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PHOTO COVER STORY: Malcolm McCrimmon of Edmonton, Alberta

born in Woodville, Ontario, March 27, 1851.
 A pioneer railroad contractor across Western Canada,
 died at Edmonton, December 11, 1928.
 Shown here with daughter Katie McCrimmon Love.
 Submitted by Malcolm R. MacCrimmon, AGS #444,
 grandson of railroad builder Malcolm (who spelled his name McCrimmon.)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

E. Carol Anderson

I want to thank all of the members of our great Society who are so actively involved and creative with their volunteer time and contributions given in the name of the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS). We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals who enjoy being a part of the Society.

Congratulations to the AGS Grande Prairie and District Branch for their "Genius in the Library" project which was instrumental in the Grande Prairie Public Library receiving a 'Creative Public Library Service Award' in May 1998. The Alberta Library Trustees Association administers the award. The program is an unique partnership with the Grande Prairie Library and the members of the branch who help library patrons to research their family backgrounds.

Appreciation and thanks go to the AGS Edmonton Branch whose tireless efforts have been directed towards the stopping of the Alberta Government's proposal to relocate the Alberta Provincial Archives in a move out of the capital city to a remote location in Stony Plain. They have attended numerous meetings, written articles for the news media and presented, along with other Albertans, concerns over the Alberta Government's proposal. Members of this branch contribute innumerable volunteer hours at the Alberta Provincial Archives assisting the Archivists and the public.

Many branch projects are on-going and a recent endeavour is the AGS Red Deer branch members who are indexing Gaetz United Church records, Knox Presbyterian and Innisfail Presbyterian records. Other projects are constantly being carried on by the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees. Please let the AGS office know when your branch or committee becomes involved with a project and submit a Project Submission Form to the AGS office when projects representing the Alberta Genealogical Society are started in your area.

In August, the AGS said farewell to Bev Trace, who has been the AGS Coordinator since May 1997. Bev moved on to other employment and we

wish her all the best in her new position. We thank you and greatly appreciate the time you spent with us, Bev. We now extend a WELCOME to Kathy McClelland who joined the Society on September 30th as the AGS Office Coordinator. Kathy has delved right into the work involved with this position and we look forward to a long association with her in the office. Kathy has written a sketch about herself in this issue. Look for it and get to know her better.

As President of the Alberta Genealogical Society, I was invited to attend a meeting in October for Provincial Heritage Organizations held at the Prince of Wales Armouries Centre, Edmonton. The ten societies/associations represented in the gathering met to become more aware of the role of each organization and the contributions made toward heritage in Alberta. Discussions were centred around mutual concerns, and possible alliances were initiated to continue with future meetings under the name of "Heritage Alliance." One representative closed the meeting with an apt statement that describes the pending formation "To move forward with a united voice in the heritage community of Alberta."

In less than two months we will be welcoming in the last year of this century. For myself, it is an awesome realization that we are on the edge of a new millennium. It could be a memorable event in our life, but it is apparent that the transition into the 21st century will not move forward as smoothly as any preceding transition. We have become so informed of numerous potential problems that exist in our 20th century technologically controlled world that they have cast many doubts and apprehensions for the future days ahead. The following are a few projects for genealogists and family historians to consider during 1999. Research: Where were your ancestors when the 20th century began? What were they doing, and what was their lifestyle when the millennium of 1900 began? What personal history will you record for your descendants as the 21st century begins in the year of 2000?

Please take the time and exercise your membership privilege by submitting nominations for the vacant executive offices that are listed on the AGS Nomination Form for the 1999 election. □

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lillian Wight

Two things affected our August mail-out of *Relatively Speaking* in a negative way, something, I understand that hasn't happened before and we hope will not happen again! Our print order was for 900 copies, and would you believe, that is not enough to meet the current membership and subscription list. That is good in that we have a growing membership, but it was not good for those expecting their August issue. Unfortunately, too, we did not have the most recent update of the membership list due to unforeseen circumstances; as a result, some new members were not included in the mailing. So to those who did not receive their August issue (and back issues, if applicable), please accept our sincere apologies. With the November mailing everyone should have their complete set of the 1998 publication.

I know you will enjoy this issue of our magazine. Some interesting articles have been contributed, several of which highlight local history. In connection with our 25th anniversary Carin Routledge reminisces, reminding us of how our Society has grown over the years. In contrast, Bill Whitney suggests a way of 'keeping up' in the computer world. Thanks to all our contributors. Please keep those articles coming. Is there anyone out there who would like to do a regular computer/internet column for us? I believe we need that to provide a good balance for our readers. Please let me know if you are interested and have that kind of specialty. Remember, it would be only four columns per year.

Now to an important topic, **Membership Renewals**. Elsewhere in this issue is a Mail Early notice outlining the need to renew your memberships as soon as possible. Also included is a membership application form. Fill it out promptly and mail it or give it to your branch membership chairperson. To receive your February 1999 magazine together with election ballots for the April conference your membership renewal **MUST** be received by January 31. That allows for processing of your membership and the preparation of a mailing list. Best to "Do it Now."

As I type this column the sky is filled with low

hanging cloud cover. We've had our first snowfall of the season and the thermometer is hovering around the freezing point. It's a reminder that winter will soon be upon us and with it comes the Christmas season. Best wishes to all our readers for a safe and happy time with family and friends during the upcoming festive season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ☐

TEN GENEALOGISTS' COMMANDMENTS

1. Do some research every week.
2. File each new piece of information in the right place straight away.
3. Record your source accurately and completely.
4. Record your doubts fully.
5. Record your beliefs about a person and your reasons fully.
6. Before going to the record office make a detailed list.
7. At the record office don't be deviated from your list.
8. Do contact those researchers researching the same line as you.
9. Join those societies you've been meaning to join.
10. When all else fails, follow your intuition.

From the Wiltshire Family History Society, January 1998, June 68 ☐

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 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. 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.

CANADA-ABORIGINAL RECORDS

929.111 RUS Records of the Federal Department of Indian Affairs at the National Archives of Canada: a source for genealogical research. Bill Russell, 1998. (Reviewed elsewhere in this publication.)

CANADA-ALBERTA-GENEALOGY MANUALS

929.1112 BUC No ordinary Prairie town: a

researcher's guide and historical inventory to the towns of southern Alberta. Karen Buckley, 1998.

929.1112 REK Edmonton: an annotated bibliography of holdings in the Canadiana Collection, Edmonton Public Library. Joseph Rek, 1996.

CANADA-ALBERTA LOCAL HISTORIES

971.231 BUF Buffalo trails: tales of the pioneers [Buffalo Lake]. 1978.

971.231 GRA Grande Prairie. James G. MacGregor. 1983.

971.231 PEAb Lure of the South Peace: tales of the early pioneers to 1945. 1981.

971.233 GIB Our treasured roots: a history of Gibbons and surrounding areas. 1974.

971.233 GWY Treasured memories: Gwynne and district. 1977.

971.233 KIN Hoofprints and homesteading: a history of Kinsella and area. 1983.

971.233 MIL Tales and trails of Millet. (2 volumes) 1978.

971.233 PAR Hills of hope. [Parkland County]. 1976.

971.233 PRO Early furrows: a story of our early pioneers in Provost, Hayter, Bodo, Alberta and surrounding districts. 1977.

971.233 WAI Buffalo trails and tales: Wainwright and districts. 1973.

971.233 WET Pioneer pathways: rural Wetaskiwin. (2 volumes) 1981.

971.233 WIN Memory trails of Winterburn. 1977.

971.234 GRA Faded trails: Grassy Lake and Purple Springs. 1982.

971.234 TUR In the Light of the flares: a history of Turner Valley oilfields. 1979.

971.234 PIN Prairie grass to mountain pass, history of the pioneers of Pincher Creek and district. 1974.

CANADA--MANITOBA HISTORY

971.27 AND "1885": the Riel Rebellion. Frank Anderson, 1955.

971.274 GRE Gretna: window on the northwest. 1987.

971.274 KAT Historical sketches of Katrime and Beaver districts. 1952.

971.274 TRE Tiger Hills to the Assiniboine: a history of Treherne and surrounding district. 1976.

971.274 TREa Treherne - 100 years: 1880-1980. Harold S. Brooking, 1991.

CANADA--MILITARY RECORDS

929.371 WIG The C.E.F. Roll of Honour. Edward H. Wigney. 1996.

CANADA--ONTARIO--GENEALOGY MANUALS

929.1113 BRO Index to Ontario settlement names resulting from the OGS strays project. Ontario Genealogical Society, 1998. (Reviewed elsewhere in this publication.)

CANADA--ONTARIO--SURNAME INDEXES

929.3713 STR v.3 Strays!: an index to the OGS strays project. Ontario Genealogical Society, 1998. (Reviewed elsewhere in this publication.)

ENGLAND--HISTORY

942.1 MEE London: heart of the Empire and wonder of the World. Arthur Mee, 1951.

971.233 ISL There'll always be an Islay, 1904-1976. 1977.

CANADA--SASKATCHEWAN--LOCAL HISTORIES

971.244 TUX Heritage of the wheatlands: Tuxford and area. 1977.

U.S.--KENTUCKY--VITAL RECORDS

929.3769 KEN Kentucky marriage records. An article in Journal of the Afro-American Historical

and Genealogical Society, No 1 Summer 1980.

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 HEN Henry family tree of Rossendale and Lavenham Manitoba, Canada. Clifford Edward William Henry.

929.2 MAR The Martin family tree. Robert Allan Martin, c1980.

929.2 SWI My family (Switzer). Harvey A. Switzer, 1984.

929.2 YAN Where have all the Yandeaus gone? Laverne (Lardner) Atchison, 1992.

929.2 WOO Woodward family history. Garth Woodward, 1996. □

THE EDMONTON BRANCH FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The Edmonton Branch Family History Center is a regional branch of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the largest of its kind in the world. The Edmonton Branch is operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and is staffed by voluntary local personnel, both members of the church and non members.

Location is 9010 - 85 Street (Bonnie Doon Stake Center.) (North, across traffic circle from Bonnie Doon Shopping Center.) Enter through the South West Door.

Hours of Operation:

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Sunday	-	6:00 p.m.	-	9:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday of major long weekends, when weather conditions are hazardous, or when Forecast High is -26 or colder. Phone 469-6460 if in question. □

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

by Pat Pettitt AGS #2342

A collection of genealogical charts, documents and history has been deposited for the Gray family.

Accession 98.875 contains a large ancestor/descendant chart for the Gray - Guardipe family. Other related names are Nipissing, Kwarakwante, Calliou, Cardinal and LaPierre. Descendants of the Gray family settled in Montana. An excellent bibliography listing Metis resources is included.

Accession 98.885 contains photographs and memorabilia from the family of Fred and Kezia (Shy) CROWE from Elnora, Alberta. The family came from Wrexham, North Wales accompanied by 12 children.

Two new deposits containing school registers have recently been brought to the archives. Accession 98.881 holds 2 registers from Staplehurst District for the years 1926-1927 and 1929-1930. Paradise Valley (#1750) registers can be found in 98.887 for the years 1914-1915 and also 1929-1930. □



The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Edmonton Branch

National e-mail uela@npiec.on.ca
Web page

www.npiec.on.ca/~uela/uelal.htm

Edmonton web page

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

Submitted by Ivy Trumpour

The Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists is planning the next national conference, an event not to be missed. It will be held June 3-6, 1999, in Edmonton. Choices of activities for Friday include Fort Edmonton Park, West Edmonton Mall or the Lieutenant Governor's Residence with the Provincial Museum and Archives. There will be a reception Thursday evening; a barbeque and entertainment by a wonderful Harmonica Band Friday; annual general meeting and banquet Saturday; breakfast, church

service and lunch Sunday, with a possibility of a Sunday afternoon visit to the Ukrainian Village. Whether you come from near or far, those with a Loyalist interest or ancestry will find this an excellent opportunity for networking and comradeship. Registrants for the full conference will be eligible for a draw for 1,000 air miles donated by Goodyear Canada Inc. Everyone traveling to the conference with Canadian can receive a group discount and be part of a draw for a free trip anywhere in Canada with Canadian. For more information, and registration forms, contact Bob Dorland, 8430 - 157 Street, Edmonton, T5R 2A4, or e-mail at rdorland@epsb.edmonton.ab.ca; or Fran Losie, (403) 482-1480. There is a discount for registrations received before April 15.

In response to the information in the February issue of *Relatively Speaking* regarding the 1912 organization of United Empire Loyalists in Edmonton, a letter was received from Kathleen Bowley from Peterborough, Ontario. She states, "I have traced my Loyalist descent through my grandmother, Katharine Isabella Dow, wife of Lyman T. Barclay. Lyman moved his law practice to Edmonton in 1912. I have a copy of the certificate which my grandmother and her sister, Margaret Lumsden Dow, had with them when they lived in Edmonton. The certificate names their mother, Catherine Isabella Ball, wife of John Dow, as a Vice President in the United Empire Loyalist Association of Ontario. My grandmother died in Edmonton in 1953, but all these ladies are buried in the Whitby-Oshawa Union Cemetery in the Dow plot."

Those of you who are connected to the internet can check out the Web Page of the Edmonton Branch, located at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Estates/9030. The next meeting will be on November 23, 1998, at AGS library in the Prince of Wales Armouries 7:00 pm. There will be a silent auction, so please bring three items that you can donate, or money for purchases. Contact persons: in Edmonton, Lois Cummings UE (403) 988-8450, Edmonton Branch President; in Calgary, James Stewart (403) 289-3108, Calgary Branch Genealogist. □

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA

Edmonton and District Chapter

Compiled by Herbert P. Albrecht, Librarian,
AHSCR

Presidents...past to present 1998:

Michael Deck...1980; Rueben Nehring...1981; Ray
Ensminger...1982/3; Ron Neuman...1984/7; Bert
Missal...1988/93; Heinz Zadler...1994/p

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Burgess, Lydia E. Sampert

Witness: R.O. Ensminger

Date of Society Application...12 May 1981
Incorporated as a Society...8th July 1981

The initial exploratory meeting was held August
23, 1979 at the home of Hilda Ward, 2422-115
Street, Edmonton, AB. The speaker was Dr. Adam
Giesinger from Winnipeg, President of the
A.H.S.G.R. who spoke on chapter organization.
Eight people were present.

The first meeting for election of Officers was held
January 15, 1980 at the home of Rueben and
Darlene Nehring in Edmonton with 19 people
present.

The objects of the Society are to do historical and
genealogical research of our ancestors, their
emigration from Germany to Russia to America.

To do research and compile personal family
histories through comprehensive genealogy
programs and workshops.

To pursue the adequate recording of all factual
information regarding historical findings in order to
preserve the history of our heritage for future
generations.

To stimulate interest in religious organizations,
schools, colleges and universities among student,
faculty and personnel to pursue study and research
regarding our heritage. (The Edmonton Chapter in

1988 endowed and established a scholarship at the
University of Alberta. Currently the funding is
\$750/year.)

