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Scotland's New Register House

by RoseMarie McLean

"I have a room for you. It is £45 a night," said the tourist agent.

"I'll take it," I said quickly.

I had told the agent that I was not driving and wanted to stay near New Register House. I had just arrived in Edinburgh and walked over from the City Link coach (bus) station about three blocks away. I had planned on

staying at a B&B and saw lots of them as we came in to the city but as the coach passed through downtown Edinburgh I realised

that in the city centre there were only hotels, offices and shops.

This was a quick three-day trip from Ayr to Glasgow and then on to Edinburgh to do some Scottish genealogy. My mother was born in Dumbarton, Scotland, and came to Canada with her mother and siblings. They sailed on the S.S. Doric of the White Star Line landing in Montreal on October 13 in 1926. I was hoping to spend a couple of days at New Register House — which is home to the General Register Office for Scotland, filling in some of the blanks on my pedigree chart.

I grabbed my suitcase and followed the signs to the exit. The agent had marked a map for me so I generally knew the direction to head. I was aiming for The Station Hotel on Market Street which is parallel to Princes Street, Princes Street being the main business and shopping street in downtown Edinburgh. The Station Hotel is located right downtown, two minutes from Waverley continued on page 36





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Among the purposes of the society are:

- to encourage accuracy and thoroughness in family histories and in genealogical research
- to encourage and instruct members in the principles, methods and techniques of genealogical research and compiling family histories
- to assemble a library of family and local histories, genealogical guides, handbooks, reference books and materials which may assist the members, and which shall be available to them
- to publish bulletins, booklets, books or other documents and to make these available to members and others on terms determined by the society
- to establish friendly relations with other societies involved with family history and genealogy to promote common interests, and
- to present seminars and workshops that will be helpful to members.

Membership:

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Guest editorial — Larry Gilchrist

Lobbying should continue for release of post-1901 census information

The AFHS along with other genealogical organizations across Canada will continue the lobbying of the federal government for the release of information from the various censuses. This will be an on-going effort for some time, as it will require an amendment to legislation.

To quote from an article prepared by Statistics Canada: "Starting in 1906 ...the legislation that gave the authority to collect census information contained statutory confidentiality provisions. These provisions are such that only the person named in the record may have access to his/her information. ... There is also no time limitation on the access. Even when the person is deceased, the provisions are still in effect."

Stats Can will fight, I'm sure, for the retention of the confidentiality provisions as they exist. Later in the same document, Stats Can says: "Canadian citizens have always demonstrated unstinted cooperation in providing personal information about themselves when asked to participate in a census or in other surveys conducted by Statistics Canada. The most important factor contributing to this cooperation is the unconditional guarantee given to respondents that the information they supply will be protected. Canada, for almost 100 years has been able to unconditionally guarantee the confidentiality of the information supplied in the census."

They don't offer any studies or surveys to back up this contention of "the most important factor". I myself was totally unaware that my responses to the various census of the last 40 plus years was to be kept confidential for ever and ever and a day.

The matter has been raised in the Senate of Canada by an Ontario senator, Lorna Milne. She is a family history researcher and a member of the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group. The AFHS has contacted the senators

from Alberta, asking them to support Senator Milne in having the matter fully discussed within the Senate. Hopefully the Senate will decide upon an amendment to send to the House of Commons which will provide a useful balance between the need of researchers, and the need for privacy of information.

Now is the time to intensify our lobbying efforts. If you have not already done so, please take pen in hand (or sit at your computer or maybe even typewriter!) and send a letter to your member of parliament, or to a senator, or to a cabinet minister, requesting that the 1918 Statistics Act be amended so that information from the 1906 and subsequent censuses can be released to the public after a reasonable length of time. The time frame for earlier censuses and other government information is 92 years.

In particular, I would request that you send such a letter to:

Hon. John Manley Minister of Industry Room 607 Confederation Building House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

No postage is necessary to send a letter to a member of parliament or a senator. I am suggesting Hon. Manley as a recipient because his department is responsible for Stats Can. You can send a copy of your letter to your MP as well, or to our senators. Let them all know we are concerned about the lack of access to census information past the 1901 census.

Thank you for your cooperation. I believe some good will come from all this.

Larry Gilchrist, Chairman, AFHS

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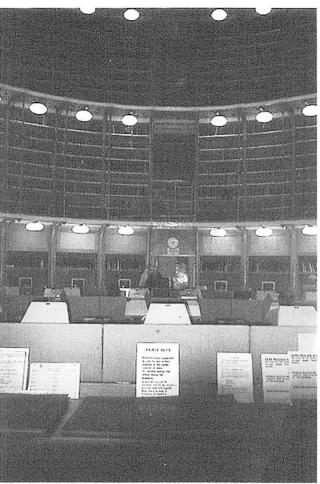
train station and offers reasonable rates. I walked over Waverley bridge to Market Street and noted the Scott monument on my right and looked ahead to see the Mound and the hulky outline of Edinburgh castle. Yes, I was back in Edinburgh.

The Station Hotel was everything its brochure claimed, an exceptional hotel in the centre of Edinburgh. The owners try to keep the rates as reasonable as possible and although it is best to advance book, "there are occasionally rooms for guests who arrive more in hope than expecta-

tion." I settled into my room and then headed out to find New Register House so that I would know where to go in the morning. It was three blocks away! There are two pubs next door to the hotel and so I had a pub supper and then headed to bed early.

After a toast and coffee breakfast in the hotel restaurant I walked over to New Register House and was first in line at 8:30 am for the 9:00 am opening. I had stopped at the Burger King on the corner to pick up a coffee to drink while I waited. Lining up early is important as there is limited seating each day. Advanced booking for a proportion of the seats is available

and the rest are on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Finally the door opened and the twelve or so of us who had been waiting entered the building. The clerk at a desk in the



Tiers of bookshelves in the Dome Room.

entry hall gave all the entrants a numbered ticket like you get when you wait to buy shoes in a department store. There was a box on the wall near the ceiling which clicked the consecutive numbers on the tickets as the clerks in the next room had space at their desks. It was here I paid my £17 (\$40.80) for a one day pass and was given a number which identified the desk I was to sit at after checking with the floor supervisor. There are a number of search pass options available varying from part day to one year. A limited number of places in the search room can be booked six weeks in advance. When I was there in March, 1998 the crowds were small so I used the "first-come, first-served" basis. It is recommended if you are going to Edinburgh to do genealogical research specifically that you do make an advance booking in high tourist times.

I was settled into the Dome Room. The Dome Room is on the main floor and is a circular room with desks holding microfilm machines with computers and microfiche



RoseMarie McLean in the Dome Room, New Register House, Edinburgh

machines lining the perimeter of the room. There were two corridors behind the walls of the Dome Room which contained all the files. There were four doorways to the corridors, one for each of the points of a compass, north corridor and south, east and west. The internal walls above the computers were circular shelves containing thousands of books in tiers. The ceiling was a magnificent dome of glass and decorative woodwork which was painted a sparkling white and blue with gold trim. A beautiful room.

After introducing myself to the supervisor, I was taken to my desk which was booked for me alone. This was my space and my microfilm reader. The computers and microfiche readers were not booked specifically but available for use as required. I never had to wait to use one. Access to the materials is self-serve so it is important to have a level of competence with the genealogical research process. It is also requested that you "do not browse" through the statutory records so you also need to know what areas you want to search.

