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PHOTO COVER STORY:
CHARLES ALFRED BROWN
23 AUG 1868 – 1897
 The photo was re-done from tin type
 for our cover.
 See page 10 for the article.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

E. Carol Anderson



If you did not attend the AGS Conference '99, you missed a great time, what with all the displays, guest speakers, and fellow genealogists that were there. I am told that about 225 were registered and 100 attended the banquet on the Friday evening. We won't mention the parking, oops! What if we had to walk two blocks, it was good exercise after sitting all day. My thanks to everyone on the conference committee, it was a great time.

One of the highlights for me was being in the line of head table guests that were piped in to the banquet room by the Honourable Piper, Mr. Malcolm McCrimmon. It was a pleasure and an emotional moment to greatly enjoy. My Scottish ancestry goes a long way back to the Nixons and Scotts who were notorious boarder land reivers, some probably hung and others eventually driven out of the country to Ireland and England.

Congratulations to Tom Trace, elected 2nd Vice President, and to Debra Laschowski, Secretary, and my thanks and appreciation to the appointed member chairpersons for the AGS Standing Committees. A list of the new executive committee is found on the inside cover of this issue.

Three positions remain open for standing committee chairs: Grants and Fundraising, Cemetery Recording and Indexing, and Genealogical Research. A brief job description can be found for these positions in this issue of *Relatively Speaking*. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

It is most important to recognize two individuals who received AGS Members' Special Mention Award at the Conference banquet on April 16th. Vivian Ety, a society member since 1981 has exhibited outstanding volunteerism with her involvement in almost every endeavour the Edmonton Branch has undertaken. She has worked quietly in the background through the years, willingly and cheerfully, all in the interest of the Society. It is because of Vivian's dedication that

has enabled the Society to maintain its objectives of promoting the study of genealogy and genealogical research.

Roger Raballo, a non member of the Society generously donated many hours of exceptional volunteerism to the AGS and Edmonton Branch by contributing to the progress and completion of several projects, thereby assisting in the promotion of the Society's research goals and the study of genealogy. Roger is a retiree of Suncor Energy and through his efforts arranged with the Suncor Energy Foundation a Community Service Grant to be given to the AGS in recognition of Roger over the past year as a dedicated volunteer in the community. Roger was not able to attend to receive his award, so it will be presented to him at a later time.

Congratulations to the members of the AGS Edmonton Branch who celebrate this year the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the branch. An AGS president's Award was presented to branch President, Susan McKeen, at the banquet in appreciation of twenty-five years of outstanding volunteer service to the society in the promotion and preservation of family history and genealogy.

The AGS 25th Anniversary History book has been printed and every branch will receive a copy. Our appreciation goes out to Mary Ann Legris, AGS Archivist/Historian for the inspiration of producing such a collection of AGS history under one cover, and for all her labours and considerable time towards the final realization of the project. To all the AGS branch writers and Edmonton Branch committee members who contributed much of their valuable time and labour, thank you everyone.

Please write your letters of concern and appeal.

I will continue to remind everyone of the ongoing letter writing campaign for the release of all post 1901 Canadian census to the National Archives and subsequently to the general public for genealogical research purposes. The latest update came to me in a letter from Mr. Blake Richards, Special Assistant to Myron Thompson, M.P., Constituency of Wild Rose, Airdrie, Alberta. Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry has asked Statistics Canada to develop options for changing the legislation: 1. A retroactive amendment to the confidentiality provisions of the

1906 Statistics Act to allow the release of identifiable census records to the National Archives, 92 years after a given census, in keeping with the regulations of the Privacy Act, or 2. An amendment to release census records collected in the course of the 2001 and future censuses, 92 years after their collection.

Closer to home, the ongoing letter writing campaign, appealing to the provincial government, the Honourable Shirley McClellan, Minister of Community Development to keep the Provincial Archives of Alberta in the capital city of Edmonton, and that accessibility to the Archives is paramount for all Albertans. Also to recognize that digitizing the entire collection is a very expensive, long term, and labour intensive process, which can offer only an index or catalogue of the holdings. Researchers must see the original or exact copies to ensure accuracy and authenticity. The government's latest proposal appeared in the Edmonton Journal, 26 February stating that sites for the future Provincial Archives will be reviewed, and kept secret for six months.

Summer will be upon us very shortly, and I hope that your holiday driving and adventures will keep you safe, bringing you much enjoyment wherever you may roam. ■

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lillian Wight

Congratulations to AGS Edmonton Branch members who recently celebrated 25 years as an organization. The Branch has been very successful in its growth, expansion and service to members. To mark the occasion a delicious birthday cake made by Anne Luciuk was enjoyed by those attending the general meeting.

With spring on its way everyone will be planning more outdoor activities. Cemetery recording will again be an important activity for most branches. If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in this important work, why not consider volunteering by contacting your committee chairman right away. The benefits? Learn some of the history of an area, get to know your team members better, contribute to the success of your branch and have fun doing it.

Vivian Etty, a tireless worker in the library, has responded to my request for a volunteer to select articles for the '25 Years Ago' column. Thanks very much, Vivian! Vivian is always looking for interesting articles as she processes the many periodicals that come into the library. Be sure to watch for her selections in this and upcoming issues.

Two items appearing in this issue are the first of a series. Due to their length we will begin with Part I of "Canada Adopted Me", and with a portion of the information we have on "Strays".

As the Edmonton Branch was housed in the McLeod Building for several years, I thought our readers might enjoy some of the history of that historical site and the plans for its future. Also, be sure to read the cover story, the 1876 letter transcribed for our benefit, and enjoy the humour of Ryan Taylor, a North Dakota cowboy/farmer who writes a regular column for the Western Producer.

There is an ongoing need for articles, both short and long from members. Family stories and research experiences make interesting reading from which we can all learn. Pictures and maps enhance those articles so please start now to put together a submission for your magazine. It would be wonderful to have material on hand for upcoming issues!

I leave you with the following. In the Winter 1999, Vol. 22 No.1 issue of The Kin Tracer is Lauren's regular column "The Prez Sez". Lauren is encouraging everyone to start now to record their family stories even though "we all feel that we will live to be 120." "I know I plan to!" she says. "Most of us have a pile of papers, letters and vital statistics that we mean to get to, but not today. Today we are still collecting." And in her P.S. she writes, "While you are at it, be sure and put the names on the backs of the photos you have gathered... I have family photos going back to the 1800's that simply identify the town, not the people, cuz they knew who they were! Oh, there is the one marked "Babe and Me"... ■

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE AGS LIBRARY

by Norma Wolowyk

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Members of the AGS are entitled to borrow from the library by mail or in person. The library is located in Suite 116, the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton, phone 424-4429. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month from 7:00 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.

CANADA-ONTARIO-NEWSPAPER INDEXES

929.371342 CON The Confederate: Index to *The Confederate*, Mount Forest, Ontario from 1870-1874. 1998.

CANADA-ONTARIO-PROBATE RECORDS

The AGS Library now has a complete set of the published indexes to probated wills, letters of administrations and guardianships in Ontario for the years 1859-1900. These indexes have been created from microfilm held in the Ontario Archives.

929.3713 GIB v.1 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 1, Norfolk County. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.2 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 2, Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. 1988.

929.3713 GIB v.3 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 3, Kent and Essex Counties. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.4 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 4, Northumberland and Durham Counties. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.5 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 5, Lincoln and Welland Counties. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.6 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 6, Carleton County. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.7 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 7, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.8 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 8, Frontenac County. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.9 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 9, Lennox and Addington County. 1988.
929.3713 GIB v.10 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 10, Haldimand County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.11 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 11, Ontario County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.12 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 12, Elgin County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.13 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 13, Waterloo County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.14 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 14, Prescott and Russell County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.15 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 15, Lambton County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.16 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 16, Lanark County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.17 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 17, Peterborough County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.18 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 18, Dufferin County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.19 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 19, Peel County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.20 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 20, Brant County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.21 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 21, Victoria County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.22 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 22, Leeds and Grenville County. 1990.
929.3713 GIB v.23 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 23, Halton County. 1992.
929.3713 GIB v.24 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 24, Wellington County. 1993.
929.3713 GIB v.25 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 25, Huron County. 1993.
929.3713 GIB v.26 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 26, Bruce County. 1994.

929.3713 GIB v.27 Surrogate Court Index of Ontario, Canada 1859-1900, vol 27, Grey County. 1994.

CANADA-ONTARIO-VITAL RECORDS

These books contain complete abstracts of the marriage registration records.

929.371318 GRE Grey County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Grey County, Ontario from 1869-1873. 1997.

929.371321 BRU Bruce County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Bruce County, Ontario from 1869-1873. 1998.

929.371322 HUR v.1 Huron County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Huron County, Ontario from 1869-1873. 1998.

929.371325 MID v.1 Middlesex County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Middlesex County, Ontario from 1869-1873, Volume 1. 1998.

929.371325 MID v.2 Middlesex County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Middlesex County, Ontario from 1869-1873, Volume 2. 1998.

929.371327 LAM Lambton County Marriages: Marriage Registrations for Lambton County, Ontario from 1869-1873. 1998. ■

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

Pat Pettitt AGS #2342

The reference room now holds a computer name index for Accession 95.407 which contains the Vegreville Surrogate Files from 1927-1969. The case files are held off site, but can be retrieved within a couple of days.

Accession 96.661 contains Estate files from Red Deer (1907-1962) and Stettler (1914-1936). Unfortunately, both the Procedure [index] Books and the case files are off site; however, they are accessible by filling out a retrieval form and indicating name and date. ■

TRANSLATION COORDINATOR

Sue Philips, AGS #1660

I have received requests for translations from Polish, German, Dutch and Latin. These have been referred to the appropriate volunteers. However, I do not have a volunteer for Latin so the inquirer was referred to the Internet.

I have had a few requests from non-members. Since this is a service provided on a volunteer basis by our members I feel it is a benefit of membership and should not be available to non-members. However, I have attempted to refer these requests to non-member sources such as the Internet, or translators who are not AGS members. ■

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Sue Philips, AGS #1660

We have received the registration form for the British Isles Genealogical Register and I have passed it on to Lillian Wight for inclusion in the next edition of "*Relatively Speaking*". Unfortunately there was a misunderstanding regarding the duplication of the forms. The FFHS is not supplying a number of copies for us to include but only one copy which we need to duplicate at our cost. They apologized for the misunderstanding. I feel that it is still worthwhile for AGS because we receive a copy of the entire register when it is complete, and also because it is a valuable resource for our members. Many would not know about it or have an opportunity to contribute unless it is publicized in our periodical. ■



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 start at 7:30 p.m. ■



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

Edmonton web page

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

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NATIONAL U.E.L.A.C. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD - EDMONTON, JUNE 3-6, 1999

Coast Terrace Inn is the venue for the 85th Annual Conference and A.G.M. for the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, to which all those with Loyalist interest are invited. "Loyalist Heritage from East to West" is the theme. The week of May 30 to June 6, 1999 is expected to be declared UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' WEEK in Edmonton.

Full conference package including Thursday reception, Friday meals, meetings, Tours and Barbecue; Saturday meetings and meals, (including Banquet) and lunch after Church service Sunday, is \$175 before April 15, and \$200 after.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Edmonton area members to take in a National Conference without air fare and hotel expenses! Separate Saturday lunch and Banquet tickets will be available for those wishing to attend the A.G.M. and/or Banquet, otherwise, events and meals for full conference registrants only. Pamphlets with registration forms are available at A.G.S. library, as well as a separate form for Saturday lunch and/or Banquet.

HIGHLIGHTS

WALL OF ANCESTORS, an idea borrowed from Marie Ablett, U.E., of the Thompson-Okanagan U.E.L. Branch. By having delegates submit four names of ancestors being researched, along with birth and death information, we plan to publish a printout of a data base of delegates researching similar names, and thereby facilitate networking.

DR. MAXWELL FORAN, a dynamic speaker and Curator of the Western Heritage Centre, Cochrane, Alberta, will speak Friday on **THE ABANDONMENT OF HERITAGE**, History as a neglected area.

WORKSHOP ON EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIP, vital to our Association's survival, led by Past President Bernice Flett, and Myrna Fox.

WESTERN BEEF BARBEQUE at Old Timers' Pioneer Cabin, Entertainment by "Harmonicats". (For conference delegates only.)

Popular and entertaining **ALEX MAIR** will be guest speaker at the **SATURDAY BANQUET**, speaking about early Edmontonians of Loyalist background "**THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE**". Come early and enjoy the historic clothing costumes worn by some delegates at the dinner as well. **Non members are welcome to attend the Saturday Banquet – separate \$40 ticket purchase required before June 1.** Forms are at the AGS Library or phone Fran Losie at 482-1480.

DISPLAYS AND SALE TABLES

PRESENTATION OF U.E. CERTIFICATES to some Edmonton members.

TOURS of Fort Edmonton – Provincial Museum, Archives and Lieutenant Governor's Mansion, – and West Edmonton Mall – and Optional Sunday tour to Ukranian Village.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE PARADE AND LUNCHEON with members of First Presbyterian church, Rev. Lloyd Fourney, minister, with Loyalist ancestry.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST TO LOYALIST DESCENDANTS

Word has been received from Beverly Craig U.E., President of the Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch U.E.L.A.C., that one of their revered members, Ruth Redmond, U.E., passed away at age 96, in her home at Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Ruth was a proud descendant of Daniel Walker, U.E., who settled near Kingston, Ontario.

Ruth was affectionately known as the "Angel of Lundy's Lane". Ruth resisted commercialization and fought her own war to save a large portion of the War of 1812, Lundy's Lane battlefield site. She donated her home and five other properties, all part of the site of the Battle of Lundy's Lane, to the City of Niagara Falls. They will be turned into a park commemorating that famous battle of the War of 1812. Ruth received many awards including the

Governor General's Gabrielle Leger Award, Heritage Canada's highest honour.

Niagara Falls, Ontario will be the site of the National U.E.L.A.C. Conference and A.G.M. in early May 2000. ■

GLEANINGS FROM PUBLICATIONS

by Lillian Wight AGS #2668

* New England HGS Nexus Vol XVI No 1
Photographing gravestones, by John T. Fitch, pp. 19, 20
- tips to help in achieving a satisfactory finished product

* Family Tree Magazine Feb 1999
Other Nonconformist colleges and places of higher education: England and Wales, by John Titford, pp. 25 - 27
- describes in some detail the resources held by these institutions, e.g., student lists, ministers, etc.

