



Border Crossing Records

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I am pleased to share with you what I've learned on this topic. First, I'd like to acknowledge Mr. Kenneth Aitkin who was a guest speaker at the Wildrose Seminar in October 1997. I learned a lot from him by attending his session. He has extensive background information and historical understanding of the migration and settlement patterns into western Canada. The Seminar pamphlet said Mr. Aitken was the Director of the Family History Center (FHC) in Regina. He is also the Prairie History Librarian with the Regina Public Library, is a certified genealogical researcher and instructor, and lectures and writes on such matters. If he is invited to come again ... I'll be there! Now, too, a big thanks to Roy Strickland, also a staff member at our Family History Center who found the records on our computers from the Family History Library catalogue (FHL, i.e., Salt Lake's holdings).

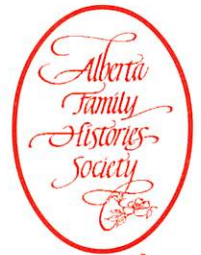
The computer organization of records available through the FHL was a real stumbling block for me when I first began to investigate border crossings. The Lethbridge staff didn't know how to access the records from Salt Lake City on the computer - after all, they have a huge collection of border crossing films (400). Nor could anyone on my shift at the FHC in Calgary do it. We tried.

Roy spent considerable time at the FHC trying to bring the records up and he finally succeeded. These border crossing resources may open another area of research though the years covered are only from 1908-18. The originals are held in Ottawa at the National Archives and what you see on the film are "originals". I'll discuss these records in more detail shortly. For movement from Canada into the United States, records were kept from 1895-1954. I'll discuss these records more fully too.

Canadian Records Finding Aids

The Canadian records which hold both admissions and rejections are available on microfilm and are at the Main Calgary Public Library downtown on the 4th floor. There is a binder there (i.e., a finding aid) and it is easy to use. It has the ports of entry listed and some maps.

There are 46 reels. Remember the crossings into Canada were recorded only between 1908-1918. The starting years aren't constant, however, as you'll see. In this finding aid, the ports are first listed geographically from West to East. The first of 12 pages are reproduced here.



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The Alberta Family Histories Society

The society is a non-profit organization formed in 1980 to promote and encourage an interest in family history research. The activities of the society are funded completely by membership fees, fund-raising projects and donations from individual members.

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.

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Canada Census, 2001

Time is running out for Canadian Family Historians.

The campaign to have the 1911 and future Federal Censuses released to the public has reached a critical point. Early in 2001, Stats Canada will be conducting another count and if their present position on disclosure is not changed, we can readily expect to see pledges of perpetual confidentiality printed on each and every form. This will be a clear signal that the game is over..... and that they did win.

This illustrates an important aspect of the debate which has raged for the past 2 years.

Stats Canada maintains that in 1911, the people of Canada were promised that the information would never be made public. They have imagined a lot of this and as has been proven, it was never publicly disclosed in basic black and white.

Most recently, The Honourable John Manley, responsible in the Federal Cabinet for Stats Canada, commissioned an expert committee to investigate the issue and present its findings and recommendations to him, by May 31st, 2000

Lois Sparling and her dedicated committee deserve our sincere thanks. They spent innumerable hours researching and developing position papers for the expert committee which were forwarded to Ottawa in March. These, predictably, vigorously support disclosure.

As this is written, it's a waiting game.

Was the creation of the expert committee a devious tactic to create a break in hopes that the issue would die down.... and go away? In the meantime, is Stats Canada busy developing questions, ordering millions of forms and creating the organization which will carry out the knocking on our doors? Count on it!

We're used to spring snows in Calgary.; usually they're gone in a few days. This differs decidedly from Ottawa... there, they can make a snow-job last forever.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Alberta Family Histories Society will be held on Monday, June 5, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. MDT at Southminster United Church, 3818 14A Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, for the following purposes:

1. to receive the Society's annual audited financial report;
2. to receive reports from various committees and special interest groups;
3. to elect officers for the ensuing year;
4. to appoint an auditor and authorize the Board of Directors to fix the auditor's remuneration;
5. to consider, and if thought fit, to pass a Special Resolution to make changes to the Society's By-laws;
6. to transact such other business required under the By-laws and as may come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The proposed changes to the By-laws will:

1. Eliminate the membership category of Life Member.
2. Eliminate the elected position of Chair-elect while maintaining two vice chair positions.
3. Increase the maximum number of years an elected member of the Board of Directors may serve successively in any one position from two to three.
4. Specifically name the six Standing Committees whose chairs will serve as members of the Board of Directors rather than leave it open to up to six committee chairs.
5. Allow the Annual General Meeting to appoint two members of the Society who are not members of the Board of Directors to do the annual financial audit.
6. Make some "housekeeping" changes to certain by-laws such as re-ordering, renumbering, and creating consistency in phraseology without changing the intent of the wording of any such by-law.

Copies of the proposed changes to the By-laws may be viewed at the Society's Resource Centre (Library) at Southminster United Church, 3818 14A Street S.W. during Library Open Hours from 1 May 2000 to 5 June 2000 inclusive. Copies of the proposed changes also may be obtained by email from Lorna Stewart at stewarj@cadvision.com.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta this 17th day of April 2000.

L.A. (Larry) Gilchrist Chairman

Strategies For Tracing Cross Border Immigrants

1. Locate your ancestor using local histories, land/homestead records, Census.
2. Calculate a departure/arrival date within the range of the extant records ie. 1908-1919
3. Determine the most likely crossing point on the Canada / U.S. border. (Usually via a railroad)
4. Search the appropriate border crossing records.

Then the ports of entry are listed alphabetically and that's how the reels are organized.

Please notice the years when the records were begun is not constant. The finding aid also points out glitches: *, **, or *** may point out that the lists were filmed out of order or in reverse order. And, Sidney, British Columbia appears on one film for one month in 1917 with Sydney, Nova Scotia. Lots of fun looking - but it's "free".

Coverage

If your ancestors came into Canada from the United States prior to 1908, as mine did, you are out of luck. No records exist. My maternal great grandparents arrived in the Waterton (Alberta) area by horse and wagon from Idaho in 1902. My grandfather, the youngest of their children, was seven. My paternal grandparents arrived in 1904. Did they come up from North Dakota as many Scandinavian families did to settle the Claresholm/Stavelly area? No record exists.

It is estimated that over 1.25 million people crossed into Canada to the Prairie Provinces alone; the peak years being from 1896-1910. But, it wasn't until 1908 that the Canadian government thought to obtain immigration statistics and set up its ledgers.

Alternative Sources of Information

Now if you have immigrant ancestors who came up from the United States ...

- Have you checked the local histories?
- Have you checked homestead records?
- 1901 Canadian census?
- Can you determine a possible United States point of origin?

Travel was likely by railroad ... what might the crossing point have been?

Define your Geography

In this timeframe, there were three Alberta ports of entry:

- Twin Lakes - South of Cardston (located on a small part of one film)
- Coutts - a railway terminal (located on three films/reels)
- Pinhorn - East of Coutts, near Aden today (located on one film with records from 12 other ports).

See also (West to East):

Yukon: Forty Mile Creek, Dawson City
British Columbia: White Pass, Stewart, Anyox, Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, Ocean Falls, Powell River, Union Bay, Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Bamfield, Victoria, Steveston, Ladner, White Rock, Douglas (near White Rock), Pacific Highway (near White Rock), Aldergrove, Peardonville (near Huntingdon), Huntingdon, Mission, Upper Sumas, Chilliwack, Keremeos, Similkameen, Penticton, Osoyoos, Bridesville, Myncaster, Midway, Carson, Grand Forks, Cascade, Rossland, Paterson, Waneta, Rykerks, Kingsgate, Gateway, Newgate, Philips/Roosville

Saskatchewan: Willow Creek, West Popular River, Wood Mountain, East Popular River, Big Muddy, Radville, Marienthal, North Portal, Northgate

Manitoba: Bannerman, Snowflake, Killarney, Mowbray, Morden, Haskett, Gretna, Emerson, Sprague

Ontario: Rainy River, Fort Frances, Pigeon River, Fort William, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Bruce Mines, Thessalon, Blind River, Cutler, Gore

Bay, Little Current, Depot Harbour, Parry Sound, Collingwood, Goderich, Point Edward, Sarnia, Courtright, Sombra, Port Lambton, Walpole Island, Wallaceburg, Walkerville, Windsor/Walkerville, Ojibwa, Amherstburg, Port Stanley, Port Burwell, Port Dover, Port Colborne, Windmill Point, Crystal Beach, Fort Erie/ Erie Beach, Bridgeburg, Niagara Falls, Port Dalhousie, Toronto, Port Hope, Cobourg, Brighton, Trenton, Belleville, Picton, Deseronto, Bath, Kingston, Wolfe Island, Gananoque, Rockport, Brockville, Prescott, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Aultsville, Cornwall

Quebec: St. Regis, Dundee, Huntingdon/St. Agnes, Athelstan, Hemmingford, St. Johns, Lacolle Junction, Noyan Junction, St. Armand, Frelighsburg, Highwater, Mansonville, Magog, Georgeville, Beebe Junction, Stanstead Junction, Stanhope, Coaticook, Hereford, Comins Mills, Paquetteville, Megantic/Lake Megantic, Armstrong

New Brunswick: Connors, Clair, St. Hillier, Edmondson, Green River, St. Leonard, Grand Falls, Aroostook Junction, Andover, Centrelle, Richmond Road/Richmond Corner, Woodstock, Debec Junction, Fosterville, Macadam Junction, Upper Mills, Milltown, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Fair Haven, Wilsons Beach, Welshpool, North Head, Grand Manan, L'Etete

Nova Scotia: Clements Port, Yarmouth, Liverpool, Port Hawkesbury, Sydney

Most settlers entered the Prairies through Manitoba and Saskatchewan ports as that is where the big railway terminals were. For North Portal, Saskatchewan there are seven reels. For Emerson, Manitoba there are seven reels. You will remember that little or no farmland was left in Manitoba at this time - so families likely moved West into Saskatchewan, Alberta or on to British Columbia over Canadian railways.

