Galicia and Bukovina : A research handbook about Western Ukraine, late 19th - 20th centuries
- Genealogical Research Directory, 1998
- British Genealogical Periodicals, a bibliography of their contents, Volume 2, The Genealogist, Part 1 : Sources

Other News

- Our fund-raising projects have allowed us to start ordering the 1881 Canadian census. Well done!!! The films for Prince Edward Island (4 films) and Nova Scotia (11 films) have arrived and are being catalogued. They should be available for viewing shortly. The films for New Brunswick (10 films) and Quebec (40 films) are on order and should be available by the fall. We still need to order Ontario (56 films) and Western Canada (4 films), but will have to wait until we have earned more money. Anybody with fund-raising ideas, should contact myself or anybody on the executive.
- Gwen and Alf Richards are collecting and indexing the obituaries for the various Peace Country newspapers. They have put together an index and have put a copy into our library. It is in a white binder.
- The Alberta Genealogical Society Library now has a catalogue of its holdings. I have put a copy in the Isabel Campbell Room at the Grande Prairie Public Library. Are you aware, that as a member of the AGS, you are entitled to borrow books by mail from this collection? For the cost of \$1.00 you may borrow several books and periodicals at a time. Simply write a letter, stating the titles of the books and/or periodicals you wish to borrow, enclose \$1.00 for postage and mail your request to the AGS office in Edmonton (#116, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5H 3Z9). If you plan to borrow more books, you can send a larger amount (e.g.: \$5.00) and the AGS librarian will keep an account for you, deducting \$1.00 each time you borrow books. You can receive a copy of this catalogue by sending \$2.00 to the AGS office.

- The Grande Prairie Public Library has a collection of historical photographs depicting the Grande Prairie area. David Leonard has created an index of these photos and the public library is typing up a copy as a reference tool. This index should be available to the public very shortly. If you have any questions regarding this collection, please ask the reference staff at the library.
- The "Genies in the Library" are now on summer vacation. If you need to speak to a "genie," please contact the public library to make an appointment (403-532-3580). We will be back in the library in October.

Branch Meetings

are held at the
Grande Prairie Public Library
Meeting Room, 9910 - 99 Avenue,
Grande Prairie, Alberta
on the

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
except for July, August, and December

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

All members receive "Heritage Seekers" as part of their membership. Memberships are available at a cost of \$7.00 per year (all members must also be a member of the Alberta Genealogical Society).

Subscriptions are available at a cost of \$10.00 per year.

Standards For Sound Genealogical Research

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society



Remembering always that they are engaged in a quest for truth, family history researchers consistently—

- ◆ record the source for each item of information they collect.
- ◆ test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by the evidence.
- ◆ seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- ◆ use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating the original records.
- ◆ state something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- ◆ limit with words like "probable" or "possible" any statement that is based on less than convincing evidence, and state the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- ◆ avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- ◆ state carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
- ◆ recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment.
- ◆ consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.

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Standards For Use Of Technology In Genealogical Research

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Mindful that computers are tools, genealogists take full responsibility for their work, and therefore they-

- ◆ learn the capabilities and limits of their equipment and software, and use them only when they are the most appropriate tools for a purpose.
- ◆ refuse to let computer software automatically embellish their work.
- ◆ treat compiled information from on-line sources or digital data bases like that from other published sources, useful primarily as a guide to locating original records, but not as evidence for a conclusion or assertion.
- ◆ accept digital images or enhancements of an original record as a satisfactory substitute for the original only when there is reasonable assurance that the image accurately reproduces the unaltered original.
- ◆ cite sources for data obtained on-line or from digital media with the same care that is appropriate for sources on paper and other traditional media, and enter data into a digital database only when its source can remain associated with it.
- ◆ always cite the sources for information or data posted on-line or sent to others, naming the author of a digital file as its immediate source, while crediting original sources cited within the file.
- ◆ preserve the integrity of their own data bases by evaluating the reliability of downloaded data before incorporating it into their own files.
- ◆ provide, whenever they alter data received in digital form, a description of the change that will accompany the altered data whenever it is shared with others.
- ◆ actively oppose the proliferation of error, rumor and fraud by personally verifying or correcting information, or noting it as unverified, before passing it on to others.
- ◆ treat people on-line as courteously and civilly as they would treat them face-to-face, not separated by networks and anonymity.
- ◆ accept that technology has not changed the principles of genealogical research, only some of the procedures.

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DO YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ANOTHER CENSUS?

Have you ever used 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 census records in your quest to find your ancestors living in various parts of Canada?

Have you had the pleasure of learning that great-grandfather Thomas was 53 in 1871 or, thanks for the 1901 census, that grandmother Alice was born on July 16, 1892?

Census records have been a veritable goldmine for individuals researching their history. They are an important link to the past, a cherished part of our heritage.

Do you realize this invaluable research tool will be lost to us forever because of a decision by Statistics Canada with the prompting of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada?

Statistics Canada has decided that the 1901 census is the LAST one which will be made public. The 1911 census, which normally would have been released to the public in 2003, will NOT be available to researchers. This same ruling applies to all subsequent census records held by Statistics Canada.

This issue has been the subject of much recent dialogue between officials of the National Archives and Statistics Canada. What normally would happen is that the 1911 census would be microfilmed and transferred to the National Archives of Canada, held by them until the expiration of 92 years following the taking of the census (2003) and then released by the national archivist to the public. The 92-year rule was established by government in the regulations made pursuant to the Privacy Act. It permits the release of census records **ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES** after 92 years have elapsed following the census. It was on this basis that the 1891 and 1901 census records were released to the public.

Although its reasons are far from clear, Statistics Canada's stand on this issue may be partly due to a belief that a guarantee of confidentiality will help ensure co-operation during further census enumerations. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner was actually pressing to have the 1911

census destroyed. Fortunately, the national archivist denied Statistics Canada the approval it needed to do so.

Not to be outdone in its efforts to maintain total secrecy over these records, Statistics Canada has simply decided not to transfer its records to the custody of the National Archives. This circumvents the 92-year rule prescribed by the regulations made under the Privacy Act.

Be assured, there is nothing, absolutely nothing, different in the type of information contained in the 1911 census from that shown in the 1891 and 1901 census records which we have all seen. Granted, the rules under which the 1911 census was taken may have differed, but the basic information covered is identical. So where is the invasion of privacy which is of so much concern?

