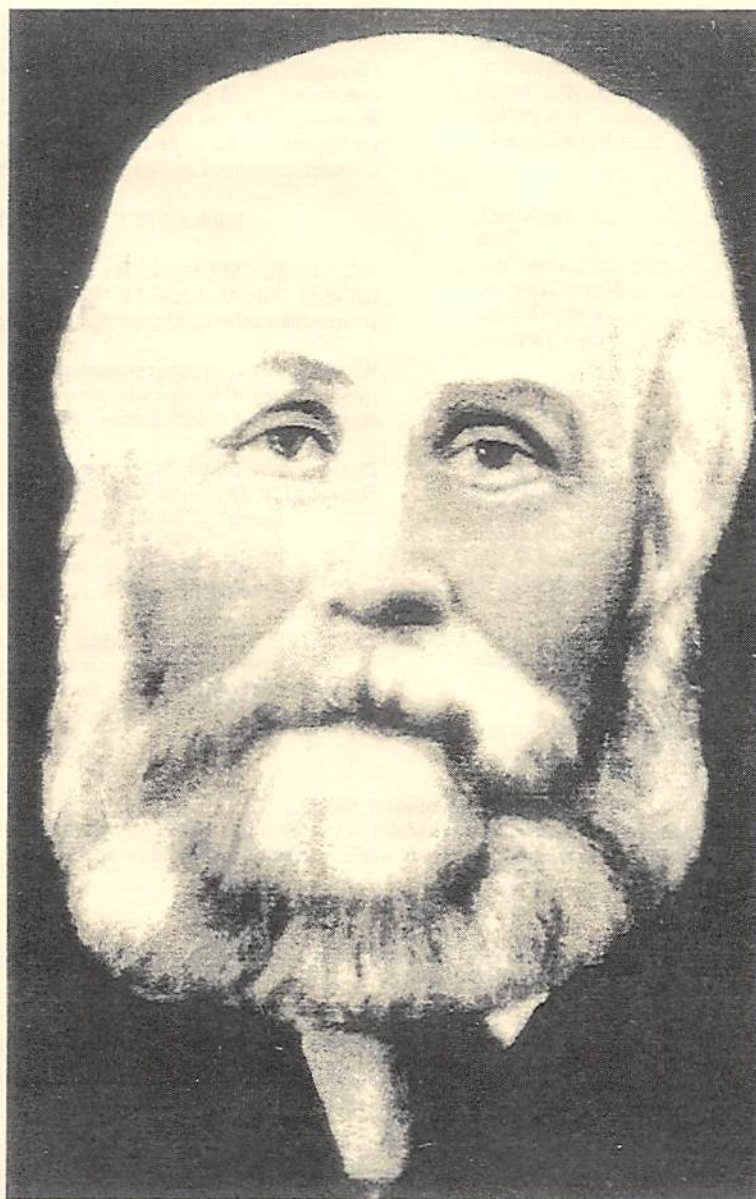


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### PHOTO COVER STORY:

The picture on the front cover is of Francis Milsap (1829 - 1905)  
See page 7 for the article.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ian Holmes



I feel honoured and challenged to be elected as President of the Society and to "take over the helm" from my dedicated and hardworking predecessor Carol Anderson. I welcome new members Bruce Hutchison, first Vice President, and Wayne Harker, Treasurer, to the Executive Committee. We are embarking on a busy time - already my phone is ringing and the e-mail messages are flowing in.

On behalf of the Society, I thank the retiring officers, Margo Moffat, Bill Whitney and Richard McNeill for their contributions over the past several years and I salute the fifteen members who received their long term and achievement awards at the reception on Friday 14th April.

The Annual General Meeting on 15th April was followed by a five-hour event, *GenFair 2000 - Family Roots Online*, which replaced the Conference held every April for the past 27 years.

This new venture was a huge success confirmed by the feedback and comments received. We prepared for 300 visitors based on 50% more than the average attendance at past conferences. The actual tally of 540 was far greater than our most optimistic expectations. We had great support from the Edmonton region members, of course, but we were surprised by the interest of close to 300 visitors from the general public, some from as far away as Prince George. In large measure this was due to the great coverage given by the Edmonton Examiner, the "Ten Best" listing in the Edmonton Journal and the proven format borrowed from our sister organization, the Alberta Family Histories Society in Calgary.

The Committee did a stellar job organizing the event, starting from almost nothing in January. One objective was to encourage the public to discover the resources and reference materials in our Library. Some introductory sessions for people just beginning family history and more advanced sessions for those looking to tap the Internet for genealogical materials were provided. Demonstrations of computer programs, displays by local facilities and vendors of related books, maps and services filled the concourse.

In every area the response exceeded our wildest dreams. It is a great tribute to the efforts put forth by over 70 willing and dedicated volunteers that GenFair managed to operate with such an enthusiastic mood prevailing throughout.

Such a rewarding event provides a great start to my new role. Over the coming months I look forward to settling into the work of leading our growing and vibrant Society and to getting to know the members in our branches and their genealogical pursuits. ■

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lillian Wight, AGS #2668

In browsing the most recent periodicals I came across a short column entitled "Relatively Speaking" in *The Journal of the Victoria Genealogical Society*. The column is for members to share interesting facts about their ancestors. In this instance Solomon Alexander Copeland, born in Mississippi about 1834 worked for the Hudson Bay Company and later the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company. The short article goes on to tell of his family, his other jobs, his death and burial.

Why do I tell you this? Because I think the column has a neat title (like our magazine), and secondly it reminds me of the writing project in which members of the England and Wales research group of Edmonton Branch were challenged to participate.

One of those stories, written by David Pegg, appears in this issue and might very well be entitled "Relatively Speaking." Enjoy David's story and others to follow in future issues.

A special thank-you to those who answered my request for material for this issue. We are fortunate to have such a variety. However, the need is still great as it is essential to have articles on hand for future issues as well. **The next deadline for submissions is July 1, 2000.** Please don't wait for the deadline - we'll be happy to hear from you anytime soon.

## Readership survey

In order to give you, our readers, what you want, we need to hear from you. *Please take a moment to e-mail us, write us a letter, or send a fax to tell us (please refer to back cover):*

What do you like best about *Relatively Speaking*? What are you not so crazy about? In this issue, which is your favorite article? Why? In the past few years, which stories and illustrations were your favorites? Which didn't work for you, and why? We try to include photos, poetry, sayings. We also try to include announcements which may be of interest. Do we need a problem corner? What kind of column should predominate?

Thanks for your input! ■

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE AGS LIBRARY

by Norma Wolowyk

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Members of the AGS are entitled to borrow from the library by mail or in person. The library is located in Room 116, Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440-108 Avenue, Edmonton, phone 424-4429. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

To borrow materials by mail please send your requests by e-mail to: [agsoffice@compusmart.ab.ca](mailto:agsoffice@compusmart.ab.ca) or by regular mail 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 (780) 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.

## Library Holdings List Update:

As of April 15, 2000 there is an updated AGS Library Holdings List available at a cost of \$3.00 plus postage and handling. This list details the books and periodicals available for borrowing. To order your copy, please complete the enclosed insert (green) and forward with payment to the AGS office.

The Holdings List was last printed in April 1998. Since that time numerous books have been added to the library. Books catalogued between printings of the list will be detailed in *Relatively Speaking*. ■

## PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

Pat Pettitt AGS #2342

Thanks to the incredible 'Finding Aid Production' volunteers at the PAA, several excellent collections are now easily accessible. Indexes for the following accessions are now available in the reference room of the PAA or on databases on the newly installed computer located in the library for use by researchers.

**Accession 87.193:** This was a massive undertaking of over 7 years endurance which consists of 186 boxes of files on the usage of individual quarter-sections of Crown land. The files may contain material on grazing rights, hay permits, cultivation leases, homesteading documents, etc. An excellent resource that spans an extended period of time.

**Accession 75.502: Teachers' Registers:** This was another lengthy project of over six years, done mostly by one volunteer. These large volumes recorded the teachers who taught in each school district every year for 1919 - 1940. The database, which is now available, is searchable by teacher or school district.

Accession 71.276: Two small volumes in this collection contain "Change of Names" for 1916 - 1950. A finding aid for these two volumes is now available in the reference room.

Accession 82.48: This is a collection of 'Old Age Pension' files (1931-1951) maintained by the Old Age Pension Board concerning the disbursements of money from some pensioners' estates. An index of pensioners and associated names has been prepared.

A big thank you to the Edmonton Branch members who make up this indexing group. A great deal of family information which was previously difficult to find is now easily available to researchers. ■



**Alberta Family  
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website: [www.afhs.ab.ca](http://www.afhs.ab.ca)

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



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Submitted by Frances E. Losie U.E., AGS #2796

The members of the Edmonton Branch of the U.E.L. Association were thrilled to learn at their February meeting that **The Honourable Lois Hole** is to be our **Honourary Patron**. President, Robert Rogers, U.E., and Past President, Lois Cummings, U.E., made the arrangements. The members are also pleased that Her Honour has agreed to speak at the **Annual Dinner** that is to be held **May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000** at the **Mayfair Golf and Country Club**. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be obtained with cheque or money order from R.J. Rogers, 4 Oxford Place, St. Albert, Alberta, T8N 6K5 before **April 30, 2000**, phone 458-3533, if questions). Dress is semi-formal or period costume. Members and friends welcome.

The annual dinner is held in May because that is the anniversary of the arrival of The Spring Fleet, in May of 1783, when the first Loyalists (Canada's first political refugees) sailed from New York to Nova Scotia at the end of the American Revolution.

Members planning to attend the **National U.E.L. Conference at Niagara Falls May 4-7** are: Al Dodds, Fran Losie U.E., Robert Morgan, U.E., and David Rolls. Past President, Lois Cummings, will not be able to attend as she broke her wrist on the last day of her British tour in March. Hopefully she will be able to raise a glass by May 29<sup>th</sup>!

The theme of the Conference, hosted by the Colonel John Butler Branch, is "Defending the Empire", and includes historical tours. Information and registration forms are available at: <http://www.npiec.on.ca/~uela/cjb2.htm>

Edmonton Branch President Robert Rogers, U.E., attended a Prairie Regional meeting at Regina in March. The four Prairie Branches, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary have agreed to share the cost of the reconstruction of the Armorial Bearings for which the Winnipeg Branch is doing the basic work.

The Association received the Bearings through Letters Patent, dated 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1972. The Armorial Bearings include the Shield of Arms, Crest, Helm, Mantling and Motto of The United Empire Loyalists' Association, and can only be used with permission from the Association. For that reason we use the Badge of the Association or "George 111 Cypher" at the head of this article. The Motto of the Association is DUCIT AMOR PATRIAE "Patriotism leads me".

A successful workshop on certification procedures was held April 3<sup>rd</sup> for 22 people, it was presented by Susan McKeen, our former Branch Genealogist. April 15<sup>th</sup> saw a "help table" at the Alberta Genealogical Society's successful "GenFair 2000", where contact was made with a record number of 17 "possible members". Manning the table with displays were: Sharon Corbet, Doreen Dimitroff, Cheryl Donnachie, Emma Justik, and Fran Losie.

The Edmonton Branch now has 79 Regular and Associate members, including family members. We are always happy to receive enquiries and you do not have to have already proven your decendency from a Loyalist to join. Join and enjoy the camaraderie while you learn!

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## **GLEANINGS FROM PUBLICATIONS**

by Myrna Reeves, AGS #2195

**Chinook** - Journal of the Alberta Family Histories Society Winter 2000 Vol 20 #2

\*Ethics in Genealogy - an adaptation of a presentation made recently.

\*Early Canadian newspapers on microfilm at the University of Calgary ([www.u.calgary.ca/library](http://www.u.calgary.ca/library))

**PEI Genealogical Society** Feb 2000 Vol 24 #1

\*Islanders Away - a listing of PEI born MacDonalds who entered the port of Boston 1848-1891 (to be continued).

**The British Columbia Genealogist** Mar 2000 Vol 29 #1

\*Delta's Official Honor Roll 1946 - compiled for the Municipal Council in 1946.

**Generations** (New Brunswick) Spring 2000 Vol 22 #1

\*The Settlement and Development of the Jewish Community of Saint John - plus a description of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, and pt 1 of the database of the Shaarei Zedek cemetery.

**Ottawa Branch News** Mar/Apr 2000 Vol 33 #2

\*Ottawa Area Newspapers - at the National Library and instructions on using the list. Check [www.nlc-bnc.ca/services/enews.htm](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/services/enews.htm)

**Lambton Lifeline** Mar 2000 Vol 17 #1

\*Lambton Room News - some marriages of Canadians in Port Huron, Michigan ca 1858-1866.

**London Leaf** - London and Middlesex Branch OGS Nov 1999 Vol 26 #4

\*McGill University is digitalizing the old county atlases, beginning with eastern Ontario see: <http://imago.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/>

**London Leaf** Feb 2000 Vol 27 #1

\*People/Children living in London's Protestant Orphan's Home and the Mt Hope Refuge - extracted from the 1901 census.

**The Colorado Genealogist** Nov 1999 Vol 60 #4

\*Denver High School photo albums 1877-1897 - the Denver Public Library owns the albums and related material. Included are names of the students and the location of their photos in the albums.

**Oregon Genealogical Society Quarterly Winter 2000 Vol 38 #1**

\*Oregon Pioneer Certificate - available to descendents of Oregon settlers of 1872-1900.

**The NGS Newsmagazine Jan/Feb 2000 Vol 26 #1**

\*a digest authored by the Computer group. In this issue are News and Views, Portable Solutions, Software Review and Tools and Techniques.

**The National Genealogical Society Quarterly Dec 1999 Vol 87 #4**

\*Using Family Stories to Develop a Family History. -the 1999 winner of the family history writing contest.