Help is available and I found the supervisors very willing to clarify but they have a limited amount of time to spend with each researcher. The search room supervisor checks all requests for documents and ensures the correct extract is ordered before you take it to the public counter to order

and pay the fee. I ordered both certified and uncertified photocopies of the certificates and had them mailed back to Canada. Certificates or extracts could be available within five working days if a researcher is still in Edinburgh to collect them.

I had two excellent days in Edinburgh searching for my ancestors. The location of the hotel was convenient to New Register House, the Castle and the shopping district which is useful if a more relaxed tourist visit is planned. In my searches I found census information and certificates which have confirmed the lineage of my Scottish mother. This trip fulfilled what every genealogist dreams of: extending backwards the knowledge of one's ancestors. I have since confirmed that my McCrimmons are from the Isle of Skye who migrated in the 1800s to work in the textile fields around Dumbarton in Bonhill and Renton. I find that I am descended from this famous piping family whose compositions are still played today. My next trip to Scotland will include much more time in New Register House and hopefully time to spend on the Isle of Skye.

AFHS Research Service

1. The Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) will undertake genealogical research within its own resources and other Calgary research facilities where appropriate.

This is on a fee-for-service basis.

The Society will search the following sources, where applicable, for the surname(s) you submit:

Calgary Henderson Directories, 1909-1991;

Calgary voter's lists 1912-1971;

Calgary telephone directories 1903 to present:

Burial records for Calgary cemeter-

Alberta Surname Index (350,000 names, primarily from cemetery

data);

AFHS recorded cemeteries;

Alberta local histories:

1901 census index (Alberta Territory);

Alberta vital records index 1883-1905

Suggestions for further research may also be made.

Research inquiries are \$15.00 for the

first name and \$10.00 for each additional name. You will receive a written report of the sources searched and any information resulting from the search.

Up to \$2.00 worth of copying is included. You will be notified of any additional copying charges.

Please provide complete names, date and place of event, and as much information as possible.

We must have a clear understanding of your research question. Please bear in mind that it takes as long a time to do an unsuccessful search as a successful one.

There are no refunds for entries not found.

This service is provided by our volunteers, and is done as time permits, although in most cases a reply will be made within a month of receipt of the

Send your request and the fee to

Query Co-ordinator, AFHS. PO Box 30270 Station B, Calgary, AB T2M 4P1

Fees should be made payable to the "Alberta Family Histories Society" in Canadian funds by cheque or money

Please provide a business size, self-

addressed envelope and letter rate postage. Do not affix postage to theenvelope and please note in your letter that loose postage is enclosed.

2. The mission of AFHS is, in part, to assist and encourage others in family history research. If part of your request for family history research involves locating descendants of your ancestors, this will be done. However, no exchange of addresses will be made without the permission of all parties concerned.

We will not undertake searches for adoptees, birth parents or living folk.

We will, however, advise you of other agencies or individuals who may be able to assist.

3. Family history queries may be submitted, free of charge, for publication in Chinook, the AFHS quarterly journal. Please print clearly or type your query.

Be sure to state exactly what information you are seeking.

Queries for publication should be sent to the AFHS address above, attention Queries Editor. They will be published as space permits and are subject to

Barking up the Wrong Tree

by Suddie Mumford

One of the greatest dangers in geological research is the possibility of inadvertently researching the wrong line. Outside of the countless hours of lost research time what might be even more discomforting is having to confess to your family and other researchers all those wonderful facts you uncovered did not actually pertain to your ancestor. It is especially embarrassing if you have already published your "facts" in book form. Yet it can happen so easily.

As researchers we follow, whether we are aware of it or not, a common procedure. First the research project is planned and sources located. The sources are then searched, facts recorded, from which we derive the evidence we require to reach a conclusion. From the conclusions we then plan further research. How well we accomplish these tasks will determine the success of the search. Unfortunately there are many factors which seem to conspire against our best efforts. The information may not be reliable resulting in erroneous conclusions. Sources might not be properly extracted or some may possibly have been overlooked completely. The researcher might even have a pet theory they want to prove and will tend to bias their conclusions to meet these ends. These are but a few of a myriad of possibilities.

The following two examples taken from my personal research demonstrate how genealogical evidence can lead to erroneous conclusions. Like many families mine has verbal history which has been handed down from one generation to the next for many years. Briefly it may be described as follows. First, my given name, Suddie, is a traditional family name. It was in

very common usage within our family in England. Other "facts" include the story that the family had been wealthy but that our ancestor had been disinherited when his youngest brother inherited everything. The emigrant family, a Suddy, his wife and three boys, had arrived in Canada in 1835. My great grandfather was a child of four at that time. His two older brothers supposedly emigrated to the States on reaching their majority. As with most family tales the stories contain some truth and may not discounted entirely.

My initial research located a line of three Suddy Mumfords in northwest Essex whom I refer to as Suddy I, II and III. As my research was carried forward more Suddys appeared and family lines emerged. There were five Mumford families all centered on the small parish of Littlebury. Three of them had at least one member named Suddy. The family with the line of three Suddys was wealthy. By the 1830s the other families were headed by a farmer, a shoemaker and a labourer but in prior years the occupations of the family were unknown. As more data was acquired it became increasingly evident that these families were probably related. The question became which Suddy was my ancestor. In 1830 there were two possible candidates, the labourer's son and the son of the wealthy Suddy II. The parish registers revealed the marriage of only one Suddy. The children of this union, two girls and a boy, did not match family stories but the boy's name, John, and his birth date did fit. In an attempt to determine which of the two Suddys this marriage pertained to, for it was now certain he was the one who had emigrated to Canada, I searched all the likely

parishes in the 1841 census and the civil registration death index for England from 1837 through 1905 in the hope of finding one Suddy.

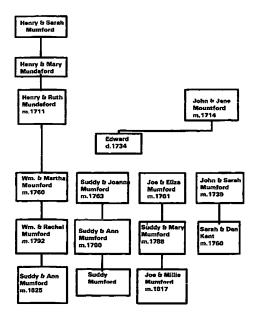
Neither appeared in either source. It was the discovery of Suddy II's will which supported my now growing belief that Suddy III was the emigrant. He had not fulfilled his obligation as one of the executors. Based on this negative evidence and family stories I chose to link to Suddy III. Error one.

Some years earlier I had obtained a postcard addressed to my father's cousin which indicated the writer, a Jimmy Wright, was a cousin. There were no known Wright cousins of that generation to be found in Canada although there had been a Wright-Mumford marriage some 90 years earlier in Littlebury. When Suddy's grave was finally located in Ontario the link became clear. Jimmy was one of the sons of that marriage. His mother had been Suddy's sister. This Suddy was the labourer. Jimmy was not my father's cousin but my great grandfather's cousin. A simple postcard had provided the crucial evidence required to establish the correct linkage.

With the correct linkage now established further research was carried out on the proper line. This line appeared straightforward and I was able to follow it through the Littlebury registers for the previous 120 years and then on a further three generations in Cambridgeshire. The only uncertainties concerned the siblings of Suddy's grandfather William. The only parish register entries for this family after the baptismal data of William's siblings and William's marriage and burial were the burials of William's parents, Henry Mundeford

and Ruth Burroughs and two of their unnamed children. The latter two burials had taken place within the space of one year. The first took place eight days prior to William's baptism and the next a year later. Extensive research failed to discover information concerning the other children. Having no evidence to the contrary I reached the conclusion that Henry's son William was my Suddy's grandfather and that if there were a link to the other Mumford families it must have occurred at an earlier time. Error two.

