

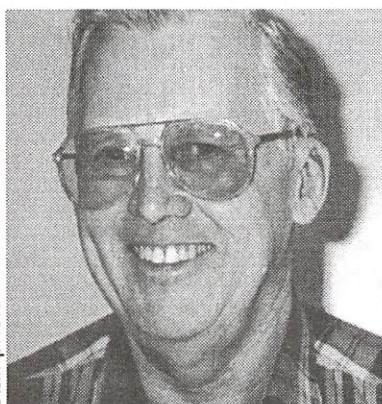
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*Use a computer to do genealogy?
 What a quaint idea!*

by Bill Mumford

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It has never ceased to amaze me as to how people manage to create and maintain a genealogical database without the aid of a computer. As a relative newcomer to the hobby I have never made the attempt. Shortly after my retirement, while visiting a cousin, I saw an old picture of one of our great grandfathers. I became fascinated by this man with the funny beard and decided I should try and learn something about him. My cousin also just happened to have a family chart available which had been prepared by one of our uncles. Armed with this data I was ready to start my quest. Unfortunately I didn't have the faintest idea of how to proceed. Then I noticed a small notice

tucked into a remote corner of the local paper. The genealogical group of the local personal computer (PC) users club was going to have a demonstration of genealogical computer programs. Use a computer to do genealogy? What a quaint idea! I had just purchased a used computer with the intention of using it as a word processor. I decided to attend the demonstration.

Two programs were to be demonstrated, Roots III and Personal Ancestral File (PAF). After the demonstration I was thoroughly convinced I needed one of those programs. Roots III obviously had every possible feature I thought I'd ever need. I asked the demonstrator where I might obtain the program and what the cost would be. It could be ordered from any software store. The price would be about \$300 plus another \$50 for each of the utilities and I'd need at least one of them for a start. When I recovered my composure I asked the program chairman how much the PAF program would cost. He said, \$35, available from the Mormon Church. I obtained the phone number and ordered it. Two weeks later I started entering my data.

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- to encourage accuracy and thoroughness in family histories and in genealogical research

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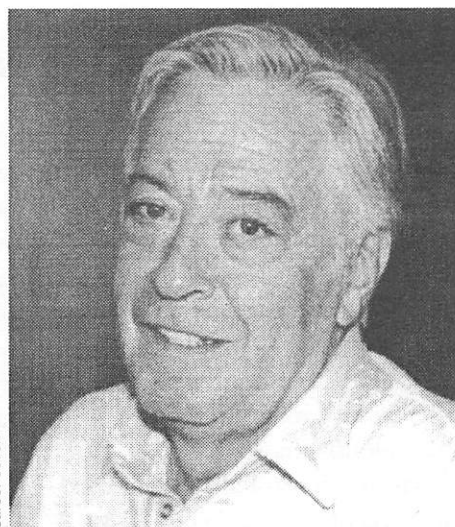
Welcome to the summer issue of Chinook

Doug Stobbs

We hope you enjoy the series of articles about computers by Bill Mumford. The subject has been covered rather extensively during the year and while there is always something new on the subject, as was very evident at the 1994 Gensoft seminar, we have tried to target the articles here to those who are just beginning, or are trying to decide whether to take the plunge. It has been said many times that a computer isn't essential for people who want to pursue genealogy, but they are unquestionably, a great help. Hopefully, Bill's fine articles have been useful in clearing away some of the shroud of mysticism which obscures the benefits.

The annual report for 1993-94 describes another year of accomplishment for the Society and thanks to a sound financial base, and the dozens of members who have contributed their time and talents, the prospects for 1994-95 are very good indeed.

Many thanks to all our volunteers for the unique skills they contributed over the year. The organization has grown and flourished because of the effort put into it



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by our members and this momentum will surely continue.

We have had some fine contributions to CHINOOK in Volume 14, too, and there are many more to come. Many thanks go to the authors who have shared their interests and skills in a such a meaningful way. Additional thanks are due to the members of the publications committee and without question, special words of appreciation go to Gordon Hodgson and Sandy Irvine who contributed their special skills with computers to bring us CHINOOK on time, within the specs and on budget.

A happy summer to all.

Membership Renewal Time

The membership year of the Society begins 1st September each year and, as membership includes your subscription to CHINOOK, please be forewarned that this will be your last issue until you renew.

Membership in the Alberta Family Histories Society entitles you to many benefits. Regular general meetings feature talks or presentations on genealogical subjects including monthly beginner classes for researchers and for computer users. At other times each month, special interest groups offer opportunities to learn and share with others about areas as varied as Eastern Europe, Ireland and the Maritimes or about specific subjects such as Metis research or computers. The Society library is available to members, and in addition to an ever growing collection of books, there are journals from approximately 100 other genealogical and family history societies that may be taken out on a loan basis. Articles from these journals are catalogued and published in CHINOOK which is mailed to members every quarter. The society newsletter the BREEZE is distributed monthly to those who attend the general meetings. It keeps members up-to-date on local events and activities — not a bad package for \$25 a year.

Please complete the membership renewal form included with this issue and return it with your cheque.
You'll be glad you did.

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Since that time I have made the acquaintance of other genealogical researchers many of whom do not use a computer to manage their data. The effort they have put into the organization and maintenance of their data is nothing short of miraculous. Family group sheet after family group sheet and meticulously drawn pedigree charts. All this stored in an endless numbers of binders. I could never have managed it. Fortunately I've never had to. I have my computer.

Throughout most of my working life I made a concerted effort to avoid any contact with computers. I found them to be simple binary idiots with a penchant for raising my blood pressure with their mindless obstinacy. Towards the end of my working days I finally conceded that computers were here to stay and that it would be in my best interests to at least gain some familiarity with them. I purchased, or rather my wife purchased, a Radio Shack colour computer as a Christmas gift for me. With this little beast I learned some basic programming and developed a grudging respect for the ability of the little machine to perform some basic tasks.

Some of the operations even the simplest computer can perform may be of great help to the genealogist. Most of us write an almost endless number of letters. Here the computer may be of great help. Even if you have no typing training and use the famous hunt and peck system, a word processing program in your computer is a real boon. Your compositions are stored in the

machine as you type and displayed on the monitor screen. Any errors may be easily seen and corrected. No more whiteout or retyping pages. You also have the opportunity to review your documents prior to printing. Sentences or whole paragraphs may be rearranged and the spelling checked. The end result is a neat, concise letter, usually done in less time than would be possible with a typewriter or by hand. And it will be legible.

Of course the computer's greatest advantage is in the storing, organizing, and display of your genealogical data. Numerous programs are

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available to handle these tasks. By selecting the program most appropriate for your needs you will be able to enter, manipulate and display your data as you desire. Many of the available programs can also minimize the possibility of data entry errors. They might advise you if you are making an unlikely linkage or even rearrange the children in the order of their birth should you have entered them in the wrong sequence. Some programs can list all those events requiring further research. They can also check the relationship of the

various family members to ensure that errors such as the wife dying two years before the child is born and similar incongruities do not exist. Errors in the database may be corrected and new data entered in existing records with little difficulty. New charts and reports may be printed to replace obsolete ones eliminating the hours of drafting required when preparing charts by hand. In addition many of the computer-generated charts and reports may be very useful in planning your research. I won't suggest the computer will replace all those binders of data. What it will likely do is refill those binders with computer generated reports.

Another potential benefit of using the computer is the access you may gain to the information super highway. By the use of a "modem" and your telephone the computer can link you with genealogists around the world for the price of a local phone call. A network of over 20,000 dedicated computer owners have formed what is known as Fidonet. There are probably about 1000 genealogical messages carried on the net every day originating in many different countries. In addition to Fidonet the larger and even more ubiquitous Internet is available at a relatively reasonable cost. This net too has a genealogy area. At present it carries fewer messages than Fidonet but in time that will likely change as more genealogists gain access to it. The major commercial information services such as CompuServe, GENie, etc., also carry genealogy message areas. Many software authors provide help for their users

through these services. The potential modem user should be warned though. Like genealogy, BBSing, or using the modem, is addictive. There is no known cure. Much of your time can easily disappear on line.

So why aren't you using a computer? The old standby, "I'm too old to learn" has been proven to be a no longer acceptable excuse. Studies of mature students have shown that while they may learn at a slower pace than their younger counterparts they are generally better students. They are more focused on learning and are prepared to devote more time and effort to their studies. Another well worn excuse is, "Computers are too complex, I'll never be able to understand one." Computers are complex, but so are automobiles and I'm sure most of us can drive one. It isn't necessary to understand the workings of an automatic transaxle to drive a car and it isn't necessary to understand the how the CPU (central processing unit) of a computer works to type a letter. I've watched my grand daughter hammer away at the computer since she was three. She couldn't even read but she could manage to start it up and play her games.

The financial excuse that, "computers are so expensive, I just can't afford one", is probably the most valid. Whether you're a senior on a fixed pension or a struggling parent with a young family a computer could appear to be an expensive luxury. It doesn't have to be. Computers, particularly the IBM compatible type, are in a constant state of development with new, faster and more powerful models

appearing almost every month. Software developers are producing new and more powerful programs for these machines as fast as they appear on the retailer's shelves. Individuals and companies are

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falling all over themselves to get the latest and greatest of each. As a consequence there is almost no demand for used computers. Prices for these machines are at rock bottom. Many are simply sitting on a shelf in some dark basement. For anyone wishing to computerize their genealogical data one of these obsolete models is perfectly acceptable. While the some of latest genealogical programs have stringent hardware requirements there are many excellent programs quite capable of performing very nicely on these older machines.

An old IBM type XT computer with a 10 meg hard drive should sell for under \$200 with a monochrome monitor. Printers, too, are subject to this "race for the latest" phenomena. A good dot matrix printer (used) should be under

\$100. The only item that you might wish to purchase new would be a modem. Because of recent changes in data transmission technology most old modems are unacceptable on many BBSs (bulletin boards). To get started though you might find someone who has just upgraded their modem and has an old 2400 baud version sitting on the shelf. These modems are still acceptable on some BBSs and the upgrader might be willing to part with the old one for a few dollars. They might even just give it to you. The purchase of used computer equipment should be approached with caution however. Know the seller. Have a computer-knowledgeable friend check out the machine and get some kind of warranty, even if it's just a money back arrangement. Consider joining a computer group. Once the group members know you are looking for a computer they will help locate one you can afford.

There is another side benefit of having a computer in your home not previously mentioned. It gives you something in common with the grandchildren. You and the kids will be able to discuss the latest in computer technology while their parents sit there speechless. It also makes a wonderful babysitter. Place the child at the keyboard with a few games available and you won't hear a peep for hours.

I hope the foregoing will relieve some of your concerns about plunging into the world of genealogical computing and that I'll meet you soon on that great information superhighway.