This decision has outraged the archival community, genealogist and our historians, but to no avail. The 1911 census and all future censuses will remain closed **UNLESS** we make our voices heard, loud and clear, to the politicians and to the bureaucrats who have made this unhappy decision. This is what you can do:

- . First and foremost, write to your local MP and express your dismay.

- . Write to Chief Statistician Dr. Ivan Fellegi and express your concern over his decision to avoid what the government intended by failing to deposit the 1911 census records with the National Archives of Canada. His address is 120 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6. e-mail address: fellegi@statcan.ca

Editor's note: Dr. Fellegi has retired. His e-mail address may have been closed.

- . Write to Industry Minister John Manley, to whom Statistics Canada reports, and express your indignation over this turn of events. Ask him to provide you with the reason for his cloak of secrecy. His address is the House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. e-mail address: Manley.J@parl.gc.ca

- . Write to Heritage Minister Sheila Copps and urge her to take this matter up personally with her colleague, the minister of industry. Her address is

also the House of Commons, e-mail:
Copps.S@parl.gc.ca

Our friends to the south of us are now awaiting the release of the 1930 census to the U.S. National Archives. The information contained in their records is generally the same as found in our census. Their practice has not brought their nation to its knees on the sacrificial altar of "privacy." Why should we be different? Why shouldn't the 92-year rule prescribed by the government be respected?

If you ever want to see another census records, I urge you to become active!

When writing to the House of Commons, there is no need for a postage stamp. All it takes is a moment of your time. If you e-mail your protest, also print out a copy and mail it. The delete key doesn't work on "snail mail."

Lyn Winters is a member of the Ottawa Branch, a retired RCMP officer and a former employee of the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada.

from Ottawa Branch News, May-June 1998,
p.69,70 ■

THE JERVIS WORLD WAR I PHOTOGRAPHIC INDEX

This new index, whose aim is to ensure that photographs and ephemera relating to service personnel who fought in the first World War found in book shops and fairs, which would otherwise have been lost, are preserved and made accessible. The compiler is particularly concerned with ensuring that the part played by the common man in the tumultuous events of the Great War does not go unmarked by posterity, and that there is more than a name on a war memorial to record the passing of men who fought and died for King and country.

The index, compiled by Simon Jervis, and consisting of photographs of WWI servicemen and officers, mainly soldiers but it does include some sailors, marines and airmen, has now reached the stage where it can be opened for searches. Each photograph has been carefully researched and identified from the Medal Rolls and other records.

The number, rank and name is given together with the regiment or unit and details of any decorations. Details of regiment(s) and corps in which the man served are also recorded together with any subsequent re-numbering, for instance many men who were wounded were not sent back to the trenches after convalescence but transferred to the Labour Corps.

The index also includes other WWI ephemera such as postcards and letters sent by or to the man; (occasionally just an envelope without any contents); photographs of graves - often of the original war-time grave; field post cards; documents such as discharge forms, medal slips etc.; memorial cards; Christmas cards sent by the man and pay books.

The index has now been computerised by Imperial Soldier Searches of Yew Tree Cottage, Blackford, Stoke-St-Milborough, Shropshire SY8 2ET and, on receipt of a cheque or postal order for £3 and a stamped, addressed envelope (UK) or an International Money Order, self-addressed envelope and 2 International Reply Coupons (overseas), a search will be made. In order to identify the article, please give as much information as possible. If nothing is found, the enquiry will be placed on file and checked against future additions (new material is being added all the time): if an entry is found the enquiry will be passed to Simon Jervis who will negotiate with the enquirer direct for copies of the relevant material. Because of the archival nature of the material, he will retain copyright of all photographs and will offer laser or photographic copies and negatives. Donations to the index of a photographic or ephemeral nature will always be welcome.

Remittances, payable to I.S.S. should be sent by cheque or draft expressed in pounds sterling and drawn on a British bank or an international bank with a branch in the United Kingdom. For overseas enquirers, International Money Orders in sterling or the equivalent in dollar notes are acceptable - please note that due to the high costs of encashment, cheques drawn on other than UK banks and in anything other than sterling are not acceptable.

- from FFHS ■

MORE FROM THE INTERNET

Here are two useful bits of information gleaned from other genealogists on the Internet.

Census returns for 1901 will be available to the public on 2nd January 2002. The chairman of the FFHS has been informed that the census returns for 1911 and subsequently were not taken in a format which could be easily made available for research, the form being different from the C19 Enumerator's Books with which we are familiar.

It should be noted that the 1931 returns were destroyed by fire in the War. The 1941 census was not taken because of the War.

If we think we have it hard pre-1841, how will our descendants manage? No census returns, fewer baptism, often no legal marriages ...

Highlights the absolute necessity to record everything we know now for future generations!

...and a list of Census dates

| | |
|------|-------------------|
| 1801 | Monday 10th March |
| 1811 | Monday 27th May |
| 1821 | Monday 28th May |
| 1831 | Monday 30th May |
| 1841 | Sunday 6th June |
| 1851 | Sunday 30th March |
| 1861 | Sunday 7th April |
| 1871 | Sunday 2nd April |
| 1881 | Sunday 3rd April |
| 1891 | Sunday 5th April |
| 1901 | Sunday 31st March |

from Wiltshire April 1998 ■

ILLUSTRATED HISTORICAL ATLASES

Looking for copies of some of the old illustrated historical atlases? A reprint of the *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Carleton* published by H. Belden and Co. in 1879 is currently available. In Ottawa, it can be purchased from the downtown Chapters store. Other bookstores can order it from Wilson's Publishing Company.

CD-ROM versions of the illustrated atlases are also

expected to be available soon. The atlases were originally published without indexes but the computer versions will come with software that can search for any name, word, phrase or place. Plans are to publish the various atlases individually, then offer them as a set. The *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Lanark* is to be the first in the series. It is expected this spring. Global Genealogy Supply, the company behind the project, is at 158 Laurier Ave., Milton, ON, L9T 4S2 (email: rroberts@globalgenealogy.com). Global also offers the printed atlases by mail order or over the internet.