To record the story of our heritage regarding
religious faiths, folklore and achievements of
members of our heritage in literature, professions,
science, industry, the arts, business and all skills.

To establish an area repository for all collected
materials and artifacts of interest to students and
members of our heritage and the American
Historical Society of Germans from Russia. (The
repository has since November 1984 been held in
conjunction with the Alberta Genealogical Society
Library.)

To affiliate with the American Historical Society of
Germans from Russia and to support and assist this
corporation in the accomplishments of their goals
and objectives.

Congratulations are extended to AGS on the 25th
Anniversary from the President of AHSGR - Heinz
Zadler. □

Freedom isn't the right to do as you like -
But the liberty to do as you should.

BOOK REVIEW

by Judy Bradley (AGS# 2688)

The following three publications are available from The Ontario Genealogical Society, Suite 102, 40 Orchard Boulevard, Toronto ON, Canada M4R 1B9.

Postage in Canada is \$3.00 for the first item and \$0.75 each additional item. Canadians must add 7% GST to both book and postage costs. Outside Canada \$4.50 postage first item and \$1.50 each additional item. Non-Canadians to pay in US funds.

*** (All three publications may be borrowed from the AGS Library.)

Bill Russell, *Records of the Federal Department of Indian Affairs at the National Archives of Canada*, Toronto, The Ontario Genealogical Society, 1998. Paperback, 104pp. Price \$22.00 plus postage.

Records of the Federal Department of Indian Affairs at the National Archives of Canada: a source for genealogical research is an excellent guide to using National Archives Record Group 10, which is the primary collection of records available for Aboriginal research. Although RG 10 is of most benefit to the status Indian, aboriginal peoples whose status does not come within the meaning of the Indian Act - the Inuit, the Metis, and the non-status Indian - will also find records of genealogical interest in this collection. Employees of the Department of Indian Affairs, both at head office and in the field, as well as non-Indian people who had dealings with Indians or with D.I.A. are also included in this resource.

This book provides the reader with an understanding of both the historical development of the D.I.A., and the contents of the historical collection held in RG 10. Five appendices are found at the back of the book. They provide steps for researching aboriginal ancestry, addresses of provincial archives and vital stats offices, addresses for provincial genealogical societies, a bibliography, and a select glossary of terms.

Illustrations are excellent, and the book is well documented. An excellent addition to the library of

the genealogical researcher with an aboriginal interest. □

BOOK REVIEW

by Judy Bradley AGS# 2688

David J. Browne, *Index to Ontario Settlement Names Resulting from the OGS Strays Project*, Toronto, The Ontario Genealogical Society, 1998. Paperback, 69pp. Price \$10.00 plus postage.

Index to Ontario Settlement Names Resulting from the OGS Strays Project is an excellent compilation of 4,078 settlement and township names. This is not an exhaustive list of settlement names, but is a list of those settlement names catalogued for the OGS Strays Project. This list includes existing Ontario settlements, settlements that are no longer in existence, and settlements whose names have changed over the years. Each settlement is listed with its modern-day name for each country, district or regional municipality. Additions or corrections to this list are requested by the editor. There is also a short list of settlement names thought to be located in Ontario, but lacking County, etc. (Ackering, Alsace, Bincarth, Birch Rapids, Cabrene, Eckford, Frenchman Head, Gamis, Glendenning, Horneville, Innismore, Miernale, Nottingham, Oak River, Onsio, Pelin, Remington, Richfield Springs, Searbors Junction, St. Edwardsville, Tony Pane.) If you can shed light on these place names please contact OGS.

This publication is well organized and easy to understand and use. □

ODE TO THE ASSISTANT

I ain't allowed to run the train
Nor see how fast 'twill go
I ain't allowed to let off steam
Nor make the whistle blow
I do not have the authority
To even ring the bell
But let the damn thing jump the track
And see who catches Hell

From the Tracer, Oxford Branch, OGS Aug 1998

BOOK REVIEW

by Judy Bradley AGS# 2688

Strays!: An Index to the OGS Strays Project, Volume 3, Toronto, The Ontario Genealogical Society, 1998. Paperback, 87 pp. Price \$10.00 plus postage.

Strays are those people who are described in a record of an event as being from, or connected with a place outside the area in which the event took place. When someone born in one place dies in another and the event is reported in a local newspaper, or their birthplace noted on the tombstone or listed on the death registration that person has "strayed" from their place of origin. This record becomes more useful when it is made available in the place of the person's origin. In this publication, strays may have roamed from one area of Ontario to another, or may have strayed to another province, or even out of the country!

This third volume in the OGS Strays Project contains over 1900 names and is part of an ongoing project. In the back of the book are copies of Blank Strays Submission Forms that may be photocopied for you to submit your strays to OGS. If you are having difficulty locating some of your family, you may find them listed in this Strays Project. □

BOOK REVIEW

Submitted by J.H. Edey, AGS #1300

Empty Cradles

by Margaret Humphreys. Corgi Books, London, 1995

Margaret Humphreys was born in 1944 into a middle class family in Nottingham, England. After completing her education she married, had two children, and then became a social worker for Nottingham City. In 1986, one of her clients told Margaret that she had been put aboard a boat at age four and sent to Australia by the British government. When Margaret investigated she was astonished to learn that about 150,000 British children had been exported from Britain to the colonies from the earliest colonial times to as late as 1969.

This book is Margaret Humphrey's story of how she unravelled the secret of these exiles from Britain. She made several trips to Australia, and to other former colonies including Canada. Sometimes she received anonymous phone calls threatening her life and the lives of family members. Many of the children had been told they were orphans and their parents were told their children had died. Margaret was able to find some children's parents and was able to reunite some families. With the help of friends and support from Nottingham City Council she started the Child Migrants Trust which has helped to extend her work. In 1993, Margaret was awarded the Order of Australia by the Australian government. The book hits hard at governments, charitable and religious organizations but offers hope for the victims. Anyone reading this book will likely shed some tears.

Note: In July 1998, a British parliamentary committee recommended that all records about British Child Migration schemes and these children be released immediately. It is likely that Margaret Humphrey's work greatly influenced this decision.

COVER STORY: MCCRIMMON PARK NAMED FOR RAILROAD BUILDER

Malcolm McCrimmon, the son of Scottish immigrants, left his birthplace of Woodville, Ontario at the age of 21, heading west to look for work. Initially he was employed on the International Boundary Survey hauling supplies from the United States to Winnipeg. He then started work on railroad projects, an endeavour that would eventually end up becoming a lifetime occupation. His accomplishments in the area of railroad construction read like an historical directory of development throughout the west. In 1881, McCrimmon worked on one of the most difficult parts of the Kicking Horse Pass on the C.P.R. transcontinental line. He also worked on the Crowsnest Pass and the southern portion of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway.

Malcolm McCrimmon moved to Edmonton in 1901 where he did rail bed work for the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway. More railway work not only kept him busy in the Edmonton area but throughout northern Alberta. His record of achievement and contribution to this area can be measured by the rapid development which followed every project on which he worked.

In 1985 the City of Edmonton honoured Malcolm McCrimmon by naming an ornamental park after him. The park is in the Ermineskin neighbourhood subdivision of Kaskitayo (29A Avenue and 104 Street) and the citation for the park reads, "In memory of Malcolm McCrimmon (1851 - 1928) who spent 36 years building roadbed for the Canadian Pacific Railway lines as they infiltrated the vast Canadian West."

Excerpts from Annual Recognition Awards,
Edmonton Historical Board, 1991 □

COVER STORY (Con't): THE FIRST U OF A WOMAN SENATOR

Katie McCrimmon Love was the daughter of Malcolm McCrimmon and his wife Flora. Born in Calgary, she moved with her family to Edmonton in 1901. The family spent the first winter in a tent on the Rosedale Flats before finding a permanent residence. Katie was an undergraduate at the University of Alberta during the years of the Great War. She was active in everything from the Literary Society executive to the Soldiers' Comfort Club.

In 1916 she became the first woman president of the Students' Union, the first woman in Canada to hold such a position. Later she became the first woman appointed to the U of A Senate. After graduation she worked for the YWCA and was instrumental in the establishment of Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT). Katie went on to lead the CGIT movement which played an important role in the lives of many young women.

Katie married in 1925 but died in 1930, shortly after the birth of her third daughter. She is remembered as one of those people who has "a talent for kindness and an easy kind of strength that others depend on."

Excerpts from the obituary of Katie McCrimmon Love. □



ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL MEMBERSHIPS - SURVEY

Research was carried out this summer into the existing problem of late membership renewals. The revealing facts covering a span of four years indicate that an habitual pattern has been occurring.

The membership bylaws (revised 1996) state:

MEMBERSHIP - Item 2;

- 2a. Membership shall be on an annual basis and all membership fees, except as otherwise provided, shall be due on or before January 01 each year.
- 2c. Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed if a member's annual dues are not paid within thirty days of the due date, and the members shall no longer be considered a member in good standing. Membership may be immediately revived upon payment of such dues.

Problem: Habitual late membership renewals

	Total	% Non-Renewals
November 8, 1997	939	
January 9, 1998	260	72%
November 1996	743	
January 11, 1997	368	50%
November 1995	833	
March 1996	648 (Jan. average)	57%
November 1994	831	
January 12, 1995	392	53%

Solution: Every Branch Membership Chairperson remind their members starting in October that membership renewals are now due for the coming year.

The revised (1998) Membership Application form states that Memberships must be paid by January 31 to receive voting information and ballots with the February issue of "*Relatively Speaking*."

Submitted by
E. Carol Anderson
President, AGS □

COOPERATION

Submitted by Marion Sim
Research Group

The letters and e-mails received by the Research Group from the U.K., U.S.A. or other parts of Canada, cover a wide range of topics. Sometimes they give just a hint that an ancestor had settled briefly in Alberta before moving on. Or they are seeking a family which may have homesteaded, settling in a small community for several generations.

The Research Group received a letter from a gentleman in England seeking information on two sons of a great-aunt and uncle who immigrated to the Grande Prairie area about 1912. All basic sources were checked in Edmonton's libraries but to no avail. A copy of the letter was given to Debby Was of the Grande Prairie Branch to see what could be found. Paulette Hrychiw, their local researcher, found many references to the family, including obituaries and homestead information. Debby and Paulette were also able to provide many suggestions as to avenues to follow. The gentleman was extremely pleased and wrote the following to the Research Group:

"I would like to thank you for your help. I very much appreciate all of your efforts. Please pass on my thanks to the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. You seem a very well organized society!"

Through the cooperation of the Branches of the AGS, much can be accomplished! □

A WARNING TO RESEARCHERS

By Claudine Nelson AGS #2592
from G&WSFHS, Summer 1998

Many of you travel a considerable distance to research your Scottish ancestry. Often it is the journey of a lifetime, so any unpleasant encounter with officialdom is all the more keenly felt. You should, therefore, be aware of the very stringent dress regulations recently imposed on visitors to the Historical Search Room at the Scottish Record Office in Edinburgh.

The list of garments and personal belongings which are not allowed covers a sheet of A4 paper. This includes "bum bags" and ALL ladies' handbags (purses), whatever the size. Anything required beyond the luggage repository now has to be transferred to a transparent plastic bag, including money and intimate personal items. Many garments worn on the upper part of the body, particularly those with several pockets, are on the "forbidden" list.

It would appear that the most appropriate dress for Scottish research is now our national one, more usually worn by gentlemen, but which allowed me to pass fully clad and without comment into the search room. Kilt, hose and jacket kept me warm in the bracing atmosphere and the jacket pockets and sporran accommodated valuables and personal items. Less expensive but equally suitable are the trousers and skirts manufactured specially for travellers, such as those made by Rohan in the UK and Tilley Endurables in Canada and the USA. Their garments are well supplied with secure pockets.

If you wish to express your views on these regulations, don't waste time and effort in writing to the Keeper of the Records. A lone plaintiff will only receive a standard reply. The recommendation is to contact the Scottish Association of Family History Societies, 51/3 Mortonhall Road, Edinburgh EH9 2HN. If you are resident in the UK, you could also write to your M.P., or to the Secretary of State for Scotland if you live abroad, both at the House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A0AA.

The proper place at the Scottish Record Office for proscription of dress and sex-discrimination is in the records themselves, not at the front door. □

C.H. BELANGER

By Charles D. Denney

If you read the REAL ESTATE WEEKLY, you will have read Alex Mair's December 4, 1997 story about the Cecil Hotel. Old Time Edmontonians will know that it is on the north west corner of the intersection of 104 Street and Jasper Avenue.

To re-tell Alex's story would be a heinous crime. But perhaps he will forgive me if I repeat that it was built in 1906 by a man named C.H. BELANGER, and considerably enlarged by him in 1910. Alex has many interesting things to say about him and his hotel. There is even a City Archives picture of the hotel with one of those horse-drawn coaches hotels used to send to meet the trains in the days before taxis. You should read his story.

Alex dug up the information that C.H. Belanger was born at L'Islet, Quebec in 1879, and made his way to Edmonton in January 1905. The City Archives even supplied Alex with a picture of the gentleman. He will pass, with his touched-up good looks. What Alex doesn't know is what the C and the H stand for. He suspects only that the C stands for Cecil. But what became of him? Did he evaporate? Or did he live on to have a family, some of whom are among the 75 or so Belangers listed in the 1997 Edmonton phone book?

C.H. Belanger must have been a real hustler to build a hotel here in 1906 when he didn't arrive until January 1905. Mind you, Edmonton was experiencing one of its real estate booms at that time. Maybe he came prepared. But how about Mr. Lennie and Mr. Tessier who were his partners for a time? Were they locals? Or did they arrive with him? And how about Mr. Roland Lines, the architect? How much time did he have to prepare the plans? Does any of this excite the interest of any of our readers? □

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES INTER-LIBRARY LOAN PROGRAMME

In 1986 the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Archives of Manitoba, established an Inter-Library Loan Programme of the Company's microfilmed documents to make their holdings more readily accessible to researchers unable to visit Winnipeg.

More than 3,500 reels of 35 mm microfilm are now available to be borrowed through universities, libraries, archives, and other institutions which have microfilm readers and a formal inter-library loan programme. Researchers may place orders through these institutions using any recognized inter-library loan request form, or via the Envoy Messaging System (Code: HBCA.PAM).

Microfilmed records of particular interest to environmental scientists, students of the humanities, government and legal researchers, and those compiling family histories include the daily journals, correspondence, and accounts of over 500 HBC trading posts for the period 1703 - 1949, the pre-1980 records of the Governors of Rupert's Land and documents related to the Red River Settlement, numerous journals of travel and exploration (1703 - 1904), the logs of Company vessels, Minute Books and Correspondence of the London Headquarters (1671 - 1904), and many contracts and lists of officers and servants (1774 - 1904). Also available is a major collection of North West Company documents (1786 - 1851).