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Computer databases for genealogy

Intelligent selection of a first program

by Bill Mumford

In an article several months ago I likened the selection of a genealogical program to the choosing of a meal at a restaurant. At a recent seminar I had an opportunity to discuss this analogy with a fellow genealogy researcher. While not disagreeing with my analogy she did suggest that when she visited a restaurant she knew the ingredients, or at least most of them, that were used in the preparation of each selection on the menu. However, in the selection of a genealogy program she said she had no idea of the various elements that might be used to make each program unique. Of course, she was right. A newcomer to computerized genealogy, attempting to make an intelligent selection of a first program, would have no idea of what to look for.

In an attempt to rectify this situation it is first necessary to try to describe in general terms what a genealogical program is and in what ways it will be of value to most genealogists. First and foremost, it is simply a database. It provides a means of recording and organizing your research. It should also be capable of providing printed reports that will assist in planning further research or presenting the results of research already completed. All databases require the data that are to be recorded to be entered into specific areas called fields. In the genealogical databases it is the number and size of these fields that give each program its unique structure. The reporting capabilities add to this uniqueness by

providing various types of charts and reports. By choosing the program with the appropriate data entry fields and reporting features it is possible to find a program to meet most requirements.

There are two primary types of genealogical programs: lineage-linked and event-based. The lineage-linked form is the more common and is generally simpler to learn and use than the event-based type. In the lineage-linked program the connection of family members is made with the parent/child relationship. Only a few significant events such as birth, death, and marriage are normally recorded in specific fields. Any other events are usually recorded in the notes area. The event-based program, on the other hand, makes provision for recording every imaginable event that might occur in a person's life in which they were involved as a principal or participant. These events are then linked to each individual recorded in the database. Thus an event such as the birth of a child will link not only the child to the parents but every other person who might have participated in the event such as the doctor, midwife, or even a taxi driver.

Both the lineage-linked and the event-based type programs share many common requirements for data entry. The principal difference will be, of course, in the number of events recorded and in the type of reports available. The event-based programs, with their ability to record copious amounts of data, are often designed

to produce text-based reports rather than charts. Among the lineage-linked programs a great variety of reports and charts are available. The mix of reports vary widely from program to program with the result that in order for the researcher to obtain the mix of reports desired it is often necessary to use more than one program.

The following list is intended to serve as a guide to the various fields and reports generally available in most genealogical programs. It is not to be considered complete. The list itself is in two parts. The first part lists those data-entry fields likely to be encountered and some of the pitfalls to be aware of. The second part lists the more common reports as well as a few specialized reports peculiar to a small number of programs.

First: Name. How many characters are allotted for entry? Are these in a single field or multiple fields? Are there provisions for nicknames or "aka"s? Can you specify the surname? i.e. Van Camp, many programs will sort on the C? How are titles or honorifics handled?

Second: Events. There are only two events in a person's life that can be assured. Birth and Death. Most programs offer additional events, i.e. Christening, Burial. Can these additional fields be renamed to suit your purposes? How many additional event fields are available? How does the program store dates? Can it accept the various date formats and

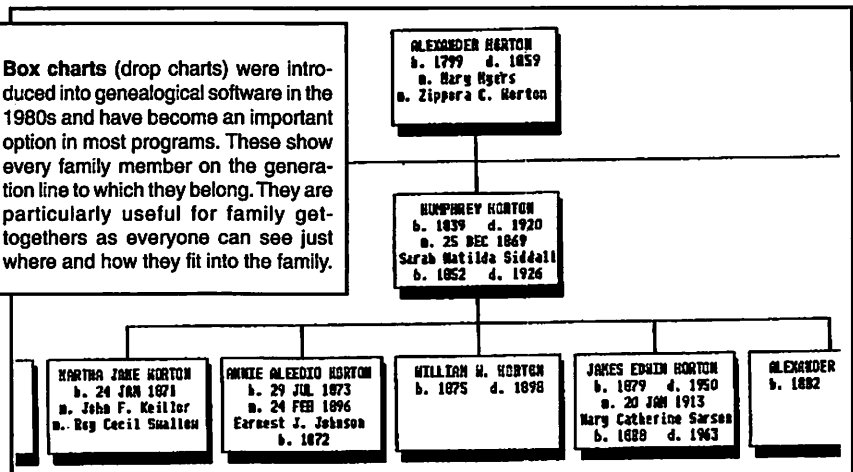
convert them if necessary? Are there multiple event location fields or a single field? How many characters are available for location entry? Are there any provisions for identifying sources for event data? Can the validity of the source be specified? i.e., excellent, good, doubtful, etc. If available, how is this source data stored and displayed? i.e., how many fields or characters are allotted for this purpose?

Marriage: Every birth requires a father and a mother but some programs require the parents be married. In today's society this is no longer considered a prerequisite. Can the program indicate a marriage did not take place? Can a divorce/annulment/separation be recorded? Are there provisions for a marriage related event? e.g., reading of banns. How many marriages can be recorded for each individual?

Third: Children. The fields for the children will usually be similar to those of the parents. Does the program make provision for specifying the relationship of the child to the parents? How many children can be linked to one family?

General: Are there provisions to speed entry and reduce typing required. i.e., ditto keys? Can the program handle foreign characters? A necessity for some researchers. Are there provision for biographical/event/research notes? How much space is allotted for notes? Are there provisions for selective printing of notes? e.g., can you record Aunt Mrytle's affair with the milkman without having the information appear on the reports other than in the person of cousin Willie? Can scanned documents or photos be linked to the individual data? Can these scanned images be printed out by the pro-

Box charts (drop charts) were introduced into genealogical software in the 1980s and have become an important option in most programs. These show every family member on the generation line to which they belong. They are particularly useful for family get-togethers as everyone can see just where and how they fit into the family.



gram? Can notes be imported from external word processing programs? Is there a help key? i.e. Is context on-screen help available? Is there provision for a reference field? i.e. Can you specify your own numbering system if desired? Can the program sort data using this field? Is there a field available for occupation? Titles? If you require the LDS fields, are they available? Are there fields for medical information? Is it possible to enter a single unlinked individual? Can the data or reports be exported to disc or a word processor? Can the program handle multiple databases? Any limit on number of people? Can the program track both birth and adoptive parents? i.e., dual track.

Reports:

Because the event type of program is primarily concerned with the recording of all events in an individual's life the reports for these programs should not be compared directly to those of the linked type program. While many of the reports of the event type program are similar to those of the linked type, the programs are directed primarily to the presentation of printed reports rather than charts. In this respect they generally provide a great many options in the presentation of reports including title pages, indices, footnotes, end-notes and bibliogra-

phies. Many of these reports could be considered suitable for use as text for family history books and, in some cases, may be exported to programs such as Word Perfect for this purpose.

The linked type programs can provide a wide variety of reports, some of which closely approach those of the event type program. The following is a list of those reports common to most programs.

1. **Ancestor or pedigree chart.** Most programs will offer a number of choices in the printing of these charts. As a general rule the more generations printed per page limits the amount of event data that may be printed.
2. **Descendant chart.** These charts are usually one page in width and as long as necessary; depending on the program they may display a large number of generations. Again, many programs will offer a number of options as to what data can be printed.
3. **Family group sheets.** These are the most controversial of all the charts and reports. It seems every program author has a better idea. While the general principle is the same for all programs the form the report can take varies with every program.

Several programs even offer a myriad of choices for their own versions.

4. Numbered lists. Almost every program uses a numbering system that provides a unique identity for each individual. This is required by most databases. These numbers can be used by the researcher for identification purposes subject certain limitations. They should not be used for permanent identification however as they can change under certain conditions. Should a stable numbering system be required, use the reference field. The computer numbers are normally referred to as RINs: record identification number. Each marriage will also have a unique number known as a MRIN. Some programs will permit printing of these lists sorted alphabetically or by number.

5. "Ahnentafel". This is a direct line ancestral report showing all ancestors by generation. There may be options as to the amount of data printed.

Beyond these few basic charts which are common to almost all programs there are many more the selection of which will be of major interest when selecting a program.

6. Register report. This report comes in several flavours — the New England version and the National Genealogical Society version as well as a reverse version. The differences between the two major versions are relatively minor but you may personally favour one over the other. The register report finds its most common use

as the basis for a published version of your family history. It is the type of report prepared by an event-based program. It presents the head of each household with information as to the events in his life and, if applicable, his spouse's life in narrative form. It will then list the children in an indented list beneath the narrative. Codes in front of the child's name indicate whether or not the child appears again as the head of a household.

7. Drop or box charts. These are descendancy charts, usually printed horizontally, in which each individual and their spouse appears in a box with appropriate dates. The boxes are arranged in levels with each level representing a single generation. The boxes are linked with lines to show the family connections. There are several variations of this chart type. One variation attempts to reduce the

but the tree chart arranges the generations vertically rather than horizontally and the names are not normally in boxes.

9. Timeline Charts. These can take several forms. Some may provide a continuous timeline showing the dates of all events for everyone in the database. Others may display the individual with the direct line ancestors in a horizontal chart.

10. Statistical Charts. These may appear as charts or in a printed report form. Such items as relationships, a statistical reporting of all births, deaths, and marriages, the Soundex coding of names might be included here.

11. Reasonableness report. A number of programs have the ability to check for possible discrepancies in the database — such problems as a

chart size by filling all white space, duplicating entries if necessary, and then provides an index and a coordinate system to aid in locating individuals. Another combines a three generation pedigree chart with the descendancy chart to display the four families represented by the grandparents of a selected individual.

8. Tree of descendants. This chart or the above mentioned box chart are most suitable for displaying the entire family at a family reunion. The tree chart is more compact. The information displayed may be the same as in the box chart

The screenshot shows a genealogy software interface with a list of individuals and a central box. The list includes:

- 1 John William MORTON -Captain-503
- 2 William Alexander MORTON-518
- 3 Mary Caroline SMITH-197
- 4 Alexander MORTON-009
- 5 Mary MORTON-921
- 6 Dorcas MORTON-174
- 7 Stately MORTON-005
- 8 Elizabeth MORTON-006
- 9 Elizabeth MORTON-006
- 10 Ferdinand MORTON-1257
- 11 Mary LAMBERT-1268
- 12 David SMITH-017

The central box is titled "Pedigree chart" and contains the text: "The time-honoured way to present a line of related people is great if it shows the person being researched. Names of every member of each family don't usually appear however, and therefore the usefulness of this type of report is often limited. Another disadvantage is the large amount of blank space on any page of these charts"

child being born to an eight year old mother.

12. Custom report. Custom reports are text based reports that permit the user to select the data that is associated with each individual. The options with this type of report vary greatly with different programs.

13. Tiny Tafel. A rather unique way of presenting a very compressed report that indicates the first and last mention of each surname, the date and the location, the Soundex code, as well as an indicator as to the interest level in that name. It was designed specifically for use on bulletin boards. A system exists on the BBSs to compare TTs and report any possible connections.

There are a number of other features to look for when selecting a program. These features permit modification of the database to meet changing circumstances.

1. Split the Database. There may come a time when you would like to split off one line in your database. This situation could arise if you wished to share part of your data with a cousin but only want to include those members of the family that are common to you both. Or you may, for some reason, wish to keep your wife's line in a separate database.