**The NYG&B Newsletter Winter 2000 Vol 17 #1**

\*New York State Supreme Court Naturalization Records in the County Clerk's Office pt 2 - colonial period through 1906.

**AFG News - American-French Genealogical Society Jan/Feb 2000 Vol 11 #1**

\*web page at <http://www.afgs.org/> -a new section on French-Canadian surname variants, anglicization etc.

**Irish Roots 2000 First Quarter # 33**

\*The Origins of Photography and its evolution in Ireland - lists 19th century Irish photographers (A-D).

**Family Tree Magazine Jan 2000 Vol 16 #3**

\*Landowners and Occupiers in England and Wales: part 1. - various records that may be useful when tracing land owning or tenant ancestors.

**Family Tree Magazine Feb 2000 Vol 16 #4**

\*PRO website at <http://www.pro.gov.uk/census/default.htm> - answers questions re: digitization of 1901 census. \*an easy search facility has been added that links to the PRO information leaflets and the parts of the on-line catalogue relevant to your search.

**The Cornwall Family History Society Dec 1999 #94**

\*Cornish References - an extraction of references to Cornwall people and places from other journals and newsletters.

**Heritage Review - Germans from Russia Heritage Society Dec 1999 Vol 29 #4** \*Roots and Growth: a roundup of books about Germans from Russia - with reviews.

**Heritage Review - Germans from Russia Heritage Society Mar 2000 Vol 30 #1**

\*Emigrants from Krasna, Bessarabia - data extracted from Krasna master census 1814-1940 (to be continued).

**Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin Winter 2000 Vol 49 #2**

\*Errors, Omissions and other Misleading Information in certain Genealogical Sources. -offers a means of identifying and solving problems found in your research.

\*See:

<file:///members.home.net/hughlarmstrong/index.htm> - an index to 12,000 Canadian divorces extracted from the Canadian Parliament records 1846-1926.

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## **AGS RESEARCH GROUP**

Submitted by Norma Wolowyk

The Research Group for both AGS and Edmonton Branch AGS meet on Fridays. Throughout the week letters received by regular mail, e-mail, phone or fax are processed by Vivian Etty, i.e., they are numbered, photocopied, and put along with a research log in plastic sleeves. Members of the group take letters they are interested in responding to, do the research and respond by e-mail from their own home or by mailing correspondence. A database is compiled of surnames researched, submitter's name, locality of inquiry, date of letter and letter ID number.

Since 1 January 2000 AGS has received 70 research queries. They were sent from other parts of Canada, the United States, Australia, Great Britain, France and South America.

The Society has received generous donations in appreciation for research carried out by the group.

Participating in the Research Group are Marion Sim, Elsie Yaroshuk, Claudine Nelson, Pat Pettitt, Lucille Horne, Jeneane Roberts, Vivian Etty, Elizabeth MacPherson, Terry Gregory and Norma Wolowyk. ■



## BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed and Submitted by  
Colleen Andersen, AGS #2691

### A GUIDE TO TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN DUNDAS COUNTY, ONTARIO

Author: Jack Schecter

**P**roducing this book must have been a monumental task but what a great resource! Listed in it are cemetery, church, census, court, government, land and military records. Newspapers, photographs, libraries, lost villages, manuscripts as well as researching heritage buildings, the history of the UEL in relation to Dundas are also discussed in great detail. A really neat part of this book is a chronological history of the County as well as an explanation about the villages and cemeteries that disappeared with the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway Power Project in 1956. There is the best explanation of the Palatine families that I have ever come across.

Not only does Jack give you the title of the book or resource but also tells you where you can find it and gives you the current address! I find this to be a refreshing change to most guides. There is no vague reference to anything that I could find. He tells all. Jack is a librarian who worked at Upper Canada Village Reference Library and Archives in Morrisburg.

I have received information from Jack about my family via the e-mails that travel back and forth amongst my fellow Barager researchers. When I received my book he had even included a note about a Barager death that I didn't know about. If you are researching in Dundas County, Ontario you must have this one. A deal at \$20.00 plus \$5.00 p&h from the author, Jack Schecter, 60 Vincent St., Smith Falls, ON, K7A 4W4. ■

## COVER STORY:

By Susan McKeen, AGS #1910

### FRANCIS MILSAP (1829 - 1905) FROM ARMAGH TO ALBERTA—Part 2

McKEEN, Walter Neil - PETERS, Susan Lynn;  
M: 12 January 1974

McKEEN, Robert Duncan - BRUMWELL, Alice  
Beatrice; M: 18 March 1946

McKEEN, William Hartley - WILSON, Mary Jane;  
M: 25 March 1946

McKEEN, James - MILSAP, Susannah  
M: Abt 1876

MILSAP, Francis<sup>1</sup> I - McGEE, Catherine

MILSAP, Francis<sup>2</sup> II - MATCHETT, Elizabeth

**T**he picture on the front cover is of Francis Milsap (m. Catherine McGee). The picture within this article is of Francis Milsap (m. Elizabeth MATCHETT).

In the spring of 1993, I received a letter from a distant Millsap cousin in Saskatchewan. Neil was a Milsap descendant, so she was asking for any information we had on Susannah's family. Since I had a list of all of Susannah's children, with birth dates, I sent that along. I also had the same material, with marriage dates for Hartley's children and for Duncan's children. That went too. (The last three generations of McKeen men use their middle names. I have no idea why they do this.) Late that summer, we hooked up the trailer and went visiting. Mrs. Millsap had a wealth of information. Living in a small town in Saskatchewan, she didn't have access to many of the resources we take for granted—she had put together three 3-inch binders with information and descendants of the first Francis<sup>2</sup> who married Elizabeth. She had done all this by writing letters!

Over several years, using census records, land records, vital statistics and a good helping of family stories, I pieced together the following story. I knew none of this prior to our trip to Saskatchewan.

Francis<sup>2</sup> was born about 1792 near Portadown, Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland. He married Elizabeth Matchett (daughter of Edward Matchett); they had four sons, all born in Co. Armagh: Thomas (b. 13 June 1825), Francis (b. 16 December 1827), Edward (b. 1831) and Solomon. The whole family came to Canada in 1839<sup>1</sup>.

Francis<sup>1</sup> lived for a time in Nottawasage Township, Simcoe County, Ontario. It appears that the whole family settled near each other. It is certain that Francis<sup>1</sup> married before Solomon. There are two schools of thought regarding the marriage of Francis<sup>1</sup>. (Our branch of the family claims he married Catherine McGee; another branch says his wife was Catherine Groves--but that's another story!) In 1880, Francis<sup>1</sup>, with his wife and family moved north to the Sundridge area, Parry Sound District, Ontario.

Throughout this article, I have spelled the family name as Francis<sup>1</sup> did. However, the original spelling seems to have been with two 'l's. One of the family stories says there was an error when Francis<sup>1</sup> purchased some land. As a result, the spelling has continued to the present day in this branch of the family.

One of the things we had always wondered about was why Francis and Catherine had come west in the mid-1890s. No one in the family knew why, and there were no family stories attached to this event.

Edmonton Branch has a local history titled *Along the Victoria Trail*<sup>1</sup>. There was an excellent article in there about Francis<sup>1</sup>, his wife, their children and the spouses. However, still no hint as to why they came west. One day, I was browsing the shelves in the library part of the Provincial Archives and discovered some very interesting books. One of them was Ralph Hedley's book "*East of the Beaver Hills*"<sup>1</sup>.

In it, he detailed how a colonization agent from the Canadian Pacific Railway had come to the Parry Sound District extolling the wonders of the land around Edmonton. Apparently he had never been to the area, and the CPR didn't run to Edmonton, but it was wonderful nonetheless. Three prominent citizens were given free round-trip passes to come to Strathcona. When the trio reached what would become Alberta, they were sure they had found Paradise--none of the stony, frigid soil of northern Ontario. Instead they found deep black loam and boulder-free clay, plenty of water, land that was virtually ready to plow plus, close by a high-grade coal seam for fuel. When the trio returned home telling of this wondrous land, the urge to move was on.



While this article does not specifically name my Milsap family, it does name the Hacketts. Two of Francis<sup>1</sup>'s daughters married two Hackett brothers. I now had a good idea why Francis<sup>1</sup> and Catherine, both in their mid-60s came west.

In researching a variety of records, it appeared that Francis<sup>1</sup> had died at Star. While Star is fairly close to Lamont, there was no clue to why Star was named. When I finally saw Francis<sup>1</sup>'s death certificate at the Provincial Archives, all became plain. The question asked was not "where did the individual die", but "Place of Death" (Nearest Post Office). Star was, indeed, the nearest Post Office to Lamont.

When Catherine died in 1897, William Hackett, one of the sons-in-law, donated land on his farm to create a cemetery for her burial. This cemetery<sup>1</sup> is still in existence today. Francis<sup>1</sup> died November 28, 1903 and was buried beside Catherine. Their headstone is still in very good shape, and easily readable. Right next door to them is the grave for Thomas McGee . . . but that, too, is another story.

<sup>1</sup> 1901 Census for the Northwest Territories, District #202, Sub-District #4 Star, Provincial Archives of Alberta, Microfilm Reel #T6551, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> *Along the Victoria Trail, Lamont and District*, 1978. Edmonton Branch Library. 971.233LAM.

<sup>3</sup> Hedley, Ralph. *East of the Beaver Hills. A History of Lamont, its People and their Achievements, 1892-1955*. Provincial Archives of Alberta, 971.233H359.

<sup>4</sup> Alberta Genealogical Society, Cemetery Publication #302. Hackett Cemetery, Lamont, Alberta.

## BYLAWS REPORT

Submitted by Jo Nuthack

**F**or those members who did not attend the Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2000, it needs to be explained what happened to the proposed changes to our bylaws.

At the Executive meeting in March it was pointed out that ballots to either accept or reject these proposals had not been included in the Election Package that accompanied *Relatively Speaking* in February.

The Executive then came to the consensus that it would serve the Society better to postpone the changes until the Annual Meeting in 2001. The main arguments for this were that the proposals are not essential to continue the operation of the Society, and most important not having a ballot available takes away the opportunity for non-attending members to vote.

On another note suggestions were brought forward at the meeting to have a thorough review of the Objects and Bylaws of the Society. It was felt that after many years of making small changes a good review is in order.

I urge every Member of the Society who may have suggestions for changes to contact me by writing to the AGS office. ■

## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN

**I**nst. or Instant (in a date) refers to something that happened in the current month. Ult. or Ultima (in a date) refers to something that happened in the previous month.

When reading French-language records, the adjective "feu" found before a man's name and "feue" before a woman's name indicates that the person is deceased (as in the late John Smith).

Adapted from *The Tracer*, Prince George Genealogical Society, Vol 20 No. 3 (September 1999).

From *Toronto Tree*, Vol. 31, Issue 1, January/February 2000 ■

## MONDAY MARRIAGES

**W**hether you realize it or not there was a habit of marrying on Mondays or, a bit less on Tuesdays, in Quebec and in Acadia. The other days of the week were exceptions.

It all started with the bishop of the Quebec Diocese (all of New France and Acadia) and the Quebec Synod of 1690.

Let's consider the choice of a day of the week. Fridays and Saturdays were bad days because of the Catholic obligation, at the time, to fast and therefore, not feast. Sundays were not good either because you had to attend church in your own parish, so you would not easily have attended a marriage in a far parish, even your own. Then the 1690 Synod decreed that Monday would be best.

The priests were told that they should only marry in the morning after having made sure that the bride and groom had had Holy Communion the day before. They were forbidden to marry them the same day that they had Holy Communion (these good people thought that it was incorrect to have God and sex on the same day).

On the practical side of things since most people had farms and animals, taking care of them was an every day chore, so no day was really free or ideal.

The custom remained until around World War II. It appears that people started having Saturdays off more often. Before this century, about 50-60% of the marriages were on Mondays, about 25-30% on Tuesdays and the rest spread about evenly on the other days. L'Assomption (near Montreal) had its own regular habit of Tuesday marriages.

All of this is explained in Yves Landry's book "Les Filles du roi au XVII<sup>e</sup> siècle", page 186 which is also, by the way, the definitive book on les Filles du roi, it tells all.

from *The American-French Genealogical Society*, Vol XI, No 1, 2000 ■



## THE STORY

### IN SEARCH OF THE ELUSIVE OMEGA CROSS

by Peter Von Lipinsky

Since the beginning of time, gravesides have been marked in various ways. For example, some nomadic tribes in Pommerania, and elsewhere, used rocks to build a mound, to identify and mark a graveside, while other tribes used the so called "face urns" to bury the ashes of the deceased. Different people had different ways to mark the burial site of a friend or a relative.

After Christianity was accepted by more and more people in that area, which was later known as Pommerania, Kashubia and West-Prussia, wooden crosses were used throughout the land as grave markers, to identify somebody's final resting place.

The disadvantage with the wooden crosses was, that this type of grave marker did not withstand the onslaught of the very harsh weather condition for a long time. It would not take long, and the inscription on the cross, name, date of birth and death would not be legible anymore, and soon the wooden cross would also succumb to the elements. During the latter part of the Renaissance time, wrought iron crosses became popular, and people of the Catholic faith preferred this type of grave marker, if one could afford it.

In many cases the graveside would also be fenced in with a wrought iron fence, and sometimes a religious statue would be added to the grave side, to enhance the appearance of the same.

Later on, at the beginning of the 1900's, cast iron crosses made their appearance. These cast iron crosses could be produced at a much lower cost, as compared to the hand made iron wrought crosses. This new type of iron cross could also be produced at a much faster pace, but did not become very popular to be used by too many people as a grave marker. In addition to the wooden, wrought and cast iron crosses as grave markers, the use of marble and granite headstones now became very popular as well as fashionable.