Records recently added to the ILL collection include those of the Commissioner's Office in Canada (1871 - 1910), fur trade post journals of the 20th Century (1905 - 1949) and post correspondence inward (1871 - 1924). Post account books (after 1870), as well as records relating to the HBC's French Government business during World War 1, are currently being microfilmed, and are added to the Inter-Library Loan Collection as they are completed.

The Inter-Library Loan Programme Finding Aid on microfilm may be found in many university and legislative libraries and archives throughout North America and abroad, and is available for institutional purchase. Duplicate sets of Hudson's

Bay Company Archives microfilm (non-circulating), may be consulted at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa, and the Public Record Office in Great Britain.

For further information on the ILL programme, please contact:

Inter-Library Loans
Hudson's Bay Company Archives
Provincial Archives of Manitoba
200 Vaughan Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
R3C 1T5
(204) 945-4949

From Past Tents, June 1998, Vol 19, #2 (Thunder Bay OGS) □

Helpful Hints for Headstone Hunters Submitted by Robert McNeill, AGS #3446

While searching for an ancestor's headstone this summer in Northern Ireland I found I had no difficulty reading a stone carved 220 years ago, but had great difficulty reading one carved 40 years ago.

As an experiment, I took a pump spray bottle of water into the cemetery on my next visit and sprayed the stone with water. To my surprise, the words became clear before my eyes as I sprayed them. When I visited the same site some days later it had been raining and the writing on the stone was as clear as the day it was written. In other words, if you want to decipher headstones the wetter, the better!

Two other lessons I learned were:
Use a camera flash aimed from the side to highlight the words; though you will need to do the same from the other side to balance up the picture.

"Point and shoot" cameras can be very unreliable when photographing headstones. A Single Lens Reflex Camera, i.e., one where what you see through the lens is exactly what you get, is essential if you want to be sure of good results. □

GLEANINGS FROM PUBLICATIONS

by Lillian Wight AGS #2668

**PEI Genealogical Society Inc. Newsletter Vol 22 No 3*

Islanders Away: Westward Bound, Part Three, by William Glen, CG(C), pp. 25 - 28

- a partial list (extracted from newspapers) of those who went on harvest excursions between 1901 and 1909

**Lancashire Vol 19 No 3 Aug 1998*

Griffith's Valuation, Tithe Applotment Books and Other Land Records, pp. 33, 34

- describes useful records for the family historian researching in Ireland

**Cornwall FHS Journal No 89 Sept 1998*

Quarter Sessions, by Sally Pocock, pp. 6 - 9

- not only about criminals, these records contain a wealth of diverse information; examples cited

**Everton's Genealogical Helper May-June 1998*

Tracing Your Ancestors in Quebec: Notarial Records, by Jay Hall, pp. 22 - 24

- tells what kinds of records are available and where they may be located

**Everton's Genealogical Helper July-Aug 1998*

Finding World War I Fighting Men or Volunteers in All the Countries of the World, by C.K. Schaefer, CGRS, pp. 12 - 20

- includes extensive lists, some descriptive information about the organization, condition and types of records available as found in Schaefer's book by a similar title

**SGS Bulletin Vol 29 No 3 Sept 1998*

Home Children, by Joyce Carlson, pp. 101 - 104

- lists major groups involved with childhood immigrants, available records and a bibliography
Emigrantprojektet: Swedish Genealogy Project, p. 95

- describes a new Swedish genealogy project underway and includes mailing address and web site

**Families Vol 37 No 3 1998*

0950 to Toronto: The Emigration of the Unemployed from Norwich to Ontario in 1906, pp. 146 - 152

- details the social conditions of the times and personal experiences; includes an excerpt from a passenger list

**The Nova Scotia Genealogist Vol XVI /2*

Names of the Identified Dead Killed in the Explosion at Halifax 6 December 1917, pp 94 - 112

- names listed as well as the source of information and how it can be researched

**Family Tree Magazine Aug 1998*

Pitfalls and possibilities in family history research: International Genealogical Index: Part 2, by Pauline Litton, p. 19

- tips and cautions to assist the researcher in using this valuable tool

**Family Tree Magazine June 1998*

Ancestral Quest version 2.1 by Mike Sharp

- a detailed review of this CD-ROM includes strengths and limitations of the program. □

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Toronto Sun, November 23, 1995, "one prehistoric man was the father of all guys?" A story out of New York (AP) states that every man on Earth today can trace his Y chromosome to one male who lived 190,000 years ago, before anatomically modern humans had evolved, a study suggests.

There were many males around at the time, but only this one left a Y chromosome legacy that persists today, researcher Michael Hammer said.

The Y chromosome is one of 24 kinds of microscopic threads that hold genes. Unlike other chromosomes, it is passed from father to son. □

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES (FFHS)

Sue Philips, FFHS Liaison

I have just received news that a new edition of the BIG R is planned for the year 2000. The British Isle Genealogical Register is a huge list of family names being researched by family historians worldwide, although the names are being researched in the British Isles. Previous editions were published in 1993 & 1996 and are available in the AGS library on microfiche. These lists contain thousands of names from the British Isles and anyone researching there should make a point of checking the fiche for both editions. I have made contact with several distant relatives through this source. Application forms should be available in March or April 1999. In the past, cost has been very reasonable, one pound sterling for 16 names and you can submit as many multiples of that as you like. The fiche are also available for purchase by individuals, either the complete set or by county. I will pass on any further news as I receive it.

We have received another batch of FFHS publications:

- Photography for Family Historians by Robert Pols
- Looking at Old Photographs by Robert Pols
- Essex: The Genealogist's Library Guide by Stuart A. Raymond (2 volumes)
- An Introduction to . . . Using Computers for Genealogy by David Hawgood (2nd edition)
- Basic Facts About . . . Tracing Your Catholic Ancestry in England by Michael Gandy
- Land and Window Tax Assessments by Jeremy Gibson et al (2nd edition)
- More Sources of World War I Army Ancestry by Norman Holding (3rd edition).

These books will be available in the AGS Library once they have been processed.

Also included with the new publications is a series of small pamphlets on several different topics. These include first steps in family history, a code of practice for family historians, the National Strays Index (available in the AGS library on fiche), and soldier ancestors. These will also be passed on to the AGS library. □

NEW OFFICE COORDINATOR -

Kathy McClelland

I was born on July 29, 1964 in Kingston, Ontario to Jim and Ann. I have two older brothers, Bob and Wayne. With my father being a member of the Armed Forces, we moved around quite a bit. I have lived in Ontario (3 times), B.C., and finally Alberta (twice) where I have now been for 21 years.

In the past I have worked for Interprovincial Pipeline Limited (IPL) where I began my career in office administration. After a few years at IPL, I moved on to the Alberta Government, in the Department of Energy, Forestry, Lands and Wildlife. I worked with the Energy Division as Secretary to the Senior Manager for a couple of years when I applied for a position with the Fisheries Management Division. I stayed there until this summer. As a result, I know quite a bunch about fish! Subsequent to this, I applied for the position of Office Coordinator with the Alberta Genealogical Society, and here I am!

My employment with the Alberta Genealogical Society commenced on September 30, 1998, and to date, this has been a very interesting and challenging position. The volunteers with the Society are both very friendly and helpful. I look forward to a long and pleasant tenure with the Society. □

Editor's note:

Welcome aboard, Kathy! Producing this issue of *Relatively Speaking* is one of your first challenges so I really appreciate your expertise with the computer. □

Blessed is the person
who is too busy to worry in the daytime
and too sleepy to worry at night.

- Leo Aikman

SEARCHING FOR THE VOICE IN MY HEART

Author Unknown

It was the first day of census, and all through the land,
each pollster was ready-- a black book in hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride.
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.
A long winding ride down a road barely there,
towards the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air.

The woman was tired, with lines on her face,
and wisps of brown hair were tucked back into place.
She gave him some water, as they sat at the table
and she answered his questions, the best she was able.
He asked her of children. Yes, she had quite a few.
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red.
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with pride.
And she felt the faint stirring of a wee one inside.
He noted the sex, the color, the age...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.

At the number of children, she nodded her head
and saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.
The places of birth she "never forgot"...
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon, or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear,
but she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such.
They could read some, and write some, though really not much.

When the questions were answered, his job there was done
so he mounted his horse and rode toward the sun.
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear,
"May God bless you all for another ten years."

Now picture a time warp...it's now you and me
as we search for the people on our family tree.
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow,
as we search for that entry from long long ago.

Could they only imagine on that long ago day
that the entries they made would affect us this way?

If they knew would they wonder at the yearning we feel
and the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen, the words they impart
through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

from the Internet

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MEMORIAL TO CANADIAN AIRMEN

Editor's Note:

The following was sent to Kay Sales, AGS member #514 from Eileen Fitchen, researcher, thinking that it would be of interest to our members.

The following was seen near WALTON on the Naze Church (on Essex sea coast): a six foot Memorial to aircrew from a Royal Canadian outfit, SQUADRON 432, a Halifax bomber which crashed on its way home from a raid, night of March 5/6/1945. Sadly all the crew were killed:

S/L E.A. HAYES
F/O J.G. CLOTHIER
F/O C.M. HOY, D.S.O.
P/O J.D. RINGROSSE
F/L G.R. HARVEY
F/SERG. G.M. ORSER
plus an R.A.F. Sergeant

Seven were buried at Brookwood, Surrey. One was buried at Marmouth, South Wales (only seven mentioned.)

The Squadron Badge is carved at the top of the memorial as is the R.A.F. Motto "Per ardua ad astra," "The Hard Way to the Stars". There are also four black and yellow aircrew blades taken from the crash, one at each corner. The pretty spot is surrounded by grass and flowers, nicely kept. □

OLD PRUSSIA INDEXES

An Information Leaflet; A translation

Submitted by Herb Albrecht, AGS #1904

The Society for Family Research in East and West Prussia was founded November 19, 1925 in Königsberg, Prussia and after the dispersal re-established in 1953. The Society Objective is to establish and maintain the history of the Old Prussia area families, settlements, land and home culture. Further, it endeavours to make contact with people locally and in other lands with history pertaining to this area for the purpose of furthering this research from these sources.

The following five (5) publications will undertake the commitment:

1. The Old Prussia Genealogies New Follow-up, sets since 1953 for the years 1927 - 1943 in Königsberg the Genealogical Records. It reveals family noteworthy events, transactions, sources, and evidence, conversations, literature - also Polish Publications - search informers, etc. Volumes 1 - 19 APG NF, of the Dr. Conradi Collection.
2. The Old Prussia Genealogical Family Archive serves the reproduction of Ancestor and Origin Lists for our research area. Our membership can therein publish their research whereby they must voluntarily share the cost. Volumes 20 - 33 APG FA of the Dr. Conradi Collection.
3. The Separate Scripts are publications of wider scope that are beyond the constraints of the periodicals. They bring specially prepared archive sources. A few are reprints of out of print but useful works. Volumes 34 - 101 APG SS of the Dr. Conradi Collection.
4. The Query-Material-Store gathers uncoordinated, incomplete and also unverified material which by a printing may be corroborated, verified and made accessible, such as Card Indexes, Collections and other fragmented evidence, in particular, research registers (Minutes) Church Books, to minimize their loss. Under #1 of this series we will print up the Card Index Quassowski. It will fill 7000 pages. Volumes 102 - 131 APG QMS of the Dr. Conradi Collection.
5. The "Old Prussia Evangelical Parish Book from the Reformation to the Dispersal in 1945." It is true that it is reckoned to be under #11 of the Separate Scripts of the Society, but is nevertheless separate, was already begun in Königsberg and has for a long time been an urgent intention. 1968 is Part I, The Parishes and their place appointment, (as the only book of the Society in 20 x 27.5 cm) issued; Part II (Biographic Part) will be delivered in makeup the same as the rest of the Societies Book Issues; The first delivery (Abegg-Brenner) was issued in 1977 with a single sheet "Description of Intention" in APG 1978 page 285 - 292.
End of translation.

Notes:

- (a) The above book collection in the AGS Edmonton Branch Library will be referred to as the APG Book Collection, donated by Dr. Gerhard Conradi.
- (b) The collection is ongoing and has missing sections and volumes. It is, however, more than 95% complete to this date, 3/1998.
- (c) The second collection consisting of the Stoye Scroll of Scripts includes family histories, legal and survey records of towns and cities that are of historical value for genealogical researchers.
- (d) The Dr. Conradi collection also includes indexed registers of person names and place names in each related book. These are generally placed at the ends of the books, but sometimes at or near the front or between issues if a book contains more than one issue. Issues are generally based yearly but sometimes were also based on the five different publications in the early years and the book would be left unbound so as to be separable by the individual members, a practice later discontinued. The early issues did not have name registers and an attempt was made later to recapture them by an extra issue which contained all names that had not been registered. It will, in this case, present a problem of identifying those registers to the volumes from which they were taken because the collection of books is not complete. The early years are missing and out of print.

AGS will attempt to identify the cross reference of register to book by handwritten notes at the beginning of each register on separate slips of paper attached between the pages. Each register will also have a coloured slip of paper attached between pages at the top edge so that it will just barely show from the outside and/or a small round orange label with the letter R that is visible when shelved.

These registers should provide quick and easy reference for the average researcher and will save a lot of wear and tear on the rather fragile book binding. These bindings break when the book is opened too wide and for this reason please do not photocopy these books.

Some of the registers have been bound under separate covers and are not attached to their respective volumes. They are very small, will easily become misplaced or lost altogether, therefore, they will now be bound to the volumes to which they refer.

This register system is unique and simple, and for patrons who do not read German, accessible if we maintain it that way. Devised over a period of 75 years since 1923 to include some half million people required much effort to avoid error. Some may call this Prussian efficiency but that may be somewhat ambiguous.

- (e) The collection also includes some not directly related books, such as the Epha family history, in which an attempt is made to trace back the origin of the family name going back to the 1300's.
- (f) There are also a few duplicate copies in these collections. They will be given the identical identification (I.D.) numbers except marked with the extensions c.1; c.2 indicating copy number 1 or 2, etc. The Dewey System of I.D. may be assigned at a later date by AGS.

Editor's note:

Dr. G.J. Conradi, a practising paediatrician in the City of Edmonton, has very kindly donated this valuable collection of Old Prussia Genealogical Records to AGS Edmonton Branch. His generosity is greatly appreciated. □

AGS PUBLICITY UPDATE

Submitted by R. Muriel Jones
Publicity Chairperson

1. The Display Stand ordered by the Executive for use of AGS and the various branches to publicize our Society is ordered and should be delivered in early October. It will set up with headings, information and photos, etc., for the perusal of our Executive in early November. The stand comes complete with carrying case. Branches may contact the Publicity Committee if they wish to use this new facility on special occasions. It is easily transportable by car.
2. I now have a contact person in each branch and have sent out a short list of publicity ideas which could be utilized more easily at branch level. I hope each branch will attempt to use at least ONE idea to help publicize our Society in their area.
3. I am instigating a couple of ideas at AGS level. One is to send out a package from AGS to any group planning a Family Re-union. If any member knows or hears of one being planned, I would appreciate receiving the information so that a package can be sent to the organizers plus a letter of congratulation.
4. I have been in contact with the group from Cochrane who are planning to form a new Branch and have promised to visit them in the Spring before I leave for my holiday in England.
5. No further news concerning where the new Provincial Archives is to be. We have already stated our disapproval of the proposed Stony Plain site.

