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Bert Sheppard Stockmen's Foundation Library

The Western Heritage Centre, Cochrane, Alberta

By Nancy Carson

Editor's Note.

This article was written in the Fall of 2000 and in December, it was announced that the Centre would close, January 1st. There were several organisations involved in the original project and by 1990, the Province agreed to, and funded construction of the facility. On January 1st, the physical assets were placed under trusteeship of the Provincial Government while the future of the facility is re-defined. As this is written, the building is technically closed however the Library has been able to carry on as well as the catering business which uses the dining facilities for Sunday brunches and catered events such as weddings.

All the collections of books, documents and historic artefacts are still at the Cochrane location and remain the property of one or another of the founding foundations.

The Bert Sheppard Stockmen's Foundation Library was established in 1980 by the Stockmen's Memorial Foundation. (Bert Sheppard was an energetic and far sighted rancher in the area, and in recognition of his outstanding support of the Stockman's Memorial Foundation, the Library carries his name.)

The Library has a combination of old and new materials on pioneer western culture, focussing particularly on ranching and rodeo. Over a period of 20 years, the collections have grown to over 10,000 volumes, over 7,000 magazines, innumerable brand files for cattle and horses, brand books, sheet music (and an electric organ on which to play them!), pamphlets on over 300 topics, old maps of Municipal Districts, Calgary Stampede programs starting from

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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.

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 4PI. Membership fees are due I September each year.

Membership fees (2000-2001): Individual \$40 Family \$55 Individual (senior) \$35 Family (seniors) \$45 Institutional \$50 Overseas: add \$8 (Cdn) for airmail. USA members: Please pay in US funds.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month (second Monday if first is a holiday). Beginner classes are at 6:30 pm and general meeting starts at 8:15 pm. Call 214-1447 for information. URL: http://www.afhs.ab.ca

Editorial policy:

Chinook is published in September, December, March and June, and is distributed to all members of the Alberta Family Histories Society. The editor welcomes articles and news items for publication from members or from anyone interested in genealogy and family history. Articles should be typed or preferably in text format on computer disk. We assume no responsibility for errors or opinions of the authors. All materials submitted will be treated with care but will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope of the appropriate size, or if other arrangements are made in advance.

Advertisements pertaining to genealogy are eligible for inclusion in the journal. Rates are: full page, \$55; half page, \$30; quarter page, \$15; and business card, \$6. A discount of 25% is offered for any advertisement placed in four consecutive issues. Correspondence, articles and advertising or submissions may be addressed to the editor at PO Box 30270, Station B, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M 4PI. ©2001 The Alberta Family Histories Society.

From the Editor's Desk:

As this is written, the flurry of activity triggered by the Census Campaign is slowing down and from a report just after GenSoft, the number of signatures has significantly exceeded 1,000! This really topped the 400 or so we obtained during the last appeal and highlights not only the concerns of AFHS members, but their eagerness to do something about it.

Well done indeed and another round of applause for Lois Sparling, Robert Westbury as the committee spark plugs and every single member too, who collected signatures and presumeably, included their own.

By May 15th, the 2001 Census of Canada will be well underway and it will be extremely interesting to read on the forms, what Statstics Canada has to say about confidentiality, this time.

In a recent newspaper report, Statistics Canada released the results of a survey they had conducted on the sleeping habits of Canadians. Imagine!

Interestingly, the brief article didn't state how the information was collected nor whether it was in strict confidence, or not.

Neither did it state how many respondents slept alone, two to a bed.... or more.

There was no indication either whether the respondents were in their own/usual beds!.

Surely, it is abundently clear that the Government get out of the bedrooms of the Nation and back to basics.

Keep the Census topic alive and at this stage, write another letter to your Member of Parliament and don't forget while you're at it, to send another to the Honorable Brian Tobin.

There is still hope that you'll be very glad you did.

Doug Stobbs

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Alberta Family Histories Society will be held on Monday, May 7, 2001 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 the 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 renumeration;
- 5. to transact such other business required under the By-laws and as may come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta this 17th day of March 2001. Sarah C. Rae, Chair

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1912, and a photo file. These materials cover all of western Canada – Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia and have been acquired primarily through donations with about 10 per cent of the collections being actual purchases by the Library. A large and varied selection of the materials are in the public library rooms with the rest in storage in the climate-controlled environment in the basement of the building.

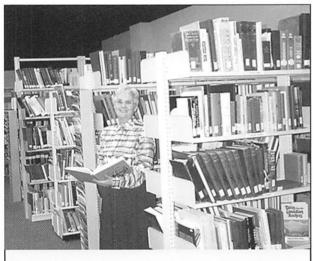
Anna Stevenson is the single full time staff member and predictably, wears many hats and titles.

As Chief Librarian she is deeply involved with catalogu-

copyrighted by the Library and all donors have signed copyright agreements to that effect. Picture taking and photocopying is certainly permitted however, if in doubt it is best to ask before taking photographs due to the copyright.

Computer databases and Indexes are available to assist researchers. For many collections this is a work in progress so if a series hasn't been completed, hard copy of the information is available. This is also true for anyone who is not comfortable using a computer.

Local and Family Histories
The Library has a substantial collection of local histories



Anna Stevenson shown beside some of the collections of Local Histories, Newspapers, Magazines and Maps.

ing, meeting visitors, answering queries and similar activities. She also draws on the skills of several dedicated local volunteers and each summer, one or more students.

The Library is a non-lending library; materials must be viewed on site. Admission into The Western Heritage Centre is free however there are charges for photocopies, postage etc. They gratefully accept donations. The Library tries (depending on time available) to assist those who live too far away to be able to access the Library, by answering simple queries received either by phone, mail, or the Internet.

All materials and artefacts donated to the Library are



These storage boxes hold "Literature" which can be just about anything. Typically small booklets or copies of articles but also complete user manuals for anything on a farm which was mechanical... tractors to cream seperators.

for Alberta areas, such as Warner, Milk River and District, Border Country of Coutts, Medicine Hat, High River Rural District, and Writing on Stone District to give a few examples. There are many more which include some that are not available in any other local repository.

All the Mayors of Calgary are listed in *Good Morning*, *Your Worship* with a brief history on each Mayor.

A number of handwritten, personal life stories are in the Library's collection and these have been transposed for easier reading. These documents are copyrighted too but photocopies of the originals can be obtained.

In addition to the handwritten stories, taped interviews with ranchers and pioneers are available on over 150 videotapes. This series is called *Heritage Voices*. Those interviewed tell their personal story in their own words—there are details in these stories you will not find anywhere else. Also available are 122 audiotapes and manuscripts, edited and unedited, of ranchers and feedlot operators from southern Alberta, into Montana.

The Library walls are lined with exerts of the histories of some pioneers: The Lore Family, Macleay Family, Doresey Patton McDaniel, MacKay Family, Gilchrist Brothers, Dawson Family, Armstrong Family, Barber Family, Boothby Family, Cross Family, Burke Family, Lehr Family, McDougall Family, Oel Family, Reesor Family, Ware Family, Richard Copithorne, Gattey Family, Hallett Family, Chattaways of the Bar S Ranch, and the Jones Family

Cancelled Brand Files

The Library has over 300,000 original documents on cancelled brand files dated from 1889 to 1980, together with the related government files. These are original requests to have and use a brand which provides the exact location where the person was located and also all the ensuing correspondence. The correspondence can cover a period of years and can contain some unexpected personal data. For example, one rancher was late sending his \$1.00 fee because his wife went mad and burned down the house (apparently even the paper has a burnt smell!). Twenty years later, when this rancher was finished farming and wrote to give up the brand, he added a note at the end of his letter, "by the way, my wife is still in Ponoka." These letters cannot go onto the Internet, be faxed or be emailed because of privacy regulations; however, the Library will photocopy them for a small fee. This unique collection is partially catalogued which will be completed sometime in the future.

