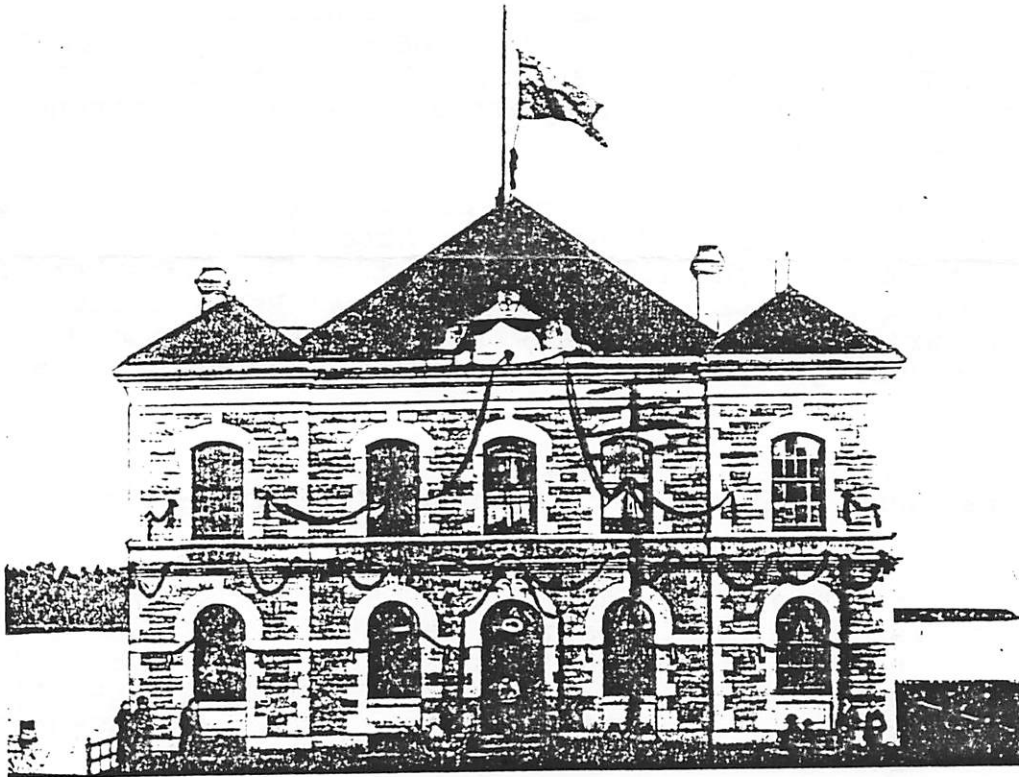


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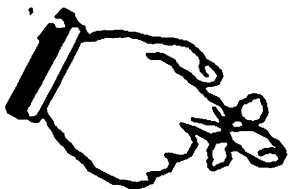
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Mar 6 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm
 Mar 16 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm
 Mar 18 - Annual General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Election of officers for coming year.

Apr 3 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm
 Apr 20 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm
 Apr 22 - General Meeting, 7 pm - Speaker -

Major Al Greenwood, Genealogy Lecture

May 1 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm
 May 18 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm
 May 20 - General Meeting, 7 pm - Speaker -

* Sandra Watson, Breathing Life Into Your Family History.

Jun 5 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm
 Jun 15 - Library Day, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm
 Jun 17 - General Meeting, 7 pm - Speaker -

We are going to try to get someone to speak on
 the resources available at the McPherson Library,
 University of Victoria.

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* MEMBERS ARE TO TRY TO BRING A PENCIL, PAPER AND A COUPLE
 of old PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE MAY MEETING.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



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Club News

Don Alderdice is now recuperating from a bout of pneumonia and complications which put him in the hospital for a time before Christmas. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Sue Castle surprised her husband for his fortieth birthday. She had him convinced that he was going over to Vancouver for a day of shopping, and instead, they took a limousine to the airport where they departed for a few days in Las Vegas. Although they didn't win any big jackpots, apparently they had a wonderful time, and her husband was completely taken by surprise. For Sue's birthday in early February, she was surprised by a visit of three of her sister's from Alberta.

Len and Peggy Nicholls spent a few weeks in Brazil in early February.

Our secretary, **Sharon Davison**, spent a couple of weeks in Arizona in early February.

Joan Blair and family vacationed in Hawaii over Christmas.

Long-time member, **Ed Bell**, is moving to England. Ed has been a member of the club for many years and has served on the executive, headed up the indexing project of the birth, marriage, and death notices from the Free Press, and volunteered as library assistant at the LDS library. His contributions to this club will be greatly missed, but we all wish him well at his new residence. Ed's contributions were remember with a vote of thanks and the presentation of a life membership certificate at the February General Meeting. Ed's new address is: 19 Glebelands, Corbridge, Northumberland, England, NE45 5DS.

Congratulations to Tom and **Evelyn Dickson** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 31, 1992.

Our condolences go out to **Maureen Lind** whose husband passed away in January.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of **Hazel Monk** who passed away in February. Hazel had severe back problems and didn't get out to many meetings or library days, but she had been a member of our society for a number of years.

LDS LIBRARY - NEW TEMPORARY HOURS

If you wish to book time on the microfilm readers, or on the computer, you can do so during library hours on Mondays and Tuesdays, either in person, or by phoning the library at **758-1360**. **PLEASE NOTE** that the following are the new library hours which took effect February 8, 1993.

Mondays	10 am to 1 pm
Tuesdays	10 am to 1 pm & 6:30 to 9 pm
Wednesdays	11 to 1 pm
Thursdays	10 am to 3:30 pm

MALASPINA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Library hours are 8 am to 10 pm weekdays, and noon to 5 pm on Saturdays until the end of the college term. Summer hours, which start around the end of April are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays only. Please note that the library is no longer opened on Sundays. Please check with librarian re procedure for booking the photocopier microfilm readers. To verify library hours call the library at **741-8760**.

I note in the February 22nd issue of "The Bulletin" that the **Vancouver Island Military Museum**, which is located in the Rutherford Mall, now has a library. It may be worthwhile taking a look at what they have when researching ancestors that served in the military. For more information on the Vancouver Island Military Museum call **756-2554**.

The **City of Nanaimo** is now working on a **Cultural Policy** for the city. One of their aims is to see that groups requiring space to hold their meetings are provided with adequate space to do so. We have been in touch with the Cultural Policy Committee and will be putting in a request for space for our library and meetings when we hear more on this. I'm sure we all agree that it would be better to have our library in the same facility where our meetings are held.

Phrases from query letters received by the LDS Library in Salt Lake City:

Family Bible in possession of Aunt Mamie until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas. Now only the good Lord knows where it is.

Enclosed please find my grandmother. I have worked on her for 50 years without success. Please see what you can do.

Why is it sister, that you have not found my backward ancestors?

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has sped by very quickly and what was to have been a 3-month stand-in as President has turned out much longer. I must confess I found the work interesting, challenging, and rewarding, and I even enjoyed doing it. Much of the work was made the more enjoyable by having an excellent executive committee to work with which made all the difference making the smooth running of the club much easier. Not to forget to mention our past President, Kay Warn, who never failed to help me with her wisdom and advice and almost 3 years experience as president.

I will be remaining on as Past President. During the past year we have had a very busy full year with lots of interest. In May we had a one-day seminar at Bowen Park complex given again by Adrian Anderson from Alberta who has a genealogical book store. She brought a great many of her books and stock along for us to choose from. The club purchased a wonderful selection of what was needed the most to the value of about \$300.00 which really rounded out our library with many useful additions. Adrian gave two talks; "Here Comes the Postman," and "What's In a Name?" Marjorie once again hosted the refreshment table with tea and coffee and lots of tempting goodies which were mostly donated by kind members. Ken Joubert won the book draw prize of \$20.00. All in all this was a successful seminar.

On June 13th we held another family history display for "Heritage Week" in Harbour Park Mall. Several members assisted in manning the booth and explaining to people what we were all about. Brochures were handed out and our booth display was quite colourful and eye-catching. Thank you to all helpers in this effort.

In November we participated in the Christmas Craft and Bake sale at Woodgrove Mall. This was a great success with many beautiful crafts offered for Christmas gifts and a tempting assortment of jams, preserves, pickles, chutneys, and fancy baked goods, with home-made fudge and chocolate candies -- all very delectable. Our thanks goes to all those who so willingly helped to man and sell at the booth, and those who donated their crafts, preserves and baking talents to make it a huge success. We raised \$324.25. PERHAPS WE SHOULD MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL FUND-RAISING PROJECT. Those who took part had an enjoyable day, and we were able to advertise ourselves by handing out brochures and explaining and answering questions on genealogy by those interested in what we did.

During my stay in office we had several speakers come to give some helpful talks. Sandra Gill, a professional genealogist from Victoria, gave a talk in April on Ireland and Parish Records. Jane Turner, our new Community Archivist from the Bastion Museum gave us a talk in October on the documents and material available for research in our archives, especially on our Nanaimo ancestor pioneers. In November, Tony Sivonen came to give us a talk on computers and their problems, and new software available, and free lessons given at his shop, Concise Systems Ltd.

There was no meeting in December as we had our usual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 16th, which was well attended and enjoyed by all with lots of delicious goodies by all accounts, as I was away on vacation in Hawaii at the time.

Our secretary, Sharon Taylor, was married in October and changed her name to Davison. We wish her every happiness now and in the future.

Carol Morely and Don Alderdice both had serious set-backs later last year and thankfully they are now regaining their full health.

Sue Castle is now our new stamp person with British, USA and Australian stamps for sale, as well as the publications; Birth, Marriage and Death Index, 1874-1900, and the Nanaimo Cemetery Index for 1876 to 1926.

Klara Beck, who has done such a terrific job as Editor of our newsletter is stepping down and it will be hard to replace her. Thank you, Klara, for a job well done.

This past year has seen many new members join our club. We now number about 110 members in our society.

Our annual election will be held on March 18th when all of our Executive will be stepping down, which means a completely new Executive. So now is your chance to contribute a little in coming forward to keep our club going. If you have any ideas as to persons you would like to see on the Executive, please attend our Annual General Meeting and put forward your nominations, or step forward yourself and offer to serve.

As outgoing President, I would like to thank everyone of the Executive for being such a willing, happy, and hard-working group, and it has been a pleasure to share our ups and downs with you.

I would also like to thank the coordinating committee for the excellent jobs they have done for us all. Joan Blair as our historian and publicity chairman has been responsible for keeping the public informed about our activities and preserving the history of our club. She is also one of the founding members of the club.

Carol Morely, our membership chairman, has been assisted by Gladys Wagner, and they've done an excellent job.

Ken Biggs has been our chairman in charge of selling maps and forms, and also the 50/50 tickets.

Marion Hedge has been our stamp chairman. No longer a member, this has been taken over by Sue Castle.

Marjorie McLellan has been our Socials Convener, doing a wonderful job being responsible for our tea, coffee, and goodies we have all enjoyed at meetings and other social functions. Marjorie will be stepping down as well for a hard-earned rest. She has always done an excellent job for us, not forgetting that she has also given us ample space in her home for our orphan library in our time of need. A big thank you, Marjorie, for all you have done. Anyone who likes making tea and coffee is invited to fill the socials position.

Betty Kinch is our phoning coordinator in charge of the phoning committee, who keep us all informed of club activities. Phoners are Carol Moser, Jessie Vernon, Peggy Nichols, Evelyn Dickson and Leona McKillop. They have all done a great job and we all owe them a big thank you.

There is another group that needs to be recognized for the

serve they have cheerfully given all year, and those are the club librarians at the LDS Family History Library; Carol Morley, Keith Kinch, Don Alderdice, Marion Hedge, Dorothy Atkinson, Marie Mitchell, Paul Shaw, and myself. A big thank you to all of these.

I would like to thank everyone for working so hard to make all our endeavours a success. I know you will all give the new executive the same spirit of goodwill and cooperation that I have received. With new members on the Executive comes new ideas, imagination, and a NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS. The Executive can only work on new ideas if you tell them about them, so come forward with any suggestions you may have.

If you can at all give a little time to the club, please do so and volunteer to help. It takes a good deal of time and effort to keep the club going smoothly, but if everyone pitches in, the workload is not too great for everyone. Above all, let us keep our group a friendly, informal, and fun group.

In closing I would mention three ways in which we can help make our new members welcome. We have all had that horrible feeling of floundering in a sea of names with no places, and relatives who refuse to be found, so do try to help a newcomer. Give some of your time with a smile, a friendly attitude to help one another. Introduce yourself and make them welcome and answer any questions, and if you cannot, refer them to someone who might be able to, the important thing is to get them started with their family tree and not leave them stranded.

Jean Jenkinson, President 1992-93.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year as Second Vice President has been very rewarding, but a bit hard for me as I live in Nanoose, so Jean has had to do a lot of my running around for me.

My job was to assist the President and the 1st Vice President, but as there was no 1st Vice President, Jean and I took on that role. I helped book speakers for the meetings and assisted Jean in organizing the seminar. I thought the seminar was very good but our club members did not turn out as hoped.

If the club is going to keep operating, then all members have to participate. We need you to volunteer to take on the Executive duties and keep our club operating as the friendly group we are. Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

Bonnie Goyette, 2nd Vice President.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

This will be my final newsletter. Looking over the proofs in my file I see that I've done nine in total, so I have been doing this a little over two years. I became newsletter editor when Wanda Story moved to the mainland. After a brief visit with her I

was given a cardboard box containing various clippings, supplies and directions and set on my own. It has been a learning experience, but I must say that even though it sometimes seemed a struggle while working full-time, overall, I've enjoyed doing the newsletter. Unfortunately, this next year I have other commitments as well as work that I believe will make it impossible for me to carry on, so I must hand over this position to someone else.

As in the past, I must once again give many thanks to those of you who have given me material to put in the newsletter. I have received many interesting articles and newspaper clippings from members over the past couple of years; sometimes so many I couldn't even include them all, and I thank you all for supplying me with these sources of information.

I feel that it is not my duty to state what the deadlines for submitting material for the coming year are as that will be up to the new editor, but as the publication dates are set at the beginning of March, June, September, and December, it would be wise to hand in anything you wish printed in these issues at least two weeks before.

As my final word to my readers, I leave you with this poem, author unknown, copied from another genealogy newsletter.

The Typographical Error

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly.
 You can hunt it till you're dizzy, but somehow it slides by.
 'Till the forms come off the presses it is strange how still it keeps.
 It shrinks down in a corner, and never stirs or peeps.
 That typographical error, too small for human eyes.
 'Till the ink is on the paper, then it grows to mountain size.
 The editor stares in horror, then grabs her hair and groans.
 The copy reader drops her head upon her hands and moans.
 The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be,
 But that typographical error is the only thing you see.

Klara Beck, Newsletter Editor



LIBRARY REPORT

PERIODICALS RECEIVED SINCE LAST ISSUE:

We have received the latest issue of all of our regular periodicals and newsletters that we exchange with other clubs from other parts of Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

As we do not have a librarian, there will, of course, not be an annual library report.

The Executive has just made renewed efforts to secure a library space, and you will be kept informed if and when any progress is made in this effort.

The Executive has also decided not to purchase great numbers of new books until more permanent quarters can be found. Consideration will be given to requests of members for certain books, so if you have a particular book you would like to see in the library, please don't hesitate to write it down and pass it on to the Executive. Our supply of periodicals from other genealogy societies will be added to the shelves as they come in. These periodicals often contain valuable information that should not be overlooked.

The library for more than a year now has been housed in the den at Marj McLellan's house. There are three micro-fiche readers for use by members, and a full set of IGI (the 1988 edition). Also on microfiche is the Union List of Canadian Newspapers, which can be used in locating newspaper titles for the various towns and cities in Canada, and their years of publication. The library is a great help to our new members, and as anyone who has tried to find any genealogical information in the other local libraries will attest, our library is the best all-round source of genealogical "hard-copy" material in town.

The library is open only two days a month at present, and under present conditions, it is planned that this practice will continue. The first Saturday of each month the library is open from 10 am to 1 pm, and the third Tuesday of each month it is open from 11 am to 3 pm. Marj's house is at 4733 Laguna Way. To get there, coming from the north end along Hammond Bay Road, you turn right at Malaspina Drive (turn left if coming from the south on Hammond Bay). You turn left on Laguna Way, and just before Laguna turns again, you come to Marj's. Try to park so that you will not block other cars.

Until a librarian is appointed, checking out of material is done on the honour system. The borrowing time is from one library day to the next, which allows you to keep the material for approximately two weeks. We trust that none of our members will abuse this privilege so all members can benefit from the material available.

We sincerely hope that someone steps forward this coming year to fill this very important position.