If anyone has ideas our committee can use please don't hesitate to contact me at 447-3592. My thanks for the many I have already received. If there is any way in which the Publicity Committee can help your Branch we will be happy to do our best to oblige. □

LOOKING BACK: 25 Years of AGS

by Carin Routledge AGS #125

It was May 1973. I had been gathering family history information from relatives for a while now and had reached the point where I was floundering and needed some help. How do I organize all these data? Surely someone else has faced this problem before me. Where do I go from here? How do I fill in the gaps? How do I resolve conflicting stories? Where can I find someone else who shares these bizarre interests of mine?

While on an outing with the Alberta Historical Society, I mentioned this project of mine to a friend with an interest in local history. "Mr. Denney's the man you want to talk to," he responded immediately. "He's starting a genealogical society. He can tell you all about it."

He could indeed! He told me the next meeting would be in one of the lecture rooms at the Provincial Archives in a couple of weeks time. I attended and joined the fledgling Alberta Genealogical Society on the spot. My membership number is 125, which sounds amazing now. (The numbering starts with 101!)

That fall the meetings moved to the Northwestern Utilities staff lounge in the basement of the Milner Building (10040 - 104 Street). We were a small group then. Maybe 30-40 people turned out for the regular monthly meetings, and most of us were neophytes. We all knew one another. We knew who was researching what and where. We all helped each other out. We sat at tables arranged in a U-shape so we could all see one another. We could ask questions of the whole group and anyone who had anything to contribute to the topic could say his piece. (I suppose this cosy atmosphere may still be the norm in some of the smaller branches, but at this time there were no smaller branches as yet. This was the whole of the AGS represented here. I often miss this cosy atmosphere of those simpler "good old days.")

We discussed various type of charts, numbering systems (that was a favorite topic that never achieved consensus!), organizing systems, and where to get further information -- at a time when resources were much, much more meager than they are now. It was just what I needed, except that I was

researching my Swedish family while everyone else was researching in either Ontario, the U.S.A., or Britain, it seemed. But it got me organized and focused, and on my way.

It was about this same time that the Mormons opened their new genealogical library at Bonnie Doon. I had just learned the ropes and got my basic information-gathering phase completed. The timing of the opening of the library was perfect for me. I was completely nonplused to learn that I could drive across the city and order microfilm copies of all Swedish church records and then sit here in Edmonton and read them at my leisure! Unbelievable! (My relatives in Sweden didn't have that kind of convenience! They would have to travel to the city where the regional archives were housed and pay for room and board while there.) As if that weren't enough, the church's librarian at that time was Rune Backstrom, a Swede who could give me the help I needed with my Swedish research, and with the language which I hadn't yet learned at that time. That first winter I traced my family back another 200 years. The Swedish records are incredibly wonderful to work with, with cross-referencing features that people working with British records can only look on with envy!

Without the timely help of this newly launched AGS my research would never have reached as far as it has. With the society's help, my greatest problem became simply finding the time to follow all the leads I could now think up. The whole field of family history was expanding rapidly at all levels. Genealogical societies were sprouting up everywhere. Archives were being bombarded by people seeking their roots and began to respond to this pressure in very positive ways. More and more resources were being made available. Information on how to access this new information filled the ever-growing number of family history journals and how-to books on the market. And personal computers came into our lives and revolutionized everything! (I was surprised to see that as early as November 1973 the topic for the monthly meeting was to be "Computers and Genealogy." It would be years yet before most of us dipped a toe into that fast-flowing river!)

All these changes have been of enormous benefit to this favorite pastime of ours, yet I often miss the comfortable informality and simplicity of the early days when we all knew each other sitting around those tables in the gas company basement. But would I be willing to give up all these complicating newfangled techniques and resources to reclaim those harried days? Not on your life! It's onward and upward into the next 25 years and whatever surprises and wonders they hold in store! □

SOG BOOKSHOP ONLINE (FFHS)

SOG Bookshop goes online - now you can order British genealogy publications directly over the Internet.

From September 15, 1998, the Bookshop of the Society of Genealogists in London has opened its online branch that enables anyone with Internet access to place orders directly. The main features of this new service are:

- the widest range of British genealogy publications anywhere are held in stock for immediate delivery.
- nearly 2,000 different books, booklets, leaflets, microfiche, computer programs and sundry items are on the SOG Bookshop web site.
- the web site shows information on the title, author, contents, a thumbnail illustration, and price. All titles are organized in over 100 categories by subject matter and area.
- any item ordered will be delivered by post within the UK or by airmail for destinations outside the UK.
- items may be ordered directly over the Internet using secure transactions. You will need a 32 bit operating system (typically Windows 95) and a web browser that supports Java applets (Netscape Navigator/Communicator or MS Internet Explorer.) All your personal details are sent using 128 bit encryption, and the details are not held on any server in unencrypted form.
- orders can be accepted with payment by Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Switch cards.
- the Bookshop site has taken some time to develop and will be continually growing. Reviews and links to other sites with further information on the items offered will be added so that you have the maximum information before placing an order.

- members of the SOG will be able to place orders for the Society's own publications at the usual members' discount.

To see the SOG Bookshop, point your browser to: <http://www.sog.org.uk/bookshop/index.html>. If your operating system/browser does not let you order online, you may still place orders by direct e-mail to the SOG, although these will not be encrypted in transit. The e-mail address for orders is: <sales@sog.org.uk>.

(The SOG Bookshop site has been developed using Actinic Catalog version 2.0 software, configured and deployed on behalf of the SOG by Barney Tyrwhitt-Drake, Drake Software Associates.) □

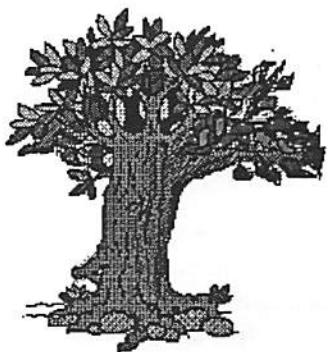
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RE: POST 1901 CENSUS

Have you joined the letter writing campaign to seek the release of post 1901 census data in the traditional release time frame of 92 years? It's important to do it now.

The most important thing
a father can do for his children
is to love their mother.

- Rev. Hesburgh



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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: 7 p.m. (for 7:30) until about 10 p.m.

Thursday, November 26, 1998

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

Speaker: Reiner Cohl

December No Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 1998

Topic: Putting our Family History on Video

Speaker: Doug Bovee

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Elections: Display of charts

Topic: The History, Trades and Names of Huguenots

Speaker: Allen Ronaghan

March 26, 1999

Topic: Information on The Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, Edmonton Colony, and Video on the History of the Mayflower

Speaker: Virginia Wallace

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EDMONTON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Claudine Nelson

The leaves are changing colour and falling from the trees. What did this season mean to our ancestors? Harvest is done; now they are scurrying to get the squash, carrots and potatoes into a cool place so that there is food for the family for the coming winter months. Is there enough preserved for survival?

As we rake up the leaves that have fallen to the ground, our thoughts can drift towards the genealogy tree that we wish to add leaves to during the upcoming months.

Welcome to the 34 enthusiastic students attending the fall 'Tracing Your Family Tree' course which began September 15. Interaction is one of the best ways to share information about your family and the resources that you have found useful.

For the 'behind the scenes' library task force we purchased a new computer system; this has made the indexing and book preparation much more efficient for our volunteers. For the volunteer librarians and public use we had a made-to-order work table built which gives an improved work area when using the photocopier; it also provides a large storage area for paper and other supplies. These items were purchased from Casino #4 funds.

A fund raising dinner/silent auction will be held in the Governor's room October 30. Guest speaker: author Barbara Smith who writes about Alberta's Ghosts.

NOW is time to renew your membership for 1999. This will ensure that you receive all four copies of *Relatively Speaking* and your Annual General Meeting Ballots.

In the library we have Edmonton Branch brochures which give information on fees, hours, regular activities and address. We encourage you to pass them to interested persons/groups, or let the Executive Committee know.

Remember to be genial Genealogists, introduce yourself at meetings and in the library. You may meet the long lost second cousin once removed!

Recording and Indexing

Thanks to all the volunteers who were out recording gravemarkers this summer. Thanks also to our group leaders and to the individuals locating records and histories.

Many of our volunteers didn't realize they would become multi-lingual. Efforts were made to translate, in the field, at least dates in Ukrainian, Chinese (Mandarin), Italian, Polish and Russian. Hopefully this will make data entry easier for our computer people.

Special thanks to our proofreaders whose efforts often go unnoticed. Through their efforts many errors are caught before entry to the Database.

'Spaghetti Joe's' gravemarker was located as were several other interesting 'stones'.

Data entry has begun and hopefully over the cooler months many of the areas will be completed and entered to the Master Cemetery Database.

Over the coming months watch for many additions to the Master Cemetery Database.

For more information call Wilma at 460-3986 or e-mail jgmck@telusplanet.net.

Library News

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2nd & 4th Wed. evenings	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
3rd Saturday	9 a.m. - noon

In looking through this issue of *Relatively Speaking*, please look for a column on the library by guest columnist Shirley Machan.

Special Interest Groups

England + Wales Research Group



Motto "Leave No Stone Unturned"

The new season began with another full house on September 3rd, with approximately 50 members in attendance.

With the encouragement of our chairperson, Muriel Jones, members are coming forward with stories, displays and talks, as well as food samples of their particular county. Pat Pettitt continues to order in 1851 Census indexes as members submit the ordering information.

September's 'table' featured Yorkshire, presented by Claudine Nelson and Pat Woodman, with a sampling of "Parkin" baked by Claudine and enjoyed at our tea break. Claudine also explained about electroplating, a trade in which some of her family was involved. The featured county for October was Derbyshire, with an excellent display and talk given by Linda Salis. Linda returned recently from a trip to Derbyshire and had some excellent photographs.

A new feature this season will be 'mini-lessons' on research materials in our library, and how to use them by Norma Wolowyk. Norma also presented each member with a 'Birth Brief' chart, with a challenge to complete a four-quarters chart with documented information on each one's set of 4 grandparents on both parental lines. Muriel Jones has seven generations of 'couple' photographs and a challenge was issued to try to meet or beat her record.

Gwen Meyer has published a book about her father, and delighted us by sharing part of his narration on tape, and reading a few excerpts from her book.

Presenters and subjects so far this season:

Heather Harper - Passports

Joan Green - Customs & Excise

Huguenots - Mary Ogle

Monumental Inscriptions - Carin Thomas

Internet Connections - Terry Gregory □

Irish Special Interest Group



September 14th was the first meeting of the season for the Irish group, with 15 members attending.

A suggestion was made that we might perhaps meet more often than bi-monthly. This will be decided at our November 9th meeting. (The decision will, of course, be influenced by the availability of the library, which has become a very busy facility lately.)

Robert McNeill related to us some of the details of a rather soggy Irish holiday. It seems that the weather and the 'troubles' put a real damper on his visit.

Pat Woodman gave a book report on Bruce Elliott's book "Irish Migrants in the Canadas - A New Approach". The book deals mainly with Irish Protestants who migrated into Ontario during the early 1800's.

Colleen Rispler spoke to the group on the emigration and business successes of two of her families - the Spears and McAfees.

Margaret Bendickson enlightened and entertained us all with a report on our Celtic/Gaelic origins, and some of their very unique and interesting customs. We also saw illustrations of some of the marvelous artwork found in the famous Book of Kells.

We welcome new members with Irish roots - whether "Green" or "Orange" - next meeting to be held in the AGS Library, Prince of Wales Armouries on November 9th, 1998. If you would like more information or wish to have your name added to our phone list, please call either Pat Hewitt at 454-4408, or Margaret Bendickson at 922-3050. □

Scottish Research Group (SRG)



The next meeting of the SRG is Tuesday, December 1, 1998. On the agenda is a continuation of Susan McKeen's presentation on the political situation in Scotland leading up to the Battle of Bannockburn. Our Christmas social will also be part of the evening. If you would like to contribute some baked goodies they will be very welcome.

Our first meeting in 1999 will be on Tuesday, February 2nd. For details on that meeting phone 460-3986 or e-mail Wilma McKinnon at jgmck@telusplanet.net in January.

Our October meeting featured some excellent presentations by members of the group. Margaret Bendickson researched and prepared a wonderful audio-visual presentation on the Clearances in Sutherland. Susan McKeen successfully untangled part of the complex political web of Scotland in the late 1200s and early 1300s. Cheryl Donnachie presented an informative piece on the tradition of "handfasting." Les Campbell wore his fine new kilt and kindly scanned photographs for those members who brought them.

Members who have not been able to attend our meetings will find much useful information in the SRG binder which is kept in the Library. Just ask at the desk . . . ☐

East European Research Group
Submitted by Elaine Kalynchuk
AGS Edmonton Branch Member
Phone 439-9315

On Wednesday, November 4, 1998 starting at 7:30 p.m., in the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS) library, we will be holding a meeting on the "Importance of Taking Oral Histories and What Questions You Should Ask." Joan Margel will be our guest speaker for the evening. She has traveled extensively through the Peace River country interviewing pioneers who settled in this region several decades ago. Joan has recorded their stories on a series of audiotapes. Please RSVP to Anne Williamson at 962-5818 or send e-mail to

miswilc@compusmart.ab.ca by October 27 so that we can ensure sufficient seating.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1999 we will be holding a brain-storming session, by breaking into smaller groups based on your research area (i.e., Poland/Prussia, Galicia, Bukovina, etc.) and "Exchanging Resources and Addressing Stumbling Blocks." Everyone attending is encouraged to bring their related documents (i.e., correspondence from an archives, published articles, etc.) and a list of their problem areas. Each group will have a couple of "trained" leaders and they will be meeting prior to this event to put together some reference binders. Elaine Kalynchuk will be leading the group on one-of-a-kind areas and beginners (European research area is unknown.) With over 50 people generally attending our meetings it is very important for everyone to ensure that your village(s), district(s), and country(ies) are included on the EERG membership list. There will be an opportunity to add this information to the list at the November 4, 1998 meeting or by calling Maria Peck at 458-2181 or e-mail at peckconstruction@compusmart.ab.ca. Please RSVP to Elaine Kalynchuk at 439-9315 or send e-mail to ekalynchuk@compusmart.ab.ca by January 26, 1999 so that we can ensure sufficient seating and organizing of the smaller groups in advance.

