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PHOTO COVER STORY: Eleanor and Laurent Garneau c1898

With special thanks to the City of Edmonton Archives
for the photograph.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

E. Carol Anderson

A year! What is a year? All time is relative. One day may be a lifetime, a year can be forever. It is not the number of days, but what goes into those days.

Louis L'Amour "The Warrior's Path"



It is New Year's Day 1999, and I am writing the message for the February issue of the Society's newsletter. By now most of us have spent some time thoughtfully mulling over the past year's events and are well into the present of this new year, and so it is with the business of the AGS.

Welcome to all the members in the Cochrane Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. The formation of this new branch brings the number to nine (9) in our provincial Society. The address for the branch and that of the President, Anne Richardson, appears on the back cover of this issue. For those readers who do not know the location of the town of Cochrane, it is situated on Highway 1A, 58 km northwest of Calgary, Alberta.

The 1999 AGS CONFERENCE will be held on April 16-17 at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, Edmonton, Alberta. PLAN to attend this yearly event sponsored by the AGS programmed for the benefit of the membership and visitors. The Conference provides daily workshops with guest speakers who are knowledgeable in the field of genealogical resources and research experience. RETURN your completed Ballot for the AGS election before the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 17th. AGS Executive vacancies for re-election are 2nd Vice President and Secretary. Please use your right of membership and vote!

The campaign for the release of all Post 1901 Canadian Census Records is continuing in full force and speed. Keep up the letter writing and send your message to Ottawa to the respective Honourable Ministers and your local M.P.s. Before the House of Commons resumes for the spring session, I hope that we can have filled the mailbags once again. I have received letters of encouragement for everyone to not give up. Most noteworthy to the cause, was the speech given by Liberal Senator, The Honourable Lorna Milne, on November 17, 1998 to the Senate in support of a retroactive amendment to the Parliamentary Statistics

Act of 1906 that would enable the release of future census records to the National Archives of Canada and for the public's research use. The above speech is accessible on the website (<http://sen.parl.gc.ca/milne>). Senator Lorna Milne is interested in receiving your comments on the matter. Address your letters to:

The Honourable Lorna Milne
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
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Visit the Alberta Genealogical Society's home page <http://www.compumart.ab.ca> -- it is continually being updated with current information on the Society. I applaud everyone responsible for this winning display of data promoting our Society. Found on the AGS website and in the Society's newsletter, is information on AGS Library News, current acquisitions, and how to access the resource materials housed in the library. I definitely encourage all members to make use of the library loan mail-out service provided by AGS. Read the latest books and newsletters in the comfort of your home.

My very best wishes for everyone to have a Happy New Year, and may your genealogical research be most productive with rewarding discoveries. ■

WORTH CHECKING...

A number of the genealogy periodicals published at year-end contain an index of the articles published during the year. Some also publish a surname index and/or a membership list. They may be helpful in making a possible contact or aiding you in your research.

Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Dennis Fakes
Taken from Reader's Digest

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lillian Wight

Foremost in our minds is the prospect of the new millenium. How much family history will you accomplish between now and then? And how soon will you address the Y2K problem in relation to your hardware and essential software? From what I read it's important to make the necessary inquiries and changes sooner rather than later!

With regard to the lack of access to the 1906 and all subsequent censuses, I was heartened to learn that the Honourable Lorna Milne, member of the Senate, brought the topic before the Senators in November with a view to eventually bringing forth a Private Member's Bill to change the Statistics Act. Senator Milne is a practising genealogist, a member of the Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group. Her speech may be viewed on her website (<http://sen.parl.gc.ca/lmilne>).

So IT'S NOT TOO LATE to write your MP, The Honourable Sheila Copps, and The Honourable John Manley, Ministry of Industry, urging the release of censuses to the National Archives. Check the article "1911 Census: The Battle Continues" for valid points to include in your correspondence.

Special thanks to our members who have submitted items for this issue. There is always something we can learn from their experiences. I'm always pleased to find material for the next issue in my mailbox, so please keep those articles coming.

We extend a warm welcome to Reg Wagner whose career is in the computer world. He has kindly agreed to produce a column on computers and related topics for us on an ongoing basis. If you have special queries in this field, I'm sure Reg would be happy to address them.

One of our members suggested printing a "25 years ago" column. Do we have a member who would like the honour of perusing the back issues of *Relatively Speaking* to make the selection of an article for each issue? It would make for some interesting reading!

Enclosed is the 1999 Conference information together with ballots and a Notice of Motion. We hope it is in your plans to attend. I'll see you there. ■

TAPES OF LECTURES: ARE YOURS PAST THEIR SELL-BY DATE?

From FFHS Newsflash, November 1998 Issue
Submitted by Sue Philips, AGS #1660

Some Societies tape lectures, either to help produce an article or to be lent to members who were not at the meeting. Some tapes have been in circulation for years and the information may now be misleading and out-of-date. This gives a bad impression of your Society and the speaker.

This is especially true of basic sources because of the enormous developments in the last few years (Family Records Centre, 1881 census index, removal of wills from Somerset House, amalgamation of Chancery Lane and Kew, publication of *Practical Family History*, release of World War One records and so on.)

The Executive Committee suggests the following guidelines and asks Society Secretaries to bring them to their Executive for discussion:

- ◆ All tapes should be clearly marked with the date and place of the lecture.
- ◆ All lecture tapes on genealogical sources should be checked after two years and withdrawn after three years.
- ◆ Tapes which appear to be factually accurate after three years should be sent to the lecturer to confirm that (s)he is still happy with the opinions expressed.

If the talk was popular or important then, after three years, it is probably time for your new members to hear it - and your sound team can get a new recording . . . ■

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 Room 116, the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton, phone 424-4429. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

To borrow by mail please send your requests to Alberta Genealogical Society, Room 116, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton AB T5H 3Z9. If you have any questions regarding the library please phone me at 488-1418.

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

Please let me know, by letter, phone or e-mail, if there are any books you would like put on the library wish list. Try to give me as much information as possible as to title, author, publisher and date of publication.

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CANADA-ALBERTA-CEMETERIES

929.57123 BAN Banff Cemetery and Mountainview Cemetery, Banff. (No date)

929.57123 BEI St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Beiseker. 1982.

929.57123 BOT West Brook Cemetery, Bottrel. 1987.

929.57123 CAN Canmore Cemetery and Exshaw Cemetery. 1997.

929.57123 CAR West Zion Mennonite Cemetery, Carstairs. 1994.

929.57123 COC Cochrane Cemeteries: St. Andrews Cemetery; St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery. 1993.

929.57123 CRE Big Prairie Cemetery, Cremona. 1984.

929.57123 DEW Pine Creek Cemetery, DeWinton. 1979.

929.57123 DID Westcott United Church Cemetery (near Didsbury). 1984.

929.57123 GRA Granum Cemetery. 1991.

929.57123 IRR Irricana Cemetery. 1982.

929.57123 MILL Christ Church Anglican Cemetery, Millarville. 1993.

929.57123 OLD Olds Cemetery. 1985.

929.57123 OLDS East Olds Baptist Cemetery. 1984.

929.57123 ROS Rosebud Cemetery. 1991.

929.57123 SPR Springbank Cemeteries (near Calgary). 1986.

929.57123 STA I.O.O.F. Cemetery, St. Vincent's Catholic Cemetery, Stavely. 1992.

929.57123 SUN Sundre and District Cemetery. 1984.

929.57123 TUR Foothills Cemetery, serving the towns of Turner Valley and Black Diamond. 1992.

CANADA-ALBERTA-LOCAL HISTORIES

971.233 HAN Hanna north: a rural history, 1908-1978. 1978.

971.233 HAR Those years from rail to oil: a history of Hardisty and surrounding area. 1981.

971.233 MOR The Morinville book of pictorial history: 1891-1940. 1981.

971.233 MOR The Morinville book of pictorial history: 1941-1970. 1984.

CANADA-ALBERTA-VITAL EVENTS

929.37123 BIR Births, marriages and deaths 1883-1889 as found in the Calgary, Alberta newspapers. 1993.

929.37123 BIRa Births, marriages and deaths from Calgary, Alberta newspapers: 1890-1899. 1993.

CANADA-MANITOBA-CENSUSES

929.371274 1880 village census of the Mennonite West Reserve, Manitoba, Canada. 1998.

CANADA-NEW BRUNSWICK-BIBLIOGRAPHY

929.1115 NEW New Brunswick newspaper directory: 1783-1988.

CANADA—QUEBEC—VITAL RECORDS

929.371 CHA A register of deceased persons at sea and on Grosse Ile in 1847. 1997.

(This register, while not a complete index, makes available to the public some of the information that was collected during the research stages of developing Grosse Ile and the Irish Memorial National Historic Site.)

ENGLAND—SUFFOLK COUNTY—CENSUSES

929.34264 SUF v.18 pt.1 Suffolk 1851 census index: north-east Suffolk Wangford district: names A-Falgate. 1998.

929.34264 SUF v.18 pt.2 Suffolk 1851 census index: north-east Suffolk Wangford district: names Farman-Owles. 1998.

929.34264 SUF v.18 pt.3 Suffolk 1851 census index: north-east Suffolk Wangford district: names Oxborough-Z. 1998.

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 MCD The McDonald family of Cochrane and the Mount Royal Ranch: an introductory history. 1993. ■

TRANSLATION COORDINATOR

Sue Philips, AGS #1660

Thanks to Carin Routledge and Rose Goutbeck for their help with translations in Norwegian and German, respectively.

I have found information about several translation services available on the Internet. I have not yet had the time to check them out personally so can't comment on how well they work, but if any member wishes to use them I can provide information on the websites. As I have occasion to use them I will report back on their usefulness. ■

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Sue Philips, AGS #1660

A Christmas card was received from the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) showing the "Ancestry" rose which is to be launched in July 1999 to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Appropriately, the card includes the rose's pedigree!

A campaign has been started by Family Tree magazine for better access to Civil Registration records. They are attempting to lobby the government to have records more than 75 years old turned over to the Public Record Office which would then allow public access. The FFHS will prepare a position statement. Many people have written their MPs and have received favourable responses so there is hope.

The 1881 Census National Sort is available on microfiche and can be purchased by individuals or societies from the FFHS. It can be bought in its entirety for some 300 pounds, or in alphabetical bundles of fiche for more reasonable sums. It is hoped that the CD-ROM version will be available in early 1999 although this will only be available through the Genealogical Society of Utah and not the FFHS.

The Computer Advisory Group has formed the Electronic Distribution of Genealogical Information (EDGI). They will set up a list of publications available on the Internet and plan to set up guidelines for this.

Apparently some American groups are not recognizing British copyright and have been buying indexes or other publications and publishing them on the Internet without permission. Some of the societies involved have complained to these unauthorized users with variable success. In the future, any member society taking part in suspect activity may be asked to resign from the FFHS.

Some concerns have been expressed regarding tape recordings of lectures. Some tapes have been in circulation for many years and may be seriously out of date. Unless the tapes are clearly marked with the date, people using them have no idea of the accuracy of the information. The FFHS suggests that all lecture tapes should be checked after two years and withdrawn after three years. If tapes appear to be accurate after three years, they should be sent to the lecturer to confirm that he or she is still happy with the information presented. ■



Alberta Family Histories Society

The Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1980 to promote and encourage an interest in family history research. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month (second Monday if first is a holiday) at Southminster United Church, 3818 - 14A. Street S.W., Calgary, phone (403) 214-1447. The library is housed at this location. Beginner classes are at 6:45 p.m. and general meetings starts at 7:30 p.m. ■



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states/9030

by Enid Fitzsimonds, AGS #113

The Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists is planning the next national conference, to be held June 3-6, 1999, at the Coast Terrace Inn, Edmonton. Everyone traveling to the conference with Canadian Airlines can receive a group discount by quoting the special convention identification #M02754 and be part of a draw for a free trip anywhere in Canada with Canadian. Those living in the Edmonton area, of course, are most fortunate in being able to attend a national conference right at home thus avoiding the travel expenses. For information and registration forms, contact Bob Dorland, 8430 - 157 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5R 2A4, or e-mail at rdorland@epsb.edmonton.ab.ca, or Fran Losie, (780) 482-1480. There is a discount for registrations received before April 15.

At the general meeting in November, a successful silent auction was held to raise funds for the upcoming conference. Enid Fitzsimonds described her recent trip to the Mohawk Valley with a group of Loyalists, including Emma Justik, who is also from the Edmonton Branch. Fran Losie is now Frances Losie, U.E., as she has received three certificates confirming her descent from United Empire Loyalist ancestors.

The correct location for the Web Page of the Edmonton Branch is www.geocities.com/Heartland/Estates/9030/. The next Edmonton Branch meeting will be on February 8, 1999, at the AGS Library in the Prince of Wales Armouries at 7:00 p.m. Contact persons: in Edmonton, Lois Cummings UE (780) 988-8450, Edmonton Branch President; in Calgary, James Stewart (403) 289-3108, Calgary Branch Genealogist.

Submitted by Ivy Trumpour ■

Loyalists Along the Mohawk

by Enid Fitzsimonds, AGS #113

In the Fall 1997 edition of 'The Loyalist Gazette', the magazine published by the 'United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada' (UELAC), a news brief appeared telling of a bus tour being organized cooperatively by two branches of UELAC—the St. Lawrence Branch, based in Nepean (a suburb of Ottawa), and the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, based further downstream. It also gave an e-mail address. In January I spied the news release. I was sure this trip would be oversubscribed immediately, so that same evening I sent off an e-mail registering Jack (my non-UELAC husband) and myself. The next day back came the e-mail letter welcoming us. I was delighted. At the next UELAC meeting we learned that another member of our Branch, Mrs. Emma Justik, was also registered. Now we were three!

The next detail to work out was the logistics of getting us and the bus together. Mrs. Justik got on a plane and flew to Ottawa. But not us—we have travelled all over the continent, driving a pick-up truck, pulling a fifth-wheel trailer and we weren't about to change now. Besides, we had lots of time to explore along the way. Drive we did! We took two weeks to make the trip to Nepean, stopping along the way to visit with 'genealogy cousins'. We also looked up more genealogy cousins—they had never heard of us nor did we know them—from a genealogical point of view, very productive.

We were invited to leave our Recreation vehicle on the driveway of one of the organizers of the bus tour, under the supervision of a kindly next door neighbour. This tour would be all things to all the participants—we would be at different stages of research, looking for different phases of history.

The Palatines story is a book in itself. These people left the Palatinate, a district in Germany, expecting to settle in England. They found that England had little room for them; they journeyed on to New York (city and state), up into the Appalachian Mountains. Still later (in the early 1700's) settled in the rich Mohawk River Valley—roughly from Schenectady upstream to Rome, New York. The Mohawk was an important waterway. The Erie Canal paralleled it.

I knew very little of the history of the Palatine people. In fact, only a very few years ago I had never heard of the Palatinate, nor did I know that at least one of my

ancestral lines originated there. (My Grandmother always said that we had a German background somewhere, but she never did say where. I doubt that she knew.) Since that time, by keeping my eyes and ears open, I began to put together some of the story of the Mohawk Valley families—but specifically the Dygerts (with many different spellings) who have proven to be my ancestral line. This trip was to give me hard facts, background to my story and make this family come alive for me.