* Family Chronicle March/April 1999
Strangers in His Majesty's Colonies, by Richard Hooverson, pp. 26 - 31
- details historical background of religious immigrant groups (German Pietists or "plain people") who settled in colonial America; includes The Moravians, The Anabaptists, The Mennonites, The Schwenckfelders, etc.
- Restoring Your Images, by Jim Slade, pp. 21 - 23
- how to restore old photos using computer software and a scanner

* The Scottish Genealogist Vol XLVI No 1 March 1999
Scottish Poor Law Records: An Invaluable Aid to the Genealogist, by Kerry Farmer and David Webster, pp. 17 - 23
- lists what records are presently available, describes their contents, and gives examples

* Ancestry Vol 16 No 6 December 1998
Got a Date for the Millenium? What Genealogists Should Know about Y2K
- provides background on the topic and steps to take to determine Y2K readiness

* Ancestor Vol 24 No 4 Summer 1998

Writing an Award-winning Family History, by Peter Cahalan

- using headings and practical suggestions, the author tells what he looks for in a good history

* Trails, Essex Co. OGS Vol 21 No 4 Winter 1998

Corresponding Effectively, by Elizabeth LaDouceur

- the how-to of writing a query, an e-mail or 'penning an old fashion paper request'

* Tree Tracer Vol 19 No 2 June 1998

British, German and Loyalist Officers in the American Revolution

- describes the original text, its index, and lists additional resources on the topic

* Kindred Spirits Vol 16 Issue 2 Spring 1997

Legal Terminology - Land Records, Wills, p. 9

- brief definitions of 24 legal terms useful in researching Ontario records

* Cornwall FHS Journal No 90 December 1998

Shipping Lists from The Quebec Gazette 1834 and 1835, by Bill Bartlett, p.16+

- ships, ports, dates and cargo listed but no settlers names included

* National Genealogical Society Jan/Feb 1999

Generations Family Tree Grande Suite, by Bill Mumford, p.22+

- a software review of the new extensively upgraded Reunion

The Power of Multiple Databases, by Richard S. Wilson, pp. 30 - 32

- explains in detail how Legacy software can be used to view two databases at once

* Ottawa Branch News Vol 32 No 2 March/April 1999

Ocean arrivals 1919 to 1935, by John Sayers, pp. 40 - 42

* passenger manifests recently transferred to the National Archives of Canada for public perusal ■

BOOK REVIEW

ALBERTA CENSUS INDEX(ES)

by Ian Holmes

INDEX TO THE 1891 CENSUS DISTRICT of ALBERTA

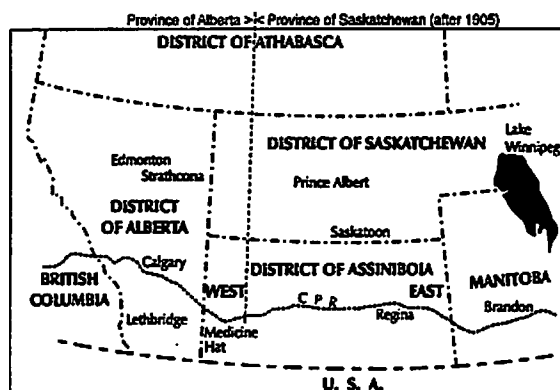


In 1998 the Regina Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society published an all name index titled "Index to the 1891 Census District of Alberta" (ISBN 1-895859-08-5). In 1891 the Alberta District was part of the Northwest Territories as the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan with their present boundaries were not formed until 1905.

This is the fourth in the series of 1891 census indexes by the group who previously published the adjacent Districts of Assiniboia West, Assiniboia East and Saskatchewan.

The Alberta District has more than 17,500 names although there is some discussion as to why there is a discrepancy with the official 1891 population estimates of some 25,000 residents. A very useful 24 page introduction gives an extensive background and discussion of the data and the areas covered by each subdivision used for the collection of the census.

This is a very valuable resource which compliments the three previous publications and the work of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society provides a valuable foundation and framework for others doing similar work:



- The Edmonton Branch of the AGS is just completing nearly three years of effort to index the same Alberta District for the 1901 Census of Canada (60,000 names).
- They are extending the work to cover the Medicine Hat area (part of Assiniboia West), some of the Saskatchewan District and the Indian agencies and reservations (12,000 names).
- The Grande Prairie Branch has tabulated the 1901 Census for the Unorganized Territory of Athabasca across the north flank of the Alberta and Saskatchewan Districts (5,000 names).
- Other people and groups, including Mary Trace (Traces From Your Past) and Faye B. Geddes (Ancestor Answers), have indexed smaller areas of the same region for either the 1891 or 1901 Census and these are available as published items and/or lists on web sites.
- The "Surname Sources" database on the AGS web site and the "Canadian Genealogical Projects Registry" on the Alberta Family Histories Society web site (www.afhs.ab.ca) list these indexes in more detail and provide directions and links for access to the data. ■

BOOK REVIEW

Submitted by Sue Philips

The Family Tree Detective: Tracing Your Ancestors in England and Wales

By Colin D. Rogers

Manchester University Press, Manchester

2nd Edition, 1997

This book in its previous edition has always been one of my favourites as a reference. I'm happy to say that the new edition is even better than the first one.

This is not a "how-to" book but rather one for problem solving. Aside from the introduction and the epilogue, the book is divided into three sections: "Looking for Parents", "Looking for Marriages" and "Looking for Deaths". Each section starts off with a bit about the appropriate certificate through the General Register Office and from there goes on to give suggestions on how to deal with every conceivable problem you might have: failure to find the entry, finding more than one entry, records not accessible, and so on. Each section then proceeds through parish registers, census and other alternative records. Each step is thoroughly researched and referenced but still very readable and entertaining to read, no mean feat considering all the information the author covers. Many problems are illustrated by examples that clarify the explanation.

The introduction, covering 14 pages gives tips on getting started, getting organized and asking questions. Even for someone who has been researching for many years this is still worthwhile reading. Many of us have fallen victim to the pitfalls mentioned and we can always stand to be reminded of the basics.

The appendix includes a list of current Registration Districts as well as those ones which have been abolished or renamed since 1929, and the present-day R.D. which covers those obsolete ones. Another very helpful list!

This new addition appears to have been completely rewritten although still in the same format as the old one, and is almost twice the size. "Family Tree" magazine calls it "a must for the

bookshelf of all family historians and genealogists” and I heartily agree. In fact, if you can’t solve your roadblock using all the resources suggested in this book, I fear your ancestor must not have been born! ■

SO THAT IS WHAT HE DID

A Look at Some Old Occupations

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Acater - A person who supplied food provisions - a caterer.

Affeeror - One of the officials of the manor court who collected taxes and financial penalties for an offence.

Amanuensis - An early English secretary or scribe who took dictation or copied manuscripts.

Axle tree maker - A person employed in the coach building industry who made axle’s for wagons and buggies.

Battledorer - A person who made wooden utensils specifically for beating dust from clothes, carpets, rugs, etc.

Benchman - A person employed in the chair-making industry responsible for cutting the seats and slats for the upright part of a chair.

Button Boy - A junior male servant in livery, commonly called a page.

Brightsmith - A person who polished light metals but usually tin.

Bumboater - A person in charge of a Thames Bumboat which would meet incoming ships and was loaded with an assortment of articles that people required after a long voyage.

Caulker - A person who packed the seams between wooden planks on a ship’s hull with tar or other material to make them watertight.

Clicker - A person who cut the upper leather for boots or shoes and also made eyelet holes with a machine that made a clicking noise.

Crimpeter - A person who worked in the bakery trade specializing in the making of crumpets and scones.

Corveser - A shoemaker to Royalty. ■

COVER STORY:

CHARLES ALFRED BROWN

23 AUG 1868 – 1897

Submitted by Lucille Horne, AGS #2943

Charlie Brown arrived in Quebec via the S.S. Lake Ontario on 25 Apr 1871 with his parents and five older brothers. They spent the next month on Grosse Ile where another child was born on May 24th. Eventually the family settled at Creighton, Medonte TWP, Simcoe County, Ontario farming a small parcel of land.

His father, Edward Brown was born at St. Mary’s, Scilly Isles, 9 Nov 1828 and enlisted with the Royal Artillery, 11 Mar 1843 serving 20 years. Later years of his military career were spent travelling throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland as a drill master. The oldest son recalled attending ‘many schools’. His final posting was in Northern Ireland where it is likely that Charles was born. Edward Brown died 14 Mar 1878 and is buried at Fairvalley Cemetery, Medonte TWP.

Jane Brown, his mother, maiden name Johnson, was born 11 Jan 1834 at Claypole, Lincolnshire. After becoming a widow she and her sons struggled to retain the farm. When the youngest daughter (born 1873) and family decided to homestead in Alberta, Jane Brown accompanied them. They spent the winter of 1905/06 in Strathcona, but Jane died before moving to the homestead. She is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery (known then as the Strathcona Burial Ground).

Charles Brown acted as witness to his sister’s marriage in 1895. Soon after he joined his older brother who operated an Import/Export business between Bluefields, Nicaragua and Texas. Events leading to his death vary, but all family stories agree that he was ‘shot in the back’ in 1897. Did he actually become a tough-looking desperado or was the photo staged to ‘shock his mother’? Black sheep or not, Great Uncle Charlie is one of the more colourful characters in my family. ■

You are not alone if you tear your hair out over the frustrations of researching your family history, but **WHY WORRY?**

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Sometimes we tend to take our family history too seriously, so that what should be a pleasurable activity becomes a chore and we are apt to worry when things go wrong.

We worry when we can't find great grandad's marriage, we worry that we cannot locate Uncle Joe's missing will, we worry because we don't know Aunt Ethel's maiden name so can't locate her birth.

Why worry about these? Surely there are only two things to worry about. One - whether you have completed your family tree, or two, whether you have not. If you have completed it then you have nothing to worry about! If you haven't then you only have two things to worry about - Will completing it be easy or will it be hard?

If it is going to be easy then you have nothing to worry about. If it is going to be difficult then you only have two things to worry about - whether you will complete it before you die or whether you will not.

If you know you can complete it in your lifetime then you have nothing to worry about. If you are going to die before you have completed it then you have only two things to worry about. Will you be going to heaven or will you go to hell?

If you go to heaven then you have nothing to worry about. If you go to hell then you will be kept so busy shaking hands and greeting those elusive ancestors, the criminals, vagabonds, bastards, etc., that you won't have time to worry!! So why worry in the first place? ■

THE "LLOYD" MYSTERY

Submitted by B. Joan Bowman, AGS #1108

My mother recently gave me an old family Bible she had received from her cousin. We were told the Bible was the "HUNTON" Family Bible. When Mom asked me if I wanted the Bible I was pleased. And of course I was anxious to see the family record section. I fully expected to read all about my great grandmother's family - the Huntons. To my surprise and disappointment it was all about the "LLOYD" family.

On the page entitled "Family Register" under "Parents Names", the following is written:

Husband: Henry Lloyd
Born at Handsworth on the 4th February 1843
Wife: Sarah Maria Lloyd
Born at Birmingham the 19th February 1842
Married: by the Rev. Charles Prince of Birmingham at Ebeneyes Chapel, Westbromivich on the 30th of September 1868.

And on the page of "Childrens Names", the following is written:

Robert Henry Lloyd born at Handsworth November 15, 1869, at Rowington Terrace.
Herbert Buchanan Lloyd born at Ivy Cottage, Handsworth, January 24th, 1871.
Sarah Kathleen Lloyd born at Ivy Cottage, Handsworth, April 30th, 1872.
Hilda Mabel Lloyd born at Ivy Cottage, Booth St., Handsworth, Sept. 27th, 1873.
Harold Buchan Lloyd born at No. 1 Brampton Villa, Soho Road, Handsworth March 22, 1875.
Norman B.... Lloyd born at Brampton House, Soho Road, Handsworth July 27th, 1876.
David Douglas Lloyd born at Pulrose, Bradden, Isle of Man Oct. 2, 1879.
Lucy Augusta Mona Lloyd born at Pulrose, Bradden, Isle of Man, April 24th, 1882.

This Bible is very large and is in need of being rebound. There are 30 pages missing and a few of the remaining are torn. It is also obvious there have been two pages (following the page of children's names) torn out. To our current knowledge, this Bible has travelled from England,

to the Isle of Man, to DeBolt, Alberta and now to Grande Prairie, Alberta. From the Isle of Man, I would suggest it went to the United States before coming to Alberta.

My great grandmother was Maud Izora (Hunton) Matlock, daughter of Anna (Prentice) and Wellington D. Hunton, born 24 May, 1872 at Minneapolis, U.S.A. On 6 Dec. 1887, she married James Preston Matlock, son of Preston Hale Hatlock and Kerlista Ann (Larrick) Matlock. James and Maud had six children: Clyde Mitchel, Mable Kerlista, Anna May, Wade Amisy, Albert Morris and Adolf James. When Maud was a senior she married George W. Nolan from the States. In ca 1951, great grandma returned to Colfax, Washington from DeBolt, Alberta. The Nolan marriage had been over a while by then.

THE BURNING QUESTION IS: "WHO IS THE LLOYD FAMILY"?

Wellington David Hunton was born 20 October 1839 at Augusta, Maine. He died ca 1934 at Colfax, Washington. In ca 1861, he married Anna I. Prentice born in Maine, U.S.A. She died 2 January, 1928 in Washington. W.D. Hunton's obituary states he moved with his parents by way of the Isthmus of Panama, from Maine to California, then on to Minnesota. Later they move to Amity, Oregon. W.D., wife and children moved to Colfax in 1879.

Anna and W.D. Hunton had three other children besides my great grandmother:

Rodney: born 1867 at Jackson, Maine; married Mattie Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cole. Five children were born to Rodney and Mattie. At the time of Rodney's death, he had a daughter, Mrs. O.P. Smith, living in Edmonton, Alberta. His obituary stated he moved to Forestburg, Alberta in 1917 where he farmed until his passing 25 January 1928 at the age of 61. In checking the local history book for Forestburg and district, "Yesterday and Years Ago", I found no mention of any Huntons.

Charles W. also born in Maine, U.S.A.
Laura (Hunton Roberts) Larson born in Oregon, U.S.A. and passed away in Long Beach, California. For a time, Laura and her second

husband, W.E. Larson, resided at Killam, Alberta. The local history book for Killam, "The Ten Dollar Bets", only mention Mr. Larson as a real estate man from the States who promoted settlement in Killam, Alberta ca 1910. It told of his brother Olaf from Sweden, who also lived in Killam with a wife and children. Laura had three daughters from her first marriage.

The burning question is: "WHO IS THE LLOYD FAMILY"? Are they connected to the Hunton family in any way? Possibly the Family Bible belongs to George W. Nolan or someone in his family tree. I know nothing about George other than he was a preacher who married my great grandmother Maud Izora (Hunton) Matlock. They were married between 1935 and 1938 in the state of Washington, U.S.A. ■

Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded.

(Murphy's Law).

SEARCHING IN QUEBEC?

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Here's a couple of Marriage Indexes you should know about:

The **LOISELLE MARRIAGE INDEX** lists about a million marriages in Quebec between 1642 - 1963. About 70% of all pre 1900 marriages, (and a considerably smaller percentage post 1900), in 520 parishes in Quebec, 6 parishes in Madawaska County, New Brunswick, and 2 parishes in Manchester and Hillsboro, New Hampshire are included in the list.

Names of both bride and groom, the date and parish are listed. The Index also gives information on the parents' marriage in certain circumstances. Most entries are typewritten. A list of abbreviations used and a list of all parishes indexed and the dates are listed at the beginning of each reel, including information to indicate native Canadian (Indian). Dates are recorded as day, month, year. All possible spelling variations should be checked!