For further information about the EERG, East European research inquiries or to suggest topics for future meetings, please contact Elaine Kalynchuk (EERG Acting Coordinator) by phoning 439-9315 or sending an e-mail to ekalynchuk@compusmart.ab.ca.

You are also encouraged to visit our website at www.genweb.net.com/~east-european for information about the EERG, future meetings/events and a list of EERG member's research interests, as well as to submit a research query, or join our e-mail mailing list. Website inquiries can be made to our "webmaster" Cliff Williamson at miswilc@compusmart.ab.ca. ☐

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Heritage Seekers

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

From The Helm

by Allen Meyer, AGS #3447

Welcome back from the driest summer I've ever seen! I trust your genealogical research was not as dry. My most fruitful endeavour of late came via the internet. On a whim, I decided to search through the German telephone directory for two of my grandpa's nephews.

Lo and behold, both of them were in there, and in the city I expected them to be. Their addresses were included, so I wrote to both of them, and about 2 months later received a reply from one of my second cousins.

I also learned he had a sister who was married with children, so even more relatives than I expected. He wrote back in German, but my grandma was able to read it. I have since responded, and am waiting for my letter to be translated into German by a member of the AGS (a service which your society provides by gracious volunteers).

I look forward to hearing from my other cousin, since his grandmother and my grandpa were siblings, and my grandpa hasn't heard from her in over 50 years.

Please feel free to share your success stories with other members in Heritage Seekers. I know some members have difficulty getting back into the swing of things, and these experiences give us hope, and rekindle the fire we have for researching our past.

Happy hunting.

German Migration to the East

We have received the written text of the presentation Jerry Frank made to the Branch in May, 1998 on German Migration to the East.

Jerry also sent a copy on computer disk which includes the full text of his presentation in .wpd or .txt format. Also included on the disk is a list of the St. Petersburg Consistory microfilms in .wpd format in order of year.

If anyone wishes to see these, they will be available in our library.

The First DeBolt Picnic

by Joan Bowman, AGS #1108

On July 5, 1921, all the settlers of DeBolt gathered for their first picnic. They all had arrived in the area over the previous year or two, coming from far and wide, most of them from the United States and many were bachelors.

Seventy-seven years later, on June 20, 1998, several members of the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society gathered, at the Huber Memorial Park in DeBolt (approximately two blocks north west of the 1921 picnic location), for refreshments and a tour of the Museum. Our hostess was member Fran Moore, curator of the DeBolt Museum.



Fran Moore talking about one of the signs
outside a building at the Museum

On the wall of the DeBolt Museum is two pictures of those attending "The First DeBolt Picnic". They were: George and Elbert DeBolt and their wives from Adria, Washington; their Adria neighbor Ernie Clarke, a bachelor born in Iowa; Cy Young also from Washington; Ove Nielson who was born in Denmark coming to Canada in 1920; Jack Mitchell and George

Tilley - bachelors from Fredericton, NB.; J. McGillvery; Archibald McLarty born at Tobermary on the Island of Mull, Scotland; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Willard; Frank Stanton from Montana, originally from Lithuania in Eastern Europe and who changed his name from Standervich; Harold Bowman from P.E.I. and born in Concord, New Hampshire; Billy Leonard from England, John Mellum and wife from Tacoma, Washington but born in Norway; and Jim Goodwin and wife from Ontario. The local history book for DeBolt and surrounding area "Across The Smoky" contains information on these residents.

On the front page of the July 12, 1921 issue of the Grande Prairie "Herald" newspaper, the following was published about the First DeBolt Picnic:

"The first annual Pioneer Picnic held at DeBolt's Creek, east of the Hay Camps in the Goodwin Settlement, was a very enjoyable and successful affair from every point of view.

The people met in the forenoon and a long table was built out of lumber and poles, and a large canvas stretched over it. Then the ladies and bachelors began to unpack their lunch baskets, and when dinner was called, there was spread out a feast one does not often read of, let alone see on a table. There was everything from pork and beans, cooked as only a bachelor can cook them, to various kinds of cakes and pies of the most delicious kind, with three different kinds of ice cream for dessert. The large crowd tried their best to eat all the goodies for dinner, but when all were full and went groaning for the shade of the trees, there was more than enough left for supper.

The afternoon was spent at sports which were pulled off with promptness and record speed. The baseball game was won by the Alwayswins from the Neversweats by a score of 12 to 4. Chas McGillivary was captain and pitcher for the winners, while Ken Forman filled the same position for the defeated team. The football game resulted in a tie, with both teams played out as a result of eating too much dinner. George DeBolt won the first in the 100 yard dash and G. Willard second. G. Willard was first in the sack race, George DeBolt second. C. Gillivery and George DeBolt won the three legged race. Jim Goodwin was an easy winner in the pipe race, with McCary second. Winnie DeBolt and Champ Clarke ran three times to a tie each time in the children under eight years. One of the most interesting contests was the potato race on horseback, which was won by the

Redskins from the Fisheaters by a count of nine to three.

The quarter mile pony race was won by Berrie. The saddle horse race was won by Nigger, rode by McCarthy, from Sky Pilot, rode by Forman, in a very close race. George DeBolt riding one relay team was chosen winner from Jess Willard, who rode the other team.

After supper, horse shoes were played with good purses for the winners. In this, the married men were the lucky ones.

Harold Bowman received a badly sprained ankle in the baseball game, which was the only accident of the day."

Many years later, Winnie DeBolt, mentioned in the above newspaper story, became the mother-in-law of member Fran Moore. And in 1967, Harold Bowman became the father-in-law of member Joan Bowman. Harold Bowman, who arrived in the DeBolt in 1920, said conditions then were not for women!

Dates Gone By ...

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

Since June, 1983, Joan Bowman's ongoing contribution to "Heritage Seekers" has been to provide extracts of the births, marriages and deaths as found in these old newspapers

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

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

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

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

Our Volunteers

by Catherine Ledger, AGS #3034

One morning this past August six members and one helper donned hats and carried clipboards as they ventured out to do some cemetery recording. They arrived in the La Glace area, only to find that the 1st cemetery had been moved and the 2nd one had already been done! (they updated it anyway). The 3rd cemetery they visited, north of Sexsmith, proved to be more in need of their attention. Thank you to Tracey Kirouac, Paulette Hrychiw, Debby Was, Evelyn Stark, Margaret Kay, Gwen Turner and Paulette's granddaughter Kristen Petersen.

Please note that this branch will be hosting a garage sale on Saturday, September 26 from 9-3 at the home of Bev Tucker (10617 - 91A Street). All members are encouraged to bring priced items and arrange for a time period to sit and man the sale with other members. Please speak to Catherine (532-4751) for more information.

'Tis the season for BAKING (or at least for recipes!) The Grande Prairie & District Branch is putting together a cookbook and needs family and ethnic recipes. Short anecdotes relating to the recipes will also be accepted. Please forward ideas to Catherine at the general meetings this fall (or to: Box 1257, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4Z1) Volunteer committees will be struck at the October meeting.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

Have You Checked the GRD?

Library News September 1998

by Debby Was, AGS #2650

"Summer is gone and it is time to get back to our regular routines."

I hope you have all had a good summer, filled with visits to and from helpful relatives. I have just returned from a very successful family reunion with the SCHEERS, SPALLIN & SCHMAUS Families. Now I have lots of new information to enter into the computer.

The "Genies" will be back in the library starting Wednesday, September 30 (7-9 pm) and Friday, October 2 (1-3 pm). Please consider being a volunteer or just dropping by to share your newest find.

Included with the most recent copy of "Relatively Speaking" was a brochure on the GRD or "Genealogical Research Directory, National & International" published by Keith A. Johnson & Malcolm R. Sainty. This directory is one of the best resources to locate those illusive ancestors. Have you

checked for your ancestors in it? Our collection includes the 1998, 1997, 1996, 1993 & 1989 volumes. The first time I used this resource I made contact with a first-cousin-once-removed who provided me with several generations of our mutual families.

The book is a compilation of surnames and the people who are interested in researching those surnames. People submit their list of surnames, with the locality and time period of interest to the publishers of the GRD. Naturally, there is a fee for this service, but the price includes a copy of the finished book. Because the book is filled with different surnames each year, it is important to check each volume. Below is an example of one of my entries in the 1995 volume of the GRD.

Page 628 column 1: "SCHMAUS : 1879+, SD, MN, & ALB, USA & CAN [16495]"

The number in square brackets at the end of the entry refers to the person who submitted the surname. A numerical index of the submitters is included in a separate part of the book, allowing you to contact the person who is researching the surname of common interest.

Besides the surname index, this book provides a lot more information of genealogical interest. It includes maps showing political boundaries (e.g.: states, counties or provinces), common abbreviations used for these localities, a feature article of genealogical interest, a calendar of upcoming events of genealogical interest, a list of computer bulletin boards, a list of One-Name-Studies and who to contact, a world-wide list of addresses for genealogical societies, professional notices or advertisements and a list of addresses of archives, major libraries & record offices world-wide.

Another interesting index included in the GRD is the Subject index. It is similar to the surname index but lists subjects instead of surnames. This index is divided into several main subject headings:

C: Computers	G: General
I: Individuals	M: Migration
MY: Military	O: Occupations
P: Places	R: Religion
S: Shipping & Ships	

Below is a subject entry from one of my entries in the 1995 volume, page 826:

MY: 2ND BN GRENADIER REGT OF FOOT,
Any information, 1880-1886 [16495]

The company has many previous volumes available for sale, as well as a version on CD-ROM 1990-1996. They are currently collecting submissions for their 1999 volume. Brochures for the GRD will be located in the Isabel Campbell room at the Grande Prairie Public Library or you can find information on their home page on the internet at :

www.ozemail.com.au/~grdxxx/events.htm

Microform Reader / Printer

The Grande Prairie Public Library in cooperation with "Friends of the Library" and the "Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society" are currently trying to raise funds to purchase a new microforms reader/printer.

The purchase price is approximately \$10,000.00.

If you or your group are interested in making a tax deductible contribution towards this purchase, please contact Rick Leech or Barb Moreau at the Grande Prairie Public Library 403-532-3580

Thank you.

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Upcoming Events

November 17 "A Look Into The Past"
Presenter: Royal Canadian Legion

December No Meeting

All programs are preceded by a
short business meeting.

Genies in the Library:

Starting September 30, 1998

Wed: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fri: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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

"Raffle Winners"

At the draw made at our June 16, 1998 meeting, the winners of our Raffle were:

Stephanie Zukovich of Grande Prairie - Quilt

Norm Zacharuk of Grande Prairie - Decorated Egg

Congratulations!

Branch Meetings

are held at the
Grande Prairie Public Library
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Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
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Subscriptions are available at a cost of \$10.00 per year.

PLEASURE IN DOING GENEALOGY

Submitted by J.H. Edey, AGS #1300

One of the pleasures of doing genealogy is finding interesting stories about one's ancestors. Perhaps more of these stories should be written for our publication. Here are some stories I found about some of my ancestors.

I often wonder what my third great grandfather, Luther Edey was doing on October 16, 1780. I know he wasn't home that day. If he had been home he would have been captured by Indians and taken to Canada for the next two years. It was during the American Revolutionary War and Luther with his wife May (Evans?), with their four month old daughter, Jane, were living in the town of Randolph, Vermont, at the time. A party of Indians, led by British officers, came from Canada and raided and burned several towns in Vermont in the fall of 1780. On October 16 they raided Randolph, shot two men and took all the other men prisoners back to Canada for two years. They burned all the houses and left the women and children to fend for themselves with winter approaching. The women with their children had to make their way to neighbouring towns which had not been destroyed. I believe that the Edey family found refuge in the town of Newbury about 30 miles away. If anyone wonders how I know that Luther was not taken prisoner, it is the fact that he had a son Moses, born in Newbury on September 18, 1781, eleven months after the raid. This Moses came to Hull, Quebec, in 1805 and became my great great grandfather.

It is interesting to speculate that Luther and his family may have found shelter with the Nathaniel Chamberlin family in Newbury. Luther and Nathaniel served together in the Vermont militia for a period of time. Very little else is known about Luther Edey - where and when he was born and when he died. Nathaniel Chamberlin with his large family came to Hull around 1800 but it is thought that he was drowned in the Ottawa River shortly afterwards. Moses Edey married his daughter Elizabeth and so Nathaniel is also my third great grandfather. Jane Edey, mentioned above, married Edmund Chamberlin, son of Nathaniel.

Moses Edey took a grant of land on the west side of Aylmer and his younger brother, Samuel, took a grant on the east side of Aylmer. There is an Edey Road in Aylmer named after them. One day when Moses was looking over his farm he spotted an old Indian woman who was bumping into trees. Her eyes had been glued shut with spruce gum. Evidently her tribe believed that if she couldn't see she was no longer alive. Moses took her home where the gum was cleaned from her eyes and she lived out her life at the Edey farm.

Moses and Elizabeth had a large family of eleven children. One daughter, Betsy, married James Finlayson Taylor. The wedding took place on the ice on the Ontario side of the Ottawa River on December 27, 1843. The wedding party drove across the river on the ice for the ceremony. An account of his wedding appeared in a newspaper called *The Church*. Since the Edey family were Methodists, the wedding could not take place in Quebec because Methodist ministers were not allowed to perform marriages there. The couple were following the example of Betsy's aunt, Nancy Chamberlin, daughter of Nathaniel, when she married Tabors Wright in 1810. □

GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL SOURCES PUBLISHED

Submitted by Karen Hesson AGS #2918

Guide to Genealogical Sources in the Pennsylvania State Archives by Robert M. Dructor was recently published by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The guide is a newly revised and expanded edition of an invaluable research tool and describes in detail the public and private records that have genealogical potential, including passenger lists, naturalization records, county records, prison population registers, war resister records, and family papers. To order, contact the PA Historical and Museum Commission, Publications Sales Program, P.O. Box 11466, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1466.

From the Niagara Clearinghouse, Spring 1998 □

AN ENGLISH SEMINAR

Hosted by Edmonton Branch

by Terry Gregory AGS #3209

Saturday, July 25th dawned a beautiful sunny day. Richard and Marjorie Moore, who were to present the seminar on English Research, had arrived in Edmonton the night before from Saskatchewan. Armed with books for sale and notes to be duplicated they set up in the AGS library, before thirty-seven eager listeners.

Both are Fellows of the Society of Genealogists, who are very active in matters of Family History and between them have Chaired a variety of Councils and Committees of the Federation of Family History Societies and The Society of Genealogists. They have been lecturing for twenty years and share seventy years of genealogical experience. They have travelled extensively and brought a cornucopia of information with them.

Richard spoke first about the location of various genealogical repositories around London and the best way to access them. From the Family Records Centre, Society of Genealogists, London Metropolitan Archives, to the new Public Records Office at Kew.