Some of the handmade wrought iron crosses were truly a piece of fine craftsmanship and art. Each blacksmith had his own special way of producing a very fine wrought iron cross with his own so called "special signature". People could tell by the design and craftsmanship of these crosses, who the blacksmith was. A few of these iron crosses can still be found in different parts of Germany, as well as in the U.S.A. and Canada, where German immigrants had once settled to start a new life.

In areas of Pommerania where the Kashubians used to live, a different handmade wrought iron cross was sometimes used by the Kashubians as a grave marker. This hand made cross was known as the "Kaschubian Kreuz"/Cross", which was crafted in the shape of the Greek letter "OMEGA". The "Omega" design was fastened on top of an iron rod, and on top of the Omega letter was a replica of the sun.

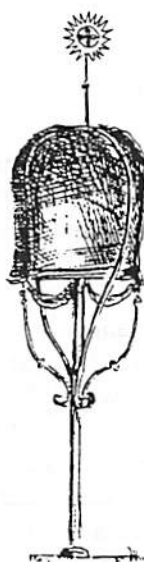
These Kashubian crosses, as well as hand carved figurines, hand painted pottery and Kashubian needle art, are truly a mirror of Kashubian craftsmanship.

The Kashubian crosses are being mentioned in several books, but to find them today seems almost impossible. During a recent visit to the homeland of the Kashubian people, the author visited several cemeteries, but was unable to find a single Kashubian Omega cross. Only in the old church graveyard in Borzyszkowy stood one lonely simple iron cross. The cemetery from Piasweczno to this day has a wrought iron gate, and in another cemetery by Niezabyszewo two more plain iron crosses are still standing. The sketch of the "Omega cross" was taken from the "Pommern Lexikon".

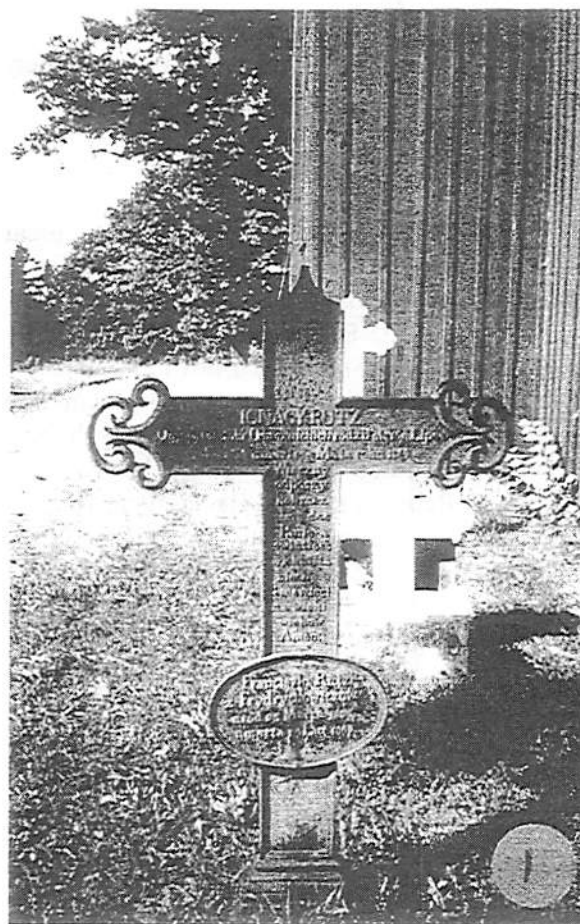
Since there are no known pictures of any kind from these Kashubian grave markers on file, the mystery to their real appearance only deepens.

If any reader of this story has in his or her possession an old picture of any kind, showing these old Kashubian crosses, the author would very much appreciate receiving a copy of the picture.

Pictures are on the following page. ■



Kaschubian Gravemarker/Cross  
in the shape of the Greek letter "OMEGA" which  
is fastened to an iron rod. On top of the letter  
OMEGA is the replica of the sun. Since there is  
no picture of the Kaschubian wrought iron cross  
anywhere to be found, we have to use this sketch  
to show our readers what a Kaschubian Cross  
looks like.



Handmade Iron Gravemarker/Cross  
in Catholic churchyard in town of Borzyszkowy,  
Poland

Found in a publication in the AGS Library:

### EVERYONE MUST BE COUNTED!

Found by Mrs. Janet Rattenbury, 31 Burnham Avenue, Chilwell, Beeston, Nottm, NG9 5AH.

1881 Census - Berkshire 1325 folio 98

#### WINDSOR CASTLE

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Princess of Edinburgh. Victoria		g.d. 4	Princess
Princess of Edinburgh. Alexandra		g.d. 2	Princess

Plus 178 assorted staff, ranging from Lords and Ladies in Waiting to domestic and outdoor workers! (None born in Nottinghamshire.)

## DIG DEEPER

Who is Lum Andekin? And where is George?  
Contributed to the Maryland Genealogical Society  
Bulletin by David H. Pardoe

Submitted by Marie Bruner, AGS #2183 with  
permission from above sources.

I have a family Bible that belonged to my great grandmother, Ann Rebecca Wade. The first entry is her marriage to Benjamin Sedicum on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1855. Below that is written "George Ernest Christopher Sedicum. Born 1794. Died 1844. Father of Benjamin and John Sedicum. No mention is made of George's wife, Elizabeth, but my guess is that was because George had died before Ann Rebecca married Benjamin in 1855, while Elizabeth was alive and remained so until 1882.

From census and naturalization records, I know that Benjamin Sedicum was born in Hanover (Germany) in 1828 and his brother John was born in Maryland in 1832. Consequently, at least their mother, Elizabeth, must have come to the United States between 1828 and 1832.

The earliest census records I have as yet found for the Sedicums are in 1860. I found no records in the 1830 or 1840 census, but the Sedicum family may have lived with another "head of household", perhaps other German immigrants. Why I have not found the family in the 1850 census, I do not know, but I shall continue to search. In 1860 Elizabeth was living with her son John. I had no record of the father, George, in the United States.

I found a published work, Mt. Olivet Cemetery Baltimore, Maryland, Caretaker records, Volume I: Sections A through D compiled by John J. Winterbottom, Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1989. In this are the records for a lot owned by John Sedicum, Lot 371, Section A. Listed are John, his wife Matilda, two males whom I believe were children, and Elizabeth Sedicum; but no George.

Also listed in this lot is "Lum ANDEKIN". The capitals are in the publication. Seemed like a strange name, but irrelevant as it was not Sedicum. I visited the cemetery and found the grave site with some difficulty. There was a single headstone on which was engraved "SEDDICUM". Two "Ds" is a new, and yet

another spelling; but there is no other inscription. No names, no dates, and no little nearby foot stones. Not much help.

I continued on with my research for the Sedicum family and other lines, and wondered what had happened to George. If he was not buried with his wife, the family must have lived somewhere else in 1844 when he died, but where? Or, did he not come to the U.S. at all?

The idea of a pregnant woman with a son under four leaving Hanover for Maryland and leaving her husband behind was difficult to imagine, but the immigration stories are of difficult times for people looking for hope. As part of my efforts, I have written to individuals named Sedicum and have established contact with a few, who are descended from other children of Benjamin and Ann Rebecca. While they had information on their particular lines, I, thanks to the family Bible, had the earliest and only information about the original family.

In February 1998, I received a call from one of those "cousins" who said he had been contacted by a man also descended from a Sedicum. He put me in touch with the "cousin", and in preparation for our scheduled get together, I started to pull together a package which I could photocopy for him to go along with a computer printout. As I went through my Sedicum folder, I saw once again the Mt. Olivet Cemetery record and the unknown Lum ANDEKIN. Only this time I also saw something I had not previously noticed. After the name it reads, "b. 1794, d. 1844" the birth and death years of George Sedicum.

So, off to rule 1, don't rely on published versions of data, check the original sources. Here I suspected the compiler had run into a handwriting problem, as I had found on various other occasions. I visited the cemetery and asked to see the original caretaker's book for Section A. The staff person graciously brought out the book and turned to Lot 371, and there in the right hand most grave in a diagram of the lot reads, "Lum ANDEKIN, b. 1794, d. 1844".

So much for George! The diagram also indicated that there is a headstone and a second stone in the right hand corner of the grave with Lum. I did not find a second stone on my prior visit.



As I had brought a camera with me, I figured I would find the lot and take pictures. I did again find the lot and the headstone inscribed SEDDICUM, but nearby lying flat on the ground, and perhaps it had always been that way, I found a second stone partially covered by soil and grass and in the process of sinking into the ground.

I got an ice scraper with a brush on it from the car and made some attempt to uncover the stone. All I could determine was that there was an inscription that appeared to be in German, and a large date, 1794, above which seemed to read "Geboren" – born, I thought. I thought I could decipher "George", but not clearly. I returned home and looked in my German dictionary for Andekin, where I found "zum Andekin" meaning "in remembrance of". This, I figured, I would find inscribed on the stone – if I could read it.

I arranged to buy some rubbing paper for transferring grave inscriptions and made another visit to the gravesite accompanied by Chuck Myers, the son of the new relative I had met. I dug out the surface of the stone with a spade and used a scrub brush to clean it off, then we did the rubbing.

At home we looked at our miracle. The pertinent genealogical data was there, followed by a pious saying: ZUM/ ANDENKEN/ AN/ GEORGE J.E. SUEDEKUM/ Er ward Geboren/ ANNO 1794/ und starb im Jahr 1844/ im Alten von 51 Jahren/ Hier ruhen wir,/ Dien [am?] Grabe/uns entschlafen/ Und wecke uns [–] neum/ Morgenroth//. In Memory of George J.E. Suedekum/ He was born/ in the year 1794/ and died in the year 1844/ He was 51 years old [or in his 51<sup>st</sup> year]// Here we rest/ In your site/ We are your's, Lord/ In life and in death/ Cause us to sleep in peace in the grave/ and wake us to a new dawn.//

So much for Lum. What have I found by all of this? I already knew his birth and death years, so no new information of that kind was added. I do know, however, that George Sedicum did indeed come to America and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in west Baltimore; he probably lived somewhere on the west side of town.

That may help the further search, as I do not have to look in every county in the state. I also have still another spelling of the family name, Suedekum, which may help further searching. It isn't all that much different, however, so it may not make much difference.

In 1844, German seems to still have been the family language, or at least it seemed appropriate that George be buried "in German", so to speak.

Sometimes "digging" is literally what we have to do, so poke around those cemetery lots, there may be a stone sinking below the ground. Beyond that, check original sources and don't rely on caretaker's notes of information that was originally in a language the caretaker didn't speak. I guess the stone, to him, recorded the burial of someone's name "Lum Andekin".

That "name" is now in the published records where it may be picked up and added to computer files for the world to search and ponder over. For all I know, there may be an Andekin family somewhere who will come across Lum and take him for a long lost ancestor. There he is, in the original source.

*Mr. Pardoe can be reached at 7166 winter Rosee Path, Columbia MD 21045 or dpardoe@erols.com. ■*

### *What is a Cemetery*

*The following statement is on a Notice Board in the Dorchester Cemetery, Ontario, Canada.*

*Lives are commemorated - deaths are recorded - families are united - memories are made more tangible - and love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.*

*Communities accord respect, families bestow reverence, historians seek information and our heritage is thereby enriched. ■*



## **GENFAIR 2000, Family Roots Online**

By Ian Holmes and Norma Wolowyk

We thank the following contributors of door prizes to AGS GenFair 2000:

- Dezio Restaurant
- Creative Memories
- Robert's Research Services
- Crestwood Apothecary
- Vision Images
- Easton Genealogical Services
- Marcon Consulting
- Norman Croll
- Edmonton Branch, AGS
- Intuit Canada
- A.G.E. Ancestry Genealogical Enterprises
- Edmonton Branch/AGS Research Group

### **AGS RECEPTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY – HONOURED MEMBERS**

At the AGS Reception and Awards Ceremony held April 14, 2000, the following members were recognized for their services to the Society:

#### **SPECIAL MENTION AWARD** Presented by Carol Anderson

**Laura Turnbull**, AGS member since 1978, and charter member of the Grande Prairie Branch, received a Special Mention Award in appreciation of her commitment and dedication to the Alberta Genealogical Society throughout the past 22 years. Laura has held a variety of positions in the branch. She served as Vice President on the first executive, followed by positions as President, Secretary, Membership Chair, and Librarian. She has taught many genealogy courses to new members. At the provincial level Laura served as AGS President in 1983/84, Branch Director on the Executive Committee in 1994/95 and Publicity Chairperson in 1996/97. In 1982 Laura was AGS Conference Chair when the conference was held in Grande Prairie. She has also presented many workshops at conferences. Presently Laura is AGS Webmaster, donating many volunteer hours creating and updating the website. Congratulations, Laura!

#### **LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP AWARD** Presented by Margo Moffat

This award was presented to each of the following members for 26 years (1973 – 1999) of consistent loyalty to the Society and dedicated pursuit of genealogical research and family history:

**Frank Easton**, founding member 1973, first AGS Vice President in 1973 and President in 1974. Creator and editor of the AGS Bulletin published in 1973.

**John R. Hughes**, founding member 1973, and first editor of *Relatively Speaking* in 1974. John is credited for naming the publication.

**D'Arcy Hande**, founding member 1973, first AGS Treasurer for the Society. Presently Director Archivist of one of the two major archives in Saskatchewan.

**Charles Denney**, founding member 1973 and first President of the Society. His reputation as a writer, Metis historian, and guest lecturer on genealogical research preceded the formation of the Society in Alberta.

**William Hudson "Bill" Drew**, became a member shortly after the founding of the Society.

**Pat Hewitt**, became an AGS member in October 1973 that started her long lasting friendships with various members and working for the good of the Society. Pat was elected Edmonton Branch Secretary/Treasurer in 1974, the inauguration date of the branch. In 1977 Pat became AGS Membership Secretary and set up the first 'New Membership Kit'.