For Your Information

Roman Catholic Marriage Index

An index of Liverpool Roman Catholic marriages, extracted from records in Liverpool Record Office is now available. It also includes strays and "unusual" marriage entries from various countries. To check for an ancestor's marriage, write D. Crook, John O'Bayne Computing, 25 Gerenth Road, Specke, Liverpool L24 1UN and give **ISBGFH** as reference. Please include a SAE and IRC or English postage of 39 pence.

Offer to Help

Gravestone Inscriptions of Shelburne Cemetery, Dufferin Co., Ontario to September 1991, by Lois Black

Beryl Suetta has a copy of this book and if you send a legal sized SASE she will search the index for you and send what information is available...Beryl's address is: 763 Rink Avenue, Regina, SK, S4X 1S2

1891 Census Index

The Regina Branch SGS is pleased to announce its newly completed Index to the 1891 Census of Canada: District of Saskatchewan. This publication is an everyname index for all individuals enumerated in the 1891 Canadian Census of District No. 11 - Saskatchewan. Price of \$18.00 includes all taxes, postage and handling. Mail orders to: Regina Branch SGS, 67 Marquis Crescent, Regina, SK, S4S 6J8

... the three above from Saskatchewan GS Bulletin, Dec. 1992

Ontario Vital Statistics at the Archives of Ontario:

Announce the ending of their genealogical search service. "We regret that, because of the enormous volume of genealogical search requests received, the lack of staff to respond to them, and the availability of the indexes, we are unable to process further requests for genealogical searches. We will complete searches on all requests received to date and will acknowledge all correspondence with an explanation of this change to services."

... from "Kingston Relations", Nov/Dec 1992

Norwegian Ancestry?

Ancestor Hunting, the publication of the Sudbury group of OGS, Vol. 13 No. 1, March 91 presents an informative article entitled "Norwegian Research." It seems that a new Norwegian Immigration Centre in Stavager has indexed all Norwegian church records and censuses. They would like Norwegian and Norwegian-American family histories and can help in your research. Contact the Emigration Centre, Hotel Atlantic, Jubanev 1, 4000 Stavanger, Norway.

Family History Services, Moscow, Russia

We search genealogical and historical materials in Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia and all other parts of the former Soviet Union. The genealogists and professional historians on our staff can provide photocopies of documents, answers to specific

questions, or complete personal family history. We have obtained photocopies of the labour camp records of Jews persecuted under Stalin.

Our basic rate is \$12.00 per hour plus \$1.00 per page of photocopies. To place an order or inquire about specific costs, please write to our US representative: Urbana Technologies, 2011 Silver Ct. E., Urbana, IL, 61801, USA

... from B. C. Historical News, Winter 1992-93

Irish Heritage Tours

The All-Ireland Heritage Group has the following tours planned for 1993:

Salt Lake City "Get Ready"	Oct. 24-31, 1993
Edinburgh-Glasgow-Liverpool-London	Aug. 9-24, 1993
Ontario Archives	May 17-30, 1993
Southern Ireland (Dublin as locus)	July 12-27, 1993
& Sept. 27- Oct. 12, 1993	
Northern Ireland (Belfast as locus)	Sep. 13-28, 1993

For further information contact: Donna Reid Hotaling, All-Ireland Heritage, P.O. Box 7, Dunn Loring, VA 22027, USA.

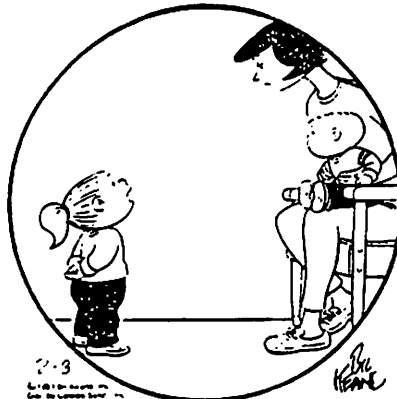
Why you may not find your relatives on the IGI

The following was taken from The United Church Observer, Jan. 1993. It's an excerpt from a meeting of the Executive held in Mississauga, ON in late November 1992.

In other business, the Executive decided .. denied permission for the Mormom church to microfilm church archives material. The Mormons proposed to microfilm baptismal records, and provide the church with a copy. The Mormom church believes in rebaptizing relatives and ancestors of converts to Mormonism.

It is worth noting that the **British Columbia Genealogy Society**, who for the last year have had a similar problem to ours in that they could not find a site for their library, have now acquired 2700 square feet of space "on 8th Avenue just around the corner from Broadway," in Vancouver, B.C. (Sorry, the exact address was not given). They have a vast collection of genealogical material and it may be worth your while visiting this library. Use is free to members. At one time they used to allow non-members use of the library for a small fee, but you would have to check to see if that policy is still in place.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"When you get old, Mommy, will you be our grandma?"

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

CAMPBELL RIVER ALL-DAY GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Guest speaker, R.G. "Dick" Moore, operator of Ancestors Unlimited International will speak on the following topics: Getting Started Right, Managing a Genealogical Project (manual v. computer), Everyone's Family Tree (a software program), Genealogical Numbering Systems, Working Smart with the LDS, and, if time permits, Ontario Research. Registration starts at 8 am, seminar starts at 9 am, **Saturday, March 6, 1993**, at the St. John's Ambulance Training Centre, 170 Dogwood St., Campbell River, BC. A \$5.00 donation for admission would be appreciated, and the price will include a light lunch. Juice, coffee and goodies will be available all day. The Campbell River Genealogy Society extends an invitation for you to attend.

VICTORIA GENEALOGY SOCIETY

On **April 11, 1992, from 9 am to 3:30 pm**, the Victoria Genealogical Society is holding a workshop on "Challenges in English Genealogy" at the LDS Family History Centre, 701 Mann Avenue, Victoria, B.C. Non-members fee is \$25.00. For more information, contact Victoria Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 4171, Station "A", Victoria, B.C., V8X 3X8. Please include the parts of England where you are researching and any problem areas you are having in your research.

KAMLOOPS - PUZZLES FROM THE PAST

The Kamloops Family History Society is hosting a three-day seminar May 7th to 9th, 1993 at the University College of the Cariboo, Kamloops, B.C. Topics to be covered include Tracing British Army Ancestors, Irish Origins, Poor Law, European History, Scottish Resources, Loyalist Ancestors, The Census, Genealogy in the Maritimes, Ontario, Some Orphan, and 600 years Amateur Justice. Price of Registration which includes a banquet and wine & cheese is \$90.00. Further information can be obtained from: Kamloops Family History Society, 502 Grandview Terrace, Kamloops, B.C., V2C 3Z4.

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 1993 ANNUAL SEMINAR

9:00 a.m., Friday, October 22nd to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 24, 1993. The seminar will be held at the Delta Regina Hotel, and Keynote Speaker will be Mr. Jimmy B. Parker of the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. Further information from the Regina Branch SGS, 95 Hammond Road, Regina, SK, S4R 3C8, (306) 543-0760.

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Saturday, March 13, 1993, Luepke Center, 1009 East McLoughlin, Vancouver, Washington. Registration is \$20.00. Topics: Finding the place of origin for your European ancestry, Early Ohio genealogy, How to find birth, marriage and death dates prior to 1900, and Tracing the ladies on your pedigree. To register, contact: Joyce Wolske, Clark County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2728, Vancouver, WA, 98668, USA. (206) 896-1090.


PARKSVILLE

The following is taken from the 1900 Henderson's Directory for British Columbia, and lists the residents of Parksville.

PARKSVILLE also known as Englishman's river. (See also Nanoose Bay.) A post settlement and steamboat landing on the Alberni road. Nanaimo 26 miles. Nearest railway, telegraph and express offices Wellington, distance 15 miles.

Postmaster, Mrs. Ann Hirst.

Algie, Robert, farmer
Berkenstof, Adam, farmer
Craig, James, farmer and road supt.
Craig, Robert John, farmer
Cartin, Robert, farmer
Evans, R., farmer
Gaetjen, Hermann, farmer
Gargan, P., general store
Hirst, Albert Victor, farmer
Hirst, Joseph, farmer
Hurren, H.
Joy, Charles, farmer
Lewis, Wm., farmer
Lowery, James, farmer
McCarter, Wm. Robert, farmer
McKinnon, John, farmer
McMillian, Duncan A., road supt.
Mills, William, farmer
Morrison, William, farmer
Parks, Nelson, farmer
Plummer, George Samuel, farmer
Rath, William S., farmer
Renz, Otto, farmer
Robertson, Miss M., teacher
Swayn, Alva C., farmer
Weisich, Charles, farmer
Williams, George, tel. operator.



TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

The absolute deadline for submitting your renewal is the end of March, 1993.

It was brought to my attention a short time ago that we have very little information in our library on doing family research in Italy. For whatever help it can be to those doing Italian research, I have reprinted the following article which was taken from The Toronto Tree, Vol. 22, Issue 6, October 1991.

Searching for your Ancestors in Italy

by Stella M. Gianetto

Tracing one's ancestors in Italy has become a much less formidable task for North Americans since the Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City released microfilms of parish and municipal birth, marriage, and death records from throughout Italy in 1990. Now, at the nearest Family History Centre ... you can arrange to see microfilms of this vital genealogical data from the 16th century to the 1890s, when Italians began to emigrate in larger numbers.

A 43-page appendix to the 1988 edition of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) [now likely replaced by the 1992 IGI] lists the records available on microfilm or microfiche for many regions. Even if the appropriate commune or parish is not shown there, the Family History Centre will be able to locate it or a larger neighbouring town with a locality search of its computerized catalogue. Using the computer, one can identify all of the sources currently available from the LDS library, such as maps, directories, local histories, etc.

If you're searching in a period later than the LDS data, it is best to write to a family contact in Italy to help fill the gaps. Otherwise write to the pastor of the local church or the local municipal officer. If you cannot read or write Italian, ask the Family History Centre for a request form to send to Salt Lake City to obtain examples of form letters, pedigree charts and other sources.

Since the parish records are predominantly Roman Catholic, one

should not overlook lists of children making their first Communion or Confirmation, and lists of members of church organizations, to trace an elusive family member.

If local parish records have been removed from the rectory, diocesan archives may have the originals or duplicate copies -- especially marriage records which include baptism certificates of the brides and grooms. One should also search there for clerical parish censuses, for special family relationships such as persons allowed to marry relatives, and for excommunicants and converts to the faith.

Waldensian registers of 16 parishes in the Pinerolo district from 1685 are available from the LDS on microfiche, as well as some British chaplaincy records. Information sent for sealing by church members of Italian extraction or whose spouses are Italian is added on an ongoing basis.

Civil registration became mandatory in Italy in 1869. One of the salient features of Italian vital certificates is that they indicate whether the parents are living (vivent) or dead (fu) when the event took place, which limits the time frame for research.

There are some exceptions to the regulations of the mandatory Civil Registration Act of 1869. Some civil records of the Napoleonic period rest in state archives, such as those of the former Kingdom of Two Sicilies, and Bolzano and Trieste where priests under Austrian control were classed as civil officers of

vital statistics.

Another source of birth dates are conscription records. These, dating back to 1792, are held in the military district having jurisdiction over the person's town of residence. Older data may be found in the state archives.

There are 92 state archives in Italy. While the Ministry of Interior in Rome publishes lists of archives in the Italian provinces, there is no central institution comparable to the National Archives of Canada.

Emigration records (giving names of emigrants, town of birth, birth date and age, date of permit to leave the country or application for permit, port of departure and destination) from about 1869 were maintained by the prefecture (chief administrative officer) of the province of origin or departure. Unfortunately these are not open to examination, although the Ministry of the Interior has some records, as do some state archives.

If your ancestor lived in the vast land area of the former Papal States, which now embraces several whole provinces of Italy (Ancona, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Pesaro-Urbino, Perugia, Terni, Frosinone, Latine, Rieti, Roma and Viterbo), tax assessment or census registers, giving the names of head of household, tenant or taxpayer, residence and amount taxed for the 14th century are in the Secret Archives of the Vatican. Others from the 17th to the 19th century are more likely to be found in state archives, and more recent data at the local municipal office, as are land records and accessions.

Notarial records from about 1340 are located in state archives or regional notarial archives. These include marriage contracts, wills, donations, settlements, sales of land, agreements and mortgages.

University records, dating from 1267 to the present, with names and biographical data of instructors and students are found

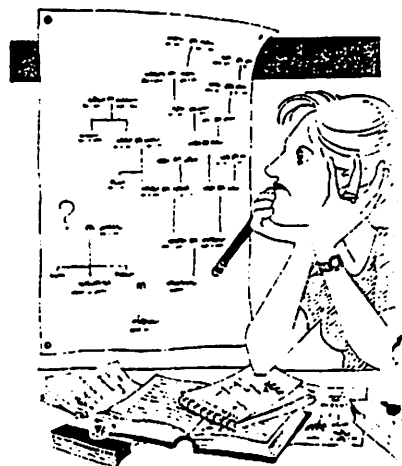
in state archives or universities. For local schools, enrolment and attendance records should reside with the religious teaching order or in diocesan records.

While the Central Statistical Office in Rome publishes national population aggregates from personal censuses, the family detail of these censuses are maintained in population registry offices operating in every commune in Italy, often housed in the city hall.

One valuable secondary source is not available -- publications of cemetery tombstone transcriptions. There are cemeteries in Italy with beautiful tombstones and marble vaults, but in a country of 58 million people on a land area of about one-fifth that of Ontario, tombstones do not have a long history. In small centres, plot tenure is only about 20 years, after which remains are removed to a common plot.

Most of the sources mentioned are familiar to genealogists, which is not surprising, as legislative, judicial and social institutions in Canada follow the pattern of countries from which the early settlers came.

The LDS have made it much easier to trace one's Italian roots. Joining a local branch of [a genealogy club] is the first step in learning how to trace the family lines back to the 1890s. Then you can link to the new LDS resources and with a little luck and hard work, follow your family back to the 16th century or earlier.



Source for Russian-Canadian Genealogy

The following was taken from a newspaper article that was printed a few years ago, but is reprinted here for the benefit of those who may have missed it.

Newly-Discovered records on immigrants are a mine of information.

Canada's Public Archives has acquired a treasure trove for ethnic Canadians in search of their roots. "Historians will have a field day," said Robert Gordon, director of the manuscript division, who negotiated the transfer of these long-lost Canadian records from the underground vaults of the American archives, where they have been hidden for decades.

Inside the 100 or more boxes lie the faded letters, brownish photographs, tattered passports, torn birth certificates and formal records of 100,000 to 150,000 men and women of **Russian, Jewish and Finish origin**, as well as those **Doukhobor, Mennonite, Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Georgian, Armenian, Ukrainian, and Romanian people** who came to Canada between 1910 and 1922.

"Many of these records go back over several generations," Gordon said with the enthusiasm of a true archivist. . .

The basis of the collection is the precise records kept by the directors of czarist Russian consulates in Montreal, Vancouver, and Halifax from around 1910 to 1917 when the Russian revolution resulted in their closing. Diplomatic relations between Russia and Canada were broken but the Canadian government, faced with a heavy influx of immigrants from war-torn Europe, hired the Russian officials under special Privy Council dispensation and put them in the Canadian immigration department to handle the newcomers. These Russian officials lasted until 1922 when trade relations with the new Soviet Union were negotiated. They then resigned.

The Russian consuls and their vice-consul in Halifax, who was a Canadian businessman, Harry Mathers, then shipped the remaining records to the Soviet consulates in New York and Boston. The records eventually wound up in the Soviet embassy in Washington. When diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union were re-established in 1933, czarist sympathizers took away the Canadian-Russian record boxes and hid them from Soviet officials who might have wanted to trace the immigrants to North America. It took until last April -- a total of 47 years -- to recover them.

The Russian consulates kept accurate information on everyone who communicated with them. The information covered their place of origin, date of arrival in Canada, where they settled, next of kin, education, property and bank accounts, land grants, and so on. In doing so, they demanded pictures of the immigrants and often their fathers and mothers, plus passports which were never returned. The photos are remarkably well preserved. ...

The collection will be fully catalogued over the next 18 months [presumably completed now] and then people in cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, where many of these new immigrants settled, may be able to trace their roots.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following positions are open for the upcoming year. Nominations and elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting, March 18, 1993.

Elected Positions -

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Appointed Officers -

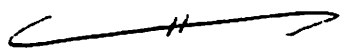
Librarian

Committee Chairpersons -

Social (Refreshments)

For those who are not interested in taking part in any of the above, there are other ways that you can take an active part in the club. You could:

- Offer another member a ride to meetings or to the library.
- Finished your genealogy? Offer to help a beginner.
- Offer to bring refreshments to the meeting.
- Submit articles for the newsletter. (either collected from other sources or written by yourself.)
- Arrive at the meeting early and help set up chairs, or stay late and help stack them away again.
- Offer to stand at the door and let people in.
- Offer to head up an indexing project so that other genealogist doing research in our area may benefit much the same as you have benefited by using indexes prepared by other societies in the areas you are researching.