Our bus left Ottawa at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of Friday, 02 October and returned late in the evening of 05 October. It was organized by two very capable gentlemen, George Anderson, who handled the business affairs of the trip, and Ed Kipp who did the commentary. (Though I suspect these Branches may have done similar tours previously, this was the first venture for these men.) The details of the trip were very well handled, and the commentary was informative.

From Ottawa our route took us to Morrisburg and Cornwall where we picked up others who had registered—including Edward Scott, the current National President of UELAC, and Bernice Flett, the immediate Past President. We crossed the St. Lawrence River (and the Border) and on south. The lunch stop was at the Lake Placid Hilton.

Our bus then took us to the Holiday Inn in Johnstown, New York. We deposited our luggage and freshened up for the dinner to be held at the Rainbow Restaurant, where we were the guests of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). It was there that we met Lew Decker, the long time Fulton County Historian, and Dennis Marr, President of the Empire State (New York) Society SAR.

On Saturday we got down to touring in earnest. We toured many historic spots along the Mohawk—the Walter Butler home, the Guy Park Manor, the Clara Putman house (still used as a private residence), the Queen Anne parsonage, viewed plaques marking an early Erie Canal Aqueduct, the first bridge across Schoharie Creek and old Fort Hunter. After lunch we toured the old Stone Fort Museum in Schoharie, visited a 1743 vintage Palatine home, drove past the Montgomery County Archives in Fonda, and went on to 'Jimmy Burke's Tavern', a pre-Revolutionary building which since the late 1920's has been the home of the local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter.

The DARs were as gracious as the SARs had been the evening before. They served tea, coffee and lovely 'goodies' to all 55 of us, a most welcome break.

Sunday morning Mr. Decker invited us into the historic Court House where he gave us an orientation talk. He then rode with us on our bus for a tour of the sites within Johnstown (named for Sir William Johnson, an Irishman who remained loyal to the Crown; owned an estate of 50,000 acres, worked by Palatines, Dutch and Indians) pertinent to the Revolutionary War. The Episcopal Minister who had said the Grace at our DAR dinner saw us wandering around the quadrangle on Sunday morning and invited us in to tour his church--stone, Gothic architecture; the woodwork is chestnut, procured locally, and the floor is polished oak. This is at least the third church on this site. Sir William's burial crypt was under the floor of the first church. After the first two churches had been destroyed by fire, the location of the crypt was lost, and not found until it collapsed in comparatively modern times. The gravesite has been repaired, and is now marked by a conventional marker, across the quadrangle from the current church.

Then it was on to Stone Arabia (Stein Rabi) where we toured several historic churches--Trinity Lutheran, a Dutch Reform Church (post Revolution) and one pre Revolution church which survived the 'scorched earth policy'. Then we visited the home of Nicolas Herkimer, the old Fort Herkimer Church and cemetery. That night we stayed in the city of Herkimer.

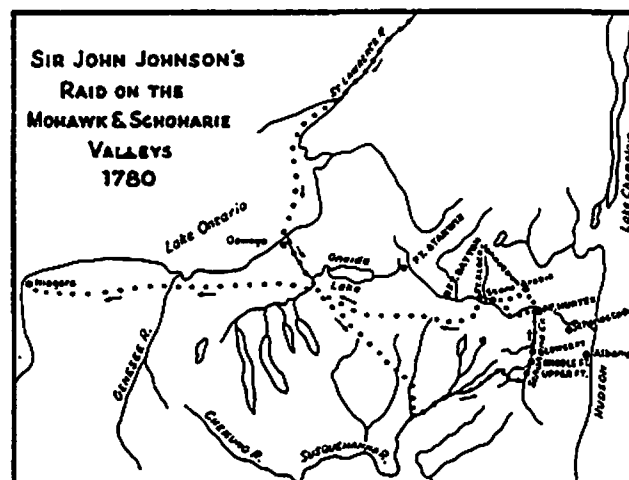
On Monday morning our faithful bus brought us to the Oriskany Battlefield where a very able interpretive guide conducted us over the field. For me, this was the high point of our tour--a fierce, bloody battle in which my fifth great grandfather, Peter Dygert was wounded. To me it was so real that I broke out in goose bumps on a hot day!

Our last stop on this tour was at Fort Stanwix, a log fort at modern day Rome, NY. Being a National Historic Site, a costumed guide met us when we arrived, escorted us through the Fort and also gave us a demonstration of 'black powder' shooting; also an explanation of the 'flogging post' in the centre of the court yard. Awful!

After lunch our driver put our big, new MCI bus in 'going home gear'. We stopped at the 'duty free store',

crossed the St. Lawrence River on the Ivy Lea bridge (at the down river end of the 'Thousand Islands') and traced our steps back to Ottawa, with stops at Morrisburg and Cornwall to drop off passengers. I wish I could say we had made many new friends--I'm sure we all did make friends, but that was not the purpose of this trip--we were there to see and learn--and we were busy.

This is the kind of trip which would be so much better if a whole University session studying the Revolutionary War were a prerequisite. However, this was not to be. Jack and I did make two trips back to the Archives in Fonda in the days following the bus trip. I'm waiting for our next opportunity to return to the beautiful Mohawk Valley, and especially to the archives at Fonda where there are books full of information about MY ancestors. I believe now that I would be eligible for membership in the 'Daughters of the American Revolution'--except for the fact that I am Canadian--others of my ancestors fought and died for that privilege. ■



PALATINES - In 1688, Louis XIV of France began persecuting German Protestants. In 1708, Queen Anne of England helped a group escape to America, and by 1710 more than 2,000 Palatines arrived in New York.

Tree Tracer Vol 19 #3, Sept 1998

GLEANINGS FROM PUBLICATIONS

by Lillian Wight AGS #2668

**Families OGS Vol 37 No 4 Nov 1998*

Using Maps in Your Family History, by John Becker, pp. 235 - 239

- practical suggestions for enriching your genealogies

**Generations, New Brunswick Genealogical Society Vol 20 No 4 Winter 1998*

The Loyalists: Who Were They? pp. 2 - 7

- an article from the NB archives, dated 1974, provides good background on the topic

**Family Chronicle Vol 3 No 3 Jan/Feb 1999*

Swiss Genealogy, by Maralyn A. Wellauer, pp. 9 - 21

- suggests many ways of tracing Swiss ancestry; includes helpful sources

**Saamis Seeker Vol 19 No 4 December 1998*

The Police Lists (Emigration protocols, as a source for genealogists)

- lists information contained in files regarding contracts signed by Norwegian emigrants to America

**Family History News and Digest Vol 11 No 4 Sept 1998*

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, by Peter Francis

- a feature article describes the history of the commission and its value to the family historian

**Family Tree Magazine, October 1998*

Apprentices and their records, by Anthony Camp

- describes various apprentices and practices; includes information concerning records. Pitfalls and possibilities in family history research, by Pauline Litton
- a discussion re "Civil Registration in England and Wales: The GRO indexes". Have you tried...? John Titford's guide to printed sources for family historians
- "University Registers: Scottish universities" describes holdings.

**Ottawa Branch News Vol 31 No 5 Sept/Oct 1998*

Saskatchewan residents index, by Ryan Taylor, pp. 148/9

- an excerpt from his new book describing this database and its availability

**Family Chronicle Nov/Dec 1998*

Researching in Poland (An extract from Angus Baxter's "In Search of Your European Roots"), pp. 30 - 25

- describes many kinds of records and where they may be found. Collateral Records, by Beverly (Smith) Vorpahl, pp. 25/6
- suggestions that the best path in doing research may be an indirect route; examples given

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Overcoming Irishness in Boston: Anna (Anglin-Pettengill) Merritt's Climb to "Respectability"

- together with the cover story, this award winning essay highlights the problems, including prejudice, which challenged immigrants to America

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How Did They Get Here? by Marjorie Kohli, pp. 59/60

- suggests ways to access ships passenger lists as well as useful web sites ■

SOME OF OUR ANCESTORS' SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS:

- ◆ Naming your baby before it's born brings bad luck.
- ◆ Hang a dead snake on the fence and it will bring rain.
- ◆ If you always keep socks on your baby, it will not get colic.
- ◆ Getting a hair cut during the new moon will make your hair grow faster.
- ◆ Eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day brings good luck during the year.
- ◆ If there is a ring around the moon, it will rain in as many days as there are stars in that ring.
- ◆ If you do laundry the Friday before New Year's Day it washes someone out of the family (brings death), to do laundry the Friday after New Year's Day washes someone in the family (a new birth).
- ◆ A horseshoe brings good luck. If you hang one upside down over the front door, it protects the house by pouring out the bad.

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A HOMESTEAD STORY

Submitted by Marie Bruner AGS #2183

One of my aunts always said she wanted to write a book about the times that she lived through during her early life. She jotted some ideas in a note pad but never did write her book. Following are her notes as she wrote them with words changed as little as possible. Aunt Nellie was one of seven children born to Ida and Henry Bruner. The other children were Roy, Raymond, Fred, Josie, Jessie, and Lizetta, who died at age two, and are not mentioned in her account. In two places in her account a page or two were missing. I have filled in only events that I know occurred.

And we think we have it rough . . .

One of my early recollections at the age of seven or eight (1897-98) is of my brother Raymond taking me to school on a hand sled through heavy snow about half a mile from home.

In 1899 the entire family of children had whooping cough. Mother cared for us alone. In 1900 the family moved to Edgerton, North Dakota. I had pneumonia in March of that year. We lived in a one-room shack by day, and at night the boys slept in a tent. Firewood was buffalo chips gathered from the prairie with a wagon. Roy went to work on a cattle ranch the same year. Times were hard. Dad and Raymond were unsuccessful in their search for work. It was a year of drought. Roy came home in September and the menfolk prepared a covered wagon with the intention of leaving for Minnesota. We were detained by rain for a week. Flash floods filled ravines to overflowing, wetting household goods. Blankets and clothes had to be dried before starting on the trek.

We met a family of four on the trip. We continued together for company. Periodically we stopped and worked at picking and sacking potatoes to make enough money to carry on. This work was shared by small and large of the family. We also worked on roadwork but having only small horses, traded them for a team of mules which would only travel ten miles a day. We arrived at Ferris, MN, a small town, after we had come through Bemidgie. We located an old log cabin at the edge of Ferris where my father and two oldest brothers, Roy and Raymond, added to the cabin for the boys' room, and then got a job of taking out poles and fence posts for a year until harvesting. Then they went to the Dakotas to harvest. During

July and August our mother and four children picked and sold blueberries by the bushel and mother used the money to make clothes for the four of us to start school.

My brother, Fred, and my sister, Josie, were deaf mutes and had to go to Fairbault, MN, school for the deaf. On the first of September Jesse and I had only to cross the railroad to go to school.

Then in the fall of 1902 my father got a contract for logging fifteen miles from Ferris in heavy timber country, so we moved into the bush. My parents got me a boarding place in Ferris so I could go to school. I went until Christmas and diphtheria broke out in town. My brother Roy took all his sleigh bells off his horses and came in the middle of the night to take me home as Ferris was quarantined. I was out of school the rest of the term.

Then in the spring we went east another twenty miles and dad homesteaded. Dad built a large house of logs. They peeled the logs and used the bark for the roof. *Missing page here. The brother, Roy, married in 1906 to Bertha Tyrrell and they had a son in September 1907. I was married Sunday, 10th of November 1907. I was married in the home of my parents, Henry and Ida Bruner. I went to my new home at 4 o'clock pm. My husband, Bert F. Borst went hunting on Monday, November 11, 1907. He was away the week and I took our team of horses and took him fifteen miles and the next Saturday evening I went and got him. He had a deer and a moose. We returned home on the 16, 1907. My husband, Bert F. Borst was a trapper and trapped muskrats, bobcats, mink, weasels, all fur bearing animals. More missing pages - Aunt Nellie's son, Forest, was born September 1908. In April 1909 the whole Henry Bruner family came to Canada.*

By dividing upstairs for bedrooms, my mother had my sister and two brothers, Fred and Jesse, in her group. Roy and wife Bertha and son Tyrell, and my husband, Bert Borst and son, and myself *were another group?* The men put in grain and then the three men went out to work while the rest of us made garden and had our cows and chickens to care for.

In 1909 when we arrived at Airdrie, we were seven miles from the farm. In December, Bert went trapping west and arrived at a coal mine where they needed a cook, so he wrote to me to have my father bring me and baby Forrest, one and a half years old,

to the camp in the foothills where I cooked for thirty men at night and breakfast. I had fifteen to cook for at noon. I had no lamp, only candles and a four hole cookstove. I had to carry water from the creek and go out in the bush behind the cookhouse to find twigs to keep the fire going. But one day I couldn't get the stove to burn as they had brought me wet poor coal. When the men came in there was no dinner cooked, so I got mad and told them to make their own dinner and that I was leaving the next morning. They set to and cleaned the stove, got dry wood and put a barrel inside the door and filled it with water. Then I sent out for wall lamps and coal oil and I stayed till April. I got no money, just mine and my husband's board. It was an experience I never forgot at the age of eighteen years. I was sure thankful my mother had taught me how to cook and bake as in those days everyone baked bread and all pastries.

My little son got pneumonia and I was up several nights and had to be working all day cooking. I sent out for what was called Denver mud (*thermofuge*), and made plasters for son's chest and in a week he was as lively as always.

After leaving the camp we went back to the farm near Airdrie and in a short time moved in 1910 to Crossfield out on another 160 acres, which Bert put in grain. We lived in a small building used for a granary and after middle of July took a job of putting up hay. It was twenty miles east and we put up a hundred and thirty five tons of hay in seven weeks. For my help Bert gave me a filly colt. I raked and mowed hay too. We had three cows and calves, also a sow with eight little pigs that we had to take with us haying, as well as laying hens. It took us time to move but we tethered the sow mother and the cow didn't go far as feed was plentiful. Our hens laid lots of eggs all around in the grass. We had no barns or buildings except a big old shack to live in during the seven weeks. I helped mow, also rake the hay in windrows. It was piled into stacks with a sweep and stacker. My mother had son, Forrest, until September. He was two years old September 13. We used to go see him when it rained. It was seven miles and we went horseback. I drove horses and could ride from the time I was thirteen years old.

When the crop was gathered I helped thresh. We had to get a warmer place to live so moved again north fifteen miles and seven miles west of Carstairs, AB. My sister, Josie, and her husband, Lin Borst, and Bert's and Lin's mother, came from North Dakota

and lived with us that winter. On the 24 April 1911 my second son, Ward, was born. We left Carstairs to move to Junkins seventy miles west of Edmonton about the 15th of May (1911). After having stayed in the *immigration hall in Edmonton a week while the men hauled a box car of stock and household furniture from South Edmonton which was called Strathcona at that time.

** The immigration hall was located on 101 St. north of C.N. depot where under pass is now; pasturing horses and cattle near and around 101 St. - 104 Ave., which was swamp and bush at that time.*

We arrived the 24th May in what at that time was called Junkens, and was years later renamed Wildwood. It was very low, wet land and muskeg and it took several hours to go two miles with four horses on a democrat -- a small wagon -- across the Lobstick River where we put up two tents and stayed. Bert and Lin Borst left Edmonton in the railway stock car during the nite of 23-24 May, landing where their car was side tracked in Junkins. We women, sister Josie, mother Borst and I and my two sons, Forrest, two years, and baby Ward, one month, all landed at 9 a.m. at Junkins and we helped unload household things. We had to get bedding, dishes and clothing picked out and loaded that with a small cook stove. As well, we took the two tents which we had to have to live in across the river Lobstick, north west of Junkins about two miles. We arrived there after dark and had to set up tents, make beds, make supper, and milk several cows, feed calves, also had to put rope corral for horses and colts.