**Carin Routledge**, became an AGS member in June 1973, first Vice President of Edmonton Branch in 1974, and won the contest to name the branch newsletter *Clandigger* in 1979. She was co-editor with Pat Stewardson from 1980 to 1988. In 1994 she became Program Director of the Edmonton Branch and later Corresponding Secretary.



**Jack and Enid Fitzsimonds**, members since 1973, served first as Librarians for the Edmonton Branch. Jack served two years as AGS President, and two years as Edmonton Branch President. He also served on the AGS Executive Committee as Finance, Publications, Master Data Bank and Bylaws Chair and continues to help organize the preparation and mailing of *Relatively Speaking*. **Enid** has been AGS Corresponding Secretary, Editor of *Relatively Speaking* for three years, AGS Vice President, Cemetery Recording and Publications Chair as well as Grants Coordinator.

**Flora and James Eagleson**, of Calgary, Alberta.

**Katie Mabbutt**, of Gibbons, Alberta.

### **AGS RAFFLE**

The winning tickets for the Alberta Genealogical Society CASH RAFFLE were drawn at the Annual General Meeting on April 15, 2000.

The first prize of \$2,500 went to Art Dear of Thorsby holding ticket no.794 sold by Arlene Hedlund, Publicity Chairman of the Drayton Valley Branch.

The \$1,000 second prize was won by Elaine and Marcel Nault of Edmonton holding ticket no.3177 sold by Claudine Nelson, Past President of the Edmonton Branch.

The photo shows Elaine (centre) receiving the AGS cheque from Ian Holmes, President, and Claudine Nelson witnessing the event. ■



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## **RCMP FIND HEADSTONE**

Submitted by Jean Klohn, AGS #2440

On November 7, 1999, a cemetery headstone was turned over to the Morinville, Alberta RCMP detachment. This headstone had been found lying on the side of the road on Range Road 261 west of Morinville.

The headstone is white granite and bears the name "Brad Cooper" with the dates 1933 - 1993. As well, the headstone bears the inscription "Nature Took her Beloved Guardian for her Own."

RCMP have not had any reports of a missing or stolen headstone, and are appealing to the public to find the relatives of the person listed on the headstone.

RCMP did check with the Department of Vital Statistics, but with the limited information on the grave marker, they were unable to provide the police with any next of kin to contact who could replace the marker in its appropriate place.

The staff at Morinville RCMP would like to see this headstone returned to its rightful owner so it can be replaced and continue to be treated with the respect it deserves.

Alberta Genealogical Society checked the Master Database but found nothing.

If anyone has any information regarding the lost headstone, please call (780) 939-4520 (Morinville RCMP detachment.) ■

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Necrology** - (according to Webster's New World Dictionary) is:

1. a list of people who have died within a certain period, as that in a newspaper
2. a death notice; obituary ■

## FAMILY EXPOSURE ON THE INTERNET

**A** word of caution is necessary about invading the privacy of your living relatives by sharing genealogical data concerning them without written permission. You may be guilty without realizing it if you pass along genealogical databases or research notes to a third party anytime, particularly on the Internet. The living have a right to privacy.

Web pages may have personal information about you, your children and living relatives where any kook or crook can find it. Our generous nature of sharing genealogical data via GEDCOM, pedigree charts or family group sheets with others may end up on web pages. Look for your names, using any search engine. Check GenDex (<http://www.gendex.com/>) and also visit some commercial websites, especially those who encourage software owners of their products to contribute their GEDCOMS.

It can be a surprise to find your entire database posted, errors and all, on another's website. It has happened. One researcher's material was passed on, cousin to cousin without the compiler's knowledge or consent.

Our caring and sharing nature makes us vulnerable. They ask - we send - handing over all of our genealogical notes to cousins, some distant, some strangers. We need to think about results of these actions.

Sharing is good and technology eases the process. Unfortunately, honest people are not the only users. Crooks can and do find detailed personal information about us and living relatives. A scam artist can twist the data to "strong arm" your grandmother into relaying secrets that will open her bank account.

Your living relatives and you, have the same rights to privacy and among these rights are:

- ❖ To be free of highly offensive and unreasonable intrusions into a person's seclusion. The public has no legitimate interest in highly objectionable disclosure of private information.
- ❖ The taking of one's name or a likeness by another without consent.
- ❖ Right to avoid false assignment of authorship or association.

Persons who see this information that involves one or more of these rights may be able to seek relief through a civil lawsuit.

What is your role?

If you find information about you or your living relatives on the Internet, request the posted information be removed. Be as adamant as necessary.

As a Webmaster, do not list others' genealogical data on your website without expressed written permission. All living persons' dates should be excluded.

Clear your GEDCOMS and charts of living persons' information before sharing with anyone. Software can help you by excluding all persons born after a certain date such as 1900, 1910, 1920. A freeware utility program, GEDClean, is available for downloading from: <http://members.aol.com/tomraynor2/gedclean.htm>

Privacy issue information is available on the Internet for your own education: <http://www.onlinegenealogy.com/aug96/aug96.html>

Above all, do not stop sharing your ancestral information, but also, remember to protect the rights of the living - and your own family.

Adapted from Myra Gormley, C.G. Source: The Forum Insider, V.8 No. 5, Jan 1998 and reprinted in The Fil, Feil, File, Fyles, Phles Flyer in their December 1999 - January 2000 issue.

Found in Branches, OGS, Feb 2000 ■

## ***RELATIVELY SPEAKING***

### ***25 YEARS AGO***

#### **GLEICHEN'S FIRST GRAVE SITE**

By C. D. Denney

Submitted by Vivian Etty

In 1967, John J. Martin wrote a book which he called 'The Prairie Hub'. In it he told of Gleichen's first gravesite. What he really said was that the Town's nuisance ground was located on the S.E. of Section 24-22-23-W4, on the West side of the "blowout" at Cut Banks. Whether a nuisance ground and a cemetery or gravesite are one and the same thing is not made too clear. What is clear is his statement: "How many of the old timers are interred in the unsurveyed cemetery is not known." Since the two bits of information are in consecutive sentences, one has to assume there is a close relationship.

Anyway, he further says: "My two brothers are buried there, Jim on January 31, 1886 (frozen to death at Blackfoot Crossing), and William on May 14, 1893 (kicked by a horse)." Also, "Mrs. Margaret Bigar was buried there in 1901, and the remains were moved to Rosebud Cemetery in 1928, to rest near her husband."

When John Martin's brothers died, "There was no record of the boys' deaths or of the burials made with the vital statistics." That reminded him that "In the prairie days, births and deaths were often not registered with the (Bureau of) Vital Statistics. My two sisters and myself had to go to a lot of trouble and expense to get birth certificates. I know of others who had a job to prove their age and place of birth. People died and were buried without a record being kept of their demise by any local government official."

That wasn't quite all either; for Mr. Martin tells of several instances where people just dropped out of sight. One chap went hunting just before Christmas in 1906 and was never seen again. Though everyone in the Rosebud area knew he was missing, an enquiry, forty years later brought out the information that the Mounted Police had no record of the case. Other unidentified grave mounds in scattered parts of the prairies were believed to have marked the places where rival bootleggers eliminated opposition. He says that "no end of Indians were shot and left just where they fell."

Mr. Martin's friend, Dave Brereton, knew of two men who peddled whisky to the Indians, along with odd trinkets. One day he noticed one of the men riding alone, and asked him where his partner was. "Oh", he said, "I got tired of him, popped him off and put him down a hole. Anyway, we had a quarrel and I was quicker on the draw than he was, otherwise I would have landed in a hole in the ground." Apparently, it was not safe to report such incidents to the police – so that was another man whose demise went unrecorded. It was also quite obvious that his body doesn't repose in what apparently became the Gleichen Cemetery, even though Mr. Martin refers to it as a nuisance ground. ■

***Do you go to garage sales?***

***Here is a very helpful hint.***

***Do you go to garage sales? If so, do yourself a favour. Watch for an old atlas – the older the better. They will often show place names that are no longer found in the more recent versions. What's more, you can probably buy one for less than \$5.00.***

***- from Everton's Genealogical Helper, Jan-Feb 2000 ■***





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# Clandigger

## Upcoming Dates

Regular meetings of the Edmonton Branch are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### May 26, 2000

Sarah MacKenzie, General Manager of the Photo Gift Company in Southgate Mall will be speaking about Digital Photography and the Ways it Can be Used to Create Interesting and Lasting Gifts Using Photographs of Our Ancestors and/or Our Family Groups.

### June 22, 2000

#### Members' Stories Night

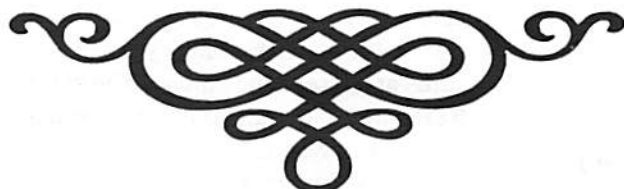
The focus of this meeting will be members' stories and charts. Please bring your charts and other items of interest for viewing. If you have a personal research story of interest please let Margaret Bendickson know by phone at 922-3050 or e-mail at [margb@connect.ab.ca](mailto:margb@connect.ab.ca)

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### \*\*\*LATE BREAKING NEWS\*\*\*

Sherry Bell was appointed Library Director, by the Edmonton Branch Executive on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Claudine Nelson will be assisting Sherry with the Library Director duties.

## EDMONTON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Susan McKeen  
AGS #1910



The very first GenFair was held on April 15. With over 500 people through the door, lots of info sessions, computer software to view and vendors with a wide range of products for sale, it was a huge success. Congratulations to all the volunteers who worked so hard!

I would like to welcome Florence Woodward and Sherry Bell to the Edmonton Branch Executive. Sherry is returning as Library Director after a brief absence and Florence is our new Publications Director.

Several people have mentioned that many "how to do genealogy" and "how to use the computer and Internet technology" courses are being offered over the Internet. The old tale of *buyer beware* applies more surely now than ever. One of the main problems with the Internet is that you never know where someone is. While there are laws to protect the buyer, it's rather hard to enforce them when the offender disappears off into cyberspace and you don't know where the business was in the first place. And then, the laws vary from province to province and state to state – and what if you're in a foreign country? As you would with anything else, check the seller very carefully. Chances are, you could probably get something, in person, just as good or better, right in your own area!

Several weeks ago, I attended the last evening for the Spring Session of *Tracing Your Family Tree*. The last part of the evening was devoted to the Internet and different genealogical websites. Terry Gregory was giving the session, and made a very good point. When you correspond with someone via e-mail, you never know where they are. Giving your location is helpful. I have been corresponding with a lady who is also working on the Peters family from New Brunswick. My Henry Peters married Rowena Atkinson. I knew almost nothing on the Atkinson family but she had a great deal of information. After hearing Terry speak, when I responded to my e-mail that evening, I added that I was in Edmonton and asked where she was. It turns out she is in Redwater – not even a long distance phone call away! ■

## Recording and Indexing

Submitted by Jean Klohn, AGS #2440

Preparations are being made for the summer tombstone recording sessions as well as some tidying up from past years. Most of our trips out of town will be short drives from the city. A meeting will be held in May to set up the dates, etc.

Hopefully, two private cemeteries in Edmonton will be recorded this summer, weather permitting. If anyone plans on visiting any cemeteries in far away areas of the province and would like to know if they have already been recorded, please give me a call.

Thanks to those who are busy inputting data and the proofreaders who have been busy all winter trying to keep up.

As of 10 March 2000, AGS has 693,545 names on the Master Index. There are 1,645 files that include cemeteries, census, obituaries, book indexes, funeral home records and various other name indexes collected by interested groups.

For further information or to volunteer your services recording headstones, data input (not just cemeteries, as we have other projects) or proofreading, please call Jean at 489-3030 or e-mail [jgkln@powersurfr.com](mailto:jgkln@powersurfr.com). ■

## Library News

### NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH? THE ARRIVAL

By Susan L. McKeen AGS #1910



In November 1999, I asked for donations to purchase the New England Historical and Genealogical Society's set of nine CDs. In February 2000, I announced that we had raised sufficient funds to purchase the set.

This month, they have arrived! Our favourite cataloguer is back and has assigned a number to the set: 929.374NEW. Shirley just has to print the cards and attach the labels. The set will remain as Reference material, so will not be loaned out. When you want to use it, you will have to ask the Library Volunteer to get it for you.

Now to the good stuff!

The set consists of nine CDs, as follows:

Disc# - Volumes	Years
11 - 20	1847 - 1866
221 - 40	1867 - 1886
341 - 55	1887 - 1901
456 - 70	1902 - 1916
571 - 90	1917 - 1936
691 - 110	1937 - 1956
7111 - 130	1957 - 1976
8131 - 148	1977 - 1994

Disc #9 is an every name index to all of the articles on the previous eight CDs. Each CD has an index to the names on that CD.

If you're using #9, double click on the name, and you are prompted to insert the correct disc. When you have done that, the system takes you directly to the page on which the name appears. You then have to read the page to find the name. There is a zoom feature to enlarge the page, making it easier to read.

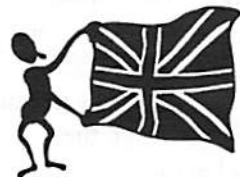
The text is an actual copy of the original page. On the sides of the page, outside the frame, the page, volume number, month and year of the issue are shown.

A print feature is given, and it appears that it is easy to use as well although I didn't try it.

This is a very useful resource, well worth exploring.

## Special Interest Groups

### England & Wales Special Interest Group



Looking for your ancestors in England or Wales? You are welcome to join our Special Interest Group.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the AGS Library, Prince of Wales Armouries. Expect to become involved!

Roadblocks, problems, challenges, quizzes, reports on a variety of useful subjects, counties, helpful tidbits/book reviews, and any other subject that will be of help to our research.

