



# MUSEUM of the REGIMENTS Museum and Library

By Jan Roseneder

## A Unique Partnership

In a unique partnership, the University of Calgary Library and the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies have entered into an agreement with the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary to establish a Research Library and Archives, to be housed at the Museum.

The Library and Archives of The Museum of the Regiments started officially in February 2000, with the appointment of a University of Calgary librarian to organize the facility. The holdings are intended to support research in all aspects of military history and strategic studies, with emphasis on Canada, and in particular the military history of Alberta. Subjects covered by the collection include the history of warfare in general as well as detailed accounts of campaigns and individual battles, particularly those in which Canada participated, from the Northwest Rebellion to the Gulf War. Histories of many individual regiments, veterans' associations, military organizations, and the peacekeeping actions of the last fifty years are also well documented in this collection.

Among the more unique holdings of the Library are the manuals and guides for all areas of Canadian military training, includ-



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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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### Membership:

Membership in the society is open to anyone interested in family history and genealogy, and may be obtained through the membership secretary of the society at PO Box 30270, Station 6, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M 4P1. Membership fees are due 1 September each year.

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## Canada Census Petition.

If this topic seems unending, you're partly right. It's more important than ever too.

All the work done on the issue for the past two years hasn't been wasted; not for a minute as the earlier petition (over 600 signatures from AFHS alone) did raise awareness where it counts, in Ottawa. The then Minister responsible for Statistics Canada did convene an "Expert Committee" to investigate and make recommendations on the issue however this 'died' when Parliament was prorogued for the recent election.

For those who have joined in late, the AFHS and a large number of Genealogists from across Canada are petitioning, lobbying and taking action to persuade the Federal Government to change some early 1900s legislation and regulations which will permit Statistics Canada to release the detail of the 1906 and subsequent Canadian Censuses, to the Public. Without the changes, the 1901 Census which many have been using for several years will be the last seen, ever.

During the last session of Parliament there were several Bills on the Order Paper in both the House of Commons and the Senate which dealt with the issue. These were introduced because of lobbying and public pressure however when the election was called, all these Bills simply died.

So, this issue of Chinook introduces the start of another campaign.

There are two Petition forms amongst the pages and every member is strongly encouraged to have these completed and forwarded, as indicated.

See page 9 for full particulars by Lois Sparling on behalf of the AFHS Census Release Committee.

And lets get these forms filled out and mailed. We owe it to our descendants.

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ing weaponry and operations. Some of these date back prior to World War I, while others have simply been "borrowed" from British or US training manuals. There are also a number of military periodicals. Titles such as *The Army Quarterly*, *Sentinel*, *The Maple Leaf* and *Canadian Military History* cover broad military matters while others, including *Ponderborn* and *The Patrician*, cover the activities of individual regiments.



Jan Roseneder is shown amongst the 'stacks' in the Library. This is part of a total of 12 sections mounted on moveable shelving which enables the limited space available in the building, to physically hold the titles on hand.

At this point, the Library and Archives exist solely as the result of donations of books and archival material. The basis of the library was formed from the amalgamation of books belonging to CFB Calgary and the regular and militia units, which make up the Museum of the Regiments. Since February this has been augmented by many items donated by individuals and organizations, such as military book publishers. The Canadian War Museum shipped approximately 1,000 titles that were duplicated in its collection. Most notably, the Library of the Royal Alberta United Services Institute, which was previously housed at Mewata Armoury, is now on permanent loan to the Museum's Library. The Library's holdings are now being catalogued and can be searched on the University of Calgary Library's

online catalogue: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/library>

While each of the four Regiments forming the Museum holds its own archival collection, there is considerable material relating to military matters in general or specific topics outside the four Regiments. This includes everything from scrapbooks recounting the activities of the Canadian Women's Army Corps to personal letters from soldiers. More donations of archival material are actively being solicited from veterans' associations and other groups or individuals with a military connection.

Researchers and visitors are welcome at the Museum as are queries. Unfortunately, because of limited staff, a charge may have to be levied for in-depth reference questions. However, many of the inquiries currently received relate to family history and these are normally answered quickly, using the print and electronic resources of the Library and Archives. If you are interested in your family's military history, make sure you visit the Library and Archives; you never know what you may find.

The materials in the collections does not circulate but can be consulted within the research room. The Library and Archives are open to the general public Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm. Special arrangements can be made for other times, subject to the open hours of the Museum itself.

The web site for the Museum is : <http://www.nucleus.com/~regiments/virtual/virtual.html>. This will give you a tour of the Museum and from here you can choose the link to Research Archives for the Library/Archives and direct email access to the Librarian/Archivist. For further information, please contact the Librarian/Archivist, Jan Roseneder at:

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# The Lazy Genealogist - Assorted Notes

By Jill Browne



## *The First Time*

Hello there!

This is the first time I've contributed to Chinook. If you have anything you would like to add, and it certainly doesn't have to have anything to do with what I've written about – please, send your own notes, articles, whatever, to our editor, Doug Stobbs. His e-mail address is: [dstobbs@telusplanet.net](mailto:dstobbs@telusplanet.net). You can find Doug at most of our meetings, or you can submit your items directly to AFHS, just identify that they are for Chinook. Let's have more voices in the choir, please.

In the meantime, you might notice that several items in this issue have my by-line on them. Let that be a reminder to you to get your own contribution in.

## *The Lazy Genealogist's Path to Satisfaction: An Undisciplined One-Name Study*

Genealogy is a hobby we all take seriously or we wouldn't be AFHS members. If we intend to publish our work, or even to share it with others, we know we should be diligent and meticulous about documenting the sources of our information so that those who may rely on it later will not be misled. We all like to receive reliable information.