Magazines

The Library maintains an indexed periodical file of magazines that are not in commercial indexed periodicals. Some of these magazines feature articles on individuals so they are worth checking out for family research.

The Librarian highly recommends their complete, upto-date collection of the Canadian Cattleman Magazine to anyone doing any type of research. The first issue was June 1938 and the collection is indexed by subject, title and author.

Books

The collection of books is impressive and one can browse amongst the stacks, at leisure.

The first edition of *The Range Men* by L.V. Kelly, who was a writer for the Calgary Herald, provides an historical overview, then gives yearly details on the number of ranchers moving into the area, the size of the ranch, the number of cattle and horses, and anecdotes. This book has been indexed thereby becoming a valuable research tool.

The High River Times is currently reprinting their newspaper beginning at 1905. Only Volume 1, of five volumes, has been published so far; it is entitled The Best of Times: Forging the Frontier and covers the years 1905 to 1911. Everything is being completely retyped for these volumes, as the old newspapers cannot be easily scanned. The newspaper is also adding photographs from their archives. Volume 1 is held by the Library and contains a wealth of information on small towns, places that no longer exist, families who are no longer in the area and are forgotten, prairie fires, the number of horses shipped, and much, much more.

The Library does have a few books for sale, including some reprints. For example, Henderson's Northwest Brand Book of 1894 has been reprinted and is available for sale. (The 1880 and 1890 versions are in the library too)

Historic Photographs

The Library has a large collection of photographs on rodeo and western topics. The collection is not as complete as their literature reports, but they are always obtaining more. Cataloguing of this collection is also in progress.

Website

The Library has a website but typically, this is also a work in progress. It holds some Indexed material but not a comprehensive amount, as yet.

Try: http://www.whcs.ab.ca/

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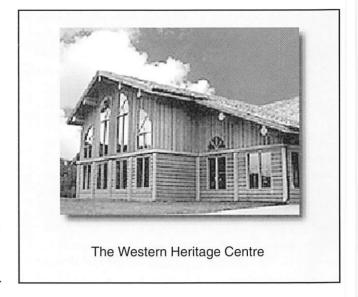
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Box 459, Cochrane, Alberta T0L 0W0 Telephone: (403) 932-3514 ext. 244 Email: library@SMFlibrary.ca.

Normal Library hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Getting to the Library:

The Western Heritage Centre is located on the historic Cochrane Ranche, half a kilometre north of the Town of Cochrane on Highway 22. Watch for the sign on the east side of the roadway; the centre is not visible until after one starts down the access road.





WW 1 Quiz

In the last issue of *CHINOOK*, we asked readers to describe the purpose of the noise maker in the picture on the left.

We weren't disappointed as there were 10 responses and interestingly, 9 of these were quite accurate.

Then, the same question was asked of some retired Army 'types' and again, the answers were similar or exactly as submitted by our readers.

So, the noise makers were used as a warning signal, most often to forewarn the approach of poisonous gas which was released by the Germans and drifted toward the Allied trenches, carried by the wind. The gas was most often visible as a cloud of coloured (yellow) fog.

This may explain why this soldier didn't have a rifle with him but then.... where is his gas mask? The quest goes on.

The Western Heritage Centre Library and Archives

On display at the Centre is this saddle which was beautifully hand crafted in the late 1940s by a man named Felmor Eamor, of High River.

Completely hand built and decorated, it boasts 158 silver medallions each with a maple leaf inlay, in gold. There's more silver on the seat and front saddlehorn.

Next, we introduce Ida Isabell Graves Eggleston who aside from being a relative of fellow AFHS member Spencer Field, rode this saddle for several decades with some distinction. The announcement of some of her achievements is quoted from the sign at the Library -- Archives.

Ida Isabell Eggleston, 1900 – 1997

Ida Graves Eggleston's name was very well known to horse show enthusiasts.

Since their first show at Edmonton in the 1940s, the Egglestons attended every show in Alberta. In the International Appaloosa show at Hanna in 1959, Silver Joey was Res. Champion Performance Horse and brought home three trophies.

In Wetaskiwin, Ida and Joey won the Glamour Cup—eight years in a row. In Ida's trophy collection there were 10 trophies from the Appaloosa Horse Club of Canada awarded to the Hi- Point Appaloosa.

In the Edmonton Spring Show of 1962, Ida and Silver Joey #4, won the Parade Championship Class with a trophy donated by Mr. Ken Lawson. Ida and Joey also won the George Jackson Trophy, the Appaloosa Mounted, and the Hi Point trophies.

Joey was then 22 years old. The last trophy recorded was



the Appaloosa Club won in 1965. Joey died approx. 1968 and is buried on the family farm.

Ida was very proud of her Graves heritage and spoke of it often. In 1960 Ida returned to her old Nebraska home — the ranch located in the Graves Valley is surrounded by Sandhills. The Graves brand "half diamond over G" was still visible on the barn.

She enjoyed her visit with old friends and took part in the Senior Rodeo at the age of 80 years.

Harry R. Eggleston passed away March 19, 1990 and Ida lived in Wetaskiwin from then until her death — she had achieved the grand age of 97 years and three days. We, the family, take pleasure in presenting this gift to the Western Heritage Centre and are sure Ida would be very proud and happy to be remembered in this way.

MAJOR GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES at the UNIVERSITY of CALGARY LIBRARY

By Jan Roseneder

The extensive resources of the University of Calgary Library are open to all scholars and researchers and many of these resources will be of interest to genealogists. For assistance in locating or using material in the library, please ask at the Information Commons, 2nd floor, MacKimmie Library block. If you require further help, you can make an appointment with the genealogy librarian, Jan Roseneder, at 220-3606 or 974-2831.

You can search the library's online catalogue at: www.ucalgary.cal/library

BOOK COLLECTIONS

Local histories, particularly Canadian, are located on the 5 th & 6 th floors, MacKimmie Library Tower. Other specific book collections cover the American Revolution, United Empire Loyalists, American Civil War, Germans from Russia, Mennonites and military history. There are many biographical dictionaries, old and new, both regional & occupational.

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The Maps & Airphotos library is on the 2nd floor of MacKimmie Library Tower & holds numerous maps, atlases and gazetteers of use for genealogy. Particularly important are the Ordnance Survey maps for countries such as England & Scotland; homestead and country land maps for the Prairies; and historical maps showing boundary changes, migration patterns, original churches & post offices, etc. The historical atlas collection covers parts of eastern Canada & the USA, showing names of landowners, even portraits and drawings of houses. The many gazetteers will help researchers trace locations for numerous geographic place names.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Located on the 12th floor of MacKimmie Library Tower, this area houses rare & special editions as well as specific collections of books. Many local histories, early explorer accounts, and regimental histories are contained in these collections, as well as some 19 th century family histories. This material must be used in the 12 th floor reading room.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE

Many articles are published in periodicals such as Alberta History, New York History or Publications of the Dorset Record Society. While some of these magazines have their own indexes, most are included in lists such as Canadian Periodical Index; American History and Life or Historical Abstracts. Careful checking of these indexes, in paper or through the Electronic Resources Link on the Library's home page, will often lead to articles on the history of a family, town, occupation or other useful information.