Come and bring your ideas and knowledge! To have your name added to our phone list, please call Muriel Jones at 447-3592. ■

## Irish Special Interest Group



The Irish Research Group would like to extend an invitation to all new members who are researching family lines in Ireland. Our meetings include talks on history, research sources, guidelines for research, and personal family histories. New speakers with the "gift of the gab" are most welcome.

Our January meeting highlighted a personal research history by Susan McKeen, an historical piece on the High Sheriff and his duties by Claudine Nelson and a map presentation by Robert Milson of Robert's Research Services, [rrs@compusmart.ab.ca](mailto:rrs@compusmart.ab.ca)

In March, Allen Ronaghan was willing to give us a talk on the publications that he receives from the Clogher Society in Ireland. Because of the difficulties associated with Irish Research he pointed out the information available in these little known sources. At the close of his talk, Allen very generously donated these booklets to the library.

Lloyd Shea gave a very entertaining overview of his newly published Shea family history book. He has put a lot of work into the making of this book and inspired us to think about publishing our histories using a computer and a print shop like Office Depot. Lloyd's stories of his mother and his life as a young man were wonderful to hear.

Claudine Nelson and Margaret Bendickson presented some personal finds and Colleen Rispler brought along some of her Irish book collection.

In September of 1999 (omitted previously) Diane McCoy gave a very informative talk about her experiences with Griffiths Evaluations in Ireland.

If you would like to be on the IRG e-mail list please let us know. Contact Margaret McEwen Bendickson at [margb@connect.ab.ca](mailto:margb@connect.ab.ca), phone 922-3050 or Pat Hewitt at [pmhewitt@planet.eon.net](mailto:pmhewitt@planet.eon.net), phone 454-4408. ■

### Scotland Special Interest Group

The Scottish Research Group welcomes new members searching for their roots in Scotland. The February meeting took place just a few days after Robbie Burns Day so we had a celebration of our own.



Margaret Davidson began the evening with readings from Robbie Burns. Margaret read with an ease that not many of us could have equaled. This was followed by a few toe tapping tunes on the bagpipes by our very own piper Malcolm MacCrimmon.

Marion McQuay talked to us about Scottish civil registration using sources at the LDS Centre. She plans to tell us about LDS records at each meeting.

The second topic of the evening was presented by Les Campbell, he spoke about Ontario death indexes and their possible leads to Scotland. Les also distributed his small, informative newsletter "Thistle Newsbits". Did you know that before 1929, Scots law followed Roman law in allowing a girl to marry at twelve years of age and a boy at fourteen, without any requirement for parental consent?

The April meeting will have Charles Davidson presenting information on clanship. Les Campbell will be addressing the topic of clans online and Margaret Bendickson will be taking us through the steps required to access queries at Rootsweb. Marion McQuay will be emphasizing Old Parish Register sources at the LDS Center.

Les Campbell will be wearing his Campbell tartan kilt and I do believe we will see a few others in tartan as well.

The last meeting of the year will be held in June. If you have any questions or would like to be on our e-mail list for meeting updates please contact Margaret McEwen Bendickson at margb@connect.ab.ca or phone 922-3050.

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

### **Ukrainian Special Interest Group**

Our next meeting will be held on September 6, 2000 at the AGS library, in the Prince of Wales Armouries. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

For further information on our group or to suggest topics/guest speakers for future meetings, please contact:

- ❖ Peter Skitsko 349-4073
- ❖ David Pasay 939-2472
- ❖ Marika Brenneis 473-3019
- ❖ Joan Margel 436-3506 ■

### **German Special Interest Group**

Submitted by Jo Nuthack, AGS #305

The German Interest Group is having intermittent meetings and are looking to increase the attendance at our meetings. Please contact Jo Nuthack for more information at 479-7878 or [jorn@edmc.net](mailto:jorn@edmc.net). ■

### **Compugene Special Interest Group**

Submitted by Les Campbell, AGS #3574

Terry Gregory has stepped down from the Steering Committee. We wish to thank Terry for tireless efforts and what he has contributed to the group over the past year. His dedication to the success of the group is greatly appreciated.

Our last meeting was held on 16 March 2000. Tidbits was presented by Lynda Sallis. Lynda provided the group with an impressive list of Internet sources and updates on genealogy software.

A demonstration of Legacy was presented by Sandra Vaneldik with Fred Vaneldik at the overhead projector. Sandra impressed us with the features of Legacy and provided the group with a handout on the reports that Legacy produces.

Do you need help with your genealogy software or the Internet? Les Campbell introduced the Problem Corner. Several individuals asked if the Problem Corner Form can be made available through e-mail. The form has been placed on the Internet. The form can be printed on your printer and filled out for the next meeting or submitted online through the Internet. The form can be found at the following address:

<http://hometown.aol.com/LesHielan/index.htm>

We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday, every second month. Our next meeting is 18 May 2000. If you wish to be on the e-mail list, send a message to [lescampbell@home.com](mailto:lescampbell@home.com). ■





# Heritage Seekers

Four page extract from the March, 2000 Newsletter of the  
Grande Prairie & District Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society

## President's Message

By Margaret Kay

Greetings everyone! I wonder if our forbears ever had a strange winter like this one. Family and farm records and also diaries would be a good source of information. We should be recording for future researchers that this was the winter where the dog was continually muddy!

We were very disappointed that our Beginning Genealogy Course at the Grande Prairie Regional College was cancelled due to low registration numbers. However, the course work is planned and we will be offering it again in the Fall.

We continue to enjoy a collaborative working relationship with the Grande Prairie Public Library. In addition to our books and other resources in the Isabel Campbell Room we now have three events which share their facility. Genie's in the Library is well attended on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons so please drop in if you have research questions and a "Genie" will attempt to help you. Every second Wednesday of the month there is a Study Group meeting at the library as well. Not to be forgotten is our regular monthly meeting, which is held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

Programs at our meetings recently have kept us entertained. In January Debby Was led us through some of the intricacies of the Canadian National Archives and we learned how to access materials in their possession. For February we had a "fun" meeting where we endeavoured to match members with their baby pictures – we have changed – just a little bit! It is interesting to think that if we couldn't match all the baby pictures with the people present how do you attempt to match some of those "person unknown" photographs with a deceased ancestor.

The program for March will be book and resource sharing time. Bring any books or materials that have been especially useful to you in your research. Enjoy what others bring – we never know what sources we are all using until we share them!

The April meeting will be held at Crystal Park School in a computer lab. Come and learn about resources on the Internet from Laura & Debby. The sites seem to expand daily. In May, Ron Milson is coming to present on "Maps and Genealogy". The date is Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. so mark it on your calendar.

A garage sale is planned for May 27th. Please collect and save all your 'useful stuff' because we will be able to put it to good use for that fund-raising event.

## Editor's Message

By Judith Bradley

As we begin a New Year in the life of Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society, I am grateful that we have members willing to serve on our elected executive. Although not all positions are filled, I know the talent and skills required are available in our membership. Please take a good look at your own talents and skills, and consider stepping forward and making a difference in our society. If the time commitment is a concern, please talk with members presently or recently serving on the executive and find out how much time it really takes! There are many "jobs" and activities you may become involved with. Our branch is made up of many that volunteer. They must like it because they have been doing this volunteer work for years! Are YOU one of the many who volunteer? If not, you may be missing out on the opportunity to make a difference. Your volunteer commitment will not only benefit our society, but will benefit you as well.

Special thanks to all those contributing material for this publication, and those working to get this publication printed, put together, and out to you.

## Branch Meetings

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

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

# Genealogy Jeopardy

By Debby Was

Recently, as I have been going through my many piles of research, I have become more aware than ever of the importance of documenting the source. Nothing is more frustrating than trying to remember where you found something or receiving information with no recorded sources. Like many new genealogists, I made this mistake frequently when I started my research in 1985. Back then, I thought, "How could I forget?" Little did I know back then, the number of sources I would go through or how bad my memory would get with the onset of (yuk!) middle age. Even now, I notice that I have slipped up and missed writing the source on every page when I've extracted a lot of information.

At the November meeting of our local branch, we played a game I called "Genealogy Jeopardy". This was my own brainchild. It was designed to quiz our members' knowledge of resources in the Grande Prairie Public Library and to emphasize the importance of recording the source. I listed several citations or bits of information from various research books and asked our members to locate and record the source used. All of the resources were available in the public library. Clues were typed in bold print and extra information was added in [square brackets]. I also provided an answer form to record the necessary information to locate the source at a later date.

As researchers, we should all remember to provide enough information about our source to help a fellow researcher locate that same source (or help ourselves find it when we need it the next time!). Below is a copy of the form we used. It is important to record the location of the source and the date it was found as well as the bibliographic information.

Source Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Searched: \_\_\_\_\_  
Repository: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
ISBN or ISSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_  
Publisher Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Copyright Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Format: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Number or Film #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edition: \_\_\_\_\_ Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Below are 5 examples of the citations/information I used. Can you find the source? Good luck!

1. GLADYS VIVIAN CAINE F Nov. 2, 1893 - June 13, 1920. Int[erment] Apr. 12, 1919 Agricola Wife of William R. Caine. [Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta]
2. Scheers, Thalma Mary (Parents) John Scheers & Threase Schmaus (F) Born: 05 May 1903 Strathcona [Alberta] 10-1125-2590 F
3. "Alfred Spallin: Story by Rose Spallin (Rumpf) I, Rose came to Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta in January of 1927. I worked for several families after coming to town. Among them were the Fred Simmons family, the Bill Gillison family..."
4. "Hadley [Ontario], geographic township, Algoma District Position 47 27' 84 10' Formerly designated as Township 25, Range 17, this township was named in 1914 after B.L. Hadley, Reeve of Chapple Township, Rainy River District, at that time. The area lies about 10 miles to the north of Montreal River and was part of the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Land Grant."
5. "Spallin, Stanley Hurbert WO2 (P) R76956. From Edmonton, Alberta. Killed in Action Nov. 5/42 age 21. #609 West Riding Squadron (Tally Ho). WO. Spallin was killed when he flew his Typhoon aircraft into a balloon cable over Dover Harbor, England. Warrant Officer Class II Pilot Spallin has no known grave, his name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial, Egham, Surrey, England."

....Answers on page 4....

# Sixty New Farmer Settlers Arrive At Grande Prairie Taken from Grande Prairie Herald March 22 1926

Friday's train brought in sixty new settlers for the land. Extra coaches and baggage cars were provided by the railroad company to accommodate this large number. This party is the first contingent of a large body of Russian farmers who have decided to settle in the Grande Prairie district.

For the past two or three months advance agents have been in the district securing and selecting land for the incoming settlers. The majority of the newcomers are Russian agriculturists who, left their native land during the past three years, on account of the Bolshevik atrocities (sic), having, had all their lands and chattels seized, and were left practically destitute. They are reported to be first class farmers, and have for the past one to three years been learning the Canadian system of farming in other sections of the Prairie provinces.

The party which arrived here on Friday, went through to Wembley and will go from there to the Adair farm north and west of Lake Saskatoon. It is understood that this large tract of land comprising from twenty-five hundred to three thousand acres has been recently purchased by the Russian settlers, and will be redistributed among them. Several other families are expected to arrive here shortly.

Within the next two or three weeks the first settlers under the Empire Settlement Scheme are expected to arrive here. These families all from the British Isles, are being placed on the land formerly held by the soldier settlers. All the available carpenters are busy erecting new houses and barns on these properties, so that everything will be in readiness for them to proceed direct to their homes upon their arrival.

The largest influx of settlers ever known in the history of the Grande Prairie country is expected to take place this summer. Land is now moving freely, several deals having been put through by the real estate men, and a number of parcels of land have been disposed of by the municipalities.

## ADAIR Query

By Paulette Hrychiw

On 30 January 2000 we received an e-mail from Marjorie Monlezun, a member of AGS and the Branch as well as the Dawson Creek Genealogical

Society. She asked if we could help a lady from Missouri who had sent an e-mail to the Dawson Creek group requesting help to find a man by the name of Harry ADAIR.

"I am hoping you have more specific information regarding Harry Adair of the Adair Ranch who helped blaze trail from Edson. He also, according to the very interesting articles online, bought a Curtis Jenny airplane and started a flying service—however he crashed and the company did not last long. I know he left the area in about 1926. He was married to my great grandmother's sister, Tessa (OLDHAM) Adair who had a daughter named Gertrude, who married a man by the name of Roberge. I am searching for Harry's origin, his parent's names, origins. I also believe that he got the land by scrip of South African Veteran who had left it to his three nieces from England. Any info that you can give or suggest to look would be very much appreciated. Mary WURTZ."

The first thing I did was look in our index to Peace Country Homestead Records to see when and where Harry Adair had taken land. This gives me a time period to look at and a lead as to which local history book I am most likely to find a story about him.

Found that Leonidas Harry ADAIR and wife Tessie had filed on 6 quarters of land in Township 73, Range 8, 3 lots on section 5, 1 on section 4, and 2 on section 8. The dates ranged from 26 May 1910, 8 June 1911, 2 on 22 Sept. 1911, 2 on 4 Nov. 1911. This put him in the Lake Saskatoon district west of Grande Prairie.

The local history book for this area "Lake Saskatoon Reflections" has a story that says the following; "In 1906 Harry Adair sold his ranch, store, saloon and post office in Montana. He then bought some horses bringing his herd up to seven hundred head. Harry Adair with his wife Tessa, ten-year-old daughter Gertrude, sister-in-law Inez OLDHAM and a few cowboys proceeded to trail the horses up to the Peace River Country." It turns out that the sister-in-law had also filed on 2 quarters, which were on sections 4 & 9. Which brings Harry's land total to 8 quarters.