The aim of the above mentioned research had also been directed at trying to find the origin of the other four Mumford families of Littlebury. They first appeared in the district between 1730 and 1760. From available evidence it appeared that the



obvious link which would lead to the uniting of the families would be the marriage of a Jane Suddy to a Mumford. After a painstaking but fruitless search of all parishes in Essex, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Norfolk within a 50-mile radius of Littlebury the search was expanded to Hertfordshire. Finally the marriage of Jane Suddy and John Mountford was found in the registers of the parish of

Bishop's Stortford. This parish was the living of the Bishop of London with the result that there are many marriages of couples whose residences were in other parishes. This was true for John and Jane who were residents of Brent Pelham. A search of the Brent Pelham registers identified their children as John, Thomas, Mary, Joseph, William and Suddy. The four unlinked families in Littlebury were headed by John, Jane Mountford and Joseph, John and Suddy Mumford. The discovery of another William now created a new problem. Which William married Martha Starling in 1760 at Littlebury? Henry's son who would have been 32 or John's son who was aged 36. From various pieces of evidence it was apparent that John's youngest son, Suddy, had inherited the bulk of the family wealth. This plus other evidence supported the conclusion the correct linkage was to John's son, William Mounford aka Mumford.

In both of the above examples conclusions reached were based on the analysis of best available evidence at that time. In reaching these conclusions the reliability of the evidence was considered and the validity of the conclusion noted. Possible new sources were found and further research planned. This research would subsequently result in a re-evaluation of the initial conclusions. This was only possible because all the source information and evidence had been properly documented.

In my years as a volunteer at the Calgary Family History Center I have heard many a researcher comment that, when source documentation was mentioned, "I don't need to bother with that foolishness. It's OK for the pros but I am doing this for myself and have no intent of publishing". Nothing could be further from the truth. Unless you know where you've been it is impossible to plan where you are going. The possibility that the

documentation might be of use to other researchers is only a secondary consideration.

A great number of articles and books have been written on the subject of documentation analyzing everything from the classification of sources to how to evaluate evidence. There are even books on the style which should be used for publication. After reading a few pages of some of these it is little wonder many researchers decide not to bother with documentation. While the intentions of the authors are laudable, i.e., to provide researchers, especially the newcomers, with a model which might be used to ensure consistent source descriptions and logical evaluation of evidence which would lead to a better means of communication with other researchers, the results often obfuscate the issue. Many of the authors have relied on legal or historical approaches to the subject and based their suggestions on established procedures for this type of evidence. Unfortunately these procedures are not well suited to genealogical evidence which may vary greatly in content and form.

The source is origin of all facts and any facts not within the direct experience of researcher must be subject to a degree of scepticism. Evidence is the result of how the researcher interprets the information or facts found in the source. This interpretation depends to a large extent on the knowledge and experience of the researcher, i.e., after years of research experience in an area the researcher may reinterpret the same information found a decade earlier and determine the evidence now supports an entirely different conclusion.

Sources can come in many forms. While most are documents of some type they can vary from tombstones to Web pages. Their reliability can range from very good to next to useless. When documenting a source the researcher should first record the type.

This will then determine what information is required to fully describe the source. The purpose provides sufficient information to allow the researcher to be able to find the source again if necessary and to establish the source's reliability.

Record the facts precisely as found. Record any additional information found from the source which may aid in evaluating the evidence obtained from the source. Attempts have been made to define sources as primary and secondary, evidence as direct, indirect or circumstantial, or negative. This has been done to try to lend some structure and uniformity to the evaluation of evidence. It creates difficulties, however, when a single source incorporates many of those characteristics. An alternate method simply assigns a surety level to each bit of evidence and each conclusion, e.g., from 5, very good, probably true, to a 0, a rumour of questionable worth. The use of a surety value avoids the necessity of classifying the sources and their relative reliability. Evaluate the evidence based knowledge and experience, and assign a surety value

you feel is appropriate. State your conclusion and describe your reasoning process. As in the case of the source, you may want to know why you drew that particular conclusion at some later date. Other researchers with access to your sources, evidence and conclusions, can do their own evaluation and reach their own conclusions.

By following a procedure similar to what I have outlined and recording all evidence, regardless of whether it conflicts with or supports your conclusions, you are then in a position to modify your surety values and conclusions as new evidence is uncovered. It also enables you to review your previous research and intelligently plan which sources are to be examined in the future.

How the documentation of sources and the evaluation of evidence and conclusions is to be recorded is a choice to be made by the researcher. I favour the use of a computer for several reasons. First, I've never attempted to do genealogy without one, and secondly, the computer can provide templates which may be used

for the recording of the sources, facts, evidence and conclusions thus ensuring consistency and, depending on the choice of software, may even assist in the analysis of the data and planning of future research. All of the current genealogy software programs support the recording and citation of sources to some extent.

Whatever method you choose to use you may be sure your future research will benefit. Genealogy can be a rewarding activity offering mental stimulation and a great deal of satisfaction at the end of a difficult search. It can also provide a considerable amount of frustration. Don't add to that frustration by failing to record a major portion of information you discover. Cite your sources!

Definitions.

Fact: Anything which actually happened in the past.

Source: Where a fact may be found. Evidence: That statement made after evaluation of the facts.

Conclusion: The statement made based on evaluation of the evidence. Surety: An arbitrary value assigned to evidence or conclusions.

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Genealogy's Cornerstones

by The Millses, editors National Genealogical Society Quarterly, December 1997

"Explain genealogical standards to me, please."

The inquirer was a fellow editor—albeit one in another academic discipline— and he persisted: "Every reliable field of research has basic principles that must be applied. I assume genealogy is no different. So what are they?"

A provocative question, indeed. If we had to boil down our work to four cornerstones upon which all else is built, what would they be?

Research should be exhaustive. A reliable conclusion can rarely be reached until every available and pertinent record is identified and examined. Genealogy is not a collection of names and dates. It is a study of human lives and experiences. Names and dates are only two of the identifiers we use to ensure that identities are correctly sorted, that lives are faithfully reconstructed, and that history is reliably inter-

Conclusions should be based on original sources of the best quality available. Yes, we begin all research projects with a literature search. The work of others can be a valuable shortcut. But the fact that someone else has published or circulated material on our subject does not relieve us of the responsibility to track the published details to their origins. That is how we verify that the information has been correctly copied, interpreted and linked. That is how we appraise whether the creator of

the information had unbiased, first-hand knowledge. That is our foundation for weighing each piece of evidence against the other, as we search for truth and reality and accuracy amid a confusing cacophony of records.

Nothing should be stated or claimed without an explicit identification of source. Common sense applies, of course. Facts that are "public knowledge" need no citation. If we write that the Civil War started in 1861, a citation would be superfluous; but an assertion that Zachariah Zumswerdt enlisted on 26 September 1861 obliges us to support the statement with reliable evidence.