MICROFORMS

Many important collections are located in the Microforms Library on the 3rd floor of the Tower.

- Canadian Institute of Historical Microreproduction (FC 51 C3496 No.—) Microfiche reproductions of books published in or about Canada prior to 1912; includes local & family histories, directories, funeral memorials, school reports, voters' lists.
- Peel Bibliography on Microfiche (FC 3237 P42 No.—) Reproduces books & pamphlets on the 3 prairie provinces published to 1950; includes local histories of towns, schools, churches; setters' accounts, directories, immigration literature
- Canadian Newspapers on Microfilm (AN 5 —) Canadian local newspapers, some dating back to the late 1700's, largely from the Maritime Provinces, Ontario & Quebec with some more recent ones from Alberta. Geographic index is available in the Microforms Library.

The Huguenots Important Early Dates

Roots of Reformation

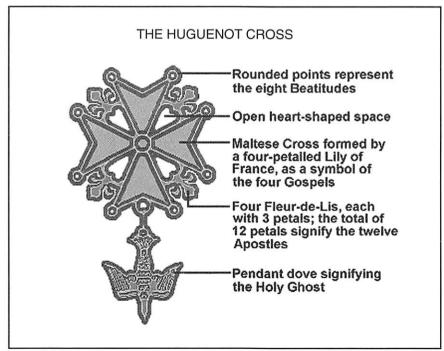
- •1440-1455 printing press
- •Erasmus (1467-1563) bring back "Bible"
- •1521 Martin Luther proclaims "Reformation"
- •1523 French, 1526 English first vernacular bibles
- •1525 Calvin begins reform

Reformation Heats Up

- •1529 first Protestant burnt at the stake
- •1533 Calvin (Jean Cauvin) flees to Switzerland
- •1535 Edict formal extermination of "heretics"
- •1535 first migrations (Britain, attempts in NA)

War & Peace

- •1545 Massacres of Protestants ordered
- •1547 England officially declared Protestant
- •1559 First Calvinist recording of vital events
- •1562 Massacre at Vassay began religious wars
- •1562 Groups of Huguenots flee
- •1572 St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre
- •1585 All Protestants ordered to leave France
- •1598 Edict of Nantes
- •1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes



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My Favourite Ancestor: Rosalie Langevin dit Lacroix

By Gisele Philbert Tremblay

My Grandmother, Rosalie Langevin dit Lacroix, was born 1873 in Orleans, Ontario. She discovered no new cure, did not traveled to exotic places and had no claim to fame; she just made the best out of life. She married at age twenty to Joseph Philbert and had 12 children; two lived to marry, thank goodness, or I would not be here to tell her story.

In1926, at the age of 56, her husband Joseph died and she was left with three adult children. I really don't know if any of the children were working, all I know is that at some point she started working for the civil service doing offices in the morning. I only realized later that her "doing offices" was just cleaning.

I was born in 1932 during the depression years and, for some reason or another, my mother could not take care for me. Instead of giving me up for adoption, my grandmother took me in. There, I lived in an adult world of women and this is how I learned all the stories of her life. She was a very humble person, but very proud. During those hot summer nights in Ottawa, before air-conditioning existed, they would sit on the veranda eating "Baby Bat"-for those who remember, they where about an inch thick-I can still see them waving the suckers while all the while talking and laughing. It is for this reason that I started to research her family tree-I wanted to see if the stories they told were true.

In 1916, there was some incident at the Guigues Separate School where the school board wanted to abolish the French language teachers. The women of the parish undertook to guard the school to prevent the school inspectors from closing the school. It was said that they were armed with hat pins, that I could not ascertain, but I did find a small booklet published by the Saint Jean Baptiste Society, Livre D'Or de L'Ecole Guigu, and a group picture of the women who participated; my Grandmother is in the group. Another time, she recalled that she had two children who died on the same day. The death registration for Ottawa gives the date for Alma Philbert on November. 28 1919, at the age of twenty of pulmonary tuberculosis, and a Marcel



Philbert on the 28th day of November 1919, who died of meningitis at 13 years of age. He had accidentally hit his head at a ski jump at the Rockcliff Park in Ottawa. Can you imagine two children exposed at the same time in a house! She was never bitter and she never remarried.

Rosalie also had an Alberta family connection. Her older brother, Olivier Langevin, came to Alberta in the late 1890s, and established himself in Innisfail and raised a family. Of course, I never met him, but I did find a granddaughter who became a very good friend. Louis Philbert, a son who came to Calgary in the early 1920s, caught a cold and died of pneumonia on the 10 November 1920; he was twenty years old. He was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery; there is no marker, but I did find the area of burial through the cemetery map.

Rosalie died in 1946 at the age of 73. Her death was swift-she had angina. I was 14 years old. As I mentioned at the beginning, she did nothing spectacular, but in my eyes she was magnificent.

Peter Huber's Bible finds its Home

By Norma Huber

hen David Epp's grandchildren went search-

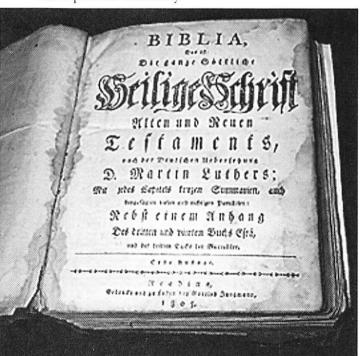
ing for a tea set they found a family treasure in the bottom of an old trunk in the chicken shed. But it wasn't their family treasure. It was an old leather-bound German bible- Dr. Martin Luther version- printed in German script in Reading Pennsylvania U.S.A. in 1805. The original owner Peter Huber bought it in 1809. Listed in it is his marriage to Veronica Sauder in 1807, and the births of their ten children- Christian, Barbara, Elizabeth, Ann, Johannes, Jacob, Heinrich, Samuel, Catherine and Fanny. In the bible also was a letter in German written by Peter Huber from North Dumfries County in Upper Canada in 1837. The bible was large, heavy, with pages brown and brittle with age.

David Epp recognized that he was not a relative of the Hubers and realized the sentimental and historical worth of this precious tome. Fate stepped in to help him in his search for the descendants of this Peter Huber when he received a call from Douglas Stobbs of Calgary who was collecting data from cemeteries for the Alberta Family Histories Society and knew that David had information about burials in two cemeteries in the Didsbury area. David told Douglas about Peter's bible and Douglas offered to help; took some pictures and later, put the information on the Internet. On May 11, 2000, Keith Rutt of Calgary was searching the Internet for information on his English genealogy and saw the intriguing information about the Huber bible. He recalled meeting some Hubers many years ago and remembered that his friend Glenn Sundstrom in Calgary had mentioned that Grant and Mary Huber would visit them in Calgary on the May holiday weekend so he faxed the information to Dr. Alan Huber, son of Mary and Grant in Vancouver. He gave the news to his parents who were visiting from Ancaster, Ontario. Immediately it was recognized that Peter Huber was Grant's great-great grandfather. Three years earlier Mary and Grant at-

tended a reunion in Kitchener, Ontario of the descend-

ants of Peter Huber and toured the farm near Cambridge where he had built his first log cabin, visited the large farmhouse where he spent his last days and found the cemetery where he and his wife and several children are buried.