In this book there was mention of Harry in the stories of other settlers, which totaled 12 pages. The other books with Harry's story plus mentions him in other families histories are: "Pioneers Of The Peace" - 15 pages; LaGlace book, "Yesterday & Today" - 8 pages. The best story that tells of Harry's trip into the Peace Country with 700 horses, is the one told by "Shady" Green, a cowboy from the Stettler area hired by Harry to help on the trek, "Pioneers of the Peace" - pages 23-25."

Another source I use is Isabel Campbell's index to the Herald-Tribune. There were 26 articles concerning

Harry which ranged from May 1913 - August 1924, and one for February 10 1959, which tells of his widow's death.

Mary was very happy to hear of all the finds, and requested photocopies of everything. Meanwhile she had found a query on "GenForum" <genforum.genealogy.com/adair/messages/530.htm/> re: Harry Adair Horse Drive. Through this she found Steve Lambert, who is a great grandson of Harry Adair.

The other search I did was to contact the current owner of the property that Adair used to own, to see if they may know anything else about Harry. The current owner was quite excited to hear of our quest, turns out they have a photograph of the ranch taken at the time when Harry was trying to sell the land. They have also worked to preserve two small buildings built by Harry. This gentleman has e-mail, so I gave him Mary's e-mail address and they are in contact with each other now.

Editor's Note: The Adair Ranch is also mentioned in the article "Sixty New Farmer Settlers Arrive at Grande Prairie".

## Genealogy Jeopardy (Answers)

(from page 2)

- 1) Cemetery Index found in GPPL (Isabel Campbell Room) of "St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Agricola, Alberta;" ISBN: 0920371183; published by the Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton, Alberta 1981; located in Cemetery Binder A-F; page 5 entry # 7. (Note discrepancy between the date of death and burial)
- 2) A book found in GPPL (Isabel Campbell Room) Alberta Index to Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1870 -1905, Volume I compiled by the Edmonton Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society; ISBN: 0921474962; published by Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton, Alberta 1995; catalogue number: RGEN 929.1 ALB; page 518
- 3) A book found in GPPL (local history collection) South of the North Saskatchewan by Dennis P. Fjestad (editor); ISBN: 0889254621; published by the Josephburg History Committee, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta 1984; catalogue number: HA 971.233 SOU; page 750-752
- 4) A book found in GPPL (Isabel Campbell Room) Places in Ontario: Their Name Origins and History Vol. II (F-M) by Nick & Helma Mika; ISBN: 091930348X; published by the Mika Publishing Co. Belleville, Ontario 1981; catalogue number: RGEN 917.13003 PCA; page 197

5) A book found in the GPPL They Shall Grow Not Old: A Book of Remembrance by Les Allison, & Harry Hayward; ISBN: 0920436412; published by Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum Inc., Brandon, Manitoba 1991; catalogue number: R940.544971 ALL; page 716 column 2

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## Newsletter "Heritage Seekers"

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Subscriptions (to libraries/institutions) are available at a cost of \$10.00 per year.



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## BRANCH BITS

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### BROOKS AND DISTRICT

I am pleased to report that our membership now stands at fifty-one.

We are planning a new member, one day training session for late March to assist our new members (and others) get started.

Election of officers for the upcoming year was held at our February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Elected were:

President	Andy Menard
Vice President	Nestor Martinez
Secretary	Margaret Eaton
Treasurer	Linda Woehr
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Our program director, Nestor Martinez, has provided the membership with very informative training sessions on some of our new computer programs at every regular meeting.

There are ongoing discussions with the Town of Brooks regarding a possible relocation, within the same building. Rental cost is the most important consideration.

Respectfully submitted by Andy Menard  
President, Brooks and District Branch ■

### CAMROSE BRANCH

In late September 1999, Carol MacKay, youth librarian at the Camrose Public Library and a certified genealogist, offered a seminar on the basics of genealogy. Out of this group came the beginnings of the Camrose Branch, the 10<sup>th</sup> Branch to join the AGS. After initial organizational meetings in October and November, we applied to the AGS and became a member branch on January 1st, 2000. We meet, through the generosity of the Camrose Public Library, in the Boardroom on the second Thursday of each month.

We are currently beginning a reference library, finding shelving, etc. Our membership stands at about a dozen, though we have as many as 20 attending to 'look us over'. We try to have an interesting speaker each month, and as we are mostly neophytes almost anything is new and exciting! We have had discussions on U of T's internet genealogy certificate programme, on record keeping and filing, and on available military records so far, and anticipate learning about correspondence methods, Family History Centres and archival storage methods in the future.

We are investigating projects for the next year and welcome ideas. Because many of the cemeteries in the Camrose area have been recorded already, we are considering updates, obituary listings, etc. Another project is raising funds for a computer and printer for branch use. We have had a number of genealogy software programmes donated for club use, and also a number of books and periodicals.

Respectfully submitted by Norman R Prestage  
President, Camrose Branch ■

## **DRAYTON VALLEY**

Branch membership has dropped this year. We presently have 14 renewals.

Our branch elections at the January meeting resulted in both a new President and new Vice President. The following persons will make up our executive for the coming year:

President	Keith Mielke
Vice President	Joe Al
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Past President	Betty Smyth
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Newsletter	Colleen Anderson
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There have been two Beginners Courses scheduled by the Drayton Valley Branch, in cooperation with Powerhouse. The first is to be held in Drayton Valley on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the second in Breton on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. At this time, there is one person signed up for the course in Drayton Valley, and several for the one in Breton.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend "Thank You's" to all those people on the AGS Executive who helped during my term as Branch President, and wish everyone good health and great fortune to come.

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

## **EDMONTON**

Please see Clandigger. ■

## **FT. MCMURRAY**

In an effort to encourage more patron participation, we have arranged an advertisement with Shaw Cable for one month on alternate weeks. We have also arranged to have a Mall display in March to coincide with the advertisement. We hope this will enlarge our membership and bring more patrons into our Branch Library.

The Executive is looking at ways to encourage members and others interested in tracing their roots to visit the Library. We have recently acquired the 1881 U.K. Census on CD-Rom and a collection of Acadian books. The Senior Librarian has a wish list of members' requirements and is acquiring these as money becomes available. This year we have not, as yet, a regular programme in place, but are hopeful that a Committee can be formed to organize this.

Due to work commitments, our Newsletter Editor, Erica Roy, has resigned. Erica has been responsible for our newsletter for quite a few years and the Branch presented her with a very nice memento in appreciation for all her efforts. Our President's daughter has graciously agreed to be Newspaper Editor and is eagerly awaiting articles from our membership.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Dobson  
Past President, Fort McMurray Branch ■

## **GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT**

Please see Heritage Seekers. ■

## **LETHBRIDGE AND DISTRICT**

We received our official letter from the Alberta Government confirming our Community Lottery Grant of \$27,915.00 on February 3, 2000.

Eleanor McMurchy has prepared the list of microfilms and faxed it to Ottawa to be produced.

At our January meeting Mary Allan-Cox brought forth a proposal to locate and establish the availability of church records in the City of Lethbridge and area. For the February meeting she had prepared a form that volunteers will fill out as they visit the various churches. A database of information will then be produced.

At the March meeting several members volunteered to start inputting the information collected from the headstones in Mountain View Cemetery in Lethbridge. We are using spreadsheet programs as this allows more volunteers to be involved and the members can work in their homes.

Over the last two months some of our members have been the speakers at our monthly meetings. They have done an excellent job presenting in an entertaining and informative manner. Loretta Schwanzenberger introduced us to writing using some of her personal writing. Carol Roesler and Kay Greer described how to preserve memories on audio tape, video tape and computer. At the March meeting Rod McLeod talked to us about Metis research.

Our membership remains constant at approximately 50 members. Volunteer hours: January 298 hours, February 316 hours and March 375 hours. (Total so far 989 hours.)

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Burnett  
President, Lethbridge Branch ■

## MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT

Our January meeting consisted of a game of "My Ancestors Can Beat Your Ancestors", with prizes being awarded. It was a fun way of getting to know about our members' research.

Elections were held at our February meeting with the balance of the meeting used for library. The election results were as follows:

President	Deb Phillips (re-elected)
Vice President	Merv Hamblin (re-elected)
Secretary	Brian Klien (re-elected)
Treasurer	Eileen Stahl

Leah Joys, one of our branch members, gave an excellent talk on "Shipping Lists" in our March meeting. She presented a great deal of information for various time periods and ports. Leah filled us in on sources for shipping lists including Internet sites.

Our branch library has grown to the point that the room in which it was housed was too small to be functional. This room had been both office and library. We acquired an additional room beside it, which will now act as the office. We hope that this will make using the library much more pleasant.

In April we are planning a "Show and Tell" night. In the future we are planning to have speakers on computer programmes, and Mennonite genealogy.

Our Obituary Project is moving along quickly with all the obituaries being placed on cards. The next step is entering these obituaries in our database.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Phillips  
President, Medicine Hat & District Branch ■

## RED DEER AND DISTRICT

At the February meeting of the Red Deer Branch we elected our branch executive for 2000. Elected were:

President	Vic Willoughby
Vice President	Gordon Becker
Secretary	Darlene Castor
Treasurer	Claire Ellis
Membership Secretary	Betty Barnhill

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

Library Committee	Evelyne Fairbrother
Editor, Tree Climber	Joanne Allen
Cemetery Recording	Gordon Becker
Publicity	Janet Coatham

For the January meeting, our speaker was Valerie Miller, Collections Coordinator for the Red Deer Museum. She spoke on "Collecting for the Future", and then gave our members a guided tour through the collection at the museum. Many of our members had no idea how extensive the collection is, so it was of great interest. As we held the elections at the February meeting, we didn't have time for a speaker, so we broke into groups and discussed research roadblocks and how to deal with them. This was intended to give our newer members a chance to discuss their research problems with our more experienced researchers.

We have been asked by Chapters Bookstore in Red Deer to give a talk on beginner genealogy on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, a local women's sorority has asked that we give a presentation on March 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope that we may attract new members by speaking to these groups.

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

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One of "Our Stories"  
England and Wales – Special Interest Group

## **THOMAS CHARLES ALLEN ... MAN OF MYSTERY**

By David S. Pegg, AGS #3664

I have my share of colourful ancestors; some were born to families of property, some raised themselves above their station in life, and some died in grim workhouses, but the individual who did more than anyone to lure me into genealogy and has since become an enigma, is my wife Bev's grandfather, Thomas Charles Allen.

When I began my research on our family history about five years ago, I asked my mother-in-law about her late husband's father. She remembers a close-mouthed, elderly man who could curse like a trooper but would say little about his past, and nothing about his origins. He had been a tall, lean, dynamic man who had lost both legs through amputation and he lived in a boarding house in West Vancouver run by his wife Janet.

A few bits of information became family legend after he passed away. Thomas Allen had said that he had been born in Wales, was with the Northwest Mounted Police, and had assisted stray cattle to cross the Canadian border. He had been a cattle rancher, a horse breeder, and had owned a hotel in Gillam, Manitoba. He had made and lost more than one fortune.

I found that Thomas Allen had died in Vancouver on December 1, 1952 and obtained his Death Certificate. Then I wrote to Ottawa to verify that Thomas had been a Mountie. (Most of us would kill to establish that connection!) No record of anyone with that name was recorded on the Regimental Roster so I did more research.

A former RCMP officer turned historian, has put forward the following theory. There is a remote possibility that Thomas may have signed on with the NWMP, deserted, and changed his name to the one that he used for the rest of his life. (Or that he was once a guest living with them in "The Crowbar Hotel!").

Thomas did lose one of the biggest ranches in his area of Jansen, Saskatchewan in 1921. The Birth Registrations of his two sons in Jansen, Montana (in 1904 and in 1906), gave the place of the parents' marriage as Great Falls. This made me curious so we sent for the Marriage Certificate. It revealed that Thomas Charles Allen had a father named Joseph Allen, a mother named Emma, and details about his wife Janet. And Thomas had been previously married and divorced!

Nobody in the family really believed me until Cascade County in Montana sent a copy of the divorce papers. Thomas had obtained a divorce in May of 1902 on the grounds that his wife had deserted him and had stayed away for more than one year. He had claimed to be a resident of Montana for several years. The ex-wife's maiden surname was Emma McKay. Emma in 1902 was living in Coutts, Alberta, with their son, Thomas Henry Allen.

That first marriage took place in Medicine Hat on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893. Prior to this date Thomas Charles Allen, Cattle Rancher, does not exist. He may have stepped out of a spacecraft onto the prairie!

I worked at the Provincial Archives hoping to find Thomas Charles Allen on the 1901 Census of The North West Territories, Province of Assiniboia. I knew nothing about the districts or towns, or even if he was in Canada at the time. After about 3 ½ hours and no lunch, my eyes were giving out and I was ready to quit. It was then that a strange twist of fate intervened. I reached for a pen with my left hand to record where I was leaving the microfilm and accidentally hit the fast forward button on the reader with my right. When the film stopped, his name was centered on the screen...!

We have since found records of homesteads in Saskatchewan signed by Thomas Charles Allen using variations of his name. Every record or document to date gives us a different year of birth. He always said that he was born in Wales; sometimes it was Wales, England! Neither Passenger Lists nor the 1881 Census has yielded his family. His birth was not recorded in the Civil Registration Index.



Bev asked the Mayo Clinic for Thomas' medical records from 1939 when his first leg was removed. The information they mailed gave us a detailed list of his vital stats, broken bones, diseases he had suffered, and a small family history. "His mother had died in childbirth, his father had died at 89 years, of old age, and he had two brothers l & w."

The resources for finding more facts are few and he appears to have covered his tracks pretty well. It only makes me more determined to uncover more about this fascinating character. After all, Thomas Charles Allen is the great grandfather of our two sons. This has become personal!!! ■

## The Wirksworth Amasser

In genealogy, there seems to be virtually nothing that can be accomplished without the work of volunteers, and for these people, we are very grateful. But every so often, there comes a time when you come across, or read about, an individual who seems to go above and beyond the natural wanting to help, and comes up with something incredible.