Richard then spoke about Public School records and their history. For those who had ancestors attending one of these schools it was very enlightening. It would not immediately spring to mind to look in local newspapers for students names nominated to these schools. It was a bit disappointing that there was nothing on sources for National Schools records though.

After a short break Marjorie spoke with humour on the Poor Laws and their development from Apprenticeships through Bastardy Bonds to Vagrancy Warrants and Workhouse Returns.

After a light lunch Richard spoke about the Victoria County History volumes. These valuable books with their wealth of information on the historical and geophysical makeup of the Counties, started in Queen Victoria's reign and are still being produced today. It was good to get an up-to-date account of where they are published and how to obtain them.

Marjorie then spoke in great detail about the British Service records. There was so much information here that she barely made it all the way through. It was interesting to know that even Prisoners of War (P.O.W.) records can be obtained - this latter was of special interest to me because of my brother's four years spent as a P.O.W. in Germany.

After a short 'break for tea' we were into the origins of Non-Conformity and the records available. The talk cleared up some questions about how Non-Conformists evolved and how they complied with the Church of England edicts.

With a wrap up session open to all questions, Richard and Marjorie were able show the depth of their knowledge of Family History. I felt I had gained some insight from their presentations and know others did too.

One observation they made was that in all the talks they have given, our session was the first where no one asked them about hiring professional researchers. Perhaps we like to do it our own way!

Thanks to Gina McCaslin and Pamela Farmer for a well organized event. Thanks to them and the fact the Moores did not charge a fee for the presentation we raised just over \$500 for the purchase of books for the library.

P.S. Shirley and I got to know Richard and Marjorie a little better as they stayed with us until the following Monday. They both live in Swindon, Wiltshire, the same town in which I grew up and received my early education, so there was much comparing of what it was like, to what it is now.

Marjorie is related to Archie Belaney, the famous "Grey Owl" and has done a lot of research on the family. They regaled us with their adventures trying to get to Grey Owl's grave in northern Saskatchewan across a choppy lake in an open boat and attempting a portage through mud and ranks of tall rushes. □

THE EASY WAY TO CREATE YOUR OWN WEB PAGE

by Bill Whitney, Vice President, AGS

If you have an internet connection and your internet provider will allow you to set up your own web page as part of the deal, did you know that you can create your own family page without getting any new software or spending a cent? As long as you have a word processor program like WordPerfect or WORD, or just a text editor, and an internet connection, you can create a page yourself painlessly. Well, almost! Here's how you can take a page you like off the net, and make it into your own page.

You will need a "browser" program like *Netscape Communicator*, which is the most popular right now, to view your web page as it's being created, and see it as others see it. If you don't already have this, you can download it, free, off the internet. Others can tell you how to do this, so we won't go into that here. The *Explorer* program is another browser that comes with Windows 95. When you get this browser running, use it to look through the genealogy web pages on the internet to find one that you like. Try to find one that could be most easily adapted into your personal page. Don't worry if there are some extra bells and whistles that you don't want on the page, they can be deleted easily.

Keep it simple. If the page you like is one continuous document that you scroll through when viewing, your own page will be too. If it "jumps" around to several sub pages and separate screens, yours will also. This latter case will mean lots of separate files, each with it's own reference "link." These can get confusing. I recommend that you start with something simple and straightforward.

Now when you are viewing the *main* or *home* page of the website that you would like to copy, click on "View" on the toolbar above and "Document Source" in the pop up window. You will now see the source code on the screen that is "behind" the web page and that "paints" the web page, as it appears in Netscape. It is a text document.

Now examine the main page document source code. You will notice that, buried in the code, are all the

letters and numbers that appear on the web page when viewed through Netscape. These are used by Netscape to paint the page on your screen.

For example, the title will probably appear near the top of the file, along with font codes to describe how large it will appear, or the "title" code which makes it a larger font. The code may look like this:

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title><FONT COLOR="red"><I>Smith Family  
Genealogy</I></FONT></title>
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This code generates or "paints" the following web title on your screen:

Smith Family Genealogy

Print the document source text onto hard copy and save it to your hard drive as a *text* file. Use the *Save As* command for this. You will have to also go back to the main page, and depending on how complicated the web page is, there may be several other sub pages of the website that also have their own source code files. There might only be a single file or there could be several. Print them all out and save every one to your hard drive. You will have to go through all the screens of the web page to do this.

Now note that if you pull up ("open") the document source code file that you just saved to your hard disk, it can be easily changed by editing, because it is simply a text file. You can type in the "The Jones Family Tree" in place of "Smith Family Genealogy."

When you are ready to look at your creation in Netscape, save the text as an "html" file. That is, if your source code is in a file called *Homepage.txt*, save it as a new file called *Homepage.html*. As long as you didn't change any other codes, if you look at this html file in Netscape and see it just as it would appear on the net, you will discover that the web page now has your title in it! To do this, go out of the word processor and into Netscape and "Open" the file and give Netscape the directory and file name where it is located [i.e., c:\gene\Jones\webpage.html].

The remainder of the page is created the same way, by retyping all the pages and paragraphs that you

want in place of the other person's notes in the document source code. Always save it as text, never as a WordPerfect or WORD document. That would plant formatting codes into the file that aren't recognized by internet (html) standards. The hard copy is saved for the times when you make a mistake and wipe out some code. The smallest erasure of code can change things drastically.

To change pictures in the page, you have to get your own picture files, usually in .tif or .gif format, which you obtained from scanning your own photos or from taking them off the internet. These pictures have to be named in the document source code by whatever file name you want to give them. They are "image" files and they have to be in the same directory as your document file. For example, the code below calls up a picture of a tree from a graphics file entitled *jgtree2.gif* in the *images* subdirectory and displays it on your web page exactly 29 pixels and 29 pixels wide:

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<img SRC="/images/jgtree2.gif"
HEIGHT="29"WIDTH="29">
(enlarged several times)
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There are plenty of backgrounds, pictures and bullets, icons and all kinds of stuff on the internet for you to capture and plug into your page. A background is just a picture, usually about 1: by 1:, repeated several times to paint the backdrop for your page. You can capture just about any picture or image you want by pointing the mouse at it, right clicking on it and then clicking "Save As" to the hard disk (or floppy disk.)

A good example of the kinds of tools and help you can get to help you build your page are in *HTML Goodies* by Joe Burns, and of course, the mother of all genealogy web pages, *Cyndi's List*.

You will be going back and forth between Netscape and the word processor several times, so you can leave them both running but not with the internet hooked up! As you experiment with each change to your web page, you will then view the .html file in Netscape to see if the desired effect took place, then back to the word processor to alter the .txt file, etc.

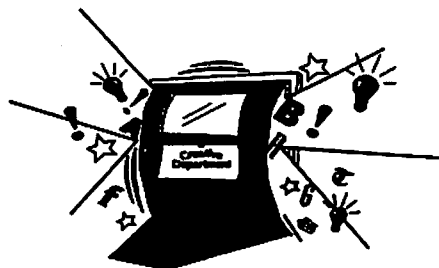
After some trial and error, you will discover that you have a working web page. You can drop out parts that you don't want from the original as long as you are careful to wipe out only the code and text that apply.

You now have a collection of files, some picture files, some text and at least one .html file - for a working web page. Now call up your internet provider and they will instruct you how to upload the files you made onto the internet. If you have problems doing this, you could drop off the files on a disk to the provider and they could do it for you. But it should be fairly easy.

When you want to change the page or modify it later you will again have to transfer files to your provider or do it yourself using a password. It can be done from your home if you wish.

One bit of net etiquette: If you want to copy a complicated page from someone that has obviously done a lot of research and hard work listing links and reference, like "Cyndi's Lists", it's only polite to ask the author if they mind if you use a piece of their page and make sure you give credit in the web page to her for this. Other parts of ordinary code like headings, references and formatting are in the public domain and you don't need permission to borrow them.

Once you get this going, you will want to fix it up, add to it and improve it. You will start receiving "hits" as soon as people visit your page, so make sure you mentioned your e-mail address on the page to direct mail back to you from the Users. In a later article, we'll tell you how to make your page known to genealogists far and wide. Good luck and good hunting! □



EDMONTON BRANCH GENEALOGY LIBRARY NOTES

Submitted by Shirley Machan, AGS #2855

In December 1994 the library director with the help of volunteer cataloguers started a project which, it was hoped, would make the library collection more "user friendly." Previously the collection had been shelved in subject areas, as in a public library. Thus a subject such as censuses was catalogued under the same number so that censuses of all locations were shelved together. After visiting other genealogy libraries and talking to our own patrons it was felt that arranging the library in locality areas would prove more useful. After all, most people ask "what do you have on Ontario, or Scotland?", rather than "Where are your census files, or cemetery lists."

We had several problems to be addressed at the start. The collection had to be available for use during regular library hours. The volunteers were not available on a full-time basis. The collection had been catalogued and every book assigned a number. Therefore we decided that we would arbitrarily design a scheme that would involve changing as few numbers as possible. Hindsight is always twenty-twenty of course, and at this date it seems it would have been more efficient had we shut the library down completely for the time it would take to complete the work and also start completely from scratch, using only the numbers that fit our scheme instead of the other way round. the addition of two more collections (Denney papers, and AGS) and the move to the new library added further complications, so we are only partway through the original task. However, we feel that progress has been made and the new scheme is taking shape.

For instance, books on the subject of **genealogy in general** (how to books) are found under **929.1** How-to books on a specific area are **929.1** plus a location number. e.g., In search of your German roots - 929.131, Tracing your Scottish ancestry - 929.1211.

Family histories, including biography, are **929.2** plus first three letters of the family name (not necessarily the author). In this category, we plan, sometime in the future, to index all the family names mentioned in all the books.

Any item that contains **lists of names**, such as census, passenger lists, indexes, etc., are numbered **929.3** plus the locality. Thus, "American passenger arrival records" - 929.373; "Index to the 1871 census of Ontario: Wellington" 929.371342 (71 is the number for Canada, 342 Wellington County, Ontario).

Cemetery records, including **monumental inscriptions**, are in **929.5** plus additional numbers for the area

Local histories numbers depend on the location. Canadian areas start with **971**, then add provincial and sometimes city designations, with the Cutter number (Letters below the numbers) indicating the place name, not the author. "Leaves of yesteryear, a history of Bon Accord...." - 971.233 BON.

In the Edmonton Branch collection there are still several sections yet to be re-numbered, particularly the 200Æs and 300Æs. We hope to accomplish this by yearÆs end. We are also aiming to replace the "Subject" catalogue cards with localities, thus the materials on England will be in a section marked "England" then subdivided by county, Canada by provinces, and so on. Only very general subjects that cannot be placed in a locality will remain in the subject files., e.g., computer programs. Of course, author and title cards will remain the same

We are also attempting to streamline the list of subject headings, by using fewer headings which, we hope, will prove easier to understand and use. You can see how these appear by checking the print-out of AGS library holdings, a copy of which is kept on top of the card catalogue. Eventually there will be a list of Edmonton Branch Library holdings similar to this with updates at appropriate times. Stay tuned for further announcements and thank-you for your patience and forbearance. □

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY POSITION PAPER REGARDING THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES

[On September 12, 1998 the Executive of the Alberta Genealogical Society approved the following Position Paper on the Provincial Archives. A copy has been forwarded to the Honourable Shirley McClellan, Minister of Community Development.]

A rapidly growing number of Genealogists and Family Historians are searching records worldwide, and are retelling history from the perspective of ordinary people's experience.

Social Historians, therefore, are finding that these histories provide a valuable insight into social conditions during times that could not have been researched any other way.

Medical Researchers have used genealogical research to trace genetic characteristics present in families with hereditary diseases.

Statistics provided by the Provincial Archives show 80% of patrons using the Reference Room are doing genealogical research.

The Alberta Genealogical Society, a Provincial Heritage volunteer organization, representing almost a thousand families:

- promotes the study of genealogy and genealogical research;
- relies upon preservation of documents and access to the Public Archives to help fellow Albertans and people worldwide to rediscover their family's past;
- uses Homestead records, birth, baptism, burial and marriage records, cemetery records and censuses, to help answer requests for family information from all over the world;
- provides many volunteers at the Public Archives.

The Proposed Relocation Of The Archives At Stony Plain

We agree with the Alberta Government that the present Provincial Archives is totally inadequate as a repository. Some of the inadequacies include very cramped quarters for staff, researchers and volunteers, cracked walls, sloping floors creating dangerous working conditions, lack of proper equipment, lack of adequate on-site storage, too few staff and improper temperature and humidity controls.

On the other hand the proposed Westerra site is totally unacceptable as a working unit. It is not easily accessible to Albertans; it lacks public transportation. It is not central to the capital city. It lacks adequate fire protection and proper police protection from vandalism and theft. It is not in a living community, nor is it convenient for staff who must commute, nor for volunteers who enjoy their work at the Provincial Archives. Long distance moving of documents especially in harsh winter conditions will continue to add to document deterioration.

The cost of running a facility is always the largest expenditure. The Westerra site will involve offering duplicate services to researchers in both Edmonton and Stony Plain, not to mention the extra cost of transporting documents, etc.. This means that the staff budget will have to be doubled in order to offer the same service.

It will be years before electronic access will be available to all Albertans because indexing and cataloguing must be completed first. It is a labour intensive, time consuming task which is very expensive. This will also be a major ongoing cost to taxpayers.

The Provincial Government must be encouraged to continue to investigate empty buildings in Edmonton which meet the criteria of preservation, on-site storage, availability and accessibility to researchers.

If no suitable buildings exist then the Provincial Government should be encouraged to build a new Provincial Archives in Edmonton which meets present and future needs and which guarantees access to all Albertans.

Why A New Provincial Archives Building In Edmonton?

- Conservation and storage of valuable public and government records.
- Accessibility for all Albertans
- Cost

A people friendly Archives is urgently needed in view of the poor state of the present building.

As a public building it has to be located where it can be easily reached by Albertans, young and old, strong and disabled, rich and poor, and from all parts of the province.

Why should the new Archives be built in Edmonton?

- Edmonton is close to the centre of the province, thereby serving equally those from the south, centre and the north.
- Edmonton is the capital of the province and it should be the jewel in the provincial crown.
- 80-85% of the records deposited in the Archives are from the Legislature.
- Edmonton is a transportation hub with plenty of links by air, road and rail to all parts of the province.
- Edmonton is a business centre where families often come to trade, relax and do research.
- Edmonton is a centre for research in the University of Alberta libraries, Provincial Archives, Edmonton Archives, a large Family History Centre and many other smaller complementary research facilities.
- Edmonton can provide plenty of accommodation and other services for visitors.
- There is a good transit system in place.
- Edmonton has first class police and fire protection.
- Edmonton is a city of volunteers who help to maintain, at little cost, the top level of service we have come to expect.