2. Merge two databases. The opposite function of the above. Possibly your

cousin sent you some data.

3. Modification of database. We all make mistakes in entry and sooner or later you're going to have to edit the database. This may require undoing family links, changing dates or locations, editing notes or even deleting individuals entirely. Make sure the editing process is easy to understand but at the same time make sure that enough safeguards are in place that you can't delete data accidentally.

4. Search function. A search function can prove very useful especially if you have a large database. A good search facility will allow you to specify the specific information you are looking for and is capable of searching the entire database. Some programs limit the search to names, dates and locations.

5. Print routines. Make sure the program supports the printer you intend

AHNENTAFEL CHART	
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1st GENERATION	
1 Douglas Henry STOBBS-1: b 5 Feb 1931 Hillcrest,, Alberta, Canada	
2nd GENERATION	
2 William Henry STOBBS-5: b 30 May 1903 Newcastle, Upon Tyne, Northumberland, England; m 10 Aug 1928 Quebec, Montreal, Canada; Alberta, Canada; d 17 Mar Canada	
3 Marion Jean HORTON-11: Canada; d 14 Aug 1980	
3rd GEN:	
4 John Dickinson STOBBS- Northumberland, England; Northumberland, England; Canada	
5 Jane NIXON-4: b 3 Feb : England; d 28 Aug 1956	
6 William Alexander HORTON -Captain-598: b 7 Aug 1854 ,Gladstone, Prince Edw. Is., Canada; m 25 Jan 1893 Wes. Methodist, Murray Harbour, Prince Edw. Is., Canada; d 1939 ,Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Canada	
7 Belinda Frances BROOKS-599: b 22 Aug 1862 ,White Sands, Prince Edw. Is., Canada; d 28 Nov 1933 ,Murray Harbour, Prince Edw. Is., Canada	
4th GENERATION	
8 Henry STOBBS-36: b 11 Aug 1840 Low Acton, Allendale, Northumberland, England; m 27 Feb 1868 Hexham,, Northumberland, England; d Aft 1913 ,, Durham County, England	
9 Frances DICKINSON-37: b 3 Oct 1845 Bishops Field, Allendale, Northumberland, England; d Jun 1881 Peadam's Oak, Edmondbyers, County Durham, England	
10 William NIXON-88: b 20 Jul 1852 Fourstones, Hexhamshire, Northumberland, England; m Jun 1876 ,Hexham, Northumberland, England; d 16 Jan 1922 Acomb Terrace, Acomb, Northumberland, England	
11 Elizabeth Margaret CHESTER-89: b 13 Jan 1853 Hagg's Foot, Alston, Cumberland, England; bu 17 Jan 1932 St. John Lee, Hexham, Northumberland, England	
12 John William HORTON -Captain-503: b 28 Dec 1822 ,Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada; m 9 Feb 1850 ,Cape Canso, Nova Scotia, Canada; d 11 May 1904 ,Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Is, Canada	
13 Mercy Caroline BEARS-197: b 27 Nov 1825 Canso, Guysborough Co., Nova Scotia, Canada; d 13 Feb 1918 ,Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Is, Canada	
14 Joseph BROOKS-640: b 10 Jun 1832 ,White Sands, Prince Edward Is, Canada; m Abt 1859 ,Murray Harbour, Prince Edw. Is., Canada; d 10 Mar 1922 ,Murray Harbour, Prince Edw. Is., Canada	
15 Caroline DERBY-641: b 1835 ,, Prince Edw. Is., Canada; d 1918 ,Murray Harbour, Prince Edw. Is., Canada	

Ahnentafel chart
 This is a variation of the classic pedigree chart presenting a great deal more information on a page. The numbering system of the names is significant in that fathers of succeeding generation have numbers that are double those of the sons (1, 2, 4, 8, 16...) and the mothers follow the same pattern by having a number that is double plus 1 (3, 7, 15, 31, 63...)

to use. In some instances, especially for the printing of images, a laser printer is required. Even then some laser printers may not be supported.

6. GEDCOM. *Do not buy a program without this feature.* I have left this point to last to emphasize its great importance. GEDCOM is simply a method of storing your data in a form that will allow it to be transferred to another database. Regardless of how much thought and care you take in selecting a program you will, sooner or later, want to try another program. Or you may wish to exchange your data with someone using another program. GEDCOM makes this possible. It is the single most important feature in any program.

The existing GEDCOM standard, version 4, was designed primarily for lineage-linked databases and will transfer names, event dates and locations, notes and religious data specific to the Mormon Church. With the advent of the new, more powerful programs, with their extensive event selection and source documentation fields, a new GEDCOM standard was required. This standard, GEDCOM 5.X is presently being developed. As a result many of the newer programs are unable to export, via GEDCOM, much of the source data they are presently recording. Some programs have attempted to implement the new standard but as a result of the broad scope of the standard the implemen-

tation has not been uniform with the result that the source information can not be read by other programs. Discussions are ongoing between the GEDCOM coordinator and program authors to finalize the new standard. When this occurs it can reasonably be expected that those programs presently offering

I consider awkward.

Availability of Programs:

When looking for genealogy programs a trip to your local software store will likely be very disappointing. Not only will there be a very limited choice but the chances are the salesperson will have very little first

hand knowledge of the program. The information printed on the side of the box will be about the extent of it. Many of the better programs are sold directly to the consumer through ads in genealogical magazines, through authorized agents such as genealogical societies, or distributors of materials and books for genealogical research. In making this statement I must point out that not all programs sold by these means are to be considered excellent buys. Similarly, there are some very good programs available at the corner software store. If ever the phrase "caveat emptor" applied, it is

here. If at all possible try to see the program you are interested in demonstrated before you actually purchase it.

Another source of some excellent programs is through the system known as shareware. Many professional programmers, rather than sell their creations to a sales company, market their own product. In doing so they elimi-

Descendants of Alexander Horton, 1799-1859

- 1 - Alexander HORTON
 Born - Abt 1799 Up. Musquodoboit, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
 Died - 1859 Wallace, Cumberland Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
 Bur. - Wallace, Cumberland Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
- sp- Mary MYERS
 Born - 12 Dec 1795 Guysborough Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
 Mar. - 11 Mar 1817 Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada
 Died - 30 Apr 1825 Guysborough Co. Nova Scotia, Canada
 Dau of Ferdinand MYERS & Mary LANGILLE
- 2 - George David HORTON
 Born - 6 Apr 1825 Guysborough Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
- sp- Sarah (HORTON)
 Born - Abt 1850 Nova Scotia, Canada
 Mar. - Abt 1868 Canada
- 3 - Ethel HORTON
 Born - Abt 1869 Guysborough Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
- sp- George MILLS
 Born - Abt 1848 Port Hillford, Guysborough Co., Nova Scotia,
 Mar. - 17 Jul 1902 Port Hillford, Cumberland Co., Nova Scot
 Son of [unclear]
- 3 - Emma HORTON
 Born - [unclear]
- sp- Scott TREFF
 Born - [unclear]
 Mar. - [unclear]
 Son of [unclear]
- 3 - Anna May [unclear]
 Born - [unclear]
- sp- Amos Seanz
 Born - Abt 1877 Westmorland, New Brunswick, Canada
 Mar. - 19 Dec 1901 Amherst, Cumberland Co., Nova Scotia, Can
 Died - Abt 1946 Cumberland Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
 Son of Joseph TREBRICE & Elizabeth DENEAR
- 4 - Gwendolyn TREBRICE
 Born - Abt 1897
- 2 - James Thomas HORTON
 Born - 6 Feb 1818 Guysborough Co., Nova Scotia, Canada
- 2 - John William HORTON -Captain
 Born - 28 Dec 1822 Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada
 Died - 11 May 1904 Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Is, Canada
 Bur. - May 1904 Wilmot Cemetery, Murray Harbour, Prince Edward I
 son - Mary Caroline BRADY

Descendancy charts

These are useful in many ways, particularly when sharing information with others who don't have computers. The charts can include notes (some or all) and most prepare an index of names on the chart (see page 12).

GEDCOM capabilities will modify their programs to the new standard.

In addition to checking a program for features and reports ease of use should be considered. The program should appear simple and logical to you. I have heard people condemn programs I thought were very user friendly as very difficult to learn and then go on to praise another program

nate the high costs of advertising and so can offer their program at a price considerably less than would be charged through a retail outlet. The savings to be realized are not the most important reason for using Shareware however. Under the Shareware concept the purchaser is allowed a free trial period during which they may check out all features of the program. After the trial period expires, the user, if he continues to use the program, is expected to register with the author by sending the requested fee. The author will then send a new copy of the program, free of the begging screens which may adorn the shareware copy, and, in some cases, a printed manual.

There are literally thousands of programs available through Shareware, word processors, databases, spreadsheets, etc. All are usually priced under a \$100 and many are not only equal to, but better than, some commercial programs costing three or four times as much. And you can try them before you pay for them. Many of these programs are available at your local software store. You will be asked to pay a distribution fee, usually about \$5. This does not constitute payment for the program. It is simply a charge made by the distributor to cover costs and provide a small mark-up. Unfortunately most of the genealogical programs that are distributed by this method are old, outdated versions. The latest versions are available from the local bulletin boards, also known as BBSs. If you

have a modem these programs are available to you at no charge. (There may be a charge for BBS usage in

other commercial program companies maintain a help line, staffed by experts, who can provide instant enlightenment. Many of them also support their programs on a commercial service such as Compuserve or GENie and can answer your problems relatively quickly. Shareware authors will also use the commercial services not only for support but as a means of program distribution. Some may even operate their own BBS.

The most satisfactory source of support however is to be found locally. If there is a local genealogy computer group, join it. Get to know the other members and which programs they use. Most of these users are only too pleased to offer the benefit of their experience to others. These computer

groups may be special interest groups of a regular computer club or they may be a sub group of a genealogical society. If you are a computer neophyte and are just starting into computerized genealogy you may be well advised to select a program favoured by other local users. As you gain experience and confidence you can always GEDCOM your data to another more desirable program.