Research must be objective. Romantic notions, exaggerated claims, social prejudices, and political correctness — for whatever reasons they may be indulged — are insidious corrosives that adulterate the evidence we all depend upon. They warp society's understanding of itself and thwart vital efforts to create a brighter future.

Genealogy is a unique pursuit. It is, at once, a personal quest and a collective venture. It is simultaneously a hobby, a profession, and an intensely intellectual exercise. Our complex world daily finds new uses for the research procedures and knowledge bases that genealogists have developed. Inquiries as to our standards are now commonplace as well. Pressed to define our concepts of genealogical standards, we offer those above. Do you share them?

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Ashburton, Methodism and the Joints

by RoseMarie McLean

My last trip to England in March/April, 1998, was exciting because, thanks to the Internet, I met and stayed with two new-to-me second cousins, each of us sharing James Joint and Rhoda Butler as great-grandparents. We also shared the excitement of our discoveries about our common ancestors,

tracing their origins in Ashburton to the their final resting place in the Tottenham Cemetery in London.

Ashburton is the town where our ancestors James and Rhoda grew up, met and married. They later travelled to



Hazel Thomas also searching Joints. She was our host in Ashburton.

London around 1880 where their children were born. Throughout the 1800s the family had been Non-conformist Wesleyan Methodists attending the Ashburton Great Meeting House, an independent church, and their baptism registers have survived until now. Marriages prior to 1837 had to take place in the parish church according to the rites of the Church of England and so are not found in the Non-conformist registers.

Ashburton, Devon, England is an ancient Stannary town, one of four left in Devon. Today it is the largest town within the boundary of Dartmoor National Park. The Stannary towns of Devon were important centres for the trade of tin as all the rough smelted tin had to be stamped and graded before it was taken away for refining. The smelted tin was mined out of nearby Dartmoor as far back as the Roman times. Ashburton was a designated Stannary town as early as 1285 AD and local history dates it back to Saxon times.

When my cousin and I visited Ashburton in April, 1998, we found it to he an enterprising little town retaining much of its old world charm. As the A38 Devon expressway does not go through the town centre, it has only a modest level of local and visitor car and truck traffic. There is a car park off North Street with the market area close by. Regular weekly markets are held on Tuesday mornings.

Three streets meet at the centre of Ashburton to form a trijunction: East Street, West Street and North Street as the bisector. Our ancestors resided on all three streets.

There are two major churches in Ashburton. The historic Chapel of St. Lawrence on St. Lawrence Lane is one of

oldest and most interesting buildings in town. It started as a private chapel for the Bishop of Exeter and was later donated to the town in 1314. The larger Parish Church of St. Andrew is a distinguished building. It has a large tower, 92 feet high and the interior is memorable. Close by there is the grave of a French prisoner which is a reminder that many French prisoners were located here during the Napoleonic wars. Perhaps the Joint name started out as "le Joynt?" A further search of grave sites could not locate any of our family

names as the headstones are old and worn and like many old grave site markers, are very deteriorated.

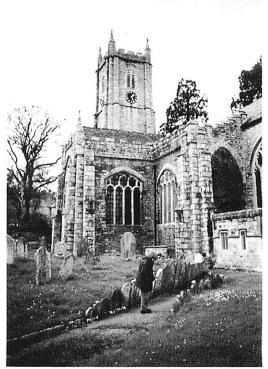
But we were looking for something else in Ashburton: an Independent church. We finally did find a Methodist church, dated 1835, on a corner of St. Andrew's Close near the town centre. Was this the church attended by James

METHODIST CHURCH

ST. ANDREWS CLOSE

Methodist Church, Ashburton, Devon

and Rhoda as Nonconformist Wesleyan Methodists? Was their common religion how this couple met? And who were these Non-conformist Wesleyan Methodists? At that time all non-Anglican churches were considered non-conformist. But who was John Wesley and what was Methodism? To answer these questions I visited Wesley's Chapel House and the



Church of St. Andrew's graveyard; Wendy Joint (cousin's wife)

Museum of Methodism, City Road, on my return to London. The Chapel has been the mother church of world Methodism since its construction in 1778. The house is where Wesley lived after he had it built and it is now decorated as it would have been during his lifetime The Museum traces the development of Methodism from the 18th century to the present day.

I found that John Wesley was a man of strong faith who founded a religion. John was one of nineteen children born to his parents. His father was the Rector of Epworth in Lincolnshire, England. John went to Oxford University when he was seventeen years old and it was there that he decided to become a clergyman in the Church of England. He was a very organised student, planning his studies so he wasted no time. His methods of study attracted the interest of his brother Charles and other students who copied his approach and

so this group became known as the "Holy Club" or the "Methodists." Throughout this time he was interested in helping the poor and even started a school for poor children.

After an unsuccessful trip to North America John returned to England and began to preach but his strong sermons made people feel uncomfortable so he was banned from preaching at Anglican churches. He decided to become a field preacher and travelled all over England and Wales holding meetings in open fields. After a time some of his followers became lay preachers carrying out "missions" to all corners of the world.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, was also a preacher as well as being a talented musician,

following John throughout his ministry. Charles Wesley wrote some 6500 hymns which include such favourites as "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

In London, in the district of Tottenham, my cousin and I found

the house site where James and Rhoda had made their home for a time. Although there

were many nearby examples of the type of home built there in the late 1800s their street number location had been bombed in 1942. It was now a newly built row of Council houses. At present my cousins and myself are trying to find records that indicate where James and Rhoda continued the practice of their faith, Methodism, in London.

Rhoda and James Joint are buried in the Tottenham Cemetery, London. Rhoda died in 1927 and her headstone bears the inscription, "Peace Perfect Peace." James died in 1930 and his inscription is, "The Peace That Passeth All Understanding." Hopefully their religion, Methodism, assisted them in finding the peace they sought and that they died in "faith and love."

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Also something Joint; St. Andrew's graveyard.

The millennium bug infects family history

by Jake Gehring

The Millennium Bug, the Year 2000 Problem, or simply Y2K—however you label it, it's the toughest computer dilemma we've known. In a nutshell, all sorts of computer equipment, both hardware and software (especially older stuff) will have problems when the earth's collective odometer turns from 1999 to 2000.

In order to understand the Millennium Bug, you'll need to grasp a few concepts from our distant digital past. Computer storage space has not always been as easy to come by as it is today. The 5 GB, 8 GB, and 10 GB hard drives available in new systems would boggle the minds of programmers in the 1950s and 1960s. Moreover, programming techniques have not necessarily kept pace with the explosive growth and capability of modern systems.

Memory limitations of early computer systems forced programmers to conserve space and processor time wherever they could. One common processing technique employed the use of only two digits to represent a given year. A payroll system designed in 1967, then, might refer to "1960" as simply "60," the century implied. A simple conservation of these two digits could save companies tens of thousands of dollars in processing time, computer paper, storage space, etc.

The problem is that although these limitations no longer exist as before, the year abbreviation has remained a common practice. Great value continues to be placed upon programs which do exactly what they're supposed to do, and no more—no wasted effort, no unnecessary codes, no extras. The

programmers of past decades were more than happy to save the extra two digits, and may have comforted themselves with the fact that the systems they were designing would be obsolete before the new millennium arrived. But with each new year, the usage of the two-digit year abbreviation has had an ever-growing opportunity to wreak future havoc.