Mary telephoned Douglas Stobbs who gave her David Epp's number. Both were excited by the discovery and Mary was able to verify the authenticity of the relationship by reciting the names of thewife and children and burial place of the family.



Mary and Grant were driving to Calgary within days of the telephone contact, so David described the restaurant, the Double Tree, in Airdrie where he would meet them on May 21. It was a delight for the Hubers to meet him and he most generously turned over the precious bible to them.

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During the course of the lively conversation that followed, the story of the family's ancestors was told.
Peter Huber was the great grandson of Hans Ulrich Huber who emigrated from Switzerland to Pennsylvania in 1717. The Mennonites were being persecuted for their faith and many were being put to death for believing in freedom of religion and exemption from military service.
Hans purchased land from William Penn and settled near Littitz Pennsylvania.

There he cleared the land and his descendants operated successful farms for many generations. Most are still standing in beautiful pastoral settings, but many descendants left for Upper Canada after the Revolutionary War as England promised them freedom of religion and exemption from military service.

In the early 1800's many Mennonites trekked north following the Susquehanna River and across the Niagara River to Waterloo County, Ontario. There the German company had purchased land from the First Nation Indians beside the Grand River. The Mennonite migrants cleared their land and set up farms which are still prospering today. They had traveled in covered wagons containing all their belongings, axes, scythes, nails, dishes and bedding. Peter brought along his precious bible. He was 38 and brought along 7 children.

But how did the bible come into the possession of David Epp? Sometime before World War I a stud man visited the farm of David's grandfather. He needed money in order to get married and offered the bible for sale. Gerhard Neufeld, David's grandfather gave him \$10 and eventually placed the bible in a trunk which was willed to David in 1950 and placed it in his shed.

The puzzle has not yet come full circle; there is one more link that should be forged. How did the bible get to Didsbury? We have two clues. In 1890 all there was of Didsbury was a railway siding, a signed plank 6 ft. tall and an immigration shed. Jacob Y. Shantz a Mennonite from Manitoba had duscovered good land between Calgary and Edmonton. Because of the high price of land in the East and depression of the economy he organized a migration of Mennonites to Didsbury. Some came from Michigan, some from Markham and many from Waterloo County. Jacob B. Detweller a Mennonite minister organized the group from Waterloo County in 1894.

This group left from Kitchener in a settlers' railway carriage with all their worldly goods to start life in the West. Jacob B. Detweller was the brother of Hannah Detweiler, who was the wife of David Huber, a grandson of our Peter. Could she have given him the bible? Another possibility: Julia Huber, a daughter of David Huber taught school in the Didsbury area before and after World War I and later married a Mr.Cunningham. Did she have the family bible? Perhaps a reader of the Didsbury Review will be able to forge the final link in this fascinating story.

And now that the bible has been restored to its rightful owners thanks to the generosity of David Epp, what will be its fate? We as a family have decided that it should be accessible to all of Peter's descendants as well as those who honour the faith and sacrifices of those pioneer Mennonites - who left their homes for their beliefs. We shall place it in the Grace Schmidt Room of the Kitchener Public Library where it will be preserved along with many archives and artefacts of the first settlers of Waterloo County.

Our family wishes to extend David Epp and Douglas Stobbs our very sincere gratitude for their parts in restoring this precious bible to us.



Wild Rose 2001 October 26, 27 Watch for details

A Round of Applause for our Volunteers

The Alberta Family Histories Society is totally reliant on volunteer time and skills to ensure that we all have a meeting place, programs, journal, newsletter, library and webpage. I am sure you will all want to join me in saying 'Thank You' and acknowledging the effort expended by these members:

Board Members: Sally Rae, Millie Drinkwater, Larry Gilchrist, George Lake, Helen Backhouse, Bob Crowle, Charlie Hansen, Doug Stobbs, Heather Jaremko, Judy Riddell, Robin Nixon. Bob Westbury, Tom Worman, Inge Leavell (Roy Strickland and Linda Williams – resigned).

Finance/Budget: Millie Drinkwater, George Lake, Tom Worman Census: Lois Sparling, Bob Westbury, Doug Stobbs Membership: Robin Nixon Phoning Committee: no list available to date. Volunteer Recruitment: Robin Nixon

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Seminar 2001: Heather Jaremko, Diana Baker, Marilyn Younger, Elaine Jones, Larry Gilchrist, Jill Browne, Mertie Beatty

Gensoft: Gord Hulbert, Suddie Mumford, Doug Hay, Earl Morris. Alan Peers, Judii Rempel, Blair Barr, Frank Morrow, William (Bill) Campbell, Carol Lee, Ross Haslam

Resources/Facilities: Sally Rae, Helen Backhouse, Mabel Kiessling, Wes Johnston

Monthly Meeting Operations: Mabel Kiessling, Bob Westbury, Francis Turner, Betty Strang, Jill Browne, Claire Westbury, Stan and Judy Sparrow, Lorna and Jim Stewart, Bob Houswirth, Dave Wake, Spencer Field, Barb LaFrenz, Linda Murray, Marilyn Younger, Margaret Main, Bernice Warden, Gordon McMahon, Bill McLaggan, Carol Gilchrist, Wes Johnston, Bob Colwell, Keith Maitland, Ian Simmons, Ron Marshall,

Equipment: Frank Morrow, Gordon Jepson. Charlie Hansen

Library: Helen Backhouse, Olive Carlin,

Ethel McDonald, Lois Nicholson, Lorna Laughton Library Bookings: Margaret Hulbert Library—Midweek Staff: Bob Westbury, Ethel McDonald, Myrna Waldroff, Bill Mills, Lois Sparling

Program: Bob Westbury, Diane Granger, Norma Lendrum, Keith Maitland, Elda Hauschildt, Anne Jowett, Judii Rempel, Sheila Johnston

Education: Diane Granger, Sheila Johnston, Kay Clarke, Norma Lendrum, Bob Westbury, Tove Ludvigsen, Janice Cushman

Projects (publication of cemetery listings)

Judie Riddell, Joan Hudson, Marlene Knott, Lynda Alderman, Alana Bailey, Nancy Carson Alan Cassley, Kay & Glen Clarke, Dann Craig, Clarence Davis, Rene Dussome, Elda Hauschildt, Barb Hausegger, Anne Jowett, Marg McCready, Karen McKeon, Lil Myers, Lois Nicholson, Caroline Phillips, May Schulte, Stan & Judy Sparrow, Doug Stobbs, Roy & Nancy Strickland

Publications:, Joan Hudson, Jill Browne, Lorna Stewart, Dave Wake, Doug Stobbs, Ron Steffan

Public Relations: Larry Gilchrist Queries: Mail—Myrna Waldroff,

Queries: E-mail- Mary Arthur, Ellen Kinghorn, Robert Montagne, Anne Jowett

Cemetery Follow-up: Frank Morrow, Al Peers

Archive: Sheila Johnston

Nominating Committee: Larry Gilchrist,

Robin Nixon

Website: Judii Rempel, Allan Cole, Dan Craig, Doug Hay, Robert Montagne

Special Note: This list has been compiled to the best of my knowledge. I know that there are members performing volunteer work for the society that I may have missed. The Gensoft and Wild Rose seminars seem to have casts of thousands and I have only named the committee members – Millie Drinkwater.

To all volunteers who have worked so diligently for the society during the season 2000/2001 we (the society) applaud you all, thank you.