In addition to being a source of support your local computer group and its members offer the potential new user an opportunity to discuss the various programs, their strong points and their weaknesses. The groups also may present demonstrations of different programs for the members at their regular meetings. It is also often possible to see some of the more

05-08-1994		Family Group Sheet	
=====			
Husband: John William Horton		age: 81	

Born:	28 DEC 1822	in:	,Guysborough,Nova Scoti
Died:	11 MAY 1904	in:	,Murray Harbour,Prince
Buried:	MAY 1904	in:	Wilmot Cemetery,Murray
Ref:		Occupation:	Captain
Father:	Alexander Horton		
Mother:	Mary Myers		
=====			
Wife: Mercy Caroline Bears		age: 92	
Married:	9 FEB 1850	in:	,Cape Canso,Nova Scotia
Marr. Ceremony?	Y/N: Y	Divorced/Annulled/Separated	

Born:	27 NOV 1825	in:	Canso,Guysborough Co.,N
Died:	13 FEB 1918	in:	,Murray Harbour,Prince
Buried:	FEB 1918	in:	Wilmot Cemetery,Murray
Father:	David Bears -Captain		
Mother:	Dorcas Whitman		
=====			
1	Adelia Experience Horton	age: 61	
F	Born:	30 OCT 1850	in: ,Nova Scotia,Canada
	Died:	11 MAY 1912	in: ,Murray Harbour,Prince

2	David Albert Horton	age: 79	
M	Born:	26 JAN 1853	in: Murray Harbour,Kings Cc
	Died:	1933	in: Lower Montague,Kings Cc

3	William Alexander Horton	-Captain age: 84	
M	Born:	7 AUG 1854	in: ,Gladstone,Prince Edw.
	Died:	1939	in: ,Bridgetown,Nova Scotia

4	Dorcas Mary Horton	age: 91	
F	Born:	19 NOV 1856	in: ,Murray Harbour,Prince
	Died:	1948	in: ,Murray Harbour Prince

some instances.) If you do not have a modem some computer groups will make these programs available to their members through their software library. For the genealogist there are a large number of very good programs available through shareware; some of them are unique programs, not otherwise available.

Another factor that is of utmost importance to the average user is program support. Some commercial suppliers are simply boxing up programs and selling them. Their help line, unless the problem is a common one, will likely get you the answer, "we'll get back to you". They will then contact the author of the program for the answer and eventually relay it back to you. This is better than nothing but hardly satisfactory. Some

popular programs demonstrated at computer software exhibitions and genealogical seminars.

And just what direction are the new programs taking? With the rapid growth in genealogical research in the past few years many of the researchers have realized the importance of carefully documenting their research. Now having access to other's research through sources such as the Ancestral File and computer networks we find ourselves having to retrace the work of others to confirm the accuracy of their research. This has created many extra hours of research that might have been avoided had the

prime importance. We also see the increasing ability of many programs to link photos and scanned documents to the data. The proposed new GEDCOM standard has provided for all these new features and has even provided for transfer of audio data should some program provide this feature in the future.

To this point I've made little reference to the actual computer requirements. While there were programs written for the older and now obsolete computers these programs are also now obsolete. Today the personal computer market is dominated by the IBM compatible or DOS type com-

puter. As a result the availability of genealogy programs for the various computers is in proportion to their market share. Should you own an Atari, Amiga, or MAC and decide this is the machine you wish to use you will find you will have a very limited selection of programs as

requirements, floppy disc requirements, type of monitor required, and printers supported. These specifications can also limit your choice of program. If, however, you do not own a computer at present and there are no financial considerations, simply find the program you like and buy a computer to run it. If there are financial considerations look for a used IBM compatible, XT type or newer. Most of the programs available for IBM compatibles will run on these machines. A used XT with a monochrome monitor and 10 meg hard drive should cost about \$200 or less. Newer models will be more costly as they will likely have larger hard drives and colour monitors. Buying a used computer can be risky so make sure you take along a knowledgeable friend who knows the value of the different models. When the financial picture brightens and a new computer becomes a possibility if you have chosen a program with GEDCOM you may then transfer your data to the new machine.

To conclude I would offer the following suggestions for the researcher about to take the first plunge into the world of computerized genealogy.

1. Use an IBM compatible computer.
2. Make sure your program of choice has GEDCOM.
3. Use a locally popular program.
4. Join a local genealogical computer user group.

I hope the foregoing will help in choosing your first program and that you will soon be one of fast growing numbers using the computer as an aid in their genealogical efforts. □

Typical index of individuals prepared for large descendant or pedigree charts

(HOBSON)	Bethel 1, Gillian 1
BEVY	Caroline 1, Rhoda Hills 1
BOEHMER	Harold 2, Randall Michael 2
BROOKS	Belinda Frances 1, Joseph 1
CAMERON	James Evan 3
DERBY	Caroline 1
FINLAY	Allison Louise 2, John Hugh 2, Lauren Elizabeth 2, Reb
FOX	Marie Helen 2
GAYTON	John Wilmot 2, Joseph Lester 3
HARLOCK	Celia Donald 3
HORTON	Adeline Eva 1, Caroline Isabel 3, Carolyn 1, Charles L
	Edwin Mills 1, Frank Grant 1, Grace Rosalind 3, John 1
	Marion Jean 2, Mona Marie 1, Nancy Elizabeth 2, Norma
	Ralph Brooks 1, Ralph Owen 1, Robert 2, Terry Lynn 1, 1
	Acton Leigh 3, Elizabeth Louise 3, Peter Barton 3
KILBY	Patricia Ann 2
LAVOIE	Marnaref 3
LAWRENCE	

original work been properly documented. The early computer programs were restricted by limited memory and data storage problems which precluded full documentation. Today, memory is cheap, computer speeds are much faster than could even be imagined ten years ago, and the prices of computers are actually decreasing almost weekly as new more powerful machines are introduced. Programmers are taking full advantage of this and are creating programs with more features than ever before. The most dominant of these new features is the ability to document sources. Many of the newer programs are now able to record an unlimited number of events and the source documentation is of

well as very limited sources of local support. On the other hand there are numerous programs available for the IBM compatible or DOS machine. Because of the widespread use of the machines the possibility of local support is much greater. In addition, and again as a result of the larger user base, there is more activity in the development of new programs for IBM compatibles than for the other machines.

When choosing a program the accompanying documentation will list the technical specifications required to successfully run the program. These include the size of the working memory (RAM), the operating system (type and version), hard drive

What's happening... Yesterday, today and tomorrow

by Ruth Duncan



staff photo

Gensoft 4

The fourth annual software show on 23 April 1994, sponsored by the computer special interest group (SIG) of the Society, was a great success. Family History programs were demonstrated on MAC and IBM computers. Information and demonstration stations were popular in such areas as modems and bulletin board systems, photography, photovix, utilities, scanners and word processors. Genealogy research materials were available for sale. The six-hour workshop provided an opportunity for people to spend a few minutes or a few hours at the station(s) of their choice. Thanks to those who spent a Saturday sharing their expertise with others, and special thanks to the organizer, Alan Cole and committee.

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

Bev Rayburn, an AFHS member, called to give me some information about a speaker who might fit into our program for the coming year and, in the course of the conversation, she told me about the Society named above. The main office is in Lincoln, Nebraska and there is a branch with a membership of about 50 members

who meet at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Calgary. The Society will hold their international conference in Calgary in July, 1995 with attendance expected to be in the neighbourhood of 1600. The complete library from Lincoln will be transported to Calgary by truck, and will be available to participants. It sounds as though this group really knows how to do things right! For more information, please call Bev Rayburn at 280-6091.

Ontario Cemetery Records

The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) has transcribed and indexed almost all tombstone inscriptions in the approximately 5000 Ontario cemeteries. A project to put an index of the cemetery inscriptions on disks is well under way with about 100,000 names entered to date. Index entries consist of name, name of cemetery, township and county. This information is proving useful now, but when all index entries are on disk, it will be possible to determine very quickly if there is a record for a particular person, and where that person was buried. Doug Stobbs and Suddie Mumford have copies of the disks.

Library Holdings, Alberta Family Histories Society

Thanks to Harold Barkowski and Richard Green, who took on the task of listing all holdings in the AFHS library. Myrna Waldroff and Richard arranged to have the information published, and the 111-page booklet is now available to members at a cost of \$1.00. This sum is, of course, less than the printing cost, but is a service to members.

Lady Teviot

The May 2 AFHS meeting was a decided success! We were fortunate to have Lady Mary Teviot from the London, England area as our guest speaker. She provided an excellent overview of how we might go about researching our English families. Not only was the talk informative, but the delivery was done in a humorous way and seemed to hold the attention of all. Many members were aware of Lady Teviot as her name has been posted for some time at the Family History Center as a person to write to for help with English research. It was good to see and hear her in person. She had a busy week as she was booked for several speaking engagements in Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge.

Northern Ireland

Irish World, an affiliate of Heritage World, has developed a new high-tech family history centre in Donaghmore, Co. Tyrone. The new centre allows, via telephone and computer, visual and audio link-up with Heritage World's database of 5 million records relating to family history, civil and church registers, grave-stone inscriptions and census returns. I don't know anything more about this project, but if you have ancestors who came from Northern Ireland, you may wish to write for more information to: Heritage World, 26 Market Square, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, N. Ireland BT70 1AB.

Adrienne Anderson

Adrienne surprised us at the May meeting with the announcement that she would not be present with her Genealogy Plus materials until next

February. We will miss the display of books, pamphlets and genealogical supplies, and we will also miss Adrienne. She has spoken to our group on several occasions, and is often asked to speak at family history conferences at other locations, both near and far. A new and exciting opportunity has come about for Adrienne. From the end of August until January 1995 she will be teaching at a seminary devoted to Christian Education, mainly in Indonesia, but with some teaching as well in Australia, New Zealand and Thailand. No doubt the program committee will be asking Adrienne to speak at one of our meetings upon her return. Good luck in your new adventure, Adrienne!

Programs

Thank you to all members who have contributed to the programs this year, and to the members who have provided a most receptive audience for the speakers. I think we all realize how much preparation is involved in each presentation. The Education / Program committee, Rosemary Lyons, Marmie Longair and Ruth Duncan, welcome suggestions for speakers and topics. We rely mainly on AFHS members as speakers because there really is a great deal of expertise in our group. Of course we do feature outside speakers when opportunities present themselves.

A total of twenty programs (including ten for beginners) are provided, so lots of speakers are needed. In addition, Doug Stobbs provides a regular program for those just beginning to use MS-DOS computers. Thank you also to those who have helped the committee with teaching the Calgary Board of Education beginners' courses. Payment for providing these courses goes to the Society.

Family History Center

2021-17 Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta
T2G 2M2 (245-2949)

Those of us who live in the Calgary area are indeed fortunate to have access to the resources at the Family History Center (FHC), a genealogy library funded and operated by the LDS Church. The facility is open to the public at no charge, except for ordering additional materials from Salt Lake City. Visitors do their own research with help from the volunteers in locating and using appropriate resources. The FHC has an impressive amount of material, a fact that is not always evident to researchers until they have been to the Center a number of times.

Suggestion: Use the grey binders just inside the book area to determine what is available at the Center. Also, the binder above the fiche drawers is an invaluable aid for discovering what is actually in the fiche cabinets.

Some recent acquisitions that will certainly be of interest to many researchers include:

Bessarabia (mainly Moldova, with small sections in Romania and the Ukraine). Index of Germans from Russia, located in a brown binder in the book section. Information includes the name of the head of household, date of birth, film number and parish.