I subscribe to an online newsletter called MISSING LINKS: RootsWeb's Genealogy Journal, and in Volume 4, No. 51, there was an article that I was absolutely floored by. A gentleman by the name of John Palmer has successfully transcribed census records, parish records, local histories and some pedigree books, dating from 1600-1900 for the Wirksworth Parish in Derbyshire, England.

It all started on a trip to the Lichfield Cathedral in Wirksworth, Derbyshire, England, looking for his mother's family. When getting to the cathedral, he discovered that the Bishop's transcripts he asked to see were on a roll of 350 year-old parchment, one foot wide and four feet long. There were no copies of the information, so he said that if the parish made copies, he would transcribe it so that the originals stayed intact.

And that is where it all began, in his small bungalow near Poole in Dorset, England, 200 miles away from Wirksworth. He transcribed the Bishop's Records, then did the parish registers from 1608-1837, Memorial Inscriptions, 1555-1991, Churchwarden's Accounts, which he found most interesting, that had included entries such as the price of four pence to everybody who brought in a hedgehog, considered to be one of a range of vermin. There are also the 1841 census records, trade directories, and anything that he could find on Wirksworth, and the results of which is free for the viewing online at <http://www.wirksworth.org.uk/>.

The work consists of information on more than 30,000 people from this area, which includes the Wirksworth town, and the hamlets of Middleton, Cromford, Alderwasley, Ashleyhay, Idrighay, Hopton, Biggin, Callow and Ible. There are over 433,000 indexed records, and 18 databases. It is incredible that this amount of work, and time as well as it has been five years so far, was all done by one man, but the results must be very fulfilling, as his Web Site has had 23,896 hits in 1999 alone.

The town of Wirksworth, upon discovering what John had been compiling, was behind him 100%, and was very pleased on how much of the town's history he was able to preserve for generations to come.

As for the future, he hopes to add photos of the town, and a book on local pedigrees, apparently in great detail, and he expects that will take upwards of a year to transcribe.

To check out the site for yourself, and perhaps to do some searching, go to <http://www.wirksworth.org.uk/> and follow the links to start off on your path to discovery. Or just sign his guest book, in appreciation of all the hard work that has gone into this incredible work.

If all of our places of interest would be able to put something together of this magnitude, imagine how much easier it would all be for everyone. I think that John deserves a lot of kind words for accomplishing something so exceptionally unselfish, that I think can be a model for us all. ■

## DEAD OF RENUNCIATION? IT'S A LEGAL MATTER

Submitted by Catherine Low, AGS #741

~ Some Information on Probate in General and  
Some Specific Details for Alberta ~

In the November issue of *Relatively Speaking*, (page 13) June Arnison asks the meaning of the term "dead of renunciation" which she found rather odd since it didn't say "died of" or "dead from" which would have fit more reasonably with 'renunciation' as a cause of death. It was clearly "dead of".

Although this does appear at first glance to be referring to an obscure cause of death, it's not a medical term, and it doesn't refer to a rare or long forgotten disease. Renunciation is a legal term used in probate matters from quite an early period. I've noted instances in the 1740's in comments such as: "Robt Symth having renounced....." in a brief regarding a probate item. In this instance, the key to the mystery is found in the source where this marginal note appeared, that being an English Index to Will probates.

The answer then, is that this person didn't die 'of' renunciation, he was dead at the time of the renunciation that pertained to the deceased in the index being searched.

It does seem too that perhaps a couple of words are missing from the margin note - faded or missing the camera's range, and that the actual notation was more like 'Dead by the time of, or at the time of renunciation'. The identity of the person who renounced is not known, only the fact that someone appointed by the testator renounced.

"To renounce" as defined in *Black's Law Dictionary* is "The act by which a person abandons a right acquired without transferring it to another. [That's done by the courts according to a set formula.]

In this case, it appears to refer to the fact there was a renunciation by the executor (or executrix) or executors appointed by the testator, [deceased person whose Will was the subject of the index.]

When a person draws up their Last Will and Testament, he or she appoints or names someone to undertake to see that the terms of the will are indeed carried out properly - and to provide the proof or evidence of this to the court who then grants probate. A Grant of Probate or "Proving of the Will" is necessary before the estate of a deceased person can be distributed. The court in this process verifies that the terms of the Will have been fully and properly carried out. The terms of the Will are "proved to be valid." Once Probate is Granted, the estate is settled, the wishes of the deceased are carried out, and the estate distributed among the heirs.

This is a responsibility that may carry more of a burden than some executors are able or willing to undertake when the time comes. Perhaps there is some controversy involved or a legal matter that would involve a lengthy court case. The person named may be ill, very elderly or otherwise indisposed, even away or unable to undertake what can be a difficult job perhaps for reasons of inexperience or age or incapacity. Someone

appointed as an executor or executrix may, when it is time for the deceased's estate to be proved, decline the duty [refuse to act] by renouncing and signing an affidavit to this effect.

When an executor renounces their right to act on the deceased person's behalf, or in an instance when the named executor is deceased at the time of the testator's death, it's necessary to appoint a replacement to assume the role.

The Surrogate Courts that handle Estate matters have schedules in place that determine the next person in line to assume the responsibility. In Alberta under the Surrogate Rules [130/95], the order of preference: husband or wife of the deceased, the person's child (chronological order is assumed) grandchild, "issue of the deceased other than child or grandchild;" a parent, sibling, child of deceased's sibling, etc., ultimately, the beneficiaries that may or may not be related in any way. The person next in order is given the opportunity to undertake the job.

Using the schedule, any potential 'executors' would be sought in the order of precedence and this is based on some degree of familial relationship and follows a 'similar sort of order' as the table of affinity and relationship or consanguinity for family

*Once Probate is granted, the estate is settled, the wishes of the deceased are carried out, and the estate distributed among the heirs.*

relationships. If no family member assumes the role, the public trustee will act to ensure that matters are properly carried out.

In the case that June found, the fellow was already dead when the matter of a new executor or trustee for the estate in question was looked into and his name came up.

In Alberta, a Grant of Probate or Administration from the Surrogate Court is required before a deceased person's estate can be passed on to the rightful heir. If the deceased left a Will, the Will would be "proved" in Surrogate Court and Probate granted. If, however, someone died "Intestate", without leaving a Will then a Grant of Administration, previously called Letters of Administration, is necessary and the office of the Public Trustee will be involved in the administration of the estate.

Estate files can be viewed upon payment of a fee at the Surrogate Court office in the appropriate Alberta jurisdiction. Copies of the Application for Probate or Administration which will include any Wills, codicils, details of family relationships affidavits of Renunciations if there were Executors who declined, possibly death certificates or other useful family relationship documentation important to the genealogist, can be made. These may have useful information on dates and places of residence and siblings and other family members.

If a Grant of Probate or Administration was issued for someone after death in Alberta, it will be registered. A search of the index will tell you which district registered the grant, and furthermore, which Judicial District currently maintains the file today. Once the file number, date and district are known, you can then access the file at the appropriate office or at the Provincial Archives. You are also advised if there is nothing for a particular person.

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In Alberta, the very early probate (pre 1970) Estate Records for Northern Alberta including Edmonton and Vegreville, Southern Alberta including Calgary and pre 1905 NWT Judicial District Estate Files are held by the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Stored off-site, there are indexes in alphabetical order where one can find a file number and in turn order

the file to view and obtain copies of useful family information about beneficiaries and family.

The Succession Duties Department of the Office of the Public Trustee part of Alberta Justice, maintains a master list of grants involving probate or administration of the estates of deceased persons for the entire province. There is not, however, a "Wills Registry" in Alberta and this is not a repository for wills. [B.C. does have a Wills Registry, through their Dept. of Vital Statistics.]

If you're not sure whether or not an ancestor had an Estate file in the province of Alberta, or if you don't know in which Judicial District your ancestor had property and would be likely to have a file, a Search

*If you're not sure...a search of the Index of Grants Registry for Alberta would be helpful.*

of the *Index of Grants Registry for Alberta* would be helpful (or useful). This Succession Duties Index Search can be applied for upon payment of a \$10.00 search fee per individual.

If there is a file for a given person in the province, this Department will advise you of the file number and date and court involved.

Succession Duties Department, an office of the Public Trustee's Department of Alberta Justice. Address: 400S, J.E. Brownlee Building, 10365 - 97th Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3Z8.

*Only written inquiries accepted - include your payment with request.*

More recent Grants of Probate and Administration can be searched on the payment of a search fee at the pertinent Surrogate Court Offices in Alberta. There are currently 10 Judicial Districts in Alberta.

There is a useful Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA) Information Leaflet on Judicial Records that gives more information on Judicial Records at the PAA and previous districts, etc.

As well, other types of files to be found at the PAA that deal with Returned Soldier's Estates (c.WWI) and it's good to keep in mind that 'Homestead Files' may contain Estate information and even some Wills and copies of other probate documents as well as death certificates. ■

## LESTER FAMILY REUNION

Seventh to be held 14-16 July 2000. Near Summerland, British Columbia.

by Audrey White AGS#1022

**W**illiam Lester, born in 1858 in England, and Mary Ann Hay, born in 1857 in Scotland, were our first generation in Canada. Their six sons and three daughters were born in Canada. Following the death of William in 1910, Mary Ann and her three youngest children moved to Calgary, Alberta. Her eldest daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, and two others of the family were already living in Calgary. The Lester children made homes in High River, Brooks, and Calgary, Alberta, Sperling, Manitoba, and Nelson, British Columbia.

The first Lester Family Reunion was held 16-18 July 1982 at Cassils Community Centre, west of Brooks, Alberta. There it was decided to hold reunions every three years. Nametags on red ribbons stated the year and Lester Reunion with name glued to it, and it was glued to a large Brooks Badge.

The "Dinosaur Egg Hunt" will stay in the memories of everyone, the eggs being watermelons, which were served as dessert for lunch Saturday.

The second Reunion was held 19-21 July 1985, at Carman, Manitoba. Nametags had the name and souvenir pins of the Manitoba buffalo, as well as red ribbons stating the year and place. The main feature was "Our Own Song" written by cousin Marjorie Meldrum of Sperling, Manitoba.

The third Reunion was held 15-17 July 1988 at High River, Alberta, by Calgary family members. Nametags were cowboy hats, with different colours used for generations and spouses, as well as a ribbon stating the year and place. The main feature being the number of people attending for the first time.

The fourth Reunion was held 26-28 July 1991 at Thunder Bay, Ontario. Nametags had a white leather trillium on dark green felt with names printed across the flower with white ribbons stating the year and place. The main event was an afternoon bus ride about the city, supper in a park, and an early evening cruise out on Lake Superior.

The fifth Reunion was held 15-17 July 1994 near Red Deer, Alberta. Nametags were red felt deer, with names printed across in white, white ribbons stated the year and place. The highlight was all the great food supplied from Friday supper to Sunday lunch. Pictures were taken in large family groups as well as smaller units.

The sixth Lester Family Reunion was held 8-10 August 1997, back at Cassils Community Centre, west of Brooks, Alberta. Nametags were cards in plastic to hang around the neck on a cord, the name was paced above a dinosaur, with the name of the second generation relation below, different coloured dinosaurs were used for each generation. This reunion was the only one that started with rain. The highlight was a canoe trip ending at Dinosaur Provincial Park, made by the braver ones. Everyone else drove to the park to have lunch.

### LESTER FAMILY REUNION 2000

The seventh Lester Reunion will be held 14-16 July 2000 near Summerland, British Columbia at Camp Boyle (a Scouts Canada Camp in the heart of the Okanogan).

Members may arrive anytime Friday the 14th and stay through to Sunday late afternoon. Those wishing to camp on the site will find fourteen semiprivate campsites which are RV accessible, as well as lots of room for tents.

For further information contact Brenda at 1-250-492-6777.

Two other Lester families have contacted us in the past years, one attending our 1985 Reunion. I visited their home in 1987 when the Alberta Genealogical Society Seminar was held in Medicine Hat.

The other I visited at their home in Lethbridge. We are all looking for more information in England. William Lester's parents were John and Jane Lester. I enjoyed the contacts made and wait to make more.

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## LIFE'S LESSONS

**A**ge 6: I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night".

Age 7: I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

Age 9: I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back.

Age 13: I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up.

Age 14: I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up.

Age 15: I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me.

Age 24: I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice.

Age 26: I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures.

Age 29: I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there.

Age 39: I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

Age 41: I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it.

Age 44: I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little card.

Age 46: I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater this need to cast blame on others.

Age 47: I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies.

Age 49: I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours.

Age 50: I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone.

Age 51: I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: rainy days, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.

Age 52: I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills.

Age 53: I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die.

Age 58: I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life.

Age 62: I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

Age 64: I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

Age 65: I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

Age 68: I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision.

Age 72: I've learned that everyone can use a prayer.

Age 73: I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen several.

Age 82: I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

Age 85: I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

Age 92: I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Source unknown  
From Highland Feeders, Dec/98 ■



## UKRAINIAN GENEALOGISTS OF ALBERTA

Researching Your Ukrainian-Canadian Ancestors  
Submitted by Elaine Kalynchuk

**T**he Ukrainian Genealogists of Alberta (UGA) held their planning session on November 23, 1999 and second meeting on January 18, 2000. A few days later (on January 23<sup>rd</sup>) I realized that I needed to take a break as the coordinator. The rest of the working committee members agreed with this and we cancelled holding the future meetings that were planned. No one else was able to take over as the coordinator at the time.

Unfortunately, we only notified the people who had attended our first two meetings. It has come to my attention that additional people went to St. Basil's Cultural Centre on February 15th and March 21st, looking for an UGA meeting. I sincerely apologize that I did not send out a better notice (via e-mail, mail out, or phone calls) that UGA had cancelled their meetings earlier.