From Ottawa Branch News, March-April 1998 ■

ONTARIO CEMETERY FINDING AID

A new version of the Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid is now complete - version 6. With 2.2 million names, this database of Ontario grave markers is now double the size of version 5. All tombstones in the province are eventually to be included. Version 5 is available on the internet. A recent query to project co-ordinator Ron Demaray about the availability of the new version brought the following response:

The new and much bigger OCFA database won't run with the current online search engine . . . meanwhile we are awaiting a new version being designed by our internet server. Since the engine and huge amounts of storage space are provided free of charge for the OCFA and BCCFA (British Columbia Cemetery Finding Aid) projects, I am completely at the mercy of his schedule and generosity.

As a stop gap measure, all the new data can be downloaded from the OCFA ftp site. The data in the files is arranged by surname in an ASCII format and compressed with PKZIP.

Who could have ever dreamed that the OCFA project would grow to over two million entries in such a short time . . . and it continues to grow! I estimate that, to date, I have an additional 120,000 entries for the next version.

OCFA is at
<http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa/homepage.html> ■

ENGLISH ANCESTRY?

Russ Waller, author of 40 books of genealogy in the Kingston, Belleville and Brockville region, is seeking assistance in compiling a new series of books titled *Immigrants from England, 1800-1900*. A volume on Frontenac County has just been completed. Plans are to continue with Lennox & Addington, Hastings, Prince Edward, Durham & Northumberland, Leeds & Grenville and Lanark. Individuals in the above areas with English ancestors are invited to supply data such as place of origin, Canadian location, maiden names, birthdates, etc. Credit will be given to donors. Russ Waller, 114 Robert Wallace Drive, Kingston, Ontario, K7M 1Y2.

From Ottawa Branch News, March-April 1998 ■

TIPS ON PHOTOCOPYING

If you have trouble with "bleed through" when copying or scanning documents, try putting a piece of dark paper behind the original. This will help to minimize ghost characters from the back of the original.

SOURCE: Fairfield Co. Chapter OGS's Fairfield Trace, Vol. XV111 #2 via The Toledo Area Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Vol. 16 #1, Sept. 1997 ■



Recipients of AGS Lifetime Memberships are, L to R, Judy and Jo Nuthack, Norma Wolowyk and Pat Hewitt. Congratulations!

Plates for all
Publicity Purposes

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Selegel-McFarlane Co., Ltd.
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Spafford, A. W., & Co.
Spafford, E. W.
Standard Garage
Sunnyside Garage
Western Motors, Ltd.
White, R. B.
Camrose Auto & Machine Co.
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Carstairs Motor Co.
Welsh, D. S.
Quigley, Thos.
Young & McNicol
Welsh, O. S.
Alberta Auto Repair
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Auto Livery
Cadillac Auto Livery
Cadillac Service Station
Canadian Locomobile Co. of Ed.,
Ltd.
Central Garage
Chalmers Motor Cars
City Auto Service
Darling Auto Light Co.
ROBERTS GARAGE & LIVERY
CO., LTD. (See Adv.)
Detroit Motor Repair Co.
Edmonton Bicycle & Motor Co.
Edmonton Garage
Empire Automobile School
Evans, Tom L.
MARTIN AUTO TOP CO.
Freeman Co., Ltd., The
Graham-Evans Auto Co.
Great West Motor Co.
Green, A. W.
Levin & Wootton
Manuel, Johnson & Clarke
McLaughlin Garage Co., The
Northern Motor Supplies, Ltd.
Overland Motor Cars
Scott's Motor, Ltd.
Standard Motor Co.
Strathcona Garage Co., The
Taylor-Musson Auto Co.
Western Garage
Wilbie & Forest
McLeod Bros.
High River Automobile Co.
McKague, F. J.
Benwell, H. C.
Lacombe Garage
Napper, Gordon
STOREY, GEO. H., & CO. (See
Adv.)
Alberta Auto Co. (Livery) Lethbridge
Cadillac Auto Co.
Chapin Co.
Henderson, H. T.
Oliver & Shergold
Standard Garage
Western Auto Co., Ltd.
Tanner Bros.
Alberta Motor Co., Ltd. Medicine Hat
Diehl Motor Car Co.
Medicine Hat Garage
Provincial Auto Co.
Andrews, M. E.
Leslie, W. A.
Foot, Wm.
Redcliff Garage Co., Ltd. Redcliff
Redcliff Motors Co., Ltd. (Mfrs.)
Alberta Garage Red Deer
Ford Garage
MECHANICAL GARAGE CO. (See
Adv.)
Red Deer Garage
Rose, H. L.
Chapman, Geo.
Stettler Garage Co.
Hall-Rutherford Land Co. (Garage)
Taber
Taber Motor Co.
Sigler & Richardson
Vegreville Garage
Hayward, W. R.
Law Bros. (Garage)
Central Garage

1914 GAZETTEER

A Listing of Merchants in Canada

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

Editor's note:

Page 2 of continuing list. Page 3 in upcoming issue. ■

Davis, R. L. (Garage)
Reynolds, E. A.

Automobile Liveries.

Alberta Auto Livery Calgary
Auto Livery & Taxicab Co. "
Calgary Auto Livery "
Calgary Taxicab Co. "
K. & J. Auto Livery "
Kenny, W. F. "
Motor Livery, Limited "
Smith, Jas. E. "
Eggen, C. B. Lacombe
Spottane Auto & Taxi Livery Co.,
Ltd. Lethbridge
Tanner, T. Macleod
Tanner, Thos. Medicine Hat
MECHANICAL GARAGE CO.
(See Adv.) Red Deer

Automobile Mfrs.

Redcliffe Motors Co., Ltd. Redcliffe

*Automobile School.

ALBERTA AUTO & TRACTOR
SCHOOL. (See Adv.) Calgary

Bakers.

Nix, A. E. Alix
Johnston, Chris. Athabasca
Lee, J. C. Bassano
Fabbri, G. Blairmore
Union Bakery Co. Brooks
Martin & Evans Calgary
Anderson, E. B.
Balmoral Bakery
Conn, Holzworth & Cruttenden
Craig, A. C.
Darling, J. K.
Davids, Phillip
Davies, J. W.
Dodd, Wm.
Eikin, R. H.
Home Bread Co., Ltd.
Jackson Bros.
Johnson & Sereni
Ladarr, L.
Lockett, A. E.
Miles, J.
Mitchell, J. T.
Parisian Patisserie & Coniserie
Co., Ltd.
Pearson, J. G.
Quirk, Thos.
Shelley, J. W.
Siments & Lawrence
Thomas, Squiro
Wake, G. L. (Mrs. J. R.)
Whitlock Bakery, Ltd.
Wilson, Claude
Connor Bros.
Leonard, John
Hammond, E. L.
Rothwell, R. C.
Barber, E. G.
Boese, John B.
Hubert, N.
Pitter, Chas.
Baston, A.
Fraser, A.
Green, Hedley H.
Stevens, Mrs. Mary
Garner, Susie (Mrs. J. S.)
Slater, Wm.
Watson, E. W.
Brown, Chas.
Caledonian Bakery
Campbell, C. W.
Edmonton Baking Co.