British Isles

An interesting and informative book, *Town and City Maps of the British Isles 1800-1855*, has been donated to the Center by Clare and Robert Westbury and Ken and Diana Creese. (942E7w)

England and Wales

1881 Census Index. On fiche, located in the drawer above the 1891 census fiche. Information consists of name, age, relationship to head, census place, occupation, name of head, where born (parish) and reference source. Following is a list of locations for which indexes are available: Anglesey, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Carmarthenshire, Cornwall, Denbigh, Devon, Dorset, Flintshire, Gloucestershire, Guernsey, Herefordshire, Huntingdon, Jersey, Leicestershire, Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire, Royal Navy and Somerset.

Note: Additional indexes will arrive as work is completed.

Family History Library Catalogue

The new catalogue of holdings on CD-ROM is now in use at the Center.

Ireland

1. **Civil Registration—Irish Death Indexes—1922-1958.** With the addition of these death indexes, the Center now has all available Irish Civil Registration indexes, on microfilm, of births, marriages and deaths in the Republic of Ireland (Eire) and Northern Ireland. The indexes cover the time period from 1864-1958, with the following exceptions: (a) Northern Ireland to 1959, and (b) non-Catholic registration of marriages beginning in 1845.

2. **Research Outline—Ireland.** The new outline is now available for \$1.00

Ontario

1. **Civil Registration Indexes**, on microfilm. Births 1869-1896, marriages 1873-1911, deaths 1869-1922. If a name is located on the index, the complete information can be obtained in two ways: (1) by ordering the appropriate film from Salt Lake

City, or (2) by sending for the certificate(s) on a form available at the Center — at a cost of \$2.00 US for up to eight certificates.

2. **Early Marriage Index (1869-1873)**, microfilms 1838914 and 1838915 — available at the Center until August.

Note: Although the registration of births, marriages and deaths began in Ontario on 1 July 1869, many people did not obey the law re: registration in the early years. Therefore the records for the first several years are not complete. In spite of this limitation, these records have provided researchers with a wealth of information about their families.

3. **Surrogate Court Index (1859-1900)** for most counties. Book section.

4. **Marriage Indexes (1858-1869)**, by county, some new additions. Book section.

Quebec

Rivest and Loiselle Indexes—Catholic marriages. Check the Loiselle/Rivest information binder for new additions to the indexes.

United States

US Enumeration Districts — 51 fiche — 6331480, 6331481. Mostly cities. As the 1910 census is only partially indexed (Soundex), the fiche may assist patrons in selecting the correct film to order for locations in counties for which there is no Soundex.

United States and Canada

The Directory of Historical Organizations in the United States and Canada Fourteenth Edition will no doubt prove useful to many researchers. (970 H24d 1990)

Conferences, courses and tours

10-12 June, 1994. The annual Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Seminar '94. Location—North Bay, Ont. Title—Rail Links Make Closer Ties. Write to: OGS Seminar, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Ste. 251, Toronto, Ont. M4R 1B9.

August, 1994. A tour from Glen-garry County, Ont. to Lochaber and other places in Scotland. Contact Hugh MacMillan, 21 Suffolk St. W., Guelph, Ontario. N1H 2H9. Ph. (519) 824-0126 Fax (519) 836-2418 for tour information.

16-21 Sept. 1994. The Ulster Historical Foundation conference in Belfast, N. Ireland. Write to: Ulster Historical Foundation, 12 College Square East, Belfast, N. Ireland.

17-26 Sept., 1994. Salt Lake City Research Trip. A coach trip from Calgary *including* accommodation. Cost (twin basis)—\$663 Cdn. pp. Single rate available. Call Nancy or Roy Strickland at (403) 289-2846.

22-28 Sept. 1994. Conference at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Three streams of lectures, workshops, receptions, excursion, APGI fee advisory service, etc. For program information and booking form write: 2nd Irish Genealogical Congress, 2 Kildare St., Dublin 2, Ireland. Enclose an international reply coupon or equivalent.

May 1995. Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar '95: Chatham. ON

July 1995. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Conference. Place — Calgary.

AFHS meeting dates and program schedule

Place: Knox United Church
Beginners at 6:45 pm
Regular Program: 7:30 pm

6 June 1994

Beginners: "Interviewing Elderly Relatives".

Regular meeting: "Unusual Resources."

News item in Calgary Herald: **Historian barked up wrong tree**

London (Reuters) - An amateur historian spent 30 years tracing his family tree, only to be told he was studying the wrong one because he was adopted, Britain's Star newspaper said this week. "It was 30 years work for nothing," said British restaurant owner Ian Lewis. On his quest, Lewis, 43, travelled all over Britain and talked to 2,000 relatives. He even planned to write a book about how his great-grandfather left to seek his fortune in Russia, and how his grandfather was expelled after the Bolshevik Revolution and returned to Britain.

But his search ended when his cousin's wife told him he was adopted and he then traced the adoption papers, the newspaper reported. Both his real and adoptive parents are now dead. Despite the disappointment, Lewis said he has not lost his taste for family trees. "I will have to start again," he said, "but I am determined to carry on."

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Annual Report for 1993-94

by Jan Roseneder, Chair



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During the past year, the Society continued its success in all aspects of genealogical research, programming and participation. The executive met on a monthly basis and were kept busy with all aspects of the society's business. In addition, members of the society frequently assisted with various projects and day-to-day functions of the AFHS. The ten committees of the Society were all successful in their activities as reported below:

1. The Computer SIG (special interest group) continued its monthly meetings and held its annual very well-attended GenSoft exhibit. The sales of Family Roots, which continued to be handled by Ulrich Haasdyk, dropped off drastically and will be discontinued in the 1994-95 year. Other special interest groups continued to function at a less formal level and these were the Maritimes, East European, Metis/ Native American, and the Irish groups, all of which provide a chance to exchange information on a specialized area.

2. The Education committee continued under the able organization of Marmie Longair, Rosemary Lyons

and Ruth Duncan. Further courses, both Level I and II, were held in conjunction with the Calgary Board of Education Continuing Education Department, with the help of a number of members of the society who volunteered to teach. This committee was also responsible for the many varied programmes which were offered at our regular meetings as well as the beginners' courses preceding each meeting. Many of our more experienced members took advantage of the various beginners' programmes and judging by the large turnouts at the monthly meetings the topics discussed were of interest and value.

3. For the second year in a row, Richard Green looked after the finances of the society and did a wonderful job. Please read the operating statement and balance sheet accompanying this report for further details.

4. The Library has continued to function under the able guidance of Helen Backhouse, assisted by Lois Nicholson, Isobel Schiedel and Olive Carlin. Many new issues of exchange magazines as well as donated items and books purchased were added to the library holdings. An inventory of the collection was completed by Harold Barkowski and Richard Green and copies of this are now available for a nominal cost at the meetings.

5. The Publications committee, chaired by Doug Stobbs, has continued to do a wonderful job. The Chinook took on a new and impressive look and has brought in many approving comments. The Breeze kept everyone informed of the daily

bits and pieces of the AFHS.

6. The Publicity committee continued under the leadership of Rhonda Yaskowich, assisted by a number of the members. The continuing stream of new members and visitors are a tribute to this committee's work. Myrna Waldroff continued to answer the queries received by the society and continues to do a great job that is constantly increasing in volume.

7. The Seminar committee was chaired by Vonna McDonald, and included members Bill Pomeroy, Giselle Tremblay, Betty Gourlie, Mabel Kiessling and Doug Stobbs. The 1993 seminar was another resounding success and drew in many local people as well as several from out of town.

8. The Social committee was headed by Terry Bunce and did a great job keeping up with the refreshments at the regular meetings as well as the special social events. Thanks very much to all the volunteers.

9. The Projects group continued under the guidance of Janet Morgan. A major project was the recording of the monuments in Burnsland Cemetery in Calgary. Despite an inclement summer about two thirds of the stones are recorded. Over the winter months several members have been entering the information into our database. The City of Calgary Cemeteries Department has supplied some of the burial records on computer disk and the rest on microfiche. It is hoped to complete the project in June 1995. The two cemeteries in

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ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY

OPERATING STATEMENT

YEAR ENDING
MARCH 31 1994

	1993	1994
INCOME:		
MEMBERSHIPS	5,356	7,397
PROJECTS:		
CEMETERIES	296	604
OTHER	253	94
FAMILY ROOTS	99	0
COMPUTER PROJECTS	429	381
REFRESHMENTS	228	216
RAFFLES	275	413
PUBLICATIONS	109	99
SEMINAR	5,023	7,190
EDUCATION	430	552
QUERIES	139	203
DONATIONS (CASH)	283	166
MISC (OVER)	479	397
TOTAL	13,399	17,712
EXPENSE:		
MEMBER'S KITS	746	521
PROJECTS	541	904
FAMILY ROOTS	100	9
COMPUTER PROJECTS	385	31
REFRESHMENTS	44	66
RAFFLES	90	63
PUBLICATIONS	2,822	3,128
SEMINAR	3,813	5,816
EDUCATION	275	186
QUERIES	188	110
RENT	1,053	1,560
LIBRARY:		
PURCHASES	1,115	1,069
OPERATING	761	65
NEWSLETTERS	82	114
OFFICE & SUPPLIES	666	794
PUBLICITY	20	63
INSURANCE	191	238
MISC (OVER)	242	1,145
TOTAL	13,134	15,880
NET	265	1,832
CAPITAL (Fixed Assets)	1,090	0

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ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 1994
(YEAR ENDING)

<u>ASSETS:</u>	<u>CASH ON HAND</u>			
	<u>BANK ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	5,199	
		<u>SAVINGS</u>	37	
		<u>SEMINAR</u>	400	5,636
	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>			2,176
	<u>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:</u>	<u>COMMITTEES</u>	700	
		<u>OTHER</u>	281	981
	<u>INVENTORY:</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>	300	
		<u>PINS & DECALS</u>	167	
		<u>REPORTS</u>	425	892
	<u>CAPITAL</u>			12,476
	<u>PREPAID EXPENSE</u>			505
				22,666
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>			2,287
				20,379

EQUITY (NET WORTH)

Auditor's Certificate

I have examined the records of the Alberta Family Histories Society for the year ending March 31, 1994. Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

April 26, 1994
Date


Frank Morrow

Approved by Board of Directors

April 18, 1994
Date:


Chairman

4/94 RGG

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Cochrane, St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Catholic, were updated from their original 1978 recording. The Carstairs & District Historical Society has kindly updated the data from the Carstairs Cemetery; the current information and revisions are being prepared for printing. Work has begun on a new edition of the Surnames Index, which will reflect our large increase in members and all their research. Janet extends her thanks to everyone who gave generously of time

and expertise to all the projects, as does the executive.

10. Membership secretary Emma Gregg reports a total number of memberships of 287, another increase. Of these 251 are in Calgary, 24 in the rest of the province, 8 from the rest of Canada and 4 from other countries. Many of these memberships are family ones; the actual members total 331.

The past year has seen another successful venture for the Society and it is thanks to all the individuals who help out, from members of the executive to those who help put out chairs, from our speakers and instructors to the ones who have brags. The Society can only build on the strengths and contributions of the members and I would like to think that the growth of the Alberta Family Histories Society will continue. Thank you, everyone, for your help and contributions during the year. □

Ancestor Angst

Marmie Longair

staff photo



Q. Several members have asked me to write a little about the ocean voyages of the Scottish emigrants who left their homeland during the "Clearances".