ADDRESS TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The following was read to the February General Meeting by Sue Castle, past 1st Vice-President, and present Treasurer of the Nanaimo Family History Society.

I would like to run down the various executive positions and what their duties entail for those of you who are new and for those who would like to volunteer but are not sure what would be expected of you.

PRESIDENT: Chair all meetings and exercise general supervision over the various committees. Co-sign cheques for approved expenditures and prepare "President's Report" for the annual general meeting.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Chair meetings when president is absent. Help with the general running of the club. Act as Programs Director and arrange for guest speakers or programs for the monthly general meetings. Prepare a brief report for the Annual General Meeting.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Assume the duties of the 1st Vice President in their absence and act as Chairperson of Workshops/Seminars, etc. Prepare a brief report for the Annual General Meeting.

SECRETARY: Keep minutes of executive and general meetings. Give copies to executive before next meeting. Take care of correspondence. Pick up the mail and keep attendance book.

TREASURER: Receive all monies collected and arrange all payments due. Keep and maintain a record of all receipts and expenditures. Have available at all times a record of financial status. Co-sign cheques with the president. Present a financial report at each executive meeting. Present a full financial statement for the year at the Annual General Meeting. Book the meeting room.

LIBRARIAN: Select the books, exchange newsletters and other media relevant to genealogical research with approval of the executive. Take care of processing the books and all mechanics of the library. Keep up-to-date files and records. Keep an accession list. Be familiar with general contents of the library. Maintain definite library hours. Check out books. Replace books on shelves. Collect overdue fines. Present a report at each executive meeting and the Annual General Meeting. Maintain all research material generated by the club.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Be responsible for publishing a quarterly newsletter. Keep up-to-date records of inventory and printing costs. Purchase supplies and forward invoices to the Treasurer. Present a report at executive meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Distribute and/or mail newsletters to members and exchange societies. Keep the mailing list up to date. File one copy of the newsletter in the club library.

PAST PRESIDENT: Shall assume that share of the duties as determined by the executive, and act as Chairman of the nominating committee.

Now that I have run down the list of positions which are becoming vacant, I must stress that it is imperative that we fill these positions, as without a full executive the club will have to fold. We ran this past year short a 1st vice President which added extra pressures for Jean. She not only had her duties as president but also those of Program Director. Then our librarian resigned leaving that much more for Jean to cope with. It is really sad that out of a membership of 105 we couldn't get one person to volunteer for the position, and to top it all off, Jean didn't even volunteer for President. He had volunteered for 1st Vice President, but rather than see the club fold, she agreed to try the position.

Of the present executive, we have all held positions for at least two years, some longer. We, like everyone else, have other commitments too; for example, full-time jobs, holding executive positions in other clubs, volunteering at various organizations, and, of course, children. We were all fairly new to the club also.

When I volunteered for 1st Vice President two years ago, I have to say I was very sceptical

and felt I didn't know enough to hold an executive position. The members both on and off the executive were very supportive and helped out immensely. I feel I have benefited from the experience over the past two years and would encourage anyone who is interested in a position to please volunteer. If it weren't for conflicting nights between genealogy and Group Committee, I would stay on as I feel I am getting more out of the club by being on the executive. You can be sure I will be back again when James is through with Beavers.

I am sure the present executive would agree to attend the first executive meeting in April to help orientate the new executive, if asked. We have a great club here, so please help us keep it going. Let any of the present executive know if you wish to volunteer for a position, and be at the Annual General Meeting to put your name forward. It would be a great shame if we had to fold.



COMBINING GENEALOGY WITH YOUR VACATION

Now that winter is behind us, (we hope), our thoughts can turn to the summer, and perhaps a little travelling. If you are planning to pursue your genealogy during the summer months, it may be a good time to plan a little searching further afield. Of course, it's every genealogist's dream to go to Salt Lake City, but there are some resources a little closer to home that may be worthwhile exploring.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA LIBRARY

Hopefully we can arrange to have someone speak to our members at a meeting about the resources available at this library, but I understand that there is much material there of interest to the genealogist. Apparently there is a leaflet in the lobby as you enter the library that will give you some idea of what is available and where to go.

If you have a fair bit of research to do and you wish to stay a few days, you may be able to arrange economical accommodation at the residence between May and August. Contact U Vic Housing & Conference Services, Sinclair at Finnerty Road, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Y2. Phone 721-8396.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The University of British Columbia Library has a great deal of information of interest to genealogists, and it also is not too busy during the summer months. It has been said that UBC "has the most comprehensive holdings on Ireland, other than Ireland itself!" With the new Nanaimo Express, one can now spend a full day there without having to take their vehicle.

If you wish to spend a bit of time there, residence accommodation is also available at reasonable rates. Contact UBC Conference Centre, 5961 Student Union Building, Vancouver, B.C., V6T 2C9. Phone 822-1010.

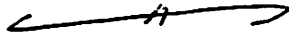
CLOVERDALE LIBRARY

Located at 5642 - 176A Street in Cloverdale, this branch of the Surrey Library has the largest collection of Canadian genealogical material west of Ontario. The director of the library started the genealogy section in 1980 and it has been expanded continually ever since. An estimated 4,000 genealogists from around B.C. and the U.S. Pacific northwest use the library every year. One can find historical atlases, census records, land records, ship passenger lists, birth, marriage and death records, and much more in the vast number of books and at least 2,400 rolls of microfilm.

The last time I was at the Cloverdale I overheard one of the patrons tell the librarian that the library at Langara College was one of the best kept secrets as far as a genealogy library goes, so if you're in the area, it might be worth checking out.

If you plan to visit the Cloverdale Library, you would be wise to phone ahead and book a microfilm reader if you think you need one. Mention that you are coming from out of town, and they will extend the time limit for you. Phone 576-1384.

If you plan to spend a few days, the Clover Inn Motor Hotel is only a block away. Do be sure to specify that you want a room that is not over the bar. Let me tell you from experience, that after spending a day on a microfilm reader, you do not want to try to get to sleep to the beat of country and western music played at full volume till 1 a.m.!



Excerpts from Richard Carr's Diary - (continued) - submitted by Klara Beck.

We last left Richard Carr December 2, 1843. He continued to work aboard ships for the next couple of years, and survived a shipwreck in August 1844. In July 1845, he makes a trip to Boston, and it is there he decides to make a career change, so I will continue from that point.

1845

Jul 25 - 7 AM Arrived in Boston. Boarded at the Franklin house. As it is my first time in this city, I concluded to stay here a day. Went to see the State house, dock yards, Monument, etc. From the top of the monument there is a fine view of the bay and surrounding country. There is a very fine public walk called the common. The seats to sit down on are of stone and wood, the latter covered with iron to keep brother Jonathan from whittling them to pieces. It is an excellent plan, for in all the hotels and public buildings the tables and chairs are cut to pieces. During the night there was no less than seven different alarms of fire, all supposed to be caused by incendiaries [arsonists]. The whole of them did not amount to much, but there was a continual shouting of fire all night, which was anything but comfortable. [Who said vandalism was a modern problem?]

Jul 26 - Left Boston for New York. Arrived there the following day.

Jul 28 - Paid forty dollars to Mr. Plumb to learn me to take daguerreotype portraits. ...

Aug 12 - Left New York for Toronto. Went by steamboat to Troy, by railroad to Schenectady, from there to Rochester by the canal packet boat. These boats are fitted up expressly for passengers, carry no freight, are drawn by three horses at the rate of about 6 miles an hour, travel day and night. Cabin extends the whole length of the boat, is well fitted up and they keep an very good table. For a person that is not in a hurry it is by far

the most comfortable way of travelling. At Rochester I took the steamboat for Toronto. Aug 16 - 1 PM Arrived at Toronto. Found my brother, sister and family all well. It being over 15 years since I saw them, we did not know each other, but soon got over that difficulty. ...

Sep 26 - Went with Mr. Sands and Samuel [brother] to Oshawa. Toronto contains about 20,000 inhabitants, is pleasantly situated on Lake Ontario. The town is well built, the streets are wide and generally speaking, kept clean. Attached to the college are very fine public walks. The population is rapidly increasing.

Oct 10 - Left Toronto for New Orleans. ...

Oct 24 - Arrived at New Orleans; boarded with Mrs. Parker.

Oct 26 - Engaged room at No. 74 Royal Street at \$40 per month to commence business at taking daguerreotype portraits.

Nov. 10 - Wrote to Samuel, enclosed \$10 that I borrowed of him. I have had very bad success at my new undertaking, have not cleared half my expenses. As such, must try it elsewhere.

Dec 1 - Left New Orleans in schooner Creole for Vera Cruz.

Dec 9 - 6 PM Arrived at Vera Cruz. Went ashore the following morning. Not being able to speak Spanish, had a great deal of bother at the custom house. Had to give in a list of everything in my trunks and pay \$40 duty on what few things I brought with me. Went to board at the Globe Hotel. ...

Dec 23 - A revolution commenced, the castle and navy declaring against the present government. The city done the same the next day. At the commencement they made quite a warlike appearance. Soldiers were placed on top of the churches and in all parts of the city. The fishermen pressed on board the men of war, but with all this preparation there was but little damage done. Four men were killed in the barracks. In the course of a day or two things went on as usual.

1846

May 3 - Left Vera Cruz for Orizaba, having made an agreement with an arriero (public carrier) for the use of a horse for myself and two donkeys to carry my baggage, for which I pay \$14. The distance is 35 leagues [a league being approx. 3 miles], we start as soon as it is light in the morning. Five leagues is a day's journey. We get to the stopping place about 11 o'clock and so avoid the hottest part of the day. The accommodation on the road is bad enough. At night I got a cot, but it was always placed outside the house but where there is a covering overhead to keep the dew off, it being the coolest and pleasantest place.

May 10 - Arrived in Orizaba. Having formed an acquaintance with some Americans that reside here while I was in Vera Cruz, I called on them as soon as I arrived. They were extremely kind to me, assisted me getting rooms, etc. ...

Jun 24 - Orizaba is situated at the foot of the mountain of that name - is surrounded by mountains on all sides. The top of the principal one is covered with eternal snow. It serves as a landmark to mariners at sea, being visible for an immense distance at sea. The town contains 25,000 inhabitants, is in quite a business place for a Mexican town. There is a large cotton factory here which employs about 1,000 hands. There is about 30 Englishmen and Americans employed in it to superintend the others. They were all extremely kind to me. I left them with regret as it is not often I meet with such friendship.

This diary excerpt will be continued next issue if the new editor wishes it to continue.

Odds and Ends

The Nanaimo Times, Jan. 30/93

Vermilion seeking vignettes

Editor, *The Times*:

The Vermilion History Book Committee is anxious to contact former residents of Vermilion and district in order to gather the stories and pictures needed to put together a well-balanced and complete chronicle of the area.

It is the intention of the committee to include an account of each and every family that ever resided here; when they arrived and from where, why they came, where they

settled, how they thrived, their good times and their bad.

We are looking for pictures as well as accounts and stories. Pictures will be treated with care and returned to the lenders.

Queries and correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary of the Vermilion History Book Committee at Box 1205, Vermilion, Alberta.

LLOYD SEATH
Vermilion

Come home to Medicine Hat

Editor, *The Times*:

Alexandra High School and St. Theresa's Academy in Medicine Hat, Alberta, will be having a homecoming June 25, 1993.

We are attempting to reach as many people across the country as possible who have attended these schools in Medicine Hat.

In 1983 these two schools hosted a very successful reunion

with well over 1,500 people attending from virtually every corner of the country.

For further information and registration (\$40), please write to: AHS-STC Home Again '93, c/o B.J. Maddaford, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 1N4.

Registrations will not be accepted after May 15.

CLARENCE C. HERINGER



"Being of sound mind, I spent it as fast as I earned it."

The Nanaimo Times, Dec. 10/92

Alberni Valley author here Saturday

The author of a new history of the Alberni Valley region will be in town this weekend.

Jan Peterson, author of *The Albernis: 1860-1922*, will be talking about her research and signing copies of her book at Nanaimo Maps

and Charts from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

Peterson's book, although released only recently, is already in its second printing due to high demand from present and former Alberni residents.

The Bulletin, Jan. 11/93

UVic history group seeking local input

Editor:

The Alumni Association of the University of Victoria (UVic) has recently established a History and Archives Committee, the mandate of which is to discover, preserve and record information and artifacts pertaining to the activities of the former students who constitute the UVic Alumni Association.

These include anyone graduated from UVic since its inception in 1963, those who attended Victoria College from 1902 to 1963, and those who attended the Victoria Normal School at any time from its beginning in 1915.

In addition to gathering pictures, newspaper articles, accounts of reunions, and biographies or autobiographies for our archives, my job as a committee member is to compile as much information as possible concerning former students of the Victoria Normal School.

Although we have lists of all

students who ever attended the institution, we have very few current addresses and very few married names of women students. We need your help in compiling this information. We also need to know of any former students who are now deceased.

We hope to hear from many former Normal School students. Please let us know of your teaching careers and your other interests and achievements.

Archival material such as snapshots, old Normal School annuals etc. would also be very much appreciated.

Please send all correspondence to the address below:

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History and Archives Committee
University of Victoria
P.O. Box 3060
Victoria, B.C. V8W 3R4
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The Province, Dec 4/92



CP photo

Dorothy (left), Leona and Lillian hug long-lost brother, Donald.

BROTHER, WORLD'S SMALL

Canadian Press

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont. — Dorothy Janes found her long-lost brother Donald recently, but she didn't have far to go to meet him and she didn't need an introduction to his wife.

Donald, 45, it turns out, was married to Marjorie Perry — her friend of 10 years — and living in this northern Ontario mining town as well.

"Marjorie was someone I would see at the coffee shop and we'd sit down and talk," Dorothy says. "To think that she was actually married to my brother is hard to believe."

Dorothy, 59, was one of seven children born to George and Phyllis Hickley in the 1930s and 1940s in nearby Englehart, Ont. All four boys

and two of the girls were given up for adoption.

Dorothy had heard Marjorie talk about her husband named Donald, but they'd never met. Last year the two separately went to the Children's Aid Society seeking to be reunited with family members. The search led to homes just a few blocks apart.

Two of the family boys are dead. The girls, Dorothy, Leona, 64, and Lillian, 57, scattered across Ontario but stayed in touch. With Donald now back in the fold, only one brother — John — remains unaccounted for. He was adopted in 1948 by a family named Green in Burlington, Ont., and his siblings are following a lead that he may have gone to B.C.

Searching for the routes

(NC)—Canada is a nation of immigrants. It therefore makes sense for genealogists to look at how their ancestors got here. Although there are few comprehensive lists of immigrants that came in Canada before 1865, the National Archives of Canada does have information on many early emigration programs for Great Britain. Some passenger lists for ships that arrived at specific ports, like St. John, Quebec City, Halifax and Vancouver are available on microfilm. These lists tend to cover groups of immigrants whose passage was paid for by one sponsor. In order for the lists to be useful to the genealogist it is necessary to know the correct passenger name, date and port of arrival and the ship's name.