The timing was bad in that we (the working committee) made this decision after the AGS *Relatively Speaking* journal had gone out. The deadline was January 10<sup>th</sup> for the article and distribution date was February 15th. We could not stop the presses! So an article about the Ukrainian Genealogists of Alberta Group is in the February issue. Unfortunately, we had no way of informing new people (before this issue of *Relatively Speaking*) that there will be no meetings at St. Basil's on April 18th and May 16th. Again, I apologize to the ones who did not find out in time.

The working committee of UGA has decided to focus on projects instead of meetings for the next while. After we formed our group, a second Ukrainian genealogy group (formerly the East European Research Group) started and we see no benefit in duplicating meetings. So we have decided to focus on increasing the resources for Ukrainian genealogy instead. For example, we are organizing a workshop on April 8th with guest speaker Ivan Svarnyk, archivist at the Central State Archives of Ukraine in Lviv.

Mr. Svarnyk's fields of research include the areas of genealogy, heraldry, and historical and archival studies. He is also a specialist on Polish archival material in Ukraine and on Ukrainians in Poland.

This event is being sponsored by the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society, and the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (University of Alberta).

Our working committee will also be focusing on developing a website followed by creating a catalogue of Ukrainian Canadian genealogical resources. This may be expanded to include Polish resources and other areas if there are volunteers available to assist with these projects. Anyone who is interested in working on one of our projects, please contact Elaine at (780) 439-9315.

Please keep your eyes open for our new additions to Ukrainian and East European genealogical resources at the AGS Library in Edmonton. Any news about us will be posted in the AGS library, on the board. We plan to use e-mail and mail outs for major announcements only. ■

## ANCESTRY QUICK TIP

from Ancestry.com

Submitted by Susan McKeen

**W**ith all of the reminders to make a copy of our Census 2000 Form, before mailing it in, it occurred to me that it would be a good idea to create a Census "Map" or a log for our descendants. I kept a copy of the 1990 Census Form because I was doing genealogy by then, but it will take a long time before other census years will be available. There are still family members available who remember addresses for the years 1940, 1950, etc. Why not make a list of pertinent information for those years and leave it with your other documents.

Eleanor Sandford  
Fullerton, CA ■

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### **THE MONTREAL BRANCH OF THE QUEBEC NATIONAL ARCHIVES [NAQ]**

Formerly located at 1945 Mullins Street in the Pointe St. Charles district of Montreal, these archives have been closed since August 1999. Moved to a refurbished, historical building at 535 Viger Avenue East, near Old Montreal, the official opening is now scheduled for March 2000. ■

### **NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA ACQUISITION**

In 1997 the National Archives of Canada, Ottawa, purchased 149 manuscript lots relating to the Office of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs. The documents, dating from 1762 to 1829, include correspondence between British officials and the First Nations, speeches and proceedings of First Nations' Councils and the British, and agreements relating to land claims. A substantial portion of the records relate to the First Nations of Ontario and to Loyalist settlements.

This important collection, most of which has never been available to researchers, will be preserved at the Archives. Reference photocopies are now available and a finding aid is in progress. For further information contact the National Archives of Canada, 385 Wellington Street in Ottawa, 613-947-1498.

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February 2000 ■*

### **MOVED**

The Archives of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has moved to: 50 Wynford Drive, North York, Ontario, M3C 1J7, tel. (416) 441-1111 ext 310 - booking an appointment is recommended.

*from The Bulletin, Kawartha Branch, OGS  
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### **MOVED**

The Essex Record Office, England, has recently moved from County Hall, Chelmsford. The new address is Wharf Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6YT (telephone 01245-244644, fax 01245-244655). ■

### **MOVED**

The Salvation Army's International Heritage Centre moved from Kings Cross to 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4P 3EP. Telephone 020-7332-0101 extension 8704, fax 020-7332-8099, e-mail: [heritage@salvationarmy.org](mailto:heritage@salvationarmy.org). It is now open to researchers by appointment. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm.

*from Family Tree Magazine, March 2000 ■*

### **THE SCOTTISH RECORD OFFICE**

The Scottish Record Office has changed its title to the National Archives of Scotland. The address for any enquiries is: National Archives of Scotland, HM General Register House, Edinburgh EH13YY, Tel 0131 535 1314. ■

## IRISH RECORDS MOVE URGED

The council of Irish Genealogical Organizations is petitioning the Republic of Ireland's Minister of Health to move the country's pre-1900 vital records (birth, marriage and death from 1845) from the General Register Office in Dublin to the National Library of Ireland, citing bad (and getting worse) service and out-moded access systems in the GRO. It wants microfilm of the records placed in the library, and also asks that the microfilms be released to national and international libraries and archives. If you would like to sign the petition, or obtain added information on the request, visit the council's website: <http://indigo.ie/gorry/CIGO.html>

*from Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin  
Winter 2000 ■*

## THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS RECORD CENTRE U.K.

This Record Centre (the public archive of the Royal Commission on the Historic Monuments of England), is located at Kemble Drive, Swindon, Wiltshire England SN2 2GZ. The centre has four main collections: Open access materials, Reference Library, Air Photographs and Map Collections. There is a complete coverage of England on Ordnance Survey and some early maps late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. There is plenty of free parking, it is close to railway and bus stations and near the town centre.

*from Cleveland FHS ■*

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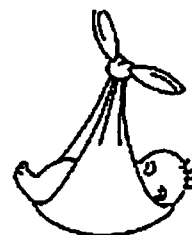
## ELLIS ISLAND CENTRE

The American Family Immigration History Centre planned for Ellis Island in New York harbour is scheduled to open in late 2000. The Centre will provide computerized access to over 17 million entries from passenger lists for New York from 1892 to 1924. Visitors will be able to search the records to see if their ancestors are listed. The Centre plans to extend this listing to the Internet and continue to expand the database to cover more years.

*from Alberta Chapter  
Germans from Russia Heritage Society  
Jan/Feb 2000 ■*

## Born??

I've searched through  
census records  
And I've scoured the IGI,  
I've cranked through ancient  
microfilms  
And bled the fiche quite dry.



I've left messages on mailing lists  
And forums everywhere,  
I've poured through probate records  
And left parish records bare.

But Great Granddad has eluded me,  
No matter where I look,  
He's not in any microfiche,  
Or microfilm or book.

I'll beg him for the details  
When we meet again on high  
And I bet I'll see that well remembered  
Twinkle in his eye.

As he again relates the story  
No genealogist can match  
Of how his parents found him,  
Beneath the Cabbage Patch.

*Mary Rogers  
The Ancestral Searcher  
Vol. 22, No. 3 ■*

## IN OUR MAILBOX

A service offer in the field of genealogy, history, etc., to all those interested. Searching for forebears, compilation of family trees incl. the broadening and ramification. Further, I am able to find out information as requested, e.g., whereabouts, means and other residual information, nationality and religion indecisive. I am specialized above all for Moravia, but searching in Bohemia and Silesia also possible. Skill in div. family tree compilation, knowledge of courses, old scripts and languages, membership in the Czech Genealogical and Heraldic Association etc.

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Editor's note: Our research group responded to a request from Dot and Jim Bowyer from Montana. In appreciation they sent the following message:

"I wanted to let you know I do camera photos and would be willing to do any for you as grave site photos in and around this area. We do get to Billings at least twice a week. Of course, you may extend this offer to your other members as well if it is of value!

I've been doing them in JPEG or if you wish pictures sent that's OK also. I would be happy to do them free just as appreciation for your extra efforts you have extended to us.

Best wishes to you and your family for the  
HOLIDAY SEASONS.

The Bowyer family can be reached at e-mail:  
jdb@wtp.net ■  
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Re: Personal Ancestral File  
Based on the Personal Ancestral File software owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, there is now an instructional video for all users of the PAF 4.0 software. For additional information, refer to the PAF video website at: [www.pafvideo.com](http://www.pafvideo.com) ■  
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## WHAT A GRANDMOTHER IS...

Written by an 8 year-old girl in grade 3 in Langley, B.C., and reprinted from The Federation Forum, May 1998

**A** Grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own so she likes other people's little girls. A Grandfather is a man Grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk fishing and tractors and like that.

Grandmas don't have to do anything except be there. They are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run - it's enough if they drive us to the supermarket where the pretend horse is and have enough dimes ready - or if they take us for a walk they should slow down past things like caterpillars or pretty leaves. They should never say hurry up. Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie kids shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear and they can take their teeth and gums off.

It's better if they don't typewrite or play cards except with us. They don't have to be smart only answer questions like why dogs hate cats and how come God isn't married.

They don't talk baby talk like visitors because it is hard to understand. When they read to us they don't skip or mind if it is the same story again. Everybody should try to have one - especially if you don't have T.V., because Grandmas are the only grownups who have got time. ■

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**FINDING SCOTTISH ROOTS:  
SOURCES AND STRATEGIES 1600 – 1900  
July 12 – 16, 2000  
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Details in the Cornwall journal in June ■

**International Conference on Jewish  
Genealogy, July 9 – 14, 2000  
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7200, <http://www.jewishgen.org/ajgs/slcy2k> ■**

**GERMANS FROM RUSSIA  
HERITAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL  
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**Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Sept. 6 – 9, 2000 with theme "A World of  
Records". For details: 1-888-347-1500; e-mail:  
[fgs-office@fgs.org](mailto:fgs-office@fgs.org) ■**

**WAGON TRAIN TO CELEBRATE  
100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN ALBERTA  
July 8 & 9, 2000**

Century Celebration of the Wagon Train that left Nebraska, U.S.A. in May of 1900 and arrived in Tees (near Lacombe) Alberta in June 1900. This 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will take place in Tees, Alberta, July 8 & 9, 2000.

Anyone who had relatives on that wagon train or who is interested in attending this reunion, please notify either: Ethel Boe, R.R.#2, Clive, Alberta, Canada, T0C 0Y0, Tel: (403) 784-3596 or Bob Ferguson, R.R.#1, Tees, Alberta, Canada, T0C 2N0, Tel: (403) 784-3632, e-mail: [rjferguson@rttinc.com](mailto:rjferguson@rttinc.com) ■



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### Parish Records in Oxfordshire Submitted by Colleen Andersen, AGS #2691

I have microfiche of the parish records for Great Haseley, Great Milton, Garsington and Little Milton. These are indexed. Also, 1851 Census for the Thame Union and the 1871 Census Index for Thame Registration District. I am willing to do reasonable lookups if any members are researching this area. Colleen Andersen, Box 6358, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R8 or e-mail [c\\_or\\_c@telusplanet.net](mailto:c_or_c@telusplanet.net) ■

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## IN SYMPATHY

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Our sympathies are extended to Blanche Cherrington and her family of Drayton Valley Branch on the loss of her mother-in-law Jeannie Cherrington who was 99 years young.

Sympathy is extended to Kay Greer and her family of Lethbridge and District Branch on the death of her father William 'Bill' Melvin on February 1, 2000.

Sympathy is extended to Mary Allan-Cox and her family of Lethbridge and District Branch on the death of her father-in-law Lemond Maudsley Cox on February 17, 2000.

## KIDS ON MARRIAGE

What do kids think of marriage? When asked these questions, here is how they responded:

### *How do you decide who to marry?*

"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with!" Kirsten, age 10.

### *What is the right age to get married?*

"No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married." Freddie, age 6.  
"Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person forever by then." Camille, age 10.

### *How can a stranger tell if two people are married?*

"You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids." Derrick, age 8.

### *When is it okay to kiss someone?*

"When they're rich." Pam, age 7.  
"The rule goes like this: if you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do." Howard, age 8.

### *Is it better to be single or married?*

"Single is better, for the simple reason, that I wouldn't want to change any diapers. Of course, if I did get married, I'd just phone my mother and have her come over for some coffee and diaper-changing!" Kirsten, age 10.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Edna Soucie, an Edmonton Branch member, who died suddenly as the result of an automobile accident.

Sympathy is extended to Janet Gosior and her family on the death of her father on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sympathy is also extended to Noel Nicholson, stepmother, and James Nicholson, father, and their family on the death of their son William "Bill" Nicholson. ■

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**SCRUTON, Dawna** – Box 2488, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0, e-mail: [dmscruton@lakesweb.com](mailto:dmscruton@lakesweb.com)

**OLIVER**, Seeking info on my grandfathers sisters – Mary H. born 1876 in Ontario. Bessie 1879; Maggie? 1895; Beatrice or Catherine 1890; Aggie? in 1892; Edna in 1891, all born in Carberry, Manitoba. All of the above moved to Alberta around 1902. Their father, Thomas Oliver, died in a train accident in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan in 1909. Their mother, Catherine Ritchie Oliver, died in Edmonton Nov. 12, 1924. On her obituary her six daughters were listed as: Mrs. J.B. Walker, Edmonton; Mrs. J.R.Crittenden, Jasper; Mrs. J. Bradshaw, Calgary; Mrs. W.H. Bromley, Grande Prairie; Mrs. L.J. Ritchie, Mount Vernon, Washington, USA; Mrs. S. Laidlaw, Peoria, Illinois, USA. I would appreciate any information on the above mentioned or their descendents.

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**NORMAND, Pat** – e-mail: [Pat\\_Normand@telus.net](mailto:Pat_Normand@telus.net)

**NORMAND, Bobo**, I am seeking any information regarding my husband's family – Normand/Bobo, Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Also his mother's name **TRAINOR** from Edmonton, Alberta. Other names I've run across are **DAYTON, HAY, FUNK** and **GETSCHEL**. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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PARISH, Ellen	b. 10 Feb 1862	?, England
	m. in 1878 to George E. Britnell	
BARRY, John	m. 10 Feb 1828	Arbroath Angus, Scotland
SCRIMGEOUR, Mary	m. John Barry	

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