So, what's a lazy genealogist to do? There's not much credibility in simply pulling unsupported data from the

internet and adopting it without question. On the other hand, there's such a lot of information out there, surely some of it must be relevant. How to get some continuing satisfaction from the hobby without simply perpetuating the spread of questionable information, is the challenge.

In my own case, I have barely touched many branches of my own family tree. My surname is originally Brown (the "e" on the end was added by my grandfather). My great-great-grandmother's name was Mary Brown, living in Manchester, England (as opposed to some little village of 30 souls). Sometimes the task is a little too daunting. I think what has happened to me must happen to lots of people. In several lines, I started out with interesting surnames, not too common, and traced back as far as I could easily go through the male line. Then I returned to the female side, where each generation typically introduces another new name. Sooner or later, if your ancestry is English, you reach a SMITH, or a TAYLOR, or a BROWN. I'm quite sure there are equivalents in every heritage. You hit the wall of common names! Your enthusiasm for that line wanes and you return to the family tree chart looking for fresh blood.

It happened to me a few times and I was getting tired of it.

I decided to pick one of my favourite names (RAYSON) and see what I could do. The rules I set for myself were pretty

simple: only use information I can rely on, and don't exclude any RAYSONs I come across. My other personal rule is (at this point) not to include RAYSON variants, like RASON, RAISON, REESON, etc. This is not always a good rule but in my case I am comfortable with the outcome.

I get to make the rules because this study is purely for my own pleasure. I am not working to the standards of the Guild of One-Name Studies (GOONS) ([www.one-name.org](http://www.one-name.org)), much as I admire those who do. I'm working on RAYSON for one reason only: to do some research which makes me feel like I've accomplished something.

There are 3 main pieces to my "little" study:

- extract all RAYSON entries from the English Civil Registration indexes
- do the same with the 1881 census transcription
- match what I can between these two sources. (I use Family Tree Maker to keep a record of the people and to link them up when it seems reasonable).

This started over a year ago, but I only work on it occasionally. I take one year's index at a time, copying the births, marriages, and deaths for all RAYSONs from the index into a notebook. Then I go home, and recopy those entries into an Excel spreadsheet on my computer so that I can sort the entries by place, date, first name, and sometimes by date of birth. Then I further copy the entries

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into Family Tree Maker (noting the source of the information in every case) and when it seems reasonable to link individuals together as families, I do so. (This is where the census is very useful).

The objective is to try and put together individual lives (the B,M,D for an individual), and to look at families as groups – where they lived, any migration, whether they died out or have living descendants, and basically to figure out what patterns emerge. I'm in touch with a number of other RAYSON researchers (again, through the wonders of the internet, mainly), and it sometimes helps to be able to use their direct lines to put some of the pieces together.

I thought it would be really easy to track RAYSONs from the civil registration indexes to the 1881 census transcription, but it isn't. (The 1881 census transcription, for those not familiar with it, is available for use at the Family History Center, and can be purchased for US \$25.50 by mail order or on-line at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). For further information, if you do not have internet access, I suggest you visit the Family History Centre to see and use the product and obtain ordering details). The CDs containing the census transcription (best value in English genealogy) are easy to search by name, place and year of birth. What I hadn't realized is how short the average life span was and how many babies and children died very young. This is a well-known fact, but until I read through the actual entries and realized how many little Johns and Marys were born in one quarter and dead in the next, it had not hit home. When we track our own family histories, we track the histories of the survivors and tend not to think about the many who did not live to marry and have children.

A problem arises because the English tended to re-use first names within families, so it is dangerous to assume that John RAYSON born in one village

in 1840 is the same John RAYSON living there in 1881 at the age of about 40. It could be that there were two Johns born to the same parents, one or two years apart – one died, the second one survived. There are differences between the registry locations in the civil registration index (typically the larger centres within the districts) and the place names on the census (the smaller towns, villages, and farms where people actually lived), so I have pulled out the road atlas to figure out whether the places are near each other.

Right now I'm working on the 1860s, which you may notice is not that far from where I started (1837). Yes, it's a long way to the chip shop. This type of lazy genealogy is not for everyone. What I am finding though, is that it's satisfying to build my list of names. If nothing else, I will have compiled a reliable list from a good source, with documentation other researchers can rely on. In putting the names and places together, and searching for them in the census, I find so many questions come to mind and so many possible answers suggest themselves, that I think I am becoming a more aware researcher. In future columns, I will share with you some of the observations and questions I've come up with. One obvious addition to my lazy research sources will be the IGI resources available on the internet at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). However, just like the 1881 census transcription, the IGI is subject to transcription and other errors, and I will be keeping its limitations in mind as I go.

If you like the idea of going to the Family History Center and never coming away empty-handed, then this kind of lazy genealogy is for you. At the very least, if all you do is transcribe names and never analyse them, you can pass your list along to the other researchers working on that name, and they will bless you for it.

## New Year's Resolutions *Jill Browne*

I do not presume to tell you what your own resolutions should be, but here are a couple of suggestions in case you're stuck.

"I, (YOUR NAME HERE), resolve that in the year 2001,

1. I will contribute to Chinook at least once.
2. I will review my past 5 years of family history correspondence.
3. I'll write back to all those people I didn't respond to, whether they included a self-addressed-stamped envelope or not, even if it's only to tell them they should have.
4. I'll re-ask my questions to those libraries and other places I wrote to before, in case they have added any new information to their databases or collections.
5. I'll send a small donation with every request if I can reasonably afford it.
6. I'll make a small donation to the maintenance of my ancestors' graves if they are not already being well looked after.
7. I'll write down a one-page summary of my own life so that my descendants won't be totally stumped. I'll clearly indicate the date and show that I am the author, and I'll tell where I got my facts from, whether it's my own memory or something I was told.
8. I'll send a copy of my research results to date (because I know it will never be finished) to the public library in every place my ancestors went, for the guidance of others following the same trail.
9. I'll label every single picture I take this year, with the date, place, and full names of the people in it. (Yeah, right).
10. I will contribute to Chinook at least once."