There we women stayed until July 1, 1911 when we went to another homestead where Bert and Lin had rented twenty acres and put in oats for feed for the horses in the winter. They also put in potatoes. We stayed one week and on July 7 continued on to homestead six miles farther. It rained all day. We were from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. going that six miles to Josie's and Lin's tent, which they had brought up the lake (Chip Lake) from Junkins the week before. Bert and his mother had taken the cows and horses on ahead. Lin drove his yoke of oxen on the wagon which Josie, myself, and children were to ride. But the oxen were not too well broken yet and would wander from side to side of the track going off the road into the bush. Then Lin would have to cut trees down to get them back on the road.

It was only a bush trail, so stumpy the wagon jumped and bounced. Josie and I had to walk and carry the little boys in rain and mud behind the wagon. We had nothing to eat from breakfast till 9 pm that night when mother Brost and Bert arrived at Lin's and Josie's tent on their homestead. She cooked supper and we were so tired and weary we could hardly eat. Then Bert and I had to continue on to our tent which Bert brought up during the week. We stayed at the Hay place on a big hill. It has been called first Hay's Hill homestead and this hill has been called different names after each people living on it. It is on the road north of Wildwood which turns west five miles north at a five mile corner which goes west to the homestead country. Our homestead was sixteen miles north west of Wildwood in later years. It was seven miles north across Chip Lake where we got our mail in winter. In the early years it was Junkins Ravine Post Office and that Ravine Post Office was in a homesteader's house. The first people who had Ravine Post Office were Suthers and later were Rehns, also homesteaders.

During the first two years from 1911 to 1913 there was never a woman on our homestead till a Scotch family by name of Patterson came through our place to homestead twelve or fourteen miles north in 1913. There were three sons and the father and mother. They stayed all nite with us.

We cleared a few bush acres of land every spring and broke it next spring. We pulled stumps with horses and chains. We also cleared out small brush in clumps in meadows and it was re-top grass, wild, taller than horses' backs. *(When the Borsts went there, the meadows were sloughs, dammed by beavers and before the dams were broken and the land drained, in order to reach their buildings, Bert would carry Forrest on his shoulders and Aunt Nellie, Ward, holding him high and wade through water almost up to her shoulders.)* We broke up part of the meadow and put timothy grass and also planted alfalfa in and it froze out in the second year. Then we tried oats and it didn't ripen but made lovely green feed for the cows.

We sold our homestead we'd left in Minnesota. We got nine hundred dollars for it and we bought a man's homestead, one hundred sixty acres, in 1914. The man was Jim Albert and he wanted to move to the U.S. We cleared on it and planted oats, barley and wheat which ripened. It was higher land. I used to pick rocks and plow, harrow and seed the grain in the spring while Bert went trapping to get money to get

groceries for summer. We did the breaking of our new land. We cleared during the summer and when Bert had sciatica in his hip all summer he couldn't walk. I summer fallowed and in the fall I drove the horses on the grain binder cutting the grain. I also did the stooking. It sure was a hard life but we were young and kept going.

Our sons rode horses to school six miles and we also had boarded them out before so they could get some schooling. We had just got so we had a big crop when Bert was attacked with appendix and was taken to Edmonton, Monday, December 5th, 1924. He was operated on and passed away on the 9th. My brother, Jesse and my mother came into Edmonton and the funeral was on Monday. With my sons, Forrest, aged sixteen on September 13, Ward, aged 13 on May 24, I thought it best to move from Wildwood back to the homestead. We had spent from March 1922 to 1924 in the village so the boys could work and help make the living. Jesse and mother Bruner moved in with us for 1925-26 and moved back to Wildwood March 1927. I and my boys lived alone until 1934. I rented my farm for three years from 1928 - 39. We did okay as Forrest and Ward trapped and made good. We would go to Edmonton and buy our groceries each fall, winter and spring. We got our groceries from Woodward's and sent for our clothing from the big Eaton stores in Winnipeg. Finally, I married John Gibennus in 1934. Forrest got married October 21, 1938, Ward got married July 17, 1936. John and I lived on my homestead from May 26, 1934 to November 11, 1937, when we moved to Websters Corner in B.C., then to Stave Falls where we worked. John made shingle bolts from 1937 to 1938 at Webster's Corner up on the mountain. We had a very small log house. I cooked for John and his brother George as they worked together falling old big cedar trees which had to be felled and cut into six foot lengths and split in wedge shape blocks sixty four inches long. Up Stave Lake, John was a sawyer falling trees and making logs from 1938 to 1942, then we visited friends at Port Coquitlam and bought two acres of land and built a house and still went to camps and worked. I always was the cook in the camps.

About Aunt Nellie's family: Her father, Henry and his wife, along with Fred and wife, Raymond and wife, and Jesse remained near Calgary until 1914 and then went farther west of Edmonton and farther north than Aunt Nellie and homesteaded in that area. Henry died in 1915.

The remaining brother Roy, and wife left the prairie in 1912 and eventually homesteaded in the Thorhild area in 1914.

Aunt Nellie and John lived for years in B.C. then moved to Edmonton where she died in 1973, and John a few years after. ■

AGS PUBLICITY UPDATE

Submitted by R. Muriel Jones
Publicity Chairperson

During the Holiday Season there has been little to report, our thoughts straying to the more pressing subjects of Christmas and the New Year.

I wonder if any branch has planned to use any of the ideas passed on to them? If so, I would like to hear from them.

I am still trying to complete the new table top Display stand. To date, I have photos from three branches as requested and I am positive that all other branches will be sending in their photo in the very near future. The one received from Grande Prairie was perfect for the purpose. Thanks Grande Prairie.

A reminder to all branches, that the Display Stand is available to them if they are holding special events. It is housed in the AGS Library and is easily transported in its case and fits comfortably in a car. It IS a little heavy, but as I have transported it by car, I'm sure there would be no difficulty for others. Please contact the AGS office if you require it.

I have, to date, had no requests from members re: publicity. You will all be aware that we recently welcomed a new branch at Cochrane. Best wishes to Anne Burns-Richardson, its first President and the new members of AGS.

OUR LIBRARY

Are you all making full use of this wonderful facility? The library holds both the AGS and Edmonton Branch books, fiche, maps and other genealogical aides too numerous to mention.

A happy and successful Genealogical 1999 to you all and DON'T forget to register for this year's AGS Annual Conference. All particulars are in this issue of *Relatively Speaking*. ■

MEMORIES OF ORKNEY MARRIAGE TRADITIONS

Submitted by Noel Nicolson, AGS #2829

Found in *Orcadian Spring Brides Supplement*, n.d.

The Orkney wedding of long ago was an occasion when customs and traditions had to be followed. Many of the traditions are now regarded as old fashioned or superstitious nonsense and through time have dwindled out. However, for a short time memories of days gone by were rekindled when Tankerness House Museum held a wedding exhibition of old memorabilia.

Tom Muir of the Orkney Museums Service, and an organizer of the exhibition, told *The Orcadian* of some of the traditions involved in planning a wedding earlier this century. "The first task was to ask the bride-to-be's father for her hand in marriage. A bottle of whisky was usually offered as a gift to his future father-in-law." "Next there came 'booking night', when the bridegroom and best man went to enter the names of the happy couple in the session clerk's book." He said the marriage then had to be "cried in the kirk" on three successive Sundays.

Unusual

"The day of the wedding had to be carefully planned. It had to take place when the moon was growing and the tide was flowing. This was to ensure good luck and prosperity" Tom explained. The most common days for weddings were Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Invites were given by word of mouth by the groom and best man. They were usually given a glass of whisky in each house, so it was not uncommon for them to have to take two days to complete the task.

One of the most unusual past wedding traditions was "feet washing". "Just before the wedding day came the feet washing. Both partners had their feet scrubbed in a tub of water containing equal parts of fresh and salt water," Tom said. "This could take place either individually, or both together. A ring was dropped into the tub used by the bride, and all her young friends tried to be the first to find it. The finder of the ring was believed to be the next to marry. The feet washing was a time for fun and nobody left the house with dry clothes."

The water in the tub was sometimes kept and used to wash the young couple's hair on the eve of the wedding. However, if the water was to be poured away, a round hole was dug in the earth and the oldest

woman in the house said a prayer over it. The water was poured in the hole and the turf replaced, Tom added. "The tub had to stand for 12 hours in the sunlight before being put away and it was important to keep all dogs locked up during this period, as it was bad luck for one of them to look into the tub."

After the "feet washing" the young couple ate the "kissing meat". "This was usually limpets that had been boiled in milk and water before sunset. The couple kissed each other before they ate, and again after they had finished," he said.

Sweeper

On the day of the wedding, people gathered at the bride's house for 10 a.m. Then all the guests took their partners for the wedding walk, led by the groom and bridesmaid with the bride and best man behind them. Then followed all the couples, arm in arm, with the single men without partners, and boys bringing up the rear.

The last person was called the tail sweeper who had to drag a heather broom behind him, Tom explained. "The last person was a piper or fiddler. He played all the way to the kirk or manse, where the wedding service was to be performed." "It was considered very lucky to cross running water twice on the way to the kirk. Guns were fired to drive away the fairies, or any other evil spirits who may have been lurking in the area." "It was very unlucky to meet a funeral party on the road, or indeed another wedding procession. The first wedding in the kirk would have the best luck, and races could break out between rival parties," he said.

If the groom came from a different parish to his bride, the best man had to give "ba silver" to the local boys. This took the form of money given for the purchase of a football. To refuse could lead to the wedding party being harassed by boys all the way home.

Ale Brewed

"After the wedding service the party walked home to be greeted by the "hansel wife" who gave out food and drink called "hansel". She was usually the oldest woman in the parish, and had to be a kind hearted generous person," Tom continued.

"The youngest child in the parish, called the 'hansel bairn' was then handed to the bride. If it lifted its left leg first, the bride would have mostly boys, the right leg signified girls."

Then the wedding party went into the bride's house where a large feast was waiting. For days food had been prepared by the family and neighbours, Tom added, with sheep, chickens and ducks roasted and boiled, bannock and cheese and butter given as gifts and ale brewed for the event.

"After the meal was eaten, the people went to the barn for dancing. Ale was passed around all night and the party got merrier and merrier."

"A watch was sometimes kept on the house by a couple of young men in case a person with a grudge against the family tried to walk around the house, against the course of the sun, with a dried fish in each hand. To do this would prevent the bride from having milk to feed her firstborn baby."

Some things never change and the bride's cog is one of them. The warm, sweet alcohol concoction was served 100 years ago and is still served up in a wooden cog today in the county.

Thankfully, some customs have changed because they would no longer be seen as acceptable. Tom explained: "The young couple were put to bed by their friends. The young men tried to steal some part of the bride's clothes, and her female friends did their best to stop them."

Back Treat

The following Sunday after the wedding, the bride and groom were "kirked" at the church. Another feast was organized by the young men who attended the wedding, and was called the "back treat".

A final feast was given by the bride when the couple moved into their new home, which was called the "hame fare".

On a more sombre note one of the bride's first tasks was to make the shrouds, or "deid claes," that she and her husband were to be buried in when the time came. The bride's shroud was often made from her wedding dress. ■

COVER STORY: A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT PIONEER AND A BUILDER OF THE WEST

by Steve Andrishak

St. Paul Journal

Submitted by Elsie Yaroschuk

OUR PAST

Laurent Garneau was a highly principled man, a Metis patriot, a character, a fiercely protective landowner, and a political activist. He, no doubt, was one of the greatest builders this area has ever known. The following story details his life and his legacy. Laurent Garneau was born at Bay Mills, near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in 1838. He was the son of a French Canada father and an Ojibway mother. Prior to this, his father and mother resided in the province of Quebec, where his father had been employed by the North West Trading Company.

Laurent Garneau left his Michigan home in 1859 and for a short time was engaged in a trading venture in the state of Missouri. His party apparently ran into some warring Sioux Indians and they were fortunate in escaping with their lives. Half starved, they were found by a number of Metis buffalo hunters and eventually he found his way to Fort Garry, Manitoba. There he met Eleanor Thomas who was from the nearby Scottish settlement of Kildonan. Later they were married and the first of 15 children was born in 1869.

Early in the 1870s, he and his family settled in Strathcona, which was across the river from Edmonton. At Fort Edmonton where the Hudson Bay Company was built, he worked as a charcoal burner. Later he freighted between Strathcona and Athabasca.

In 1874, he homesteaded a half section of land. This land bordered the south bank of the Saskatchewan River and ran south to present day University Avenue, between 109 and 112 Street. This area was named the Garneau district where later the University Hospital and the University of Alberta were built.

In 1885, when trouble arose in the West between the Metis Colonies and the federal government, Laurent joined forces with Louis Riel and fought in the Northwest Rebellion. After this uprising was quelled, he was sent to jail for taking part in the rebellion. After serving his sentence, Laurent returned to his homestead.

In 1885, Edmonton was a small settlement with a very sparse population - most of the activity centred around the Hudson Bay Post at Fort Edmonton, which had been built on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River just below where the Legislature buildings are located.

During the next few years, Laurent farmed, freighted and fiddled. He was an exceptionally good violinist and was always in great demand, fiddling at different functions. He also tended horses for the Hudson Bay Co. and strongly supported the Catholic Church as well as the separate school board. He even cleared snow from the streets of Strathcona, which was a small town to the east of his half-section homestead.

When Strathcona started to grow, his land was in need for subdivision. Being a strong Catholic, he gave the Catholic church 100 acres of his homestead and sold the rest for \$70,000. This transaction took place prior to 1896.

Next came a long deserved holiday, a trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario, for he and his wife, Eleanor. Upon returning west, he used the balance of his money to set his family up in St-Paul des Metis where a new Metis settlement was being formed.

In 1896, he built a store in St. Paul. He set up a sawmill, a land office, a machinery agency and a telegraph office. He was also involved in ranching as well as other projects in the new settlement.

Some of Laurent's sons also took out homesteads in the new settlement of St. Paul. They were Alex, John, Louis and Ed. Another son, Ned, resided at Hoselaw for a number of years.

Laurent (also known as Lawrence or Larry) even tried his hand at politics. According to the Alberta Elections Report, he contested the April 17, 1913, provincial election in the St. Paul riding as a Conservative; however, he lost to his Liberal rival P.E. Lessard - 441 votes to Laurent's 350 votes.

Laurent continued to live in St. Paul until his death in December, 1921. He was predeceased by his wife Eleanor's death on July 13, 1912. Laurent, who at one time was engaged in buffalo hunts, was a true plainsman. He contributed to the democratic opening of the west, not only in the idealistic sense, but also in the hardships and stress of the pioneer life and willingness to endure the sacrifices required of those

who solidly built the future. In 1953, the City of Edmonton erected a cairn and plaque in his honor. It was built in a small part near his original home. The plaque reads: "Laurent Garneau (Larry). This part of the city (Garneau) was named after Laurent Garneau - Farmer, community organizer and musician who acquired his property in 1874. His original home was on the lane at the rear of 11118 - 90th Avenue."