Attard, Louis
Gibson & Larkin
Hodges, W. J.
Carroll, Mrs. J.
Cowley, V.
Patton, Fred.
Westgate, F.
Young, A. R.
Beatty, L. G.
Shute, Henry
Reed, Joseph
Gilmore, John
Killien, F. J.
McCauley, F.
Peebles, Wm. H.
Schweitzer, David A.
Schweitzer, Norman J.
Scott, John
Bowden, A. W.
Bremner, Jos.
Breault, C. D.
Mitchell, J. R.
Richardson, John B.
Tassie Bros.
Crossetierre, B.
Thom, Wm.
Rondeau, J.
Peacock, Charles C.
Armstrong, R. R.
Dilly, Fred.
Fournier & Thebault
Cummings, Chas. H.
Sangster, J.
McPhail, D. E.
Keats, Wm.
Brokenshire, —
Hamilton, Clarence
Armstrong, George P.
Loutit, Thomas
Miller, John
Martin & Evans
Beck, A., & W.
Howe, J. R.
Richards, J. C.
Hamsos, Fred.
Pilkie, Charles H.
Wetherbee, I. A.
Smart, Fordyce
Culley, A.
Quarry, Walter
Roberts, L.

Bakers' Ovens.

Davids, F. Calgary
Shelley's Bake Ovens

Banks.

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Union Bank of Canada Alex
Imperial Bank of Canada
Athabasca Landing
Can. Bank of Commerce
Royal Bank
Imperial Bank of Canada Banff
Union Bank of Canada Baron's
Union Bank of Canada Bashan
Canadian Bank of Commerce Bassano
Quebec Bank
Union Bank of Canada
Canadian Bank of Commerce Bawlf
Royal Bank of Canada Belcher
Union Bank Bellevue
Royal Bank Bentley
Union Bank of Canada Blackie
Union Bank of Canada Blairmore
Royal Bank
Royal Bank Blackfalds
Merchants Bank of Canada Botha
Union Bank of Canada Bowden
Bank of British North America
Bow Island
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& Co., Ltd. Edson

Empress
Fort Saskatchewan

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Gleichen
Granum
Grassy Lake
Hardisty
High River
Innisfall
Islay
Lacombe
Langdon
Leduc
Lethbridge

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Manville
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Nanton

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Olds
Pincher Creek

Ronoka
Grange

Provost
Redcliff

Red Deer
St. Albert

Stettler
Soney Plain

Strathmore
Taber

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Vermilion
Vulcan

Wainwright
Wetaskiwin

ALBERTA IN 1914

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

Editor's note: This is page two of four; we will continue to print what space will allow in upcoming issues. ■

Real Estate and Finance
ST. JOHN, I.
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Vegreville, the nearest Banking point, etc.
HOWVILLE, a Post-Office, 10 miles from Barons, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, and Express.
BRANT, a settlement, 20 miles east of High River, on C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 50.
BRIGHT BANK, a Post-Office, near Stoney Plain, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, and Express.
BRIGHTVIEW, a Post-Office, 16 miles from Wetaskiwin, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
BROCKET, a station on the C.P.R., 9 miles from Pincher Creek, the nearest Banking point.
BROOKS STATION, on C.P.R., 65 miles west of Medicine Hat. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 250.
BOWNFIELD, a Post-Office, 12 miles from Castor, the nearest Bank, and 8 miles from Hardisty, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, and Express.
BRUCE, a station on the G.T.P. Has Telegraph and Express. Bank at Holden, 9 miles. Pop. 100.
BRUEDENHEIM, a station on the C.N.R. Has Telegraph and Express. Bank at Lamont, 6 miles. Stage weekly. Pop. 200.
BULLOCKSVILLE, a Post-Office, 12 miles from Lacombe, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
BULL'S HEAD, a station on the C.P.R. Has Telegraph and Express. Bank at Medicine Hat.
BURDETTE, on C.P.R. Has Telegraph, Express and Bank. Pop. 250.
BURMIS, on C.P.R. Telegraph and Express. Bank at Hill Crest Mines, 12 miles.
BURNT LAKE, on C.P.R., 12 miles from Red Deer, the nearest Banking point. Stage weekly. Pop. -0.
CADOGAN, a station on the C.P.R., 9 miles from Provost, the nearest Banking point. Has Telegraph and Express.
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CANMORE, on C.P.R., 15 miles from Banff, and 65 from Calgary. Has Telegraph and Express. Bank at Banff. Pop. 500.
CANYON, 10 miles from Lacombe, the nearest Banking point. Railway, Telegraph, and Express at Blackfelds.
CARBON, 35 miles from Didsbury, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 50.
CARIBONDALE, a Post-Office, 12 miles from Coleman, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, and Express.
CARDIFF, a Post-Office, 3 miles from Morinville, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
CARDSTON, 30 miles from Lethbridge, on the C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 2,000.
CARLSTADT, on C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 900.
CARMANGY, on the C.P.R. Telegraph and Express. Has Bank. Pop. 800.
CANSTAIRS, 40 miles north of Calgary, on the C. and E. branch of C.P.R. Has

