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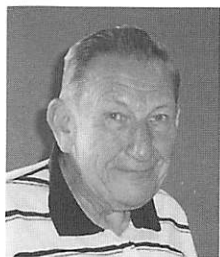
CHINOOK Slogan:

*“Information is active
and engaging.”*

*Michael Crichton,
Author*

ON THE COVER

Our cover photo was taken in Bedford, Ohio c1915. At the time, students attended classes in a one-room school house that accommodated grades one to eight. The fall school setting seems fitting and close to the nature of the underlying educational theme this magazine would like to project. The Alberta Family Histories Society's Ellen Kinghorn says her aunt and two uncles appear in the classic photo. Marianna Scarpete stands fourth from the left. Her younger brother Vincent Scarpete is seated in the front row, third from the left and Louis Scarpete, is seated sixth from the left. Ellen's mother, and the sister of the three siblings, Louisa Scarpete, would have been at home, and about four years old at the time the photo was taken.



Chairman's Message

Now that Summer is over we can get down to the year's serious business. To quote Vice Chairman Bob Crowle: "Family history is a Winter sport".

Before moving on I must report on a bit of past business. On June 10 we held what I expect to be the first in a series of annual events to honour and thank the many volunteers who make our Society a success. As part of a promotion by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra we were treated to a very pleasant concert by Bill Hopson, Laurie Matiation, Rob Mccosh and Heather Wootton, all French Horn players with the Orchestra. Bill Hopson brought along his giant Alphon and played a short solo on that as well.

Thank you cards, pins, certificates and book prizes were given to over 150 individuals who have made significant contributions to the Society recently and in the past. Their names will be found elsewhere in this issue. Those who were unable to attend on June 10 may pick up their awards in the AFHS Library whenever it is open. Following the concert and presentations we all enjoyed cake and cookies to complete the evening.

Special thanks is owed to Mabel Kiessling, Vice Chair, and Volunteer Coordinator for all her efforts to make this event a success. Naturally, we missed a few important people and for that I apologize, but we will catch up with them next year. We do plan to hold this annual event at the regular June meeting. If you know of someone who was missed this year, be sure to inform Mabel so we can take them into consideration next year.

In 2005 Alberta will celebrate the centennial of its creation as a Province of Canada. There will be many celebrations and activities to mark this important milestone in our Province's history and it is fitting that our Society does something significant to mark the occasion. In the coming year the Board will select a suitable project. We would like to receive input and suggestions from all members. Whatever is decided, I believe it should contribute something of enduring value that citizens of this Province can enjoy for years to come. I understand there may even be some government funding available for a suitable project. So ... put on your thinking caps and let any member of the Board know your thoughts and ideas.

Society memberships expired effective August 31. (Excepting those new members who have joined since 1 April this year, whose memberships will not expire until 31 August 2003). A membership renewal form was included with your June Chinook. Details are not yet final as I write this, but we hope to be able to offer a variety of options for electronic payment of fees via the Internet. Procedures are now in place for registration for Family Roots 2002 Seminar and I can personally testify they work very nicely. There may be a small additional administration charge to do this, particularly for those who wish to use a credit card. The Board feels that those making use of these facilities should bear the extra costs rather than the Society as a whole. Cheques and cash are always welcome.

Your membership fees are the Society's main source of operating funds. While we do obtain income

from things like the raffle, library fines and the sale of publications their total is small compared with the income from fees. Without this income we would not be able to publish the Chinook four times per year, nor add to our Library holdings. In the past, some members have been a bit lax, with some renewals not coming in until January or February. This makes it difficult to plan and budget the Society's activities effectively. Last year members who had not renewed by 30 November did not receive their copy of Chinook after the December issue. They were unable to borrow from the AFHS Library and had their surnames removed from the website. We will follow the same policy this year, so be sure to pay your fees promptly to retain your membership privileges.

At the June general meeting I announced that Southminster United, our 'home' for the past five years is one of a group of churches amalgamating their facilities. When this comes about we may be required to move. The Board has named an ad hoc committee to investigate our options and make some preliminary plans. The committee is chaired by Treasurer Gordon Lane and has Vice Chair Mabel Kiessling as a second Board member. We would like one additional person from the membership at large to serve on this committee. If you would like to help with this important job, especially if you have knowledge of meeting facilities in Calgary, please get in touch with Gordon.

This will be my last chance to remind you of Family Roots 2002. Registration via the Internet began in July and is going smoothly. Audience space is limited and we expect a large turnout for this popular event. Don't wait until the last minute to register or you may find the talks you want to hear are already fully booked. The

program looks great, with something appealing for almost anyone's genealogical interests. There will be lots of software demonstrations and the usual good selection of books and publications about genealogy and family history all over the world.