Railroad Maps of North America by Andrew M. Modelski. (1984) is available at the Calgary Public Library and is a great resource for those interested in tracking possible routes.

To summarize, Canadian records on border crossings from USA into Canada:

1908-18, varying starts

No records before 1908

46 reels at Calgary Public Library, 4th floor

Finding aid binder - easy to use and in two sections:

(1) ports of entry listed geographically from West to East and

(2) ports listed alphabetically

Maps provided but blurred

Microfilms of originals

Be aware - some glitches in filming

Involves lots of looking/speculation

Admissions and rejections

Recorder gave details or vague information

Passenger groupings/advantage

Two books available at Calgary

Family History Center:

(1) Canadian border entry lists, 1908-18, Part 1 [971 W2r Pt. 1]

(2) Germans from Russia border crossings: North Portal, Saskatchewan and West Poplar River, Saskatchewan [971 W2s]

Examining the Information

When you're looking at these forms from the films, remember they are copies of the original ledgers. Some of the record takers were exact; others casual.

It is a thrill to find in the "where from" column: Hot Springs, South Dakota; Boise, Idaho; Havre, Montana; Denver, Colorado. Or, in the "Where to" column: Maple Creek, Saskatchewan; Coronation, Alberta; Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Campion, Carmangay, Tisdale.

You can review a sample "rejections" page too.

United States Records

1060 reels exist of persons crossing from Canada into the United States through land ports during the years 1895-1954. All of these films can be ordered via any FHC from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Or, you can view 400 of them if you take a trip to the Lethbridge FHC, or you can view our collection of six, at the Calgary FHC.

You'll remember that Roy was able to access Salt Lake's holdings on the catalogue at the Calgary FHC. Roy went into Canadian Records. With cross-referencing in mind he reduced the search time - which was considerable as it was. Under the topic of Canada, then, there were 277 headings as opposed to 824 if you went into the catalogue under USA.

Now, looking down that list of 277 you'll come to Emigration and Immigration for which there are 154 records (in the United States there would have been 751 records to search out under Emigration and Immigration). Following are Roy's procedures for your use:

1. From Family History Library Catalogue, choose Locality Browse
2. Type Canada; press Enter; press Enter again (It's easier to go into Canada than USA records and to use Locality Browse; cross-referencing)
3. 289 topics will be found!
4. Arrow down to item 76; 164 records - Emigration & Immigration
5. press F7 (Author/Title); List comes up
6. Move to record 135 and press F8 (full display); 1 minute
or record 136/F8 (all 6 films are at the Calgary FHC)
or record 137/F8 - Detroit ~ other Michigan crossings)

Okay- what are you going to get?

When you have a list of films like this on the screen, if you press Enter again, you'll be told what FHCs, if any, have these films on indefinite loan, and if you are in Salt Lake City, where they're to be found in the library there.

Now to record #136. It's more extensive (67 pages long and takes one minute to display 937 reels).

The term St. Albans is confusing here. St. Albans is a port of entry in Vermont, south of Montreal.

On record #136, St. Alban's District Manifest records is an umbrella term, for all border crossing registers from "foreign contiguous territory".

Now on record #137, St. Albans was

strictly St. Albans, Vermont. And, the Calgary FHC has that collection of six reels on indefinite loan.

During the depression, US government clerks were involved in a make-work project, transcribing onto individual cards, double-sided, from the original manifests, the names and other details of "aliens" crossing into the United States from Canada.

The original ledgers were destroyed

This notice is found at the beginning of the films I used in Lethbridge.

Many of these record cards are accessible through the Soundex system - the same system that is used to get some United States census results. It's alphabetical - sort of.

There is a book at the FHC which gives you the numerical value for each letter or letter combination - or you can derive the Soundex code using it. Or, you can use an online utility.

For my maternal line, Taylor, there are two reels holding Soundex T-460. On this reel are variant spellings of Taylor, as well as Towler, Tyler, Tuller and more, as you'll see when you scroll through the films. That's why I said Soundex is sort of alphabetical.

Some of the record cards are arranged strictly alphabetically. Some are arranged in time frames, some by crossing points, or combinations.

With 937 reels in this collection, I've only had experience with a few and those were in Lethbridge.

When I go to Salt Lake City again - I'll do some "sampling"

As I said, Lethbridge has 400 reels on Record #136. If you have extensive research or several surnames you can sure save a lot of money than if you ordered them from Salt Lake City through the FHC here.

The Lethbridge FHC reels are all "Soundexed" and span 1895-1924 only.

Okay. Just a little review.

All referred to as the "St. Albans District Manifests"

Land ports

Records kept from 1895-1954 on 1060 reels (order from Salt Lake City)

Lethbridge FHC has 400 reels from 1895-1924 (or order from Salt Lake City) these are indexes, access records through Soundex (sort of alphabetical)

Original records were destroyed

Information on persons entering US transcribed on cards from originals

1924-1954: order from Salt Lake City

Some access through Soundex; by time frame

Expensive - \$6.00 per film

Calgary FHC has 6 films (#1430987 - #1430992)

Lethbridge FHC has 400 films (#1472801 - #1473201)

I have made transparencies of some of the record cards I found on reels in Lethbridge

Not all fields are filled in on these forms - some were quite empty - or I don't understand what some fields were for.

This might give you a better look at the headings on the cards.

Now David Charles Taylor, who may be an uncle.

You'll remember you're not looking at original manifests as with the Canadian registers.

I want you to know that it was through an examination of these border crossings records that I found my great grandparents, newly married, on the 1870 census of Montana.

He was born in Texas 1848. She was born in Illinois 1852.

It raises the question: "How and where did they ever meet?"

Because David Elias Taylor said he was going to visit his uncle in Ruby, Montana and both he and his brother stated they were born in Virginia City, I was led to examine Montana records.

I also learned that my great grandfather's brother (the Uncle William mentioned on the border crossing) married my great grandmother's younger sister (Charity Hinch).

Border Crossings (Canadian Records)

Report of Admissions at the Port of;

Registers had provision to record the following:

1. Date
2. Name (of each individual)
3. Age M/F
4. Occupation
5. Country of birth
6. Country of citizenship
7. Travelling by
8. Train number
9. From
10. To

Information which may be obtained is indicated on the schedules above, and to the right. These are typical of forms used in Canada.

For Admissions, the departure point was not entered consistently as is often the case.

For Rejections, the cause of rejection to enter Canada would be spelled out quite clearly and from a research perspective, could prove to be invaluable.

These records are somewhat unique.... there are written details of an appearance at the Port of Entry whether the person was successful, or not.

Border Crossings (Canadian Records)

Reports of Rejections at the Port of

Registers had provision to record the following:

1. Date
2. Name (of each individual)
3. Age M/F/C
4. Country of birth
5. Country of citizenship
6. Occupation
7. Travelling by
8. Train number
9. From what state
10. From what province
11. Amount of money
12. Form and Number of Railway Ticket
13. Cause of rejection
14. Remarks

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My Favourite Ancestor:

Mary Jane Downer Dewell Smith

(1850-1945)

By Marmie Longair

Mary Jane Downer was the eldest daughter of Irish born parents, Jane Stinson and Henry Downer. Her parents were married in Emily Township, Victoria County, Ontario and began their married life by clearing land near Cameron, Ontario.

Mary Jane was a healthy and lively child who took a great interest in the outdoors. She loved to help her father and when she was ten years old they would take the big cross cut saw and go into the woods to cut down trees for fences and buildings.

As she grew up she had a number of suitors and her father established a strict curfew. Several times he accompanied Mary Jane and her "date" to the local celebrations. One of the young men (not her father's favourite suitor) was a carpenter, Daniel Dewell, who had recently arrived from Darlington Township in Durham County. He wished to take Mary Jane to the 12th of July Orangeman's Celebration in Bobcaygeon. The three of them, Mary Jane, Daniel, and Mr. Downer, travelled on a scow on the river. There was fiddle playing and dancing on the way to the celebration.

Mary Jane Downer and Daniel Dewell were married on the 24th of January 1869 in Lindsay and began farming near Cameron. They had six children in Victoria County and then moved to Osprey Township in Grey County where new land was being opened for settlement. After a little more than a year, they decided to go to Simcoe County where Mary Jane's mother and father were living. In 1882 they rented land near Wyevale and began clearing a field to plant potatoes. The landlord decided that he wanted to use this land

for potatoes himself, but Daniel and his wife had cleared the land and they were not about to give it up. On Wednesday, May 10th, the landowner and Daniel sat down on a log to talk the matter over, Daniel turned his face away for a moment and then looked around again only to find his landlord swinging an axe at him. He tried to ward off the blow, but it was too late and the axe struck him "with a terrible force on his forehead, felling him senseless to the ground." Daniel lived until the morning of the 17th of May. Mary Jane was left with six children, the eldest being 12 years of age.

In an interview, the "widow" Dewell stated that she stayed on until the end of the year. In the fall she had a "bee" and got the crop in, paid the rent, and squared everything off, then moved to Lafontaine where her mother and father were living. Before long, she moved to Penetanguishene with the children. To make ends meet, she worked at the Ontario Hospital in Penetang, cooking, cleaning and doing other duties as needed. The children helped with the chores at home. On the 11th of February 1888, Mary Jane married Andrew Smith.

During World War I, Mary Jane Smith, once more a widow, spent several summers on the Alberta prairies helping her grandsons on their farm. She had originally gone to do housework, but when she saw the golden fields of grain she decided that she would rather work in the fields stooking grain. She said that she "earned three dollars a day for two whole summers." She was 65 years old then!

Mary Jane returned to Penetanguishene and the big white house up the road from the Ontario Hospital. In 1920, the dreaded influenza struck the country and Daniel



Mary Jane Downer Dewell Smith
and Elisa Ann Dewell

Dewell (her youngest son) and his wife, Emily Stalker, died leaving 10 children, aged 1 to 13 years. Once again she was needed. She took several of the children and others were divided up among Daniel's five brothers and sisters. As time passed, several more came to stay with her. It was said that she raised six children of her own, six grandchildren and six "home children".