Note: The historical information on Laurent Garneau was supplied to the writer by Laurie Garneau of Summerland, B.C. who was a resident of Elk Point during the 1930s and 1940s. Laurie was a grandson of Laurent Garneau.



THE GARNEAU FAMILY - Left to Right: (back row) Larry, Louis, Charlotte, Alexander, Agatha, Archange, front row) Ned, Eleanor Garneau (nee Thomas), Millicent, John and Laurent.



ALL IN THE FAMILY
The Garneau and Brady children ■

NOW WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF

Submitted by Janet Gosier, AGS #1531

Found on the Internet, Roots Web Review, Vol. 1, No. 1

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A message on the Internet caught my eye the other day and I can't get it out of my mind. A West Coast genealogist had been exchanging information with a researcher in Virginia for some time. Then it happened. Her last message bounced -- it couldn't be delivered as the address no longer existed. Fortunately she had received a number of family group sheets from her correspondent which listed a telephone number. When she called the number a man answered, so she asked for her Internet friend and, after a slight hesitation was told, "Oh, Mary Ann passed away three weeks ago." Shocked, but ever gracious, she expressed her sympathy and commented how close this long-distance relationship had become and how it will be missed by her. The husband explained that he was sorry that he couldn't be of any help because he really didn't know much about what his wife was doing with her genealogy.

Perhaps you too have noticed at genealogical gatherings that the average age of the participants is something in excess of 39 years, at least judging by hair colour. Most of us really don't have a lot of time to devote to our hobby until after the kids are grown, out of school and we've retired. Then it is no longer a hobby, it becomes an obsession. At some point in our continuous search for dead people, our ancestors, we recognize our own mortality and start to think about a permanent home for our research. If our children or grandchildren appear to be interested, we have it made, but frequently that's not the case. Then what happens to our "stuff"?

Genealogists are usually pretty smart people, until it comes to providing for the distribution of their genealogical assets. The latter, in my case anyway, is a room full of books, journals, magazines, pamphlets, maps, photographs, brochures, newsletters, computer equipment and furniture (desk, chairs, file cabinets, tables, lamps, etc.). The files are loaded with folders bearing family and town names, historic events, and a bunch labeled "MISC." There are miles of computer printouts, hundreds of photocopies, and many "original" vital records. My desk is usually loaded with correspondence awaiting an answer -- either

mine or from someone else. What should my wife do with all this stuff when I make the ultimate research trip -- a personal meeting with my ancestors?

Some of our brighter colleagues say "My college library is getting all my stuff" or it's going to the local public library or to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City or even to the Library of Congress.

Well, I had to be the one to tell you this, but unless you are a celebrity or a huge financial donor, these institutions probably won't want your material -- they just don't have room for it. They would be grateful for a copy of your book, but they might not want the manuscript or research notes. The FHL would appreciate a GEDCOM disk of your genealogy database files, but it doesn't want your paper pedigree charts or family group sheets.

So what are your spouse and children to do with all of your stuff? They could really do a couple of dumb things with it if you don't provide guidance to them while you still can. It could be placed in the weekly trash collection and don't say "They wouldn't do that" because it unfortunately happens all the time. How about a garage sale? Now that is really scary, but it also happens every day. Remember all those old photos and tintypes you have seen in flea markets? How about all those bargain genealogy books you bought because you got to that garage sale before the dealers did? They all had to come from someplace.

What should you do to insure the sane distribution of your genealogical assets? Perhaps the first thing is to make a record of what you have and then try to keep it current. Show the acquisition date and how much you paid for each item on the inventory sheets. This is especially helpful for artifacts, collections, and books. A photographic record of these items, including those or rare books, could also be useful. Microfilm, microfiche and complete photocopies of books and some records have value. Back issues of many journals, newsletters, and magazines are also in demand by genealogists and, therefore, have value. However, if you don't tell them what is valuable, your heirs probably won't know.

Now that you have identified your assets, you need to tell someone what you want done with them. Maybe the simplest way is to prepare a letter to your heirs, but remember this lacks the force of law. If they want to, they can toss everything in the trash. A better way to provide for the distribution is in your will,

particularly if you also designate sufficient funds to carry out your wishes. Your Last Will and Testament is also where you may make specific bequests: your copy of the 1898 edition of Burke's Peerage to your FGS Conference roommate or your old roll-top desk to your newest granddaughter. Your wishes can now be enforced by the courts, if necessary.

If you still want to have any of your assets given to your alma mater or a local library or anywhere else, personally contact that agency and discuss the possibility -- right now. It won't come as a surprise to them and they should be able to advise you immediately of any conditions of acceptance. If you can support those conditions, ask for a written acknowledgment that can be placed with your will.

Some other things that you can do right now are to distribute copies of your research among your family, friends, and, perhaps, local or national libraries. This is simple if you have progressed to the book-writing stage, but don't be too concerned if you haven't. Many genealogists assemble their pedigree charts, group sheets, pertinent vital records, selected family photographs, and other important documents in notebook form. They write a brief introduction, provide a table of contents, and sometimes an index before having copies made for distribution. Afterwards, the notebook can be kept current with a New Year's letter, which might include new charts and photos.

Computerized genealogical data can be distributed in the same way on diskette. Sometimes an envelope or jacket is provided in the notebook described above to house data disks. Another way some researchers try to insure the safeguarding of their electronic data is to submit it to the LDS Ancestral File (tm) or one or more of the other commercial collections. If you don't know how to do this, consult your local genealogical society or Family History Centre or even the public library for instructions.

Another thing you can do right now to benefit your heirs is to clean up your files. Eliminate unnecessary correspondence and duplicate copies of records. Toss out all those old printouts you made in 1984 on your Apple IIe computer. Sell all the "Genealogical Helper" magazines you have saved since 1973, because you will never open one of them again and you know it. If you get 50 cents each for them you can have a pretty good dinner. Give away all that old computer software that is taking up room on your

bookshelves -- it's probably not worth anything anyway. Label your photographs and diskettes too.

I find it a bit morbid, but you may wish to write your epitaph and select your tombstone now to insure future researchers will not encounter some of the same problems that you've had.

If you decide to follow some of these suggestions, when you do eventually meet your ancestors they may thank you for perpetuating their memory. They may also show you where you made some of your mistakes and be able to fill in a few of the blank spaces in your previous research.

Remember, do it now; there may be no tomorrow.

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Two friends were discussing their family histories when one of them lamented that he knew little about his roots, "I've always wanted to have my family history traced," he said, "but I can't afford to hire someone. Any suggestions?"

"Sure," replied his friend. "Run for public office."

*Contributed by Earle Hitchner
Reader's Digest*

HUMOUR

Our thanks to Amy Dean

<adean@titan.cc.emory.edu>, who sent us this story 18 months ago (23 Apr 1997) with advice she'd received it from several sources, Bruce Anderson II among them.

Submitted by Susan McKeen, AGS #1910

YEAR 2000 (Y2K) PARABLE

Submitted by Penny Pennington

There was once a COBOL programmer in the mid to late 1900s. For the sake of this story, we'll call him Jack. After years of being taken for granted and treated as a technological dinosaur by all the UNIX programmers, Client/Server programmers, and Web site developers, Jack was finally getting some respect. He'd become a private consultant specializing in Year 2000 conversion. He was working short-term assignments for prestigious companies, travelling all over the world on different assignments. He was working 70, 80 and even 90 hour weeks, but it was worth it.

Several years of this relentless, mind-numbing work had taken its toll on Jack. He had problems sleeping and began having anxiety dreams about the year 2000. It had reached a point where even the thought of the year 2000 made him nearly violent. He must have suffered some sort of breakdown, because all he could think about was how he could avoid the year 2000 and all that came with it.

Jack decided to contact a company that specialized in cryogenics. He made a deal to have himself frozen until March 15, 2000. This was a very expensive process and totally automated. He was thrilled. The next thing he would know is he'd wake up in the year 2000; after the New Year celebrations and computer debacles; after the leap day. Nothing else to worry about except getting on with his life.

He was put into his cryogenic receptacle, the technicians set the revive date, he was given injections to slow his heartbeat to a bare minimum, and that was that.

The next thing that Jack saw was an enormous and very modern room filled with excited people. They were all shouting, "I can't believe it!" and "It's a miracle!" and "He's alive!" There were cameras (unlike any he'd ever seen) and equipment that looked like it came out of a science fiction movie.

Someone who was obviously a spokesperson for the group stepped forward. Jack couldn't contain his enthusiasm. "It is over?" he asked. "Is 2000 already here? Are all the millennial parties and promotions and crises all over and done with?"

The spokesman explained that there had been a problem with the programming of the timer on Jack's cryogenic receptacle, it hadn't been year 2000 compliant. It was actually 8,000 years later, not the year 2000. But the spokesman told Jack that he shouldn't get excited; someone important wanted to speak to him.

Suddenly, a wall-sized projection screen displayed the image of a man who looked very much like Bill Gates. This man was Prime Minister of Earth. He told Jack not to be upset. That this was a wonderful time to be alive; there was world peace and no more starvation. That the space program had been reinstated and there were colonies on the moon and on Mars. That technology had advanced to such a degree that everyone had virtual reality interfaces which allowed them to contact anyone else on the planet, or to watch any entertainment, or to hear any music recorded anywhere.

"That sounds terrific," said Jack, "but, I'm curious. Why is everybody so interested in me?"

"Well," said the Prime Minister, "the year 10,000 is just around the corner, and it says in your files that you know COBOL."

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VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

LACOMBE

Edmonton Bulletin

January 31st, 1902

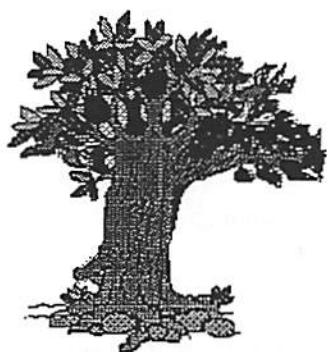
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- ◆ H. Howell has moved into his new drug store.
- ◆ H.M. Trimble, barrister, and Dr. Harrington, veterinary surgeon, have removed their offices to rooms in H. Howell's brick block.
- ◆ The Lacombe co-operative store has changed hands and will henceforth be known as Foulger & Co.
- ◆ Miss Malins has returned to her home at Buffalo Lake.
- ◆ Mrs. Cairns, of Buffalo Lake, also Miss Thompson, of Prince Edward Island, are visiting at the home of Mrs. James Johnson.
- ◆ The wife of W. Puffer gave birth to a son on 30th.
- ◆ Our popular station agent, G. Horner, has resumed his duties again. He has been very ill at his home in Medicine Hat.
- ◆ Oats are still on the upward tendency and are now bringing 30 cents per bushel, while potatoes bring 75 cents per bushel. There is still a large quantity of produce in the country not marketed. Owing to lack of slow transportation it is somewhat difficult.
- ◆ Mr. Woodman, from Olds, visited our flourishing C.O.F. lodge last week.
- ◆ H. Maxfield is doing a good business with his windmill.
- ◆ Mr. Winters, dealer in horses, surprised Lacombe on the 28th when he visited Wetaskiwin and brought home a life partner.
- ◆ We expect soon to be favored with a speech from F. Oliver, M.P. on his way to Ottawa.
- ◆ F. Vickerson attended the liberal banquet at Red Deer. ■



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Clandigger

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, February 25, 1999

Elections: Display of charts
Topic: The History, Trades and Names of Huguenots
Speaker: Allen Ronaghan

Thursday, March 25, 1999

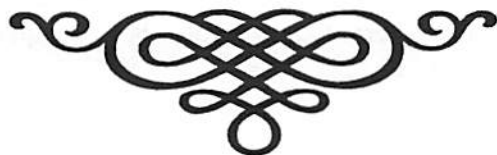
Topic: German Russians
Speaker: Reuben Bauer (will include video)

Thursday, May 27, 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

1999 - a New Year for new resolutions! Be it resolved not just to accumulate information but to develop this knowledge for a family history. Easy to say, much harder to do as I tried to put what I know into a readable format. The English/Welsh Special Interest Group has been getting members to read aloud parts of their family history at their meetings. This has provided insight into how a history may be written, and does help to nudge one's conscience towards writing their own personal history. The hardest information to write about is the ancestors - those that lived before your parents' lifetime.

The Province of Alberta Archives has not made a decision on where they will relocate [Edmonton Journal, Dec 31 1998]. Many letters were sent by our members, to Government officials that were proposing the move to Stony Plain, voicing opposition to that location and suggesting alternate space. The written word is powerful, and when a united front is presented it is just that and more.

This will be my last President's message. I have learned so much about the organization and about the people who are interested in keeping it a vibrant Branch. There are so many that work quietly behind the scenes to keep the library functioning, as well as the more visible Volunteer librarians. The Executive, all volunteers with different talents, have worked together to keep the Branch running smoothly by: providing a safe, durable worktable, purchasing of computers for staff and the public, providing locking filing cabinets for the Executive, adding new acquisitions, providing interesting speakers for the general meetings, and staying within budget. It has been a privilege to have been at the helm.

The February 25 meeting is our General Meeting. Put your name forward for the Executive or a Committee. This is your organization. Be a participant.

Volunteer Hours - we need this information before the end of February. AGS uses this statistic when applying for government grants. Totals to date: 5209.45 hours. Include the time spent on AGS and AGS Edmonton Branch volunteer projects including travel and phone time. Drop off your hours or phone them in to the library. ■

Recording and Indexing

It is hard to believe that just a few short months ago we were basking in the sun while recording gravemarkers. As we are digging ourselves out of the mounds of snow it is very hard to believe that in another few months we will again be thinking of making field trips to record more gravemarkers.

Entries to the database are well on their way as the search continues for more cemetery records. Thanks to all those entering the data collected over the summer and to our diligent proofreaders.

If anyone has a few hours and would like to do some proof reading of cemetery records, while stuck indoors, please give Wilma a call at 460-3986 or e-mail jgmck@telusplanet.net

Special Interest Groups

England + Wales Research Group

The average attendance at our group meetings has been 44 spirited participants.

During November and December 1998 we have been treated to a myriad of interesting topics. Muriel Jones read us her account of "A Penny for the Guy" which included the many customs associated with Guy Fawkes day and how she enjoyed them. She also took us on a 'tour' of Shropshire county with overheads of many of the beautiful sights there. Claudine Nelson read us a letter of a distant relative who went to sea at the age of 11 and the poignant tone in which he told of his experiences.

Christmas arrived early at our December meeting with stories, baking, and special Christmas memorabilia of members. We had a family history quiz, and some previous challenges were met and prizes awarded. We visited Dorset with Dave Thomas, who also gave us a brief history of Universities in Britain. Our 'topic jars' were dipped into to establish our report schedule for 1999. Muriel Jones read us a beautiful letter from her daughter thanking her mother for all their family's special Christmases. Lunch consisted of many treats prepared or bought for our half-time break. We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month (except August and September) at 7:30 p.m. Any member of the A.G.S. is cordially invited to join us for the fun and learning sessions! ■

Irish Special Interest Group



Edmonton Branch members with Irish roots are welcome to the Irish special interest research group which meets every other month. Next meetings are March 8, and May 10, 1999 in the AGS Library at the Armouries. Bring a pedigree chart and problems which we hope to help you solve. Be sure and look in our reference book in the Library.