And the causes of the Millennium Bug run even deeper. As a testament to frugality and corporate complacency, many of these old programs are still around—ironically continuing to function as they were designed and written thirty and forty years ago.

Some analysts even claim that we tend to think of years in two digits. Someone says "63" and you think of Beatles and bellbottoms, not the U.S. Civil War. (Apologies to genealogists out there who tend to celebrate their 6th great-grandmother's birthday as often as a sibling's.)

As if to add insult to injury, the year 2000 is a special leap year. Normally, a leap year occurs every four years to compensate for the extra 0.24219 days in the solar year. There are, however, a couple of exceptions. If a year is evenly divisible by 100, then it's not a leap year, but yet if it's evenly divisible by 400, then it's a leap year after all. If programmers have incorrectly implemented this rule in their code, computer users may have problems on Feb 29, as well as on Jan 1.

What May Happen...

The predictions of the Millennium Bug's effect on global society range from minor inconvenience to the end of the world as we know it. Some industry groups have theorized that as many as 90% of existing computer applications will experience problems if not repaired before 2000. Many of these applications control processes that are critical to the survival of a business; some are even critical to the health of our society.

Imagine that your local public library uses a special piece of software to determine whether a given book is overdue. It routinely subtracts the check-out date from the current date for hundreds or thousands of books to see whether the result is greater than the specified loan period. Now suppose that the new millennium arrives. The computer might subtract the check-out date (i.e., December 14th, '99) from the new current date (January 3rd, '00) and come up with -99 years, 11 months, and 11 days rather than the correct answer of 3 weeks. Depending on how the original programmer dealt with this possibility, the software may not flag the book as overdue, it may charge you with 99 years of overdue fees, or, worse yet, it may crash and refuse to work at all.

Unfortunately, not all scenarios deal with the relatively small significance of an overdue library book. Affected systems touch every aspect of society— your laundromat, your bank or credit union, traffic lights, your phone system, your automobile, the elevator in your building, the local power company, etc. Again, some analysts are more dire in their predictions than others, but the disturbing fact remains that, until recently, most computer software had never been tested for the eventuality of the next thousand years.

Back to the Future

The Millennium Bug is not the only instance when technology has had a "blind spot" for the future. The QWERTY keyboard layout is a good example. In the earlier part of this century, manual typewriter operators were having a hard time maintaining a consistent output because the machine would jam up at high speeds. Thus, a keyboard was designed where the most common letters of the alphabet were placed in awkward combinations with less-frequently used letters. The layout was created to slow down the typing of operators. Yet now, although electronic typewriters and computers have eliminated the need for the delay, the troublesome QWERTY keyboard remains a standard—a standard which costs the business world millions and millions of dollars per year in lost productivity.

Another example might be the GEDCOM standard, which was never intended to proscribe the computer coding of genealogical information. It was first used as a transfer method between LDS Church programs like Personal Ancestral File® and FamilySearch®. Its earliest versions could not compensate for multimedia genealogical content and other industry needs simply because those needs were not apparent originally. As the GEDCOM standard (or any other set of rules) progresses forward from refinement to refinement, the burden is put upon the customer who now faces the prospect of either upgrading or risking obsolescence.

Some theorists argue that these blind spots are unavoidable without amazing forethought and thorough testing. A military simulation involving new software for the F-16 fighter, for example, discovered that the plane would begin to fly upside-down whenever it crossed the equator into the southern hemisphere. Programmers soon realized that they had to

compensate for southern longitudes, which were recorded in the computer database as negative numbers.

Genealogical Implications

Unfortunately for family historians, may have to deal with such blind spots if we use electronic databases created twenty to fifty years agowhen the limits of the storage media and concern about saving time and money in data-entry projects forced programmers to abbreviate informa-

One example is a database originally created on punch cards by the U.S. War Relocation Authority. This governmental agency was responsible for the internment of over 100,000 Japanese Americans in various concentration camps during WWII. The punch cards were read to digital tape during the 1960s by the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley. Although quite detailed in describing each "evacuee," birth data was abbreviated to two digits.

Another such example of this abbreviation is an electronic index to Michigan deaths from 1971 to 1996, maintained by the Vital and Health Records Section of Michigan's Department of Community Health. From 1971 to 1988 the file (containing 2,107,456 entries) lists birth dates in a YYMMDD format. The omission of the first two digits of the birth year have since been corrected, so the problem will not affect the index when 2000 rolls around, but it does create some confusion regarding those born in the last century. Given the above format and a death date in late 1974, how can a researcher decide whether an individual born on 73/03/20 was two years or 102 years old at death?

Fortunately, centenarians are not that common (of 270 million Americans, 60,000 turned 100 last year). And as we go further back in time, the

frequency of these hardy individuals is even lower. Probability suggests that in the average case, a person is much more likely to have died in youth than to have lived past 100.

Understanding the scope and background of a given collection will further assist researchers in resolving these types of ambiguities. A military database called "Combat Area Casualties Current File" maintained by the Secretary of Defense (better known to FamilySearch® users as the Vietnam section of the Military Index) lists both date of birth and date of death in the MM/DD/YY format. As the file describes U.S. military personnel who died in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict, however, virtually all entries are young men or women, not centenarians.

Concepts for Coping

The basic obstacle for Year 2000 compliance has been that the advance of time remains a hard variable to test. Now that the Millennium Bug is identified, however, new strategies are available to help users deal with the problem. Tools now exist to help predict a computer's behaviour, and computer programming has evolved to the point where common mistakes regarding leap-years and date abbreviations are well-known.

The following are some additional pointers to help you digitally prepare for the next thousand years.

Tip 1 Understand the nature of the problem.

Take steps to understand how you might be vulnerable. There are plenty of sites on the Internet which explain the Millennium Bug in great detail. Do you own a computer which runs on an older Pentium processor (or perhaps even a 486, 386, 286, or earlier machine)? Such older systems are more likely to have Millennium Bug problems. Find out whether the

software you use is "Year 2000" compliant. Many web sites on the Internet now sport information on a given software vendor's Y2K policies.

Even well-known commercial software packages produced a few years ago have shortcomings regarding the year 2000. Examples include Windows 3.1 and Windows 95; earlier versions of Microsoft Works and Access; Novell's Netware 3.11 and earlier; earlier versions of Norton Anti-Virus and Norton Utilities; etc.

Tip 2 Use full four-digit dates In your own genealogical record keeping.

Although almost all genealogical software packages require the use of full dates, abbreviation is still possible in word processing and other software applications. As digitally-stored material does not take space like the printed word, try to avoid abbreviations wherever possible. If two-digit dating or other conveniences are used

to avoid repetitious data-entry, use a search-and-replace algorithm to expand out file material afterward.

Tip 3 Make sure you have proper backups of your data.

Conscientious genealogists should always have backups of their digital data, year 2000 or no. Consider the possibility, however, that your computer system itself, not just your genealogy data, could have serious problems. You may consider printing out a series of family group sheets, pedigree charts, research logs, client reports, etc., so that you can continue with your research even if your computer is down for a while.

Tip 4 Take the opportunity to upgrade your system and software.

Many corporations are combining their Y2K preparation with normal upgrading of outdated equipment. You, too, might take advantage of the extra motivation to upgrade software or hardware which may not function well in a few short months anyway. Besides, upgrading offers new features, increased speed, and better technical support.