press.
CASTOR, on Lacombe Branch of C.P.R. Has Telegraph, Bank, and Express. Pop. 2,000.
CAYLEY, on Macleod section of C.P.R., 45 miles south of Calgary. Has Telegraph, Express, and Bank. Pop. 400.
CHAUVIN, a station on the G.T.P., 14 miles from Wainwright. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc.
CHIEADLE, on C.P.R., 28 miles east of Calgary, the nearest Banking point, and 9 miles from Strathmore, the nearest Telegraph and Express. Pop. 150.
CHISTENWOLD, 12 miles from Ponoka, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express and Bank.
CHIN, on Lethbridge and C.N. branch C.P.R., 18 miles from Lethbridge, the nearest banking point. Has Telegraph and Express.
CHINOOK, a Post-Office, 10 miles from Bassano, on C.N.R. Bank at Youngstown.
CHIPMAN, a station on the C.N.R., 28 miles from Vegreville. Has Telegraph and Express. Bank at Lamont, 7 miles.
CHISHOLM, on Macleod section of C.P.R., 25 miles north of Macleod. Has Bank, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 1,500.
CHARKVILLE, a Post-Office, 12 miles from Vegreville, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
CLEVERVALE, a settlement, 10 miles from Staveley, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank. Pop. 100.
CLIVE, a settlement, on Lacombe branch C.P.R. Telegraph and Express. Pop. 200.
CLOVER BAR, 8 miles from Edmonton, on G.T.P. Ry.
CLUNY, on C.P.R., 9 miles from Gleichen, the nearest banking point.
CLYDE, a settlement, 20 miles from Edmonton, the nearest Bank, on Athabasca Landing branch C.N.R.
COAL CITY, a Post-Office, 18 miles from Taber, the nearest Railway, Bank, Telegraph, and Express.
COALDALE, on C.P.R., 10 miles from Lethbridge, the nearest banking point. Has Telegraph and Express.
COALHURST, a settlement, 10 miles from Lethbridge, the nearest banking point. Nearest Railway at Klipp, 4 miles.
COCHRANE, on C.P.R., 25 miles west of Calgary. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 500.
COLD LAKE, a Post-Office, 150 miles from Vermilion, the nearest Railway, Telegraph, Express, and Bank.
COLEMAN, on Lethbridge and C.N. branch of C.P.R., 48 miles west of Macleod. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 1,200.
COLEHIDGE, on C.P.R., 6 miles east of Medicine Hat, the nearest Bank, Ry., Telegraph, and Express.
CONSORT, on Lacombe branch of C.P.R. Telegraph and Express. 30 miles from Coronation, the nearest banking point. Pop. about 350.
CONTENT, 3 miles from the Nevis Station, the nearest Ry., Telegraph, and Express. Bank at Lacombe.
COOKING LAKE, 35 miles from Edmonton, on main line G.T.P. Ry., Telegraph and Express. Bank at Tofield, 18 miles.
COUTTS, on C.P.R., 15 miles from Lethbridge, the nearest Telegraph, Bank, and Express. Pop. 40.
CORONATION, on Lacombe branch C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 600.

Express. Pop. 150.
CROSSFIELD, on the C. and E. branch of C.P.R., 30 miles north of Calgary. Has Telegraph, Express, and Bank. Pop. 280.
CROWFOOT, on the C.P.R., 18 miles from Calgary, the nearest Bank. Has Telegraph and Express.
CZAR, on Wetaskiwin branch C.P.R., 7 miles from Hughenden, the nearest Bank. Pop. 200.
DALROY, a settlement on C.P.R. 15 miles from Langdon, the nearest Banking point. Has Telegraph and Express.
DAYSLAND, a town on Wetaskiwin branch of the C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 500.
DELTA, on C.P.R., 12 miles from Langdon, the nearest Banking point. Has Telegraph and Express.
DIAMOND CITY, a settlement on the C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, and Express, etc. Pop. 280.
DIDSBURY, on the Edmonton branch of C.P.R., 50 miles north of Calgary. Has Bank, Ry., Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 900.
DONALDA, on Vegreville to Calgary branch of C.N.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 400.
DUVERNAY, a settlement near Vegreville, the nearest Bank, Ry., Telegraph, and Express.
DRUMHILLET, on C.N.R. (Vegreville to Calgary branch). Has Bank, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 250.
EDBERG, a settlement near Camrose, the nearest Banking point. Telegraph and Express. Has stage from Camrose. On Vegreville to Calgary branch of C.N.R. Pop. 200.
EDGERTON, on G.T.P. Ry., near Wainwright. Banking, Telegraph, Express, etc. Pop. 200.
EDISON, a settlement about 50 miles north of Edmonton. Nearest Banking point, Morinville, 20 miles, on C.N.R. Telegraph and Express.
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ENTWISTLE, on main line G.T.P. Bank at Stoney Plains, 42 miles.
ERSKINE, on Lacombe branch of C.P.R. Has Bank, Telegraph, and Express. Pop. 150.
EVARTS, a Post-Office, about 20 miles west of Red Deer, the nearest Bank. Ry., Telegraph, and Express. Stage bi-weekly.
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Brooks and District

Our March meeting was held on the 12th with guest speaker Margo Moffat. She gave an interesting and amusing talk on events in her and her husband's research.

At our April 9 meeting our guest for the evening was Rene Gross, author of "Red Deer River Valley - Geology and Dinosaurs" and of "Tapping the Bow". While interviewing Carl Anderson for material for "Tapping the Bow", Rene was so impressed by his energy and enthusiasm that she decided to devote a book to him. This book, entitled "Groundwork" - Carl Anderson and the Farmer's Guide", is scheduled for publication the first of July. Rene's talent for incorporating the results of her many interviews into an enjoyable narrative was demonstrated when she read one chapter of her book.

The program of our May 14th meeting was a questionnaire, "My Ancestors Can Beat Your Ancestors", and it generated a lively discussion and an enjoyable evening. We held a garage sale which generated \$560.00 for the Branch.

We held the June 11 annual dinner meeting at the Legion and Gordon Reid with the Museum Association was our guest speaker. He gave a speech on Museums and their relationship with genealogy - it was a most enjoyable evening.

The Branch is hosting a Beginners Class starting on October 3 and details will be announced at the September meeting.

The current membership for our Branch is 42.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Penner, President ■

Drayton Valley Branch

On behalf of our Branch, I wish to say "Thank you and very well done" to Margo Moffat for her time and efforts as she leaves the position of AGS President,

and "Welcome" to Carol Anderson as her successor.

As of June 6th, Drayton Valley now has 19 members - 12 renewals and 7 new members.

In March we reported that we had encountered a very difficult situation with our local library and the ordering of inter-library loan materials. After some input from the Brooks and Fort McMurray Branches, we investigated the possibility of ordering our own materials. We found that we would have no problem ordering directly from the Ontario Archives and a group called AGLL (American Genealogical Lending Library). We can also continue to borrow from the National Archives through the local historical society. Other arrangements may have to be made with other groups, but, at this time, we have lots to be going on with. In view of this, we have removed our microfilm reader and catalogues from the library, and put them in the museum where our books and other materials are stored.