Very best wishes to you and yours for a happy 2001.

# *A Tribute to Janet Morgan*

*27 July 2000*

Janet was my best friend - and this isn't a role that is filled lightly. I have tough filters. To be a good friend of mine, you have to be intelligent, wise, committed to a vision or ideal, and be strong. Being fun or beautiful, fun or any of those everyday things don't even come into consideration.

The problem was, she was so subtle about presenting information about herself that it took a long while before I realized what she had to offer. But, the light eventually turned on.

She also turned out to have a characteristic that I don't normally look for but have come to value because of her: Janet was apparently fearless. This extended to taking on huge projects, managing tricky political situations, public speaking, trying new foods, and her own illness. I am in awe of her for this.

It was all of the things above that made Janet such a woman of substance.. A woman of strength. It certainly didn't hurt that she was also tolerant, unjudgemental, patient and kind. The high standards were for herself, but she didn't hold others to them.

Janet and I had a close friendship that seemed to have effortless communication. Perhaps it's because we were both always aware of the frailty of the human lifespan, that we were driven to accomplish things together. This drive in Janet was expressed as leadership in numerous family history projects that both included other people and were solitary.

Janet and I were only close for a year or two, but there was an intensity that I wished I had experienced earlier. There were so many facets to Janet's contributions to people and initiatives. I only heard, late, of her pharmacy career and of her roles with the Canadian Consumer Association, and Day Care Society. Where she wasn't the leader in an effort, she was clearly one of the secondary strengths that make leaders look good.

Janet was a leader in the family history commu-

nity as a teacher of the foundations of good research. She counselled new researchers to be methodical, scrutinize, question accuracy, and keep looking for new insights. No doubt this approach was learned in and extracted from the other aspects of her life.

Janet was a leader in the effort to capture what short history we have here in Alberta. She never stinted in her efforts to make visible, the family history data that was hidden in headstones and newspapers, for researchers of the future, and those who live far from here. Those projects included engaging volunteers to go out on hot summer days (and other not-so-ideal weather conditions) to write down the final public details of 10s of thousands of lives, as captured on headstones. Her thoroughness meant that it needed to be compared and validated with the administrative records as well. Then, almost singlehandedly she'd publish these and distribute them to researchers and libraries all over North America. When Internet-publishing became a possibility, her reaction was immediate - of course we should make these publications available freely online as well.

Janet saw the value of less obvious resources as well. With her encouragement, volunteers made other life records public: a historical time line for Alberta, details about those Albertans who had Loyalist ties, were part of specific battalions, and were part of infamous and famous pilgrimages like the Barr Colonists and those who participated in the NWMP Trek. Any record that documented vital or experiential events of people's lives was fair game for Janet to declare that it was a family history project. With this, I think she helped broaden definitions of what family historians consult in the reconstruction of our ancestors' lives.

Janet was involved in many large projects - ones accomplished before I knew her. But the big one for Janet in recent times was the Canadian Genealogical Projects Registry. When she identified the redundant work that some volunteers were doing because they didn't know about others' efforts, she said, "We really need a place where volunteers can find out who has

completed a particular family history record project, or who is planning one, so they can work together, or they can start working on other different projects”.

I'm sure that this had been in Janet's mind for a long time, but when it was expressed out loud and I just happened to be needing a project for a development course that I was taking ... the ideal synchronicity was present. The project with the cumbersome name but huge value was borne: The Canadian Genealogical Projects Registry.



Janet and Judith shortly after receiving the NEHGS National Award at the GenTech conference in San Diego, March 2000.

Together, Janet and I planned on how we should solicit content, how it should be portrayed, how we could make it straightforward for users and easy to update. It wasn't exactly a case of "if we build it, they will come" (yet), but we did have immediate response from many Societies across Canada who wanted their family history projects registered. It was launched in December 1998.

One year later we learned that it had been honoured with the first Genealogy Technology Excellence Award given by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). Of course, that honour came to us and our associates at the Alberta Family Histories

Society as well. The award was to be given at the GenTech Conference in January 2000. Janet was already somewhat weak at that point, but she gamely rearranged the schedules of chemotherapy and blood transfusions and we both went off to San Diego to receive the award. It was an exhilarating experience, for our teamwork and project to be recognized by a body outside of our country, for work that came from Janet's idea. The AFHS knew that Janet's idea was magically powerful and made sure that there were enough dollars assembled to send both of us to receive the award.

This was absolutely overwhelming for Janet and myself. But even more overwhelming was the shared glory that the whole Society took in the award. This was completely due to the measures that Janet took - to constantly recognize the volunteers who took little and large parts to build the efforts into this one.

There was never an acquisitive gleam in her eye. She never was tempted into personal aggrandizement. She was solid.

All the while, Janet was still uncovering new Ontario sources for her own origins, reading about the history of the LDS church and its founder (She mused, "How can you understand the study of family history without knowing about the people who made it so publicly understood"). Just this spring, she was able to provide the documentary evidence necessary to gain admission to the United Empire of Loyalists and permitted to sign her name, "Janet Morgan, U.E."

(That is, adhering to the "Unity of the Empire"). This was the only real "brag" (a genealogical tradition) I ever saw her make to the AFHS membership. Her ambitions were always for the projects, not for herself.

I have been very fortunate to have Janet in my life and I will miss her greatly. She was a woman of substance. She was my friend.

Judith (Judii) Dianne Rempel,

28 July 2000



## **CENSUS RELEASE PETITION**

Once again we are asking all members and friends of the Alberta Family Histories Society to sign petitions in support of legislation clearly authorizing the release of historic census data to the public. The two petitions that you will find inside this edition of "Chinook" are in the specific form required to get a private member's bill debated in Parliament. One is for the bill in the Senate. The other is for the parallel bill in the House of Commons. Please sign both.