When I was 13 years old, I wrote to my Great Grandmother. She was confined to bed with a broken hip and was blind, but she dictated several letters to me. She has always been someone that I have admired and respected. She truly exemplifies our courageous pioneer ancestors.

United States Civil War Veterans in Alberta

For many family historians familiar with working in Ontario, England or Europe, the thought of pursuing an ancestor through a labyrinth of unfamiliar records may seem rather intimidating.

And besides, what connection could there be between someone who was involved in a conflict in the United States between 1861 and 1865, and Alberta?

There is a wealth of information available and yes.... there are a good number of veterans of that war who did make their way to and through Alberta and helped develop the province during those formative years.

Meet Kathy Brown who was born in Calgary and for 20 years has held a fascination for researching Civil War records of all kinds. She has acquired a very impressive amount of knowledge as well as a personal library of enviable size.

She was a member of a Civil War Study Group in Calgary and has attended numerous Roundtables.

Because of these affiliations, and now the Internet, she is often asked for help by distant families.

Invariably.... someone in their family is thought to have headed north and it has been Kathy's good fortune to locate where many of these people lived, died and are buried. Alberta, of course!

Kathy has provided a selection of mini family histories to illustrate some situations where she was asked for help, and was able to provide answers. Even finding some of the obscure old cemeteries (like Lobley) can be considered an accomplishment!

She is very willing to help AFHS members too and as she works full-time, asks that any requests be mailed, or sent via Internet. Her postal address is 3024 14th Street SW, Calgary, T3C 0X1.

Her Email: brownkj@cadvision.com

These stories are fascinating.... enjoy:

The Civil War Veterans in Alberta.

William Hatcher Barnett (Private) was born on a farm, near Allegheny Springs, Montgomery Springs, Virginia on Dec. 6, 1843. His parents were Robert and Elizabeth (nee Jewell) Barnett and they had a total of 9 children. William Hatcher enlisted in Allegheny Springs on March 10th, 1862, in Co. F 11th Virginia Infantry, mustered in at Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia, on March 15th, 1862. The regiment was at Yorktown, 7 Days Campaign, captured near Richmond on June 28th, 1862. He was sent to Fort Columbus, in New York City Harbor and exchanged in Aug. 1862. . and Cold Harbor. They were stationed in North Carolina, There were no official records after Dec. 1864. He was hospitalized twice, once for pneumonia in May, 1862 and for a fever in May, 1864, when he was hospitalized at Chimborazo Hospital No. 4.

He married Virginia Showalter (1843 - 1926) on Dec. 12th, 1870 in Salem, Roanoke Co., Virginia and they had 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. He farmed from 1865 to 1914, outside Salem. He retired from farming in 1914 when they moved into Salem, he sold Real Estate and served as a Roanoke County Supervisor for 16 years. He was involved with the Masons and went to the Methodist Church. His wife died on July 23, 1926 and is buried in the family plot in the East Hill Cemetery, Salem.

He was driven up to the farm at Bottrell Alberta, belonging to his two sons, William Hampton and Robert Barnett, 3 weeks before he died. He died on July 17, 1933 of a heart attack. Since the Bottrell/ Westbrook Cemetery was just across the road from the family farm, they buried him there. William Hampton and his family returned to Virginia, he returned in the 1930's but returned to his family in Virginia. Robert, his wife and son Raymond lived in Calgary and kept the farm for a while. Robert, wife Isadora, and Raymond are buried in Burnsland Cemetery, in Calgary.

Bottrell/ Westbrook Cemetery is about 14 miles north of Cochrane, Alberta. It is a rural Cemetery. When I was told about William Hatcher Barnett, we found the Cemetery and there were very few headstones in the Cemetery, even though the Cemetery was full. There had been a brush fire, back in the late 1930's that took out all the wooden headstones. It cut the electricity to nearby Calgary. A concerned group in Calgary, requested a headstone from the U.S. Gov't which was placed on the grave, on Nov. 9, 1992. A service was held on March 21st, 1993, with a Confederate Honor Guard.

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Philip Casebeer (Private) was born in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, on April 19, 1846. He enlisted in Co. A 52nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, on Feb. 27th, 1865, at Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin. Mustered in at Madison, Wisconsin, on March 1st, 1865. He was hospitalized for the mumps at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, in April, 1865. He was wounded in the left shoulder, at the Battle of Warrensburg, Missouri in June, 1865 then discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on July, 28th, 1865. Two of his brothers, served. Fred Casebeer was a Private, with Co. D/E, 16th Wisconsin Infantry and John Casebeer was a Private, with Co. F, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry and Co. A, 35th Wisconsin Infantry. He married Mary Ann Daniels in Sun Prairie, Dane County, Wisconsin on April 8th, 1878. They had 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. They farmed in Dane County, from 1865 to 1882 and Armour, Douglas County, South Dakota from 1882 to 1902. The family moved to Carstairs, Alberta, Canada in 1902. He applied for a pension in 1914 and got it. He died on June 2, 1932 of Acute Bronchitis and Influenza. Mary Ann died May 8th, 1936 of basically the same thing. They are buried together, in the Carstairs Town Cemetery.

George Elbridge Clark (Private) was born in Palmyra, New York on March 5, 1842. His parents, Elbridge F. and Georgia (nee Newark) Clark farmed near Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan, as of August, 1862. He enlisted in Tecumseh, on August 5th, 1862. He married Mary Elizabeth Andrews, in August, 1862, before he was mustered in – on Aug. 26, 1862, at Hillsdale, Michigan. He served with Co. E 18th Michigan Infantry, for 3 years. They were in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, honorably discharged on June, 1865, from Nashville, Tennessee.

George and Mary had 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. They farmed in Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota. He had rheumatism, bronchitis, disease of the eyes and a few other things from the effects of the War. Mary died in Alden, Hardin County, Iowa Oct. 15, 1892.

He remarried a widow, Irene (nee Blevins) Necumb on Nov. 26, 1903, in Ward County, North Dakota. Her last known place of residence is Velva, North Dakota. He received a pension in 1912. His son, Charles and wife, Anice, brother in law Bill Murphy and family moved to Hardisty, Alberta in 1906. Both men were up the year before, to scout a location. Mrs. Anice Clark had other family up here. They moved locations, slightly in 1910/1911. George came up and there is no evidence, his wife, Irene came up. George filed on land next to Charles and lived with his son till his death, on Jan. 6th, 1917. George, Charles and Anice are buried in the Hardisty Town Cemetery.

John Henry Gant was, either born near Newrow, Sumner County, Tennessee or Louisville, Kentucky, on August 27th, 1849. There is a rumor he fudged his birthdate to read, 1847, to enlist. He was raised in Spencer County, Illinois. He enlisted in Rockfort, Spencer County, Illinois on May 12, 1864. He served with Co. G or I, 136th Indiana for 90/100 days.

This regiment relieved Veteran Troops for Sherman's March to the Sea. He was honorably discharged, on Sept. 2nd, 1864, at Indianopolis, Indiana. He had a camp injury, just before he was mustered out, at Wartrace, Tennessee. This injury effected him, the rest of his life, especially later on.

He married Nancy Emily Turner on August 13th, 1867, in Spencer Co., Indiana. They had 10 children. Nancy died in Benton, Franklin Co., Illinois, in 1897. He remarried a widow, Bethena Jane (nee Benson) Richerson of Benton, Illinois, on Aug. 7th, 1900. She was born in Florence, Alabama, on August 11th, 1853 and had 1 son, Archie. In 1915, either she would not or could not care for him, depending on whose account, you want to believe. He moved in, with a married daughter, in Charleston, Mississippi Co., Missouri till 1926 and then moved in with another married daughter, in Leslieville, Alberta. He received a pension, in 1923. He died in Leslieville, on August 23, 1930, of a Cerebral Hemorrhage and is buried in a rural Cemetery called Gilby/Kalmu Cemetery. Bethena applied for a widow's pension, shortly after his death and got it.

Peter Hanson aka. Peter Hanson Korstad (Private) was born in Norway, in 1839. Apparently when someone moves out of Norway, they take the last name of the town they come from. His military records are under Hanson. He enlisted in Co. A 15th Wisconsin Infantry on Dec. 16, 1861 or as, early as Sept. 27th, 1861. The Alberta local history says, he did not come over to the U.S. till 1863. He was mustered in at Madison, Wisconsin on Feb. 28th, 1862, for 3 years. On Nov. 26, 1862, he was detailed into the Pioneer Corps. In 1863, found him, in Tennessee. Late Sept. 1863, detailed for the Water Works in Murfreesboro. Listed as sick, on Nov. 27th, 1863 in Chattanooga. Mustered out on Dec. 20, 1864, in Chattanooga.

He married and had at least one son, Hans. Hans came up to Wetaskiwin, in 1902. His parents came up, in 1903 from Brookings, South Dakota. Peter died near Ferry Point, Alberta Canada, in 1920. He, wife Maginold, son Hans, his wife Henrietta and their daughter Daisy are buried in the rural Cemetery of Ferry Point.

Albert Filmer Miller (Private) was born in Rochester or Rodman, New York, on Oct. 24, 1845. He was listed as a farmer when he enlisted on Oct. 18th, 1864 in Co. K 12th Wisconsin Infantry, for 1 year at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. He served as a substitute for Perry Brown, of Henretta, Richland Co., Wisconsin. He went on the March to the Sea and the Siege of Savannah. He was absent from his regiment, listed as sick – suffering from cold, exposure and fatigue. He didn't rejoin his regiment till May, 1865. Just in time for the March to Washington, D.C. and the Grand Review. He was mustered out in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 15th, 1865.