A number of members have expressed some dissatisfaction with the format of our meetings, so we are now having a "one-on-one" session at the end of each meeting. More experienced members of the group are paired with one or two who are less experienced, or who are having a problem in some particular area. In this way, we're hoping to help both new and old members find possible solutions to their problems.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth F. Smyth,
President ■

Fort McMurray & District

Several new members have joined our branch during the last few weeks. The Executive is now considering having the library open during the summer months.

For promotion purposes the Branch will participate in Heritage Days on August 3rd at Heritage Park. This was successful last year in attracting new members.

A successful double bingo was held on May 30 with help of volunteers from the Boys & Girls Club, SPCA and the Volunteer Action Centre. Our branch members reciprocate as necessary.

A new film lens has been purchased for our Printer/Reader which now completes the functioning of this equipment.

Jean Waniandy was the recipient of the President's Award. Since first joining the Branch she has been a willing volunteer and an enthusiastic genealogist.

We also recognized our Senior Librarian, Sheila Hale, who has unstintingly given of her time and effort in organizing our library.

We congratulate the new AGS President on her appointment and look forward to a future possible visit to our Branch.

Submitted by Patricia Dobson, President ■

Lethbridge and District

Our membership as of June 1998 is 59 paid members and volunteer hours for March, April, May and June are 512 hours. These include volunteer hours at the library, hours spent in meetings, hours spent on projects and individual research hours.

Executive positions that were not filled at the time of elections have now been filled. Secretary - Laureen Piekema, Treasurer - Katherine Harrington, Publicity - Bridget Pastoor.

Following the March meeting, Linda McIlravy from the Lethbridge Public Library, gave an informative presentation regarding "What is New in the Public Library" for genealogists.

The April meeting gave those who attended the convention an opportunity to review the sessions presented at the convention and encourage participation in the 1999 convention.

In May, Norma Bosman, a former A.G.S. member was our guest speaker and spoke about "Sponsored Settlers in Upper Canada".

We are sorry to announce the passing of former member David Elford on June 6, 1998. Dave was a

faithful member of our Branch for many years.

I wish each member a great summer and successful researching!

Respectfully submitted by Winnifred Evans, President.

Medicine Hat & District

The program for our March meeting was presented by Gwen Gogolinski (Branch member). She gave an interesting presentation on the "Mayflower" people, followed by an interesting video about the circumstances surrounding the voyage of the "Mayflower".

Our program for April was "Internet". Patricia Larose from Memory Lane Computers presented an interesting and informative presentation on the Internet Genealogical sites.

The program for our May meeting was a presentation of Family Albums, Scrapbooks etc. This was presented by "Creative Memories" consultant Kris Kenmore.

June 3rd was the last meeting till September. We spent a fair amount of time finalizing our 20th Anniversary plans for June 20, 1998 and ended the evening with a Library night and socializing.

Our branch membership stands at 54.

Respectfully submitted by Edie Pinder, President. ■

Red Deer and District

At the March meeting of the Red Deer Branch, Ev Fairbrother explained that she had been made a temporary trustee as she could no longer hold the position of president. She asked that members consider taking on the position of president as she could only hold the position of trustee for six months. Dr. Charles Bird presented a very interesting talk on research in the Eastern U.S.A.

We had a continuation of our annual election of officers at the April meeting. Mary Joan Cornett resigned as treasurer and was elected president. Claire Ellis was elected treasurer. Betty Barnhill

gave a very interesting presentation on LDS Church family history resources.

Our May meeting was very brief as we all met immediately afterwards at the Red Deer Cemetery for a cemetery walking tour hosted by Lawrie Knight-Steinbach. She discussed many topics of interest including memorials as art objects, preservation of historical and genealogical information, and future care of gravestones.

Our annual garage sale was also held in May. Members were very supportive in donating items to be sold and time to man the sale. The branch is trying to raise enough money to eventually buy a microfilm/fiche reader-printer.

Branch members continue to meet in our library every Wednesday evening to work on projects such as indexing local church records. The 1997 Vital Statistics from the Red Deer Advocate have been completed.

Members are looking forward to the June meeting which will be a pot-luck supper at the home of Kurt and Lila Nagel.

Respectfully submitted by May Joan Cornett,
President

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mickey McCannel and family in the recent loss of their husband and father, M. Gordon (Tex) McCannel, an Edmonton Branch member.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Hugh Greenslade. Hugh was an honorary member of AGS (#109) and an Edmonton Branch member. Predeceased by his first wife Pearl, he passed away at Oliver, B.C. July 5, 1998.

CONGRATULATIONS!



"ANNOUNCEMENT"

The Medicine Hat and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogy Society, will be celebrating it's 20th Anniversary on June 20th 1998. We will have an Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with presentations at 2:00 p.m., with cake to be served after the presentations. There will be displays by the LDS Family History Center, Public Library, Museum and by our members.

All members and guests welcome!

Potpourri

SCOTTISH EMIGRANTS TO CANADA BEFORE CONFEDERATION

Donald Whyte of 4 Carmel Road, Kirkliston, West Lothian, Scotland EH29 9DD, author of SCOTTISH EMIGRANTS TO CANADA BEFORE CONFEDERATION, Volumes 1 and 2, is preparing a supplement and is interested in receiving details of people from Scotland who are NOT in volumes 1 and 2.

From: Tree Tracer, Vol. 19 #1, March 1998 ■

CALL FOR GENEALOGY PUBLICATIONS

Ryan Taylor is preparing a new edition/supplement (1999) to his bibliography *Books You Need To Do Genealogy in Ontario* and would appreciate submissions of related genealogical or historical publications of use to family historians. Write with full details to 919 Webster St., Fort Wayne, IN USA 46802.

From: Kingston Relations, Vol. 25 #2, Mar./Apr. 1998 ■

GENEALOGY AND THE INTERNET

The *General Register Office for Scotland Internet Service* available April 6, 1998 will provide access to a database which includes nearly 30 million names. The Service will provide Internet access to a fully searchable index to births/baptisms and banns/marriages from the Old Parish Registers dating from 1553 to 1854, and births, marriages and deaths from the Statutory Index for 1855 to 1897. An index to census records for 1891 will also be provided with the 1881 census data being available later this year. Users will be able to order register extracts of birth certificates, census entries, etc. from:

<http://www.open.gov.uk/gros/groshome.htm>

From Kingston Relations, Vol. 25 # 2, Mar/Apr. 1998 ■

TRANSLATING LANGUAGES VIA INTERNET

There is help on the web for translating documents from one language to another. Simply enter "translation" and click *search* to find them.