Although the Millennium Bug can be a daunting spectre, both businesses and individuals are addressing the issue. Computer companies and organizations have begun to show great concern regarding their customers. The government has instituted programs to ensure internal Y2K compliance. Although the effects of the year 2000 may not be fully understood, an awareness of the issues and a little preparation can go a long way toward being ready.

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Collecting evidence is always a challenge for genealogists. Lawyers have similar problems. The Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers Journal printed the following questions actually asked of witnesses during a trial. The responses to some of the questions were given by insightful witnesses. This is not a puton. It's for real.

- 1. Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
- 2. The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?
- 3. Were you present when your picture was taken?
- 4. Were you alone or by yourself?
- 5. Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?
- 6. Did he kill you?
- 7. How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?
- 8. You were there until the time you left, is that true?
- Question: She had three children, right? Answer: Yes.
 - Q: How many were boys?
 - A: None.
 - Q: Were there any girls?
- Q: You say the stairs went down to the basement?A: Yes.
 - Q: And these stairs, did they go up also?
- Q: How was your first marriage terminated?
 A: By death.
 - Q And by whose death was it terminated?
- 12. Q: Can you describe the individual?
 - A: He was about medium height and had a beard. Q Was this a male or a female?
- 13. Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant

- to a deposition notice that I sent to your attorney? A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.
- 14. Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you per formed on dead people?
 - A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.
- 15. Q: All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?
 A: Oral.
- 16. Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
 - A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.
 - Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?
 - A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.
- 17. Q: Mr. Slatery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?
 - A: I went to Europe, sir.
 - Q: And you took your new wife?
- 18. Q So the date of conception was August 8th? A: Yes.
- Q: And what were you doing at the time?
- Q: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?
 A: I have been since early childhood.
- 20. Q: You were not shot in the fracas?
 A: No, I was shot midway between the fracas and the navel.

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Galacia (3 Sessions) City of Edmonton Archives Homestead Records Ontario Research Scandanavian Research Adoption AGS Library

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by Cathy Mayhood

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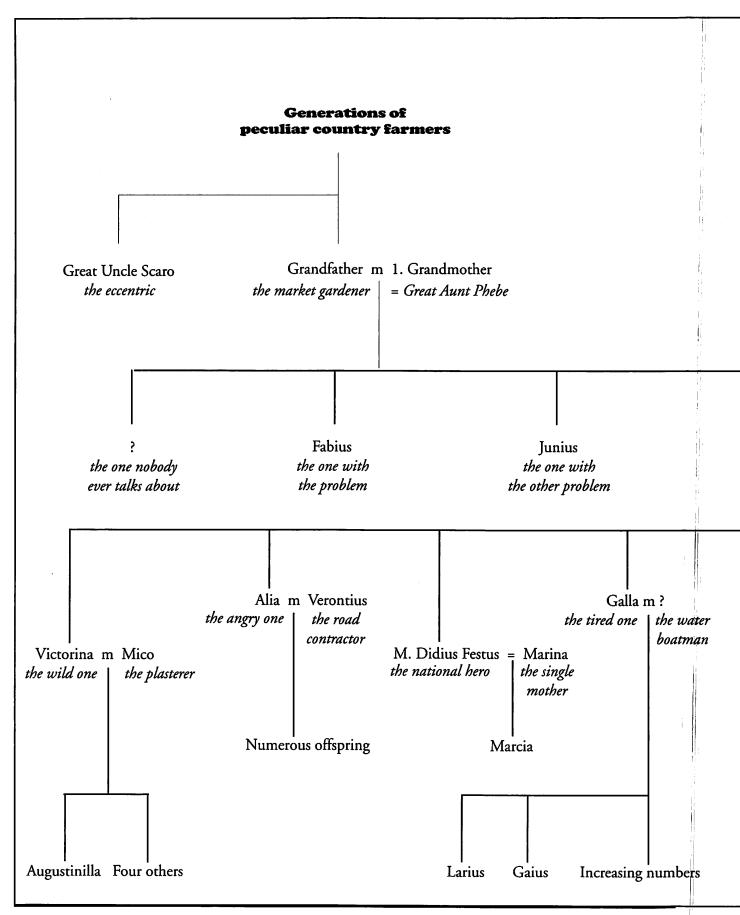
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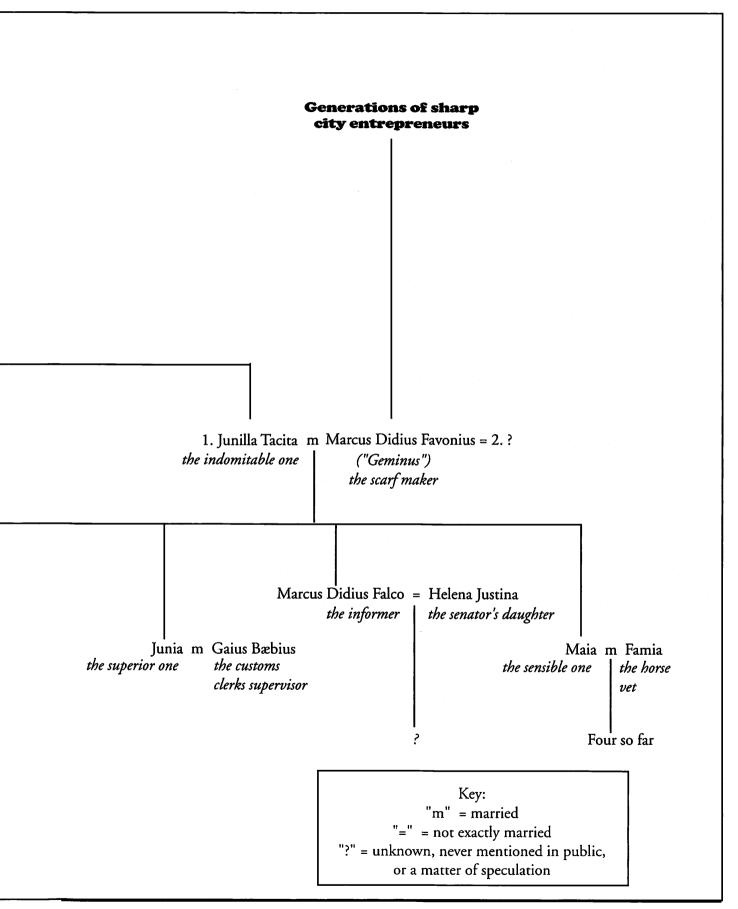
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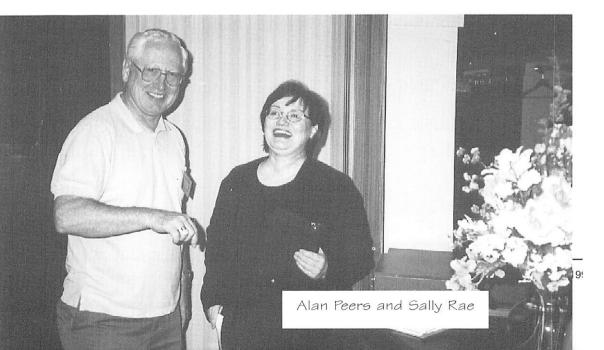


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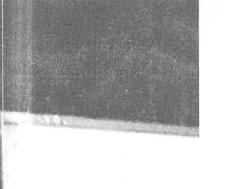