If you didn't volunteer this year it's not too late to join this happy band next year!

GenTech 2001, Dallas Texas

By Bill Mumford

There are three major national genealogical conferences held in the United States each year. They are sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies, The National Genealogical Society, and Gentech. The first two, while having some technical content, emphasize research with the accent on the area in which the conference is held. Gentech stresses the technical aspects of genealogy. This year 58 lectures were presented over a two day period in January by some of the most respected genealogical speakers in America. The topics ranged from a few basic lectures intended for the novice genealogist to modern communication techniques.

Representatives from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints presented talks on Personal Ancestral File, an in depth look at www.familysearch.org during which Randy Bryson announced the new GEDCOM standard, and an insight into the digital capture of records by Rick Laxman. Robin Lamacraft, a genealogist and programmer from Australia with worldwide interests, outlined the cultural challenges faced in recording genealogical data.

A number of the presentations dealt with the many different aspects of research for which the Internet may prove useful. Speakers included Alan Mann, Cyndi Howells, Barbara Renwick, Elizabeth Kelly Kerstans, and John Colletta, who is better known as Genealogy John. Tony Burroughs, genealogy professor at Chicago University and noted author, presented a talk on African American research for those considering an attempt to trace their families. Dick Eastman, of newsletter fame, spoke on what is new in the field of genealogy. This was another of a series of talks directed at the novice.

The foregoing is just a brief glimpse of the topics covered in the Friday and Saturday lectures. For the more technically minded, the Thursday evening Tech Sessions presented technical talks on diversified subjects. The first of these was a talk by this year's GENTECH Scholarship Award winner, Mary Taffet. Mary proposed to do her doctoral thesis on using natural language processing to identify surnames in large databases. I was seated next to Mary at lunch on Friday and must admit I didn't understand a word she said concerning her project. The last talk was presented by yours truly and dealt with the GEDCOM Testbook Project. This project is attempting to identify the source of the problems experienced by users of genealogical software when transferring data.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Society presented their second annual Technology Excellence Award at the Friday night banquet. This year's winner is the Illinois Genealogical Society's online databases at: http://www.tbox.com/isgs. Janet Morgan and Judith Rempel were presented with this same award in San Diego last year. During the presentation Laura Duffy of the NEHGS made note of the fact Janet had been critically ill at that time and had passed away just a few months later. Having known Janet and the contributions she made to the Alberta Family Histories Society I found it very touching that others would also recognize her contributions to the genealogical community at large.

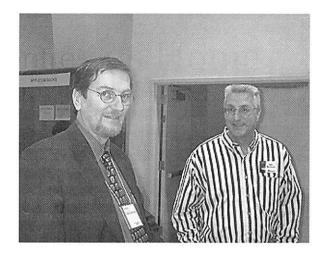
The display area had fewer exhibitors than were present at the conferences in either San Diego or Salt Lake City. The two best selling genealogical programs, Family Tree Maker and Generations were represented by their parent organizations, genealogy.com and Heritage Quest, respectively, but the usual gaggle of program developers were not present. The developers of Legacy and The Master Genealogist were present as was the developer of the recently released French program, Parentele. Heritage Quest had by far the largest display with racks of books and CDs available for purchase. They were also introducing a chart printing service. Cost was approximately \$2 a square foot and while pricey, the charts were very well done with fancy backgrounds and other graphic features.

The BYU Molecular Genealogy Research Group was busy collecting blood and four-generation charts from those interested in participating in their research project, which links individuals together in "trees" based on genetic markers. They were delighted to take my sample after they viewed my four-generation chart and my Heinz 57 ancestry.

The 2002 conference will be held at Boston on January 25th and 26th. The organizers took great pains to stress the fact that covered malls to several shopping centers connect the host Sheraton hotel and the conference center. You never need to go outside. Of course, if you have never been to Boston you will want to go out. The city is a sightseer's paradise.

If Boston is too far and too cold, plan on coming to Phoenix on January 17th and 18th 2003. The organizers have assured us snow will not be a problem. You may need lots of sunscreen however. The Crown Plaza will be the host hotel as well as the conference site. Hope to see a few of you snowbirds there.





Photos from GenTech 2001; with thanks to Bill Mumford:

Barbara Renwick and Dean Hunter, top left
Barb is co author of Internet for Genealogists and contributor to NGS

Dick Eastman and Ken McGinnis, top right

Dick Eastman; of newsletter fame. Ken McGinnis, a co-developer
of Legacy

Curt Witcher, right
President, National Genealogical Society

Cyndi Howells, lower left THE List... need we say more?

Steve Cannon, lower centre Developer of the early versions of PAF

Bob Velke, lower right
Developer of The Master Genealogist



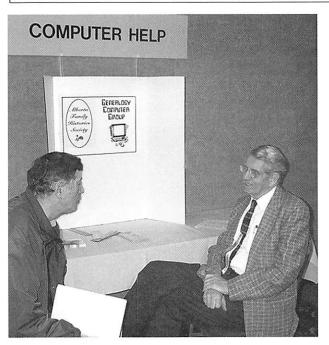






GENSOFT 2001

A Resounding Success!



Charlie Hanson with a visitor



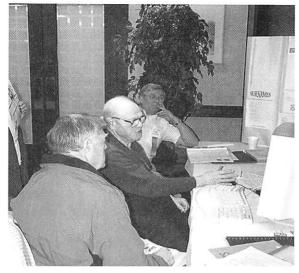
Ethel McDonald and Jan Roseneder catch a rest



Millie Drinkwater, Gordon Hulbert, Ross Haslam



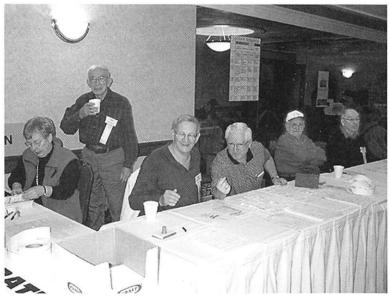
I-r, Ursula Jennings, Linda Leishman, Sandy Heninger & guests



Larry McCool demonstrating, Ross Haslam resting



Lorna Laughton, Geoff Rasmussen, Charlie Aubin



Marmie L, Bruce McK, Archie C, Alan P, Frank M, Roy K.



Rene Dussome and a guest



Lois Sparling with Blair Barr



Alison Forte

Recently acquired titles in the AFHS Library

DONATIONS

Florence Denning

· In the Shade of the Mountains

Gail Kapiczowski

- · Who's Who in Canada 1977-78
- · People in Books
- People in Books, first supplement

Isabel Campbell

· Grande Prairie, Capitol of the Peace

Stanley Clute

 Old Parochial Registers, Greenoch, Scotland Middle Parish, East Parish
 (3 films)

Federation of Family Histories Society

- · Yorkshire List of Names
- Administrative Records for Yorkshire Genealogists
- Information Sources for Yorkshire Genealogists
- British Civil Registration 2nd ed
- · Illuminating Your Family History with Picture Postcards
- Marriage and Census Indexes for Family Historians 8th ed

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- · Essex Family Historian #93-97
- · Pawys Family History Society #49
- Archiv für
 Familiengeschichtsforschung Vol 4 no
 3 Sept 2000