The national campaign for the release of the post-1901 census is going very well. We have the attention of the federal government. The success of our petition last year, our letters and meetings with Members of Parliament, and our submission to the Expert Panel appointed by the government to study the issue, have all made an impact. We are advised that there have been serious negotiations "behind closed doors" involving the Chief Statistician, the Privacy Commissioner, the National Archivist and Senator Milne, one of our champions in Ottawa. A sustained effort by family historians and our allies and friends through this Parliamentary Session will greatly strengthen our position.

Please note that the enclosed petitions **MUST** be completed properly in order to meet the legal requirements to be counted in support of our Private Member's Bills. In particular, the name, address, etc. of the person collecting the signatures must be filled in (see the box just above the line for the first signature for each petition). **THAT IS YOU** whether you collect two names or twenty. Remember to sign **BOTH** petitions as well. If you have any questions, please call us. (Sparling: 252-3054 - Westbury: 282-1003) We do not want a single signature to be wasted. More copies of the petition are available on request.

We seem to be on the verge of success now. Please do everything you can to get as many signatures as possible on both of the enclosed petitions. We have set a target deadline of **MARCH 31, 2001**. We will mail all of the petitions to Ottawa on that date. A strong show of support right now will make a big difference in how this is resolved.

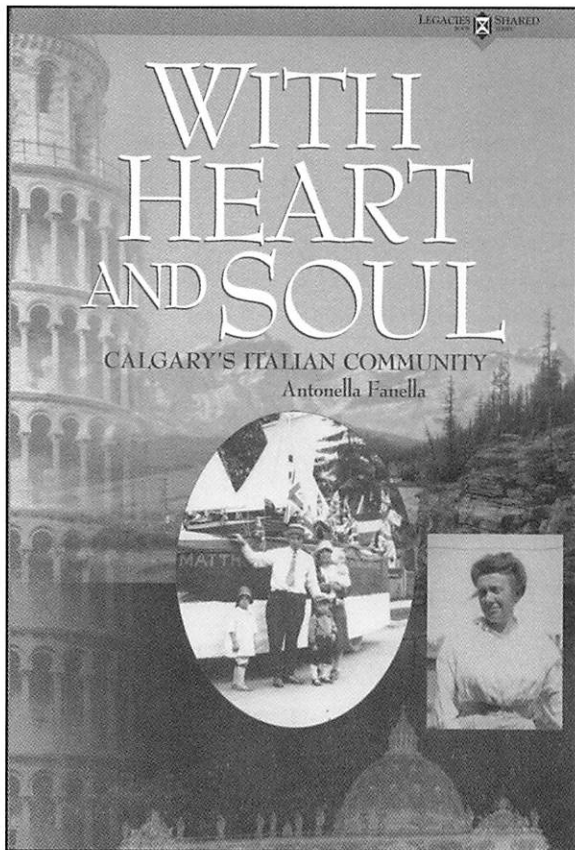
Lois Sparling, Chair,  
A.F.H.S. Census Release Committee.



## Book Review

# With Heart and Soul, Calgary's Italian Community

By Antonella Fanella, reviewer: Ellen Kinghorn



It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to Antonella Fanella's new publication, "With Heart and Soul, Calgary's Italian Community".

This book, as well as being a good "read", is an excellent examination of the immigration experience and will be of particular value to those who are researching immigrant ancestors of any origin. This book is very well supported by in-depth research and the extensive bibliography is sure to lead you down new paths of discovery.

Antonella Fanella was born in Italy and immigrated to Calgary with her parents, Maria and Giuseppe in February 1968. She wrote her book as a result of her experience as a member of the Italian community and actually commenced when, as a graduate student at the University of Calgary, she began work on an oral history project between the University and the Glenbow Museum.

"With Heart and Soul" is a totally compelling account of the circumstances and adjustments Italian immigrants were forced to make when they came to this country. It is an intelligent expression of their history, told by the people who lived it. Actual quotes are used sparingly as it presents the realities of the immigration experience. It tells the story of Italians who evolved from a people who clung to "la via vecchia" (the old ways) to a sophisticated new cultural entity of "canadese" that became delicately woven into the cultural norms of their adopted country.

We learn about immigration patterns. How the newly arrived Italians, families, settled into small town Alberta and BC ... in the early communities of Trail, Femie, Blairnmore, Coleman, Lethbridge, Nordegg, Bankhead, Canmore, Exshaw, Venice, Delia, Edmonton and Calgary. They put the life of the "contadino" (peasant) behind them and instead bent their backs in the mines of Alberta and working for the railroads. It was necessary to survive. And as dreams of returning to Italy died, Antonella says, it was all for the family "Per i bambini, per il futuro," said Antonella's father.

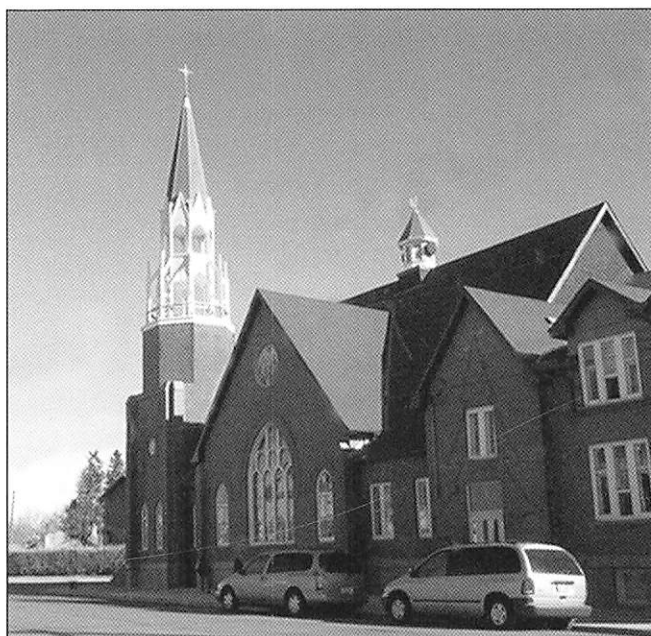
I was left shocked and saddened by revelations set down on the pages of this book. But I am grateful to Antonella for this historical account that comes to life under her excellent use of oral material garnered from a

series of oral interviews.