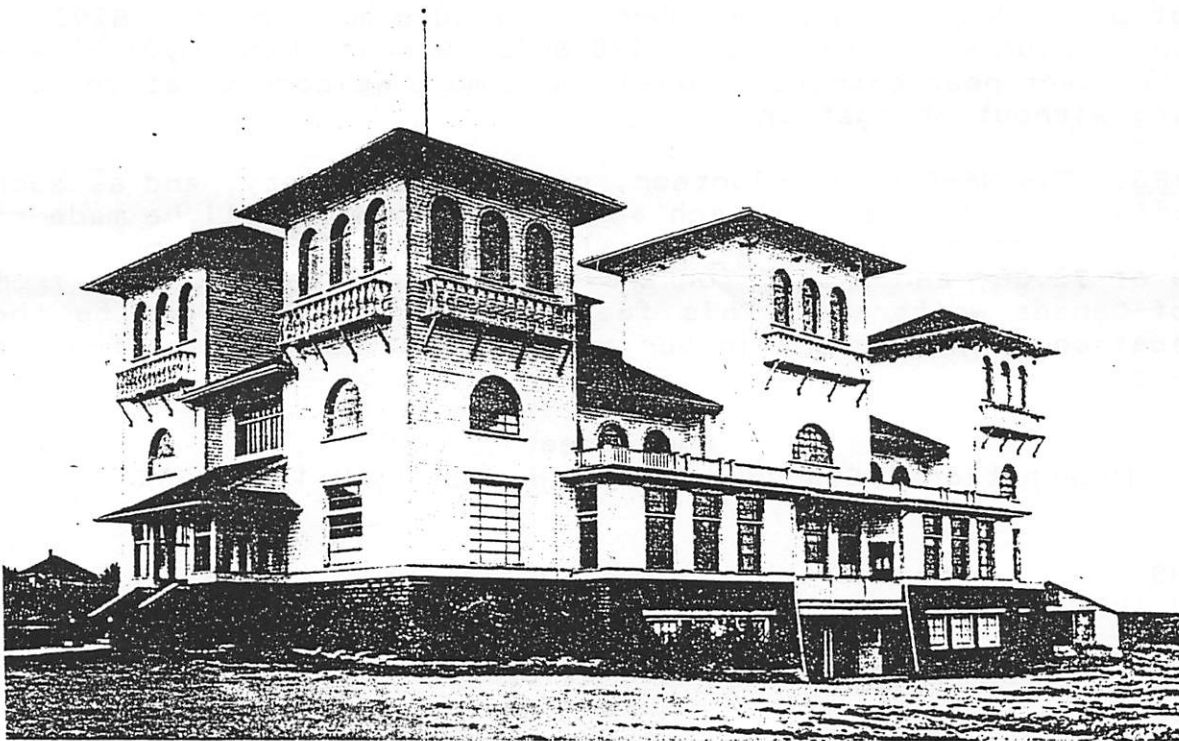
The National Archives has lists of immigrants that came across the Canada-U.S. border during the early part of this century, plus information on several specific ethnic immigrant groups. January 1, 1947 should be remembered by genealogists as a bright day. It marked the introduction of the Canadian Citizenship Act which required that all new citizens to become naturalized Canadians. And it also meant that comprehensive records had to be kept.

Discovering and learning about your ancestors can be very rewarding. Progress depends upon tireless research and a lot of creative thinking. Many important genealogical sources are available from the National Archives through your local library. The key to success lies in your willingness to explore every conceivable avenue. To help you on your journey write for a copy of Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada, National Archives of Canada, 344 Wellington Street, Room 136, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3.

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the third Thursday of each month, except July, August, and December, at 7:00 p.m., in Room B202 of the Curriculum Resource Centre, 420 Selby Street, Nanaimo. Please use the lower rear entrance. Guests are most welcome to attend one meeting without obligation.

QUERIES. The NFHS is a volunteer, non-profit society, and as such can offer only limited research service. Attempts will be made to answer all requests for genealogical information by non-members for a fee of \$2.00, and a SASE (or an International Reply Coupon from out-of-Canada writers). This fee will also entitle you to the publication of your query in our newsletter. Queries are free to members.

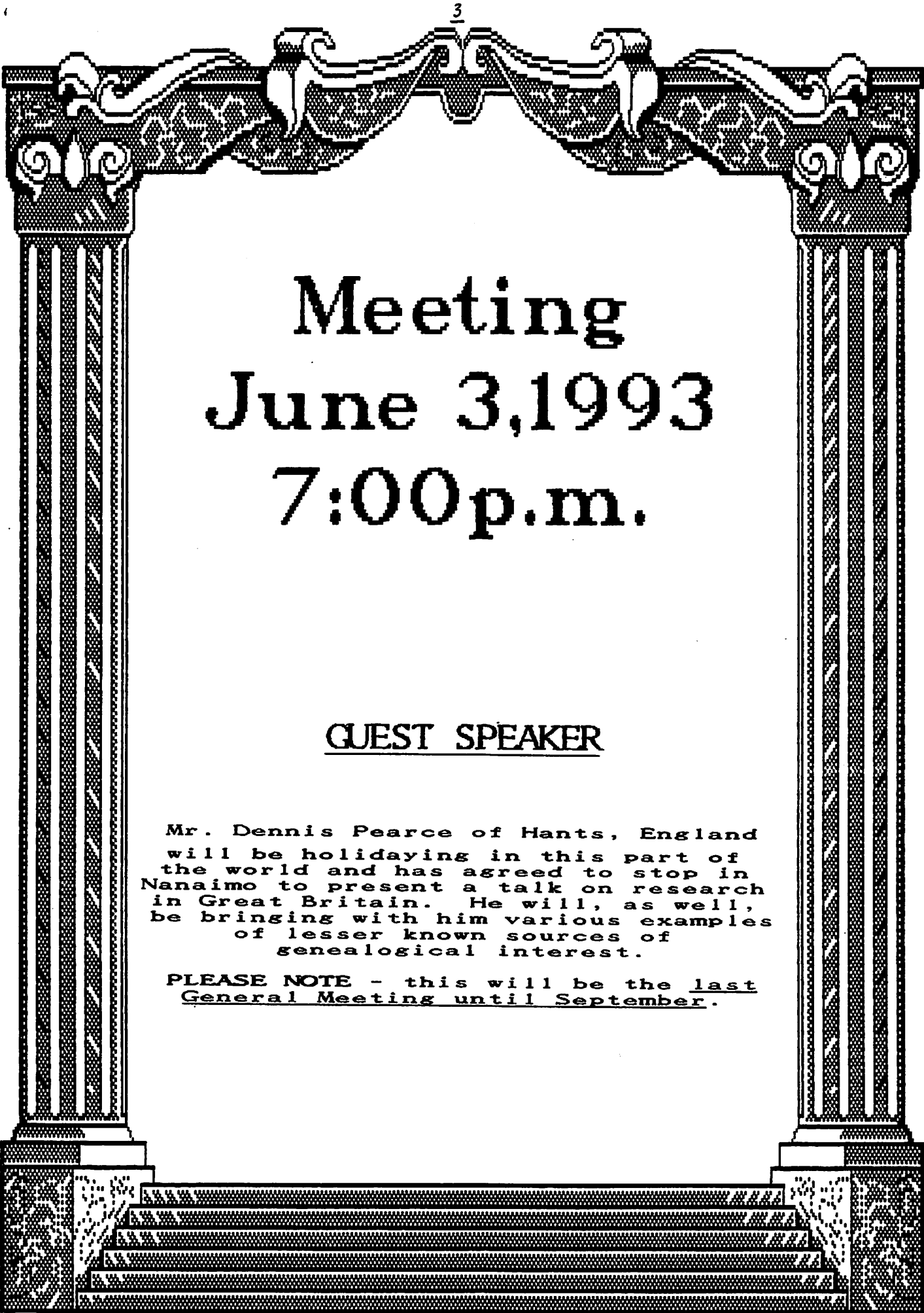
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Meeting June 3, 1993 7:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Dennis Pearce of Hants, England will be holidaying in this part of the world and has agreed to stop in Nanaimo to present a talk on research in Great Britain. He will, as well, be bringing with him various examples of lesser known sources of genealogical interest.

PLEASE NOTE - this will be the last
General Meeting until September.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE -

Ladies and gentlemen of Nanaimo Family History Society, I'm just beginning as your president for this next year. I would ask each and everyone to help me out in this office. I must admit I'm very new with this family root search. I'm also pleased to be a member of this Society and I will do my best.

The first thing I'd like people to do is bring their pedigree charts up to date, so they can go into the Library. Speaking of the Library, we desperately need volunteers over the next year to help catalogue the books and other things in the Library. Please let one of the executive know if you will be able to help with this.

I would like to thank my executive officers for all the work they have already done, as I am new at this.

Please feel free to let your executive officers know of any workshops, speakers or seminars you may like to have and we will do our very best to accommodate you. Your executive officers can only do so much, we need your help.

This will be the last newsletter until our September meeting, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Leona Dettwiler (President)

Dates to Remember



June 3 - GENERAL MEETING, 7 pm - Speaker -

Mr. Dennis Pearce, research in Great Britain

June 5 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm

June 15 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm

June 17 - No meeting, (last meeting June 3)

July 3 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm

July 20 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm

September 16 - GENERAL MEETING, 7 pm

Welcome to New Member

#306

Lesia Gafka

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Nanaimo, BC V9T 1C1

756-4188



also note - #306 Leonard Gaska should have been Leonard Gafka.

Club News



Jessie Vernon our thoughts and Best Wishes go out to Jessie, who is presently in hospital.

Leona Dettwiler our new president celebrated a birthday, April 29th., Belated greetings Leona.

Carol Moser suffered a fall while on her stay in Arizona this winter and she is still recuperating.

Klara Beck will be moving to North Vancouver at the end of May, Klara has done an excellent job with our Newsletter, and will be missed both for her pleasant smile and helping hands.

On March 6th, seven members of our club, Ken and Iris Biggs, Sharon Davison, Sue Strobbe, Kay Warn, Klara Beck, and Jean Jenkinson attended a all-day seminar put on by the Campbell River Genealogy Club. The speaker at this event was Richard Moore of Ancestors Unlimited, and he spoke on a number of topics. Many good tips were received to assist in our genealogy research. Mr. Moore also had an impressive display of genealogy books to browse through and order if one wished.

The Campbell River club is to be commended. They have a very nice facility, and for such a new club have a very substantial library. We would like to extend our thanks to them for inviting us to this seminar.

Speaker at the April general meeting was Major Al Greenwood of Nanoose. Mr. Greenwood has been doing his own genealogy for fifty years and has written two books. He gave a very interesting talk and offered his assistance to anyone that may need a lead to carry on in their genealogy. One did not get the impression that he would carry on doing one's genealogy for them, but he is more than willing to give a tip, or supply an address or two where you might find the information you are looking for. He is especially knowledgeable in British research. He kindly gave his telephone number and invited anyone to call that may need such assistance. His number is 468-7476.

Klara Beck and Marj McLellan attended the genealogy seminar at Kamloops, May 7th to 9th.

KAMLOOPS FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

On Friday, May 7th, Marj McLellan and I left to take part in the three-day genealogical seminar entitled "Puzzles From the Past" put on by the Kamloops Family History Society and held at Cariboo College in Kamloops.

The program started at precisely 1:45 p.m. on Friday afternoon, and the schedule was strictly adhered to throughout which was really nice. The Kamloops group is to be commended on the fine job they did in putting this together. Apparently they had been planning and working on this for three years. They had two speakers who had come from England, and all the rest, I believe, came from at least as far away as Ontario. All of the speakers have published their own books on a variety of genealogical topics, and some have published more than one. They had other rooms set aside for displays by the Federation of Family History Societies, the Canadian Federation of Family History Societies, Genealogy Plus, Interlink, and Friesen Printers, the latter who specialize in publishing books and will give advice and assist you when it comes time to actually publish your family book.

At the wine and cheese reception the first evening, as well as meeting a number of fellow family historians, we also learned that three major mishaps had occurred which to that point everyone was unaware of. One of the main helpers for the seminar from the KFHS had fallen and broken her arm a few days prior, one of the main speakers from England, Mr. Ian Swinnerton, had been involved in a nasty accident a few days before and was unable to come, and one of the book displayers, Mr. Dick Moore from Ancestors Unlimited, who was one of the displayers, had to cancel as there had been an accident in his family. However, a replacement speaker was found who was very good, the helper carried on as best she could with her arm in a sling, and there were still ample displays to browse through to keep everyone occupied. But the Kamloops group should be doubly admired for being able to overcome these obstacles.

The topics offered were pertinent and varied, the speakers were very knowledgeable, and I learned a great deal. Marj and I attended different talks for the most part, but I must say that I enjoyed all the talks that I attended, and better yet, I think I learned enough to overcome some of the obstacles that I have come up against in my family research. Time will tell. If nothing else, these seminars give you the incentive and enthusiasm to carry on.

The speaker at the wine and cheese reception, Mr. George Pelling from the FFHS in England, spoke on the origin of nursery rhymes. I had expected that this would be something that I would not be too interested in hearing, but it turned out to be a great lesson in English history. Apparently most of the nursery rhymes that we learned as children got their origin from early English history. For instance, he asked us if someone told us that Humpty Dumpty drowned one of our ancestors, would we believe it. Apparently in early England, c. 1640 I believe, there was a small uprising against the King's army. The army designed a contraption, much like the Trojan horse idea, I assume, to roll down a hill and

across a little creek to get to the other side of this creek where the rebels were. This device was nicknamed Humpty Dumpty. The rebels, getting word of what was going on, snuck down at night and widened and the creek. When the device was set on its way down the hill, it sunk, and the soldiers were drowned, and as we know from the nursery rhyme, "all the King's horses, and all the King's men, couldn't put Humpty together again."

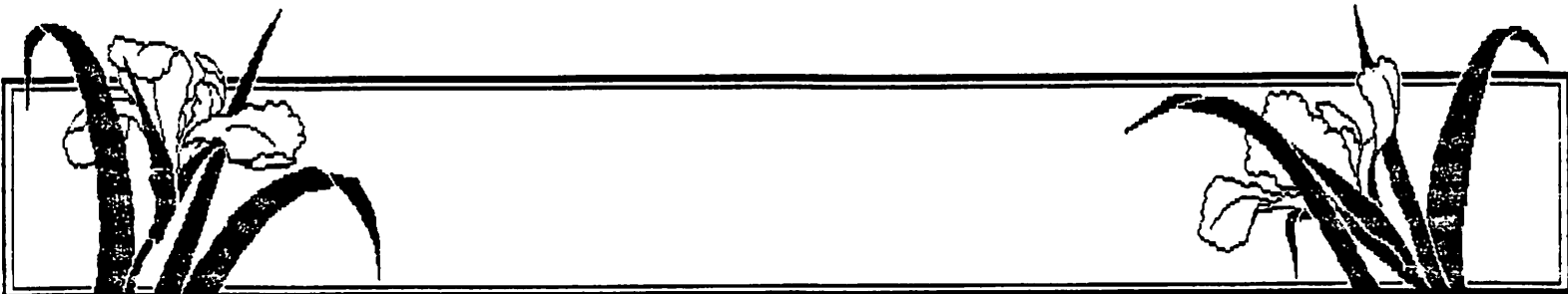
I found the hardest part of this seminar was deciding which talk to go to. They had three different talks going at all times, and the topics were so good that sometimes you wished you could go to all three. One of the highlights for me was on Saturday afternoon when I changed my mind at the last minute and decided that I would go to the talk on Scottish research rather than the English one. At the end of the class at question and answer period a lady asked a question on a surname that I was researching. After the class I tapped her on the shoulder and asked if she was researching that name in Renfrew County, Ontario, and she said she was. Then as we read each other's name tags, we realized that we sort of knew each other. She was from Spokane, Washington, and she and I have been writing back and forth on our findings on this surname since 1986!

Saturday night there was a banquet catered by the cooking class at the college, and I must say it was first-class. Needless to say, we sat with my pen-pal and her husband and caught up on all our news.

I was surprised that even though there were people attending this conference from Washington, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, the total attendance appeared to be in the area of only about one hundred to one hundred and twenty people. I've been to a few of these type of events in Washington state, and there are at least double that number attending there. With the quality of the speaker panel offered, the banquet and reception, the fine facilities it was held in, and the reasonable cost of this event to the participants, I don't know how the Kamloops group managed to finance this event. If you ever see one of these seminars occurring in an area near you, you should really consider attending. They are very worthwhile.

Klara Beck

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LDS LIBRARY - NEW TEMPORARY HOURS

If you wish to book time on the microfilm readers, or on the computer, you can do so during library hours on Mondays and Tuesdays, either in person, or by phoning the library at 758-1360. Please Note that the following are the new library hours which took effect March 3, 1991.

Mondays	10 am to 1 pm
Tuesdays	10 am to 1 pm & 6:30 to 9 pm
Wednesdays	11 am to 2 pm & 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Thursdays	10 am to 3:30 pm

MALASPINA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Library hours April 19 through September 6 are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, the library is closed Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory holidays. Please check with librarian re procedure for booking the photocopier microfilm readers. To verify library hours call the library at 741-8760.