He married a widow – Esther S. Crosby, in Newark, Wisconsin on June 24, 1869 or June 4th, 1866. They had 5 children – 3 girls and 2 boys. They lived in Newark, Rock County, Wisc. from 1865 to Sept. 1873 and temporarily in Nebraska and Illinois, Brodhead, Green Co., Wisconsin from 1876 to 1888 and Alton, Rock County, Wisconsin. Esther died in Rockfort, Illinois on

April, 1898. He remarried Carolina (nee Shaner) McMasters on Dec. 25th, 1902 in Rockfort, Illinois. By 1915, they were living in Beloit, Rock Co., Wisconsin. He had 2 strokes, in 1919 and 1922 which left him, blind in one eye and some other health problems. He was in Beloit, as of June 30th, 1924. Carolina may have died before this date. His death certificate lists him, as a widower. Some time before his death, he moved in with a married daughter, in the West Park district, of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. He died on Nov. 9th, 1925 and is buried in the Red Deer Town Cemetery.

David Akers was born in Bedford, Pennsylvania, in 1828. He may have deserted from the Civil War, in 1864. I can find only 3 David Akers, in the Civil War. 1 cancelled out the men in the 5th New York Cavalry and 7th Virginia Infantry, only leaving the 24th Virginia Infantry. He was in California during the Gold Rush and the Pacific Northwest, in the 1860's. In Southern Alberta, by the early 1870's, he lived in Fort Whoop-Up, either as the owner or squatter. The N.W.M.P. tried to buy the fort in 1874 but they could not settle on a price. He was 6 foot 3 inches tall and walked with a limp. He died in a former partner – Lee (aka. Tom) Purcell's corral. Tom Purcell shot David Akers, in Dec. 1893. They argued over cattle and/or property. Purcell got 3 years. Purcell may have served in the Civil War. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1829. He died on Jan. 22, 1910 and is buried in the Carmangay, Town Cemetery, Carmangay, Alberta. David Akers burial is still being researched.

George Bond didn't serve in the Civil War but after. He was born in Almonte, Ontario, Canada, on April 5, 1864. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, on Jan. 21st, 1885 – in San Antonio, Texas. He served 5 years in Troop B 3d U.S. Cavalry. There is a 1 month gap in his military records: he mustered out in Jan. of 1890, in San Antonio, Texas. He married Milda Cormier of Alymer, Quebec in 1895 and they had 4 children. He worked in Eastern Canada for a while and came west, to Alberta in 1903. The family came out later. They lived in a few places and he worked as a tinsmith, fire chief, and caretaker. He died on Feb. 3, 1951, in Blairmore, Alberta. George, his wife Milda and daughter Milda King are buried in St. Anne's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Blairmore, Alberta.

Donald Watson aka. Donald Watson Davis was born on a farm near Londonderry, Vermont, on Nov. 23, 1845. He was described as a Civil War Veteran but I can only find he served in the 13th U.S. Infantry Brigade, as Quartermaster Serg. from 1867 to 1869. He came up to Alberta, with I.G. Baker Co. selling goods and supplies in Southern Alberta. He was elected for 2 terms to Parliament for Alberta. He had 5 children by a Native common law wife and 6 children by his second wife. He married Lillie E.J. Grier, on Feb. 3, 1887. They moved to Dawson City, Yukon, in 1896. He was the first Collector of Customs for the Yukon Territory till he retired in 1902. He mined in the Yukon till his death, on June 6th, 1906, in Dawson City, Yukon. David and his wife are buried in Union

Cemetery, Fort Macleod, Alberta.

John Glenn was born in Mayo County, Ireland in 1833 and emigrated to the U.S. in 1849. There is a gap between 1849 and 1861. He was in Waco, Texas when the War broke out. Some sources, say he was drafted into the Confederate Army. His military records state he enlisted into Co. A 15th Texas Infantry, as a Private. In late 1862, he was found not guilty, at a court-marital, for insulting an officer. Some say he deserted the C.S. Army, in late 1862 or early 1863 because he didn't believe in slavery. There is nothing in his Confederate military records after Oct. 1862. Another suggestion, he joined the Union Army ... in time to join General William Sherman, on his March to the Sea. After the Civil War, he traveled around the western United States and Western Canada, prospecting for gold. He married Adelaide Belcourt of St. Albert, Alberta on Sept. 1st, 1873 and they had 3 known children. He worked for I.G. Baker Co. bringing in goods and supplies from Montana to Southern Alberta. He lived on the Fish Creek, now a part of Calgary, Alberta. He built the first irrigation dam and system in the Calgary area. He had a livery stable, homesteaded, owned 4 downtown Calgary lots and donated the land for 2 churches. He died of pneumonia on Jan. 9th, 1886 at age of 52 years. He is buried in the Pioneer Section of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, overlooking downtown Calgary.

John McAlpine didn't serve in the Civil War but after. He was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1849. He worked as a draper (cloth merchant) for 26 years in Europe and came to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1875. He enlisted in Co. K 7th U.S. Cavalry, in Boston, during 1875. He was at the Little Big Horn when Custer bought the farm. 60 men from Co. K were detailed to guard the pack train which was 2 days behind the main body of troops. I haven't been able to find to much out, about the this pack train. He finished his tour – scouting for Indians. He was mustered out in 1880. It is know he was in North Dakota and other western states but information seems to be a little short on details between the Little Big Horn and when he came to Western Canada, around the turn of the century. He lived near Sunnyslope and Three Hills, Alberta, working in the local Gov't offices as postmaster, official auditor for the Dept. of Education, etc. He never married. He died in 1941 and is buried in the Three Hills Town Cemetery. In remembrance, they still have John McAlpine Days during the summers, in Three Hills.

Albert (A.B.) Rogers (Major) was born on May 28, 1828. He may have served with Custer during the Civil War. It is likely he was appointed a Major by the Governor of Minnesota, during the 1862 Sioux Uprising. He was a railroad surveyor in the U.S. Mid West before coming to Western Canada. He discovered the famous Kicking Horse Pass in the Canadian Rockies and they named the Roger's Pass, after him. He died of cancer, on May 4th, 1889, in Waterville, Massachusetts. It is assumed he is buried in Waterville.

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There is a boot pistol belonging to Albert Stevens, in the Sundre, Alberta Museum. His son, Jessie brought the pistol up, in 1911, it appears, and it is unlikely that Albert ever came to Alberta. I believe he is buried in Conrad, New Hampshire. Jessie Stevens and 1 son are buried in Lobley Cemetery, near Sundre Alberta.

John P. Walters was born in Sweden, on March 21, 1844. He married Mrs. Abbie (nee Bell) Snowden. They had 2 children, I was a stepson. He died in Dickson, Alberta on April 17th, 1916. He is buried in Innisfail Town Cemetery, Innisfail, Alberta. His head stone is a very large stone with an American Flag, a GAR Star, Emerick Post No. 313, Newman Grove, Nebraska on it.

James Williams was born in Tennessee, date of birth unknown. He worked for Wells Fargo, after the Civil War. He came to Alberta, in 1883. He volunteered for the Rocky Mountain Rangers, a local militia unit that was called into service during the Rebellion in 1885. He farmed between Fort Macleod and Monarch, Alberta.

He married Agnes Cook on June 3, 1891 and they had 3 children. He died in a farm accident in Dec. 1915. It is most likely he is buried in Union Cemetery, Fort Macleod, Alberta..

George Clark (Private) was born in Palmyra, New York on March 5th, 1842. His family farmed near Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan as of Aug. 1862. He enlisted Aug. 5th, 1862 in Co. E 18th Michigan Infantry and married Mary Elizabeth Andrews in Aug. 1862. They had 5 children. She passed away in Alden, Hardin County, Iowa on Oct. 15th, 1892. He was mustered in Aug. 26, 1862 at Hillsdale, Michigan. He served in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama and was Honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee in June, 1865.

After the war, he farmed in Michigan, Iowa, Minn. and North Dakota. His health was affected by the war, with rheumatism, bronchitis, trouble with his eyes and a few other things. He remarried Irene (nee Blevins) Necumb, in Ward Co., North Dakota, on Nov. 26, 1903. Her last known residence was a farm near Velva, North Dakota. He received a Pension in 1912. Son Charles, wife Anice, brother in law Bill Murphy and family arrived in Hardisty, Alberta, Canada in 1906, to farm. The men had been up the year before to scout out a location. In 1910/1911 they moved locations, slightly. George moved up and filed on land next to Charles. He lived with Charles and Anice till his death, on Jan. 6, 1917. There is no mention if his second wife joined him or whether she stayed on the farm in Velva, N.D. He is buried in the Hardisty Town Cemetery, along with Charles and Anice.

Thomas A. Cummings was born in Kilkenny County, Ireland on Aug. 3, 1845. His family came over in 1849, to Evan's Mills, Jefferson County, New York. In school till 1861. He served with Battery C 1st New York Artillery till war's end. In 1868/69 in Blackfoot City, Deer Lodge County, Montana. In Helena, Montana - around July 1870 – working at John Kinna's hard-

ware store. 1873 – 1877, he was the US Collector of Customs for Montana and Idaho, stationed in Helena. He married Miss Mary Gallagher of Carthage, New York – in Sept. 1880 - no mention of children. In 1881, he was in Fort Benton, Montana, in the Insurance Business, real estate and loans. He may have died in Alberta but more likely near Fort Benton, Montana. .

William McPherson (Private) was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 24, 1843. He enlisted in Springdale, Wisconsin – Co. E 8th Wisconsin, on Sept. 1st 1862. Mustered in at Madison, Wisconsin for 3 years. On detached service in the Pioneer Corps from Feb. 21, 1863 to Dec. 1863. Apparently he had a fever and dysentery at the Regimental Hospital, in Mississippi. Re-enlisted at Canton, Mississippi on Feb. 29, 1864, as a Veteran Volunteer. Served at the Red River Campaign, in the spring of 1864. He was in the Hospital in Vicksburg, Mississippi and was put in the band. He was mustered out in Demopolis, Alabama on Sept. 5th, 1865.