November 8th Meeting:

- Pat Hewitt spoke on personal information in County Cavan.
- June Arneson attended the Ulster Historical Foundation eighth annual conference in Belfast in September. She spoke on interesting speakers and brought some brochures to peruse.

January 11 Meeting:

- was cancelled due to weather conditions.

March 8 Meeting:

- Sharon Dyer - discussing the linen industry.
- Adeline Kovaluk - history of County Fermanagh.
- Margaret Bendickson - will follow up on finds made during her trip to Ireland in April.
- We hope to have the Irish dancers group attend again this year.

May 10 Meeting:

- to be announced.

For more information, phone Pat at 454-4008 or Margaret at 922-3050. ■

Scottish Research Group (SRG)



Our group meets every second month in the AGS Library. So, in 1999 we meet in February, April, June, September and November. That leaves us all lots of time to stock up our bunkers with all our genealogical research files, and water and food, in preparation for the New Millenium!!

Seating is fairly limited so come early if you want a good seat. Newcomers are always welcome. All Scots, near-Scots and wannabe Scots are welcome - and any others also!

We usually have a good time. Over the past year we've had members talk on a range of topics - researching in Scotland; Ontario records; Scots country dance (although no one asked why?); the bagpipes (including a wee tune). At our last meeting in December, topics were: accessing Ontario newspapers, how to read obituaries, and some insight into the adventures of the peripatetic Robert the Bruce.

Our pre-season meeting also featured a scrumptious display of highly edible goodies at the mid-break. Thanks to all who supplied same and set such an attractive table. The theme was Hogmanay and the goodies were many and various, but included black bun, shortbread and even home made oatcakes. Not a drop o' the craitur, though! Ach weel.

At our February 2nd meeting, Susan McKeen will continue the saga of Bruce. Also, Margaret Bendickson will enlighten us about the Swords of Culloden. So, as they say, 'haste ye back' (in north-east Scotland they say that to departing guests. It means 'hurry back again'.)

Don't forget to wear something Scottish - and a name tag. See you there. ■

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

Are you researching in Poland (Prussia), Ukraine (Galicia, Bukovina), Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Romania or any other area in Eastern Europe? If so, then you are welcome to become a member of our enthusiastic group! All AGS members are welcome.

The next meeting of the East European Research Group (EERG) will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at the AGS Library, in the Prince of Wales Armouries. People usually start arriving shortly after 7:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. We will be covering a variety of topics including changing borders, overcoming roadblocks/problems, members success stories, group projects, a couple of short presentations by members on topics of general interest, and what resources are able and where. A display table will be set up showing some of the resources available.

Members on our contact list are phoned or e-mailed in advance (reminding them of the meeting) and will be updated then with any additions or changes to this meeting. Please remember to add to our list the details of the areas that you are researching in, as it becomes known.

We also have resource binders available in the reference section of the AGS, Edmonton Branch Library and a new web site will be up and running soon.

EERG meetings are held about every two months (except July, August and December). For further information on our group or to suggest possible topics/guest speakers for future meetings, please contact Elaine Kalynchuk of Edmonton by phoning 439-9315 or send an e-mail to ekalynchuk@compusmart.ab.ca. ■

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES'S

Bkenn1 56@aol.com

So awhile back I was looking at someone's records and came across the *weirdest* name I've ever seen: Fnu.

As in Fnu Jones. Who on earth would name their child Fnu? And there were several generations of newborns . . . what a horrid thing to do! It wasn't until I found someone named Fnu Mnu Jones that I understood.

Duh!

First Name Unknown. (Slapping myself up side the head!) ■

ADDRESS CHANGE

The new address and phone number of Phyllis Dendy is now as follows:

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Library News

Submitted by Sherry Bell, Library Director

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Library Hours

Tues., Wed., Thurs.	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2nd & 4th Wed. evenings	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
3rd Saturday	9 a.m. - noon

The acquisitions committee met in December and, after consulting wish lists and catalogues galore, came up with their recommendations for purchases. Many items have been ordered and will have arrived by the time you read this column. We continue to accept donations which fit our library mandate. Thank you to the donors (who receive a thank you card and whose names also appear on a sticker inside each book). Be sure to check the display rack beside the windows (near periodicals) for recently catalogued items. After a period of time, they will be shelved according to their Dewey decimal number.

One of our library goals for 1999 is a library holdings booklet which will be offered for sale on a cost recovery basis. We are also planning to have another Library Open House on Saturday, April 17th from 5 till 9 p.m. (right after Conference '99 closes). The library volunteers who staff the library on a regular basis and perform all those extra tasks which keep our library running smoothly deserve a vote of thanks from all of us. They make my job as Library Director much easier. By the way, if you have ever wondered what the Library Director does, I now have a detailed job description ready for the next person who steps into this job. Just let me know if you would like copy. ■

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Heritage Seekers

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

From The Helm

Greetings. Our branch has been invited to participate in a fundraiser to help purchase a new microform reader / printer for the Isabel Campbell room in the library. The group organizing this event is the newly formed "Grande Prairie Public Library Friends Society", and their president is Tracey Sauchenko. The event begins with a Silent Auction lasting 2 weeks, followed by an Auction Evening on March 6th, 1999. The silent auction will be held at the library (unless they are renovating), and the Auction Evening at a site to be announced.

Our major part in this event will be a letter writing campaign to invite people to this event, as well as to encourage businesses and individuals to donate items for the auction. As well, the "Friends" are forming a variety of committees, and they can definitely use some extra help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Catherine Ledger. Besides helping the "Friends" with this project, we are also helping ourselves; our members probably use the microform readers more than anyone else.

Our next meeting is on January 19th, and we will use the evening as a fundraiser workshop for the reader/printer. We need everyone to come out to help with this workbee. Please make every effort to attend, as we will have hundreds of envelopes to stuff and mail.

In February we will celebrate another anniversary, and our evening on February 16th will have a "Wedding Theme". Please bring your own wedding memories, and those of your ancestors, as well as pictures, and feel free to dress for the occasion.

On March 16th, our program is tentatively entitled "How to build a homepage on the Internet." Please let us know if you have a topic for one of our general meetings.

Since we won't meet this month, have a Merry Christmas (Froliche Weihnachten), and a Happy New Year (Gutes Neues Jahr)!

Al Meyer
President

Our Volunteers

By Catherine Ledger, AGS #3034

Several volunteers have recently "adopted" a year from the period of 1965 to 1977 and they are indexing obituaries from the Grande Prairie Daily Herald-Tribune using the microfilm at the Grande Prairie Public Library. These years cover the gap of time that is as yet unrecorded. When this project is complete the information will be compiled into a database. Thanks to Debby Was for heading up this project.

Research Queries

By Paulette Hrychiw AGS #534

We have received a number of queries to our Genealogical Research Group and the following is a brief outline of some of the queries and the responses that we have had during the year.

1) A query from Brownvale, Alberta 2 March 1998 - A lady wanted an address for St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. If there was none there, then maybe one in Regina.

I'm not sure why this query was directed to our group instead of one in Saskatchewan but as it turned out this information is easily obtained so I went to St. Joe's here in Grande Prairie and got the requested address.

Most if not all Catholic churches in Canada have a copy of the "Canadian Catholic Church Directory" from C.P. Box 990, Outremont, Que. H2V 4S7 which comes out every year. They also have an e-mail address: novalis@odyssee.net. The directory has the postal addresses, phone & fax numbers and the name of the priest that looks after that church, also the same information for convents. So if you need an address for a Catholic Church anywhere in Canada, just go to the office rectory of your local Catholic church and they should be able to help you.

2) Many of our queries now come to us by e-mail and we are not always sure where they come from, but this one included his snail mail address, which was in California - 23 June 1998.

This gentleman is looking for the death/burial of Louise STOCKWELL born about 1852 in NY. She married Jeremiah CLINTSMAN 29 Sept. 1871 in Russell, St. Lawrence County, NY. They migrated west to Grande Forks, ND, very late in 1800's. Before 1900, Jeremiah and their children return to NY. Louisa is shown in the 1900 Census as a boarder in Grand Forks. (By my math she would be 48 yrs.)

Family rumor is that she worked in nursing homes, eventually migrating to Grande Prairie and died there. No dates are known for this migration, a possible remarriage, or death.

This gentleman volunteers in a genealogical library (one of the best collections on west coast US). If one of our members would research Louise for him, he would do research in their collection for that member.

I looked in all our standard resources, but came up empty. I checked newspaper, funeral home and cemetery indexes.

Considering when this area opened up and the age of this lady, she would have been in her late 50's, early 60's trying to make a new start in a place where there would have been little help or support for an older woman on her own.

3) 22 Aug 1998 e-mail. - An AGS member from Whitecourt, AB, Myrna McNiven (Barrass), had seen a biography of Isabel Campbell in *Relatively Speaking* and had seen that Isabel had been born in Rock Springs, Wyoming in 1907. Myrna's father was also born there in 1902 and lived there until ca 1915.

Myrna wanted to know if there was anything about Rock Springs in Isabel's collection.

I recommended a book that Isabel had written about their early years in Alberta "Challenge of the Homestead, Peace River Letters of Clyde & Myrle Campbell, 1919-1924". ISBN 0-88864-742-9 Pub. Historical Society of Alberta.

At this time I have no knowledge of a collection Isabel may have had of her American home. Everything we have access to is her work in the Peace area of Alberta.

4) 28 Sep 1998 e-mail from Carla Rigby, Washington. This was a very short query. She wondered if we might have information in our library concerning William RIGBY and Annie DOLLAN RIGBY.

As it turned out this family lived in the area where my husband grew up so I had heard the name many times from my in-laws and I knew where to look. There is a local history for this area "Lake Saskatoon Reflections" ISBN 0-88925-090-1. Included in the book is a two and a half page story for this couple.

Also going to Isabel Campbell's index of the Herald-Tribune there were 15 articles from 1921 to 1960 when William died in July 1960. For his wife's obituary which was in our society's obituary collection (covers Jan. 1978 to now) Annie had died Oct. 1979. She requested copies of all this material that we arranged to copy and send.

5) 10 Oct 1998 e-mail - A short query by a lady who is interested in learning the history of Dunvegan. This was an easy request to fill also.

I recommended two books, one published fairly recently and the other from the 1950's. The first is "A Narrative History of Fort Dunvegan" by Daniel Francis & Michael Payne ISBN 0-920486-70-3 prepared for the Fort Dunvegan Historical Society and Alberta Community Development. Sept. 1993; Watson & Dwyer; 186 pages; photos and maps included. The other book is "The Land of Twelve Foot Davis; A History of the Peace River Country" (including Dunvegan) by MacGregor, James G., 1905-; Edmonton; Institute of Applied Art. C. 1952; 395 pages.

6) July 1998, e-mail - Robert C. Breeden from ? researching his wife's family.

"Her grandfather, Henry Gratton KING, left Montana in 1927, never to be heard from again. His brother, A.G. KING, wrote a letter to his brother Henry about the time the brother vanished. A. G. wrote that he was in the heart of the Grande Prairie district. Also that he had a building valued at about \$6,500 on a lot valued at about \$1,000. He also mentioned that he had five lots in town. From the letter, it seemed as if he was in some type of business as he said the Chinamen were in the same business as he was. (Chinamen is A.G.'s wording.)"

"I am trying to trace Henry through any possible family members he had. I do not know A.G.'s full name. That is how he signed his letter. I have discovered that Henry's parents and several siblings are buried in Wingham, Ont. I have been unable to find any other family members so far."

The first place I searched was Isabel Campbell's index to the Herald-Tribune that had seven entries from the years 1921-1943 when he died. His obituary said he was born in Wingham, ONT. but no age or birth date was given. He had a brother and two sisters living in Ontario but no names given. He owned the Crown Cafe in Grande Prairie (same business as the Chinamen?). Was unmarried. In all this he is always called A.G.

The next place checked was the Homestead Index. I found him with land in the Crooked Creek area, and why he always used initials. His given names were Alaysins Gonzana. He had filled on a homestead 19 Aug 1916 at NW 8 Township 71 Range 5 proved up

1920. There was also a John King who had filed on land 11 May 1920 at SW 9 Township 74 Range 3 proved up 1928. This was under a Soldier Loan. Another man, Gordon Harry King, filed 18 Oct 1913 on NW 7 Township 71 Range 5. He proved up his land in 1917. Long before Henry Gratton went missing. Also John was born in Ireland.

The only other sources I could think where we might find the whereabouts of other siblings was through A.G.'s will. Mr. Breeden was contacted and he wanted the will and probate. There is a charge at Alberta Courthouses of \$10.00 a search plus \$1.00 for each page photocopied. I went to the Grande Prairie Court House and obtained the file for Alloysius G. King (spelling on will). This turned out to be a LARGE file. We spent a fair bit of time just trying to find something that named relatives. He had left everything to a brother Luke in Wingham, Ont. But we found a listing of expenses, which included sending telegrams to relatives and business interests. The relatives were a niece, Miss Constance King in Regina, Sask., and letters were sent to R.J. King, brother (didn't say where) and Mrs. D. Keister, sister (again not where). Copies of these letters may be in the stack of stuff that was there, but time did not permit reading everything. There was probably \$100.00 worth of photocopying there. I did 16 copies. The clerk said, "If more was needed we could just give the "Specific Action Number" (File No.) and we would not have to pay the search fee again."

As you can see, it has been an interesting year for the Researchers at the Grande Prairie & District Branch. It is always gratifying to be able to assist others in their research and hopefully we have been able to further their knowledge of the history of this area and the resources available to people doing genealogy research.

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 that 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.

Genealogy Sayings from the Internet

- Genealogy: The marriage of a jigsaw puzzle to a dungeon & dragons game.
- Hi Ho! Hi Ho! Now where did my ancestors go?
- Kinship: it's all relative!
- May all your family trees branch toward the stars!
- Sharing genealogy is a rewarding experience!
- Nothing ventured, nothing gained, no one found!
- Still trying to decorate my family tree.
- Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related.
- When you search for ancestors, you find great friends!
- Genealogy - a search for the greatest treasures, our ancestors.

Finding Alberta's Old Newspapers Library News

By Debby Was, AGS #2650

The "Genies in the Library" are on Christmas break from December 19, 1998 until January 13, 1999. Wednesday evenings have been fairly busy, but Friday afternoons have been extremely slow.

The Grande Prairie Branch and the Grande Prairie Public Library are holding another "Beginning Genealogy" Class on Saturday, March 6th, 1999 in the Grande Prairie Public Library. Watch the library for information on registration.

Beaverlodge Public Library has also requested that we hold a class in their community sometime in early 1999. Contact the Beaverlodge Library for the exact dates.

The 1881 Canadian Census for the Maritime Provinces and Quebec microfilm reels is now in the Isabel Campbell Room. We are still waiting for the Ontario reels to come. We recently received funding from the AGS to order the last 24 reels and those are now on order.

One of the best sources for genealogical research is a local newspaper. As a 'Genie' I am constantly

surprised at how many beginning researchers overlook this source. Besides birth, marriage and death dates, a researcher can add many interesting stories about their ancestor and family. They can also gain knowledge about the community.