LIBRARY REPORT

PERIODICALS RECEIVED SINCE LAST ISSUE;

Aberdeen & N.E. Scotland Family History Society - Feb 1993
 Aberdeen & N.E. Scotland Family History Society - membership list
 Yesterday's Footprints Alberta Genealogical Soc. April 1993
 British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia - 1992
 British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia - Spring 1993
 Cousins et cousines vol 15 no 3 & 4 - July through Dec 1992
 Cousins et cousines vol 16 no 1 - Jan, Feb, Mar. 1993
 Families-Ontario Genealogical Society vol 32 no 1 - February 1993
 North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record - Mar 1993
 North West Kent Family History vol 6 no 5 - April 1993
 Oregon Genealogical Society Quarterly vol 31 no 4 - Spring 1993
 Trail Breakers vol 19 no 3 - 1992-93
 The Treehouse vol 6 no 1 - Mar 1993
 The Newfoundland Ancestor vol 8 no 4 - Winter 1992
 Toronto Tree - March & April 1993
 Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter - March 1993
 Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter - April 1993
 Nottingham Family History Society vol 7 no 6 - Jan 1993
 Genealogical Bulletin no 17 - Jan, Feb, Mar. 1993
 Root Cellar Preserves Sacramento Genealogical Soc. - April 1993
 Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin vol 24 no 1 - Mar 1993
 Lost in Canada vol 17 no 1 - Winter 1992-93
 London Leaf, The London & Middlesex Ct.Br. OGS vol 20 #2 -May 93
 Tree Tracer vol 14 no 1 - March 1993
 The Tracer, Ontario Genealogical Soc. Reg. 2 - May 1993
 Je Me Souviens vol 15 no 2 - Fall 1992
 American-French Genealogical Society vol IV no 2 -Mar & Apr 1993

American-Canadian Genealogist vol 19 no 1 - Winter 1993
 Kindred Spirits vol XII iasue 1 - Feb 1993
 Connections vol 15 issue 3 - Mar 1993
 B.C.G.S. Newsletter Jan 1993 & Mar 1993
 B.C. Genealogist vol 22 no 1 - Mar 1993
 The Archivist vol 18 no 1 - Jan - June 1991
 vol 19 no 3 1992

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

-American French Geneological Society 1978 vol 16 no 1 - Spring 1993
 -Genealogical Research Directory National & International 1993

For Your Information -

1901 Census - The catalogue for the 1901 census is available in the local public library, and the census is at last available at the Cloverdale library. Something you might be interested in is that the date of birth and the number of years an emigrant has been in Canada are noted on this census. This should be a great help to a lot of us.

You may not be aware that there is a source of genealogical material on Vancouver Island. Interlink Bookshop and Genealogical Services is located at 3840-A Codboro Bay Road, Victoria, BC, V8N 4G2, (telephone 477-2708). There are a number of genealogical books, guides, maps and forms available. A list of holdings will be available for perusal at the next few meetings. The shop is tacked in behind some other stores, so it is a little hard to find, but if you don't wish to travel to Victoria, she will fill mail orders. The shop hours are a little irregular, so if you're planning on visiting the shop, phone first to make sure it will be open.

The Latter Day Saints Family History Library -

Many newcomers to genealogy may wonder just what is available at this library. Please be assured that because this library is found in a church it does not mean you have to be concerned about visiting there, or that you have to become a Mormon to use these facilities. Information on what is available at this library was included in the new member kit, but you really have to pay a visit to the library to appreciate what is there. The only thing you should remember is that you should know your ancestry back a few generations before visiting the LDS library as most of the information they have on file there is pre-1900. There is usually one of our club members there to assist you, and the

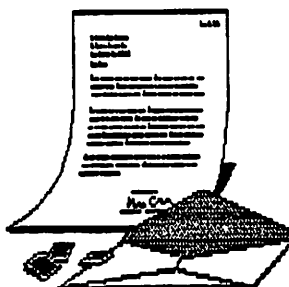
volunteers from the church are also willing to help; but please remember, all these people are volunteers, not professional librarians. There is no charge for the basic use of the facilities but if you wish to make a donation you are welcome to do so. They have a number of microfiche readers, three film readers, a computer, and a photocopier for copying either the fiche or film. There is a nominal fee for ordering films in for viewing. If you have not paid a visit to this centre you should try it. In Nanaimo, the church is located on Gleneagle Drive, directly behind Rock City Centre.

In December, 1992, the **NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR GENEALOGICAL Society's** building was completely destroyed by fire and, as a result, the majority of their records and publications were lost. Nanaimo Family History Society will be sending back issues of Ancestry to assist them in rebuilding their library. If any of our members have material they would like to donate to the Newfoundland & Labrador Genealogical Society, please forward it directly to the Society: Colonial Building, Military Road, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, A1C 2C9.

The Vancouver Island Military Museum Society president reported that he had received notification from the Chief Herald of Canada, Rideau Hall, Ottawa, that a coat of arms has been granted to their Society. This is the first coat of arms to be granted to a military museum by the new Canadian Heraldic Authority, previously they were granted by the College of Heralds in London, England. (The Vanc. Isl. Military Museum Soc. Newsletter - Edition No. 10)

!!! ALERT !!!

CENSUS MICROFILM EXPEDITORS of Salt Lake City, UT. began advertising in the Sept-Oct issue of the Genealogical Helper - whose personnel say there have been a number of complaints-- checks are cashed and no orders arrive. (Winneshiek County Genealogical Society vol VII no 4 - Spring 1993 - Leafy Branches, Hastings, NE vol 29 no 3.)



LOCATING YOUR ANCESTORS By Susan Latempa (from **ENDLESS VACATION** magazine - Mar/Apr 1993). It is possible to trace family history almost anywhere - here are some resources available:

DENMARK: Danes Worldwide Archives (Udvandrerarkiv), Ved Vor Frue Kirke, P.O. Box 1731 9100 Aalborg, Denmark. The Danish Tourist in New York will send an information sheet, "Tracing your Danish Ancestors and Relatives", which provides not only basic

genealogical information, but also tips on contacting relatives.

GERMANY: Between 1850 and 1914, German, Russian, Polish, and other Eastern European emigrants boarded ships in Hamburg, where from 1850, the Hamburg Association for the Protection of Emigrants fed, housed, and kept track of those departing. More than 5 million names (and ages, occupations, and home towns) are preserved on the lists at the Historic Emigration Office, Post of Hamburg, St. Pauli Landungsbruecken, 2000 Hamburg 1. For information, contact Hamburg North America Representation, 38 W. 32nd Street, Suite 1210, New York, NY 10001. You can also contact your nearest German consulate for a typed list of genealogical societies in Germany to aid your research.

NORWAY; "How to Trace Your Ancestors in Norway" is available from the Norwegian Information Service, 825 Third Avenue, 38th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND; To receive the booklet, "Tracing Your Ancestors" from the Irish Tourist Board, write to 757 Third Avenue, Suite 1901, New York, NY 10017.

SWEDEN; The Swedish Information Service publishes a booklet, "Tracing Your Swedish Ancestry." for a copy write the Swedish Information Service, One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

This was an interesting article and included other tidbits of information, I have just put the sources available here, most of the information was offered as "free" but I would expect that you would have to include a SASE or the funds to cover the return postage.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY Annual Genealogy and Family History Conference, August 4-6, 1993. BYU Conference Center - for information call - (801) 378-4853.

ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY presents - New Horizons on an Old World - Seminar 93. October 29th & 30th, 1993 at the MacEwen Student Centre, University of Calgary. For further information call Vonna McDonald - 256-9097.

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 9th Annual Conference. April 28 - May 1, 1994. Sponsored by Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, Washington, USA.

Excerpts from Richard Carr's Diary - (continued) -

submitted by Klara Beck

1846

July 6 - Left Oaxaca - distance 65 leagues - came through alone on horseback and with less difficulty than I anticipated from the description of the road that was given to me before I started. It is very bad in many places but still passable for a horse, but not for any other conveyance. The worst thing was the cross roads which I frequently came to and did not know which to take, and often no house for a league or two, but on the shore was very fortunate, as I did not go wrong but 2 or 3 times and then no great distance. The accommodation on the road is very bad. I could not procure even a mat to sleep on at night. I got plenty for my horse to eat but very little for myself. Very few of the houses contain a chair or table and a fork or spoon is out the the question - their fingers answer all purposes. For the last 6 leagues the road is good - it is through a delightful valley, well cultivated and thickly settled, presenting a vast difference to the other parts of the country. Oaxaca is situated in a large valley between the mountains, contains 30,000 inhabitants, is a rich city, but was formerly mch more so. The city is well built - the houses cover a large space of ground, as for the most part they consist of only the ground floor. The walls are of unburnt brick, plastered and white-washed giving them a neat appearance. There is a fine cathedral and about 30 other Catholic churches, many of them fine buildings and richly decorated inside. I tried to ascertain the number of priests in the city, but did not become acquainted with any one that could give me that information - there must be some hundreds of them. As is well known, they are not allowed to marry, but I was several times employed to take the likeness of females that they told me was their sister, or neice, but have afterwards been told by others it was their sweethearts or children. Most of them keep a woman - it is no secret nor are they thought any the worse of. There are two English houses established here. I had a letter of introduction to Mr. Times who keeps one of them. He assisted me in procuring rooms, etc. which is a great advantage to me for as yet I speaak but little Spanish. In the valley around here they raise large quantities of COCHINEAL which is exported, principally to England (a red dye prepared from the dried bodies of a tropical insect).

JULY 14 - Engaged rooms in the house of a Pole - have 3 furnished rooms in the best part of the city - rent \$6.00 per month.

August 18 - Moved to No. 6 Cale del Correos.

November 9 - 10 1/2 am - Left Oaxaca for Campeche in Yucatan, having disposed of all my cases and plates - am not able to buy andy in this country - nor can I import andy on account of the blockade. I fine it necessary to undertake this long journey - a 3 pm got to Tlactalula, distance 7 leagues. Here I find a good meson or inn, a most unusual thing and the last I expect to see for some time.

November 10 - Today came 10 leagues to the village of Totolapa, the last 5 leagues over mountains. Every little distance came to cross roads which bothered me enough, but was fortunate enough to keep in the right one. Put up at a private house - fared tolerable well. My dinner of fried meat and eggs cost only 9 cents.

November 11 - Started about six - road very bad and narrow - a continuation of mountains the whole distance. I was told before starting that I had but 1 to cross - if it is but one it is 14 leagues across. At 5 1/2 pm got to St. Carlos - stopped at the casa real - this is a house provided by the government for the use of travellers free of expense.

November 12 - Road same as yesterday; sometimes on the edge of mountains, at other times through ravines, with rocks some hundred feet high on either side. Stopped for the night at St. Bartolo at the casa real - distance 8 leagues. Could not get anything to eat but hard boiled eggs or dried beef with corn bread. It is a large village but there is neither milk chocolate or anything of the sort to be got - fortunately I am not hungry.

November 13 - Started at 5 1/2 am, after riding 6 hours got to a farm house called Las Bacas. The casa real here is a large empty mud house. The only furniture it contains is a long bench about 8 inches wide on which I laid down, but was not able to balance myself - rolled off onto the floor so have concluded to sleep on the latter, which is as diety as it can be. In the farm house I have been able to get what I want to eat, and they give me some encouragement for they say the road is much better tomorrow. The last 25 leagues has been very bad - a continuation of mountains. The path is so narrow that when I met mules going the other way with cargoes I have had to stop in some place where it was a little wider till they passed.

November 14 - Got to Tequisistlan, distance 8 leagues. This is a large village composed of huts built of cane and thatched with a kind of grass. The casa real as is generally the case, forms part of the court house. This happens to be a very good one; one of the constables, or whatever he is, has provided me with a very good dinner and prepared a cane bed for me which is a luxury I cannot obtain every day. It is made of long canes tied together and placed on two benches. I find it very comfortable after sleeping on the floor or a hard board for some nights past. These houses, bad as they are, are a great accommodation in a country like this where there are no taverns - they are free to all travellers. There are generally Indians about them who appear to be a sort of constables - they are very attentive - take your horse, bring your meals to you, or do any little thing you may require, and I have always found them very honest. Persons travelling usually carry a camp bed and provisions with them on a mule. When they arrive at these places their servant lights a fire and cooks what they want. A few nights back I tied my horse to the end of the kitchen. When I went to him in the morning I found he had pulled one side of it down. I mounted and was off as soon as possible for fear I should have to pay for the damages.

November 15 - Before starting I was told there was a farm house on my road 8 leagues from Tequisistlan, so I got a cup of chocolate and intended to breakfast at the said house, but to my disappointment, I did not see a house or cultivated land till I got to Tehuantepec, a distance of 14 leagues. It was four o'clock when I arrived. A gentleman to whom I had a letter, procured a room for me. I asked for dinner, but was told it was too late in the day - finally procured a cup of chocolate with bread which had to serve me till next day. Tehuantepec contains 3 or 4 thousand inhabitants, but like the other places I have passed through since I left Oaxaca, the inhabitants are most all Indians. I shall have to remain here some days, that is until my things arrive by the mules and I have an opportunity of forwarding them on again.

The females here are somewhat celebrated for their beauty - they are unusually tall and very fine figures, but the usual Indian copper color. They are to be seen bathing in the river which runs through the middle of the town - at all hours of the day entirely naked - have several times seen as many as 20 or 30 females bathing at the same time, with men passing close to them, but they take no notice of each other or pass any remark. It is the custom of the place, and perhaps not a bad one. It appears strange to a foreigner at first, but I find he soon becomes accustomed to it. Their dress is very simple consisting of a woolen cloth petticoat bound round the waist, and a short coloured shift - it does not usually reach the band of the petticoat. These two articles constitute their whole dress. When they are doing anything they take off the shift, leaving the upper part of the body bare. When washing clothes at the river they strip altogether, sit partly in the river and throw one end of whatever they are washing across their lap. There are very few men to be seen. I am told they are concealed in the mountains to escape being taken for soldiers. My landlady is obliging, but I cannot praise her cooking or her cleanliness, but should have a hard matter to get better.

November 25 - Left Tehuantepec. For the first three days I had a good road for the most part through prairies. The land appeared excellent but very little cultivated, and but few houses to be seen.

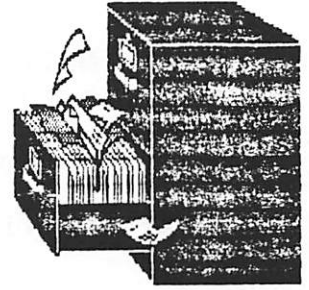
November 28 - Today I had to cross a very high mountain. It is the most precipitous I have yet passed - the road not two feet wide in many places. If your horse should slip you would have to fall some hundreds of feet. No one attempts to cross it when the wind is very high. In ascending there is a very extensive view of the valley below and the Pacific Ocean. The latter is 5 leagues distant, but does not appear over one. After I had descended the opposite side I came to a small farm where I stayed for the night. All the eatibles I could procure was a few tortillas and two boiled eggs - scant fare after a long ride.

November 29 - Rode 11 leagues - passed 4 or 5 large farms - stopped at one for the night called Zapote. The owner is an old bachelor. He was extremely kind to me - had chocolate made for me as soon as I arrived - supper in the evening, and chocolate the following morning - for all of which he would take no pay.

November 30 - Got to Osaqualca, distance 12 leagues. An old gent invited me to spend the night at his house. He gave me an excellent supper and chocolate in the morning. Like my friend of the night before, he would take no pay.

December 1 - Arrived in Tustla (sic). Here I shall have to wait til the arriero arrives with my trunks and I have an opportunity of forwarding them on again. I had a letter of introduction to a gentleman here. He has very kindly provided me with a room in his house. Tustla is a city, but a very small one. It contains probably 4 or 5 thousand inhabitants - is very well laid out and the streets are kept very clean. The temperature is delightful and the land fertile, but the inhabitants are too lazy to cultivate it.

We will leave Richard here for the summer, and continue his journey again in the next issue.



ODDS AND ENDS

I think this is where I belong right now - but here it is my first newsletter for the Nanaimo Family History Society, hopefully I have not made too many errors and have been able to give you some helpful information. I would like to THANK Klara for all her help, as well as Peter McIntyre, Marj. McLellan, Sharon Davison and Leona Dettwiler for their contribution of information. I know I've possibly missed something - but look at it this way - I'll have something for the next newsletter in September.

I have become more aware of the value of "History" and the sharing of information since I became a member of N.F.H.S. and in the last few days found out what - ctrl u, ctrl b and a number of other things this computer (the wonder machine you need papers to run) can do.

If anyone has articles, information or something of interest to share with our members, please call me at 758-7478.

Thank you, Dianne

'OCCUPSYSHUN--CENCUS TAKER. " I am a cencus takers for the city of Bufflow. Our City has groan very fast in resenent years & now in 1865, it has become hard & time consuming job to count all the peephill. There are not many that can do this werk, and as it is cesessarie to have an ejucashun, wich a lot of pursons still do not have. Another atributeart needed for this job is good spelling, for meny of the pepill to be counted can hardly speek inglish, let alon spel there names!" ' (I swear this is not my typing - - it was really printed this way.jbh)"
A certain degree of sympathy is extended to my contemporary in the States - but don't we all have a tussle with the Census?)

Nottingham FHS Journal, Sept. 1982.

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The following was a response to an editorial by an editor of the Quebec Gazette in which he was very flattering to the young ladies of Quebec City. He received a lot of proposal and here is his answer

"Alas fair dames, your hopes are vain,
My harp has lost the enchanting strain,
Its lightness would my age reprove,
My hairs are grey, my limbs are old
My heart is dead, my veins are cold.
I may not, must not, sing of love.