He married Emiline Rosalta Neiles or Miles in Springdale, Dane Co., Wisconsin, on Oct. 15th, 1865. They had 8 children. He farmed in Wisconsin when he wasn't complaining to the Federal Gov't that he needed a Pension because of his ill health as a aftermath of the Red River Campaign. He commented how he had trouble working because of his health. His first wife died on April 3d, 1890 at a Chicago Hospital. By all Alberta, Canada records, he was a Major and had come up to Bentley, Alberta in 1899, with a wife and 7 of 8 adult age children. His pension records show, he remarried Elvia Greeley in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 27, 1909. While he was in Canada, most records state he and the boys started many local business', like the first Post Office, Creameries, saw mills, running Apartment buildings, and farming a ¼ section, etc. 2 sons are buried in Bentley and a 3d is buried in Western Canada. 2 sons returned to the U.S. William and Elvia McPherson moved to St. Cloud, Florida, before May 1924. Elvia may have died March 17, 1925 and he died March 15, 1926, in St. Cloud but it appears, he is buried in Verona, Wisc.. Someone had his body moved to Verona, after death. His obituary says he was a professor of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, but there is no record of this.

Albert F. Miller (Private) was born in Rodman or Rochester, New York on Oct. 24, 1845. He enlisted in Co. K 12th Wisconsin Infantry for 1 year, at Prairie du Chieun, Wisconsin. He was a substitute for Perry Brown, of Henretta, Richland Co. Wisc. Mustered in at Madison, Wisconsin. He went on the March to the Sea and Siege of Savannah. Absent from his regiment, as of Dec. 19, 1864, listed as sick from cold, exposure, and fatigue. He didn't rejoin the regiment till sometime in May, 1865, just in time for the march to Washington for the Grand Review. He was mustered out in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 15th, 1865.

He lived in Newark, Rock Co., Wisconsin – from 1865 to Sept. 1873. He married a widow - Esther S. Crosby, in Newark, Wisconsin - on June 4, 1866 or June 24, 1869. They had 5 children. They farmed in Nebraska, Illinois and Wisconsin. Esther died in Rockford, Illinois, in April 1898. He remarried to

Carolina (nee Shaner) McMasters on Dec. 25th, 1902, in Rockford, Ill. She may have died before June, 1924. In Beloit, Rock Co., Wisconsin since 1915. He had a couple of strokes in 1919 and 1922. After the strokes, he had trouble walking, blind in left eye and other problems like rheumatism, etc. He came to Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, after June 30, 1924, to live with a married daughter and her family. He died in Red Deer, Alberta, on Nov. 9th, 1925. He is buried in the Red Deer Town Cemetery.

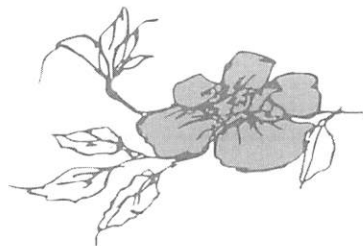
Augustus Elmer Moore (Private) was born in Neversink, Sullivan County, New York on Sept. 20, 1843. He enlisted in Company D 1st Mounted Rifles, New York, on Sept. 3d, 1861, at Monticello, New York. He served as a Hospital Cook. Mustered out at Bermuda Hundred, Virginia on Sept. 17, 1864 and re-enlisted. The 1st New York Mounted Rifles was changed to Co. D 4th New York Prov'l Cavalry and mustered out on Nov. 24, 1865, at City Point, Virginia. He was married and had 3 children. He homesteaded in Iowa and Alberta. Before 1914, he had remarried to a lady with a young family. He died in Tees, Alberta, on June 30th, 1914. He is buried in the Tees Town Cemetery. His 2nd family returned to Iowa in 1918.

James Sheran (Private) may have been born in Ireland or Brooklyn, New York City. Most of the Sheran clan were cagey about when and when they were born. My guess is that he was born in 1847, although his military records states he was discharged in 1862 at age 46 years. He served in Co. K 42nd New York. He married Catherine McGovern and they had 6 children. They came to Alberta on the death of their cousin Michael Sheran, to take over the family coal mine, in Lethbridge and to farm in West Lethbridge, in the mid 1880's. Kate's brother, Ben came with them. Ben did not serve because he was born in 1856. He died in Calgary, on Aug. 30th, 1925 and is buried with his family, in Lethbridge. James Sr. died on May 8th, 1924, at age 77 years – according to his headstone. Kate died on Jan. 14th, 1930. Ben McGovern, Kate and James Sheran, son Edward Sheran are all buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery Catholic Cemetery, in North Lethbridge.

Michael Sheran was probably born in New York City, in 1839 and served with Co. D 69th New York State Militia for 3 months, in 1862. He did not receive a Pension. He came to Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada in the early to mid 1880's to take over the family coal mine after the death of his brother, Nicholas. A friend, Fred Weir came with him. He died on Aug. 3d, 1885, at the age of 46 years old. He is buried in Holy Cross Roman Catholic Cemetery, Fort Macleod, Alberta. He shares a large square headstone with his sister Marcella McFarland. Marcella Sheran was born about 1844. She may have been the first white woman to come up the Whoop – Up Trail from Fort Benton to Southern Alberta, in the early to mid 1870's to keep house for her brother, Nicholas. She married a rancher, Joseph McFarland on July 4th, 1878, apparently at the first white wedding, in the Lethbridge area. Joseph McFarland had been a dairyman in Fort Benton and later,

ranching east of Fort Macleod, Alberta. He may have served in the Civil War but there is no proof, yet. Marcella died Oct. 27th, 1896. Joseph McFarland died in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada on July 11th, 1911 and is buried in the Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria.

Nicholas Sheran was born, either in New York City or New Jersey, in the 1840's. There are so many misleading alleys, with Nicholas and the rest of the Sheran Clan. Some published accounts say that he was a 14 year old bugle boy or a drummer in the Civil War and later, served in Meagher's Irish Brigade or he was at the Battle of Gettysburg. Some say there are a couple different spelling of the Sheran. But in most published accounts, spelling of Sheran, is the most common. The only thing, I can confirm, is that he was a 2nd Lt with Co. C 99th New York National Guard, for 100 days from August to November, 1864, he was either stationed at Elmira Prison or with the Army Barracks, at Elmira, New York. After the Civil War, another mystery, says he was shipwrecked with the Inuit (Eskimos) for 3 years. He may have been involved in the Whiskey Trade in Alberta before the Mounties arrived. He was not the first person to discover coal in the Lethbridge area but he was one of the first to commercially mine it, within the town limits. Also he ran a ferry across the Belly River, now the Old Man River that runs through Lethbridge. In May, 1882, he was crossing the Old Man River, in a carriage when a currant took him over the side and he drowned. There was a \$100. reward for his body but his body was never recovered. He left 2 very small children by a Native common law wife.



New Executive for Alberta Genealogical Society

The Annual General meeting of AGS held in Edmonton April 15th elected 2 new executive members who are known to many AFHS members.

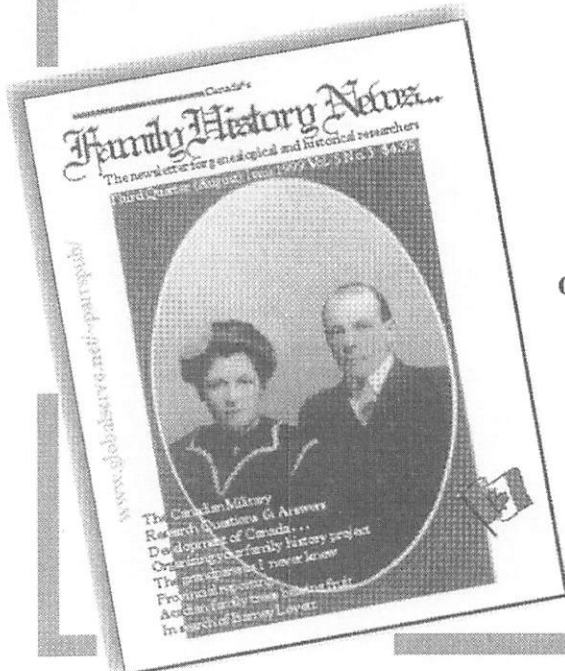
Ian Holmes became President and Brian Hutchison, Vice President.

Ian has worked diligently for many years as that society's computer specialist and was a key member of the committees which produced the Alberta Cemeteries Index, the Alberta Index of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1870-1905 and numerous others projects.

Brian is well known too in that he lived in Calgary and actively supported all AFHS events prior to his move to Edmonton in 1996.

We wish Ian, Brian and all the new executive many additional successes.

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James Murray was born in 1832 near Kirknewton, Northumberland, England. After his father's death, James left home at age 14 to become a shepherd which had been the family occupation for generations. In 1856, James married Mary Jane Lockie. They settled in the Belford, Northumberland area for twenty years, where they raised their seven children, all working for an estate owner as game and groundkeepers and the girls as domestic servants.

In 1885, in search of freedom, James, at age 53, brought his family to Canada, staying in Hamilton for a year. In March 1886, they came to Alberta on the newly completed railway and settled west of Calgary near Jumping Pound Creek. They built a good sized two-storey log house which is still in good condition, over a hundred years later, and is visible from the Trans Canada Highway, on the south side where it crosses the Jumping Pound Creek.

In the summer of 1889, after three years of drought conditions and spending most of his savings, James went north looking for a better area. They started up the Edmonton Trail with a cow, four horses, a wagon, a bed and a stove. They came about sixty miles north, then took the Rocky Mountain House Trail (leading to the Hudson's Bay Post that was said to be the greatest fur collection centre of the Hudson Bay Co.), to ten miles northwest of where Olds now stands, to a valley with lots of feed and water, later named Murray Valley. Here they squatted by a nice spring, building a sod shack and became the first settlers of this vicinity. The land was surveyed in 1892 and they acquired more land. The sod house was extremely cold in the winter; in the summer, when it rained outside, it rained inside and dripped for days after while the sun shone outside. The only dry place was under the table. Provisions had to be kept in beds in winter to prevent freezing. Until the railway reached Olds and stores were opened, Calgary was the nearest place to get provisions and mail. The trip was made by team and wagon, spending the night at Sam Scarlett's stopping house, southeast of Carstairs, or at The Buttes, northeast of Balzac.