Brigham Young University's Molecular Genealogy project, will get the Seminar off to a flying start on Friday night. Representatives from the University will describe what it's all about and then take blood samples and pedigree charts from volunteers. The project will use DNA analysis techniques to identify relationships between individuals. There is a very comprehensive project website at: <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu/>

Editor's Note

This issue's cover photo of the teacher and students of the Country School in Bedford, Ohio, circa 1915, is particularly poignant to me. It reminds me that many things have changed in the world since that time, but many things have also remained the same. My own children are going through the same emotions that these young people must have felt when they began their new school year. The world of 1915 was unfolding for the Bedford students, just as 2002 unfolds for my children. The looks of nervousness, boredom, fear, joy, relief and mischief are in the children's eyes of a past generation, and I see the same emotions running through my young family. It appears the past and present are connected. This convinces me that genealogy is a valuable means to understand ourselves and our world. Genealogy is so much

Further information about this and other Seminar activities is also available on the Family Roots 2002 website at: <http://www.family-roots.ca/>

At the September 9 General Meeting I sensed a great deal of enthusiasm amongst those present and I look forward to another busy and productive year for our Society. I hope you enjoy the programs that have been planned and that you continue to find your membership in the Society a happy and useful one.

George Lake

Chairman of the Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS)

more than collecting data about your family!

To me, this issue of the AFHS "Chinook" is about new beginnings, remembering our past and exploring our family connections. The opportunity to help write and edit this journal was offered to me by my dear friend Ellen Kinghorn – and what a great time it has been! Thank you to all of the AFHS members and community who have been so gracious and helpful in supplying support, guidance and editorial material for this issue. We hope you will find this issue educational, informative and entertaining. Please excuse any errors or omissions. I am learning the ways of genealogy, and there is much to learn.

Happy autumn,

Donna J. Marchak
Editor

Thank You All

Recently, my good friend Donna, in her capacity as new volunteer editor of CHINOOK, said, "I can't get over how very kind and generous everyone has been"...meaning the members of the Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) with their submissions for the October issue of CHINOOK.

It didn't take a New York minute for me to respond with, "It's the genealogy." I told Donna that even when we teach a course, we always talk about using and sharing information. It is just part of what we do. It is the nature of the genealogist and family historian. We urge beginners to make sure, whatever software program is selected to manipulate data on their computer, they should be sure it has gedcom capability. Gedcom is the software tool used for sharing genealogical information and transferring that information from one computer to another.

I would like to share with all of you how very grateful I am for your generosity in submitting your most precious family history stories, photos, research materials, valuable time (preparing the submissions), and most of all, your combined knowledge and friendly advice, given to ensure this issue of AFHS's CHINOOK is one the membership can be proud of.

As our Chairman George Lake affirmed at our September AFHS general meeting: "We are only as good as the effort we put into our Society." In this case, CHINOOK has been the recipient of your good efforts, acts of generosity and kindness, and I can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,

E. Kinghorn

*Director at Large
Resource – Publications*

A Letter From “HELL”

Transcribed by Judith Doyle

This letter, from my great uncle Walter Stonebridge to his brother, my grandfather, was sent from the trenches near Passchendaele in October 1917. To avoid censorship it was smuggled across the Channel to be posted in England, an illegal act. To add to the poignancy of this letter, Walter was reported missing in April 1918. As no part of his body was found, he is memorialized on the wall tablets at Tyne Cot Cemetery near Ypres. He was 28. He is one of three family members lost in World War I.

Somewhere in Hell

Oct 17/17

Dear Will and Amy,

It is quite a long time since I gave you any news from this world of ours out here, and up to now we are still banging at them, as the saying says. Well on the 9th and 10th of this month, this division went into action, when I say action I do not mean just forcing trenches over, because there is no such thing as trenches, they are shell holes, and full of water, you can have a bath or have a swim all for nothing. Just fancy the government giving you that; then they say we are badly off.

Well putting all jokes on one side, I will give you some news: after walking about 10 kilos to the assembly shell holes, waiting till the barrage starts, and you don't half want the barrage to start, waiting in those holes full or half full water. The time is zero, or 5 am this particular morning, and we are ready for the fray, and then (the) barrage start(s), and for a few minutes you go mad, all thoughts of care are thrown to the winds, and you advance 50 yds behind the barrage, and then it lifts so many yards, until you reach your objective, and then the barrage keeps up until you dig in. Now believe me going over top is a doddle with this wonderful barrage of ours, it is when you get your objective, that the fun begins, counter attacks from Old Bill, but he wins very little.

Another great difficulty is getting relieved and the long distance you have to walk, after sticking for 48 hours, up to your knees in water and mud, and it takes all your strength & willpower to keep up, till you get to billet where food and hot tea await you.

Coming down an artillery track thick with mud, I saw a few things, guns, men, tanks, caterpillars out of action; it was horrible, men dropping down exhausted, who couldn't go no further, and this is war. You would be surprised what training you want for a big attack. I dread the winter coming again, and today my feet are burning somewhat, and causes me to have little sleep. Just now we are out for a short rest, under canvas and this sort of weather, rain, rain, it is a country is Belgium for rain in winter. I have forgot to tell you, where we went over, just in front of Passchendaele Ridge, the ridge was the objective, east of Ypres.