The listings are provided on some 138 microfilm reels which are available through the LDS Church Family History Centers. They are listed #s 543721 through 543858. The Index is Fiche #6105306 which should be available at all Centers- under Canada- Quebec- French Canadian Marriage Records.

The **RIVEST MARRIAGE INDEX** is an index to all the marriage records in the parishes located in the Notarial Districts of Joliette, Saint-Jerome, Mont-Laurien, and Sorel, Quebec for the period of c.17th century to 1972.

Names are arranged first alphabetically by the surname of the bride, and under the surname of the bride the index is arranged alphabetically by the surname of the groom. Information is also given about parents. Most entries are handwritten. Dates are written as day, month, year.

The Index consists of 25 reels numbered 933142 - 933166, and 16 reels numbered 933109 - 933124. The Index listing is found on the same Fiche (#6105306), as the Loiselle Index noted above. ■

GENEALOGICAL PURSUITS

Submitted by Danny Lucas, AGS #2834

Not another article on how tos, you say? No, just a few reflections on the past half dozen years of being involved with family genealogy. Like many others I'm not sure when the bacteria entered my system. It has to be a bug of some form. No amount of searching, discovering, data entering or experimenting with the facts seems to irradicate its presence. Perhaps it is a recessive part of our DNA quietly hidden in a squiggle of the main profile.

I get a chuckle when I hear that someone *did* their family tree and it *only* took a couple of months. They do not have the bug. Some only look for birth and death dates. They do not have the bug. Others have a photo or two of great-grandma or great-great Uncle George. They do not have the bug. The bug is like the Sirens. Places, events, immigration modes, photos, stories - written, heard told or speculated; wills, land titles, school and church records, censuses, cemeteries and taxes are just a few of the songs that wave us deeper into the

ocean of discovery. The capping symptom of this genealogical disease seems to be: no matter what stage you are at or how many requests for answers are pending or what other areas you have completed, you are a glutton to readily assist or guide someone else into this terminal condition.

I'M NOT SURE IF THE GENEALOGICAL BUG ATTACKS OUR BRAINS, OUR HEARTS OR OUR SOULS, OR IS JUST EMBEDDED UNDER OUR SKIN

I've always had an interest in where people have come from, who is related to who and why they would move such long distances to start their lives over. About eight years ago, my husband's Aunt Daisy died and her obituary mentioned that she had a great great grandchild. A son, the youngest of Aunt Daisy's eight, was not a grandfather himself when she died. So which one of the other offspring was already a great-grandmother? It took a little figuring to place the little one. I said it was definitely time to update the BASIC tree that had last been done in 1979.

As with many families there are those who question any or all of your findings. Therefore, I decided I needed some footing in this realm and went to our local library. Every book on the topic was read right down to one on the Library of Congress. Next I went through all of the copies of *Relatively Speaking*: picking up hints, longing to go through *all* the books, articles and holdings in their library, enjoying members' submissions of their searches and advice, discovering what dedicated members did and do to assist with cemetery recordings, office moves and more. I even found some people I knew. A neighbor to my brother-in-law was a founding member of AGS and my clinical nursing instructor has written a book about her Engel forefathers. My own membership was the next step.

My maternal and paternal grandparents came to Alberta as newly married couples. Their parents were from Ontario and Minnesota respectively, both descending from those who had left German soil. Other than one sister and one cousin the extended family ancestors remained at their starting points. Thankfully I have a cousin who has the bug and is doing an in depth study of my maternal side. Most of Dad's generation is gone

now but there are a couple of younger ones who have the bug and have helped me obtain the basic tree information back to 1625. All branches need updating and multi-gaps have to be filled in.

To date I have bits and pieces about my husband's maternal side. My main progress has been with the father's kin. They were pioneer folk who came to Alberta from Hull, Quebec, as employees of the Dominion Government, their roots stemming from 1735 in Ireland to Vermont before Canada. The two brothers in Alberta are responsible for about 800 direct descendants. Two of the other five siblings still have to be traced.

A house fire thirty years ago destroyed a large store of information that my parents-in-law had. Since the early '90s, I have been hounding cousins for their wares. Photo and laser copying are now my second professions. Pieces of paper with questions and quotes and stories or reminiscences are gathered, sorted and stored to be transferred to computer disc or into the family tree.

Two of the Grandmother's six siblings have been elusive. But perseverance has me close to Mary, who married a Mr. Jones and moved to the States. I am now in Idaho with her daughter's name and likely two grandchildren. Soon they will be tangible.

All relatives seem pleased that 'someone' is collecting and recording their background. Two years ago we held a reunion and my binders of photos were well inspected and those present confirmed dates and events. There are some family members from whom getting their contributions is another task in itself. Many promises but no concrete items. I have 'threatened' to load my computer - scanner, printer and all, plus a tape recorder - and go park on each front step until I have every nuance of heritage within the memory of my IBM.

There are periods of starvation for the genealogical bug. And there are periods of gluttony. Four years ago I received many many items of all the areas I am pursuing. Hours were needed to sort them into the right family branch and to document sources. I then had to make a list of the questions they raised for more research. As to conflicts in information I document who has told or given me the 'facts' and

the date. Regardless of accuracy there is at least a recording of the event as a 'square one' for more investigation whether by me or by another.

A stop at the Library in Salt Lake City on a jaunt to the States in 1992 provided more nourishment for my bug. Time allowed me one evening and the following day. I was able to obtain some information and jot down many numbers of microfilm reels that may give more clues and data to support and expand what I have at present.

I've been thinking that our bugs would develop a new psychosis or frenzy if we were able to constantly feed them through the Internet, if all of the Mormon reels could be tapped that way.

I'm not sure if the genealogical bug attacks our brains, our hearts or our souls, or is just embedded under our skin. But once contracted they seem to be there for good. All we can do is to keep looking for declarations, accounts and reports to sustain them to satiety so they will either wither or move on. However, there are some of us who relish this homogeneous milieu. And I'm one of them. ■

The "Books of Remembrance" contain the names of Canadians who fought and died in the South African (Boer) War, World War I, WWII, Korean War and the Merchant Navy. You can reach this database at the National Archives at www.rescol.ca/books/remember.htm.

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The NAC also has an index of 600,000 personnel files of the Canadian Expeditionary Force of WW1. This URL is www.archives.ca/db/cef/index.html.

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Meet the Ex-Neighbours!

by Peter King, Cornwall FHS No. 90 Dec 1998

Many family historians are so concerned about getting back hundreds of years on their trees that they forget, or don't even consider about recording information about their own lives, or indeed that of their parents. If you are 'getting on in years', can you remember much about your early life? Like many family historians, I started tracing my family tree after I had lost both my parents and I wanted to find out about how we lived over half a century ago. It was not just a case of asking family but being born and brought up in the country. I started tracing families that used to live near us.

I have been to see a number of these people in their 70's and 80's and recorded our chats while they reminisce. In this way I found it possible to find things out about my family that my living relations could not remember. These meetings have also brought forward a wonderful added bonus on numerous occasions, that of photographs with my family in them which I knew nothing about. The records that will take you back to the year dot will be there next week, next month and next year. These ex-neighbours may not! ■

A young father-to-be was pacing back and forth, wringing his hands in the hospital corridor while his wife was in labour. He was tied up in knots of fear and anxiety and beads of perspiration dropping from his brow revealed the agony of his suffering. Finally, at 4:00 a.m. a nurse popped out of a door and said, "Well sir, you have a little girl." He dropped his hands, became limp and said, "Oh, how I thank God it's a girl. She'll never have to go through the awful agony I have had tonight."

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RESCUING THE BUILDING KENNY BUILT

by Lawrence Herzog

"It could rank as Edmonton's most significant heritage project of the decade."

Editor's note:

This article first appeared in the Real Estate Weekly, October 15, 1998. Permission to reprint here is very much appreciated. Room 916 of The McLeod Building was home for the Edmonton Branch, AGS, prior to the Branch's move to the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre in January of 1996.

Gene Dub is best known as the architect of some of our city's most invigorating modern structures, but his latest project focuses more on rejuvenating the past. The man who designed City Hall is currently at work converting the historic McLeod Building to apartments.

Even though the work has barely begun, there have already been discoveries, like uncovering the original marble ceiling in the lobby. "I had heard that it was there but it took us awhile to get to it," Dub reports. "It was under three newer ceilings." Dub is aiming to begin construction work early in the New Year and is hoping that the 88 suites will be ready for occupancy in September 1999. It's a venture so audacious and inspired that, if he pulls it off, it could rank as Edmonton's most significant heritage project of the decade.

If any Edmonton building is worthy of such a rescue, then it is certainly the McLeod Building. This grand old structure, built by Kenny McLeod, is one of our city's finest examples of commercial architecture from early this century. The nine-storey structure stands proudly at the corner of 100th Street and 101st Avenue and is a building with a story nearly as fascinating as the man who built it.

Kenneth A. McLeod was an entrepreneur, a builder, a city councillor, a father of nine and a man of vision. The Cree Indians called him "Man-Who-Pulls-Like-A-Horse."

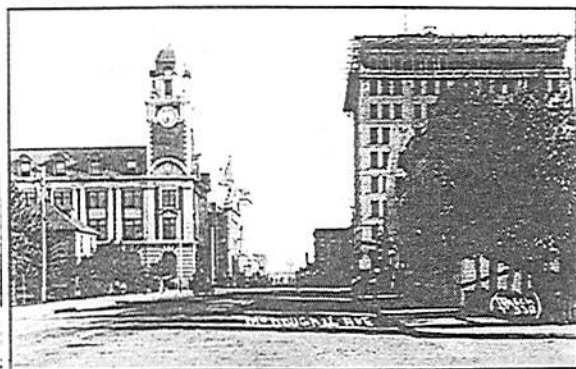
McLeod was born in Port Elgin, Ontario on September 7th, 1858, the eldest son of Scots Katharine and Archibald McLeod. Opportunity called to him from the vast unsettled west and, in March 1879, he went to Winnipeg and Rat Portage (now Kenora, Ontario) and worked as a carpenter and bridge builder for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1881, rumours abounded that the CPR would push westward through Edmonton, and Kenny decided it would be a good place to relocate.

THE INSPIRATION FOR HIS BUILDING CAME DURING A TRIP THROUGH THE U.S. PACIFIC NORTHWEST

McLeod and three other men set off from Winnipeg on foot on August 5th, 1881, with three oxen, three Red River carts, a buckboard and pony. The men camped wherever night found them and, 1400 kilometres and 93 days later, they arrived in Edmonton - population 400.

Using money received from the sale of a hundred pounds of brown sugar to newspaperman Frank Oliver, McLeod put 17 dollars down on two Hudson's Bay Company lots near the present day General Hospital. He got one hundred five dollars for the oxen and used most of that to buy lumber.

A boom the next spring pushed real estate prices up and McLeod sold his two lots and cabin for seven hundred dollars. He went into business for himself, erecting buildings, constructing boats and opening the first sash, door and planing mill in the city. One day, he had some frames and sashes to haul but didn't have an ox, so he loaded them on the cart and pulled it himself. That's how the Cree Indians came to call him "Man-Who-Pulls-Like-A-Horse."



McDougall Avenue

In 1894, McLeod married Anne Logan Lauder. They were to have nine children - six boys and three girls and, of them, just the seventh child, Kathleen McLeod Dunlop survives.

McLeod was twice chief of Edmonton's volunteer fire brigade, was elected to town council four times and was a member of Edmonton's first city council in 1905. He was also a school trustee, a member of the Board of Trade Council and in years to come, a Life Member of the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers Association.

The inspiration for his building came during a trip through the U.S. Pacific Northwest. He was so taken by Spokane's Polson Building that he commissioned its architect, John K. Dow, to design a replica for Edmonton and then hired the same contractors, too.

Given the way it was built, it's no wonder that, 83 years after it opened, the structure endures much as McLeod built her. Its ivory terra cotta tiles and grand cornice are among the elements that make it a rare Canadian prairie example of the Chicago School of Architecture. Called "the last word in office building construction" by the Edmonton Bulletin newspaper, McLeod's building cost more than 600,000 dollars to complete - a staggering sum of money for the day.

McLeod insisted on strength and quality and he supervised all phases of the buildings construction. The footings were 11 feet square - strong enough to support the weight of 50 stories! He demanded stronger steel than the plans specified - 50 per cent greater. In all, the skeleton contains 12 hundred tons of steel.

The story goes that, during construction, Kenny piled all the cast-iron radiators for the entire building in one ground floor room and measured for sag. Only then was he satisfied that his building was strong enough.

The nine-storey structure (apparently one storey for each of his children) boasted dozens of innovative design features - setting it apart, then and now. It was the first building in Edmonton to be wired with conduit. The elevators were state-of-the-art electric, powered by generators in the

basement. Lines were installed for gas lighting and the built-in vacuum system.

IT'S OUR HERITAGE

When it opened in January 1915, the McLeod Building was more than 100 feet high, making it the tallest in the city. It was a distinction held for nearly 40 years.

Anne Logan Lauder died in 1927 and McLeod retired to Vancouver in 1930. Three years later, he married Mary Belle McKinnon of Vancouver. McLeod died in July 1940, just two months short of his 82nd birthday.

Gene Dub is planning to restore the storefronts to something resembling original detail and reports he's seeking a restaurant and other commercial tenants for the main floor. Here's wishing him all the best in his rescue of one of Edmonton's foremost architectural jewels. ■

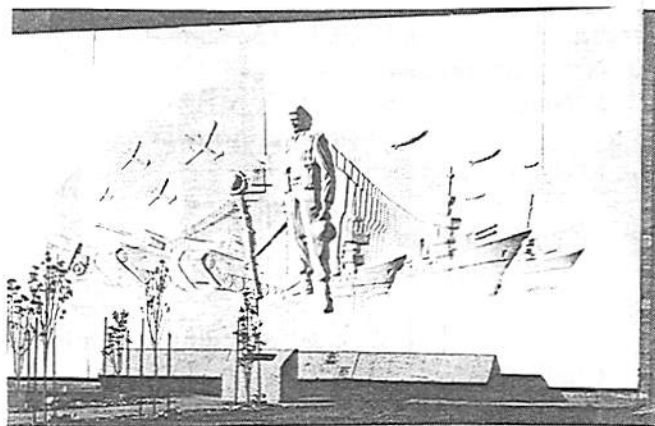


McLeod Building - c. 1915

NORTHERN LIGHTS CEMETERY

Field of Honour

On a warm summer day in May 1997, hundreds of local legion members gathered to dedicate a new Military Cemetery Field of Honour in the Northern Lights Cemetery located on St. Albert Trail and 156 Street.