A. As a postscript to the February meeting topic "The Highland Clearances", the story of the hardships suffered by the Scottish emigrants on their voyage across the Atlantic is of interest to a number of descendants of the early settlers in Canada.

The method of obtaining ships' passage appears to have been different than that used in the emigrations from Ireland. Rather than depending upon scheduled sailings, the Scots tended to make their own arrangements. Often a member of the group was sent to Glasgow, Greenock or Fort William to hire a ship. Acting on behalf of a number of their fellow passengers, these men were responsible for obtaining the best deal possible. Half of the passage-money had to be deposited at the time of the booking and the remainder was due at the time of sailing. The ship would not sail until the passenger list was full.

People were housed in berths below deck on shelves two feet one inch above each other, three feet wide and

six feet long. This space had to be shared with family members and in some cases with strangers.

Provisions for the journey were the responsibility of the passengers and they were expected to provide sufficient food for the entire voyage. If they ran out of provisions they had to buy supplies from the captain at exorbitant prices. Diseases such as smallpox, dysentery, typhus and cholera took the lives of large numbers of passengers.

John Prebble in his book *The Highland Clearances* stated that the conditions on the emigrant ships was "seldom better than abominable. . . . Ships that sailed from Dublin or Belfast were the worst of all, but because steerage passage on them cost thirty shillings only, a quarter of what it cost from Greenock, many Highlanders crossed the sea to sail from there".

Typical of the conditions aboard the ships was the "Hector" which sailed from Ullapool on Loch Broom. In July, 1773, 200 people from Rosshire, 33 families and 25 single men boarded the ship which "was so rotten that the emigrants were able to pick away at its timbers with their fingernails." The two Englishmen who owned the "Hector" had bought unbroken land in Nova Scotia leading the passengers to believe there would be a farm for every family and a year's free provisions for each person.

Off the Newfoundland coast gales drove the "Hector" back into the Atlantic thereby delaying arrival by

another two weeks. In the meantime the drinking water was green and the little that was left was for all practical purposes, undrinkable. Eighteen children died of smallpox or dysentery.

In writing of conditions on the "Sarah" and the "Dove", Prebble stated that "Had the laws then governing slave-ships applied to these emigrant vessels, they would not have been allowed to carry more than 489 passengers. Dunoon (the owner) filled the tiny holds with 700. On the "Sarah" 49 people died. In 1826 when the brig "James" arrived in Halifax every person on board, crew or passenger, was ill of typhus.

It is a miracle that our ancestors survived their journey to Canada. Their plight was not unlike that of other European immigrants who left their countries in search of a better life for themselves and their families. The Scots seem to have maintained a strong feeling of pride in their heritage in spite of their treatment by their own countrymen. The descendants of these courageous pioneers are forever indebted to them for their perseverance and resourcefulness.

Q. I have just discovered that one of my ancestors came to the Eastern States in the late sixteen hundreds or early seventeen hundreds and I would like to find out how I should go about finding out about them. M.W.

A. If your family settled in the Eastern States as early as you indicate you may wish to begin by looking in the

Family History Library Catalog for printed books about the family. The library in Salt Lake City has a number of these in their holdings. Some have been filmed and are available through the library here. It would also be a good idea to check the Ancestral File on the computer to see if anyone has submitted information about the family. The material on the Ancestral File is made up of information sent to the LDS Church in Salt Lake. I have found many errors in these records and recommend that you conduct your own research to verify dates, names, parents, etc. Continue to use the rule of working from yourself back through the various generations. There is no shortcut. Many

books, records, and genealogies are available through the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116. They have some wonderful old books there that were published in the late 1800s and early 1900s on subjects such as church, court, and land records. There are early maps, diaries, directories, town records and newspapers. Other libraries that have exceptional collections are: The Newberry Library in Chicago, the Genealogical Department of the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, and The New York Public Library. There are libraries, archives and genealogical societies in each of the states which will be able to assist you. In the meantime, if you need

more information help is available!

Here is a little poem with a message for all of us:

Genealogy

Genealogy begins as an interest,
Becomes a hobby;
Continues as an avocation,
Takes over as an obsession,
And in its last stages,
Is an incurable disease.

—From *The Sunny Side of Genealogy*

Have a great summer!

We'll be looking forward to lots of
brags at the September meeting.

The genealogy detective

Jan Roseneder

Although Duncan Kyle has written many mystery/adventure stories, one in particular is of interest to the genealogical researcher. *The Dancing Men*, published in 1985 by Collins (London), is a fast-paced adventure based on a single premise, as relevant today as when it was written. When an individual runs for the US. presidency everything about that person is scrutinized and, usually, criticized. When John Leyden decides to seek a presidential nomination, one of the first things his campaign organizers decide to do is to trace his family tree, particularly with reference to his relatively unknown Irish grandfather, a man who died before the birth of his

child, subsequently adopted by a well-to-do and well-documented American family.

At first the research is done by a supporter of the candidate and it is he who goes to Ireland and finds the original regiment in which the grandfather had served. It is this original researcher who hires, at his own expense, Warwick Todd. Todd, at the age of 35, is an experienced "record agent" who subsequently follows a long and roundabout trail through military and court records, civil registration, shipping records from Ireland to England to Australia. In that country, it becomes obvious that Todd's research is not being

entirely welcomed by someone and although he persists, using newspapers, convict records, oral history and other sources, Todd is also forced to realize that the very information he is discovering is threatening his life.

This is an excellent well-written mystery adventure tale, with a great deal of genealogical information contained within. Many of the problems of research, such as common names or missing records are overcome in a logical fashion and Todd himself is an engaging protagonist whose final discovery comes as a surprise to himself, to the others interested and, indeed, to the reader.

Highlights from journals in the AFHS library

by Helen Backhouse and Maureen Houlgate

CANADA

Alberta

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, "Journal" vol 17 no 1 winter 1994

Medicine Hat and District AGS, vol 14 no 4, December 1993

- Cemetery Listings, Highland, Little Plume.
- My Willock winnings!

British Columbia

Quesnel BCGS, vol 10 no 2, 1993

- Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bohanan vol 10 no 2, 1993
- John A. Fraser — Passengers per steamer "Prince Alfred" for Victoria, sailed from San Francisco March 6th 1873

Victoria GS "Journal"

- 19th century exodus from Scotland — My Ancestor's life, chronology and context chart

Newfoundland

Newfoundland and Labrador GS "Ancestor" vol 9 no 3, 4, fall 1993

- Genealogy and the biographer
- Early history of Bell Island

Ontario

Haldimand County GS vol 4 no 4 Dec 1993

- Looking for lots and concessions in Ontario
- Nelles family update

Leeds and Grenville OGS vol 20 no 1, Feb/Mar 1994

- Minutes of Canada Conference, cont'd
- Marriage records, believed to be records of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connection

Ottawa OGS vol XXVII no 1 Jan 1994

- A pioneer Inn visit • Woollen industry

in England

- Ancestors on the frontier (NWMP)

Perth County OGS "Profiles" vol 12 no 1 Feb 1994

- Ministers from Perth County registers (including church denomination) 1858-1859
- Voters lists 1889, Municipality of the City of Stratford, Shakespeare Ward no 2

Quinte OGS "Searchlight" vol 13 no 4 Dec 1993

- St. Alphonsus Church, Wooler debt fund 1901
- Taylor burying ground Belleville Ont

Sudbury OGS "Ancestor Hunting" vol 15 no 4 Dec 1993

- pictures of early Sudbury, 1880s and early 1900s

Toronto OGS "Toronto Tree" vol 25 no 1 Jan/Feb 1994

- Names appearing in the minutes of the York Township Board of Health, 1884-1893

Quebec

Societe genealogique de l'est du Quebec vol 12 no 48 Dec 1993

- Le metiers de nos ancestres a Riviere-Ouelle et la region
- Houle, Geruisseaux, Desrochers, Durocher et Lehoux, cont.

Quebec FHS "Connections" vol 16 no 2 Dec 1993

- see 50th Anniversary Convention for some ideas of the settlement of New France

Metis

"Neya Powagans", Metis Newsletter XX and XXI

- Queries
- Family reunions

Also:

- Greer Family Association Newsletter vol II no 2 spring 1994

BRITISH ISLES

ENGLAND

Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry "Midland Ancestor" vol 10 no 6 Dec 1993

- tracing our Bohemian ancestors
- Census strays 1851

Cleveland, Durham and Yorkshire FHS vol 5 no 8 Oct 1993

- HO107/2381 1851 Census, Scorton N. Yorks. Convent and Boarding School
- Heraldry for the Family Historian III, Heraldic Visitations vol 5 no 9 Jan 1994
- Durham Recusants' Estates 1717-1778
- "Know your Parish" St. Hilda's, Hartlepool

Cumbria FHS no 70 Feb 1994

- Cumberland and Westmorland Advertiser
- obituaries 1864-1867
- Births, marriages and deaths in South Westmorland from the Lancaster Gazette 1838-1839

Devon FHS "The Devon Family Historian" no 69 Feb 1994

- A way forward, starting out
- The Brewer Family
- Oral history, and a tithe dispute at West Buckland in 1579

Eastbourne Sussex and District FHS vol 8 no 1 Jul 1993

- How I found out about "Uncle Arnold" who was killed at Gallipoli
- T.S. Arethusa vol 8 no 2 Oct 1993
- The Eccentric
- The life of Thomas Funnell

East Yorkshire FHS "The Banyan Tree" no 57 Jan 1994

- the Parish of Sutton on Hull or Sutton in Holderness
- extract ex Bulmers 1892 Directory
- Sutton Parish

Felixstowe FHS "Roots and Branches" vol 8 no 4 Dec 1993

- Truth in old stories
- What's in a name, (or notes from a beginner)

London and North Middlesex FHS
"Metropolitan" vol 16 no 2 Jan 1994

- Peal Boards, bellrings and bells index
- the Coutts' Colonists —Moosomin NWT

Manchester and Lancashire FHS vol 29 no 2 1993

- Coding first names
- 1891 Census for the "Little Sisters of the Poor" Home for the Aged (mostly Irish names)
- 1871 and 1881 Census Industrial School Ship HMS Southampton vol 29 no 3 1993
- Scottish Veteran Pensioners, index 1813-1821 part 1
- List of signatures of the Great Manifest against Tariff "Reform", a non-party statement "Vital Importance of the Issue"

vol 29 no 4 1993

- Salford and its Hundred in the 1540s, part 1
- Irish Old Age Pension Records, a genealogical source

West Surrey FHS
vol 12 no 2 autumn 1985 (?)