Submitted by Ernie Smith

GRAVE MATTERS - A curious collection of 500 actual Epitaphs - by E.R. Shushan.

I found some of these epitaphs to be rather interesting -

Charity Bligh CHARITY, wife of GIDEON BLIGH
Underneath this stone doth lie
Naught was she e'er known to do
That her husband told her to.
Devonshire, England
c. 1650

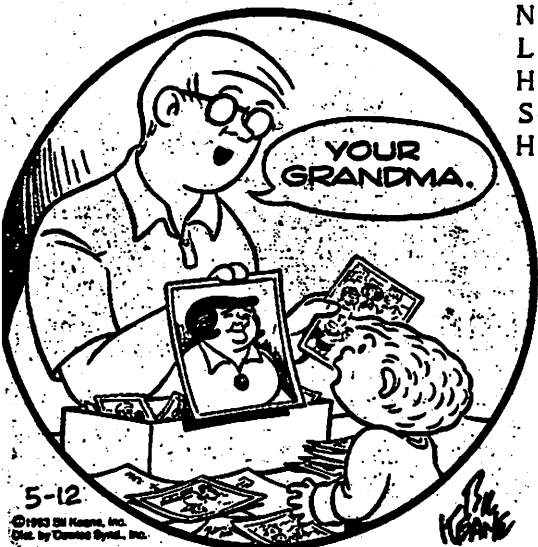
JOSEPH SEWELL Here lies the body of Joe Sewell,
Who to his wife was very cruel
And likewise to his brother Tom,
As any man in Christendom.
This is all I'll say of Joe,
There he lies and let him go.
Great Cornard, England
c. 1800

ANN HUGHES Who far beneath this tomb doth rest,
Has joined the army of the blest.
The Lord had ta'en her to the sky:
The Saints rejoice--and so do I.
Cherening-le-Clay, England
c. 1750

JOHN MOLE Beneath this cold stone
Lies a son of the Earth;
His story is short,
Though we date from his birth;
His mind was as gross
As his body was big;
He drank like a fish,
And he ate like a pig.
No cares of religion,
Of wedlock, or state,
Did e'er, for a moment,
Encumber John's pate:
He sat, or he walk'd
But his walk was creeping,
Without foe, without friend,
Unnotic'd he died;
Not a single soul laugh'd
Not a single soul cried.
Like his four-footed namesake,
He dearly lov'd earth,
So the sexton has cover'd
His body with turf.

Worcester, England
1756

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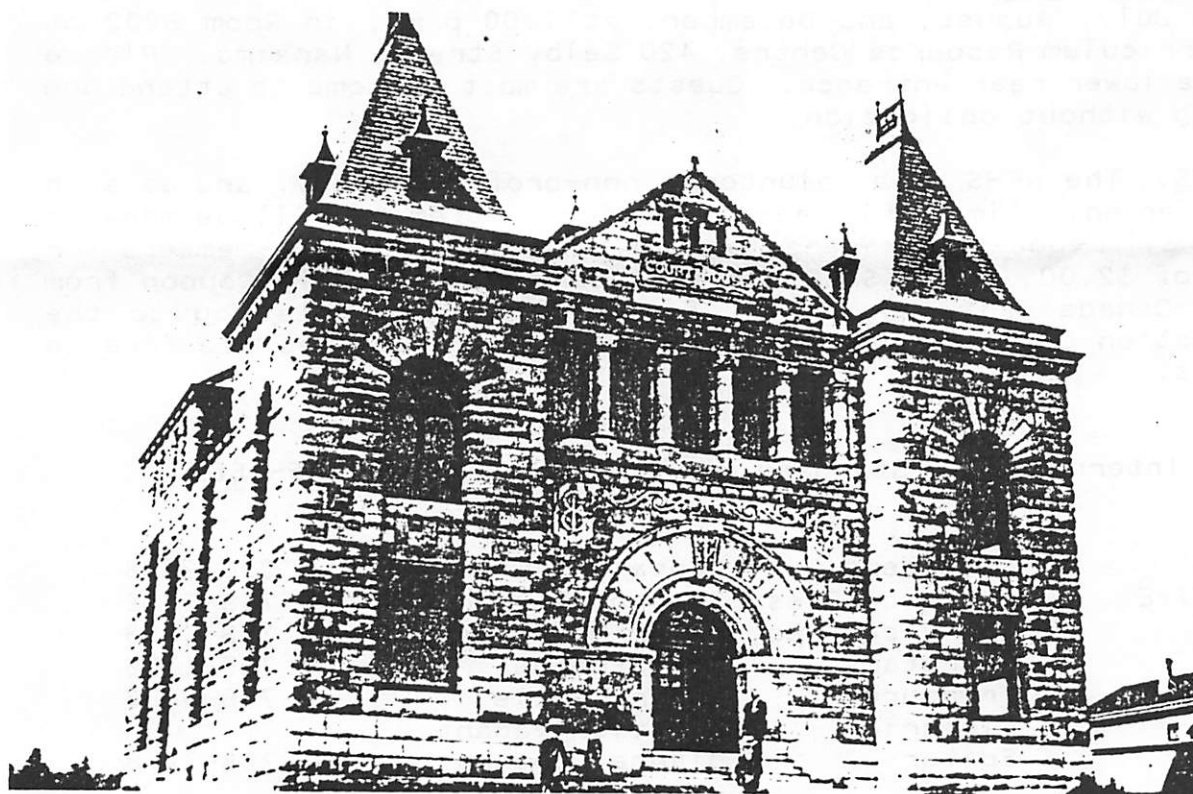


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Court House—a Rattenbury building made from Newcastle Island stone - c. 1895

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Presidents Message

HELLO again, it will soon be time to start our monthly meetings. I hope everyone has had a great summer and will have some very interesting things to tell us at the September 16 meeting.

Leona

Dates to Remember

September 4 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm
 September 7 - LDS LIBRARY reopens
 September 16 - GENERAL MEETING, 7 pm
 September 21 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm
 October 2 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm
 October 16 - BEGINNER'S SEMINAR - Beban Park
 October 19 - CANCELLED LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's
 October 21 - GENERAL MEETING, 7 pm
 November 6 - WOODGROVE CHARITY BAZAAR
 November 6 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 10 am - 1 pm
 November 16 - LIBRARY DAY, Marj McLellan's, 11 am - 3 pm
 November 18 - GENERAL MEETING, 7 pm

September 16 - General Meeting -

"FAMILY REUNIONS, VACATIONS & SUCCESS STORIES"

This will be an opportunity for members to share stories and events that occurred this past summer. If you have made an exciting discovery, attended a family reunion or did research in some "exciting" locals, please come and share your stories with us.

Nina Solbodian, Director of LDS Family History Center will also give a short talk.

October 21 - General Meeting -

"MANORIAL RECORDS IN GREAT BRITAIN"

Margaret Feky, from the Duncan Family History Society, has kindly offered to share her knowledge on the relatively unknown resources of Manorial records. Margaret delivers her talk in a simple and easy to understand manner which will get members interested in exploring this avenue of research.



November 6 - Woodgrove Charity Bazaar

Volunteers will be required, also if you have any items eg. baking, preserves, crafts, books etc. that you would like to donate for this worthy cause please contact Leona Dettwiler at 390-2288.

November 18 - General Meeting

"ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS"

Due to the popularity of his session last year, we have decided to hold "round table discussions" once more. We hope to have volunteers from our club lead discussions on research in Canada, the United States, England, Ireland, and Scotland. This is your opportunity to ask all those questions you have been saving up and to learn some new research techniques.

December - "Christmas Party"

As usual, we will be having our annual Christmas Party. Members will be asked to bring refreshments to our Potluck Dinner. Details will be forthcoming at future meetings with regard to the date for this event.

New Members

Remember quests are welcome to attend one meeting with no obligation to join, so if you know of anyone with an interest remind them of our meeting time and date.

Club News

Our sympathy goes out to Ralph Vernon on the passing of his wife Jessie. Jessie will be missed, she was a gentle person with a cheerful manner and was a valuable member of our group.

Sue Castle hopefully had a better end to her summer than a beginning, her husband had heart surgery, and her son broke his arm.

Celebrating an anniversary were Peggy and Len Nicholls, who also had visitors from Brazil.

Jean Jenkinson's daughter and grandsons have moved here from England.



IDS LIBRARY

Open September 7 - hours will be:

Mondays	10 am to 1 pm
Tuesdays	10 am to 3 pm and 6:30 to 9 pm
Wednesdays	11 am to 2 pm
Thursdays	10 am to 3:30 pm

If you wish to book time on the microfilm readers, or on the computer, you can do so during library hours on Mondays and Tuesdays, either in person, or by phoning the library at 758-1360.

Helpers are required, if you can help with any of the times listed below please call Leona Dettwiler at 390-2288.

--Monday 10 am to 1 pm to alternate with Marie Mitchell (756-2626)

--Tuesday 1 pm to 3 pm

--the first Thursday of each month 1 pm to 3:30 pm.

MALASPINA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Library hours September 7 thru December 23, 1993 are:

Monday thru Thursday	8 am to 10 pm
Friday	8 am to 5 pm
Saturday and Sunday	12 pm to 5 pm

excluding statutory holidays.

Please check with librarian re procedure for booking the photocopier microfilm readers. To verify library hours call the Library at 741-8760.

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LIBRARY REPORT

PERIODICALS RECEIVED SINCE LAST ISSUE:

We have received the latest issue of all of our regular periodicals and newsletters that we exchange with other clubs from other parts of Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

Journal, Victoria Genealogical Society, May/93
 Families, Ontario Genealogical Society, May/93
 Newsleaf, Ontario Genealogical Society, May/93
 Hamilton Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, May/93
 Tree Tracer, Prince George Family History Society,
 Toronto Tree, Ontario Genealogical Society, May/June/93
 Toronto Tree, Ontario Genealogical Society, July/Aug/93
 Families, Ontario Genealogical Society, No. 3, August/93



Whew! I'm all hugged out

Newsleaf, Ontario Genealogical Society, August/93
Connections, The Quebec Family History Society, June/93

North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record, June 1993
American-Canadian Genealogist, Number 57, summer 1993
Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter, June/93
Ancestors WEST, Santa Barbara County Gen. Soc., summer/93
Root Cellar Preserves, Sacramento Gen. Soc., July /93

The Hampshire Family Historian, Hampshire Gen. Soc., August/93
North West Kent Family History, vol. 6 no. 6, July/93
Nottinghamshire Family History Society, vol. 7 no.7, April/93

New in Fitzwilliam St. Library -

COCKPIT OF EUROPE by Howard Green (call # 914)

A guide to the Battlefields of Belgium and France with locations of some cemeteries of W.W.I, also battlefields from 1700 era.

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS; The Complete Guide by John Grenham (call # 929.1)

NOTE; Joan Blair has a book called, "First Fifty Years 1890-1940" Vancouver High Schools. It contains names of students, teachers, principals, also names of students who were in the 1st. World War and ones who died then. If anyone would like to look at this book Joan will bring it to the September meeting.



For Your Information

Cloverdale Library is holding its annual Open House on Saturday, October 23rd, from 10 am to 4 pm.

The B.C. Genealogy Society will be holding an Open House at its library on Saturday, November 13th, from 11 am to 5 pm. The library is located at the corner of Cambie and 8th Avenue, right across 8th Avenue from McDonalds. The Society invites all interested persons to attend.

The Vancouver Public Library at Burrard and Robson has microfilm of nearly all of the Canadian census including 1901. Library hours are 10 am to 9 pm Monday to Thursday, and 10 am to 6 pm Friday and Saturday. The library is also open on Sundays in the Fall. Unfortunately, photocopies are 40 cents each, so it might be an idea to bring census forms to copy the information by hand if you have very many entries that you're looking at. For Island folks this could be a less expensive alternative to visiting the Cloverdale Library as you could travel to Horseshoe Bay as a foot passenger and get the West Vancouver bus for \$1.50 (\$2.25 at peak hours) which will drop you off a block from the library.

Historical Census Figures ('BRITANNIA' magazine July/August/93)

A newly-published volume of historical census statistics for Britain shows there were 54.16 million people in the country in 1991, compared with 10.50 million in 1801 (year of the first census) and 33.03 million in 1891. The publication, "1991 Census: Historical Tables," also says the region with the greatest population growth in the last 100 years was the East Midlands of England which went from 1.98 million to 3.92 million. The smallest population increase was in Scotland which went from 4.03 million to 4.96 million. The study also reveals that a higher proportion of people are married today than in the last century. Almost 60 percent of people over 16 are married in 1991 as compared with 53 per cent in 1891. Only 31 per cent are single - the balance being widowed or divorced - compared with 41 per cent in 1891. The new figures contradict the concern over the decline of marriage and the number of people living alone, trends often wrongly assumed to be running at a historic high.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

American-Canadian Genealogical Society -
Fall Conference and 20-year Celebration October 1-2-3, 1993
 St. Anselm College-Goffstown, NH

Queries !

BATTISON/COCHRAN/COCHRANE/LA FRANCHISE/EVANS

Looking for any information on Francis Battison, son of William James Battison and Anne Therese La Franchise, who married Melissa Ruth Cochran, daughter of Daniel Webster Cochran and Elizabeth Ann Evans. All are believed to be from Nanaimo and lived in the Nanaimo area from at least 1890 to the early 1900s. Melissa Ruth Cochran was born in Nanaimo October 30, 1890, and it is believed Francis Battison was born ca. 1884, but place of birth is not known. One child, Frances Ruth Battison was born in Nanaimo January 4, 1912. There was also a son, Fred, d.o.b. unknown. It is believed that Francis Battison died in 1917 and that he is buried in Nanaimo. Melissa Ruth (Cochran) Battison then married a W.B. Bryant, who died in 1968. She died in Richmond, June 19, 1985, and her obituary said that she had been a member of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 3 of Nanaimo for over 60 years. Need marriage date for Francis and Melissa and any information on their parents. Anyone with information on any of the above-mentioned persons, it would be appreciated if you could forward it to:

Mrs. Mary Sweetman
 #204 3620 Fillmore St.
 San Francisco, CA 94123
 USA



ODDS AND ENDS

GETTING BACK TO YOUR ROOTS; (Vancouver Sun - August 1993)

Ecologists in northern England plan to open a Forest of the Dead, where bodies will be buried under trees to help the soil, instead of being wasted in crematoriums or cemeteries. An art gallery manager who is behind the scheme, Jeremy Ribton from Leeds, said customers could choose their tree in advance and a choice of wild flowers would be sown above them. They could also choose a commemorative marker in the shape of a mushroom. "It would be of glass, wood or possibly brass, with a small handle for people to lift the cap and see the deceased person's name and details inside," Ribton said.

PLEASE NOTE:

The deadline for your December newsletter is December 1, 1993.

I would appreciate any information, that you would like to share with other members. Please call 758-7478 or drop off at my home 2490 Labieux Rd., Nanaimo, (corner of Labieux and Shenton Rds.)

Thank you, Dianne



Excerpts from Richard Carr's Diary - continued

submitted by Klara Beck

1846

December 4 - Left Tustla and returned to Osaqualka. Had to wait there til the 8th for horses to convey my trunks to Quochulo, which is on the Tobasco River. From there I intend to send them to Tobasco in a conoe.

December 8 - Left Osaqualka, having previously engaged an Indian to go with me as a guide and carry my provisions as provisions cannot always be obtained on the road. The inhabitants are nothing but Indians for some distance, and do not understand Spanish. My guide speaks both languages. His agreement is to go with me on foot for 60 leagues and find himself for \$3 1/2 - for the first 12 leagues there is no house - the road is the worst I have yet seen. For the most part it is rocky with mud between 2 to 3 feet deep. Came 6 leagues and encamped in the woods.

December 9 - Got to Quechulo.

December 11 - Having arranged for the taking of my things to Tobasco, I left Quochulo about noon. In the evening got to an Indian town called Tapatan, distance 5 leagues. Here are the ruins of a large convent and 2 or 3 churches from which I should suppose it to have been a large flourishing place in the time of the Spanish government. One of the churches is still entire with the exception of the roof and the inhabitants are too lazy or too poor to repair that. A single room now supplies the place of church. I put up at the house of the priest. He was extremely kind. He not only provided me with a supper and bed, but insisted on my taking a fowl that he had roasted, and some bread with me on the following morning, it being 12 leagues to the next house.