This new development is the most magnificent military Field of Honour in Western Canada. It is designed to meet all military cemetery requirements and is available to individuals who have served in the military and their spouses. The Field of Honour includes:

- * A powerful focal point. (The 70-ton stone wall saved from the former Montgomery Legion.)
- * A landscaped entrance with flagpole
- * A central tree-lined walkway
- * Oak trees line the new section boundaries
- * Over 250 graves
- Cremation niches at the base of the wall of remembrance

For more information call Municipal Cemeteries at (780) 496-6986; FAX: (780) 496-6985 or write 12420 - 104 Street, Edmonton, AB T5G 2M1 ■

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*

1999 Alberta Genealogical Society Election Results, Congratulations to the successful candidates.

Elected Executive Officers

Tom Trace/Edmonton 2nd Vice President
Debra Laschowski/Two Hills Secretary

Standing Committee Chairpersons

New Appointments

Jo Nuthack/Edmonton
Bylaws, Policies and Procedures
Evelyn Fairbrother/Red Deer
Inventory and Property
Velma Kane/Edmonton
Publicity

1999 Vacant Positions for Standing Committee Chairpersons

Please consider volunteering for the following chairperson positions. It is essential that we proceed with all work that is in progress under the leadership of a chairperson to work with current committee members.

Job Descriptions in brief format, subject to revision

Cemetery Recording and Indexing

Chairperson: 1. Member of the AGS Executive Committee, attends or sends an alternate committee representative to the regular society meetings held five times yearly, a committee report is submitted at each meeting; 2. Co-member of the Publications Committee; 3. Attends Finance Committee meetings, submitting funding requests for special projects; 4. To encourage the cemetery committee chairperson in all branch and individual members to facilitate communication with the AGS Cemetery Recording and Indexing Chairperson; 5. To promote the recording and indexing of all cemeteries within Alberta; 6. To index, tabulate and collate all gathered materials, disseminate and make the information available to others; 7. To encourage excellence in records acquisition; 8. To maintain a facility where files and equipment will be stored and accessed as required.

Grants and Fundraising

Chairperson: 1. To seek out the ways and means of procuring additional funding for the Society, by way of special projects, grants, and donations; 2. Member of the AGS Executive Committee, attends or sends an alternate committee representative to the regular society meetings held five times yearly, a committee report is submitted at each meeting; 3. Member of the AGS Finance Committee attending the regular committee meetings held five times yearly.

Genealogical Research

Chairperson: 1. Member of the AGS Executive Committee, attends or sends an alternative committee representative to the regular society meetings held five times yearly, a committee report is submitted at each meeting; 2. Facilitate communication with AGS branch genealogical research chairperson; 3. To encourage excellence, accuracy and confidentiality when spoken for, with all responses to requests; 4. To seek out all available basic resource materials to sufficiently reply to research requests; 5. To reply to all research request in as prompt a manner as possible.

Submitted by E. Carol Anderson
President, Alberta Genealogical Society ■

The Wedding

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd, alternating between bride's side and groom's side. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar . . . so it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing by the time he reached the altar.

The little boy, however, became distressed at all the laughing and began to cry. When asked what was the matter, the child sniffed, "I was just being the Ring Bear."

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CANADA ADOPTED ME – Part 1

From The Citizen, Kipling, Saskatchewan

June 16, 1983

Submitted by Frank Easton

The busy workers in Dr. Barnardo's Home on Stepney Causeway, London, paid no special attention to the five year old boy who, with his seven year old sister, were newly brought in. We were just two more of the thousands of waifs and strays searched out by Dr. Barnardo's workers, fed, clothed and assigned to homes to be educated and trained for suitable work. Our father, a ship's painter, was two years dead and now our mother was gone. We had no relatives to care for us and the Barnardo Homes had taken us in. With the ease of long practice, they interviewed us, classified us and sent us out separate ways ... Mabel to one family ... I to another. We were not to meet for many years.

I went to an old couple in the country near Norfolk. I remember little of the going and not too much of the being there. Another orphan lad boarded with the family and we got along well enough. We did the work required of us around the place, grinding turnips, cutting up hay, learning the lessons taught at school.

OUR FAMILY WAS A GOOD FAMILY

It was a pretty place. The lane, down which we walked to school, was tall-edged with holly and mistletoe ... green beside us and overhead a ribbon of blue. Behind the hedges were the fields, knee deep at times with turnip tops or dotted with woolly sheep, turned in to crop off the turnip greens before the harvest. At harvest time we squigged through the hedge holes and watched the large grab hooks pull the turnips from the soil and haul them up ... To me they looked as big as pumpkins. Sometimes we found a turnip along the road, fresh fallen from the carts and happily carried it home to our lady to cook for supper.

Our family was a good family. Though not church attenders themselves, they followed Dr. Barnardo's precepts and raised us in strict ways ... Bible reading and meditation. No work of any kind was permitted on Sunday. I couldn't even clean my

shoes or play a game. It was God's day of rest, good for man but hard on little boys.

We were paid for our work ... one penny a week paid on Saturday evening. It did not last long. Penny in hand we raced down the street to the widow lady's house. Here she sold homemade candy by the bag and for that penny I would get a bag as big as I can get for a dollar today.

I was barely ten when my lady called me to her one day. "Fred," she said, "Dr. Barnardo wants us to send you back to London."

"To London?" I asked. "Haven't I been good here?"

"It has nothing to do with your being good. It's time for you to go on to something else. Put your things together so you'll be ready."

Back at the Barnardo Home in London, all was excitement. We were being sent to new homes in Canada. We would travel by ship across the ocean and by train to our new families. Here, we were told, we would take our place in the new world. We were to be vaccinated.

I winced when the doctor picked up the sharp-looking knife and grabbed hold of my arm. I had no idea what being vaccinated meant. He squeezed the flesh of the upper arm tight and scraped at it with the knife ... four times. He daubed something into the scrapes. Then he took the other arm and did it all over again ... in four more spots.

"On your way," he said. I was relieved to learn this was all there was to being vaccinated. Maybe going to Canada wasn't going to be so bad after all.

They herded us down to the ship ... three hundred boys and girls heading for Canada under the auspices of Dr. Barnardo who had found homes for us there. We climbed the gangplank and onto the ship, arms aching as the vaccines began to work and the scabs to itch.

I don't remember what I thought, but a lot of the children were crying. Most of them were older than I and we scurried around finding our places, sizing each other up, wondering what was

happening and what would happen next. I got into a fight with another boy and got the scabs knocked off my vaccination.

It wasn't too big a ship ... an old cattle boat made over to haul immigrants. It took us ten days to cross. I remember little of it except the water was very rough and I was a very sick, very miserable ten year old, arms aching from my vaccinations, seasick and scared of what was to come. I had no idea where Mabel was nor if I would ever see her again.

I WAS ASSIGNED TO A SCOTS FAMILY...

I was assigned to a Scots family living in the Golden Plains district of Saskatchewan. One of the men met me at the station. He walked over to a four-wheeled wagon with seats behind each other ... a slat-bottomed democrat.

"Get in," he said. "We've seventeen miles to go and the water's high along the way."

It certainly was. We stopped at the brink of a hill and looked out across the Pipestone Valley. Water covered all the flat land. Where the bridge should be, only two rails showed above the water. Slowly we descended to the bridge. Another wagon, heavier than ours and loaded with a gang plow, came up beside us.

"My wagon's heavier than yours" the driver said. "Better climb in with me and hitch your horse and wagon behind." We entered the water slowly and it rose about the wheels and up the box. The light democrat floated free behind our trailing horse and swayed from side to side, but we crossed safely and were soon on our way to the farm.

The house on the farm was an old house ... made of logs. Around it stood the outbuildings and animals ... pigs, horses and cows. Inside were three bedrooms, a living room and a large kitchen. In summer it was hot and in winter it was very cold.

My greatest memory is the cold. A big steel range heated the kitchen and a pot-bellied stove the living room. At night the fires went out and everything froze, including us. We slept in our winter underwear and socks. Many a morning we

woke with white frost on the bedclothes where the moisture from our breath had frozen.

LIGHT IN THE DARK HOURS CAME FROM TALLOW CANDLES

I was called out long before dawn for there were a hundred head of cattle and thirty-five work horses to be tended to. There was no washing up. The water was solid. Breakfast was eaten around the kitchen stove where the bread, frozen from the night, was thawed and eaten piece by piece. The milk thawed on the back of the stove. There were no eggs. They would have frozen and burst.

Light in the dark hours came from tallow candles. I like making them in the evening. We had a six candle mould ... tapered. Down it I would thread grocery twine for wicks and then pour in the melted tallow saved from the cooking. By morning they were ready for use. They worked fine and didn't even smell too bad.

Most of the time I was well, though the work was hard and there was little time for rest. The family to which I was sent did not live up to the arrangements made with Dr. Bernardo. I was there to work and nothing else. I rarely got to school and my formal education practically stopped after I got to Canada. ■

BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

Preston, England. Ian Lewis, 43, spent 30 years tracing his family tree back to the 17th century, traveling thousands of miles, interviewing 2,000 relatives and shelling out more than \$100,000 in his quest. Then the poor guy learned that he'd been adopted when he was a month old - and his real name was David Thoraton!

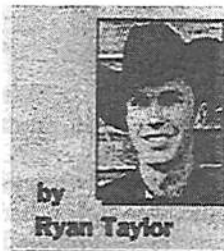
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COWBOY LOGIC

Submitted by Lillian Wight
Taken from The Western Producer
January 14, 1999

What's in a Name

I've always been proud of my middle name. That's why I sign my name as Ryan M. Taylor.



Most people guess my middle initial to stand for Michael, like that fella on that one soap opera. It's a good guess and it's a good middle name for a lot of guys named Ryan, but it's not mine.

My 'M' is for Marshall.

Not a name you hear every day. It's my father's name, although most people know him as Bud. And it was his uncle's name before him. His middle name, by the way, was Nye. Definitely not one you hear much any more.

Great Uncle Marshall was killed in 1921 at the tender age of 20. Butted in the chest by a steer while working cattle, he died of the injuries a couple of days later.

An interesting young man for his day, he was a homesteading cowboy, a school teacher and a pretty good piano player.

I think of him quite a bit, realizing that I've already lived eight years longer than him. It makes you appreciate the days you're given.

So I write the initial 'M' in the middle of my name to remind me of the stock I descend from. I write it out of respect for my father, my single greatest hero, and I write it to honour my great uncle, who I suspect to be my guardian angel as I work around the ranch.

Negative Identification

But there were reasons other than pride and nostalgia that really made me appreciate my middle name last week.

Driving home from Regina, I was pulled over for going a few too many clicks per hour. A Mountie checked my driver's licence, told me to "just slow it down a bit, eh?", so I said "thanks, huh", and went on my way.

Down the road a ways, he was behind me again and riding my tail like a horse trailer. I set the cruise at exactly 100 km-h and let him follow me.

A half hour later, when I turned to go south, he pulled me over again. Both officers got out and one said, "Would you come back to the car?"

I follow orders pretty well when they're given by two men with sidearms. I got to sit behind the cage in their back seat and they asked me what my middle name was.

"Marshall," I said.

They told me that they pulled me over because they got a "hit" on my name when they ran it through the computer.

They said there could be a warrant out for my arrest and asked if I was aware of anything like that.

I answered no, in my firmest what-the-hell-are-you-talking-about voice.

But, newly informed of my middle name (which was on my licence), they said it was a mistake and that I was free to go.

So, if you've got a baby boy to name, don't give him a common middle name. It could land him in the clink, wondering why he had to have a middle name like Michael or William or James.

For extra positive identification, you may even want to consider something as old-fashioned as Nye. ■

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

25 YEARS AGO

PLANS FOR A SOCIETY LIBRARY

J.P Swann, Hon. Librarian

Submitted by Vivian Etty

Over the next few years, the Society can confidently expect to accumulate a substantial amount of printed material. Much of it will be received from other Genealogical Societies, in exchange for copies of *Relatively Speaking* or other materials we may publish. Other documents may be donated to us, purchased by us, or acquired by us in other ways.

It is obviously our responsibility to see that this material is both properly cared for and made available to all our members. At the same time, there is little point in our collecting books and other documents that are readily available elsewhere -- in public libraries, for example. Further, there is equally little point in building a collection if our members do not know what it contains and how they may gain access to it.

Our first task is, therefore, to keep members informed about the availability of literature. To this end we hope to publish, probably in or for distribution with the next edition of *Relatively Speaking*, a catalogue of all publicly available collections of genealogically interesting material in Alberta, with details of where and how they may be consulted. If you have or know of any such collections which our members might be allowed to use, please let me know about them.

Arrangements are also being made for the adequate storage of our own (currently embryonic) collection, and detailed information will also be included in the next edition of *Relatively Speaking*. Since the Society is provincial in scope, a mailing service will be established to permit access to this collection by all our members, wherever they may live. A standard lending fee of perhaps \$0.50 per item will be charged, plus an amount to cover one-way postage and packing. Items will be expected to be returned within two weeks; failure to do so will result in additional charges being assessed.

It is felt that this arrangement will be the fairest for all members, and is intended to be able to cover its own costs. In time it may be possible to extend the service through inter-Association lending arrangements, but this must wait until we ourselves have something to offer to others.

Any suggestions or offerings for the collection will be most gratefully received. ■



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Upcoming Dates

Regular meetings of the Edmonton Branch are held on the 4th Thursday of each month (excluding July, August and December) at the Prince of Wales Armouries - Governor's Room, 10440 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton. Time: 7 p.m. (for 7:30) until about 10 p.m.

April 22, 1999 - Ron Whistance-Smith
Maps - changing boundaries of Europe.

May 27, 1999 - Information on the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Edmonton colony and a video on the history of the Mayflower

June 24, 1999 - Members Stories Night
Members stories and display charts. Bring your Family Tree Charts.

1901 CENSUS (Alberta District) Look for the insert in this issue.
Check out our website: www.agsedm.edmonton.ab.ca

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EDMONTON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Susan McKeen

What a *MARVELLOUS* Conference! Lots of great genealogical "stuff". The speakers were excellent and the display tables and vendors were very popular during our breaks. Everyone I talked to had a good time. Bruce Ibsen, who spoke at our banquet Friday night, is always an entertaining and interesting speaker. Top marks to Florence Woodward and Norma Wolowyk, Conference Co-chairs and their very capable committee!

Vivian Etty, our dedicated periodicals lady, was honoured by the AGS and Edmonton Branch for all her hard work and dedication. Roger Raballo, who has spent countless hours working on the 1901 census project and cemeteries, was also honoured. Both received a one year membership in AGS and Edmonton Branch and dinner tickets for themselves and a guest.

Unfortunately, Roger was not able to attend but will be presented with his award later. Congratulations to Vivian and Roger! AGS also honoured Edmonton Branch on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary. We received the President's Award which will be hung in our Library. Thank you!

Edmonton Branch members are hard at work on several projects. The 1901 Census transcription is almost ready to go to press. We have applied for and received a domain name for our web site although it is not quite ready yet.

Further to Terry Gregory's efforts on our behalf, he has received a very nice letter from The Hon. Shirley McClellan inviting representatives from Edmonton Branch to "participate in developing the plans for the Archives' new accommodations." Well done, Terry!