Centennial Celebration Project

Alberta's 100th Anniversary Strategy Committee made the following recommendation to the Provincial Government in March 1998:

Historical/Heritage Tributes

The Provincial Archives

That a new state-of-the-art home for the Provincial Archives of Alberta be pursued in recognition of the great importance of the documentary legacy of the province's first 100 years. This project should be commenced immediately so that the new archives can be ready for Albertans to use well before 2005 in order for them to undertake their heritage projects.

The Alberta Genealogical Society supports the idea of a new Provincial Archives building as an excellent choice for Alberta's Centennial in the year 2005. However, work on this project must begin soon.

The Society urges the Provincial Government to commence:

- drawing up plans with input from the Archive staff and heritage organizations.
- estimating the cost based upon the basic mandate for the Archives.
- searching for and appraising suitable sites in the Provincial Capital.
- contacting businesses with a view to contributing to the construction of a building that would be the pride of Alberta.

If the Government deems the Archives project a worthy goal for the Centennial then funding for the building would be assured.

What could be a more appropriate undertaking? A modern building preserving our past for the benefit of future generations.

If the Government truly looks to the future they will seek to enhance the Capital City for our grandchildren and their children's children, so that a hundred years from now Albertans can say, "That was a good decision."

The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

- Chinese Proverb

HOW DOES THE PROPOSED MOVE OF THE ARCHIVES AFFECT AGS MEMBERS?

Submitted by Terry Gregory AGS #3209

The Alberta Genealogical Society agrees that the Public Archives needs better facilities, but moving it away from the volunteer base that keeps it running as well as it does, to a remote location, in an unused warehouse with reduced access is not the solution.

Many AGS members in the Edmonton area volunteer to keep the Archives open evenings. It will be difficult to continue this if they have to travel 100 kilometres each day regardless of how much they enjoy the work. In the winter, the drive at night along an icy highway will eliminate them altogether. Consequently, the Archives will not be accessible to people who work during the day.

How will the move affect members outside the Edmonton area?

Other volunteers have prepared indexes of genealogical materials at the Archives which are so valuable to our research. Books of this type will be unavailable if volunteers do not have easy access to the records.

When you write to the AGS requesting homestead records, documents of proof of age or other information about your ancestors, our members in Edmonton look through our library first. Quite often further research is needed so they head over to the Archives to look for the information there. However, if the move takes place, every time documents are ordered through the Edmonton reading room it will take a frustrating three or four days to arrive. That is assuming a reading room will be maintained in the city, which is not guaranteed.

Or imagine you are visiting Edmonton on business for a limited time and want to do a little research in a spare moment. You will be faced with the same delays, time restrictions and/or additional driving time.

A solution the Government suggests is putting the records on the Internet. This is fine in theory, copyright laws aside, but without a very large volunteer base and plenty of tax dollars, it cannot be done in the foreseeable future.

Finally, the Society must look forward and promote the vision of Mrs. Klein's *Alberta's 100th Anniversary Strategy Committee* recommendation for a new 'state-of-the-art' Public Archives to be built for the year 2005. Funding for these celebrations will soon be earmarked by the Alberta Government so we need to make our concerns known now.

As a Provincial Heritage Organization we have to ensure preservation and accessibility to all, of the photos, movies, tapes and documents of our Province's first 100 years. We must encourage our local M.L.A.s to support the building of a new Provincial Archives to commemorate our 100th Anniversary. □

ARE BANK MERGERS SOMETHING NEW?

Submitted by Dick Nash, AGS # 659

In 1920 Edmonton could boast it had 12 different banks. Names like The Standard Bank, Banque D'Hochelaga, Bank of Toronto, Molson's and The Union Bank dotted Jasper Avenue. The Imperial Bank had the most branches (four), while the Union and Dominion had one each. Today only three banks have retained their original name. What became of the rest?

The Standard Bank was absorbed by The Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1928. The Banque D'Hochelaga changed its name to Banque Canadienne Nationale and later merged with The National Bank of Canada. The Bank of Toronto merged with The Dominion Bank in 1954. Molson's Bank was absorbed by The Bank of Montreal in 1925. The Union Bank of Canada was absorbed by The Royal Bank in 1925. The Merchants Bank was absorbed by the Bank of Montreal in 1923. The Imperial Bank of Canada merged with The Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1961.

Sources: Henderson's Edmonton Directory for 1920; 1988 Official Canadian Coin Guide □

BRANCH BITS

BROOKS AND DISTRICT

Current membership for the Brooks Branch is 42. Volunteer hours for the months of April, May and June are 370.5 hours. Our branch closes for the summer months, but this year we were still active within the community.

At the beginning of the summer we started a letter writing campaign protesting the closure of post 1901 census returns. Replies were received except from the office of the Honourable John Manley. Jackie Murray sent faxes to the media notifying them of our stand on this matter; so far no response from these people. The local paper was also notified of the closure of post 1901 census returns resulting in two articles appearing in the paper the following week. Jackie Murray has also been actively collecting names on a petition that was started at the same time. To date there are approximately 140 names on these sheets. These petitions will be handed to Monte Solberg on September 16, 1998 for the next session of parliament that begins on September 21.

Museum Day was held on August 8, 1998, and was well attended by the public. The piano displayed in the Alberts house was played by musicians Barry Heal, Doreen Burton, and Larry Pratt. Jim Beardsley, our local story teller, invited participation from the public and was well received and enjoyed by those who experienced his style of theatre. The branch displayed pictures of heirlooms and various resource books from our library. Jackie Murray also displayed a sample Census return and collected more signatures for the petition.

Our September meeting is a sharing of members' research findings. Planned upcoming events are a Mall Display on the 19th of September. This is to generate interest in researching your family history and to inform the public of the Society. A Beginners Course is also planned for the 17th of October. This is a one day course designed to help you get started with your research.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Penner
President, Brooks and District ☐

RED DEER AND DISTRICT

The Red Deer Branch celebrated our 20th anniversary at the June meeting. We were once again invited to the home of two of our members, Kurt and Lila Nagel, for a pot luck dinner and social. It was a wonderfully warm evening and a very pleasant function.

The Branch was closed over the summer and we did not hold any Wednesday night library meetings.

In the spring we applied to our municipal lottery board for a grant to buy a microfilm reader printer. Unfortunately, we were turned down. We will discuss whether or not to reapply at our September meeting.

The feature speaker for the September meeting will be Michael Dawe, Archivist for the Red Deer and District Archives. He will be discussing access to information legislation which is of interest to all genealogists.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Joan Cornett,
President, Red Deer and District ☐

GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT

During July and August our branch did not hold general meetings, and the only activity involved a day of cemetery recording led by Tracy Kirouac who reports that "seven volunteers spent an August morning recording cemeteries in the Laglace area.

First we found where the Buffalo Lakes RC Cemetery used to be, before the graves were moved and the land returned to a canola field. Then we recorded the Calvary Lutheran although it turned out to have been already done under the name of the Norden Cemetery. This will be clarified on future cemetery lists.

We then moved onto the Webster Cemetery and recorded the 99 interments there. These names have been correlated with the cemetery's master list and entered into a database. About a dozen names are being checked with the funeral home to confirm dates and plot numbers. Once that information has been added, I will send the discs onto Doug in Edmonton.

For our September meeting I will be giving a lecture about Genealogical Research on the Internet, and our October meeting will include a tour of the local LDS library.

Our latest fundraising efforts have been very successful. These included sales of chocolate almonds, and a quilt raffle. Proceeds from these fundraisers are going toward the purchase of the 1881 census, and a 4-volume set of books. For our next major fundraiser we are designing a genealogical cookbook. We will also be applying to the community lotteries board program for funds to purchase new shelves for our library.

We finally managed to fill our Secretary position. Our new Secretary is Marion Ledger. She'll be taking over from Genevieve Shultz.

Respectfully submitted by Allen R. Meyer
President, Grande Prairie Branch ☐

DRAYTON VALLEY

Our first item of business is to say "Thank you very much" to all those who have donated booklets and so on to our branch. We are in the process of going through these materials. Anything we find duplicated will be brought to the November meeting to be passed along to another branch.

At the last accounting Drayton Valley had 22 paid members. We are expecting possibly two more at our September meeting.

Volunteer hours seem to be very difficult to record, and I have been unable to obtain a report at this time.

We held our first Executive meeting on September 2nd. Items dealt with were: accommodations - a very serious matter for the Branch at this time; a report from Bonnie Stuhl on the AGS June Executive meeting, and fund raising. Most seemed to feel this

Executive meeting was a useful exercise, and have agreed to try it on a monthly basis to see how well it will work.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth F. Smyth
President, Drayton Valley Branch ☐

EDMONTON

July 1st and 2nd saw the Library under a 'flood watch' as Edmonton experienced an horrendous downpour causing water to back up into the kitchen area of Room 116. The muddy condition required the filing cabinets holding the cemetery records to be removed of all the files, and the cabinets to be removed from the area so that the City could clean the carpet (at their cost.) We also had to remove book shelves and books from the area. Fortunately there does not appear to be any damage to the library holdings. Thanks to Bev Trace, son Ian Trace, summer student Angie Nguyen, and many volunteers who just happened to come in to do other projects, the clean up was done as efficiently as possible. It required quite a team to put all those hastily removed items back to the original locations. AND no one was injured during the process!

The Library was open for regular hours during the summer months as the library volunteers willingly picked up extra shifts as well as trading shifts.

Angie Nguyen, the summer student, was a willing worker who undertook all projects willingly and capably. *See AGS Library Director's report.

We have had a worktable/reception desk constructed to specific requirements. This provides a safer working area near the photocopier. Under the counter there is space to store photocopier paper which freed up a bookshelf for the German books donated by Dr. Conradi.

We have purchased a new computer for library work (i.e. not for public use.) The old computer was constantly crashing and too slow. We are trying to prevent volunteer burnout!

The 10 week 'Tracing Your Family Tree' course starts September 15th with a registration of 32.

Major Issues

Many Edmonton Branch members, and the Executive, have been sending letter/e-mail to government officials with their concerns about Censuses after 1901 not to be made available to the public. The Public has been encouraged to sign a petition at the front of the library.

Many Edmonton Branch members and the Executive, have been sending letters/e-mail to government officials and other historical groups about a new Alberta Archives facility. I was interviewed briefly (by the Edmonton Journal and by CBC Radio) on how the move to Stony Plain would affect Edmonton Branch genealogists.

*The Edmonton Branch Executive were invited to tour the Archives on August 31st, and on September 1st to take a tour of WESTERRA CAMPUS, Stony Plain and be part of a public information session. Eight groups were in attendance at WESTERRA. Minutes are to be provided to all persons that attended.

*There was a public media meeting at Edmonton City Hall on September 4th. Terry Gregory, the Genealogical Courses chair, was asked to attend this meeting on my behalf. The other participants all had formal hand outs on how they feel about the possible move.

Therefore: We feel that the Position Paper provides common ground for AGS and Branches. WE STAND TOGETHER AS ONE!

Respectfully submitted by Claudine Nelson
President, Edmonton Branch ☐

LETHBRIDGE AND DISTRICT

We are sorry to announce the passing of our Past President Lil Clelland on August 11, 1998. Lil was a great leader, a faithful member and a wonderful friend. Condolences have been sent to her family.

We are also sorry to announce the passing of a long time member Dave Elford on June 1998. Condolences were also sent to his family.

Our membership remains at 58 members. Volunteer hours from June 5th to September 1st are 105 hours.

This includes library duty in June, ongoing obituary recording, executive meetings, publication of our newsletter and routine business.

Summer has been quiet this year. As our cemetery recording trip was rained out, we do hope to have one trip this fall, weather permitting.

Two executive meetings were held with primary discussion focused on the Privacy Act and application of a Community Lottery Grant. Application for the Grant has been submitted.

September 17th will be our first meeting of the season. A workshop at "Once Upon a Memory" is planned for September 19 followed by our annual membership barbeque.

Respectfully submitted by Winnifred M. Evans
President, Lethbridge Branch ☐

MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT

Our 20th anniversary open house held on June 20, 1998 was a huge success. The displays were great. There were many really interesting members' displays; our branch display and displays from the Medicine Hat Library, Medicine Hat Museum, Family History Centre and Creative Memories. We had a steady stream of guests from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Joanie Gilchrist, a branch member, was our roving reporter for the day. The story she wrote is in the June 1998 issue of the Saamis Seeker.

We applied for a grant from the Community Lottery Board and were approved for part of our request. The money will be used to buy a badly needed computer. We will be setting up data bases for our library holdings, obituary indexes, cemetery program, a teaching tool, etc.

Our library will be open each Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

We are holding a beginner's workshop before each meeting. These workshops will be running for several months or as the need arises.

Respectfully submitted by Edie Pinder
President, Medicine Hat Branch ☐

FT. MCMURRAY

This has been an interesting year in more ways than one. This will be my last publication as President. Elections will be held in October and I hope that the membership will consider accepting nominations for the new Executive. A lot has been accomplished by past Executives and now the Library has excellent research facilities and equipment to help researchers in their quest to find their ancestors. The new Executive will be more or less in a maintenance mode, that is not to say that other equipment may not be required or other programmes acquired but the hard work has been done - setting up the Library system.

The Branch has been open during the summer months and since this was the first time not too much activity occurred. Although it was advertised in the newsletter probably the membership were busy enjoying the glorious summer we had.

For the September meeting, Pat Dobson made a presentation on two genealogy books - her own, which is not finished but which included many topics of possible interest to her descendants. As well, she has finished a book for each of her children which included a story about their childhood, memorabilia from their school days, photographs of their ancestors and many other items such as their emigration paper, school records, etc. The format is such that it can be easily amended.

We completed our Vision Statement for the Branch which is **"To enable, promote and encourage genealogical research in a helpful and friendly atmosphere."**

In conclusion, my thanks to all those members who have helped to keep our Library afloat through their participation in our Bingos, administration of the Library, the Librarians who keep our Library open, Art for collecting and logging the mail, Ken for being the Elections Officers for the last few years, Diane - our Treasurer, Erica, our Past President for her dedication in editing and printing the newsletter and keeping our membership list up to date, Jean Waniandy for filling in when necessary as Librarian and Jan Brown, our Vice President for filling in for me when I went to England. My apologies if I have missed anyone. Without your commitment, our Library would cease to function - a million thanks!

Respectfully submitted by Pat Dobson
President, Fort McMurray Branch □

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SURNAME SWAPS

It was news to me but that might be because I don't have "Woodward, Millward, Cromwell, etc.," in my line.

In a reference book at the library, it was stated that another form of Miller was Millward, as in Warden of a Mill and in the southern midlands, this was sometimes recorded as Millard. In the local dialect, the 'W' wouldn't have been sounded. Another surname that swaps between 'Woodward' and 'Woodard' is no doubt in GLS dialect, the 'W' in the middle of 'Woodward' wouldn't have been sounded. It would be said as 'Wooderd'.