December 12 - Had very bad road, and rain all day. Came 6 leagues and encamped under a shed put up in the woods by the Indians for that purpose. This morning passed a sulphur spring - it flows from the side of a hill into a large basin and afterwards forms a creek. The water was so hot I could but just bear my hand in it and the air is impregnated with sulphur for some distance. Saw several monkeys today in the trees. They passed from the boughs of one tree to another with astonishing rapidity. As they heard me coming along they would run into the tops of the highest trees that hung over the road, and there sit and look at me, apparently anxious to know what my business was.

December 13 - Got to Madalena.

December 14 - Slept at a small Indian village, distance 10 leagues. For the last 24 leagues the inhabitants are altogether Indians - very rarely any traveller passes this way. Those going to Tobasco go in a canoe down the river, but as I had my horse and could not sell it, it was necessary for me to come this way. The Indians travel altogether on foot and carry immense loads. In fact the road is so bad that it is much safer and less fatiguing on foot than on horseback. My guide could travel much faster than I could. The Indians about here have no horses or domestic animals except pigs. When I met any of them in the road, they gave my horse as much room as they well could, being entirely unaccustomed to horses.

December 15 - Soon after starting we came to the Tobasco River - had to cross it twice in a canoe and swim the horse across. The road for the rest of the distance is along the bank of the river, level and pretty good. Slept at a Hacienda.

December 16 - Passed through St. Antonio-de las-Naranjas - slept at a Hacienda - distance 10 leagues. For some days past have had an abundance of oranges.

The trees grow by the side of the road. They are of a very good quality but so plentiful that they lay under the trees rotting - there is no sale for them. Everybody helps themselves to as many as they like. Since I crossed the river I find the country thickly settled. Cocoa, the fruit from which chocolate is made, is extensively cultivated.

December 18 - Arrived in Tobasco - dis. 3 leagues. This is a small city. It contains about 4,000 inhabitants - is situated on the river of the same name, 25 leagues from the sea. The river is navigable for schooners up to the city, but at the present time is blockaded by the American fleet. About six weeks back they attacked the city - fired at it for two or three hours, damaging the houses a good deal. They then took what few small vessels there were and retired to the mouth of the river. Intending to go the rest of my journey by water. Sold my horse for \$40.

December 25 - Left Tobasco in a canoe for Palisado. Descended the Tobasco for 18 leagues and went up another river.

December 26 - Arrived in Palisado, dis. 45 leagues. This is a large village. It contains no Church at present, but there is a new one being built. The priest at present officiates in one of the principal streets which is roofed over for that purpose, and the pulpit placed on the foot path. On each side is a grog shop and billiard room. The priest appears to be a great favourite. I stayed a day at his house. He was very kind,. Large quantities of logwood are exported from here in time of peace, but on account of the war, the price has fallen from 75 cents to 25. This is the first village on entering the Yucatan.

December 27 - 3 1/2 PM - Left for Laguna in another canoe.

December 28 - 10 AM - Arrived in Laguna, distance 18 leagues. A fellow passenger introduced me to the English counsel, Mr. Johnson. He is a mulatto but very much respected. I had breakfast with him. Afterwards, with some difficulty, procured a boarding house at \$1/25 per day. This place at the present time is occupied by the Americans - they took possession of it a short time back - spiked the cannon at the forts and sent what small garrison there was to Campeachy, the population is about 5,000 including many foreigners.

1847

January 4 - Left Laguna for Campeachy in a small schooner.

January 6 - Arrived in Campeachy. Here I was able to obtain a small supply of Daguerrotype articles such as I stood most in need of. Commenced taking portraits - in the mean time sent to the United States for a further supply intending to wait here til they arrived.

February 13 - Wrote to Samuel. Campeachy is the principal port in Yucatan. The town is surrounded by a wall 30 feet high, is well fortified, contains about 25,000 inhabitants including the suburbs. Business is very bad at the present on account of the Mexican ports being all blockaded and their own ports pretty much the same.

April 22 - Left Campeachy in the Brig Meridain for New Orleans, but to stop at Sisal first to take in cargo. I have been in Campeachy 3 1/2 months, doing but very little - scarcely paid expenses, but have been waiting to receive things from New Orleans - they have not arrived and have come to the conclusion the best way is to go after them.

April 25 - Got to Sisal, took in a cargo of hats, henequen and sacks.

April 27 - Left Sisal.

May 8 - Arrived in New Orleans...

May 17 - Left New Orleans in schooner Aparecado for Sisal.

Nanaimo Family History Society

Beginner's Seminar

Saturday, October 16, 1993

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BEGINNER'S SEMINAR

On Saturday, October 16, 1993, our Society is sponsoring a Seminar for Beginners in genealogy. Even if you have been working at the Family Tree for awhile you will probably come away with new insights.

PAUL SHAW will introduce and explain the Nanaimo Latter Day Saints Genealogical Library. As a long time volunteer there, he has a thorough knowledge of the materials available including microfilm, microfiche, computer and other sources.

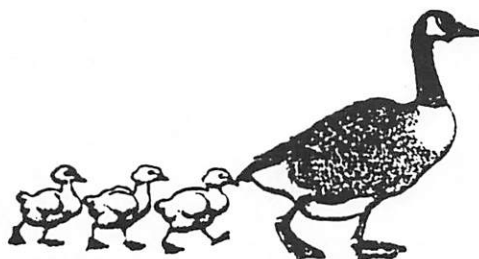
In the afternoon Sherry Irvine will speak on other sources and how to gain access to family history information. Sherry is from the Interlink Bookshop and Genealogical Services in Victoria and she will have with her a number of publications for display and sale, including her own newly published book for beginners.

Both speakers invite questions.

The Seminar runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in ROOM 8 at BEBAN PARK. The cost is \$5.00 which includes a light lunch. Attendance is limited to fifty (50). To ensure a place, send your name and address along with the registration fee to:

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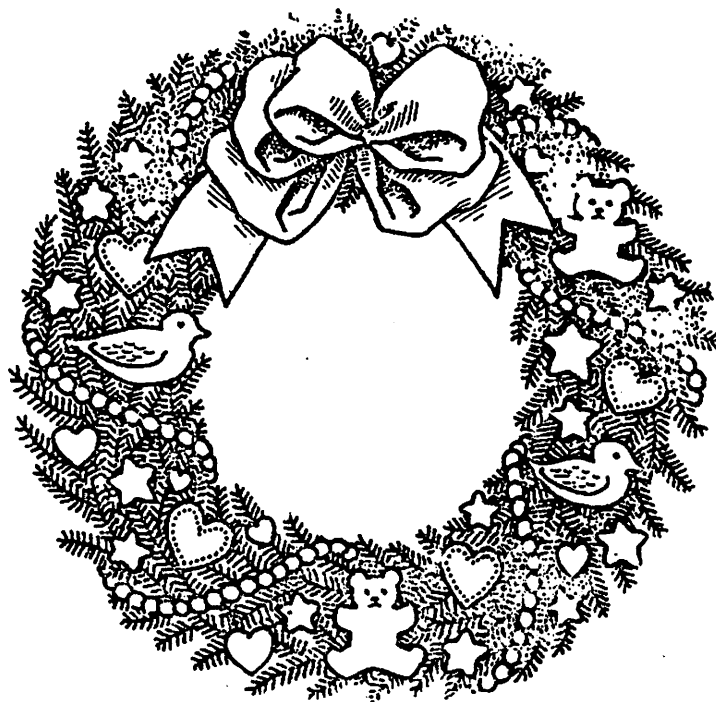
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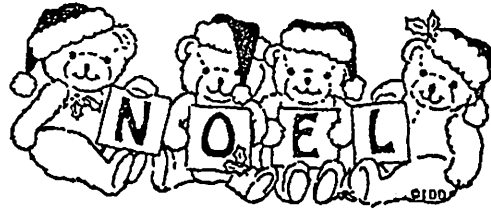
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Presidents Message:

Here it is again time for our Newsletter ANCESTREE. I feel that we have had very good Seminars and excellent speakers to date, however the executive is not getting feedback on these functions. Your executive can only do so much for the club. We have members of the executive that are doing everything and I wish to thank them. I realize that we are not a money society, but we do have to have money for speakers, rent and most of all books for our Library. I am a little disappointed that we do not get bigger turnouts to meetings and seminars or volunteers to help. The time is fast approaching for next years executive to be nominated. Do talk to the ones you would like to hold office. I will be appointing members to be in charge of this. I am looking forward to a great Christmas get together, and hoping to see all of our members.---

Leona Dettwiler



Dates to Remember

Christmas is coming, and so is our CHRISTMAS social and Pot Luck Dinner, don't forget to mark your calendar, Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. set up at 5:30 p.m. for those that would like to help.

Bring along one of your favourite appetizers and join us for an enjoyable evening. Please remember we do not have kitchen facilities so we cannot keep food hot. There will be no regular meeting in December.

We would like each member to bring along a donation of canned food, or a non-perisable food item which will be given to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer fund.

January 20 / General Meeting

Kay Warn, a longtime member of our Society, will be speaking on research in the United States. Kay has done extensive research in the United States and should be able to provide us with some interesting pointers and research sources.

February 17 / General Meeting

Do you have an old watch that was your great grandfather's? A silk fan from the Orient that was your great, great grandmother's? An interesting item from your family that has a great story behind it?? If so, bring your piece of family memorabilia to our February meeting and share the story with us!

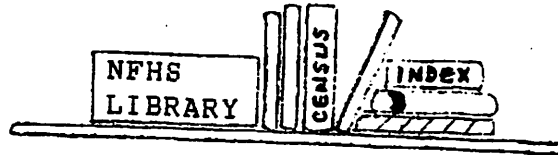
March 17 / General Meeting

Election time once again! Come and attend this meeting and ensure we elect a full slate of officers for the next year. Please

consider allowing your name to be nominated for one of the offices (or feel free to step forward and volunteer!). You will find it rewarding to become involved in our club, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the availability of resources and the opportunities there are for furthering your own research.

After the election of officers, we will be reading a selection of stories entered in our short story contest, which you will see advertised in this edition of our newsletter.

LIBRARY DAYS;



Marj McLellan will have the library open, the first Saturday of each month from 10 am to 1 pm and the third Tuesday of each month from 11 am to 3 pm.

Welcome to New Members

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Club News

A very interesting meeting was held in September -- FAMILY REUNIONS, VACATIONS & SUCCESS STORIES. Several of our members shared some interesting facts with us: Val Fort's friend had a rather exciting find in an old trunk, family papers etc. that we all would like to find, Joan Blair met some relatives on her trip to England, William Lee found some unknown relatives in Ontario, Ron Zinck travelled across Canada and found a whole community that were relatives, Ken Joubert went to a family reunion in Vernon and met many relatives on both sides of his family, as well as catching up on the more recent additions to the familys and Syd Norman (new member) gave us some insight into his search for his very mysterious (and obviously mischevious) father. All in all it was a very enjoyable and inspiring meeting. This sharing of information also reminded us that by writing letters etc. to what might seem "the last hope" sometimes proves out to be the "best source", also don't forget that you can put "Quiries" in our newsletter as well as other newsletters from the many different Geneology Societys across Canada, the USA, Great Britain etc.

The N.F.H.S. Seminar for beginners in genealogy provided a wealth of detail for those embarking on their searches. Paul Shaw ran those present through the intricacies of fiche, film and computer available at the L.D.S. facility, using printed copies of various sources to illustrate his points. Sherry Irvine spoke on "Strategies for 19th Century Genealogy", emphasizing elements such as record keeping to ease the confusion which detail can create.

Our October meeting was another very interesting and informative meeting with Margaret Feky of Duncan as the speaker. Margaret gave some insight into Manorial Records where to find them, how to use them, and what to expect from them.

The November meeting again was very helpful and interesting, with several of our members sharing their knowledge and research information in a round table discussion set up in their area of expertise.

Please note: if there is any topic or speaker which you could suggest for a future seminar let any member of the executive know so a start can be made on planning.

The Bazaar held at Woodgrove Mall November 6, was a success (we could have used more baking or preserves). The lucky winner of the Quilt and Pillow was Jean Passmore. Thank you Leona for donating these items for the raffle.



Share The Wealth



Genealogy research often turns up fascinating information which seldom gets wider publicity. To encourage you to share some of the gems which may have surfaced during your work on the family tree, the N.F.H.S. is pleased to announce a contest.

Have you come across an incident, event, or relationship which you are particularly proud, or which your long-deceased relative would not have wanted reported in the papers? Something which illustrates particular courage, or devotion, or which might bring a tear to the eye? We want to hear about it.

Please write it down in 500 words or less, add your name and give it to a member of the executive by the February general meeting at the latest. The executive will announce the winners (and the prizes) at the March meeting, and you may even see your submission in print in a future issue of Ancestry.

The emphasis is on the story and the sharing of it, brief as it may be, so don't be shy and don't leave it until tomorrow. Sharpen that pencil and let us hear from you by the February meeting. If you have more than one story to tell, please use a separate page for each.

For Your Information

WOMEN AND LAND DOMINANCE (submitted by Margaret Feky, U.E.)

For those following land interests in their English studies it must be emphasized the importance of women connected with land. Women definitely inherited land. Land that could be as insignificant as that of a small field on a manor, to that of large estates. Women, living on a manor who had inherited land and then married men from other manors would see their land being transferred to the manor of her husband. However, if she married a man from a manor with similar customs to that of hers, then she would have a say, to some extent, as to what would happen to this land. She had to follow ancient customs of feudal law, and if the law or custom was in her favour, then she was protected by them. The man himself may have some land that he acquired from his family, now many miles away. If life was good, and they handled their affairs correctly, they could parlay their holdings into something more substantial and raise their standard of living.

Moving up the ladder of the classes, a woman with inherited land - such as an estate - often times became a powerful and influential entity to the political machinations in England. This, as we all know, was a direct influence in the wars and upheaval in those long

feudal years. Even Scotland, which had its own feudal system, was so influenced. The very border wars between Scotland and England were based on whether the child of the Scottish Queen (Mary of Guise) would be forced to marry the son of the King of England, forcing land rights under English rule. This also became further fuelled when this poor (female) child was also anticipated to marry the son of the King of France - again the horror of changes to the life on the land then being under French control. Depending on how many men felt; either to live under English influence or French control, or to be totally independent, depended on how heated up the battles of opinion became.

A woman of substance carrying land and property into a new marriage also carried weight, control and influence as she, by right, had a say. She held purse strings and if it held a lot of money; she held small armies. This right of hers often came with the arrangement of the marriage wherein her father would have this built in, so to speak, which in turn added to his power and influence.

In looking at all of England, however, there was some balance as feudal custom, starting from the smallest land tenure to large estates, had other customs as to what rights a woman would fall under. These could be fierce and cruel in their dealings with women in inheritance. A woman in these circumstances, if left with no male protection, could easily go from riches to rags if her husband - under the customs of his manor - had to pass on his land and property to sons who by the time of his death lived many miles away. If no sons, the land and property would go to another close male relative.

Women were often then at the mercy of a protective male; either a son, a brother-in-law or an uncle, and of course his family. If cruelty was the name of the game, she could easily become a virtual slave to her "protector's" family. She would never have a considered opinion and certainly would have to realize how "fortunate" she was to be so looked after.

The custom of women and land rights even had its influence in Canada and its United Empire Loyalist heritage. A loyalist, some time after arrival in Canada, was rewarded for his loyalty from the English Government by way of new allocations of land. But, most importantly, the daughters of these men, even men who had died during or after this war, could claim further land from the British government - not so the sons. The only way a young man could get his hand on land, without purchasing it, was to marry a daughter of a loyalist. She in turn, could afford to be choosy and if she wanted, find a man who would allow her to have a stronger say in their economic future.

For those of us tracing ancestors by way of land passage, it is important to learn about the historical history of land for the given areas of research. If, for instance, you can't understand or explain how an ancestor appears to be living in a parish miles away from where his parents are living but you can't make sense of it,

there is the possibility that he has married a girl who has inherited land. The worst thing is to assume that people didn't get around or didn't visit outside their little hamlet. They did. And they did for many reasons. Any of these being from connections with church, politics, labouring, contests between parishes or agricultural fairs.

Irish Ancestry: Joan Blair had some help from:

The Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland
Church House
Fisherwick Place
Belfast BT1 6DW



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NEWSLEAF (Ontario Gen. Soc. May/93)

Release of 1901 Canada Census -- The National Archives of Canada, as of January, opened the 1901 census. The information included in this is; exact date of birth, year of immigration and (for non-British subjects) year of naturalization, amount of income from trade, rural lot and concession, exact street address in urban areas.

The census does not include Newfoundland, which joined Canada in 1949, you may research the 1935 and 1945 census of Newfoundland through their provincial archives.

Many of the elderly immigrants who wanted to lie about their ages in the 1901 census date of birth column filled in "don't know" and left blank the immigration column or completed it incorrectly.