And on a much sadder note. What a terrible tragedy last Thursday. In reading Friday's Deseret News online, a guard and patron were killed by a gunman in the LDS Family History Library. Later that day, the gunman also died of

wounds received. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all. ■

Recording and Indexing

Submitted by Christina McNelly, AGS #4038

Plans are well under way for the summer tombstone recording sessions as well as some tidying up chores from past years. Most 'trips' are planned for short drives so we won't have to be up at the crack of dawn to get to our first cemetery (Beachmount on the Yellowhead is one of those nearby cemeteries).

Get your pencils sharpened and the rest of your kit checked out and don't put those boots and scrapers away because you just might need them for our recording sessions. Remember to brush up on Ukrainian and Chinese for the coming months.

Thanks to those who are continuing to input data for us and our 'eagle eyed' proofreaders for your efforts.

WATCH THE TOMBSTONE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPCOMING RECORDING SESSIONS.

If you plan on visiting any cemeteries in far flung areas of the province and would like to know if they have already been recorded please give me call.

For further information or to volunteer your services recording headstones, data input (not just cemeteries, we do have other projects!) or proofreading please call Wilma at 460-3986 or e-mail jgmck@telusplanet.net

Library News

Submitted by Sherry Bell
Library Director, Edmonton Branch

The Edmonton Branch AGS Library
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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

As I write this column, the library volunteers are signed up and ready for the Library Open House (Saturday night right after Conference '99). The delegates from the United Empire Loyalist Conference will also have an opportunity to tour our facility on Monday, June 7th. While on the topic of outreach, Terry Gregory and I made a successful trip to Leduc where we gave a presentation to the staff of the Leduc Library at their professional development day. Much of the interest from the general public and members was generated by a newspaper article about our society by Johanna Kowal in the March 11th edition of *The Edmonton Journal* (Life Section).

At our last Library Volunteer staff meeting in March, we had twenty volunteers out of thirty present (a record, I believe). A new policy regarding renewals was agreed to; that is, members may only RENEW their items for ONE week, so please keep that in mind when borrowing items. NO outside compact disks (CDs) are to be installed on our public access computer (for technical and copyright reasons). New volunteers this year are Ruby Chaffey, Noel Nicolson, Myrna Reeves, Colleen Rispler, and Wylla Watson. Thank you for volunteering in our library.

Our many new acquisitions should soon be on display, as our cataloguer is expected back any day now. In order to keep our members informed of NEW items, a list could be inserted in the next issue of *Clandigger*. This would be

in addition to the new AGS Edmonton Branch Library Holdings publication which is currently being prepared.

Now into my third year as Volunteer Library Director (AGS Edmonton Branch), I would like to thank all those who have been supporters of our facility, including the library volunteers, executive members, donors and patrons. I enjoy collaborating with you and look forward to the coming year's adventures. ■

Special Interest Groups

England + Wales Research Group

We meet the first Thursday of each month (with the exception of July and August - N.B. not August and September as reported in the February issue of *Clandigger*) at 7:30p.m. in the AGS Library located in Room 116, Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440 108 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.

Attendance continues to run between forty and fifty eager participants. Our AGS President, Mrs. Carol Anderson, attended our March meeting, and judging by her smile, she enjoyed our shenanigans.

Our usual format, 'under the direction' of our dear Muriel Jones contains the following: Sue Philips' 'Tidbits' and 'Book Reviews'. Norma Wolowyk's 'mini lessons'.

Pat Pettitt oversees 'Problem Corner' - all have an opportunity to offer suggestions on 'the next step' to follow.

Challenges - all were challenged to write a short account or story of a favourite or elusive ancestor -three of the best stories will be published in *Relatively Speaking*.

Occupations - David Pegg informed us of the work done by a 'deal runner' and we found out about 'glebe terriers' from Dave Rolls.

Main Topics: Brian Holt related the plight of child labourers in Britain during and following the Industrial Revolution.

Mr. Lew Hughes - who recently published a book on his wife's Treveylan family, joined us as a guest speaker to tell us about the book. **Display Table:** We've been to Dorset with Dave Thomas and Gina McCaslin in January, to London with John Loomes in February. We have viewed some old English wills belonging to members. April's meeting features a 'Mini Antiques Road Show' with family heirlooms or items of interest from England with displayers telling us of the article's history in their family.

Our main topic will be 'Gypsies in England' presented by Melva Robbins. We continue to learn, assist each other, network and generally have a grand time. Any AGS member wishing to join in will be made most welcome! ■

Irish Special Interest Group

Every two months, branch members with Irish roots are welcome to our special interest group. Please bring a pedigree chart and problems to the meetings. We also have a large Reference book in the library in which is stored copies of the speakers information.



January 11, 1999 – meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions.

March 8, 1999 – 22 members attended. We enjoyed another evening of Irish dancing by the Mattierin Dancers of Sherwood Park. The littlest one was only three years old! Sharon Dyer spoke on the story of the Linen trade in Ireland. Adeline Kovaluk gave a very informative talk of Co Fermanagh.

May 10, 1999 – Allan Ronaghan will talk on "You can do research in Ireland – or You can find a way back". Margaret Bendickson will tell a continuous story "The journey continues – Irish connections".

No meetings in July or August. Next: September 13, 1999. For more information please contact Margaret Bendickson at 922-3050 or Pat Hewitt at 454-4408. ■

Scottish Research Group (SRG)



Come join us, wear your Tartan or Celtic jewellery - please don't scare us away - wear other pieces of clothing as well!!! The Scottish Research Interest Group continues to meet every other month (opposite month to the Irish Research Interest Group) our next meeting being Tuesday, June 1, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

Check out our new web site at <http://www.geocities.com/~srg/scottish.htm> ■

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

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

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at the AGS Library, in the Prince of Wales Armouries. People usually start arriving shortly after 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

For this meeting, we will be having a "Presentation on Researching in Poland" followed by "Research Sources Available in the LDS (Mormon) Library". A display table showing various resource materials is now a regular part of our meetings.

We also have resource binders available in the reference section of the library. Our new website is at <http://www.genweb.net/~east-european/>.

EERG meetings are held about every two months (except July, August and December). For further information on our group or to suggest topics/guest speakers for future meetings, please contact Elaine Kalynchuk from Edmonton at (780) 439-9315 or send an e-mail to eerg@compusmart.ab.ca. ■

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Heritage Seekers

Extracts from the March, 1999 Newsletter of the
Grande Prairie & District Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society

From The Helm

by Al Meyer

Greetings. This will be my final report as your President. I think I wrote my first report using the analogy of a ship, so this is not to say that I've jumped ship, just that I'm now a different member of the crew. This past year has been very enlightening. I think everyone should give it a try! Many thanks to the Executive and Committee members who helped me soooooo much.

By the way, we are still in need of a Cemetery Coordinator. Please contact Tracey Kirouac or a member of the executive if you can help fill this position.

Our next major project is still the Silent Auction (currently underway), and the Auction Evening (or live auction) on March 26th. Please contact Barb Moreau if can help at all with these events. Don't forget the goal is to purchase a new microfilm reader/printer. Many thanks to all who were able to make it to the workbee in January.

Our February meeting made us 21 years old (just young pups :-)) and those present enjoyed wedding memories, pictures, dolls, dresses, cakes, and much more (see descriptions with photo on right).

Next month we look forward to Fran Moore's presentation about "Museums in the Peace". This meeting will be held in the Grande Prairie Museum since the Library is undergoing renovations.

And finally, I would like to welcome our new President, Margaret Kay; Vice President Debby Was; Secretary Marian Ledger; and Treasurer Dorothy McDonald. I know we're in good hands that will take us into the millennium.



Pictured (l-r):

Elsie Lock (holding her great-grandmother's apron which was received as a wedding present in 1840 - Christina **Palsson** m. Olov **Persson Lof** in 1840 in Sweden)

Catherine Ledger (holding her grandmother's wedding dress - Nina **Stuckless** m. Herbert **Cave** in 1934 in Toronto ON)

Marian Ledger (holding her own wedding dress - Marion **Cave** m. Brian **Ledger** in 1960 in Toronto ON)

Debby Was (holding her mother's wedding dress - Shirley **Plater** m. James Russell **Spallin** in 1949 in Fort Williams ON)

Leita Askew (wearing her mother's dusty rose afternoon dress - Anne **Currie** m. Clif **Bradley** in 1940 in Camrose AB)

On table:

Wedding cake (on left) - Bertha **Stevenson** **Graumann** Melnyk 1958

Wedding doll (nearly 50 years old) - Leita **Askew**

Wedding cake (on right) - Marian **Cave** **Ledger** 1960

50th Wedding Anniversary Scrapbook of Elsie **Williams** & Monty **Plater** m. 1924 (in front of Debby)

Various wedding photos

Write An Article and Reach Millions

By Debby Was

Recently, while I was surfing the 'net', I was in the <<http://ancestry.com/>> website and checking some of my surnames against their databases. When I typed in the SPALLIN surname, I got 2 hits on the PERSI* database. You will never guess what those two hits were! In the September 1997 issue of Heritage Seekers, I had submitted an article called "Spallin & Related Families Reunion" (pg. 4). Both of these hits on the PERSI database referred me back to that issue of Heritage Seekers. What is my point?

Think about it.

By submitting my article to Heritage Seekers, it was first read by the Grande Prairie and District Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society's 60 members. It also reached 45-50 Canadian societies that we exchange newsletters with and their members.

Plus it is sent to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana that is one of the largest genealogy libraries in North America. When it reaches this library, the newsletter is indexed! That index is called PERSI* and it is available on the internet.

Next, our newsletter committee extracts four pages of Heritage Seekers to include in the next issue of Relatively Speaking. Relatively Speaking has a circulation of approximately 900 members and societies. It is also entered onto the Grande Prairie and District Branch, AGS website, after the next issue of Heritage Seekers is published. It is kept on that website for one year.

Therefore, your article is sitting on 1010 bookshelves plus all the computers in the world with an internet hookup. When I submitted an article about the SCHMAUS family, I was contacted by people who saw it in Relatively Speaking and by the many that saw it on the internet.

My point therefore is: "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!" Write an article about your family and submit it to Heritage Seekers. You won't regret it.

* PERSI is the abbreviation for "Periodical Source Index" and it is the largest subject index to genealogical and historical periodical articles in the world. It covers genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French since 1800. The index is created by the

foundation and department staff of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana (description from Allen County Public Library web-site).

Editor's Note: Articles on your research successes or roadblocks are very welcome. Contact your editor, Judy Bradley, at 539-4697 to let her know for which issue you can do an article. Deadline date for the next issue is June 1st.

As well, all members are encouraged to send in their 'names' to the interests section of the Branch webpage on the internet. To date, only six members have done so (see article later in this issue). You don't need an email or internet account to get your interests out there. Contact Laura Turnbull at 532-7138 and she will set it up for you.

Our Volunteers

By Catherine Ledger

The fundraiser evening "Swing Into Spring", organized by the Friends of the Grande Prairie Public Library, is almost here. Our group was called upon to help and our job was to contact local businesses to ask for donations of auction items or financial support. This activity took place in the form of a work bee at the January general meeting where members helped send letters to these businesses. Three helpful volunteers also completed some follow-up phoning: Bertha Melnyk, Judy Bradley and Nancy Timanson. Tickets for this event on March 26 are now available at \$10.00 each from Barb Moreau at the GP Public Library. Hope to see you there! Funds raised will be used to purchase a NEW MICROFILM READER/PRINTER for the library.

Two volunteers have completed their year of recording obituaries from the Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune on microfilm. Thanks to Leita Askew and Gail Shau for their many hours of work. The rest of us who have adopted a year will soon follow suit.

Recipes and anecdotes for the cookbook have been trickling in and more are anticipated! The general meeting in April has become the new deadline for submissions and hopefully at that time we will get started on the next phase of this project. If you hand in any recipes or help with this project in any way, don't forget that you can hand in a thumb-nail sketch to tell about yourself, your research interests, how you got started in genealogy, etc. and this will

be included in the book. Thank you for any recipes and information that has already come in. For those of you who haven't yet, feel free to join the group!

We have a few new faces on the executive! Al Meyer has stepped down from his post as President and I must thank him for a job very well done. In his place we have Margaret Kay who has jumped in without ever holding any other positions on this executive. Thanks for coming forth when we needed you Margaret! Debby Was has accepted the role of Vice President and Marian Ledger is now formally our Secretary after filling in for a few months. Thanks to Dorothy McDonald for remaining in her position as Treasurer. As well, Joan Bowman has decided to give her publication job away after many years of hard work and Judy Bradley is taking over for her. Thanks to everyone who accepted positions this February. I'm sure we will have a wonderful 1999-2000!

Thank you volunteers!

Grande Prairie Branch Website

By Laura Turnbull

Have you ever wondered what is on our website but did not have the means to access it? The information on our main page is shown below. It is interesting to review occasionally all the different activities in which your branch is involved.

Website located at:

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

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The Grande Prairie Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society was formed in February 1978.

We have a number of activities and services that are of benefit to our members and also to the community as a whole. Some of the Grande Prairie & District Branch activities include:

- Monthly Meetings in the Spencer Room of the Grande Prairie Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (Sep - Nov, Jan - Jun). A program of genealogical interest follows a brief business meeting. Everyone is welcome.
- Memberships - \$25.00 individual for Provincial, and \$7.00 for Branch. Membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31 each year. In 1996, our members put together their pedigrees and they are included in a binder in the branch library. Currently we have 38 pedigrees on file from 22 members, representing a total of 346 surnames. These surnames were published in the June 1996 issue of "Heritage Seekers". Updates will be published as warranted. If you have not yet submitted your pedigree charts, there is still time.
- "Genies in the Library" is a program offered jointly by the Branch and the Grande Prairie Public Library. The "Genies" are available in the Isabel Campbell Room at the Grande Prairie Public Library on Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The "Genies" provide assistance to people interested in genealogical research. The "Genies" will not do research for the person, but will do their best to demonstrate the proper procedures and suggest resources.
- An "Obituary" file with all the obituaries from the Grande Prairie Daily Herald-Tribune since 1978. The years from 1978 to 1984 are on microfilm at the Grande Prairie Public Library. Over the last few years, the Branch has started to collect obituaries from other Peace Country newspapers as well.
- Cemetery Recordings - This is an on-going project by all the branches of the Alberta Genealogical Society to collect and publish Cemetery Records in Alberta. The branch has an index for the cemeteries that have already been recorded.
- A quarterly newsletter called "Heritage Seekers" is published. It features extracts and information from historical sources in the Peace Country, genealogical information and brief biographies on members and their research. This is available to all members. Institutions may obtain copies of "Heritage Seekers" for an annual subscription fee of \$10.00. Back Issues of the newsletter are currently online

for: March, June, September, and December, 1998.