In Grande Prairie we have the Isabel Campbell Newspaper Index to help us locate information in the Herald-Tribune for the years between 1913-1964 and 1984-1995.

But how does one find out the name of the old newspapers in other Alberta communities? And once we find the name, where do we find the old copies? The answers can be found in "Alberta Newspapers 1880-1982: An Historical Directory" by Gloria M. Strathern, published by the University of Alberta Press, 1988. (ISBN: 0-88864-137-0 or 0-88864-138-9). In the Grande Prairie Public Library this book is in the circulating collection under non-fiction 015.7123035 STR.

Ms. Strathern has listed and described all the identified newspapers published in Alberta between 1880 and 1982, when those papers were published, whether they are the original copies, have been microfilmed or photocopied and where the copies can be viewed. The "Historical Directory" is arranged in alphabetical order by community and then chronologically by newspaper. It is a must to read the User's Guide at the beginning of the book as it explains the format and the abbreviations used.

The book also contains 6 different indexes in the section called "Indexes". They are a Biographical Index, two different Chronological Indexes, an Ethnic Index, a Subject Index and a Title Index.

When the directory lists a newspaper as being on microfilm, it is possible that you may request the microfilm reels through interlibrary loan. Check with your reference librarian for availability. It is also a good idea to quote the source and page number when you make your interlibrary loan request.

Another source for finding Canadian newspapers on microfilm is on the Canadian National Library web site:
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/services/news/cnie.htm>

Branch Meetings

are held at the
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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.

SMITHFIELD CEMETERY #742

Contributed by Fred J. Francey & Bess M. Francey
October 1998

Before referencing the Cemetery with some detail, it is probably appropriate to note that before Alberta became a Province in 1905 it was known as Rupert's Land, which was part of the Northwest Territories. There were no Local Improvement Districts (L.I.D.s), Municipalities or Counties, and how homestead files were kept is somewhat obscure.

Local government was established in 1909 by Order-in-Council which provided for the establishment of small improvement districts. In 1913, L.I.D. No. 520 was established comprising all land in Ranges 1, 2 and 3 West of the 5th Meridian within Township 53, which includes the location of the cemetery. In 1918, the Municipal District of Inga was formed from L.I.D. No. 520 and was the local governing body until 1942 when amalgamation of several L.I.D.s and small Municipalities became the Municipal District (M.D.) of Stony Plain. Today the area is included in a much-enlarged governing body known as the County of Parkland.

In 1900, a pioneer family, Mr. David H. Lent and his wife Annie (nee Francey) came west and filed for homestead rights on property now municipally described as SE 4-53-3-W5, adjacent to David, and also began farming.

In 1905, John and Mary Francey, Fred and Annie's parents, left their farm in Ontario and came to live with David and Annie. They were both in their late 70's and did not file for homestead property.

At this point in time there was no cemetery in the area!

In 1908, John Francey passed away which pressed the need for a cemetery and David Lent donated the property (2.8 acres) now known as the Smithfield Cemetery. His father-in-law was the first to be buried there.

Fred took care of arrangements and, by implication, became the first custodian until his death in 1942. The duty seemed to naturally pass to his son Allan until about 1980, at which time the responsibility was taken over by Mr. Jack Webster who lives in the district. Jack is still the caretaker, the custodian of the plot

maps, manager, and one who gives advice and assistance to those in a time of need.

At the time David donated the property it was raw land, heavy trees to thick underbrush. During the next several years the pioneers in the area cleared away the underbrush and removed many of the large trees, leaving only a few small chosen ones to develop. A fence of wooden posts and barbed wire was built to keep the cattle out, which turned out to be an annual job of repairing as the cattle continually broke in to graze on the grass which grew abundantly on the cleared area.

In 1927, the Duffield Women's Institute was formed; many of the members were ladies from the Smithfield district. They were a very active group with many objectives, one of which was cleaning and beautifying the Smithfield cemetery. Twice a year they organized a clean-up day which saw the men show up with horse drawn mowers, scythes, sickles, hoes, shovels, etc., and the ladies with bedding plants and shrubs for transplanting around the graves and other places. It was hard work for the adults but a fun day for the kids. Picnic baskets had everything imaginable: sandwiches, cake, cookies, pies and lemonade!

This routine continued until about 1985 when the cemetery was taken over by the County of Parkland, although the ladies of the Women's Institute continue to organize the clean-up and landscaping. The County erected a frost fence along the west side and a sign inside the gate. The Institute arranged the erection of a stone caron and plaque inscribed with the names of those who donated the land, the first custodian and the first interment.

The Smithfield Cemetery is easily accessible yet distant from traffic and distraction (approximately 60 km west of Edmonton on Highway 16 to Range Road 34, then south approximately 3 km.) It exudes an atmosphere of peace, quiet and tranquillity. It is an attractive place, and those of us who have loved ones there are justly proud of our cemetery, and give full credit to the pioneers of the district, and the Women's Institute who, still today, continue working to make it even better.

Editor's note:

This cemetery has been recorded by Peter and Rose Goutbeck. ■

THE ASSOCIATION OF GENEALOGISTS AND RECORD AGENTS (AGRA)

From FFHS Newsflash, November 1998 Issue
Submitted by Sue Philips, AGS #1660

From the Chairman of Council, Dr. Stephen W. Taylor, to all FHS members:

To prevent any uncertainty that may remain with FHS members, I am writing to confirm that AGRA successfully completed a constitutional change at its 1998 Annual General Meeting when it was changed from an unincorporated Association to a "Company limited by guarantee and not having share capital." This technical change was undertaken to protect both the Association and its members. This legal status is enjoyed by many other associations, including FHSs. The membership gave its unequivocal support to the change: not one member voted against the proposal. Contrary to what you may have been led to believe, it was never the intention to disband AGRA nor to weaken its aims and objectives but rather to bring it in to line with current legal practices. It was a process, which for many was long overdue!

This Association was founded in 1968 and its main aims and objectives remain the same today as then "to promote the science and skill of genealogical, biographical and topographical research and the competent use of records, manuscripts and muniments": and "to maintain and promote professional standards of ethics and the reputation of profession." Council, as AGRA's governing body, strives to ensure that extremely high standards are maintained and these clauses are included in the current "Memorandum and Articles of Association" adopted in April under the re-organization.

In reality there is little change. Applicants will continue to have to provide evidence of their professional competence and integrity and on acceptance will agree to abide by the Association's stringent Code of Practice and be subject to its Complaints Procedure. This places AGRA members in a very different position to other paid researchers. Since 1968, the application process has become increasingly demanding to ensure that only applicants who can satisfy tough minimum requirements are accepted and many applicants are unsuccessful. It must be stressed that membership of this Association is not simply by the payment of a subscription: members have to earn their membership.

To encourage would be professional genealogists and record agents, the Association set up an affiliation scheme in October 1991 to help individuals who were either new to the profession, or who lacked wide ranging experience, to help them to improve their skills and knowledge. This scheme also continues as before and there are currently about 40 people gaining experience and guidance under the auspices of The Association of Genealogists and Record Agents. ■

VALUABLE DATA ON BOARD

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I've asked clients what is the most expensive part of their computer and have received replies back saying it was the memory, the monitor, hard drive or whatever other item makes up the machine. All wrong.

The correct answer is the data stored inside the computer. There are several places where your data can reside and it makes no difference, it is still the most expensive and most important component. If a \$2,000.00 computer contains a million dollars worth of accounts receivable information, how much is it worth? I'd say a million dollars. If the same computer contains twenty years of your genealogical research, how much is it worth? To me, \$2,000.00, but to you, it represents twenty years worth of blood, sweat, tears and likely a lot of expense in collecting it all.

Data is stored magnetically, which over time loses its charge and basically 'evaporates' out of existence. With video or audio cassettes, the audio gets static and the video becomes grainier, but we can still make it out. Lose one bit of computer data and it potentially becomes corrupted garbage.

Backing up to removable media which can be stored safely away from the original on the computer allows you to retain your data should you have a fire, break-in or computer crash. Store a backup somewhere else. It does you no good if your computer dies in a fire along with your backups that were sitting beside it.

Make multiple backups, over time. Rotate your backups and perhaps keep a set for a while. The time to backup in when you can't afford to re-enter all the data you just put in. And backups do and have failed. This is the reason for multiple backups.

Backup media comes in the form of the floppy disks, removable cartridges, tape and burnable (permanent) CD and DVD media. Each has strengths and weaknesses and which you choose will be determined by what you are backing up, convenience, permanence and the media and drive costs.

Floppy disks are cheap and convenient on small files but inconvenient when it comes to backing up larger or lots of files. Cartridge drives come in higher capacities and incompatible formats, so if you have to send data to someone else, it may be impossible if you both don't have the same drive.

Be warned that Syquest is bankrupt, with Iomega buying the remains. It is unknown whether service and media will continue to be available for these drives. It may be tempting to pick up that drive selling for \$50.00 but what will it cost you long term to get service and media?

Tape has been around a long time and it works, and there are so many different tape formats and sizes to choose from. The older (smaller) size tape drives are no longer being made even though the tape media is usually available. If your drive breaks, all your old data may become instantly unavailable, so treat the drive with care.

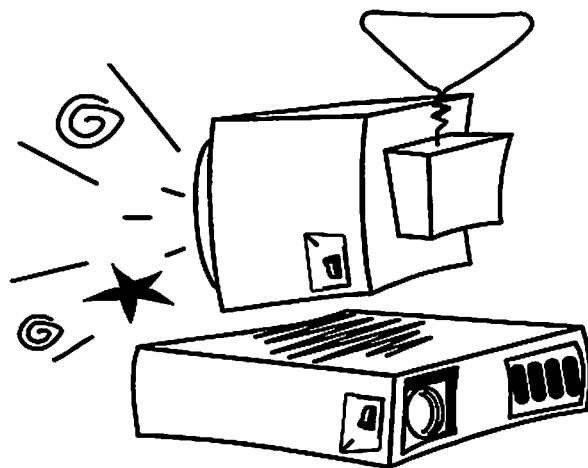
CD Recorders are great at creating a permanent record at a relatively cheap price. The one obstacle is that it requires no errors on creating the disk. One error and you throw it away and try again. CD ReWritables allow for multiple writes but the cost is higher and there is a limit to the number of rewrites you can make. DVD drives are like CD's, only storing from eight to 30 times more data than a CD and costing a lot more.

Disks are a lot faster, can be used for rapid access and daily use as a secondary drive. Tape is slower but can have very large capacity if you need it, allowing for automated backup. One is not necessarily superior, but type of usage can dictate which is cheaper and more convenient.

Watch out for new technology that may bring better drive pricing and lower media costs. Only time will tell whether new technology is reliable, however. If you have a friend or two with a particular backup device, consider getting the same one. If something happens to your drive, you can at least borrow one to get at your data.

Some backup devices will work on both Macintosh and PC computers, some on only one of them. You may need a special card or interface to connect the device, or special software. What you get should work for YOUR needs, not your friends or the computer store. You will be the one who has to face the consequences of lost data, not them.

Last words are to backup your data; Backup Your Data; BACKUP YOUR DATA! You'll be glad you did when something blows up.



MILLENNIUM COMPETITION

From FFHS Newsflash, November 1998 Issue
Submitted by Sue Philips, AGS #1660

To encourage the study of family history, The Institute has launched several competitions over the years and made awards to those honouring their forebears with well-written histories. What better Millennium project can there be than to make progress towards writing your family history for this purpose? How much better if there is a prize for doing so?

A benefactor is offering £2000 in prizes to be shared among the first five family historians whose works satisfy the examiners to be appointed by the Trustees of The Institute. The first prize will be £1000. Abstracts of not more than 500 words, including title, must be submitted by 30th June 1999. Write for details NOW!

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COULD SOMEONE TALK ABOUT GENEALOGY?

by Terry Gregory AGS #3209

Claudine Nelson and I found ourselves in the basement of St. Paul's United Church in Strathcona on a grey November morning, setting up the Edmonton Branch display boards and sundry books and pamphlets about genealogy and the AGS. It began with a phone request "Could someone talk about genealogy?" from the Program Chairperson of the church's seniors' group some weeks before.

Apart from coordinating the "Tracing your Family Tree" course, one of the responsibilities of the Genealogical Courses Chairman is to find members who will speak about the AGS and genealogical research for local organizations. Usually I receive a call from an organizer for a local library or Community Development Branch of a nearby municipality who wishes to have someone talk for approximately an hour about 'how to get started' and 'where to find sources locally'.

Edmonton Branch is very lucky to have a group of experienced and knowledgeable people who are willing to help others get started. Usually after a few phone calls someone will indicate she is available and willing to give a presentation. Then they get together on the phone to arrange the details.

The call for St. Paul's United was quite specific. The seniors' group wanted to hear about the Society and what we did. I called Claudine as Branch President, who agreed to talk about the Edmonton Branch, if I spoke about our beginners' courses. At eleven a.m., about fifteen seniors sat down to the presentation. They responded well to Claudine's humour and soon they were asking quite a number of questions and sharing anecdotes about their own research. I spoke briefly about our courses and research done locally. We had a question and answer session and before we knew it, it was time for lunch.

The enthusiastic response and interest that was shown afterwards was typical of an earlier presentation that I sat in on, given by Pat Woodman at Chapters Bookstore on Calgary Trail in October. About twenty people attended. The response to Pat's presentation was very positive and many questions were asked. Pamphlets were handed out and one gentleman indicated he was going to join, now he understood what our Society did.

Since February 1998 we have been asked to give seven presentations. At the University of Alberta Homecoming

in May; Chapters on Calgary Trail, October; St. Paul's United Church, November; County of Lamont Community Centre, November; Chapters on 170 Street, January; Whitecourt Community Centre, March and Fort Saskatchewan Library in April. My deepest appreciation go to Arlene Borgstede, Pat Woodman, Norma Wolowyk and Claudine Nelson who have done such a great job in publicly promoting genealogy and the AGS.

These sessions are excellent publicity for the society and increase our membership as more people become involved and learn of what we do. Our present volunteers have already given much of their time and though they are willing to continue, we still need more because, as the interest in genealogy grows, more requests are made.

Even as I wrote this article this morning I received a phone call from Leduc Public Library for a February presentation. "Could someone talk about genealogy?" Anyone interested? ■

SOUNDEX SYSTEM OF FILING

This Soundex method of filing keeps together names of the same and similar sounds but of variant spellings, e.g., SMITH, SMYTH, SMYTHE, etc. To search for a name, it is necessary to work out the code number for each surname of the individual. No number is assigned to the first letter of the name, and the code always consists of a letter and three digits. Zeroes are added where necessary. The letters A E I O U Y W H are not coded but are used as the first letter only. Prefixes to Surnames are usually ignored in coding, e.g., De, Van, Mc, Mac, etc.

CODE KEY LETTERS AND EQUIVALENTS

1B, P, F, V
2C, S, K, G, J, Q, X, Z
3D, T
4L
5M, N
6R

Examples:

Lee	=	L 000
Kuhn	=	K 500
Welton	=	W 435
Smith	=	S 530
Jones	=	J 520
Hanselmann	=	H 524

SOUNDEX is an aid for researching names in the U.S. census records.

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

25 YEARS AGO

1974

GETTING STARTED

**A Collection of Suggestions by
A. Black, F. Easton, D. Hande & J. Hughes**

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the first issue, I asked several members to jot down ideas on do's and don'ts for getting started. Here are the results, hopefully assembled into some kind of coherent order.