The Murrays were a small colony within themselves,



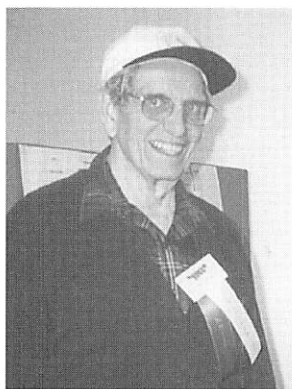
James Murray and Mary Jane Lockie

numbering twenty or more. Through much hard work, a large herd of cattle was established and anything that was for the good of the district, the Murrays supported. James helped sponsor Berrydale School in 1896 and lived and preached his Methodist religion with great determination. James' wife, known as Grannie Murray, the first lady of the district, was a quiet person who enjoyed her home and family, and the pleasures of her stubby clay pipe and her plug baccy which she whittled with the kitchen butcher knife. Two events she never missed were the country picnics and Berrydale School concerts.

Another story emphasizing good old Scotch thrift is told of Mrs. Murray. A new settler to the district went to her place to buy a few hens. She took him out to the flock and he picked out a dozen at the arranged price of 25 cents each. Seeing several nice male birds, the newcomer decided he should have one also and picked out one that he liked. He was told the price would be 35 cents to which he objected, but the old lady, with dignity, stood her ground drawing the purchaser's attention to the fact that it was a very proud bird and to look at the sheen of its feathers and the way it could strut and "Ken ye does his work well." Needless to say, she got the extra dime.

James was haying the day before he died in 1915 at age 83.

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Attendance nicely exceeded the 300 mark again at the 9th Annual Gensoft seminar and software show.

Charlie Hansen was all smiles as he read the evaluation sheets:

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68% were not AFHS members which helped promote the Society in a very positive manner.

Not surprising, only 6% did not have computers.

The good work of those behind the scenes and also out front was well rewarded by the response of those who attended.

The physical movement of chairs, screens, partitions and phone lines began on Friday afternoon and was helped a good deal by several grandsons, amongst others.

Publicity was very effectively handled by Gordon Hulbert who once again got the word out to Calgarians.

The final tally of volunteers is hopefully accurate. Many thanks go to the following who were certainly there on Saturday and many, the day before too.

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Quiet period, main display hall



Ellen Kinghorn, Alan Peers, Marmie Longair



Millie Drinkwater and Judith Riddell



Rene Dussome and Carol Lee



Doug Stobbs and Lillian Myers

The Publication Supermarket by Nancy Carson

At the AFHS meeting on March 6th, tables were set up around the meeting room for Society members to display and discuss their published family histories. The main program featured a four-person panel (consisting of Margery Gibson, Judith Rempel, Doug Hay and Marion Jeffries) who explained in detail how they published their family history and the pitfalls they encountered; they also answered questions from the audience. The bottom line? There are a variety of ways to organize a family history and a variety of ways to publish it – not to mention the variety of pitfalls you will encounter! All of the family histories featured in this article were displayed and are also available in the AFHS library.

Advice from Our Authors

All of our authors provided helpful advice to consider when publishing your family histories. Here is some of that wisdom:

- Double the expected cost of printing to allow for a few gifts to elderly family members and donation of copies to local libraries.
- Prepare to spend more money than quoted – you always add pages, but rarely take any out.
- Half-toning, enlarging and reduction of pictures are a cost factor and an important presentation factor. Make sure your printing company understands that you expect every picture to be reproduced properly and clearly – this is an important question to ask your printing company.
- It is difficult to obtain an accurate quote from a printing company until your book is near completion because only then do you know how many pages and pictures you have and the cover and binding style that you want, etc.
- More pictures cost more, but are well worth it.
- Make in memory/memorial pages worthwhile. The deceased will probably not be reported on again (i.e., in a supplement) so say something about that person. Provide closure for that person in writing. You can use pictures, an obituary, or favourite memories from the immediate family or from several people. Make it more than just born and died. Decide if only bloodline memorial will be done or if you will include the in-laws. Remember that in-laws can make important contributions to families.
- Decide how each family section will be designed then keep it consistent throughout the book.
- Make sure your text and pictures go together and your style is consistent when designing the layout of the book.
- Use white space in your layout; don't crowd your work just to save a few pages of paper.
- Proof the document for grammar, spelling, typographical errors and consistency. Are your pictures in the correct place?
- Include a table of contents and an index, if possible.
- Decide how many copies to print. This is a very big question. Kay Clarke noted that she calculated the number of relatives who might want a book and added a few for good measure. For her Mackenzie book, 30 were printed – it wasn't enough. For her Clarke book, 50 were printed – she still has some.

Suggestions for Materials and Documents to Include in Your Book to make it more interesting.

- Application for passport
- Ship's manifest (original and translation)
- Picture of ship immigrated on, if available
- Maps
- Census (original and translation)
- Border crossing documentation
- Homestead records and correspondence
- Old correspondence (letters, postcards)
- Excerpts from diaries
- Marriage registration
- Advertisements
- Newspaper clippings (obituaries, articles)
- Family stories and poems
- Documentation and pictures from previous family reunions
- Miscellaneous family pictures (especially old, forgotten pictures few people have seen)

Books Featured at the March Meeting

These were not judged as in a contest but were picked to illustrate a variety of styles, content and also binding. The authors have all agreed to answer questions and accordingly, their phone numbers are included.

The Clarke Family Tree

Margaret Hulbert, 403-240-4636

This book is divided into three sections – write-ups, pictures and charts.

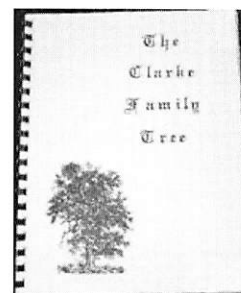
Computer Programs used were: Brother's Keeper, WordPerfect, Ancestral Quest for descendant charts

Pictures Included: Yes

Binding & Size: Plastic coil, copied (except for photographs) pages 8.5 by 11 inches

Cost: \$10 per book, plus postage (cost minimized because of connection with printing company)

Comments: If Margaret were doing this now, she would not have to use Rich Text Format and WordPerfect as Brother's Keeper Windows would have everything she needs. Margaret started in 1990 and published in 1995. Photographs were produced at 1200 DPI (high resolution) by photocopier.



Descendants of Oliver Thorpe: A New England Planter, King's County, Nova Scotia, Volumes 1-5

Phillip Thorpe, 403-281-3028

How Produced: Brother's Keeper "Register" format provides indented lists of children flagged by "+" if they are continued into later generations. All sources are flagged by superscript numbers and listed in a bibliography. Every person, descendants and parents of spouses, are indexed.

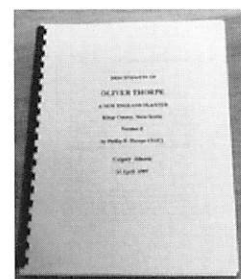
Computer Programs: Brother's Keeper, Microsoft Word

Pictures Included: No

Binding & Size: Plastic coil and cover, 8.5 x11 inches

Cost: Comb bindings cost about \$2.00. Printing costs are proportional to the number of pages. A bound copy of 50 pages costs about \$5.00 and 100 pages less than \$10.00. Phillip offers most of his genealogies for sale at \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Comments: Direct descendants reports printed from Brother's Keeper and title pages (produced from Microsoft Word) are photocopied at Office Depot. These are usually single-sided originals printed as double-sided output for binding. A clear front comb binding is added to let the title page be displayed. Office Depot will do small orders while you wait and others in one or two days.



Not titled; Dedicated to Olive Eliza Birnie Cruickshank

Olive Carlin, 403-244-4276

This book is unique as it is handwritten and handcrafted book.

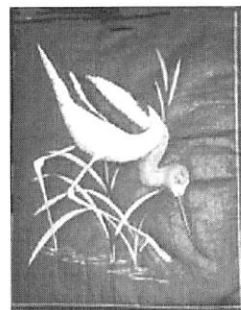
No computer programs used period.

Pictures Included: Yes

Binding & Size: Handmade, 8.5 x 11 inches

Cost: About \$30.00 per book.

Comments: Olive felt this handwritten format was suitable for the life and time. Her husband, Ian Carlin, reproduced all the old photographs.



I Remember

Geoff Burtonshaw, 403-283-2594

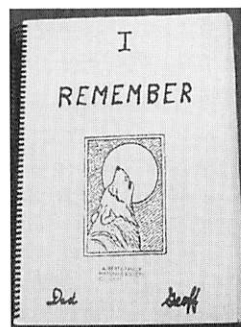
This book was written then typed by Geoff's daughter. It was then reproduced by photocopying and bound by a binding company. His daughter typed it the way it flowed from Geoff's pen – no paragraphs and no worries about spelling errors.

Pictures Included: Yes

Binding & Size: 8.5 x 11 inches, wire coil binding.

Cost: About \$25 per book

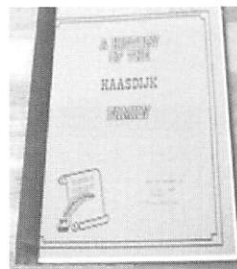
Comments: 425 pages. The book started out as a letter ... and just plain grew! Includes maps, drawings, and a dictionary of words that Geoff felt had lost their original meaning over the years.



A History of the Haasdijk Family

Ulrich Haasdijk, 403-240-0067

From 1977 to 1985, collected family information. Sent this information to all known family members to peruse. Asked all family members for stories and photographs. From 1985 to 1990, received and organized the data. Published in March 1991, 137 pages. Organized by generation, not by family. Used the Steeves Family Register Coding for identifying family members. Photocopied archival maps and original church and civil documents. Used University of Calgary duplicating office facilities for screening photographs in preparation for printing. Pasted photographs into manuscript, alongside description. The University printed 60 copies of the manuscript. Computer Programs: AppleWorks word processor on an Apple IIc computer, leaving spaces for photographs. Used Apple clipart for small maps of localities where families lived. Pictures Included: Yes. Cover map template made from archival map. Binding & Size: Hard cover, Colin Bates Books About 8.5 x 11 inches. Cost: Produced 50 books on first run then 10 more copies. Printing \$678.38, Binding: \$1,061.44, Mailing \$230.11, Total Costs \$1,969.93, Donations \$1,843.36. Final Balance: (\$126.57). Comments: Use of Canada Post to send copies to all relatives who helped with the accumulation of the information, along with a letter inviting them to contribute towards the cost of the project.