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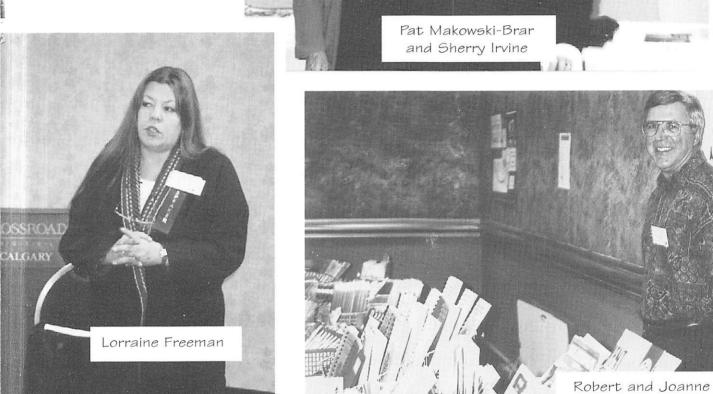






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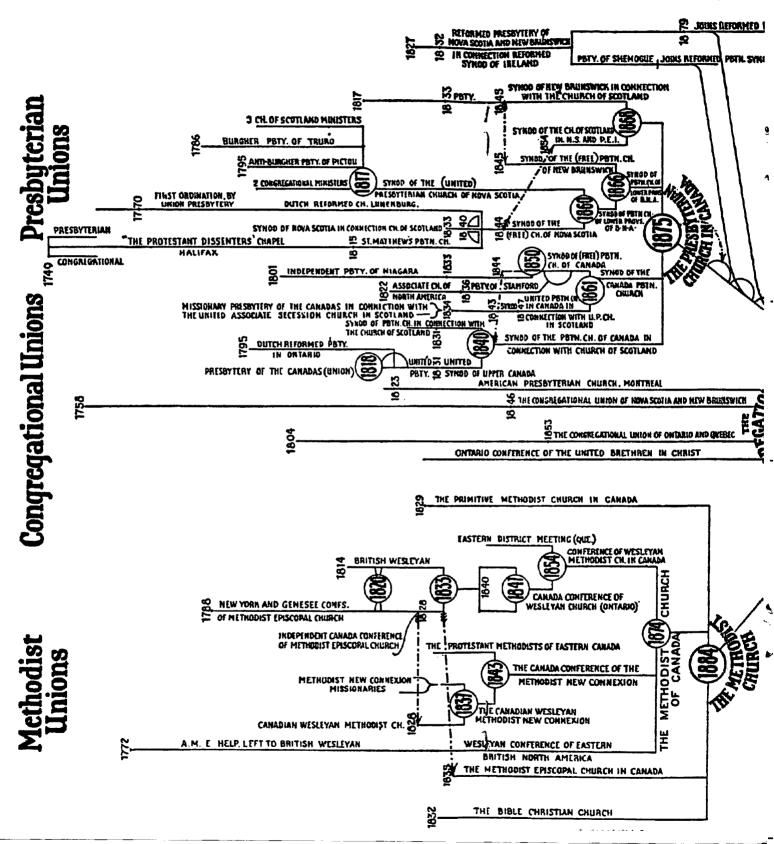




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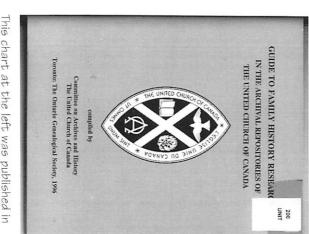


A glance at the above diagram will at once reveal the fact that each of the three churches that are to form the United Church of Canada is in itself a "United Church." The reader will puzzle over the similar names of the different bodies whose names were once dear, whose differences were considered vital, but whose very meaning has now been forgotten in the happy union of each of the three churches.

"MATS" OF THE ABOVE WILL BE SUPPLIED TO NEWSPAPERS FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION

Source: Claris E. Silcox. Church Union in Canada.

New York: Institute of Social and Religious Research, 1933.



This chart at the left was published in 1933 and reproduced by The Ontario Genealogical Society in 1966. As stated on page 34. "At church union in 1925. approximately thirty per cent of Canadian Presbyterians chose not to enter The United Church of Canada and to continue as Presbyterians", in the [continuing] Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Special Collection compact disks at the Calgary Family History Center

by Douglas H. Stobbs

This article is intended to publicize some significant, yet under-utilized resources at the FHC.

It may be of particular interest to patrons *without* computers, too, as one doesn't need one at home to enjoy and benefit from the wealth of information available.

The "Special Collection" at the Family History Center has been acquired over several years and is composed of titles which until very recently, were not issued by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

These compliment such familiar resources as the "IGI" and "Ancestral File".

Up to the present, many of the titles in the collection have been donated by patrons. Special recognition should be given to the genealogical computer group of the Alberta Family Histories Society, too, as they have purchased the majority of these CD-ROMs as a tangible and on-going way of supporting the FHC.

The software needed to access these CD-ROMs has been installed on one computer at the FHC.

For patrons familiar with Windows, the operation is standard and straightforward. There are a few exceptions to this and these have been identified in the descriptions which follow.

In 1998, the Family History Library embarked on a new policy whereby they began offering data for sale on CD-ROMs, to individuals. This has been greeted with great enthusiasm and these will be available for use by patrons, too, at the Calgary FHC.

Several have been installed at this time and all others will be, as received.

To use CD-ROMs from this special collection, simply ask for the discs at the reception desk. Should you require assistance, make this known and a staff member will gladly help you get started.

National Archives of Canada, volume 1

This is the first release of a CD-ROM by the National Archives of Canada.

It is a composite of a wide variety of information which reflects the holdings of the Archives. It does hold information useful to family historians; a little patience is required.

Since its release, some of the data has been published on

other CD-ROMs, too.

An example of this is the data on ship registrations which is presented in much greater detail on the CD-ROM "Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada" which will be reviewed in the next issue of Chinook.

Users can search this CD-ROM; keep track of the main menu. There is no mouse support nor graphics, however a little patience could be well rewarded.

Information on this CD-ROM

- 1. About this CD-ROM, an overview
- 2. Text files from federal government departments.

Examples are: ship registrations and wrecks, documents on Indians, post offices in Canada 1991, 1992, 1993; post office histories for Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

- 3. Text files from corporations and individuals.
- 4. Magazines in electronic format.
- 5. Databases: ship registrations, aircraft registrations.

Examples are: 1871 census index for Ontario (also in print at the FHC), index to ship manifests.

- 6. Images. Reproductions of works of art held in Ottawa and also posters used to attract immigrants from abroad.
- 7. Maps.
- 8. General information about archives.

Ontario cemetery finding aid (OCFA-5)

An index of burial data from cemetery recordings from Ontario.

Information on this CD-ROM;

- 1. 1.2 million names from 2400 cemeteries.
- 2. The names and addresses of the organizations (OGS Branches) which compiled the data which enables a researcher to write for additional information. Sample letters are included.
- 3. The name and location of all cemeteries included in the index.
- 4. Data files for each alphabetical section of the index in ".zip" format. These can be copied onto diskettes.
- 5. List of volunteers who contributed their efforts to compiling the index.

- 6. Ontario travel tips.
- 7. Other sources for Ontario burial information.