- D. Hande - Determine your objective before you begin. How much do you want to know and how much are you able to do? Unless you set a goal for your research, you will never know when you are finished.
- F. Easton - The goal may change as time goes on, however, with a goal you always have something to work to.
- J. Hughes - The best starting point is yourself.
- D. Hande - That's right - work from the present to the past. You know the most about yourself and your immediate family. Write it down.
- F. Easton - Never underestimate your own importance in the chart of life. You will be as important to your great-grandchildren as your great-grandparents are to you. Gather your own information first. Never choose someone you think you might be related to and work forward to yourself.
- A. Black - Make a chart of your ancestors, but get information (names, dates, etc.) from all members of your family. Mark down what they tell you right away - don't trust to your memory as to where Nathaniel Jones fits in.
- D. Hande - Most professional genealogists frown upon simply filling in a pedigree or ancestry chart. Family history is about families. This should be the basic unit. Use of family charts help us to keep this in mind.
- A. Black - A nice addition to a family history of names, dates, jobs, movements, etc., is family traditions. But do not write them down as fact unless you can prove them.
- F. Easton - Never pass over hints of information innocently mentioned to you by older members of the family. Follow it up; it may prove invaluable and may develop into a really interesting story.
- J. Hughes - Never forget, though, that accuracy is of prime importance. It's all good and fine to show direct descendancy from King Arthur, but you have to be able to prove it.

Editor's note: the above is a portion of a longer article.

Relatively Speaking, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1974 ■

1911 Census: The Battle Continues

Thanks to our friends of the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group, we have additional ammunition to aim at our MP's in our efforts to have the 1911 and subsequent censuses released to the National Archives.

You are urged to write your local MP and present, in your own words, the following points:

- * the data on the census is needed, not only for tracing family trees, but for help in tracing medical problems passed along in family lines. It has been used successfully in court cases to prove lineage and settle inheritance legalities;
- * genealogical research is a boon to the Canadian tourist industry. Researchers will travel to locations of ancestors' homes, and thousands come to Canada from around the world to do research. They spend hard cash for meals, accommodations, transportation and souvenirs;
- * genealogy is one of the fastest growing businesses in the world. Numerous Canadian companies are doing millions of dollars worth in research, publishing, writing, software development, etc. There are at least 35 publishers in Canada whose main interest is family history;
- * there are hundreds of groups in this country and thousands in the United States. Currently there are approximately 500 societies across Canada;
- * just about every family in Canada has someone who is engaged in family research, and even members of the Canadian Senate are involved;
- * the use of the Internet has caused an explosion of numbers of people doing research. In the United States the group RootsWeb had, in one month, 50,245,22 "hits" on its website and a total of 99,934,614 pieces of e-mail went out from the group;
- * Canada is the only country in the free world that has banned the release of census information to the public.

Please make these points as strongly as you can when writing your MP. For those Branch members who are resident in the United States, please write to The Honourable John Manley, Ministry of Industry, House of Commons, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6. ■

Next Census in 1911

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reprinted in The Tree Climber, Vol 19 No 4 Nov 1998

Submitted by Lillian Wight, AGS #2668

Ottawa, July 28th. The next census of Canada will be taken under the date of June 1, 1911 and embrace the subjects of population, mortality, agriculture, manufacturer, minerals, fisheries and dairy products.

Population will be recorded under heads of residence and personal description: citizenship, nationality and religion; profession, occupation and trade or means of living; wage earning and insurance; education and language spoken and infirmities.

Every person living on the 1st of June will be entered on the schedule of population by name, as a member of a family, institution or household and together with the place of habitation, sex relationship to the head of the family or household and whether single, married, widowed, divorced or legally separated. The month of birth, year of birth, and age at last birthday will also be recorded.

Entries will be made for each person to show the country or place of birth, year of immigration to Canada if born elsewhere, year of naturalization if formerly an alien, and also racial or tribal origin, nationality and religion. Every person of alien birth who has become a naturalized citizen is a Canadian by nationality: and every British subject with residence in Canada as well as every native of Canada, who has acquired citizenship by birth or naturalization is also a Canadian by nationality. But there is no Canadian by racial or tribal origin, unless the Indians are so counted.

Every person having an occupation or trade will be entered for it, but if employed in the census year at some other occupation for part or whole time, he will be so recorded also. If the person is working on own account the entry will be so made. An entry is also required to be made showing where the person is employed, as on farm, in woollen mill, at foundry shop, drug store, etc.

Wage earners are to be entered to show the number of weeks employed in 1910 at their chief occupations or trades, at other than their chief occupation or trade, if any; the number of hours of working time per week at their chief occupation or at other occupations or trades, if any; the total earnings in 1910 at chief occupation and the rate per hour if employed by the hour.

Entries are required to be made for each person showing the amount of insurance held at the date of census upon life, as well as against accident or sickness together with the cost of such insurance in the census year.

Under the heading of education and language, record will be taken for every person of five years and older, showing the number of months at school in 1910, and if the person can read or write, and the language commonly spoken by each person. The cost of education in college, convent or university is also called for.

The last question on the schedule of population relates to infirmities. It calls for a record of each person having an infirmity. If blind, deaf and dumb, crazy or lunatic, idiotic or silly, a record thereof will be made in the proper column, and the age at which the infirmity appeared is required to be specified. ■

The best inheritance a parent can give to his children is a few minutes of his time each day.

O.A. Battista

THE ROONEYS

Submitted by Pat Rooney, AGS #2479

Some of you will remember my grumblings in Salt Lake City about the elusive Rooneys. Well, they have finally been found. I must admit I worked on them rather sporadically over the years, but always spent some of my time on them at Salt Lake.

I knew from the marriage certificate of Hu's grandmother (Maggie) and grandfather (John) who were married in Toronto 24 Nov. 1882, that John was thirty years old at the time. The only other clue was that he was born in England to Thomas and Mary Rooney.

I checked the IGI, but the dates were not compatible with the family I was looking for. Then I looked up the births in England about the time he would have been born (1852), making leeway for a year either side. There were twelve John Rooneys born as well as several male Rooneys. They were scattered all over England.

One morning this past summer at the F.H.C., one of the very knowledgeable volunteers asked if I needed help. It was not very crowded that day so I decided to tell her about my problem. I explained how I was looking for the parents of John Rooney and what I had done. She suggested I look up Rooneys in the 1881 census in all the places where I had found births. This was fairly easy as the names on the census are in alphabetical order. I was rather skeptical because I knew John Rooney was in Toronto in 1882. There were several Thomases and Marys that might have fit the bill but again the timing was off.

I found one in Altrincham, Cheshire that showed a Thomas Rooney 55, widower, bricklayer, at 48 Chapel St., and a son Thomas 25 and a daughter Rose 19. By their ages and those of the father it seemed there could be space for more children. I decided to take the plunge with this group first and so I ordered in the 1871 and 1861 Census for Altrincham, Cheshire.

A call from the F.H.C. told me one of my films was in. With great anticipation I hurried down. It was the 1871 Census only. There it was Thomas Rooney, 45, bricklayer, at 48 Chapel St. and to my delight, his wife Mary 42 and there was also another son, Thomas 15, James 13 and Rose 11. I realized that in 1871 John Rooney would be 19 and probably not living at home.

Would you believe that I waited three months for that 1861 Census to come in. But when it did there it was at 48 Chapel St., Thomas 35, his wife Mary 32, son John 9, Thomas 6, James 4, and Rose 8 mos. The age fit beautifully. I had found Hu's great grandfather and the birthplace of his grandfather!!

I'm afraid this will not end the grumbling because on each of those census it said that Thomas and Maggie Rooney were born in Ireland!!!

Next step, please? ■

BRANCH BITS

BROOKS AND DISTRICT

The current membership for the Brooks Branch is thirty-four. Volunteer hours for the months of October, November and December are 275.5 hours.

Our December meeting was a social event. This year we again held a potluck supper with a large variety of food available, all well prepared and enjoyable. We also hosted a White Elephant Sale that made \$181.00 that is to be used for operating expenses.

Upcoming events are our annual elections to be held in February. All offices will be open for different members of our branch to volunteer and be a part of a growing organization. Our January meeting will host a guest speaker, Marilyn Armstrong on planning a family reunion. February will be a show and tell of maps in the areas that members are researching their family.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Penner
President, Brooks and District ■

COCHRANE AND DISTRICT

Our January meeting was well attended and we are getting two or three inquiries each month - so we are growing.

Boothby Library Board, (the Nan). The meeting was to discuss having a permanent home in the new library building. Also involved was the prospect of including an archival group. This will allow us to make a joint proposal for grants.

We have a full calendar through the next four months. February - guest speaker Meg Pyper on the preservation of documents and photographs; March - guest speaker Muriel Jones from Edmonton; April - guest speaker Ann Gordenaire on archives and preserving our past; and May - Bar-b-q and brag when everyone, including family and friends, will get together and visit (read brag).

There is a lot of interest in the "Cochrane Grave Mystery", an ongoing saga about one of the first families to settle in this area. Michelle Greyson, our local reporter, has been following this since it first started. There will be a full length article for the next *Relatively Speaking*. There will be lots of information on how they went about finding the family of the three grave occupants found on the "Nan" grounds.

We have had our first long distance request for information about us from the web site. I know that being part of the larger group was the best way to go. Needless to say, we feel very pleased with ourselves. He couldn't find any contact in Calgary, where he is researching - so he called us. He is sending the information and we will check things out for him.

That's all for this month but as we grow there will be more information to pass along.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Richardson
President, Cochrane and District

EDMONTON

See Clandigger. ■

FT. MCMURRAY

Our Christmas social in December was very enjoyable. Dinner was excellent and small gifts were received by all.

The library was closed from December 23 to January 6th, 1999.

The library hours are forty seven hours. Due to the cold weather, visits in the library are down.

We are looking forward to a new year and happy hunting.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Waniandy
President, Fort McMurray Branch ■

GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT

See Heritage Seekers. ■

LETHBRIDGE AND DISTRICT

In Lethbridge, November and December were relatively quiet months. Our membership as of November 15th was 58 members. Volunteer hours for November 15 to December 31 were 120 hours. The library was closed during December.

We were very pleased to receive the Lottery Grant Funds which we had applied for, and have formed a committee to take charge of the dispersal of the funds for new equipment.

At our November meeting, speaker Melba Baker and assistant Norma Bosman, presented "Tracing an Elusive Grandmother", an excellent lesson in using paper trails.

We are looking forward with eagerness and renewed interest to 1999.

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

MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT

After a very busy summer, our September meeting program was "Library Night" and "Show and Tell" from summer happenings.

At our October meeting we broke up into "Areas of Interest" groups to do some brainstorming. This proved to be interesting and beneficial.

The November meeting was an introduction to our new computer and some instruction on doing research on the Internet.

After the meeting in December we had a Christmas social that included many door prizes and a game of Genealogy Bingo and a guest speaker. The speaker was a comedian and gave a humorous talk on Family Trees and Genealogy.

Respectfully submitted by Edie Pinder
President, Medicine Hat Branch ■

RED DEER AND DISTRICT

At the November meeting of the Red Deer Branch our Special Funds Coordinator, Dianne Lewis, announced that our application for a grant of just under \$7,000.00 to the Region #78 Community Lottery Board had been accepted. This money will go towards the purchase of a microfilm reader - printer. As it was a joint submission of the Red Deer Branch of the AGS and the Red Deer and District Archives, the rest of the money needed to purchase the machine will come from both groups.

Also at the November meeting, Kurt Nagel gave a very informative presentation on some of the new CD Roms available through the LDS Church. Charles Bird informed us that the Lacombe Genealogical Society decided to disband and the view was expressed by the Red Deer Branch that all Lacombe members are very welcome to join us.

No meeting was held in December, but we plan to hold a beginner's course at the January meeting.

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

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It's hard to say when one generation ends and the next begins -- but it's somewhere around nine or ten at night.

*Contributed by Charles Ruffing
in Family Weekly*

Reader's Digest, May 1998

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from E. Sanderson, Source unknown

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There are two Ecclesiastical Provinces, York and Canterbury. Canterbury was the Senior Province. It is to this day presided over by The Most Reverend and Right Honourable The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan. York is also presided over by an Archbishop. Each Province consists of several Diocese.

DIOCESE

A Diocese is presided over by a Bishop and is made up of several (rarely is it only one or two) Archdeacons. It is also known as a Bishopric or, more rarely, a See. The Bishop may be referred to as the Ordinary. Each Diocese has a Cathedral Church and the Bishop had powers of Episcopal Court.

ARCHDEACONRY

Consists of a number of Rural Deaneries and their Parishes and is ruled by an Archdeacon.

RURAL DEANERY

A Rural Deanery is an area consisting of a number of ecclesiastical parishes headed by a rural Dean who is usually one of the Parish Ministers in that area. The number of Parishes in a Deanery varies but most have about twelve.

PARISHES

Ecclesiastically, a Parish is a district served by a clergyman known mainly by the title of Vicar or Rector.

CHAPELRY

A small area of people within a Parish, attached to the Parish except that it has a separate meeting place.

REMEMBER

POSTAL RATES IN CANADA

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Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist

by Wilma Mauk

from the St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly,
Dec. 1969

Blessed are the great grandfathers,
who saved embarkation and citizenship papers,
for they tell when they came.

Blessed are the great grandmothers,
who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters,
for these tell the story of their time.

Blessed are all grandfathers,
who filed every legal document,
for this provides the proof.

Blessed are grandmothers,
who preserved family Bibles and diaries,
for this is our heritage.

Blessed are fathers,
who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry,
for - to some - the only link to the past.

Blessed are mothers,
who relate family tradition and legend to the family,
for one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are relatives,
who fill in family sheets with extra data,
for to them we owe the family history.

Blessed is any family,
whose member strives for the preservation of records,
for their's is a labour of love.

Blessed are the children,
who will never say,
"Grandma, you have told that old story twice today."

Potpourri



DIOCESE OF HURON The Anglican Church of Canada Archives

1997 Fee Schedule

1. The daily fee for visitors seeking genealogy information is \$20.00.
2. Genealogy research carried out by the archivist will be done at an hourly rate of \$20.00.

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ABBOTSFORD GENEALOGY GROUP

We would like to invite your group to view our website at:

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LOOKING FOR A FRENCH-CANADIAN CONNECTION?

The Centre du Patrimoine, 340 boulevard Provencher, Saint-Boniface, Manitoba, R2H 0G7; may be able to offer some help if your French-Canadian search takes you to the Red River Valley area of the Northwest Territories. This was the settlement of "retired" voyageurs and home of many Metis. The new building is managed by the Historical Society of Saint-Boniface, and may be reached by phone at (204) 233-4888. E-mail address is shsb@ican.ca, and their internet site is <http://home.ican.net/~shsb/>

Past Tents, Vol. 19 #4, Dec/98 ■

DON'T FORGET PASSPORTS

from Genealogy Bulletin #46, July/Aug. 1998

Have you thought to check for passport records for your American ancestor? The first extant passport given to an individual is dated July 17, 1796. Passports generally became more popular in the late 1840's. Until the outbreak of World War I in 1914, US citizens were generally allowed to travel abroad without passports. After that, people of all walks of life used passports. By 1930 the U.S. government has issued over two and a half million passports. To receive a U.S. passport, a person submitted some proof of U.S. citizenship. These applications may also contain information about the applicant's family status, birth date and place, residence, naturalization (if born in another country) and biographical information. The microfilmed records, registers and indexes up to 1925 are available through the Family History Library. To find these records, look in the catalog under UNITED STATES-EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION. For applications after 1925, contact the Passport Office, Department of State, 1425 "K" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520. ■

I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.