- **Library Collection** - Our collection is housed in the Isabel Campbell room of the Grande Prairie Public Library. It is open to members and the public the same hours as the Grande Prairie Public Library. The Library Collection consists of books, microforms, and periodicals. We have a collection of periodicals from over 40 genealogical societies as well as continuing subscriptions to Genealogical Helper, Family Tree Magazine and Family History News.
- **Census Films** - The Branch has purchased and made available in the Grande Prairie Public Library the 1891 and the 1901 Canadian census on microfilm. These are for use in the library only. Several Indexes to the Census are available in our library collection.
- Our "Researchers Group" will do a limited search through local resources. At present this service is offered for the cost of any materials required.
- **Link to Members Surname Interests and Home Pages.**
- The Branch gives workshops and also organizes research trips to Donnelly and to Edmonton. As well, many members participate in the Alberta Genealogical Society conference held annually which offers a variety of topics and workshops of interest to new and old members alike.
- **Executive for the 1999/2000 term:**
President - Margaret Kay
Vice President - Debby Was
Secretary - Marian Ledger
Treasurer - Dorothy McDonald
Past President - Allen Meyer

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Grande Prairie, Alberta
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Editor: Judith Bradley
Layout & Copying: Laura Turnbull
Distribution: Dorothy McDonald

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

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

ORKNEY MAIL TURNS UP 170 YEARS AFTER POSTING DATE

Source Unknown

Letters of 170 years ago from Orcadians who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company have turned up in Canada – and are now on their way back to the descendants of the intended recipients.

The unopened letters were discovered by the Hudson's Bay Company – who employed many Orcadians last century – in Winnipeg, Canada, and the company have called upon the help of marine journalist and author John Steele, who is now trying to track down relatives of the Orcadians who never got their mail.

John said: "Where I stay, Ardrossan in Ayrshire, was a shipping base for the Hudson's Bay Company for many years, and before they set off around the world they would always stop in Stromness first, where many young Orcadians joined the ship's crew."

The reason the mail never reached its intended recipients, says John, was because the crew were constantly switching from ship to ship, so when a letter arrived for them on one boat, they could've been working elsewhere, unaware that friends and family were trying to get in touch.

But instead of just dumping the undelivered letters, they were all kept in a mail bag by the Hudson's Bay Company and forgotten about until recently.

"I'm a shipping writer and I do a lot of research on behalf of the Hudson's Bay Company – I find old members, provide them with photographs and I've built up a very good rapport with them."

"So they've got this big bag of undelivered mail – about 283 letters, 18 of which are from Orkney – and they asked me to assist with getting them to the relatives of the people who were supposed to get them." said John.

"When you think of the repercussions of these people not getting their letters it's amazing. I'm talking about wives telling their husbands, and mothers saying to their sons, 'I'll write to you' and then they never got their letters."

"But I'm glad to say that the Hudson's Bay Company are very responsible and they are doing their best through people like myself to get these letters to where they belong."

John added: "The stamps alone would be very valuable and the contents are of great historic value to Orkney. There are 24 letters from Scotland and 18 of them are from Orkney."

Anyone who recognizes any of the names listed below can contact John Steele at Eingedi, North Shore, Ardrossan, Ayrshire, KA22 8NN, or tel: 01294 464917.

The names on the letters include: Peter Brown, from his father James, Harray, 1852; Thomas Craigie, from his girlfriend Jean Flett, Main Street, Kirkwall, 1850; James Dickson, from his sisters Christian (Mrs. Thomas Isbister), Helen (Mrs. James Robertson), brothers James, Robert and William, and brother-in-law William Corrigal, Harray, 1843; George Horn, from his girlfriend Isabella Simpson, Kirkwall, 1850; Henry Horn, from his girlfriend Anne Watters, Kirkwall, and siblings Henry, Anne, Elizabeth, George and Catherine, Wick, 1850; Charles Humphrey, from his parents George and Margaret, siblings James, Thomas and Mary (Mrs. Dunn) and John, Stromness, 1835-1840s; James Johnston, from his father Peter Stromness, 1835; William Johnston, from his father Hugh and siblings Betsy, Ann and Thomas, Kirkwall, 1834; David Kirkness, from sister Catherine, Stromness, 1853; George Kirkness, from wife Margaret, Stromness, 1853; John James Kirkness, from parents William and Charlotte, Flanders, Orkney, 1868; William McDonald, from wife Margaret, Stenness, 1834; Thomas Moar, from father Andrew, Birsay, 1840; Hugh Mouat, from brother John, Rousay, 1852; William Ritch, from wife Margaret Swordie, Stromness, 1850; William Ross, from parents William and Isabella, siblings Jean, Alexander, David, Catherine and Isabella,

Kirkwall, 1850; John Spence, from sister Betsy Clouston, Birsay, 1835, 1843; Joseph Spence, Harray, 1835; William Swanston, from siblings Knarston, Harray, 1844; George Tulloch, from father William, and John, Stromness, 1833; Robert Wilson, from aunt and uncle, Stromness, 1850; William Wilson, from parents Donald and Jean and siblings Ann, Mary, Jane and Betsy, Kirkwall, 1830. ■

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION WEBSITE

Gayle Jespersen
The Okanagan Researcher Vol 15 No. 3
March 1999

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website (<http://yard.ccta.gov.uk/cwgc/register.nsf/>) has a searchable database, the *Debt of Honour Register*. This Register provides personal and service details and places of commemoration for the 1.7 million members of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First or Second World Wars. Also provided is a record of about 60,000 civilian casualties of the Second World War, but without details of burial location.

The cemeteries and memorials where these names are commemorated are located in about 150 countries. The database makes it possible to identify the exact location, by cemetery plot or memorial panel. These memorials and cemeteries are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

This website can be very busy, and as a result is not always accessible. If you are not able to access the database, try again another time. I noticed that entries from the UK tend to have more personal information than Canadian entries. UK entries often list parents or spouses names and location. ■

FORMATION OF A NEW GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FOR GERMAN GENEALOGY IN POLAND AND WESTERN UKRAINE (VOLHYNIA)

A new genealogical Society called the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE) has recently been registered as a non profit society with the federal Government of Canada.

The Society's main area of research interest lies within the present boundaries of Poland and the western portion of present Ukraine, primarily the area commonly known as Volhynia. During the 18th and 19th centuries many German tradesmen and colonists were to be found in the central areas of Poland who, by and large, were former citizens of the Prussian states of Posen, Schlesien and of course East and West Prussia, all of which are now part of contemporary Poland.

Starting in the mid 19th century many of the ethnic Germans in central Poland began a migration eastward to an area often referred to as Volhynia. This area now comprises the north west province of Ukraine. Late in the 19th century, large numbers of these people immigrated to the United States and Canada, some to South America. It is the descendants of the Germans from Poland and Volhynia that SGGEE is reaching out to. It is noted, however, that many who claim German- Russian ancestry because of ancestors who lived in the Black Sea, Volga and the Bessarabia area may also benefit from data that SGGEE will generate because they may also have ancestors who lived for a short time in Poland or Volhynia.

SGGEE considers the computer and the Internet to be essential tools in genealogical research. It is in this context that one of the major aims of the new Society is to provide databases and links to databases on their web site, <http://www.sggee.org>. The huge amount of data already available or becoming available makes it extremely difficult to distribute to researchers by

conventional means, such as newsletters and bulletins.

SGGEE will, however, publish a quarterly SGGEE Journal, in both electronic and paper form to accommodate those researchers using and not using the Internet. Every effort will be made to provide worthwhile, informative material within its covers.

Details regarding membership in SGGEE may be found at the web site: <http://sggee.org> - or by writing to:

Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe
P.O. Box 72074
Calgary, Alberta
T2V 5H9 ■

FOUND ON THE OHIO ROOTS LIST

Submitted by Edie Pinder
Saamis Seeker, Vol., 20, No. 1, March 1999
from an Ann Landers article 11/12/96

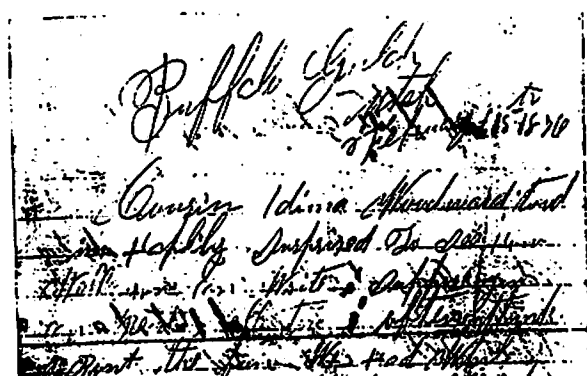
- ❖ If you are a member of the Jewish faith, your religion was founded by Abraham about 4000 years ago.
- ❖ If you are Hindu, your religion developed in India around 1500 BC.
- ❖ If you are Buddhist, your religion split from Hinduism and was founded by Buddha, prince Siddhartha Guatama of India, abt 500 BC.
- ❖ If you are Roman Catholic, Jesus Christ began your religion in the year 33.
- ❖ If you are Islamic, Mohammed started your religion in what is now Saudi Arabia around AD 600.
- ❖ If you are Eastern Orthodox, your sect separated from Roman Catholicism around the year 1000.
- ❖ If you are Lutheran, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk in the Catholic church, in 1517.
- ❖ If you belong to the Church of England (Anglican) your religion was founded by King Henry VIII in the year 534 because the pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry.
- ❖ If you are Presbyterian, your religion was founded when John Knox brought the teachings of John Calvin to Scotland in the year 1560.
- ❖ If you are Unitarian, your religious group developed in Europe in the 1500s.
- ❖ If you are Congregationalist, your religion branched off from Puritanism in the early 1600s in England.
- ❖ If you are a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1607.
- ❖ If you are Methodist, your religion was founded by John and Charles Wesley in England in 1744.
- ❖ If you are Episcopalian, your religion was brought over from England to the American colonies and formed a separate religion founded by Samuel Seabury in 1789.
- ❖ If you are a Mormon (Latter-Day Saints), Joseph Smith started your church in Palmyra, NY in 1830.
- ❖ If you worship with the Salvation Army (yes, it's a religious group too) your sect began with William Booth in London in 1865.
- ❖ If you are a Christian Scientist, you look to 1879 as the year your religion was founded by Mary Baker Eddy.
- ❖ If you are a Jehovah's Witness your religion was founded by Charles Taze Russell in Pennsylvania in the 1870s.
- ❖ If you are Pentecostal, your religion was started in the United States in 1901. ■

TO MY COUSIN, IDIMA

February 15, 1876

Submitted by Florence M. Woodward, AGS
#2448

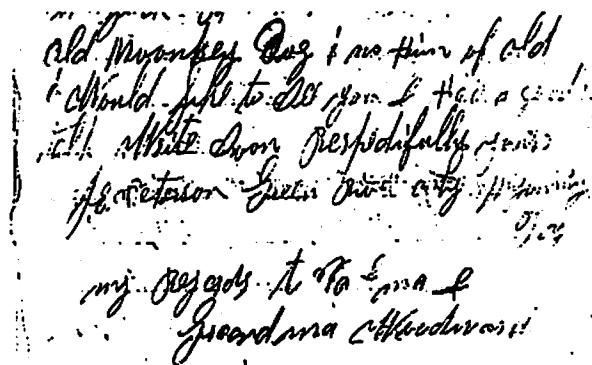
Letter written by J.E. Peterson to his cousin, Ida May Woodward in Illinois February 15, 1876. James E. Peterson was the son of Dean Peterson and Catherine Peterson. Dean was born in N.J., Catherine in Ohio, and James in Illinois. James was about 26 when he wrote this letter.



Cousin Idima Woodward: _____ im hapily surprised to see how well you write I suppose you can read well too I often think of the fun we had while I was there I expect it would take some less than 400 yds of silk to make you 1 beatil (beautiful) dress but I will come to time when I get back there if silk wont fill the bill I will bring you a squaw dress made of buck skin trimmed with beads that is the style of the Western ladie here they are high toned too it would take 15 lbs of soap & a river of water to make them hansom you would laugh to see me dancing & singing indian songs with them it tickels them to hav me try to sing & dance like they do I can talk some of their gibrage very well an old indian told me he like indians two times from sun up until down & white man 3 times its too bad you did not get anything from the christmas tree I would of hit it a whelt with a club & picked up the fruit You have quite a variety of stalk Does the rooster hatch any eggs if the pig don't chew tobacco you ar in luck There is no discount on old Moonkey Dug (?) I no him of old I would like to see you & have a

good talk Write soon Respediffully yours J.E.
Peterson Green River City Wyoming

my regards to ida ma & Grandma Woodward



This letter was written on both sides of a 5"x8" sheet of paper. It has Buffalo Gulch, Utah written above the date so I assume James was possibly there when he started the letter, yet at the end he signs his name and then writes Green River City Wyoming with what appears to be two letters which look like "By" or "Ty" or "TQ" just below Wyoming. The blank space is left where this writer could not make out the word.

Editor's note: Original letter was written with purple ink. ■

I was checking individual 1996 census forms for completeness for Statistics Canada. In reply to the questions "Language spoken most often at home: English, French or Other," one respondent had crossed off all three. "Non," he had written. "I live alone."

*Contributed by Irwin G. Poulsen
Reader's Digest, May 1998 ■*

EDMONTON DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Submitted by Pat Pettitt, AGS No. 2342

Three daily English language newspapers have serviced the Edmonton area for varying periods of time since 1880. The Edmonton Bulletin commenced publication in 1880 and ceased in 1951. The Edmonton Journal's first edition was November 11, 1903 and it continues today. The Edmonton Sun came on the scene in 1978 and continues today as well. Other attempts at daily newspaper coverage were initiated but were unsuccessful and these are not included in this report.

MICROFILM COPIES of all issues of these three newspapers can be found at both the **Edmonton Public Library** and the **University of Alberta Library, Rutherford North**. The **Legislative Library** holds the Edmonton Journal from 1965 to 1998; the Edmonton Bulletin 1880-1899 and 1920 to 1950; the Edmonton Sun from 1978 to 1998.

Edmonton City Archives: Edmonton Journal from 1903 - June 1969, January 1987 to March 1998; Edmonton Bulletin from 1880 to 1951.

The Provincial Archives of Alberta: Edmonton Journal, 1903-Dec 1979, 1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1990; Edmonton Bulletin from 1880 to 1951.

Genealogists are often unaware of indexes that are available for these newspapers. This is a listing of indexes that are located in various repositories in Edmonton. If others are available in Edmonton, please send information to Pat Pettitt at AGS, Edmonton Branch or patp@connect.ab.ca

Locations: EPL (Edmonton Public Library, Stanley A. Milner Library at 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square). Some microfilm holdings are also available at various branch libraries. AGS (Alberta Genealogical Society) & Edmonton Branch Libraries, PAA (Provincial Archives of Alberta) **Edmonton City Archives, Legislature**

Library, Edmonton Journal Library - 429-5580.

Edmonton Journal Indexes:

November 1903 - end of 1906: **Name** extraction (Birth, Marriage, Deaths - not including Edmonton) by Rob Milson. Edmonton events were published in '*Clandigger*' and events which occurred in other locations were published in booklet form. A name index to the extracts which had been published in '*Clandigger*' was done by Peter Goutbeck. Both of these are located at AGS library.

1961-1971: Alphabetical *subject* index on microfilm (each film covers 5 years) at EPL and Legislature Library.

1962-1996: *Obituaries* - Alphabetical card file of German names compiled by Martha Burgess of the Edmonton Branch of the Germans from Russia Society. This is located at AGS library.