There is additional information available on the Internet under OCFA-6. This next series has not been issued on CD-ROM at the time this was written. Visit web site http:/ /www.islandnet.com/ocfa/

In search of our Acadian roots

For Acadian researchers this may provide many 'break throughs'.

The basic data is a compilation of researched names and pedigrees from individuals across North America who voluntarily submitted their information for this project.

Because there was no attempt to edit or compare all submissions there is understandably a great deal of duplication. Better too much than miss some was the guideline.

This data is readily available for downloading to diskettes. Researchers who don't use computers will find useful information here too.

The name, address and in most cases the phone number of all the submitters accompanies the data and, as this was compiled in about 1994, the chances of contacting the contributor are fairly good.

Information on this CD-ROM

- 1. Names, births, baptisms, deaths, burials and marriages of about 500,000 Acadians. This info is in GEDCOM format which are readily copied to diskettes.
- 2. There are summary lists of surnames which accompany each GEDCOM, too. These are in a format called Tiny Tafel and are easily and quickly readable. These also have the name, address etc. of the submitter of each individual list (Tafel).
- 3. A separate listing of just the names and addresses of all submitters who contributed to the compilation.
- 4. A collection of shareware and freeware genealogy programs and utilities (early 1990s vintage).

Louisiana land records

This CD-ROM holds details of records dealing with original land grants in Louisiana.

The records from the US Department of the Interior vary substantially and include transactions such as homesteads, cash purchases, miscellaneous warrants, private land claims, swamp lists and railroad lists.

Information on this CD-ROM

- 1. Detail from 82,000 documents dated between approximately 1826 and 1906.
- 2. Owner, grantee names are given.

Louisiana marriages

This data was extracted from registers of 58 parishes covering the years between 1739 and 1910.

For the later years, civil records from county courthouses and other sources are also included.

Searches can be conducted for either brides or grooms.

Earliest records include marriages of some Acadians originally from Nova Scotia and P.E.I.

Information on this CD-ROM

- 1. About 570,000 individual names
- 2. Includes full names of both parties with date and place of marriage, whether a parish or county.

Telephone directories on CD-ROM

As this is written the collection holds four separate CD-ROMs. There was another covering Ireland, however it "time expired" and was discarded.

These CD-ROMs typically hold the names and other data for every telephone listing in each country.

The data is identical to that published in telephone directories, for household subscribers. Commercial listings are not usually included.

Patrons without Internet access will find these CD-ROMs particularly interesting and helpful.

For Canada and the U.S, the information has the name as published then the phone number, street address and either the postal or zip code. Date of original publication is usually shown.

The data can be searched for a name in a particular province/state or for the whole CD-ROM.

This is a great assist when looking for living relatives or simply updating addresses for Christmas or other mailings.

Each of the CD-ROMs will print lists of selected names etc., so it isn't necessary to manually copy data from the

monitor.

Telephone CD-ROMs held at the Calgary Family History Center:

- 1. Canada
- 2. U.S.A. (on two CD-ROMs, west and east)
- 3. Germany

Pre-1790 Colonial America census index

The information on this CD-ROM will serve as a finding aid to those searching for ancestors in the United States prior to the first U.S federal census of 1790.

Only heads of households are given, however other detail such as state, county and township is included making this an excellent tool for locating families.

Coverage includes the original 13 colonies with additional states, to 1790.

Information on this CD-ROM

- 1. Names of heads of households (which are searchable).
- 2. Detailed reference to the original record which held the listing, including page numbers.
- 3. Data from: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont and Virginia.

U.S. census index series — Ohio, 1880

One of a series of early data CD-ROMs, originally offered by Automated Archives. Includes all names enumerated during the 1880 U.S. federal census, for Ohio.

This series of CD-ROMs uses pioneer level search techniques, does not have mouse support, nevertheless, will reward those who take a calm, patient approach.

Information on this CD-ROM

- 1. Approximately 800,000 individuals enumerated throughout the state.
- 2. Will search for names by individual county or across the whole state.
- 3. Provides reference information to township, etc. for each individual.

LDS Family History Suite

This is a huge compilation which holds a wide variety of helpful information. It may appear to be exclusively for members of the LDS Church because of the title but that's not realistic either as this is a commercial product; not one from the Family History Library. Researchers working in the United States will probably derive the most benefits from this suite.

Several well recognized research books are included in full; there are data files and even a genealogy program for personal record-keeping.

For patrons of the Calgary Family History Center, several of the references included in the CD-ROM are also available in print; The Red Book, The Source and The Library, to name just three.

Of more general interest, guides on the CD-ROM like "The Library of Congress" and "The National Archives" (U.S) should not be overlooked.

Information on this CD-ROM

The various suites are described as follows:

- 1. Ancestry reference library. Major titles (as above) from this genealogy publisher.
- 2. Pioneer heritage library. Data of particular interest to those with Mormon ancestors.
- 3. LDS vital records library. Additional detailed vital records.
- 4. LDS Ancestral Quest 2.0. This is a MS-Windows® 'front end' program for those who wish to use that system with data files from PAF (Personal Ancestral File) version 2.31.

Provided for on the CD-ROM are the following which are not available in the installation at the Calgary Family History Center:

- 5. World Wide Family History Network.
- 6. Deluxe Journal Keeper.

This is simply a brief introduction to this significant CD-ROM. Each suite holds a separate library of interesting and useful information. Most researchers will find something of value; give it a try.

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- "Bon chance de Madeleine" vol 24 no 3 Spring 98
- · Some Australians Serving in the Waikato and Taranaki Regiments c1860
- Two weddings and three funerals - a letter from Sheffield, England

CANADA

East European Genealogical Society, vol 6 no 3 spring 98

- Spirit Lake Internment Camp (near Amos, Quebec)
- German and Czech emigration from the Landskron/Lan+kroun district of Northeast Bohemia to America

Family Chronicle magazine, vol 2 no 5 June 98

- · Never say die Holocaust Records
- · Research in Russian, Ukrainian and Belarussian Archives vol 2 no 6 Aug 98
- Using maps in genealogy
- The French in North America vol 3 no 1 Sept/Oct 98
- Transportation (from the British isles)
- · Writing the narrative (of your family history)

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- · Mennonite victims of Revolution. Anarchy, Civil War, Disease and Famine, 1917-23
- · Seventy-five years ago vol XXIV no 3 Sept 98
- · Providential meeting with Aunt Elizabeth at Fredeshiem
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- Die Pest a report of the plague in 1611 and 1629 in Winterthur and Sennwald, Switzerland
- this publication also includes the Edmonton Branch and Grande Prairie Branch AGS newsletters

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- Where to look when the IGI does not list your ancestor
- Genealogical tips that have worked for me

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• Nurse Olga Freifeld's epic career in Peers

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- Fargo Hospital WW1 Artillery -England used by Canada and **New Zealand**

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- · Albert Braziere of early Winnipeg

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- Alas for Three Arms

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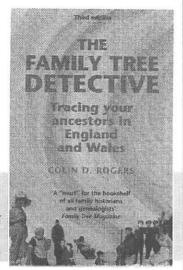
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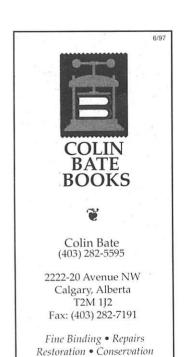
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