All names with an internal 'w' may appear with or without it - example: Cromwell as Crommle or Crummle. Large middle sections often get gobbled up, e.g., Dowdswell as Dodswel and in Bucks Wyradisbury as Wraysbury. Miller is very commonly found as Millard, and don't reject the odd Meller or Millier either.

From the Abbotsford Genealogical Group, August 1998, Vol III, Issue 16. □

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Now available on microfilm are the oldest and most fragile of the minute books and the baptismal, marriage and burial registers containing entries prior to 1925. Denominations that eventually became part of the United Church include Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Evangelical United Brethren. (Please note that the records from eastern Ontario counties of Carleton, Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Prescott, Russell and Stormont are held at the Ottawa City Archives, and records from northwestern Ontario are held at the Manitoba and North West Ontario Conference Archives in Winnipeg.) The 268 reels of microfilm are available in the Archives reading room, as well as through interlibrary loan. Any inquiries should include the name of the community and, for larger centres, the name of the church; none of the registers are indexed by personal name. For more information, please contact:

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73 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1K7
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ANGLICAN CHURCH RECORDS DIOCESE OF CALGARY

Submitted by Lucille Horne, AGS #2943

Historical Registers and Archival Material are stored at the University of Calgary, Special Collections Department, on the 12th Floor of the Library Tower. However, due to its fragile condition and private status, the collection has been declared 'closed.'

To gain access for research purposes, prior permission must be obtained from the Synod Office.

Contact:

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Tell Your Story

Genealogy Online, an introduction to genealogical research using computers and the Internet, is a 10-week non-credit course being offered twice a year by the Seniors' Education Centre, University Extension, University of Regina. The course is of interest to seniors who are new to genealogical research as well as to long time genealogical researchers who are new to the Internet. The fall course, instructed by Bob Pittendrigh, runs from September 21, 1998 to November 27, 1998; registration fee is \$65. For further information about the possibility of upcoming courses, please see their web site at

<http://www.uregina.ca/extnsion/genealogy/> or
contact Brenda by e-mail at
Brenda.Maclauchlan@uregina.ca, or by phone at
(306) 585-5706. □

Learn fundamental graphic design skills and techniques you can use with any desktop publishing system. The course is How to Design... Attention-Grabbing Brochures, Catalogues, Ads, Newsletters and Reports. It will be offered in Calgary November 18, 1998 and in Edmonton November 19, 1998. The one-day seminar costs \$199. To register by phone call 1-800-873-7545; by Fax 1-913-362-4241; by e-mail skillpath@mcimail.com. To be put on the mailing list for future offerings write SkillPath Seminars, P.O. Box 997, Mission KS 66201-0997 USA. □

Alberta Cemetery Indexes Online

The Alberta Family History Society website has more than 15 cemetery indexes online, Burnsland, Crowsnest, Banff, etc. Most of these are already in print and are available for purchase but the online version provides a handy view into what these publications contain. They may be reached from the Internet homepage <http://www.compumart.ab.ca.abgensoc/> by clicking on "Cemetery Indexes." □

National Archives of Canada Free Database

The address is <http://www.ingeneas.com/free/main.html>. This database is from a collection of immigrant settlers and passengers lists within the various collections, mostly relating to immigrants from Great Britain arriving in Canada between 1801 and 1849.

For further information, check out the genealogy resources at the National Archives of Canada at <http://www.archives.ca/www/Genealogy.html>. There is further information on getting a copy of the actual record (from The British Columbia Genealogist Vol 27 No 3 September 1998.)

Also from the British Columbia Genealogist, September 1998, is an interesting tidbit. Quote "If you are employed by the Bank of Montreal or are a retiree of the Bank and are aware of the details of their grant program, this may be for you. We understand that any employee or retiree who is actively involved with a non-profit organization may apply for a 'specific project' grant."

Editor's note: Is this a way to implement some of our programs with limited funds? If you can assist in this regard please let us know. □

1891 Head of Household Index on the P.E.I. Public Archives Web Page

A subset of the 1891 index is a joint effort of the Public Archives and the P.E.I. Genealogical Society. It contains only the heads of the household and any individual that did not have the same surname as the head of the household. It contains 21,400 out of the 105,900 names in the whole census. You will not find everyone who was in P.E.I. in 1891 in this index. The index includes: surname, given name(s), age, religion and Lot or ward of the 21,400 individuals. The web page details how to search the index and how to order microfilm of the complete

index or transcripts from the Society.

How do you access the index? Either through the P.E.I. Genealogical Society's web page on the Island Register at <http://www.isn.net/~dhunter/peigs.html> or through the P.E.I. Public Archives at http://www.gov.pe.ca/educ/archives/archives_index.asp □

Other Web Sites

New: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Home Page is <http://www.saskgenealogy.com>.

Norwegian Historical Data Centre at <http://www.isv.uit.no/seksjon/rhd/indexeng.htm>. This site includes the 1900 census for Norway. The site lists the occupation, year of birth and birthplace as listed by enumeration (from Saskatchewan GS Bulletin September 1998.) □

The Presbyterian Archives of Canada are now at:
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North York, ON, M3C 1J7
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from the Toronto Tree, Vol 29, Issue 4, July/August 1998 □

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IN OUR MAILBOX

Editor's Note:

Mrs. Noble wrote to Mr. David Whiteside, England, whose address appeared in Vol 26 No 1 February 1998 issue of *Relatively Speaking*. She was requesting information about the Edith, its date of departure for NYC, owners of the ship and port of departure, as well as any other information he could give. She sent a money order for three pounds. Unfortunately, she didn't get anything for her money as Mr. Whiteside's role within his society is specifically the provision of photographs of which he had none.

From Myra E. Anderson, P.O. Box 697,
Medicine Hat, AB
e-mail: myrae@telusplanet.net

Re: Norwegian Names

Myra has a book on the Byneset which is out of Trondheim, Norway. Below is the list of the family histories in this book. Myra will gladly photocopy a history and mail it to people if they would pay the postage plus the cost of the envelope and copying. The book is 584 pages and every write-up is in Norwegian so people would have to have their own translating done.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2001. Seminar 2001. "Work and Opportunity." Hosted by Waterloo-Wellington Branch OGS.

The Ontario Genealogical Society (O.G.S.), Halton-Peel Branch, is holding "Threads of Family History II," a special juried exhibition of textile crafts, to be held at the Ontario Genealogical Society's Seminar '99, May 28 to 30, 1999. If you wish to enter, send your name, address and phone number to the address below before beginning your project, and you will be sent complete rules and an entry form. Feel free to include a note with any questions or comments.

"Threads of Family History II
O.G.S. Seminar '99
24 Shelbourne Court
Brampton, Ontario
L6Z 1C2 ☐

O.G.S. Seminar 2000 is being held in Ottawa, Ontario, May 12 to 14, 2000. The theme is "Migration Mosaic," and will consider the past 250 years of the migrations of people in and out of Ontario. There will be a total of 45 lectures and Ottawa Branch, host of Seminar 2000, is seeing speakers with appropriate talent and knowledge. If you wish to contribute, contact John Hay, co-chairman, at the address below, or call (613) 829-8007, or e-mail bx419@freenet.carleton.ca. Responses are requested by August 15, 1998.

Seminar 2000
Merivale Postal Outlet
P.O. Box 65087
Nepean, Ontario
K2G 5Y3

from the Tracer, Oxford Branch, OGS Aug 1998 ☐

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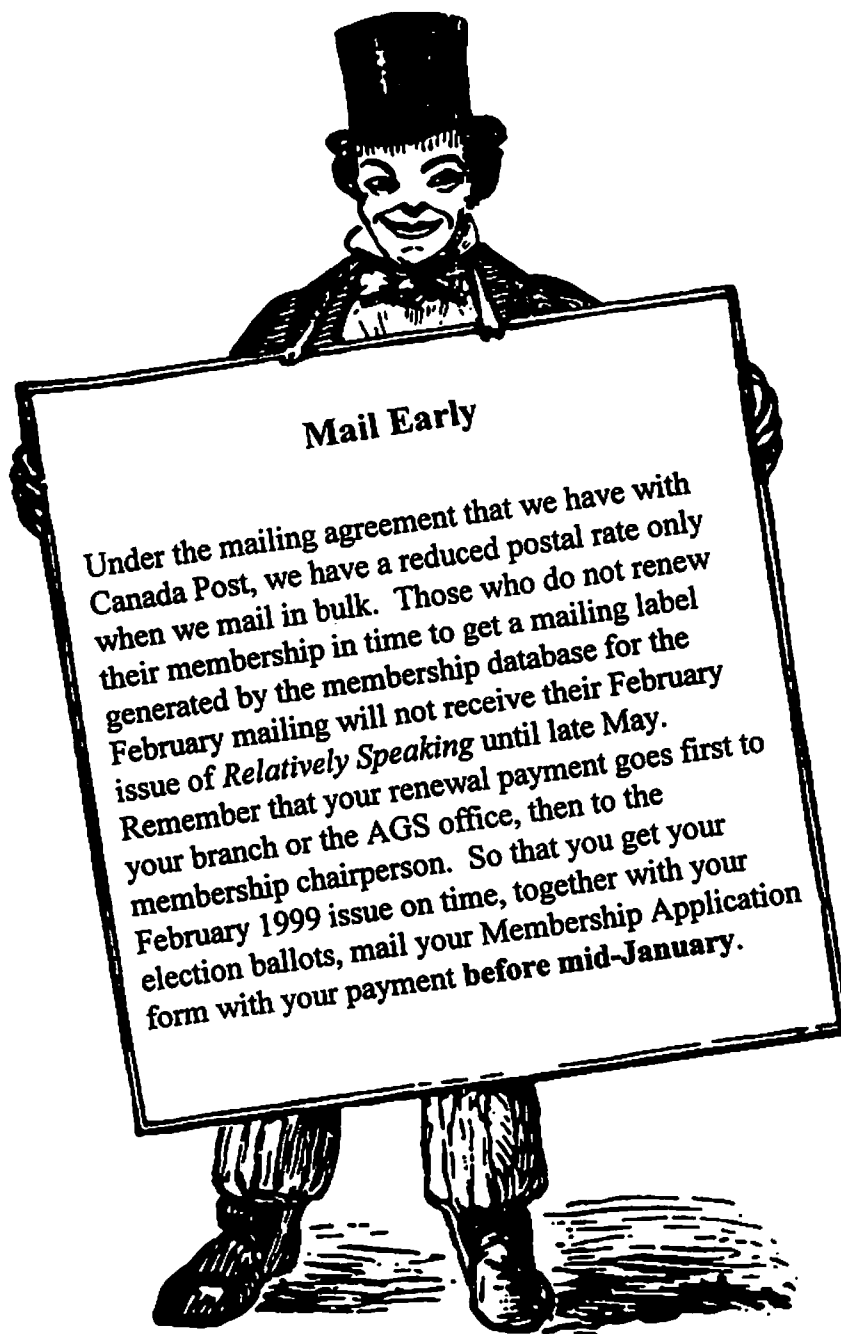
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IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Milt Clelland and family in the recent loss of their wife and mother, Lillian Clelland, who passed away suddenly on August 11, 1998 at the age of 81 years.

Sympathy is extended to Judy Bradley and family, Grande Prairie Branch, and Blanche Thompson and family, Edmonton Branch, on the death of their father, Charles E. Gourlay. ☐



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BOGART, Darlene - Box 118, Breton, AB, T0C 0P0 E-mail: dBogart@mailcity.com

BOGART Claudia May Bogart, b. 1868
 Zoe Melvina Bogart, b. 20 Jun 1880
 Iona (or Ionia) June Luella Bogart, b. 1885
 Andrew Jackson Bogart, b. 1846. All born in Putnam Co., Columbus Grove, Ohio

EAGG Chauncy Egg married Claudia Bogart 17 May 1887 in Putnam Co., Columbus, Ohio. Son Harry Egg

FITZPATRICK Melvin Fitzpatrick, b. 1900, place unknown; possibly Ohio or Wyoming
 Raymond Fitzpatrick, b. 1892, Ohio

DECK Raleigh Deck

ALLEN Herman Allen, spouse of Iona (Ionia) Jane Luella Bogart

CRAWFORD Eleanor Jane Crawford, b. 1853 or '56, Putnam Co., Columbus Grove, Ohio

DUNCAN, Flora - 48 Dale Close, Red Deer, AB T4R 2L5

IRVINE Would like to contact any/all descendants of John IRVINE b. 1832 Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Married Christina Yeats 1861, emigrated to Bentinck, Grey County, ON, 1864. Died 1871? Children John, Margaret, Agnes, Christina, Alexander, Joseph said to have "moved West". John's brother William was my Grandfather.

PETRIE, Deborah - Box 219, Seven Persons, AB T0K 1Z0
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CROMWELL Joseph Cromwell, b 10 Mar 1818 in Nova Scotia. Went to Ont abt 1847 with 1st wife Celia HATFIELD. African/Canadian descendants. Lived in Wellington and Huron Co's. 2nd wife Elizabeth Lake Erie LEWIS. 3rd wife Susan MILLER.

KILCOLLINS/COLLINS James, b abt 1776 - 1784 maybe in USA or NB; m 1820 in Wakefield, NB to widow Ann MERRITHEW-HARGROVE. Name was Collins at time of marriage, later changed to Kilcollins.

WRAY Burleigh Wray, b 1879 in Norfolk Co., ON; m1905 Jane Elisabeth O'RILEY; Parents Robert Wray and Martha MUDGE

WRIGHT Earnest, b 1872 Perth Parish, Victoria Co., NB; m Gertrude ACTON. Parents: Anthony Wright and Louisa DEAN

MILLER George Francis, b abt 1845 Whitby? ON? d Jan 1907 Guelph, ON; m to Mary Ann FORBES/PORFORT/TOFFARD?? She is a mystery as names are different on children's birth records. Children: Margaret, Mary Ann, Jane, Eliza, Sue, George William, John Wesley, Martha Louisa. They lived in Clifford & E. Harriston, Wellington Co., ON □

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CROMWELL, Joseph	1818+	Wellington Co., ON
KILCOLLINS, James	1785+	Carleton Co., NB
WRAY, Burleigh	1879+	Norfolk Co., ON
WRIGHT, Earnest	1871+	Victoria Co., NB
MILLER, George Francis	1845+	Wellington Co., ON

BOGART, Darlene - Box 118, Breton, AB T0C 0P0 E-mail: dBogart@mailcity.com

BOGART, Andrew Jackson	b. 1846	Putnam Co., Columbus Grove, Ohio USA
BOGART, Jacob	b. 1803	Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, USA
YAGER, Mary	b. 1803	Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, USA
CRAWFORD, Eleanor Jane	b. 1853/56	Putnam Co., Columbus Grove, Ohio USA
FITZPATRICK, Mary Catherine	b.27 Mar 1870	Putnam Co., Columbus Grove, Ohio USA

(see Bogart) □

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2. The objects of the society are:

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

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

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