Alta Vista offers some FREE translations, but not in all languages. They will translate French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

The address is:

<http://babelfish.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/translate?>

You can translate foreign language web pages - or translate your own text:

1. Type or paste in the text to translate.
2. Select the language pair (French to English for example) to use.
3. Click on *Translate*.

From Treasure State Lines, Vol. 23 - 1998 No. 1 ■

HOME CHILDREN NEWSLINE

From Home Children Newsline, the newsletter of the Heritage Renfrew Home Children Committee: "Available now or soon at/through the National Archives of Canada: a) Immigration records to 1935 (Ship Manifests and Border Entry Records) b) John T. Middlemore Home Children records (subject to a 65 year closure); c) Home Children Medical Records (no longer at Tunney's Pasture).

Also from Home Children Newsline: Barnardos are on the Net. At: <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

From Waterloo-Wellington Branch OGS, Vol. XXVI No. 2, May 1998 ■

ACCESSING NATURALIZATION RECORDS

from Marie Bruner, AGS #2183

Access to information requests for naturalization records should be sent to:

Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Public Rights Administration
Jean Edmonds North Tower
300 Slater Street, 3rd Floor
Ottawa, Ontario

The Access to Information Act requires that requests be responded to within 30 days. If not, one has the right to complain to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada at 112 Kent Street, Tower "B", 3rd Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1H3 ■

FFHS: A CALL FOR PAPERS

As the President of the Western Australian Genealogical Society, I want to let all of you know that there is a call for papers to be presented at the 9th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, to be held at the University of Western Australia in Perth from 27 September to 1 October, 2000. The theme of the Congress is "Let Records Speak" - so papers on the storage, preservation and publication of records are especially relevant, although other family history topics are open for consideration too.

Information about the Congress can be viewed under "What's New" at-

<http://cleo.murdoch.edu.au/~wags>

Incidentally, I mention that after living and working on four continents, on retirement I chose to live in Perth: there is a lot to see and do around here as a sideline from the Congress!

Best wishes to you all - Martin Pinnell
mpinnel@ibm.net ■

LATE BREAKING NEWS FROM ENGLAND!!

Wills - New Address for Wills later than 1858

Somerset House will close on the 27th May 1998.
From the 3 June the Wills will move to First Avenue

House, 47-49 High Holborn, London, WC1 6NP, and the telephone will stay the same. ☎0171 936 6989

(Received from Timothy Owston, Yorkshire, England)
from Halton-Peel News letter - June 1998 ■

NEWSFLASH!!! ` JUNE 1998

The Ontario Archives has now released the next year for Ontario Vital Statistics as follows: -

Births - 1901; Marriages - 1916; Deaths - 1926

from the Halton Peel News letter - June 1998 ■

IN OUR MAILBOX:

Dear Ms. Moffat,

In celebration of our 90th anniversary, the University of Alberta created the **Builders of Alberta Awards** as a way of celebrating and recognizing those groups which have made a significant contribution to Alberta's growth since 1908.

Over 65 nominations, including one for the Alberta Genealogical Society, were received and subsequently reviewed by the Builders Selection Committee. Your nomination was carefully considered and discussed and although it was not chosen as a finalist we do want to congratulate the Alberta Genealogical Society for its contributions and superlative record of performance in and for the Province of Alberta over the past many decades.

In this connection the University of Alberta wishes to present to you the enclosed certificate to celebrate and reflect the Society's achievement as a **Builders of Alberta Award** nominee.

We know that the Alberta Genealogical Society will continue to be an Alberta builder in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Roderick Fraser,
President & Vice-Chancellor
University of Alberta ■

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Dear Fellow Genealogists,

The Calgary Board of Education Retired Employees Association have a very active genealogy group and for the past four years we have taken a motorcoach trip to Salt Lake City, for research purposes. We have active volunteers from the Calgary Family History Centre accompany us, so there is help available if we run into problems (who doesn't).

We would be delighted if any members of your society would care to join us on our jaunt south this year.

Date: November 7, 1998 - November 16, 1998

Price: \$832.00 transportation and twin accommodations from Calgary.

We stay overnight in either Helena or Great Falls both going down and coming home.

While in Salt Lake City, we stay at the Salt Lake Plaza, which is adjacent to the Family History Library.

If any members are interested in joining us on this attempt to gain further information on our families please have them contact me by October 1, 1998, so arrangements can be carried out to their satisfaction.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours truly,
Nancy Strickland
3024 Capitol Hill Crescent NW
Calgary, AB T2M 4C5
phone: 403-289-2846
Email: stricklr@cadvision.com ■

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From James H.C. Johnson

On p. 35 of the May '98 issue of *Relatively Speaking*, there is an item "Strays" relating to a "James Bridge" of Okotoks, Alberta. In as much as there is no connecting researcher noted, would you kindly refer the attached material to the interested party?

I am a native of Okotoks, and vaguely recall the name "Bridge", although I cannot be more specific as to circumstance. Both the WW 1 listings and the L.D.S. connections may provide more useful research.

Editor's Note: Mr. Johnson has kindly enclosed research from the 1901 Census and from the National Archives concerning James Bridge. It is available to an interested party by writing to the editor. ■

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From Dr. David Bryant,
New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.
(an excerpt)

Thank you for your fax of March 20th seeking an exchange of journals. Few of our members are researching in Canada and we do not have many Canadian journals in our library. However, the cover and contents of your November 1997 issue provide sufficient incentive for me to decide to accept an exchange for this year at least. ■

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From Thelma G. Barnes
(an excerpt)

As branch librarian for Waterloo Wellington Branch O.G.S. I am interested in the Proof of Age Documents in Alberta, a Surname Index. How does one out of the province retrieve the information found in the Index? . . .

I do enjoy your *Relatively Speaking*. Best pay for this job is to read all these before they get to the library. ■

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

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NAISMITH
(Possibly aka
BAIN)

Looking for information on Gt. Grandfather, Alexander "Sandy" Bain
NAISMITH, b. Aug. 2, 1870 in Admaston, Ontario. Left Glenboro, Man.
in 1910 for the West. It is unknown if he remarried, had more children, or
when or where he died.