- The fashions of 1835
- birthplaces in the 1851 Census
- Ewhurst, Surrey, 1801 Census

IRELAND

Irish Family History Society
vol VIII 1992

- The National Archives — Dublin
- Census, Rainford Lancs; 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 List of inhabitants born in Ireland (and their families)
- Wexford support for the Pope in 1870

vol IX 1993

- Lesser used genealogical sources
- Jamaican memorials of Irish interest
- Irish family history sources in the Public Record Office, London

The Irish Genealogical Research Society
vol 8 no 4 1993

- Memorial inscriptions of Irish interest from Bath Abbey
- Finn's Leinster journal 1770, Births, Marriages and Deaths cont. from vol 8 1991
- the family of Everard, part 4

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen and North East Scotland FHS
no 49 Nov 1993

- Emigrants to Australia and New

Zealand — random notes

- George Law in Boat of Monymusk

WALES

Glamorgan FHS no 32 1993

- "Wanted dead or alive!"
- Many "miles" from Glamorgan to Pennsylvania, part 1

Gwent FHS no 35 1993

- the Clydach Ironworks
- Chepstow's Citizen Soldiers

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Guernsey, La Societe Guemesiaise
vol 6 no 2 Dec 1993

- Samuel Hitchcock 1816-1883
- List of surgeons at the Town Hospital 1800-1850

BRITISH ISLES, General

Family Tree Magazine
vol 10 no 3 Jan 1994

- using Bernau's notebooks, part 2
- "Take a pew" part 3
- Old occupations — river sailor

Genealogists Magazine
vol 24 no 8 Dec 1993

- Estate surveys as a source for names
- the IGI 1992 edition, part 2
- Elizabethan wills

Journal of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
vol 17 Jan 1994

- Index of Catholic converts
- a binary descent code

OTHER COUNTRIES

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Genealogist Index to vol 24
vol 24 no 224

- "Spare the rod please Mr. Gordon!"
- my father was a Flockhouse Boy

POLAND

"Gens" no 3 1992

- the history of the Taylor family from Pozan
- material for genealogical research in the vicinity of Pozan, part 2 no 4 1992
- real estate owners in Gniezno 1787
- Genealogy of the Handschuh family

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Utah Genealogical Society "Journal"
vol 21 no 1-2 1993

- Interpreting the symbols and abbreviations in 16th and 17th Century English documents
- British Military ancestry, part 2
- Norwegian genealogical research: Crossing the ocean to find your immigrant ancestor in the homeland
- British Merchant Seamen records
- tracing your Protestant Irish Ancestor
- Crossing the Plains: the Original Company 1847 and Pioneer map of Great Salt Lake City

Donations to the Alberta Family Histories Library

"The Ancestry Searcher"
the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra, Inc.
vol 13 no 3 and no 4 1990
vol 14 no 1, 2 and 3, 1991
..... from Robert Spittal

"The Virginia Genealogist"
vol 37 no 2 Apr/June 1993
Towns and villages of Norman England through 900 years, Domesday Heritage
..... from Doris Humphries

Obituaries of the Indians of the Eden Valley Reserve, Morley Reserve, and some Sarcee Reserve residents

"The Battle of Vimy Ridge and the Vimy Memorial — an Index, Government of Canada, Veteran's affairs,
..... from Florence Denning

330 Mac(Mc)Tavish clan living in the USA
..... from Richard Green

Cape Breton Magazine,
Beaton Institute, Sydney NS
publisher,
no 1,3,4,5 and 7
..... from Florence Palmer

West Surrey FHS
"Roots and Branches"
vol 12 no 3,4 1986,
vol 13 no 1,2 1986
..... from Isobel Schiedel

Genealogical software

by Bill Mumford

This list does not represent a complete listing of all genealogical database programs. Programs without GEDCOM facilities are not included nor are any programs for the Commodore 64 and 128, European computers, Radio Shack (non-IBM type), Sinclair, Apple, Texas Instrument, or those machines using either the CP/M or UNIX operating systems. A comprehensive listing of most known programs as of the end of 1993 is available in the publication, "Archer's Directory of Genealogical Software", by George Archer, published by Heritage Books Inc. 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, Maryland 20716 (301) 390-7709.

AMIGA:

Commercial:

- GENP 1.5 GENP, 37 Charles St., Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192, Australia. \$35 AUS No GEDCOM
- NORGEN 2.0 Norris Software Ltd, 3208 West Lake Street, Ste. 65 Minneapolis, MN 55416, USA \$54.95 US GEDCOM planned.
- ORIGINS 1.07 The Puzzle Factory Inc., PO Box 986, Veneta, OR 97487, USA \$85 US GEDCOM extra.
- YOUR FAMILY TREE, MVP Software, PO Box 458, Aliquippa, PA 15001 USA \$59.95 US GEDCOM planned.

Shareware:

- A-GENE 4.31 Mike Simpson 11 Merauke Street, Whalan NSW 2770 Australia. \$30 AUS.

ATARI:

Commercial:

- AGP Data Horizons Inc. 5205 Brandonway Ct. Dublin, OH 43017 USA GEDCOM

• GENERATION GAP PLUS 2.14D Flying Pigs Software, PO Box 688, St. George UT 84771 USA \$49.95 Limited GEDCOM

• IT'S ALL RELATIVE 1.06 Greg Kopchek, 2233 Keevan Lane, Florissant, MO 63031 USA. \$25 US GEDCOM

• SUPAGEN (In development) E.G. Richards, 2 Peckarmans, Wood, London SE26 6RX England. GEDCOM

Shareware:

• MY FAMILY TREE CHART 2.04 Greg Kopchek, see It's All Relative above. GEDCOM export only.

MACINTOSH:

Commercial:

• FAMILY HERITAGE FILE 1.5m Cecil I. Dobbs (dist.) 1749, Killdeer Ct., Sunnyvale, CA 94087 USA \$152.50 GEDCOM

• FAMILY ROOTS 1.5m Quinsept Inc. PO Box 216, Lexington, MA 02173 USA \$180. GEDCOM extra (FAMILY LINKS 1.3k)

• HEARTWOOD 2.5 Heartwood Software Inc. PO Box 5190, Bayview Station, Bridgeport, CT 06610 USA \$75 US GEDCOM

• MACROOTS II 1.2 Itasca Softworks, Box 427, Bagley, MN 56621-0427 \$99 US GEDCOM

• PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE 2.11 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake Distribution Centre, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104 USA \$35 US GEDCOM

• REUNION 3.0 Leister Productions, PO Box 289, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

\$169 US GEDCOM

• ROOTS & BRANCHES 1.2 D.A. White, GSC, PO Box 1113, Fairfield, IA 52556 USA. \$54.95 US GEDCOM

Shareware:

• FAMILY EVENTS 1.3.1 Mel Magree, Magreeable Software Inc. 5925 Magnolia Lane, Plymouth, MN 55442-1573 \$40 US GEDCOM. Program still in development.

MS/PC-DOS (IBM and Compatibles)

Commercial:

• ACCEPT 5.0 C&SC Inc., Box 870085, Windcross, UT 84087 USA. \$195 US GEDCOM

• CUMBERLAND FAMILY TREE 4.0 PRO. Cumberland Software, 385 Idaho Springs Road, Clarksville, TN 37043 USA. \$44 US GEDCOM

• EVERYONE'S FAMILY TREE 3.03a The Dollarhide Systems, 203 W. Holly Street, Suite M-1, Bellingham, WA 98225 USA \$129 US GEDCOM

• EZITREE 5.0 Rex Toomey, PO Box 84, Berowra, Australia 2081 \$120 AUS GEDCOM

• THE FAMILY EDGE PLUS, PRO 2.5 Carl York, PO Box 3157, Knoxville TN 37927 USA \$99 US GEDCOM \$10 extra.

• FAMILY ORIGINS 2.5 Parsons Technology, 1 Parsons Drive, PO Box 100, Hiawatha, IA 52233-0100 USA \$35 US GEDCOM

• FAMILY REUNION 4.0 Famware, 1580 E. Dawn Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84121 USA \$39.95 US GEDCOM \$12 extra.

• FAMILY ROOTS 3.7E (ver 4 available now) Quinsept Inc.

PO Box 216, Lexington, MA 02173 USA. Alberta agent, Alberta Family History Society. \$180 GEDCOM available, \$35 (FAMILY LINKS)

• FAMILY TREASURES 2.5 Family Technologies, 7251 Sasparilla Drive, Corona, CA 91719 USA \$54.95 US GEDCOM

• FAMILY TREE MAKER 3.0 Banner Blue, Box 7865, Fremont, CA 94539 USA \$59.99 USA GEDCOM. Available in DOS and Windows format.

• GENE 2.25 Kebtech, Box 6631, Wyomissing, PA 19610 USA \$39.95 GEDCOM

• GENEALOGIX 3.0 Solid Software, 3821 West Broadway, Minneapolis, MN 55422 USA \$59 US GEDCOM

• THE GENEALOGICAL DATA BASE SYSTEM 2.0 Data Base Systems, 295 Mohawk Road, Brownsboro, AL 35741 USA \$40 US Utilities extra, GEDCOM \$22.95

• GENEATIQUE II+ C.D.I.P. 1 Bis, Rue de Haut Tertre, F-95550 Bessancourt, France \$195 US GEDCOM

• GENELOGIX Incline Software, PO Box 17788, Salt Lake City, UT 84117-0788 \$64.50 US GEDCOM

• GENERATION GAP PLUS 2.11c Flying Pigs Software, PO Box 688, St. George, UT 84770 \$49.95 US GEDCOM

• GRIOT ALTERNATIVE 3.0 Thierry Pertuy, 28 Avenue, France-Lanord, Villers-les-Nancy 54600 France \$250 CAN. Alt. Jacques Gagnon, 160 Triquet, Chicoutimi, PQ G7G 4S7 Canada GEDCOM

• LINEAGE MASTER 3.0 Genalogic Systems, 140 W.

900 South, Orem, UT 84058
USA \$81 US GEDCOM

• THE MASTER GENEALOGIST
Wholly Genes, 6868
Duckett's Lane, Elk Ridge, MD
21227 \$103 US GEDCOM

• MAYDAY JCD Enterprises,
Box 2564, Salt Lake City, UT
84110 USA \$200 GEDCOM.
Program written in France.

• MY FAMILY RECORD 4.1
MY Family Products, 1446
Bluegrass Circle, Salt Lake
City, UT 84121 USA
\$104 US GEDCOM

• ORIGIN 1.26 Terret
Systems, 1257 Nestor Street,
Coquitlam, BC Canada V3E
1H4 \$39.99 CAN Manual extra
\$14.99 GEDCOM import only.