1971 to present: Newspaper clipping files by *subject* at Legislature Library.

January 1972-April 1973: Alphabetical *subject* index (card file) at EPL.

January 1977-August 1979: Alphabetical *subject* index (card file) at EPL.

1972-1981: Notices (*births, engagements, marriages, obituaries, memorials, legal notices*, etc.) Alphabetical card file compiled by Edmonton Branch at AGS library.

February 1973-May 1981: *Obituary* index, arranged by date (with all obituaries for that date listed on a file card) at EPL.

July 1975-December 1980: *Subject* index, includes *Obituaries* (Alphabetical - binder format, by month or three month segments) University of Alberta Index at EPL.

September 1979-December 1992: *Subject keyword* index - Bound volumes by six month intervals. Indexes *Obituaries* within the main body of the work from 1979-1988. 1989-1992 include a separate obituary appendix at EPL.

1981-1992: *Subject keyword* index - as above but located at Legislature Library.

1987-1992: *Subject keyword* index with *obituaries* (as above in volumes) available at Edmonton City Archives.

March 10, 1989-present: INFOMART ONLINE - Indexes the *full text* of the Edmonton Journal, including all *obituaries*. Searches are done by library staff, within 24 hours or less. There is no charge for this service at EPL.

January 1994-September 1998: CANADIAN NEWS DISK - CD-ROM database indexes the *full text* of the Edmonton Journal, including *obituaries*. This product is updated quarterly located at EPL.

The Edmonton Journal Library is not open to the public, but they will do free "Quick Searches." Call 429-5580. Charges will apply for reprints and for more detailed searches. Their holdings include:

1903-1980: Clipping file by name and subject. Contents get more comprehensive for the more recent clippings.

March 1980 - March 1989: Infoky- In-house database - articles indexed by keywords from text, headline and byline, and subject.

March 10, 1989-present: INFOMART, full text on line database of all editorial (newsroom, non advertising content). Obituaries are accessible by name.

The Journal library also holds microfilm copies of the Journal from November 11, 1903 to present day, but there is no public access.

Edmonton Bulletin Indexes:

13 December 1880-19 August 1882: *Nominal* index by John Patrick Day in 1980, booklet located at PAA.

1880-1900: Issue dates in chronological order listing *subjects* located in booklet at PAA.

1880-1885: *Nominal* card file index located at EPL.

Edmonton Sun Indexes:

No indexes were located and it does not seem that the Edmonton Sun offers any searches of their holdings in their library.

August 1998 - present: ELECTRIC LIBRARY - on line search of full text will soon be available for public access at EPL.

GENERAL NEWSPAPER INDEXES:

Provincial Archives of Alberta: The *Information file* collection contains newspaper clippings regarding early pioneers and noteworthy individuals from various newspapers, but mostly the Bulletin and the Journal. An alphabetical card file is available for this collection. ANI stands for the *Alberta Newspaper Index* at the Provincial Archives. This is a database that was purchased by the Documentary Heritage Society of Alberta from United Western Communications. It is an index of major newspaper articles from over 20 Alberta Newspapers including the Edmonton Journal and the Bulletin. Obituaries or other notices are not included in this database

City of Edmonton Archives: Four indexed volumes of extracts from both the Journal and the Bulletin were donated by Mr Cherry some years ago. A date range has not been established, but articles from 1907 to the 1950's have been noted. Included are many items regarding early pioneers of Edmonton. ■

BRANCH BITS

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BROOKS AND DISTRICT

Current membership for the Brooks Branch is 43.

Our January meeting hosted a guest speaker, Marilyn Armstrong who spoke on planning a family reunion. The reunion that Marilyn helped host was held in Wisconsin last summer and was organized from Brooks. In total, 700 invitations were sent out from Brooks and 400 people attended the reunion. A "Dumpling Cookoff" was a feature attraction and Marilyn cooked a generous sample for us to taste. Our February meeting was a display and discussion of the usefulness of maps in genealogical research. Members shared in their map experiences. Special Interest Groups were formed and meetings are scheduled to be held the last Tuesday for European research and Thursday for British Isles. Elections were also held in February. The executive consists of:

President	Betty Penner, Trustee
Vice-President	Andre Menard
Treasurer	Linda Woehr
Secretary	Sandra Bramble

Planned upcoming events at the March meeting are a sharing night as well as suggestions for upcoming programs. Our annual fund-raiser, the garage and bake sale is scheduled for May 8, 1999.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Penner
President, Brooks and District Branch ■

COCHRANE AND DISTRICT

We had a very good meeting this month with a presentation by a local preservation specialist. There was some important information that will be very useful for those of us who have old documents and photographs. There were three visitors who showed a great deal of interest and will most likely be joining us at our next meeting.

Muriel Jones is our next guest speaker and the group are looking forward to her visit. In April we will have a working meeting with Michele Greysen on how to get the most from the Internet.

As our weather is warming up nicely we plan on an expedition to check out some abandoned cemeteries in the area, although they may have been done by the Calgary group. Research into the subject will tell us if this is so.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Richardson
President, Cochrane and District Branch ■

DRAYTON VALLEY

Volunteer hours for January 1 - 13 were 36. As of March 10th, we have 17 members - 14 renewals and 3 new members.

At our January meeting Arlene Hedlund volunteered to do publicity for the group. Through her efforts, we were mentioned on the local radio and community TV stations and in the newspaper. We have also booked Judy Schultz, of the Edmonton Journal, to do a seminar on her book, *Mamie's Children* and some guidance to writing our own stories. This is to be held on May 8th, in the 55+ Recreation Centre which was advertised in the Pembina Powerhouse catalogue of courses for January to June.

We have now held four research times in our new meeting area - two Tuesday evenings and two Saturdays. It will take some time to assess how

well this is going to work, but we are hopeful that members will be able to find some answers and helpful avenues to pursue.

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

EDMONTON

Please see Clandigger. ■

FT. MCMURRAY

Things have been quiet in the library in January and February. We are looking forward to things picking up in the spring.

We have ordered new books and CDs for the library to fill some of the areas we are lacking, native research material being one area. Gail Morin has several good ones:

- The Red River Settlement Census
- Manitoba Script, 1880
- Metis Families - A Genealogical Compendium
- Gazetteers for Scotland and England
- Vital Records for North America and United Kingdom.

I am sure they will be well used and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Waniandy
President, Fort McMurray Branch ■

GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT

The following are members of the new executive, elected by acclamation at a branch meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 1999:

President	Margaret Kay
Vice-President	Debby Was
Secretary	Marion Ledger
Treasurer	Dorothy McDonald
Past President	Al Meyer

Our present membership is 58.
Funds raised from "Beginning Genealogy" workshops offered by Grande Prairie branch members in conjunction with the Public Library over the last two years have been used to purchase a

copy of the video series "Ancestors". The presentation to a representative of the Public Library was made at the February meeting.

A further "Beginning Genealogy" workshop is being offered in Beaverlodge on March 20 is fully subscribed (20 people).

The program theme for the February meeting was "Weddings". Members shared old family wedding clothes, wedding photos, wedding memorabilia and wedding stories. This was a popular theme enjoyed by both participants and onlookers. Watch for photos in the next newsletter.

Future programs are: a presentation by Fran Moor entitled "Museums of the Peace" in March, and a presentation by Laura Turnbull on her recent research trip to England in April.

Our branch members are involved with the "Friends of the Library" group in a silent auction to raise funds for a microfilm reader for the library. The goal is to raise \$10,000.00.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Kay
President, Grande Prairie Branch ■

LETHBRIDGE AND DISTRICT

At the January meeting we passed a motion 'that the Lethbridge Branch adopt a policy that "Life Members" with AGS will also become "Life Members" in our branch and thus be exempt from paying yearly dues'.

Following the January meeting Kay Otsuka spoke on Japanese genealogy and the Japanese evacuation from British Columbia in 1942. Many hardships were endured before making a new life for families after their arrival to work in the sugar beet fields of southern Alberta.

Because of the elections at the February meeting, there was no guest speaker. In March our speaker will be Dolores Fellger, one of our members involved in the travel industry. She will talk about planning a trip to London, Salt Lake City and Ontario to do family research.

Election of officers was held at our annual meeting on February 18, 1999. Our slate of officers is as follows:

Past President	Winnifred Evans
President	Phyllis Burnett
Vice President	Kathryn Harrington
Secretary	Laureen Piekema
Treasurer	Kathryn Harrington
Publicity	Bev Henderson
Membership	Laureen Piekema
Library	Marion Fleming
Newsletter	Phyllis Burnett
Researcher	Mary Roberts
Programming	Illa Skeith
Federation Books	Kathryn Harrington
B.M.D. Indexes	Muriel & Ray Jolliffe
Cemetery	Winnifred Evans
Phone Committee	Bev Henderson
	Pat Berry
	Ruby Gordon

As of March 12th, our membership is 41. Volunteer hours for January and February 1999 total 358 hours.

The Lottery Grants Committee has been collecting information regarding computer systems.

Prior to the regular monthly meetings, 1-hour workshops are conducted by Phyllis Burnett on specific topics. The topics include:

- Now What do I do With all This Stuff?
- Using Census Data to Construct a Family Tree.
- Using Maps in Your Family History
- A look at computer genealogy programs

The Sun Times newspaper did an article on the Lethbridge Branch which will appear March 17, 1999.

We are in the process of contacting all the ethnic groups and organizations in Lethbridge in an effort to see how we can benefit one another with respect to ensuring the preservation of the various ethnic histories.

Because we are a small organization (approximately 60 members) we must work with other groups and organizations in order to carry out our mandate of collecting genealogical and historical resources of this area. We have approached the groups with two points in mind:

- May we speak to your group about our society and what we are doing in the family history area and how your group could assist us in the preservation of genealogical and family history in this area?
- Second, would you like to speak at one of our regular meetings and explain how your groups came to Southern Alberta, and about your country of origin?

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Burnett
President, Lethbridge Branch ■

MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT

Elections were held at our February 3rd meeting, resulting in new executive positions, which are as follows:

President	Deb Phillips
Vice President	Merv Hamblin
Secretary	Brian Klien
Treasurer	Fern Muirhead

The March meeting was held at the Family History Centre where a tour was given followed by free time to explore.

Due to a new and excellent Programming Committee, our programmes have been set to December:

April	will be a tour of the Medicine Hat Archives
May	Melba Baker - English Vital Records Indexes
June	Police on their 100 years in Medicine Hat
September	Author Nancy Millar - "Remember Me When You Pass By"
October	A Fun Night "My Ancestor is Better Than Your Ancestor"
November	Workshop on Ontario Research
December	Christmas Social

Other Plans

- In the spring we will be transcribing 17 cemeteries.
- We have been invited to partner a "Genealogical Fair" sponsored by the Medicine Hat Museum to be held in October.
- Data Base - obituaries from Medicine Hat News.

Our membership is now 39.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Phillips
President, Medicine Hat Branch ■

RED DEER AND DISTRICT

At the January meeting of the Red Deer Branch we elected our branch executive for 1999. Elected members are as follows:

Mary Joan Cornett	President
Gordon Becker	Vice President
Darlene Castor	Secretary
Claire Ellis	Treasurer
Betty Barnhill	Membership Secretary

Volunteers serving as committee chairmen and on other projects are as follows:

Evelyne Fairbrother	Library Committee Chairman
Joanne Allen, and Carole Scriven	Editors of Tree Climber
Gordon Becker	Cemetery Recording Committee Chairman
Janet Coatham	Publicity
Diane Lewis Chairman	Grants Committee

A very special thank you to Bob Watson who stepped down as Branch Secretary after many years; a job very well done.

The program for the January meeting was a Beginners Course put on by Evelyne Fairbrother and Diane Lehr. Lorraine Nash, Librarian of the Family History Centre of the Red Deer LDS Church, spoke at the February meeting. She gave a very interesting talk on American Genealogy and provided the group with many useful tips.

The Red Deer Branch and the Red Deer and District Archives were able to purchase a microfilm reader-printer in March. The machine was set up at the Red Deer Archives on March 11. It was paid for by donations to the Archives from local citizens, proceeds from garage sales held by the Red Deer Branch, and a grant from the Region #78 Community Lottery Board. Special thanks to Diane Lewis and Gordon Becker for all of their hard work on this project.

The program for the March meeting will be a presentation by Janet Coatham on Wills. As this is a subject which may require a lot of time, we may continue the discussion into the April meeting.

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

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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.

CASINO - August 6-7, 1999

We are still looking for volunteers for the Casino to be held August 6th and 7th. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 424-4429 and leave a message for Tom Trace. Application forms are available at the Edmonton Branch Library.

Potpourri

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Your comments about this program are welcomed. ■

CHANNEL ISLANDS USED AS A GRETNA GREEN?

Submitted by Claudine Nelson, AGS #2592

Found in 'Family History in Jersey' by Marie-Louise Backhurst. Published by the Channel Islands Family History Society. 1991

'The Channel Islands appear to have been used as a kind of Gretna Green in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, especially for those living in the south of England. This becomes particularly noticeable after the introduction of Lord Hardwicke's Act of 1754, which did not allow minors to marry without parental consent. Advertisements were actually placed in South Coast newspapers advising of the availability of boats to bring the eloping couple across the Channel. In a similar way the Channel Islands were used when a widower wished to marry his dead wife's sister, as this was forbidden by English Canon Law.'

(For doing research in the Channel Islands this 56 page publication is of great value.) ■

The **ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO** have now released another year of Ontario Vital Stats. We understand that births for 1901, Marriages for 1916, and deaths for 1926 are now on film. So far no word on whether LDS Family History has a copy.

from Past Tents, Vol 20 No. 1 ■

SURFING THE NET

from Saskatchewan Genealogical Society
SGS Bulletin Vol 30 No 1 March 99

- ❖ SGS Site www.saskgenealogy.com
- ❖ SGS site developed and maintained by Advance Genealogy Systems
<http://www.advanceplus.com>.
- ❖ For those people who are interested in finding out if they or their ancestors have an unclaimed bank account, check the Bank of Canada site at www.bank.banque-canada.ca
- ❖ If you are interested in Canadian Military records, visit the Canadian Military Project site at www.rootsweb.com/~canmil/index.html. The goal of the site is to preserve the records and memories of Canadians who served their country and includes information to the French Indian Wars of the 17th century.
- ❖ 1851 Censuses for the counties of Gloucestershire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire can be viewed at <http://silk.net/personal/gordonb>
- ❖ If you are interested in searching passenger lists, a group of volunteers entitled Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild are developing a database of ship records. They are updating on a weekly basis - see <http://istg.rootsweb.com> ■

RUBBINGS?

MAYBE, MAYBE NOT

Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin, Winter 99

Another method of copying contents of an ancestral tombstone - rubbings - has been suggested, but it is generally illegal in New Hampshire (and perhaps other jurisdictions), according to *The Family Tree* of the Odom Library, Georgia.

Why illegal? Because the pressure of taking the rubbing can further damage old, fragile stones. In New Hampshire, permission to take a rubbing

must be obtained from the cemetery's trustees or selectmen.