The Bears of Winnipeg: Thirteen Generations in North America, Volumes 1-2

Doug. Hay, 403-271-3476

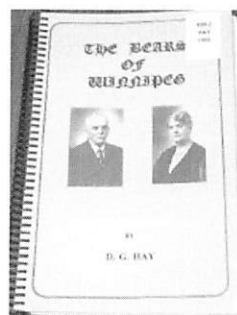
Organized by family from 1900 and by generation from 1620-1900. Printed on a Hewlett Packard LaserJet 4P printer.

Computer Programs: Brother's Keeper for charts, WordPerfect for text and pictures, Logitech hand-held scanner

Binding & Size: Lamination and binding by Active Bindery. Book illustrated is 6 x 8.5 inches.

Cost: \$520 for 25 books (\$14.75 per book)

Comments: Cost for Volume 2 was \$255 for 20 books (\$12.75 per book); Doug provides a detailed description in that book's forward about how it was published. Volume 2 is 8.5 x 11 inches.



The Family Tree: A History of the Clarkes of Jasper Kay Clarke, 403-279-1036

Laid out on single pages (each page numbered and done single-sided, not double-sided), with pictures and text. This was taken to Sure Print and Copy. Copying onto heavier paper was recommended for less show through of pictures and for type and better feel.

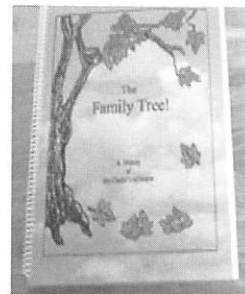
Computer Programs: Microsoft Word

Pictures Included: Yes

Binding & Size: 8.5 x 11 inches, Cerlox binding.

Cost: \$40.00 for the Mackenzie book (not shown); \$30 for the Clarke book. This included regular photocopying of text, laser photocopying of pictures, laminating covers and coil binding.

Comments: The text of the Mackenzie family book was from material written by Kay's mother and grandmother; Kay acted as the editor. The Clarke family book required a large amount of research so the costs of this were included in the selling price.



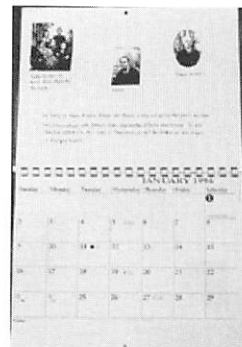
Monthly Calendar

Judith Rempel, 403-284-2453

The calendar was produced by photocopying and by printing onto good quality paper..

Binding & Size: Cerlox, 8.5 x 11 inches per page Cost about \$2.00 each.

Comments: A monthly box calendar where birthdays and anniversaries were inscribed. The upper portion of the calendar showed historical family photographs, maps and architectural drawings about which Judith had no identifying information. This format was chosen to elicit information from elder aunts and uncles.



What Name Did You Get?

Gordon W. Hodgson, (deceased)

Written with a sense of humour. Horizontal format. Page divided with information on one side. The book is not so much family history as it is a story relating to times and places of the people stretching from prehistoric times to present. It was designed primarily for the Gordon's grandchildren.

Produced using: Reunion (Macintosh), Photoshop, Pagemaker

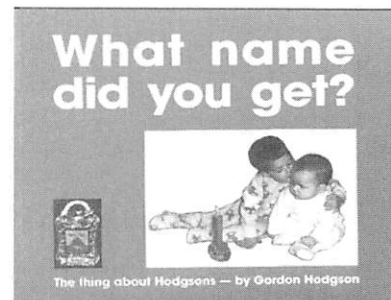
Pictures Included: Yes

Binding & Size: Perfect bound, 8 x 10 inches (10 wide)

Cost: Principal costs were the print shop cost of \$8,400 for 200 copies.

Comments: A 352-page book, including some 400 black and white illustrations.

Pagemaker files with text and graphics all in place when delivered to a regular print shop. The book is archived on CD-ROM.



Grandma Was A Davis

Margery and Sheldon Gibson, 403-286-2289

Produced by the compilers; hired AFHS member Sandy Irvine (who has his own desktop publishing company, By Design Services) to produce camera-ready sheets for the publisher.

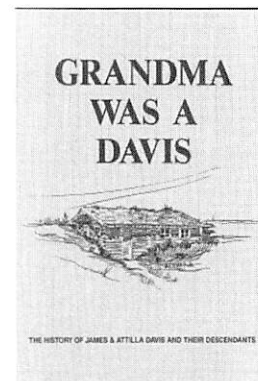
Computer Program: WordPerfect

Binding & Size: Hard cover, 8.5 x 11 inches, Friesen Printers

Cost: \$70 per book, U.S. funds

Comments: The book covers 1600 people and includes many of their stories.

Profusely illustrated.



Love of Land and Language

Marion Jeffries, 403-932-6880

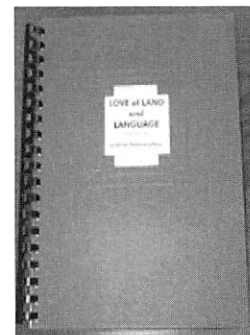
This is essentially a report rather than a book. The photographs were put in the old-fashioned way – pasted. She did not have a scanner.

Computer Programs: WordPerfect, Family Perfect, data from PAF (Personal Ancestral File)

Binding & Size: plastic coil, 8.5 x 11 inches

Cost: \$50 per copy, but used a lot of coloured pictures so that increased the cost.

Comments: 131 pages. Marion explained that, in the title, land refers to the homesteading years and language refers to how much her English forebears cared about their language.



From Beer Keg to Cream Can

Louise Sauve, 403-239-2841

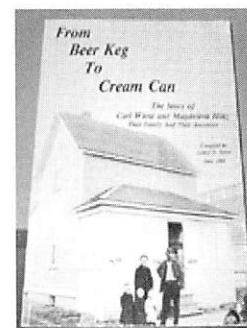
The printing was done at a professional printer. Pages were camera-ready when given to the printer and the printer inserted the pictures. Pictures were enlarged or reduced and half-toned by the printer. To make it interesting, the printer also did the cover.

Computer Programs: WordPerfect (capable of generating a table of contents and index, has spell check and find features, is capable of managing a large document, has binding offset and has header and footer options)

Binding & Size: Soft cover, glued back, 8.5 x 11 inches.

Cost: Approximately \$30 per book

Comments: 188 pages, 207 pictures and several documents. Louise offered many helpful comments which are included elsewhere in this article.



Suggested Further Reading

This is by no means a complete list, but some suggestions for material available locally to help when getting started when writing a Family History.

AFHS Library

- How to write your personal history. J. Malan Heslop & Dell Van Orden, 1976.
- Writing local history. Provincial Archives of Alberta, Publication No. 3, 1975.
- Local history: how to gather it, write it, and publish it. Donald Dean Parker, 1944.
- Writing a family history. Jan Roseneder, 1982.
- Preparing your family history for printing. Winnifred Rosewarne, Ontario Genealogical Society, Publication 75-4.
- A style guide for genealogists: manuscript preparation for photocopy. Edward D. Seeber, 1981.
- Video family history. Duane and Pat Sturm, 1989.

Calgary Public Library

- Creating family newsletters. Elaine Floyd, 1998.
- For All Time. Charley Kempthorne, 1996.
- How to publish and market your family history. Carl Boyer, 1993.
- Producing a quality family history. Patricia Law Hatcher, 1996.
- Publishing your family history on the Internet. Compuology, 1999.

Legal Abbreviations found in Wills:

Initials after your ancestor's names may provide useful information that you'd not expected. The following list includes initials you may come across when reading old wills or other documents:

a.a.s.	died in the year of his/her age (anno aetatis suae) (86 y/o died in year 86)
d.s.p.	died without issue (decessit sine prole)
d.s.p.l.	died without legitimate issue (decessit sine prole legitima supesita)
d.s.p.m.s.	died without surviving male issue (decessit sine prole mascula supersita)
d.s.p.s	died without surviving issue (decessit sine prole supersita)
d.unm	died unmarried
d.v.p.	died in the lifetime of his father (decessit vita patris)
d.v.m.	died in the lifetime of his mother (decessit vita matris)
Et al	and others (et alia)
Inst	present month (instans)
Liber	book or volume
Nepos	grandson
Nunc	Nuncupative will, an oral will, written by a witness
Ob	he/she died (obit)
Relict	widow or widower (relicta/relictus)
Sic	so or thus, exact copy as written
Testes	witnesses
Utl	late (ultimo)
Ux or vs	wife (uxor)
Viz	namely (videlicet)