Interviews that bring to life

family histories that would have died with their narrators' passing.

This book is part of a new series being published by the University of Calgary Press, entitled, "Legacies Shared". Their mandate is to preserve the "personal histories and experiences of pioneer life across Canada and the US border." Other books in the series include historical accounts of Norwegian and Dutch immigrants. I expect these publications will make nice additions to "required" reading



*St. Andrew's Church as it appears at present on 8th Avenue and 13th Street SE. This was the first Italian, Roman Catholic Parish in Calgary. Today it serves the city's Vietnamese community.*



## Recent Additions at the Calgary Public Library

By Cathy Mayhood, Humanities Department.

*Index of Passengers Who Emigrated to Canada Between 1817 & 1849.* 1999. (Originally extracted from the British Colonial Office Papers).

Acton, John A., compl.

R 929. 308921 ACT

*Resources for Metis Researchers.* 1999.

(Includes a lengthy bibliography and some web sites).

Barkwell, Lawrence J., et al

R 970. 3016 MET B

*Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825 - 1875.* 1998.

Dobson, David

R 929. 3089916 DOB

*Huguenot Genealogies: A Selected Preliminary List.* 1999.

Finnell, Arthur L., compl.

R 929. 1016 FIN

*Index to the 1901 Census of Alberta.*

Alberta Genealogical Society. 1999.

R 929. 37123 IND

*Ontario Delayed Births Abstract, 1860 - 1874.* 1997.

Madill, Donna, comp.

929. 3713 ONT

*Second Stages in Researching Welsh Ancestry.* 1999.

Rowlands, John and Sheila Rowlands

929. 1072 SEC

*Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs.* 2000.

Taylor, Maureen

929. 1072 TAY

# My Favorite Ancestor

A Lady with Spirit; Mrs. Edna Lillian Doolan

By Gloria Moore

My aunt, Mrs. Edna Lillian Doolan (nee Doyle), was born on the 10th of September 1893, and passed away on January 22, 1998, at the age of 104. The oldest of three children born in Carman, Manitoba, she loved life and was always smiling and laughing. She earned her living as a seamstress and milliner (hat maker).

At the age of 20, she moved to Calgary and worked for the Hudson's Bay Company as a milliner. During the Great War (1914 to 1918), Edna worked in the Canadian Pacific Railway's Ogden Shops in support of the war effort.

She met her husband, Leslie Charles Cooper Doolan, during the war when he was recuperating from his war wounds. They were married in 1920 and lived in Calgary where Leslie worked for the Dominion government in the Land Titles Office. Their daughter, Dorothy Evelyn Doolan, was born in 1923. Of course, there were loads and loads of diapers to wash in those days, so the clothes line was always full. Edna recounted that local boys came over one night and took the diapers off the line. She decided to fix them. The next night the clothes line was full of dirty diapers. Needless to say, the boys immediately found other ways to amuse themselves.

In 1930, they were transferred to Banff where Edna worked at the Hudson Bay Company making Hudson Bay blanket coats for the Banff Springs Hotel. Leslie worked at the Park Administration Building.

During their years in Banff, Edna had many stories to recount about the local bear population, but the best one follows. She had prepared a pot of

stew and put it in the back porch to cool. A black bear decided it would make a great meal so decided to break into the porch, making off with the pot. Hearing the commotion, Edna, not known for her timidity, immediately grabbed her broom and took after the hapless four-legged thief, recovering the priceless pot- minus the stew, of course.

In 1945, Edna and Leslie returned to Carman. During the years 1946 to 1952, when daughter Evelyn was teaching figure skating in Carman, Edna, together with many other moms, spent countless hours cutting, pinning and sewing costumes for the Ice Carnivals sponsored by the Carman and Community Recreation Association.

Edna was always very active and talented in crafts of all kinds. She could "cook up a storm", as her daughter says. She was a Charter member of the Rebeccah Lodge, sang in the United Church choir, and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Following the death of her father, Edna and Leslie moved in with her mother and looked after both her and the house until her mom had to be admitted to hospital. Edna could no longer manage her care.

At the age of 87, and now a widow, she continued to prepare all her own meals (and for anyone else who just happened along) even though she walked with two canes. She said it didn't bother her; it just took a little longer to do things.

In her 91st year, she was pictured on the front page of the Winnipeg Free Press, sitting in her favourite living



*Mrs. Edna Lillian Doolan*

room chair with a multitude of clothes on under her coat, wool hat, scarf and boots. There had been a bad spring ice and snow storm which had knocked down some 3,000 hydro poles in southern Manitoba. She refused to leave her home and waited out the weekend storm, bundled up in her favourite chair.

She refused on one other occasion to leave her home as well. It was during one of Manitoba's terrible spring floods when her house, on the banks of the Boyne River, was surrounded with water.

The dictionary describes "lady" in this manner: "A well bred woman, title of the wife of a Knight, mistress of a house, a worthy woman." Our family was extremely fortunate to have had her as a part of our lives for so long. She was truly a lady, one with a lot of spirit...a worthy woman indeed.

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# A Visit to the National Archives of Canada

By Jill Browne

## *The nitty-gritty of my visit*

I thought I had prepared, but really, I hadn't done enough.