The National Archives has published a catalogue of the 1901 returns which provides the microfilm numbers so that one can purchase or borrow on interlibrary loan. The book has a microfiche shelf list in a rear pocket to help one determine the location of specific municipalities within each real. Census Returns/Recensements 1901 may be ordered through booksellers or purchased from Canada Communication Group - Publishing, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0S9 (catalogue number SA2-95/1-1901, in Canada for \$29.37 including GST and shipping. Requests concerning purchase of films should not be directed to the National Archives. Inter-institutional loan requests should be sent by your local library to the NA's IIL Unit, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N3.

Anyone traveling to Saskatchewan -- there is a list of the Saskatchewan Genealogy Branches: contacts and meeting dates in the Saskatchewan G.S. Bulletin, Volume 24, #3, September 1993.

If you have never had the opportunity to look thru some of the newsletters we receive from other societies you should try and take the time to do so, they just may have that information you've been looking for.

PASSPORT INFORMATION (UK)

United Kingdom Passport Agency
Glasgow Passport Office
3 Northgate 96 Milton St
Cowcaddens, Glasgow G40BT

Sid Norman had some luck, and would like to share this address with anyone that it might be of some help to.

COCKNEY ANACESTOR The Journal of the East Of London F.H.S.
(Winter/93)

Some of you may have come across references to the ancestry tracing facilities that the Department of Social Security in Newcastle provide. This role has now been taken over by the "Contributions Agency", Special Section A, Longbenton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE98 1YX who have clarified what tracing they can and cannot undertake. They will only forward one letter as a means of establishing contact for welfare purposes, providing the exact reason is stated by the enquirer. Welfare is apparently defined as notifying a serious illness or the death of a member of the family. Among the categories that they cannot help with are:

- natural parents seeking adopted children or adopted children seeking parents etc.
- genealogical research.
- tracing relatives, acquaintances, colleagues etc. for social rather than welfare reasons.

The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) will be asking the Agency to reconsider its policy, even if it means introducing a charge for what has been a valuable service.

LDS LIBRARY - NEW TEMPORARY HOURS

If you wish to book time on the microfilm readers, or on the computer, you can do so by phoning the library at 758-1360. PLEASE NOTE: the library will be closed December 17 until the New Year.

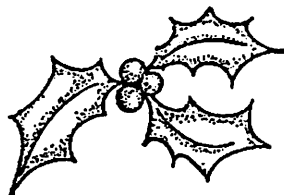
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LIBRARY REPORT

PERIODICALS RECEIVED SINCE LAST ISSUE:

We have received the latest issue of all of our regular periodicals and newsletters that we exchange with other clubs from other parts of Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

The British Columbia Genealogist, Sept/93
 Newsletter, BC Genealogical Soc. Sept/93
 British Columbia Gen. Soc., Sept/93
 Kindred Spirits, Whitby/Oshawa Branch, O.G.S. Summer/93
 The Ancestor, Newfoundland/Labrador G.S. Summer/93
 London Leaf, London & Middlesex Cty Br. O.G.S. August/93
 -publications price list of O.G.S.
 Hamilton Branch, O.G.S. August/ 93
 Saskatchewan Gen. Soc., Sept/93
 Toronto Tree, O.G.S. Sept/Oct 93
 The Tracer, Oxford County Branch, O.G.S. August 1993
 The Treehouse, Campbell River G.S. September 1993
 Yesterday's Footprints, Alberta G.S. September 1993

AFGnews, July/August/93
 Ancestors West, Santa Barbara County Gen. Soc. Fall/93
 Clark County Gen. Soc., Oct/93
 Je Me Souviens, Amer. Fr. G.S. Fall/93
 North Central North Dakota Gen. Record, Sept/93
 Root Cellar Preserves, Sacramento G.S. October 1993

Aberdeen, N.E. Scotland F.H.S. August 1993
 Cornwall F.H.S. September 1993
 Midland Ancestor, Sept/93
 North West Kent Family History, Oct/93
 Nottinghamshire F.H.S. July 1993

Chowkidar, British Assoc. for Cemeteries in S. Asia, Autumn/93
 Rallymaps of West Wellow, Map & Book Catalogue, 1993

BOOK REVIEW (by Peter McIntyre)

An Historical and Genealogical Account of the Bethunes of the Island of Skye:

The latest aquisition in our library can't be called "new" as it was published privately in London in 1893 as a reprint of a 1778 manuscript. The name Bethune is central to the text and Skye and nearby islands and the highlands are the main geographical locations, but many other family names are included, mostly through marriages, and other places appear as people migrate and emigrate, mostly to England and America.

The earliest date mentioned is 1370 and relates to a land transaction, while 1539 appears as the date a member of the family was involved in a church problem. Most details and dates, however

relate to the 1700's. But the thin volume is not as full of dates of births, marriages and deaths, or the names of wives and husbands, as one could wish, and some charting is needed to work out relationships.

Surnames which appear in the text include Boswell, Somerveile, Turner, M'Donald, M'Leod, M'Lean, Campbell, Cuy, M'Sween, M'Caskill, M'Pherson, Rose, Hay, Duncanson, Henderson, Urquhart, Scott, Beattie, Russel, Whyte, Cochran, Frazer, Jamieson, Gib, Monro, Walker, M'Kinnon, M'Eacharn, Horn, and M'Krae.

If any of these names interest you, and you are prepared to read some rather old-fashioned prose, try BETHUNE. It doesn't take long to skim through.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

SEMINAR '94 RAIL LINKS AND OTHER TIES - June 10-12, 1994

Sponsored by OGS Board of Directors, and held at the Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology, in North Bay, Ontario. Mailing address is OGS Seminar '94, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 251, Toronto, Ontario, M4R 1B9.

Excerpts from Richard Carr's Diary -(continued) - submitted by Klara Beck.

1847

May 23 - Arrived in Sisal.

May 25 - Left for Merida 12 leagues in the interior. Got there the following morning - engaged a house the next day and commenced business.

June 30 - Moved to the house of Don Miguel Espinosa...

August 18 - Bought Spot (dog) - Merida is the capitol of the department of Yucatan - contains 35,000 inhabitants including many Indians, and is the residence of the Bishop. The city is well built - the streets wide and cross each other at right angles - the houses for the most part consist only of the ground floor. There is the ruins of a large fortified convent of the order of St. Francisco, built in the 16th century and said formerly to have contained 2,000 friars. At the present time there are not over 12 in the city. The convent is surrounded by a wall 40 feet high and 8 feet thick. Within are three churches. The whole building covers five acres of ground. The convent for females is likewise an immense building. At the present time it contains 200 nuns who live and die within its walls. I have been treated with much kindness in this city, particularly by Mr. Espinosa, the gentleman in whose house I am staying. If he had known me for years instead of a few weeks he could not have shown more disinterested kindness towards me. There is likewise a very good hotel which is a most unusual thing in this country. The price of board is \$16 per month



without lodgings. The poor Indians in this state are badly treated. The pay of those that work on the farms is one dollar amonth and a small allowance of Indian corn. Out of that dollar he has to pay 37 1/2 cents taxes - 25 cents to the government and 12 1/2 cents to the church. They are worse off than slaves. The master usually trusts them a few dollars - he can then compel them to work for him til such time it is paid, which it is impossible for the Indians ever to do with his wages. They formed a conspiracy among them a short time back to raise on the 15th of August and kill all the shites and other casts that were living with them, or that it was supposed would take a part with them, without distinction of age or sex. The conspiracy was discovered in time and means taken to prevent it - being general, the Indians in many places are in arms. Several skirmishes have taken place between tham and the whites. In one village they killed all the shites, mutilated the bodies in a horrible manner, and ate some the flesh. It is 'admitted by all that the Indians are in a far more savage state at the present time of the conquest, which says but little in favour of the Catholic priests. Without doubt they have given them precepts but I fear not set them a good example. Many of the shites are no less cruel that the Indians. Some of the prisoners they brought in here (there are about 300) had their ears cut off in the road, and great many Indians have been shot in the villages without the least form of trial. Any Indian that is suspected is brought before the village authorities. He is then told he must confess what he knows respecting the conspiracy. If he says he has no knowledge of it, which is doubtless often the case, he is tied to the shipping post and flogged til he makes some confession, or his tormentors get tired and he is finally sent to this place. The trial of the Indian prisoners has commenced here. Three have already been condemned and shot; many sentenced to leave the state and some few acquitted. The three former, I saw executed. From the jail to the place of execution is about one third of a mile. They walked that distance accompanied by seveal priests. They took their seats, their arms were bound, the word to fire was given. In a few moments they cease to exist, except one. He moved for about two or three minutes.

August 31 - Left Merida for Ticul, distant 16 leagues. Went on horseback for the first 8 leagues than concluded to get into a covered cart that contained my things, and tie my horse behind. The cart travelled in the night and got there early in the morning, so gave me the whole day to look for rooms, but such as infernal jolting I never had before. To sleep ws impossible. I was soon able to procure rooms, in the convent. It is a very large building, but most of it is in ruins. Myself, the priest and an old man, are the only occupants. The priest is a very obliging man, but as for the rest of the villagers that I have become acquainted with, cannot say much in their favour. A foreigner has to pay a double price for most everything he has to buy and found it difficult to get accommodation even by so doing.

Well, we'll leave poor Richard again. Sorry we seem to leave him in the wrong seasons each time. Oh well, he seems to have a roof over his head and at least one friend.

QUERIES

McIntyre There are at least three members of the N.F.H.S. with this name in their background. It would be interesting to see if any of them are connected with the following: Malcolm McIntyre b. before 1788, probably Sleat. His son Donald b. c. 1796 and d. Oct. 14, 1878, Kirkton, Glenelg, who married an Ann McPherson. Their eldest son Hector b. 18 July 1829. Another son, Malcolm, b. c. 1827 and d. July 16, 1903 at Kirkton, Glenelg, married Catherine Nixon. This Malcolm had a daughter who married a John McKay and lived in Inverness, and a son John b. c. 1847 in Glenelg. This John married a Grace Grant on Dec. 3, 1869, in Moray but moved shortly to Sconser near Portree on Skye. They had five children: John Nixon b. April 16, 1870 in Morey, Sophia Grant b. June 23, 1827 in Portree, Peter b. Sept 7, 1874 in Portree, Kattie Ann b. c. 1877 in Portree and James G b. c. 1880 in Portree. If any of this rings a bell, I'd like to hear from you.

Peter McIntyre 758-0908
5900 Waldbank Rd
Nanaimo, BC V9V 1C8

McGhee - nee Andrews

Would like to contact decendents of Lillian McGhee nee Andrews of Wayburn, Saskatchewan, married Walter McGhee in 1920's moved to Guelph, Ontario.

Thank you, K.A. Biggs
Box 66 Madrona Dr RR 1
Nanoose Bay BC V0R 2R0

Any MacKenzies out there?

Up to now there has been no society for the clan, but one has just been formed by the Clan Chief, the Earl of Cromartie. The constitution has been formally drawn up and the Clan MacKenzie Society now seeks members. Further information can be obtained from: Mrs. Margaret Mackenzie
Tigh na h'Ath, Dulnain Bridge
Morayshire, PH263NU, Scotland

Odds and Ends

From Henderson's, B.C. Gazetteer and Directory:

1901 - Ladysmith - (formerly called Oyster Harbour)

A townsite on the Westminster and Vancouver tram line. Ladysmith in the Nanaimo district is situated on the E & N Ry., 15 miles south of Nanaimo and 60 miles north of Victoria. It is the shipping point for the Wellington collieries, where the largest ships afloat can come alongside and tie up to the capacious wharves. Here you will find the latest and most up-to-date improved machinery on the Pacific Coast for the quick despatch of colliers. The wharves are substantially built, on copper covered piles. Here also is the transfer wharf for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The daily ferry from Vancouver brings the loads of cars, and here they are put on the E & N Ry., Cars from all parts of Canada and America are to be seen here. Ladysmith is destined to be the centre of all railway traffic on the Island. Another new industry has just started. The Ladysmith Iron Foundry. They have \$20,000 worth of orders in hand, and are working day and night. The work of supplying the town with water is now in operation; 8-inch water mains are being laid from the lakes, and it is expected this fall the town will be installed with an electric light plant at a cost of \$35,000. Ladysmith, for a town, considering its size and age, is marvellous. Both for beauty and business it cannot be excelled by any town on the Sound. The hotels and stores are very capacious and clean. Ladysmith has a natural drainage into the harbor; the harbor itself is a magnificent work of nature; here the largest ships go in and out with safety. The bunkers for the wharves have a capacity of 8,000 tons; ground is being prepared for coal bins; capacity, 50,000 tons. The Wellington Colliery Company are starting to erect another fifty houses. There are three churches and a public school.

Population - 1901 - 1,100, Postmaster - W.W. Southin, J.P.

1910 - Nanoose Bay - A post settlement on the Alberni Stage road, 7 miles north of Nanaimo, the nearest telegraph & express.

Postmaster - Wm. Roberts.

1910 - Northfield - A mining town 2 1/2 miles from Nanaimo the nearest railway and telegraph on the main road to Wellington, in the electoral division of New Castle. The celebrated seam of the New Wellington coal mined by the New Vancouver Coal & Land Co. is situated here. Has telephone connection with Nanaimo and Wellington, has 3 public schools and Anglican church. Mails daily. Population 1909 - 250, Postmaster - John Mathews.

1910 - Nanaimo River - A mining and ranching settlement in the Cranberry district, on the Nanaimo River, 5 miles from Nanaimo. Post Office - Enoch Hotel.

1910 - Extension - Extension mines owned by the Wellington Colliery Co. Ltd. The coal from here is shipped from Ladysmith with which place it is connected by spur. There is telephone and telegraph connection. Ladysmith 12 miles distant. Has 2 churches, school and good hotel accomodation. Mails daily. Postmaster - Joseph White, Presbyterian Church - Rev Peter Fleming, Methodist Church - Rev Mr. Weber.

1910 - Chase River (P.O. Nanaimo) - A settlement on Chase River, two miles south of Nanaimo.

1910 - Chemainus - A station on the E & N Ry., Municipality of Cowichan, 60 miles north of Victoria; has money order post office, saw mill and two public schools in the vicinity. Postmaster - E.J. Palmer asst. Miss E Gallant, Anglican and Baptist Societies.

Thought you might like to read a few more of the "Epitaphs" from the book "Grave Matters by E.R. Shushan"

Donald Robertson -

Born 1st of January, 1765, died 4th of June, 1848
Aged 83 years

He was a peaceable quiet man, and to all appearance a sincere Christian. His death was very much regretted, which was caused by the stupidity of Laurence Tulloch, of Clotherton, who sold him nitre instead of Epsom salts, by which he was killed in the space of 3 hours after taking a dose of it.

Shetland, Scotland, 1848

John Wright -

Here I lie
No wonder I'm dead
For a broad wheeled Waggon
Went over my Head.
Grim Death took me
Without a Warning
I was Well at Night
And Dead in the Morning
15 March 1797
Sevenoaks, England 1797

John Hall (Grocer)

Here lie the remains of
John Hall, grocer
The world is not worth a fig
& I have good raisons
for saying so.

Dunmore, Ireland 1790

Anonymous -

This spot is the sweetest I've seen in my life,
For it raises my flowers and covers my wife.

graveyard unknown, England c.1850

John MacQueeling -

Here on the grave of John
MacQueelin,
I, his wife, am humbly kneelin'
If John was alive and had his feelin'
I would be dead and he would be
kneelin'.

Londonderry, Ireland c.1775

Anonymous -

Here lies a Lewd Fellow
Who while he drew a Breath
In the midst of Life
Was in Quest of Death
Which he quickly obtained.

For it cost him his Life
for being in bed
With another man's wife.

traditional, but undocumented



RULES FOR 1915 SCHOOL TEACHERS

Saskatchewan G.S. Bulletin, September 1993/Heritage Echo's, Weyburn
Br. SGS, June 1993)

- You will not marry during the terms of your contract.
- You are not to keep company with men.
- You must be home between the hours of 8pm and 6am unless attending a school function.
- You must not loiter downtown in any of the ice cream stores.
- You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
- You may not ride in a carriage or an automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
- You may not smoke cigarettes.
- You may not dress in bright colours.
- You may under no circumstances dye your hair.
- You must wear at least two petticoats.
- Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.

To keep the schoolroom neat and clean, you must:

- sweep the floor at least once daily.
- scrub the floor at least once a week with hot soapy water.
- clear the blackboards at least once a day,
- start the fire at 7am so the room will be warm by 8am.

Oh, how times have changed!

On this note I will close the newsletter, and hope to see you all at our CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, Tuesday, December 7, for those of you that are unable to come.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