Doug Hughes

 A record of burials for Hillside Cemetery, Hathersage District, Alberta

Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta

 Knowing and Interpreting the Past, Alberta's Mennonite History

Ruth Cole

 The Chinook Cemetery at Chinook, Alberta

Xenia Stanford

 Neither Waif Nor Stray: the search for a stolen identity

Doug and Margaret Hughes

 3 Trails Home – a history of Meyerthorpe and District

Donations from the Estate of Janet Morgan

A Guide to Ancestral Research in London

- · Canadian Railway Records
- · Netting Your Ancestors
- Marriage Records La Flamme
 Winchester District 1877-1897
- National Genealogical Society 1991
 Conference in the States Syllabus
- BYU in your own Home Oral History
- Obsolete Medical Terminology
- · How Much is that Worth?
- Reading Tudor and Stuart Handwriting
- Pioneer Families of Osgoode Township
- German Genealogy
- Checklist of Parish Registers 1986 –
 Canada
- U.S. Migration Patterns 200 Years of U.S. Census Taking 1790-1990
- Surrogate Court Index of Ontario 1859-1900 Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties
- A Guide to Ontario Land Registry Records
- · Maritime History Archive
- Maritime History Archives supplement 1992
- Directory of Parish Registers Indexed in Ireland
- Pre 1841 Censuses and Population Listings in the British Isles
- All Sorts and Conditions a study of the people of Worsbrough 1800-1825
- · Simple Latin for the Family Historian
- · Poor Law Documents before 1834
- What to say in Your Genealogical Letters
- Land Records in Ontario Registry Offices
- Local Newspapers 1750-1920
 England and Wales, Channel Islands;
 Isle of Man
- · Record Repositories in Great Britain
- Surrogate Court Records at the Archives of Ontario
- Approaching Ontario's Past the card-file system of note-taking
- · Guidelines for Genealogical Writing

- · An introduction to Irish Ancestry
- Court of Probate Registers and Estate Files at the Archives of Ontario (1793-1859)
- An Oral History Primer
- Tracing Your Irish Ancestors
- · Pitfalls in Genealogical Research
- A Glossary of Household, Farming and Trade Terms from Probate Inventories
- Understanding the History and Records of Nonconformity
- Reading Old Handwriting
- Colonial Handwriting
- The Censuses 1841-1881 use and interpretation
- Ecclesiastical Courts, their Officials and their Records
- · Maps –
- New fold Atlas Great Britain
- Plymouth and Launceston area
- Lincoln and surrounding area
- East Midlands and East Anglia including London
- Genealogical County map of the United States of America
- Family Tree Maker's Family Archives (CD)
- Family Tree Maker's Genealogical Records: The Ontario Register, 1780's – 1870's (CD)
- Family Tree Maker's Canadian Genealogy Index, 1600's – 1900's (CD)
- American Genealogical-Biographical Index (CD)
- LDS Family History Source Guide (CD)
- Generations Family Tree Millennium Collection Demo

RECENTLY PURCHASED

Yorkshire Parish Registers, Vol 1 Church of England

Is a Genealogical Society for You?

By Donna Potter Phillips

Donna Potter Phillips offers the inside scoop on how genealogy societies really work

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"Let me introduce you to some members of my genealogical society who all share the same surname, TATE".

First, there is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything, while his cousin Ro Tate tries to change everything. Mrs. Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble with the help of her husband, Irri Tate.

Whenever there are new projects, Mr. Hesi Tate and his wife Vegi Tate want to wait until next year. Then there is Ms. Ima Tate who wants our society to be just like the one back home in Newton. Mr. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Mr. Poten Tate just wants to be a big shot. And of course there is Mrs. Levi Tate whose constant gossip keeps things up in the air.

There is the black sheep of the society, Mr. Ampu Tate, who has cut himself off almost completely from the society. Mr. Cogi Tate and his wife Medi Tate are backbones of the society, always thinking things over and usually are very positive in their ideas, even if they don't always do much.

But lastly, there is Mr. and Mrs. Facili Tate who work tirelessly for the society, serve on many committees, encourage new members, and are always ready to do what needs to be done for the upbuilding of the society.

(Many thanks to a First Presbyterian Church newsletter author unknown, for the genesis of this story.)

Why is it that all too many folks,

interested in genealogy, will not join and/or support their local genealogical society? Why is it that so many folks do not seem to realize that their local genealogical society exists for them? That without them, the good work of the society, which everybody appreciates, will not get done? That this "Somebody Else Can Do it" person is a ghost?

"Why should you join and support your local society?" I ask the students in my beginner's genealogy classes. "Are there any benefits to you for doing so?" The answer? The reasons to join – and the benefits to you – are many.

Join for yourself – to gain knowledge of how to find and use the records that tell about your ancestors.

Join for yourself – to have fun and to meet with other people having similar interests.

Join to satisfy an inherent desire to know – "who am I?" and "where did I come from?"

Join to find answers. When you mingle with a like-minded group, others will have the answers and direction of where to look next when you are stumped and discouraged.

Join to bridge generation gaps -

help teach genealogy in the schools and community centers. Help to educate children in the wonders and rewards of family history.

Join to bring families, even yours, together.

Join to help extract, publish and preserve original records from your area. If you do not help with the marriage records extraction project at the county courthouse, who will? And know that while you work with the records here, that do not help your personal genealogy, somebody just like you, there, where your ancestors did live, is undertaking a similar task.

Join to help educate others, knowing full well that the teacher or presenter learns more than the students. Offer to help with your society's classes and programs. You may not know all there is about doing genealogy, but you perhaps know more than the rest about the 1871 census, or passenger lists, or genealogy on the Internet.

Join for altruistic reasons (to help others) or for selfish reasons (to help with your personal genealogy). But please do not join the abovementioned Tate Clan and withhold your time and talents from others who would benefit from your knowledge and help, and in turn, benefit you in unnumbered ways.

Canadian Army Regiments in WW 1

- 1st Hussars A Canadian Militia cavalry regiment at London, Ontario, organized in 1872.
- 2nd Regt. 2nd Regiment (Queen's Own Rifles of Canada). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Toronto, organized in 1860.
- 3rd Hussars A British Regular Army cavalry regiment whose full title was 3rd (King's Own) Hussars.
- 5th Dragoons 5th (The Princess Louise) Dragoon Guards. A Canadian Militia cavalry regiment at Ottawa, organized in 1872.
- 5th Regt. 5th Regiment (Royal Highlanders of Canada). A kilted Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Montreal, organized in 1862.
- 6th Regt. 6th Regiment (The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Vancouver, organized in 1899.
- 11th Hussars A Canadian Militia cavalry regiment with headquarters at Richmond, Québec, organized in 1903; or, a British Regular Army cavalry regiment whose full title was 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars.
- 11th Regt. 11th Regiment (Irish Fusiliers of Canada). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Vancouver, organized in 1913.
- 15th Horse 15th Light Horse. Calgary's pre-First World War Militia cavalry regiment, organized in 1905.
- 17th Regt. 17th Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Lévis County, Québec with headquarters at Lévis and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1902.
- 18th Regt. 18th Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment with headquarters at Chicoutimi and companies in other towns in the Lac St-Jean district, organized in 1900.
- 19th Dragoons 19th Alberta Dragoons. A Canadian Militia cavalry regiment, with headquarters at Edmonton and squadrons at Edmonton and Vegreville, organized in 1908.
- 21st Hussars 21st Alberta Hussars. A Canadian Militia cavalry regiment, with headquarters at Medicine Hat and squadrons at Medicine Hat, Youngstown and Irvine, organized in 1908.
- 23rd Regt. 23rd Regiment (The Northern Pioneers). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment with headquarters at Parry Sound and companies in other towns in NorthernOntario, organized in 1903.
- 24th Regt. 24th Kent Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Kent County,
 - Ontario with headquarters at Chatham and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1901.
- 25th Regt. 25th Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at St Thomas, Ontario organized in 1866.
- 27th Horse 27th Light Horse. A Canadian Militia cavalry regiment, with headquarters
 - at Moose Jaw and squadrons at Maple Creek, Swift Current, and Pennant, organized in 1910.
- 27th Regt. 27th Lambton Regiment (St Clair Borderers). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Lambton County, Ontario with headquarters at Sarnia and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1866.
- 32nd Regt. 32nd Bruce Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Bruce County,
 - Ontario with headquarters at Walkerton and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1866.
- 35th Regt. 35th Regiment (Simcoe Foresters). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Simcoe County, Ontario with headquarters at Barrie and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1866.
- 38th Regiment (Dufferin Rifles of Canada). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Brantford, organized in 1866.
- 40th Regt. 40th Northumberland Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Northumberland County, Ontario with headquarters at Cobourg and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1866.
- 42nd Regt. 42nd Lanark and Renfrew Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Lanark and Renfrew Counties, Ontario with headquarters at Perth and companies in other towns in the two counties, organized in 1866.
- 43rd Regt. 43rd Regiment (Ottawa and Carleton Rifles). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Ottawa, organized in 1881.
- 44th Regt. 44th Lincoln and Welland Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Lincoln and Welland Counties,