I wanted to see the WW1 personnel files of a friend's grandfather, and (at my friend's request) to obtain a copy. Through the searchable on-line index on the Archives' website, I had located several "possibles". I e-mailed to the Archives with a request to see all the possible files during my visit. This was only a few days before I went to Ottawa. It was not enough time. If you want to see WW1 files, you should start working over the telephone with the Genealogy Reference Desk about a month before your visit, longer if you can manage it. The reason is, each file has to be retrieved from off-site and then personally reviewed by an officer (someone who will make sure there is no sensitive information on the file), before you can see it. Don't wait till the last minute!

Through the kindness of the staff, the fact that it wasn't terribly busy (it was early March) and by luck, in spite of my own poor planning, I did see the files I wanted to, and more.

In 1999, another friend and I had ordered and received copies of 5 different soldiers' files. Using these, and a WW1 history book, we were able to locate on maps, the places where these men had fought. We travelled to the battlefields that summer and visited those same places, which is a whole other story. The preparation certainly paid off.

Having seen these first five files, I assumed all files were going to look roughly the same. That isn't the case. Some files are thick – my great-grandfather's contains pages of payroll entries and some dental records, among other things. But many others, like those I saw on my visit to the Archives, are very thin and end with the words, "Killed in Action".

The National Archives reading rooms are spacious and somewhat stark, as suits their purpose. Archives are devoted to preservation, and the health of the records is the paramount concern. Archives are not the same as public libraries. Getting at the information you need takes advance planning, patience, and some familiarity with your topic.

I of course did minimal advance planning, was impatient (but polite!), and not there to research a particular topic, just to look at what was there. This is a recipe I would not recommend to others.

My visit to the Archives was made extremely fruitful, in spite of my own efforts to sabotage it, by the fact that they have a most excellent photograph index which visitors may freely browse. This index is on cards, one card per photograph, each card containing a small contact print of the photograph and a description of the subject. (See page 20) The index is contained in several filing cabinets, organized by topic. The staff are very good at helping users find the right topic. I browsed for two days – photographs of WW1, of my home town over the past century, of sports teams, of swimming marathons at the Canadian National Exhibition in the 1920's (my grandfather was probably one of the swimmers) – all this and more. Even so, I barely scratched the surface of what they have in the index alone.

The index does not include the entire photograph collection of the Archives, but it has so many pictures that one can easily pass a few hours exploring.

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For twenty cents each, I purchased photocopies of the cards for the pictures I was interested in (dozens). These are of rough quality but will help me remember what I saw, and provide me with follow up details in case I want to order prints later. Then I splurged and ordered photographic prints of some of my very favourites, which I'll list just to give you a glimpse of the variety of subjects:

- Fish tugs and elevator, Collingwood, Ontario, 21 September, 1915;
- Collingwood Post Office building on April 22, 1915 and in 1927;
- The Lacrosse winners in the Canadian Sports Championship Meeting (29<sup>th</sup> Battalion). July, 1918; and my favourite, the 8x10 shown below of a Canadian Scout observing the enemy during the advance east of Arras France, in October 1918.



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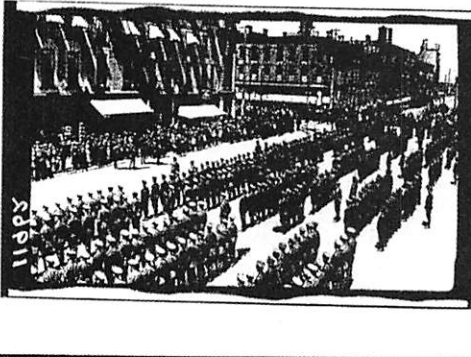
All in all, if you are going to be in Ottawa anyway, and you have a research interest which is covered by the Archives, then go there, by all means, but collaborate with the staff in advance and plan your visit with their help. Take a magnifying glass. It will always come in handy.

It is not worth going to Ottawa solely for the purpose of seeing the Archives with the intent of pulling up a particular record. You are far better off to do what you can by post and phone, and, if necessary, by hiring a professional researcher. But, Ottawa is a beautiful place, and there is a certain thrill to standing before the Parliament Buildings and realizing that, regardless of your political opinions, you are in the middle of Canadian history. So, go to Ottawa, explore the city, take a look at the National Archives' photo index, and do the rest of your research from home.

### *Logistics and pre-visit information*

The website of the National Archives, [www.archives.ca](http://www.archives.ca), gives information about how to prepare for a visit there, what is held at the archives, and generally everything you need to know about logistics. You can also write to the National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3, or telephone the Genealogy Reference Desk (phone: 613-996-7458, fax: 613-995-6274) for information about the collection and services. Their brochure, "Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada", is an excellent starting point.

#### Typical Index Card for the Photograph Collections National Archives of Canada, Ottawa

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Mobilization - W.W.I.	
TITLE 34th [Infantry] Battalion on the market square in Guelph, [Ont.], 19 May, 1915.	
ACC. NO. 1971-120	
COLL. Boyd, John	
NEG. NO. 11962- (b)	
LOC.	
<b>PA 61459</b>	
	

These cards show a miniature contact print of the photograph described. Copies of each Card can be obtained for future reference, at the cost of a photocopy.

The images/negatives are stored on film so copies when ordered, can be provided as photographs in several standard sizes.

Each image (negative) is listed on only one Card so an understanding of the catalogue style is what the helpful staff provides.

# GENSOFT 2001

## 10th Annual

**Early Details;**

**Saturday, March 10, 2001**

**Best Western Hospitality Inn**

**Southland Drive & Macleod Trail, Calgary.**

- Registration and displays open 8:30am to 4:00pm.
- Displays featuring a wide variety of genealogical software programs; commercial and non-commercial services and other demonstrations.
- 5 Continuous lectures through the day in 4 rooms.  
Topics: "Getting Started", "Digital Photography", "Image Manipulation", "Buying a Computer", "Internet, Live"
- Door Prizes galore from various software companies..
- "Genealogy Special" lunch available..
- Lots of Free Parking
- \* Admission: only \$5 each which includes one lecture.