LOCATION GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

Submitted by Vicki Drysdale, AGS #3444

The General Register Office
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Cheques should be made payable to ONS. The time taken may be as long as 28 days. Credit card payments are accepted on +44 (0) 151 471 4800 and certificates are issued within 48 hours provided the entry is located.

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If you have the date or approximate date of death, and want a newspaper obituary, write to The National Library of Canada, Ottawa, ON., K1A 0N4. At this time there is no charge for this service. ■

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Elsie Belyea. Elsie passed away on December 25, 1998. ■

Sympathy is extended to Margo and Jack Moffat on the death of his sister in Scotland.

Belated sympathy to the family of Muriel Walters, a member of the Lethbridge and District Branch, who died October 27, 1998. Muriel was a long time member who was the caretaker of the Lethbridge Branch Society books, and always offered a willing hand.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Reverend Robert Clarke McNeill who passed away at the age of 68 after a short illness.

IN OUR MAILBOX

Dear Genealogical Society members,

I will be moving to Surrey, England in January of 1999. I have done some research on the Vine and Godlonton families, who moved to Alberta in the late 1800's and early 1900's from parts of southern England. This move will make further research on those families a lot easier!

I might be of help to other members of the Alberta Genealogical Society who are also trying to do research in southern England. I'd be happy to correspond with a few people, and if possible, to help where I can.

I can be reached at the following address:

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The Markets

THERE is a good market for everything the farmer can raise — Wheat, Butter, Eggs, Poultry and other staples of the farm, and prices do not materially differ from those in the eastern communities. Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Etc. cost about the same.

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Rules for Homestead Entry or Inspection

1. An application for homestead entry or inspection will only be accepted if made in person by the applicant at the office of the local agent or sub-agent.

2. An application for homestead entry or for inspection, made personally at any sub-agent's office, may be wired to the local agent by the sub-agent, at the expense of the applicant, and, if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram, such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction have been received by mail.

3. Should it be found that a homestead entry has been secured through "personation," or an application for inspection filed by a person who has represented himself as some one else, the entry will be summarily cancelled and such applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

4. An applicant for inspection must be eligible for homestead entry.

5. Only one application for inspection may be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

6. The Department may carry on to completion any cancellation proceedings instituted, although the applicant should subsequently withdraw or become ineligible for entry.

7. When a homestead entry is cancelled for any cause (except when an applicant for cancellation becomes entitled to entry) notice thereof is to be at once posted in the local agent's office and sub-agent's office within which the land is situated, with day and hour of posting, and will be open for entry by the first eligible applicant at counter after the posting of said notice.

8. A homesteader whose entry is in good standing may relinquish the same in favor of a father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, on filing the usual declaration of abandonment, subject to the approval of the department. (If the entry is liable to cancellation no privilege of transfer will be entertained, and in no case will a transfer to others than relatives above mentioned be permitted.)

9. If an entry be summarily cancelled or voluntarily abandoned by the homesteader, subsequent to the institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

10. Applicants for inspection must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default, and if, subsequently, the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry he might otherwise have had, should the land become vacant, or, if an entry has been granted, it may be summarily cancelled.

11. The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the same land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, at Ottawa, of intention to apply for patent.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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W. D. SCOTT, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada.

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The Orkney Islands of today are thriving with elegant crafts, a strong agricultural base, an established oil industry, the distilling of distinctive island malts and the brewing of a local beer, justifiably called "Skullsplitter".

In May and June of 1999, the descendants, relatives and friends of Orcadians are travelling to Orkney for a reunion. It is an opportunity to reestablish old ties, make new connections and experience all the islands have to offer. The Great Canadian Travel Company, a Winnipeg-based travel agency, is arranging the homecoming event in cooperation with The Orkney Tourist Board.

A homecoming package consisting of return airfare, accommodation in Glasgow or Edinburgh for two nights, Orkney for six nights, return transfers from Glasgow/Edinburgh to Orkney, and extensive sightseeing starts at \$1999 from Toronto (add on a \$220 for Edmonton). Hotel and self-drive packages are also available.

For further details, please call The Great Canadian Travel Company at (204) 949-0199, fax at (204) 949-0188 or e-mail orkney@gctc-mst.com. The homecoming web page is found at www.homecoming.co.uk. ■

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County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN), Louise St.
Denis (Heritage Productions, Toronto, ON), Norman
Crowder (Author, lecturer, genealogist, Nepean,
ON), Rick Roberts (Global Genealogy, Milton, ON).

Gene-O-Rama will include the following attraction:
Marketplace, Family History Competition,
Computers and Genealogy, Copying Old
Photographs, Displays and Draws, Closing Banquet.

Watch for the Gene-O-Rama brochure and
registration form to appear in the January-February
1999 Ottawa Branch News.

For more information call Edward Kipp at (613) 824-
1942.

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FAMILY REUNION

Descendents of the following families are having a
family reunion - July 3 and 4, 1999 in the Kelvington
Agricultural Grounds (Fairgrounds), Kelvington,
Saskatchewan, Canada. Charles Edward Coleman
Grice m. Mary Elizabeth Lucas; Alfred Derbyshire
m. Edith May Davis; Thomas James Kidd m. Anne
Barbra Jamieson; Martin J. Hanson m. Alice Maud
Davis; Hans. O. Haaheim m. Marta Malena
Tungesvik; William (Bill) Henry Gwilliam m. Alice
Maud Davis. If you are related to any of the above
and would like to come, contact: Doreen Karapita,
P.O. Box 67, Rose Valley, SK S0E 1M0 or e-mail:
d.m.karapita@sk.sympatico.ca.

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THE MILLENNIUM BRITISH FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The Wiltshire Family History Society in association
with the Federation of Family History Societies is
hosting the Millennium British Family History
Conference at Bath University, 26-30 April 2000.
For information on the programme and costs, etc.,
contact: Wiltshire FHS, Conference 2000, The
Workroom, 10 Castle Lane, Devizes, Wilts SN10
3SB or e-mail: donainge@aol.com.

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NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

National Genealogical Society (NGS) Annual
Conference is being held in Richmond, Virginia 12-
15 May 1999. "Welcome to the Old Dominion - The
Home of the Nation's First President". More details
on conference in the next issue of the Bulletin or
contact: NGS '99 Conference Registration Brochure,
4627 - 17th Street North, Arlington VA 22207-2399;
e-mail: conference@ngsgenealogy.org; Website:
www.ngsgenealogy.org.

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*"Computer-industry representatives have agreed that
'family control' technology on the Internet already
exists," says Craig Kilborn. "It's just that kids won't
explain it to their parents."*

*Contributed by "The Daily Show," Comedy Central
Reader's Digest, February 1998*

NEW FOR SEMINAR 2000

in Ottawa, May 12-14, 2000:

A VIDEO CATEGORY IN THE FAMILY HISTORY COMPETITION

The Plan: In celebration of the turn of the century
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its Family History Competition. A contest of print
family histories will also occur.

How it Works: Submit a 15 to 30 minute video on some aspect of your family's history. Use one of the suggestions below - or - come up with an idea of your own:

A Trip Back in Time, Origins and Emigration, From Crown Land to a New Home, My Great-Grandparents, Through the Years In (county, town, village, township, etc.), When Mom (Dad, Uncle Max, the Boys, etc.) Went Off to War!, My Favourite Relative, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to (Our Wedding, the Hospital, Grandma's House, Jail), A Humorous Look at the _____ Family, It Was Just Yesterday....

CRITERIA: While the focus will be on VISUAL story-telling, the rules of good genealogy must be followed. But since this will be the first such competition, the combined creative genius of the film-makers will determine the final structure and shape of the contest.

JUDGING: Points will be awarded in the following categories: (1) originality; (2) photography; (3) writing; (4) story progression; (5) sound; (6) special effects; and (7) overall effect. A professional from the local television community will be invited to serve as expert and technical judge.

SHOWCASE: Deadline for entries will be 1st April 2000. Judging will be completed by the end of April and the winner will be invited to present the film and a 15-minute overview of its creation at the Winner's Showcase on 12th May 2000. An audience question-and-answer period will follow. All non-winning entries will be presented for general viewing on monitors in the Seminar 2000 Video Room.

CONTACT: Barbara Hopper, 24 Hillmount Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2G 3E3. Telephone: (613) 228-0373. E-mail: familytree@canada.com or bahopper@magma.ca.

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NEW BRUNSWICK ANCESTORS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The New Brunswick Genealogical Society will be holding their 20th anniversary conference from July 30 to August 2, 1999, in Moncton, New Brunswick. The list of speakers includes: John Grenham, Marjory Harper, Ruth Legge, Allen Robertson, Ross Hebb, Robert Fellows, Kathryn Hilder, John Elliott, Richard Thorne, Patricia Townsend, Judith Colwell and Mary McDevitt. The program will also include "ask the experts" panels, a genealogical marketplace, research rooms, a computer laboratory, and opportunities for private consultation. For more information, visit the NBGS web site at <http://www.bitheads.com/nbgs/> or write to New Brunswick Ancestors, P.O. Box 7102, Riverview, NB, E1B 4T8, Canada.

Editor's note: Background information on the speakers together with a conference application form is available in the AGS Library. ■

Tip for Reading Microfilm

If you have ever experienced difficulty reading washed out, or light microfilms this tip suggested by a LDS FHV volunteer might help. Try inserting a sheet of bright yellow film in the reader to improve the contrast. Think about making up a kit of various film colours: reds, blues, greens, yellows, greys, etc. in different shades to take with you on research trips. Bright yellow and dark blue seem to work well, but experiment to see what works best for you. Where to purchase? Ask for it at photographic and stationary shops. ■

Attributes of a Genealogist

A good genealogist has an innate pride in family and country and recognizes his/her duty to search out and record the truth. He/she becomes, first of all, a full-time detective, a thorough historian, an inveterate snoop, and at the same time confirmed diplomat, a keen observer, a hardened skeptic, an apt biographer, a qualified linguist, a part-time lawyer, a studious sociologist and above all, an accurate reporter. from Waterloo-Wellington Branch notes Vol 11 #5. ■

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HANNA/H Alexander (1786 - 1861) from Londonderry, Ireland. Wife Mary ? (1794 - 1877). Arrived Nova Scotia Aug 1817 with 3 children, John Hamilton, Izabell & Robert. 4 more born in NS.

CAMPBELL Charlie, married to Vandel Rose STIEBRITZ, was a horseman whose neck was broken when thrown from his horse abt 1917/18. Where is he buried?

ESZCZUK, Lynda C. - 8615 - 144 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5E 2H5

ESZCZUK John, last known residence Kenora, ON in 1955. Believed to be from Poland. Possibly related to John Eszczuk who changed his name to John KATCHUK in 1902.

HUGGAN Jared, b. 1857/58, Northern England. Moved to Hawich, Scotland between 1857 - 1887. Married Mary JACKSON.

HUGGAN Edward, b. 1827 in England. Married Margaret FERGUSON.

GORDON, Ruby - 1505 - 14 Ave. S., Lethbridge, AB T1K 0T6

GORDON William, b. 22 Nov 1819 or 21 Jan 1820 (both dates in Bible). Where born? E.USA? E.Can.? Scotland? Parents? Siblings?

ATKINSON Thomas George of Exeter, ON, b. 23 Jan 1869; d. 13 Nov 1939. Parents? Siblings?

BAINES, Anne - 1023 Lakeway Blvd., Lethbridge, AB T1K 3E3 E-mail: baines@telusplanet.net

LANE Jimmie, Jean & George, children of Jas. A. Lane and Elizabeth Ann SUTHERLAND. Lived at Bashaw, AB in 1920.

BURKE, Patrick - 5 Malvern Way, Porton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 ONL England

WILLIS Louisa, nee MATTHEWS. Born 1876 in Finkley, Andover, Hampshire, England. Parents were George MATTHEWS and Charlotte SIVYER. Married Alfred (Fred) WILLIS 1879 at Smannell, Andover, Hampshire, England. Louisa was one of nine children. (Louisa's grandson is Patrick Burke.)

WILLIS Maud, daughter of Louisa/Alfred WILLIS, born Andover, Hampshire circa 1900.

MATTHEWS Fanny Elizabeth, sister to Louisa. Born Finkley, Andover, Hampshire 1886.

Trio are thought to have entered Canada period 1907 - 1914. Seeking their descendants.
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SONES, Mary - 1109 95th Avenue, Dawson Creek BC V1G 1J2

SONES Seeking Alfred (Elford?) Ernest SONES who came to Canada abt 1923. He moved to Victoria, BC in 1947. Where was he in the intervening years?

BIBAUD, Doreen - Box 12, Perryvale, AB T0G 1T0

Searching passenger lists and ship arrivals, additional info and contacts/descendants of: GUSTAV (GUSTAVE, GUSTAF(E), Emile Erickson, b. 28 Feb 1878 in Narka, Orebro Province; d.?1955. Parents Erland Gustav and Clara Sophia Johansdotter. Gustav went to Norway in 1898(Kristiania) and married Emilie Olsen 14 Mar 1901. Moved to Humer where David Lenius (my dad) was born 21 Dec 1901. Then to Tronjheim where twins Bjarne (Ben) Oscar and Victor b. Oct 1903. Victor d.?Feb 1904. Erling (Earl) George b. 18 Oct 1905 lives in Stony Plain, AB. Gustav and Emilie came to Canada via Bergen, Newcastle, Liverpool, Quebec, Winnipeg. May have travelled with Special Agent Carl O. Swanson (1906) promoting emigration of Scandinavians. Another version says they arrived in Philadelphia, USA 1906/7. Homesteaded in Waskateneau, later farmed in Edberg, then Stony Plain. Moved to B.C.c1944. Emilie (pregnant) returned to Norway around May or June 1909 with 3 sons; back to Canada with 4 in 1911/12 or 13.

OLSEN(OLSON), Emilie, wife of Emile Gustav, b.15 Oct 1881 in Muskeness, Lofoten Islands, Norway; d.?Oct 1972. Parents Ole Emmanuel Olsen b.21 Jan 1852. d.?1919 and Anna Kristine Olsen, b.29 Nov 1849 in Kristiansund, Norway. Her father lost at sea c1856. Her mother lived on a Naval pension 'til death c1888.

EDWARDS Charles Robert b.?1875, d. 15 May 1955

Believed born in Wales near the border. Worked as bank clerk & for Midland Railway.(Father also a bank clerk). Charles to Canada in 1904 arr. Halifax. Spent a night in jail, but don't know why. Sent for wife and son later. Received an honour in Shorthand from Pitman. Charles was Secretary Treasurer for Willingdon School District which became Teddington 1926 - 1947. Also Sec. Treas. of Cottage Lake School.

SMITHKathleen Mary, wife of Charles R. Edwards, b. 02 Aug 1879, d. 20 May 1965

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