KUNICKY, Therese Dale - Box 6027, High River, AB T1V 1P7

GRAY

Rose Conliff Gray, born blind in 1891, was put up for adoption to people in
Choteau, Montana, USA. Rose was half Cree and possibly had a father who was
born in England, and was living in Alberta, possibly the Fort McLeod area when
she was born.

MUNRO

Lt. Hugh Munro, b. 1761 or 1764 in New York, married 04 May 1793 at
L'Assumption, Quebec to Angelic Laroque (widow), nee Leroux, born 1765 in
L'Assumption, Quebec. They had nine children one of whom was Hugh Munro,
fur trader and guide for XY Co., Norwester Co., and Hudson's Bay Co. from 1802
- 1860's in Alberta and Montana.

FOX

Harvey Fox, b. 1848 to William and Carolina Fox in Mandan, Dakota Territories.
Harvey was the oldest of eight children from this marriage. William and Carolina
were possibly from North Carolina.

FATH, Ruth Hanna - Box 574, Vulcan, AB T0L 2B0

PLUMB

Joyce 1888 - 1937 (?), buried: Vulcan, AB cemetery, in family plot between George and
McKinley. No burial record. Headstone figures blurred, covered by red moss. Not known of, by
local family members. No obituary in Vulcan Advocate or High River Times.

WOODS, Hilma A. - Researcher, Admiral Digby Museum, P.O. Box 938, Digby, Nova Scotia B0V 1A0

SPROULE

Orbin B. Seeking a PHOTOGRAPH of Orbin B. Sproule to be displayed permanently with all the
other mayors of the community, in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, Digby, Nova Scotia,
where Mr. Sproule was Mayor 1902 - 1903.

Orbin B. Sproule, was born in 1857 in Annapolis County N.S., son of Samuel Sproule and Mary Litch. He died January 25, 1929 at Edmonton, AB. On December 27, 1877 in Granville N.S., he married Emma Day Eaton (b. July 14, 1857, d. June 10, 1927 in Edmonton, AB), daughter of Oliver Eaton and Emeline Mary Day. Orbin and Emma had three children: George Alvin (b. October 27, 1878; d. March 4, 1886); Charles Ernest (b. September 28, 1880; m. May 15, 1902 in Canso, N.S. to Florence Maud, dau. Capt. Edward Jamieson of Canso, N.S.) Resided in the Edmonton area in 1929; Harry Augustus (b. January 3, 1883) Attended a college in Massachusetts in 1901; resided in the Edmonton area in 1929. Orbin and Emma (along with a Miss Helena Bowers, who became Mrs. Edighoffer in Saskatchewan) went to Mannville, Alberta in March 1906 and to Edmonton by 1912.

BARNES, Thelma G. - 1105 - 175 Queen St. N., Kitchener, ON N2H 2H9 E-mail: wtbarne@golden.net

GARBY - GARBE Children of Henry GARBE and Sara CURRIE were born in Huron County On. 1870-1890. Lost them here about 1896. Found records of Frank Garfield GARBE in Edmonton 1946. Seeking descendants and siblings of Henry. Will share Ontario information.

MEMBERS INTERESTS

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| CLINCH | 1800's | Dublin, DUB, Ireland |
| COX | 1800's | Chelsea, MDX, England |
| FEREDAY | 1800's | Brierley Hill, STS, England |
| HUGHES | 1800's | Sedgley, STS, England |

KUNICKY, Therese Dale Box 6027, High River, AB T1V 1P7

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| MUNRO/MONROE, Hugh | b.1784 or 1798 | L'Assumption, Quebec |
| FOX, Harvey | b. 1848 | Mandan, Dakota Territory |
| GRAY, Rose Conliff | b. 14 Feb 1890/91 | Alberta Metis (Cree) |
| LEROUX, Angelic | b. 1765 | L'Assumption, Quebec |
| MUNRO, Capt. John | b. 1728 or 1731 | Alness, Scotland |

CORRECTION

Our apologies for a printing error noted in May 1998 issue in the article entitled Die Pest by Walter Meyer. The chart is reprinted below.

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

RESEARCHER'S GROUP

**Research Letters Received
for the period 01 May to 23 July 1998**

Prepared by Marion Sim, 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, or e-mail to agsoffice@compusmart.ab.ca

| 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 Parent's 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 | Twp of Opal, AB | Homestead infowanted |
| PUESTOW, Betty | USA | Turner Family | Wainwright | Bur.info requested |
| PAWSON, Mrs A. | Estevan, Sask | Samuel Ashenhurst | Wetaskiwin area | Seeking d.info /obit |
| BARON, Raymond | USA | Henry/Henri Desire Baron | Alberta | Emmigration/Obits, etc. |
| FRANCIS, Bob | Victoria, BC | No names | Alberta | Info on search methods |
| ROBERTS, Mary/Leth. Branch | | 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 ON | 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 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From OGS Ottawa Branch News, Vol. 31 No. 3 ■

- **The Fifth New England Regional Genealogical Conference**

The Fifth New England Regional Genealogical Conference, "Connecting to Your Cousins," will run from 23 - 25 October 1998. Pre-conference activities will also take place on October 22, 1998. The site of the conference will be at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine.

For further information, write: The American-French Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2113, Pawtucket, RI 02861.

From AFG News Vol.IX No. 3, May/June 1998 ■

- **Oktoberfest**

The date of the 1998 Oktoberfest has been set for Saturday, October 3 at the Holy Trinity Family Centre, 1514 - 44th St. NE in Calgary. We will continue to enjoy the superb music and entertainment provided by Happy Hans's live band. Happy hour starts at 6 pm and a fine German supper will be enjoyed from 7 pm. The ticket price is \$15.00 per person. If coming from outside the Calgary region,



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From The Alberta Chapter - Germans from Russia Heritage Society bulletin #85 May/June 1998.

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Contact: Co-Chairs: Florence Woodward, 483-5940; Norma Wolowyk, 488-1418 if you would like to: work on the conference planning committee; help at the conference; recommend a speaker, display, etc.; or be a speaker, display; or other. ■

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by

The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society
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Dated in Edmonton, Alberta, this 15th day of March, 1973.

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