If you are not dealing with a fragile stone, the method involves using Pellon or similar sewing interfacing to take the rubbing with a lumberman's crayon, available in a hardware store. Attach the material to the stone with light masking tape, and gently and evenly rub the crayon, which won't smudge or smear, across the face of the stone. The method is a little like what you used to do as a child, using paper and the flat side of a pencil point. It makes a good wallhanging. ■

1940 NATIONAL REGISTRATION RECORDS

Dr. J.L. McManus shares this information with us. Here is a portion of the letter he received from Statistics Canada (dated Dec.1998) in reply to his request for Access to Information from the 1940 National Registration Records.

"Your request for a transcript from the 1940 National Registration Records cannot be fulfilled under the formal Access to Information route. Information from the 1940 National Registration Records relating to persons deceased 20 years or more is released through the regular dissemination program and is therefore excluded from the Access to Information Act by virtue of Section 68 which states that the Act does not apply to material available for purchase by the public.

Transcripts from the 1949 National Registration Records are available for purchase through the Census Pension Searches program for \$45.00 plus \$3.15 G.S.T." (at the following address):

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IN OUR MAILBOX

from Janet Coatham, AGS #2775
Red Deer, AB

Enclosed is a certificate I received (from B.C. Vital Statistics) after making an error in the order number. Perhaps if the details were published in *Relatively Speaking* they would be of value to the NUTT or GRANT family. It is not a relative of mine or known by me.

Editor's note: The death certificate is of John Francis NUTT, age 17, born 26 Nov 1894 in Edmonton, AB. Died 20 July 1912 in South Vancouver. Parents: Francis R.B. NUTT, born in England and Maria GRANT, born in Winnipeg, Man.

If you recognize family connections please contact the editor for further information and/or to request this certificate. ■

from Mary Lynn O'Shea
oshea@pathcom.com

Subject: Family heirloom research

I am a freelance writer researching an article (for a national magazine) that will focus on especially meaningful family heirlooms. I hope to discover five or six people from across Canada who would be willing to share the story of their artifacts and the family memories/history that go along with them.

As an example - my own great great grandfather kept a diary on his journey across the Atlantic from Southampton to New York City in 1840. It is this type of heirloom I am looking for - something with rich historical significance that families have treasured for years.

...I would appreciate any help you can give or any suggestions as to other sources I might contact in Alberta to publicize my need. Thank you. ■

from Debbie Chinn,
Lancashire's Hill Country Tourism Consortium
The Globe Centre
St. James Square
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East Lancashire Welcome initiative has members committed to improving their businesses with a view to encouraging former Lancastrians and visitors to return as tourists to research family history, etc.

To be prepared to offer a wide range of services that will meet the needs of visitors, requirements for accommodation, research services, appointments, pre-bookings, tours, a web site, etc. Project coordinator, Debbie Chinn, is seeking your expert advice and your ideas that could assist the business community in meeting their goals of enhancing their services to family historians.

Write to Debbie at the above address if you have suggestions for East Lancashire to consider in developing a "user friendly" market. (Brochure summarized by editor.) ■

from Mrs. M. Westermarck
5 Doric Drive
Kingswood, Surrey
England, KT20 6HH

While I was still living in Canada, I went to a series of garage sales in Stony Plain, Alberta. At one, I purchased a small old frame, which I planned on refinishing. When I eventually got around to that job, and opened the frame up, I found the enclosed photograph hidden inside.

Do you have a resource file somewhere where you could put this photo? Perhaps someday, someone will claim it.

- On the back of the photograph is the following:

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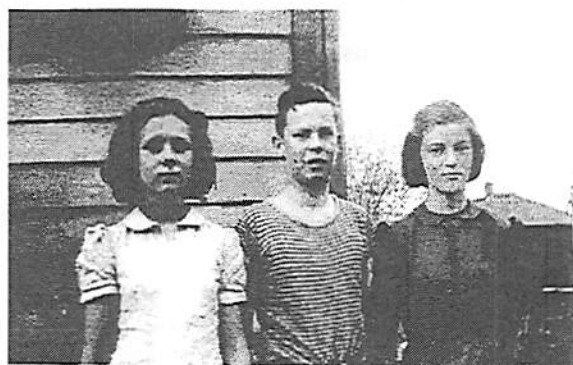
Address: 26 Wellington Street

Name: William James Price, Age 11

Address: 26 Wellington Street

Name: Ruth May Bowen, Age 10

Address: 7 Park Street



Editor's note: Contact the editor if this photo belongs in your family. ■

from Judi Berry Steeves, Past President
New Brunswick Genealogical Society

Judy was asking what years Wilf Allan was AGS president. In reply to our mail co-ordinator's response, Judi writes the following in a return e-mail:

Thanks for the info. Wilfred is alive and well in the Yarmouth, NS area. He has just accepted a position with Progeny software company. He currently is a member of our branch...South Eastern in Moncton, NB. ■

Realizing at the last minutes that it was his father's birthday, my teenage cousin rushed to the corner store to grab a card. He quickly found a son-to-father card but neglected to read it carefully. Later, when my uncle opened his gifts, he was surprised to read aloud: "Happy birthday to a wonderful Dad. Now that I'm a father, too..."

*Contributed by Jennifer A. Corey
Reader's Digest, February 1998 ■*

THE DASH

Submitted by Bill Whitney, Author Unknown

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of his friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning . . . to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the second with tears, but he said that what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters no, how much we own:
the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard,
"Are there things you'd like to change?"
For you never know how much time is left.
(You could be at "dash mid-range.")
If we could slow down enough to consider
what's true and what is real,
and always try to understand
the way other people fee.

And . . . be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more,
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special dash
might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash . . .
Would you be pleased with the things they say
about how you spent your dash? ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 19, 1999 - Des Moines, IA

Iowa Cemetery Conference. Sponsored by the Villisca, IA Historical Commission. Featured Speakers are: **Phyllis Carter** - Involvement of Children & Youth in the preservation and restoration of cemeteries. **David Gradwohl** - Jewish Cemeteries in Iowa. Their signs, symbols and histories. **Shirley Shermer** - Burial Laws and archeology in Iowa. **Iowa - Sac Tribe** - Internet Website with Native American Information and how it will be useful to you. **Dick Black** - Nagpra rules with Native American concerns and resolutions. **Chris Feistner** - Cemetery Destructions and Desecrations with information about Black Market of Funerary items. Please contact **Chris Feistner** at 1-712-826-2440 if interested.

August 11 - 14, 1999 - St. Louis, MO

The Federation of Genealogical Societies & St. Louis Genealogical Society invite you to: "A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists." If interested, please contact - 888-347-1500, e-mail: fgs-office@fgs.org or 314-647-8547, www.rootsweb.com/~mostlogs/STINDEX.htm

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The Germans from Russia; Children of the Steppe, Children of the Prairie will be aired by KSPS of Spokane, 27 May, 1999 at 7 p.m. PST. Circle this date on your calendar. ■

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Brigham Young University's 1999 Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held August 3 - 6, 1999 in the Conference Centre on BYU campus. Cyndi Howells will be one of the presenters. Registration is limited to 500. For more information write 136 Harman Building, Provo, UT 84602; web site: <http://coned.byu.edu/cw/cwgeneal>; tel: (801) 378-4853 or e-mail: valiant_evans@byu.edu ■

In the summer of 1998 the Archives of Ontario released the following Ontario Vital Statistics: Births - 1901; Marriages - 1916; Deaths - 1926.

New Publication: *Across the Waters: Ontario Immigrants' Experiences 1820 - 1850*, by Frances Hoffman and Ryan Taylor, to be published in May 1999 by Global Heritage Press in soft cover and hard cover. Telephone 1-800-361-5168 to reserve a copy. The book "gathers together selections from first-hand accounts so that today's readers can discover what it meant to be a pioneer in Ontario. From the day they decided to strike off across the Atlantic to the first harvest in their own clearings, the settlers will tell you about seasickness, the quarantine station, the mosquitoes, the fish you could scoop out of streams with your bare hands, the pride of owning your own land and the joys of helping one another build a house."

(from Waterloo-Wellington Branch OGS Feb 1999) ■

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IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families on the loss of loved ones for:

Carol Thomson, a charter member of the Grande Prairie Branch since 1978, whose mother, Lydia Wardill Thomsen, died recently.

Bob Fraser, Edmonton, whose father died in his 102nd year.

Gail Cockwill, Edmonton, whose mother died in February.

Laura Turnbull, Grande Prairie, whose father-in-law died in March.

Tom MacPhail whose wife passed away on April 21 in Bassano, where they lived.

A belated expression of sympathy is also extended to Marion Rex, Edmonton, whose mother passed away several months ago. ■

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Submitted by Dick Nash, AGS #659

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ANDERSON, August Edward, Death, 1976 DEC 19, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1997 Jan 05, p14

ANTLIFF, Albert M, Death, 1997 NOV 17, Toronto, ON. Source: "Toronto Star", 1997 Nov 19, pE

ATKINSON, Pearl, Death, 1997 DEC 20, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1997 Dec 23, p8

BASSETT, Harold Wain, Death, 1997 JUN 24, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1997 Jul 08, p5

BEATTIE, Stuart McKay, Burial, 1981 MAR 21, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1981 Apr 01, pA3

BOUCK, Howard Alexander, Death, 1979 AUG 11, Fort St. John, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", 1979 Aug 15, pA3

BOYCHUK, Ronald Myroslav, Death, 1997 OCT 15, Toronto, ON. Source: "Toronto Star", 1997 Oct 17, pB7

BREESE, Dale Nelson, Death, 1979 APR 28, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1979 May 09, p10

BREITKREUTZ, Esther Anna, Death, 1997 OCT 21, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1997 Nov 04, p9

BRIGHT, Delmer George, Death, 1981 AUG 25, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1981 Aug 28, pA3

CALLIOU, David, Burial, 1981 APR 01, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1981 Apr 13, pA3

CAMPBELL, Duncan John, Death, 1997 APR 22, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1997 Apr 29, p5

CHMIELEWSKI, Franciszek Andrew, Death, 1998 JAN 08, Pouce Coupe, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", 1998 Jan 13, p9

CLANCY, Helen Patricia, Death, 1993 JUN 15, Victoria, BC. Source: "Victoria Times Colonist", Victoria, BC

CLAY, Douglas William, Death, 1997 AUG 23, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1997 Sep 02, p9

COE, Herbert William, Death, 1997 SEP 29, Barriere, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1997 Oct 28, p9

COHEN, Samuel, Death, 1997 OCT 16, Toronto, ON. Source: "Toronto Star", 1997 Oct 18, pD31

COXE, Edward William, Death, 1998 JAN 27, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1998 Feb 17, p8

DELARONDE, John Joseph, Death, 1980 APR 27, Fort St., John, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1980 May 05, pA10

DUCHARME, Albert, Death, 1980 JAN 17, Dawson Creek, BC. Source: "The Peace River Block News", Dawson Creek, BC, 1980 Jan 24, pA10

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HANDE Searching for any information whatsoever about N.F.HANDE, a farmer at Tofield, AB, mentioned in the Henderson's Alberta Gazetteer and Directory, 1911.

YANKE, Douglas - 5519 Downtown Lane, Gillett, WI 54124

STEFAN I am searching for information about Henry and Olga (nee JANKE) STEFAN.
JANKE Henry and Olga immigrated to Edmonton, Alberta from Poland or the eastern part of Germany in 1927. They may have been members of St. John Lutheran (ELCIC) Church in Edmonton.

COLLINSON, Jeff - 322 Union Rd., Balwyn, Victoria 3103, Melbourne, Australia, Tel: Melbourne-9830 1737; e-mail: jefco@alphalink.com.au

PARTRIDGE William Walker Partridge, the only son of Samuel John Partridge and Henrietta Maria Walker was born in Ballymather, County Antrim, Northern Ireland about 1834. He emigrated to Canada in 1948, settling at Meeting Creek, Alberta (about 110 km SE of Edmonton). His parents apparently followed him to Canada shortly after 1948. Samuel and Henrietta died in 1960 and 1966 respectively and both are buried at Meeting Creek. Samuel was born about 1888 in County Antrim and Henrietta was born in Holland. As William Walker was only about 14 in 1948, it is most likely that he married in Canada, possibly at Meeting Creek, and had children there.

I am researching on behalf of my friend Herbert SINCLAIR who is the cousin of William Walker Partridge. Bert emigrated to Australia in the 1950's. The Sinclairs have lost contact with the Partridges and Bert desires to regain his long lost cousin.

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BAKER Thomas Charles Scott Baker b.20 Apr 1887 Crewkerne Somerset was the son of Thomas Edward Baker M.R.C.V.S. and Matilda Baker nee JOY. His father, born in Torquay 24 Nov 1861 was the Vet in Crewkerne and died of pneumonia 21 Jun 1909. His mother, Matilda, died 12 Jan 1918. Charlie as known by his sisters was not in England at the time of his father's death. We believe the photo was taken prior to Charlie going to Canada, likely between 1906 and 1909. My mother, Dorothy Gladys, the child at her mother's side and her sister Florence standing behind her mother married BENNETT brothers. Florence went to be married in China in 1919 and Dorothy to Ascension Island in 1924. Both men worked for the Far Eastern and Eastern Telegraph Co., now known as Cable and Wireless. The third daughter, Matilda May, remained single and became Millinery Buyer at Griffith and Spalding in Nottingham. She kept in touch with Charlie and his children, who may have been as many as 10. Matilda, known as May, died in Nov.1955 and all her correspondence was destroyed. We believe Thomas Charles Baker came back to fight in World War I, perhaps in Princess Pat's Regiment, but draw a blank from all enquiries. Although he never trained as a vet he was good with horses so may have been with a Horse Regiment.

Has anyone seen these photographs or met someone connected to the family? I would love to find any members from this family.

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COUTURE Clara Adele, b. 13 Oct 1901 at Morinville, AB. married Mr. Dorelle. Left Morinville abt 1917. Resided for a time in Prince Alberta, SK. Parents Gedeon Joseph Couture, b. 12 Mar 1874; d. 27 Jul 1919 and Adele Marie Billo, b. 03 Jun 1881; d. 08 Nov 1914. Pts married 08 Jan 1901 in Morinville, AB.

Editor's note: In the February 1999, Vol. 27 No.1, issue in the 'QUERIES' section, Doreen BIBAUD was searching for descendants of the GUSTAV family. She was also searching the names OLSEN (OLSON), EDWARDS, and SMITH which followed (see pages 48 and 49). Our apologies, Doreen, for our printing error and any confusion it may have caused. (We drew the lines in the wrong place!)

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McNELLY, Christina - Drayton Valley, AB

Surname interests include McNELLY, GILBERT, MARTENS, GILLESPIE, ALM, CALLAN, SUTTON, SULLIVAN (O'SULLIVAN), JOHANSEN AND KRISTIANSEN. The primary areas I am concerned with are Minnesota; Almeda and Onestad, Sweden; Rochester, New York and Duhamel, Alberta. I am looking for any historians for the Duhamel, Alberta area as I need to know more about that area.

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