- Ontario with headquarters at Niagara Falls and companies in other towns in the two counties, organized in 1866.
- 48th Regiment (Highlanders). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Toronto, organized in 1891.
- 49th Regt. 49th Regiment (Hastings Rifles). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Hastings County, Ontario with headquarters at Belleville and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1866.
- 52nd Regt. 52nd Regiment (Prince Albert Volunteers). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Prince Albert, organized in 1913.
- 71st Regt. 71st York Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in York County, New Brunswick with headquarters at Fredericton and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1869.
- 73rd Regt. 73rd Northumberland Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Northumberland County, New Brunswick with headquarters at Chatham and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1870.
- 78th Regt. 78th Pictou Regiment (Highlanders). A kilted Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, with headquarters at Pictou and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1871.
- 82nd Regt. 82nd Regiment (Abegweit Light Infantry). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Prince Edward Island with headquarters at Charlottetown and companies in other towns in the province, organized in 1875.
- 88th Regt. 88th Regiment (Victoria Fusiliers). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Victoria, organized in 1912.
- 90th Regt. 90th Regiment (Winnipeg Rifles). Winnipeg's, and western Canada's, oldest Canadian Militia infantry regiment, organized in 1883.
- 91st Regt. 91st Regiment (Canadian Highlanders). A kilted Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Hamilton, organized in 1903.
- 93rd Regt. 93rd Cumberland Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia with headquarters at Springhill and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1871.
- 94th Regt. 94th Victoria Regiment (Argyll Highlanders). A Canadian Militia infantry regiment in Victoria County, Nova Scotia with headquarters at Baddeck and companies in other towns in the county, organized in 1871.
- 95th Regt. 95th Saskatchewan Rifles. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Regina, organized in 1907.
- 96th Regt. 96th Lake Superior Regiment. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay), organized in 1905.
- 100th Regt. 100th Winnipeg Grenadiers. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Winnipeg, organized in 1908.
- 101st Regt. 101st Regiment (Edmonton Fusiliers), Edmonton's pre-First World War Canadian Militia infantry regiment, organized in 1908.
- 102nd Regt. 102nd Regiment (Rocky Mountain Rangers), A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Kamloops, organized in 1908.
- 103rd Regt. 103rd Regiment (Calgary Rifles). Calgary's pre-First World War Militia infantry regiment, organized in 1910.
- 105th Regt. 105th Regiment (Saskatoon Fusiliers) A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Saskatoon, organized in 1912.
- C.A.M.C. Canadian Army Medical Corps.
- C.A.S.C. Canadian Army Service Corps.
- C.F.A. Canadian Field Artillery. The Canadian Militia field artillery branch. In 1914, there was one battery of four guns, the 25th, in the province of Alberta, at Lethbridge.
- G.G.F.G. Governor General's Foot Guards. A Canadian Militia infantry regiment at Ottawa, organized in 1872.
- L.S.H. Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). A Canadian Permanent Force cavalry regiment stationed at Winnipeg, organized in 1885.
- R.C.D. The Royal Canadian Dragoons. A Canadian Permanent Force cavalry regiment stationed at Toronto, organized in 1883.
- R.C.G.A. Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery. The Canadian Permanent Force artillery branch responsible for manning fixed defences at port fortresses.
- R.C.H.A. Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. The Canadian Permanent Force field artillery regiment.

As a matter of interest, the Royal Canadian Navy was established in 1910 by the Naval Service Act.

The Royal Canadian Airforce was started in England during WW1 and officially designated as named, in 1924.

In 1967, Canada's three Armed Forces were 'unified' into what became the Canadian Armed Forces.

Member's Surname Interests

Compiled by Robin Nixon and Ann Jowett

Line information is arranged: Surname, Country, Co/Prov/State, Period, Member#

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Churchill	ENG	OXF	bef 1800	#323	Longson	ENG	YKS	1700 to 1900	#913
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My Favourite Ancestor: Katherine Iles Todd Woodcock

By Malcolm J. Woodcock

One of my favourite relatives is my great-grandmother, Katherine Iles Todd. She was born 18 January 1847 in Winchester, Hampshire, England. Eighth child in a family of 11, born to John Henry and Eliza Ellen (Moore) Todd. The children were raised in a home where they always had domestic servants, i.e., cook, housemaid, nursemaid, etc. On 10 October 1867, she married by license John Woodcock in Southampton, Hampshire. They took up residence on John's farm, first at Fuggleston St. Peter, Wiltshire and later at Netherhampton, Wiltshire. At both farms, they had domestic servants and outside workers. Eleven children were born to them during this period.

In 1890, the family decided to emmigrate and try their luck in a new land. The boys were finishing their schooling and there seemed to be no openings for work in England. At first, they were undecided between Australia or Canada. After consideration, the family decided to leave England and passage was booked for Canada. They sailed from Liverpool on 26 March 1891. They reached Halifax 5 April, then travelled by train to Winnipeg, arriving there on 10 April. John installed his family in the Clifton Hotel and took the train to Minnedosa to locate a farm. He arrived there feeling ill and feverish and passed away on the 17 April from a rapid type of pneumonia. Katherine and the rest of the family travelled to Minnedosa the next morning. John was laid to rest in the local cemetery.

Katherine rented a small house in Minnedosa for a short time until a quarter section farm was purchased for cash. Katherine, a tiny, but determined woman, had full charge of the farm until the boys gained age and experience. The children ranged in age from two to 22. They lived at first in an old log house that had a thatched roof that leaked like a sieve whenever it rained. They slept on mattresses on the floor, and, when everything was quiet, mice would often run across the beds. Drinking water was carried from a small spring creek until a well could be dug. "Netherhampton" was the name given to the home farm. Later that summer, the neighbours gathered together and raised a new log house. Katherine kept chickens, had a large garden and also kept honeybees.



She had gravelled the walks surrounding the house, green lawns, flower beds, flowering shrubs and cedar trees.