New Members Surname Interests

Compiled by: Robin Nixon and Anne Jowett

Surname	Country	Area	Period	Member	Surname	Country	Area	Period	Member
Anstey	England			1156	Hazell	England	BRK	bef 1850	1312
Anstey	France			1156	Hickmans	England	STS	bef 1800	1312
Avery	England	BKM	bef 1900	1262	Hill	England	MDX		
Avery	England	BKM	bef 1893	1262	Hind	England	NTT	bef 1900	1262
Baggott	England	STS	bef 1800	1312	Hull	N.Ireland	ANT	bef 1850	1312
Bailey	Canada	ON	bef 1851	1298	Huston	N.Ireland	ANT	bef 1846	1272
Barlow	England	NTT	bef 1900	1262	Huston	Canada	ON	1846 - 1883	1272
Barlow	England	NTT	bef 1828	1262	Hyde	England	BRK	bef 1850	1312
Bedford	England	GLS	1893	1294	Jackson	Scotland	LKS	bef 1860	1271
Berry	England	NTT	bef 1900	1262	Jackson	Canada	ON	bef 1897	1298
Busby	Canada	ON	1845 - 1892	1272	James	ZAF		bef 1905	1278
Caddy	England	DOR	bef 1850	1312	Jarvis	Canada	ON	1850 - 1900	1275
Cairney	Scotland	LKS	aft 1850	1271	Jarvis	England	CMA	1798 - 1850	1275
Cardall	England	WAR		1156	Jones-Hughes	England	LAN	bef 1935	1272
Carden	Ireland	TIP	bef 1650	1294	Kent	Ireland	TIP	bef 1650	1294
Carl	Canada	ON	1815 - 1900	1271	Kent	Ireland	LEX	bef 1650	1294
Carroll	Canada	NS	1800 - 1900	1261	Kerr	Scotland	LKS	bef 1855	1271
Carroll	Canada	ON	1815 - 1900	1271	Lacey	England	BKM	bef 1853	1262
Clark	N.Ireland		bef 1830	1272	Lancaster	England	MDX		1156
Clark	Canada	ON	1830 - 1920	1272	Legear	Canada	ON	bef 1847	1298
Comeau	Canada	QC	1830 - 1970	1299	Lehman	USA	PA	1784	1294
Cooke	England	STS	1800 - 1850	1275	Leonard	England	WAR	bef 1850	1312
Cornwell	England	WAR	bef 1850	1312	Lyon	Scotland	ABD	bef 1845	1274
Cort	England	HAM		1156	Lyon	Canada	ON	1845 - 1900	1274
Coventry	Canada	ON	1850 - 1900	1275	Marshall	England	NTT	bef 1829	1262
Cripps	England	BRK	bef 1850	1312	Marton	N.Ireland	ARM	abt 1795	1294
Crowle	England	CON	abt 1850	1279	Marton	N.Ireland	DOW	abt 1795	1294
Crowle	England	LND	abt 1850	1279	McAlister	N.Ireland	ANT	bef 1850	1312
Currie	Scotland	LKS	bef 1875	1271	McIlmoyle	Canada	ON	1800 - 1870	1271
Dagarno	Canada	MN	bef 1800	1278	McIlmoyle	Ireland		bef 1800	1271
Dalgarno	Scotland	ABD	bef 1800	1278	McIlmoyle	Canada	ON	aft 1780	1271
Dash	England	HAM	1850 - 1900	1275	McKenna	Canada	NS	1800 - 1999	1261
Daykin	England		bef 1900	1278	McMath	Canada	ON	1842 - 1891	1272
Dunn	Canada	ON	1844 - 1892	1272	McMeakin	N.Ireland	ANT	bef 1850	1312
Eastman	Canada	ON	1855 - 1920	1298	McPhee	Scotland		bef 1850	1271
Empey	Canada	ON	1850 - 1900	1275	Meacham	England	LND	bef 1905	1278
Eyre	England	NTT	bef 1900	1262	Meacham	ZAF		bef 1905	1278
Farrar	England	GTM	bef 1925	1297	Meunier	Canada	QC	1875 - 1930	1299
Fidoe	England	WAR	bef 1800	1312	Mills	Canada	ON	1845 - 1911	1274
Fletcher	England	YKS	bef 1849	1298	Minto	Scotland	ABD	abt 1850	1279
Garton	England	NTT	bef 1900	1262	Minto	England	LND	abt 1850	1279
Gedders	Scotland	KCD	bef 1860	1271	Morrison	N.Ireland	FER	bef 1915	1274
Gordon	Scotland	ABD	bef 1840	1278	Mulvey	Canada	ON	bef 1896	1298
Gordon	Canada	MN	bef 1840	1278	Mulvey	Ireland	DON	bef 1848	1298
Graham	N.Ireland	ANT	bef 1850	1312	Nesbitt	Canada	ON	1845 - 1999	1271
Graham	N.Ireland		bef 1873	1272	Nesbitt	Ireland		bef 1845	1271
Graham	Canada	ON	1873 - 1890	1272	Nesbitt	Canada	ON	aft 1845	1271
Greer	N.Ireland	ARM	1794	1294	Nicholson	England	DEV		1156
Greer	N.Ireland	DOW	1794	1294	Nobes	England	HAM	1800 - 1850	1275
Grieve	Canada	ON	bef 1897	1298	Orme	England	LAN	bef 1935	1272
Grieve	Scotland		bef 1843	1298	Palmeteer	Canada	ON	1815 - 1870	1271
Grobety	England	BRK	bef 1850	1312	Paterson	Scotland	LKS		1156
Grove / Groff	USA	PA	1751	1294	Pilfer	England	ESS		1156
Harding	England	HAM	1750 - 1850	1275	Radford	England	DBY	1850 - 1900	1275
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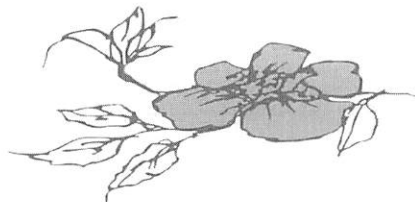
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Ramer-									
Raymer- Reamer-	USA	PA	1760	1294	Straffon	Canada	ON	bef 1877	1298
Reid	Scotland		all	1271	Switzer	Canada	ON	bef 1910	1298
Sainsbury	England	BRK	bef 1800	1312	Symes	England	LEX	aft 1830	1294
Sandy	USA	IA	bef 1885	1278	Tilk	Canada	ON	bef 1879	1298
Sandy	USA	IN	bef 1885	1278	Todd	N.ireland	ANT	bef 1850	1312
Sandy	USA	VA	bef 1885	1278	Tougas	Canada	QC	1850 - 1950	1299
Saunders	England	BKM	bef 1875	1262	Turnbull	Canada	ON	1850 - 1900	1297
Shier	Canada	ON	bef 1910	1298	Walker	England	GLS	1867	1294
Sims - Simms	England		abt 1819	1294	Walker	Scotland	ABD	bef 1854	1272
Snow	England	HRT	bef 1850	1312	Walker	Canada	ON	1854 - 1891	1272
Somers	Canada	NB	aft 1760	1284	Wallace	N.ireland	ANT	bef 1850	1312
Southam	England	OXF	abt 1796	1294	Ward	England	STS	bef 1800	1312
Stokes	Scotland	LKS	bef 1877	1274	Watts	England	BRK	bef 1850	1312
Stokes	Canada	ON	1877 - 1918	1274	Wellens	England	GTM	bef 1925	1297
Stokes	England	DBY	bef 1840	1278	Whitmore	Canada	ON	1810 - 1896	1271
Stokes	Canada	ON	bef 1840	1278	Wilmot	Canada	NB	aft 1770	1284

New Members

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1299	Buysscheart, Monique	512 Willingdon Blvd, SE, Calgary, AB, T2J 2A7	jlbuyss@attglobal.net
1312	Baggott, Beryl & Bryan	1120 Lake Twintree Drive, Calgary, AB, T2J 2T1	bbaggott@telusvelocity.net



Scottish Roots Course, July 12-16, 2000

Finding Scottish Roots: Sources and Strategies 1600 - 1900

Bethlehem Retreat Center, 2371 Arbot Road, Nanaimo, B.C.

Learn the methods of effective distance research from Sherry Irvine, International lecturer and award winning author of *Your Scottish Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans*.

This will be the first time that this course has been offered in Canada. The course fee of \$325 Canadian includes lunch each day, consultation with the instructor and handouts. The class size is limited to 18 students. The first 18 students that have registered and paid their \$100 deposit will be successful. Please see the registration form for further details. A registration form is available on the Nanaimo Family History Society webpage at www.island.net/~tghayes/ or by contacting Donna Fraser in the evening or weekends at (250) 752-7252.

The Bethlehem Retreat Centre, 2371 Arbot Road, Nanaimo, B.C. is situated on over seven acres of land on Westwood Lake. There are 35 single, twin or double guest rooms located in various buildings throughout the premises. On-site accommodation and meals (breakfast and dinner) are available from Wednesday afternoon until Sunday afternoon at a cost of \$250 Canadian (payable July 12, 2000 upon registration).

For those who like to walk, there is a path around the lake as well as trails up onto Mt. Benson. Swimming is available at the lake.

Arrangements can be made for foot passengers to be picked up at the Nanaimo ferry terminal.

Course Outline

The classes (75 minutes each) will run from Wednesday morning until Sunday afternoon. There will be 30 minute breaks mid morning and mid afternoon and a 90-minute break for lunch. Registration and get acquainted will be Wednesday, July 12th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to Advanced Research : Occupations
Testamentary Records
Land and Property
The Registry of Deeds and Court Records
Genealogists as Historians
Technology and Scottish Research
Preparing for a Trip to Salt Lake City
Preparing for a Trip to Scotland

Civil Registration, OPRs
The IGI, OPR Index and Scottish Church Records
Index
Census Returns
Analyzing and Solving Basic Problems
Kirk Sessions and Records of the Poor
Secessionist Congregations, Dissenters, and
Catholics
Tax Records and Inhabitants Lists

Notes

1. There will be a course handbook of 20-25 pages for each student.
2. Each student will be required to have a copy of the course text - *Your Scottish Ancestry: A Guide for North Americans*.
3. There will be e-mail notices to participants in the weeks before the course - advice on how to prepare, what to bring, advanced reading list, etc. Alternate arrangements will be made for those who do not have access to e-mail.
4. Depending on the size of the group, in ones or twos, everyone will have a consultation with the instructor. These will be scheduled after class.
5. Fiche readers will be made available to allow research of the Family History Library Catalogue for Scotland.

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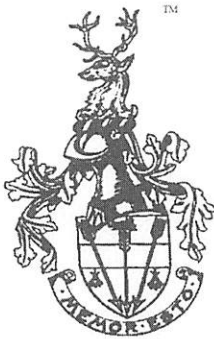
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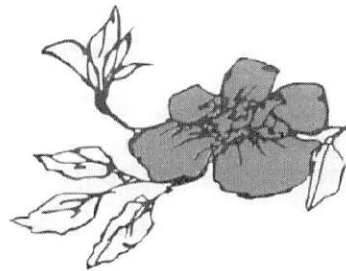
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