Check the AFHS Website for Latest News <http://www.afhs.ab.ca>

# Speaking of Local Libraries: Owen Sound, Ontario, and the Tom Thomson Memorial Gallery

By Jill Browne

Last March, (that would be in the year 2000 in case like me you keep losing track of what year it is), I went back to my home town of Collingwood, Ontario, for my Dad's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. (You may get sick of hearing about this trip, but it's the only exciting thing I did all year.)

Anyway, I visited the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library.

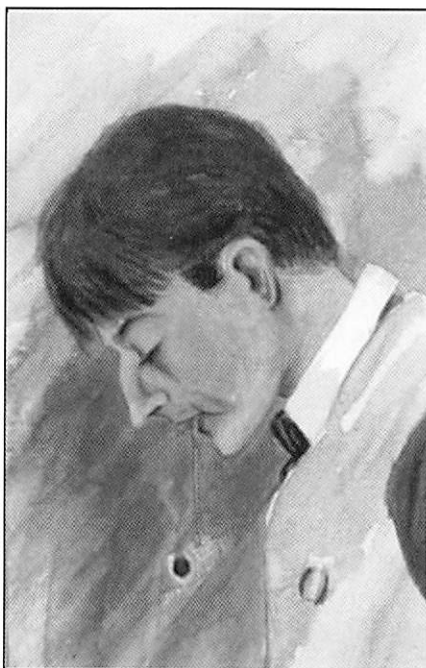
This Library is like many other local and regional libraries across Canada. It has a small Local History and Genealogy section, with clippings and a card index of local interest. The Collingwood Public Library has the same – an unpublished collection, in card form, of many local births, marriages, and deaths.

Searching this card index is much easier than searching through microfilm reels of the local newspapers (where these are available), if you know the name of the person you're looking for. These events would never be picked up or advertised in the big city papers, only locally. The library's card index is probably the only consolidated source of birth, marriage and deaths information outside of the government's official records. The card index often has the actual newspaper clipping or extracts from it, providing more information about the family than the vital statistics registries do.

My point being, never overlook the value of sending a letter or perhaps an e-mail to the library in the immediate area you're interested in, and perhaps to two or three neighbouring communities, too. Even better, make a personal visit if you can. You are likely, in doing so, to cross a threshold which your ancestor may once have stepped across, especially in the older parts of our country. You will certainly be viewing the same prominent

local features (in Owen Sound, the harbour, for example) and experiencing the same weather as your family did before you.

Right next door to the Owen Sound Library is the Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery, where a number of Thomson's paintings are displayed. What's the genealogical interest in that? I suppose it's more of a reminder of what our not so distant ancestors faced when they got here: beautiful, wild Canada. If you would like to see some of the pictures, look at [www.tomthomson.org](http://www.tomthomson.org), the Gallery's website. There are links to the pictures, and also a short family



*Self Portrait, Tom Thomson*

*@Ontario Heritage Foundation*

history, illustrated with photographs. The family history on the website sheds a little light on how the Scottish immigrants to rural Ontario, and their

descendants, lived during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Tom Thomson was born in 1877. The website shows a photograph of his grandparents, born around 1806 in Scotland, emigrated to Canada in the 1830's. Those descended from Scottish pioneers may imagine their own ancestors to have worn similar clothing, and facial expressions which one hopes were adopted solely for the moment of being photographed (grim, in other words)!

The photograph of Tom's father, John Thomson, born in 1830, is more casual and perhaps typical of what an Ontario farmer of the 1860's would have looked like: dressed for hunting with a rifle in one hand and a dog by his feet. John married a PEI girl (Margaret Mathewson), whose father had fought for the North in the American Civil War.

The final family photograph is of Tom's parents with their 6 children and a few other relatives, around 1890. This is a formal picture, again showing some of the fashions in clothing and hairstyles at the time.

I don't know about you, but I have no photographs of my ancestors before about 1950. I have to look at other peoples' families and imagine how mine may have been.

At the Gallery, there are some objects from Tom Thomson's possession – his mandolin, for one. We forget in this day of radio, TV, stereos, and non-stop entertainment on demand, that most of our ancestors had to make their own music or live without. If I had to go a week without listening to any recorded music, I wouldn't like it, how about you?

## New Brunswick Genealogical Society Conference

Once again, in 2001 there will be another great Genealogical Conference hosted by the New Brunswick Genealogical Society.

This time, to be held August 3rd to August 6th, at the Atlantic Baptist University, 333 Gorge Road, Moncton, New Brunswick.

This conference has several unique features adding up to a Genealogical/Historical Immersion not offered anywhere else in Canada.

The theme is genealogy but not limited to that by any means.

Registrants and presenters share a quite campus for 3-4 full days and a lot of good 'rubs off', both ways. AFHS member Marmie Longair attended in 1999 and is still 'tingling'.

Among the keynote speakers will be Dick Eastman, director of Gentech, manager of the Genealogy Forum of Compuserve and author of a very popular newsletter read by tens of thousands every week.

Wendy Anderson, an authority on British records will be flying in from Cambridge, England.

Rick Roberts, who many will recognize as the editor of the Canada Global Gazette on-line newsletter will be talking about computer software.

Peter Murphy, recipient of Canada's Governor General's award for his thesis on Irish Immigrant Children and Nova Scotia historian Allen Robertson will be speaking.

Besides the lectures there are expert panels, computer labs, family history displays. The Provincial Archives will also participate, bringing some of their records to the Conference.

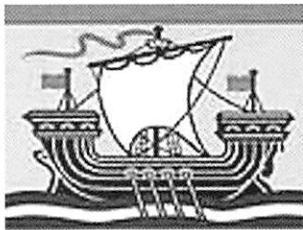
That is unique in itself... bringing the records to the users; how quaint!