Katherine passed away 23 August 1923, age 76, after a protracted illness. Her husband, one son and ten grand-children predeceased her.

To the admiration of her neighbours, Katherine, who suddenly finding herself alone in a strange land, far from family and friends, succeeded in raising and educating her large family.

She wasted little thought on what had been, but carried on with courage and resolution.

To me, this alone makes her a special lady and one of my favourite relatives.

THE HEIRLOOM I MOST WANTED

By Jan Roseneder

"Oh yes", my great-aunt said suddenly, as she carefully put away the photograph album she had been showing me, "there's the passport, too."

"Passport?" I echoed. "Whose passport?"

"My mother's. Would you want to see that too?"

"Absolutely," I assured her and off she went to find the passport.

When I knew I would be going to England for the first time in 1973, my mother had asked me to visit the last of her mother's surviving sisters, by far the youngest of the 13 siblings. Since I had recently become interested in family history, particularly the maternal line, I was been happy to agree. After a few days in London, which included locating a copy of the birth certificate of greatgrandmother Mary Moore Kingshott, I caught the train down to Guildford and promptly at 10:42am stepped off onto the platform. What a shock! I knew her right away: Great-Aunt Peggy obviously had the family genes and for a moment, I saw my grandmother again. The accent was stronger but the expressions were the same; she moved more quickly but had the same heavy build. It was as if I had always known her.

And now it was late afternoon. Lunch had been served, then afternoon tea and through it all we had talked about the present family on both sides of the ocean and she had talked about her parents and grandparents. The family albums had come out and I had carefully photographed several of the oldest pictures: my grandmother as a teenage girl, a studio shot of her parents, the house the family had lived in. And now this.

Aunt Peggy returned with a small velvet

folder, embroidered with flowers, and I remembered my grandmother teaching me to embroider as she said she had learned from her mother: French knots, daisy chains, tuck away the ends. Here they were set against the faded blue velvet case, obviously made with loving care. Aunt Peggy unfolded the case and there was the passport: the typical British passport of the 1930's, with the navy cover and gold crest. It was soft with use and somewhat worn on the edges and down the left side of the cover. I opened it carefully and looked at my great-grandmother's photograph and signature. She was looking fully at the camera, firm of countenance and unsmiling. Her grey hair was wound on top of her head and her square jaw was set. Her daughters - except for Great-Aunt Olive - had all inherited her substantial frame. The signature too was firm: Mary Kingshott. The last time she had signed Mary Moore was on her wedding certificate dated 1888.

The passport was issued 1931 in London and Aunt Peggy remarked that she remembered when her mother had gone to get her passport. It had been an adventure. Mary, with several children living in Canada and the United States, had decided that she would like to visit all of them, once, before she was too old to travel. She had saved assiduously and despite the misgivings of one son and the envious derision of a couple of neighbours had saved enough for the trip and all its expenses. One expense was the passport and the photographs that had to be taken for it. This had involved a day trip on the train up to London, something her mother had done only once before. But Mary had persevered and one week later the post had brought her brand-new passport. Armed with that, her tickets and two suitcases she had taken the train off to catch her ship to Canada.

Landing in Toronto, Grandmother Kingshott had gone first to visit her daughter Olive and family. From there, it was on to Peterborough to visit Doll, who had sailed to join her older sister before World War I. Taking the train

across the prairies, Mary had arrived in Calgary to visit Alice, with her large family of eight children. Vancouver and son Arthur had followed, then it was on to the United States, where Harold and his family lived in the sunny climes of California. From there, Mary had travelled back along her route, her stays with each family somewhat shorter on the return. The trip, from all accounts on my side of the Atlantic, had not been an unqualified success. Mary Kingshott had been shocked by the laxity displayed by her North American grandchildren and had tried to take several of them in hand as she spent weeks visiting with each family. To this day, my mother, her sisters and brothers, and their cousins all remember the raps on the head with the dreaded thimble and the constant criticism from their grandmother's sharp tongue.

And yet when she returned to England, Mary had praised all of it: the trip itself, the families she had visited, and all the wonderful sights she had seen.

"I remember she would take out her passport and open it and look at the stamps inside. She'd talk about the ocean voyage, the train trips, the emptiness of the distances, the mountains, the snow... I stopped listening after a few months. "Aunt Peggy admitted.

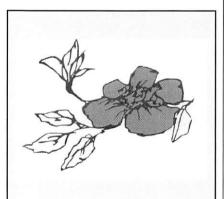
I looked again at the passport and remembered sitting on the plane with my thumb rubbing my brand new Canadian passport - in exactly the same place that the wear showed on this cover. Despite all the things I had heard, I felt a kinship with my great-grandmother who had so enjoyed her adventure and had treasured this passport as a reminder of all that it represented for her. I could imagine her, every so often, taking it from her dresser drawer, unwrapping it and turning the pages, looking at the ink stamps, the official notes and remembering all the things she had seen and done on that once-in-a-lifetime trip. The passport made her more real to me than the photographs or the certificates I had found.

Reluctantly, after carefully photographing the identification page, I gave it back to Aunt Peggy who once again wrapped it up and took it away.

I never saw it again.

When Great Aunt Peggy died I wrote expressing condolences to her daughter and I asked about the passport – offering to keep it safe. Cousin Valerie replied saying it was too late: they had thrown out a lot of their mother's old things and one of the "things" they threw out was the faded old case with some old passport in it.

There's a lesson to be learned from this experience. Not everyone feels the same about family heirlooms, papers, or any of the paraphernalia that everyone collects throughout a lifetime. If you discover something that means a lot to you, let the owner know. If no one else is interested, you may find yourself inheriting a charming reminder of past times. You may even be presented with it on the spot. Either way you're spared that dreaded phrase: "We threw it out"!



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Has anyone on list had experience with Genealogy UK?

Last November they quoted me for a search which I accepted. I was then told they would be carrying out the search three days later but would not forward the results until they had received payment and any cheques cleared.

Three weeks later, after many emails they finally replied. I was told that they hadn't been able to get to London due to problems with the trains but would be going Dec, very sorry they couldn't contact me their network was down. They would have written me a letter but they would be carrying the research out so soon that the letter would have arrived too late!

December came and went and no word and no response to emails. Then early January, 'Sorry, we have been too busy, confirm the postal address we can send a cheque to and we will refund your money'.

I am still waiting for the refund. Again, emails go unanswered until last week when I got angry with them. Then I was told the company was being taken over, their network had been down and I would get the refund soon.

All lovely and vague stuff and more or less the same as I had been told before. I doubt very much I will ever see my money again and thought I would

1/ Ask if anyone else had problems with this crowd

2/ Warn others who may be tempted to use them

Cheers, Janet



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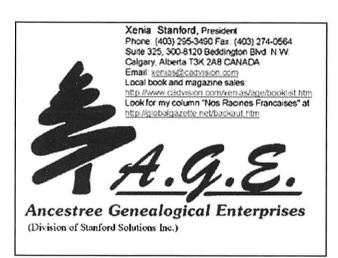
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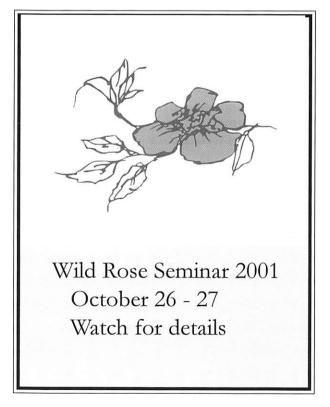
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