• PEDIGREE 3.4 Pedigree
Software, 123 Links Drive,
Solihull, West Midlands, B91
2DJ, UK \$89 US GEDCOM

• PEDIGREE PURSUIT WL
Futures Associates, 613 Calle
del Cerrito, San Clemente, CA
92672 \$129 + S&H US
GEDCOM

• PERSONAL ANCESTRAL
FILE 2.3 Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter Day Saints,
Distribution Centre, 1999 West
1700 South, Salt Lake City, UT
84101 \$35 US GEDCOM

• PERSONAL DOROT-
SOFTWARE for JEWISH
GENEALOGY Dorot Jewish
Genealogy Centre, Beth
Hateftusoth, PO Box 39359,
Tel Aviv 61392, Israel.
\$104.95 US GEDCOM

• PERSONAL ROOTS 2.0
Expert Software, 800 Douglas
Road, Coral Gables, FL
33134-3128 USA \$14.95 US
GEDCOM coming Sep. 1993

• PROGEN for WINDOWS
A. Biggs, 70 Nelson Road,
Ipswich, Suffolk, 1P4 4DT,
England £59.95 sterling.
GEDCOM available late 1993.

• RELATIVELY YOURS 2.0
Computability Pty., Box 222,
Blackheath, New South Wales
2785, Australia. \$275 AUS
GEDCOM (RYSHARE) extra
\$75 AUS.

• RELATIVITY 1.90 Guardian
Data Systems, 516 Swain
Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126,
USA \$123.00 US GEDCOM

• REUNION 3.0 Leister
Productions, PO Box 289,
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
USA \$129 + S&H. GEDCOM.
Windows version.

• ROOTS IV Commsoft,
7795 Bell Road, PO Box 310,
Windsor, CA 95492-0310 \$265
CAN Canadian agent, Braun
Genealogy, 3100 Portage
Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
R3K 0Y3 Canada. GEDCOM
import. Export function in
development.
Commsoft also produced
ROOTS III which is now
superseded by ROOTS IV.

• TREES III PC Consultants,
Terac, 3 Buckingham Close,
RYDE, Isle of Wight,
PO 33 2DN, England.
\$60 US GEDCOM

Shareware:

• BROTHER'S KEEPER 5.2
John Steed, 6907 Childsdale
Road, Rockford, MI 49341
USA \$50 GEDCOM

• CUMBERLAND TREE 3.4
Cumberland Software, 385
Idaho Springs Road,
Clarksville, TN 37043.
\$30 US GEDCOM available

upon registration. Can also
upgrade to commercial version
4. Other Cumberland products,
i.e. CISTORY & CDIARY
available at discount.

• THE FAMILY EDGE B05a
Carl York, PO Box 3157,
Knoxville, TN 37927 USA
\$29 US GEDCOM. Commer-
cial version available. See
FAMILY EDGE PLUS 2.5

• FAMILY GENEALOGY 3.2
Victoria GUM, Inc. The
Genealogical Society of
Victoria, Inc. 5th floor, 252
Swanston Street, Melbourne,
Victoria 3000, Australia.
\$50 US GEDCOM

• FAMILY HISTORY PRO-
GRAM 1.0 Brent Haberer,
126 Crawford Circle, Golden,
CO 80401 USA
\$35 US GEDCOM

• FAMILY HISTORY SYSTEM
Phillip E Brown, 834 Bahama
Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301
USA \$35 US GEDCOM

• FAMILY SCRAP BOOK 2.0
Chris Long, 632 Camelia
Street, Atlantic Beach, FL
32233 USA \$45 GEDCOM

• FAMILY TIES 1.20d Family
Ties Computer Services, 1050
East 800 South, Provo, UT
84606 \$50 US GEDCOM

• FAMILY TREE for WINDOWS
Gavin Jacobs, 12523 Lake
Geneva Road, Calgary, AB T2J
2S4 Canada
\$50 GEDCOM

• FAMILY TREE ETC 3.02
Pine Cone Software, PO Box
1163, Columbus, IN 47202
USA \$39.95 GEDCOM

• FAMILY TREE JOURNAL
10.1 Cherry Tree Software,
PO Box 964, Reynoldsburg,

OH 43068-0964 USA
\$35 US GEDCOM

• FAMILY VIEW 2.2 Garry
Ringer, 2700 Saratoga Place
No 211, Glouster, ON
K1T 1W4 Canada
\$54 CAN + GST GEDCOM

• GENEALOGICAL INFORMA-
TION MANAGER 2.17 (BETA)
D.B. Wasden, 2024 Club
Parkway, Norcross, GA
30093-5246 USA \$20 US
GEDCOM. NOT RELEASED A
WORKING VERSION AS YET.

• GENE MASTER 2.0 (formerly
HERITAGE 1.05) Prince
William Custom Computers,
PO Box 2106, Woodbridge, VA
22193 USA \$79 US.
GEDCOM requires intermedi-
ate processing.

• LINKAGES 1.12 Solid
Software, 3821 West Broad-
way, Minneapolis, MN 55422
\$10 US Requires third party
program, LINKGED, to create
GEDCOM file. Demo version
of commercial program
GENEA-LINK.

• NOACH (NOAH) Feico Nater
Shareware, Beukweg 24, 7556
DE Hengelo Ov, Netherlands.
\$50 US GEDCOM

• PARENTS 3.01 Bradley
Nicholes, PO Box 393, Orem,
UT 84059 USA \$25
GEDCOM. For Windows.

• TRACER 4.0 Wayne R
Shepard, 2339 45th Ave., San
Francisco, CA 94116 \$49.95
US GEDCOM supported with
separate program, TRCOPY.

• VISUAL GENEALOGY 5.0
Tristan M Williams, 1361
Eastside Road, El Cajon, CA
92020-1420
\$20 US GEDCOM

Chinook cumulative index for 1993-94

by Joan Hudson

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Queries received from members:

Fred Page is looking for help with the following family members:

McLeod. Any family members of Jane McLeod who was born and died in Manitoba. Dates are 1844-1909

Brackley. Family of Sarah Brackley b. 1866 in Sussex, England and died there in 1952. Her husband was Joseph Ealing.

Marshall. Searching for detail on the family of Melvin Marshall. Melvin was born in England and emigrated to the Brockville area of Ontario and died there prior to 1871. His son John Wesley was born 1867 (Ontario) and died in Manitoba 1932.

Page. Looking for William Page b 1823 in Norfolk, England. No other details.

Burwood. Lucy Burwood, born in Norfolk about 1823 and married there to William Page.

Spence. William E. Spence was born in Scotland 1845 and emigrated to Manitoba. Looking for any information including date and place of death.

Contact Fred Page, 10540 Waneta Cres. SW, Calgary AB, T2J 1J6 or call 278-5589.

Quebec and Metis researchers have a new source of research data thanks to Geoff Burtonshaw and his recently acquired computer. Names presently available number over 55,000 and this number is increasing rapidly as the subscribers to his research service send them in.

One collection alone contains over 4,000 names on the Fidler family; the balance are names from a wide variety of published and unpublished sources. Over half the names focus on Metis families in western Canada and the balance trace many dozens of French families from the time of their arrival in Canada in the 1600s.

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A Metis Newsletter

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We are in to Miskihpicim - Goose Moon Cree.

The Big News is that Gail Moan Elmer City Wash sent me disc with over 33,000 names and 9,000 Metis Families and Doug put them in my computer. The Kid from the bush has gone Hi Teck.

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won it was a victory and when the Indian won
it was a massacre.*

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only recipient of the First National Aboriginal
Achievement Award Congratulations Thelma.*

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Sincerely Geoff Summer 1994



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New publications from AFHS:

Nine new publications have been completed by Janet Morgan and her busy committee. These are noted on the listing opposite, marked with a string of bullets ***

A careful look at the list will reveal that the new cemetery recordings are being offered as booklets, as in the past but also on microfiche for the increasing number of members who prefer that format. Ultimately, look for all Society publications to be available in both formats.

The reasons for moving into microfiche are not complicated. The process itself is economical; creating a master is simply a matter of photographing each page and inserting each negative into a frame which is printed onto film to create the fiche. Microfiche are permanent records, too, so the need to keep and store stacks of old documents is avoided, as is the cost of photocopying. Postage costs are significant as everyone knows and, accordingly, the cost of mailing thousands of records or pages on microfiche is substantially less than sending the same information on paper.

An increasing number of organizations are making their records available on microfiche too. The Family History Library has offered the IGI and their catalogue for sale on microfiche for years. More recently, the National Archives of Canada has moved in this direction and also the Provincial Archives of Ontario.

Mount View Mennonite Cemetery, Aldersyde	01	\$2.00
Mountainview and Banff Cemeteries, Banff	02	15.50
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Bieseker	03	3.00
Foothills Cemetery serving Turner Valley & Black Diamond	04***	5.00
Blackie Cemetery, Blackie	05	2.00
Bottrel or Westbrook Cemetery, near Bottrel	06	2.00
Canmore & Exshaw Cemeteries, at Canmore and Exshaw	07	2.00
West Zion Mennonite Cemetery, Carstairs	08	3.50
Big Prairie Cemetery, Cremona	09	2.00
Crossfield Cemetery, Crossfield	10	7.00
Pine Creek Cemetery, Dewinton	11	2.00
Westcott United Church Cemetery, Didsbury	12	2.00
Didsbury Cemetery, Didsbury	13	10.50
Granum Cemetery, Granum	14	5.50
Highwood Cemetery, High River	15	17.00
Irricana Cemeteries—Town and United Church, Irricana	16	2.00
Christ Church Anglican Cemetery, Millarville	17***	7.00
Namaka Mennonite Cemetery, Namaka	18	2.00
Okotoks Cemetery & Okotoks Union (RC) Cemetery, Okotoks	19	15.50
Hainstock (Fairview) Cemetery, near Olds	20	3.50
Olds Cemetery, Olds	21	18.00
Westerdale Cemetery, near Olds	22	2.00
East Olds Baptist/First German Baptist/Reed Ranch Baptist Cemeteries, near Olds	23	2.00
Rosebud Cemetery, Rosebud	24	2.00
Springbank Old Church and Springbank United Church Cemeteries, Springbank District near Calgary	25	2.00
IOOF Cemetery & St. Vincent's R.C. Cemetery, Stavely	26***	12.00
Strathmore Cemeteries, Strathmore	27	7.00
Bergen Cemetery, near Sundre	28	2.00
Sundre and District Cemetery, Sundre	29	3.00
Eagle Valley Cemetery, near Sundre	30	2.00
Lobley Cemetery, near Sundre	31	1.50
Alberta Cemetery Index on Fiche (set of 25 fiche containing 130,000 names)	32***	25.00
Births, Deaths & Marriages 1883-1889 Calgary Newspapers	33***	7.50
Births, Deaths & Marriages 1890-1899 Calgary Newspapers	34***	20.00
Surname Index 1992 (Members research interests)	35	6.00
Irish Genealogy - Bibliographical Guide to Sources in Calgary Libraries	36	3.00
German Genealogy - Bibliographical Guide to Sources in Calgary Libraries	37	3.00
Obituary Index of Turner Valley Oilfields Residents, Past & Present by Florence Denning	38***	9.00
The McDonald Family of Cochrane & Mount Royal Ranche: An introductory history, by Jan Roseneder	39***	5.00
Births, Deaths & Marriages 1883-1889, 1890-1899 on fiche	40***	12.00