The four day event is a unparalleled opportunity to meet others sharing an interest in Maritime roots, learn a little bit and enjoy some down east hospitality too.

If you would like to learn more about the conference i.e. topics, speakers, accommodation, fees etc., please contact

Joan Pearce at <pearcer@nbnet.nb.ca>

Or, write to the NBGS at 352 Pelton Road, St. John NB, E2K 5H7.



## French Connection A Book Review

By Jan Roseneder

Those of you who are familiar with Torie O'Shea from her first adventure, *Family Skeletons*, will remember that she is a part-time employee of the New Kassel (Missouri) local history society. She also does genealogical research, both her own and on contract for other people.

It's the secrets contained in other families' histories that seem to reach out and pull Torie into solving mysteries; as she says, "I get something in my head and it won't leave until I have an answer".

It's a useful trait for an amateur detective and for the genealogical researcher. In this second escapade, *A Veiled Antiquity*, by Rett MacPherson (1998, republished in paperback 2000), the accidental death of a relative newcomer to town leads to the discovery of a family line directly descended from Charlemagne.

The secret this family was entrusted with dates back centuries; does it still have the power to change world history? What was a solemn trust seems to have degenerated into a treasure hunt. Who has betrayed the family trust? What secret do the family papers hide? Can anyone decipher the ancient code they were written in? Which family in New Kassel has ties to the original guardians of the trust - and do they even know?

Torie's insatiable curiosity and her experience with researching and interpreting genealogical records lead to several unexpected twists and turns before the true culprit is unmasked.

While this is an enjoyable tale and helps to develop Torie's character, it doesn't feature quite the same level of genealogical background that the first novel did. It's always great, though, to find a genealogist as "a consulting detective".

## CENSUS TAKER

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;  
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.  
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;  
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there;  
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.  
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;  
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.

She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table;  
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.  
He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a few;  
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;  
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.  
She noted each person who lived there with pride;  
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age...  
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.  
At the number of children, she nodded her head;  
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot";  
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon ... or not?  
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;  
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;  
They could read some and write some .. though really not much.  
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;  
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;  
"May God bless you all for another ten years."

Now picture a time warp ... its' now you and me;  
As we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;  
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.  
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;  
That the entries they made would effect us this way?

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;  
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.  
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;  
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

Author Unknown



# A Quiz!

This noise making device appears in a picture published elsewhere in this issue of Chinook.

The question we're putting to our readers is to explain to all, why was it in the picture to begin with and of course, what was its real purpose?

Watch for the explanations in the next issue of Chinook; there may be prizes too.



Send your comments to [dstobbs@telusplanet.net](mailto:dstobbs@telusplanet.net) or drop them off in the AFHS Library clearly marked to the Editor of Chinook.

## Surname Interests:

Surname	Area	Kingdom	Time
McKenzie	ROC	Scotland	bef 1833
MacDonald	ROC	Scotland	bef 1833
Simpson	NAI	Scotland	bef 1808
Milne	NAI	Scotland	bef 1811
Urquhart	ROC	Scotland	bef 1819
Hogg	ROC	Scotland	bef 1825
Morrison	BAN	Scotland	bef 1805
Calder	ABD	Scotland	bef 1816
Swanson	CAI	Scotland	bef 1788
Sutherland	CAI	Scotland	bef 1803
Miller	CAI	Scotland	bef 1793
Bruce	CAI	Scotland	bef 1800
Shaw	YKS	England	bef 1805
Stocks	YKS	England	bef 1808
Morton	YKS	England	1500 - 1900
Ross	NAI	Scotland	bef 1783

Surnames as listed on the left are being researched by fellow member Wayne McKenzie #1333. If you see a name or names which are familiar, you may contact Wayne at 252 Templeton Circle NW, T1Y 5T7 or call at 403-285-7725

# Exchange journals received in the AFHS library

By Helen Backhouse and Lorna Stewart

This list includes the names of all societies which exchange journals with AFHS. Those marked # indicates that no new issues had been received recently to include in this compilation. Check earlier issues of *Chinook*. Journals are listed under country of publication. Remember to check them all; your area of interest may be included in any of the following.

## AUSTRALIA

Genealogical Society of Victoria,

Vol 24 no 8 Summer 99

- Thomas Burden and the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance

- Emigrants to Utopia

Vol 25 no 2 June 00

- Estate records and the Irish tenant family
- Free lunch in cyberspace – who pays?

## CANADA

East European Genealogical Society,

Vol 8 no 2 Winter 99

- Old Church Slavonic: numbers, dates and months
- Galician Mennonite “New World” echoes from the USA

Vol 8 no 3 Spring 00

- A visit to the Village of Angelówka, Galicia (Ukraine)
- Account of emigration of John and Eva Harder, and Peter and Anganetha Dueck from Russia to Canada

Family Chronicle Magazine,

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*Jill Browne*

Last December, I was responsible for "Y2K" preparations within the software company I work for. The actual work was done by some very diligent programmers and quality assurance specialists, who had built Y2K compliant software in the first place (so there was no Y2K problem), and who tested it to make sure.

My lonely New Year's Eve vigil at the office, listening to nothing happening, was perhaps a moment in history which many others shared worldwide. For the sake of posterity, let's just note what our descendants might find interesting about the year 2000 before we all forget.

To get the ball rolling, here is what the year 2000 meant to me:

- "Y2K" hysteria, considerable public and private expenditure in getting ready for the turnover, and generally the world realizing that computers are pervasive and here to stay;
- a U.S. presidential election which will not go away;
- severe flooding in the U.K.; other weather patterns and disasters which, 100 years from now, may be interpreted as clear indications of global climatic change.

What do you think should be remembered about 2000? What pieces of information do you think will help your descendants understand what our lives are like today? Send them in!

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