I don't think there is much more to say, only I am fairly well. Am sorry to say, we lost our platoon Sgt. and second in command, who were real good fellows, and both will be sadly missed. How are things in Dewsbury (his hometown) I suppose living is very dear; the poorer people must be feeling the pinch. You must remember me to Foreman Kilmer & Bob. Has anything been heard of Hirst? You mentioned about him been missing in one of your letters to me. Charlie (his brother) seems to be going strong, Petty Officer (Royal Navy) now; do you hear much from him? Am still standing orderly man; was offered a stripe (corporal) but declined. How is young Charlie (his two year-old nephew) going on and Muriel (slow but sure)? Shall have to ring off, you will get stalled of reading all this. Anyhow, I wish I was against Mrs. Clayton's Fire (my great grandmother) having (a) drop of Rhubarb wine. Well here's my love to all,

Yours affectionately, Brother Walter

(PS) It looks like a regular job, this affair but keep out of it.
This letter will be posted in England so mum's the word.

The Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta Launches its new Library and Archives

*Story and photos by
Donna Marchak*

It's amazing what creative vision and an enormous volunteer effort can accomplish. The result of many hours of hard work will soon be unveiled when the Mennonite Historical Society's Library and Archives officially opens its doors on October 5 this year. This collection of over 800 books, Mennonite periodicals and vault full of archival documents from Alberta, Canada, the U.S., Europe and Russia is a gold mine for anyone interested in history and genealogy.

The Mennonite Historical Society of Alberta (MHSA) has established the Library and Archives to collect, preserve, explore and provide access to the history of all Mennonites in Alberta. The Library was formerly located in the basement of the MCC building.

"This Library has helped with contacts for my family's history and my wife's family as well. It is an invaluable

resource," said Diedrich (Dick) Neufeld. As an experienced genealogist and editor of the MHSA newsletter, Mr. Neufeld knows the importance of preserving the past and sharing information with others.

The Library and Archives are located on the Mezzanine Level of the Calgary MCC Thrift Store, 2946 32 Street N.E., Calgary. The Library is roomy and bright, with ample space for researchers. Volunteers who will assist in the Library include Henry Goerzen, Peter Penner, Dick Neufeld, Harold Friesen and Judith Rempel, as well as many others.

Judith Rempel, a very accomplished genealogist and member of the AFHS, is the acting archivist who has spent countless hours establishing the Library. Numerous books, Church records, bulletins, meeting minutes, Church registers and pertinent periodicals are displayed in well-organized and spacious surroundings. A photocopier is also available for patrons.

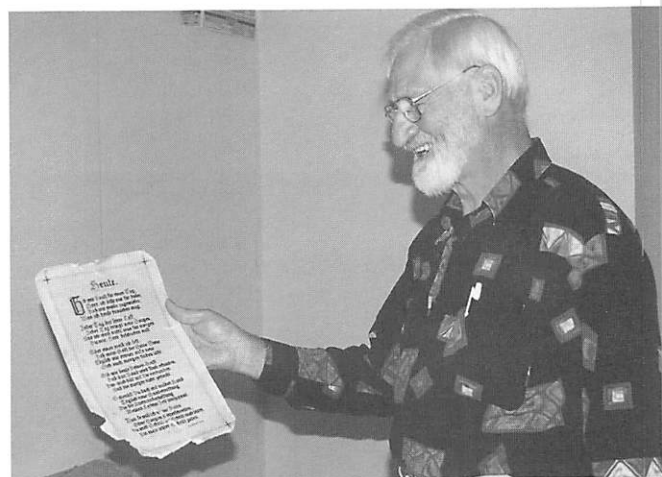
"This has been a real adventure", says Judith. "Starting from ground-zero, we have made substantial progress in the processing of our archives collection."

Precious Church items from around the world have found a new home in the Library's Archival Vault. This room has been designed to house the most delicate of documents in a temperature and humidity controlled environment. All staples, paper clips and corrosive elements have been removed. Special acid-free folders and containers are used throughout to ensure the past is safely stored.

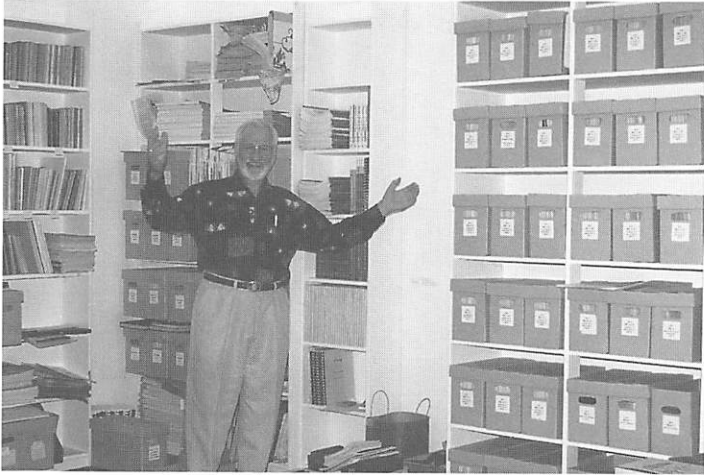
Judith has advised that for genealogists, the library has a great selection of materials. There are paper copies of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization records, a copy of the Bergthal Gemeinde Buch, B.H. Unruh's book published in 1955 in Germany, a copy of Mennonitischen Namen/Mennonite Names (bilingual), numerous biographies, published family history books, the



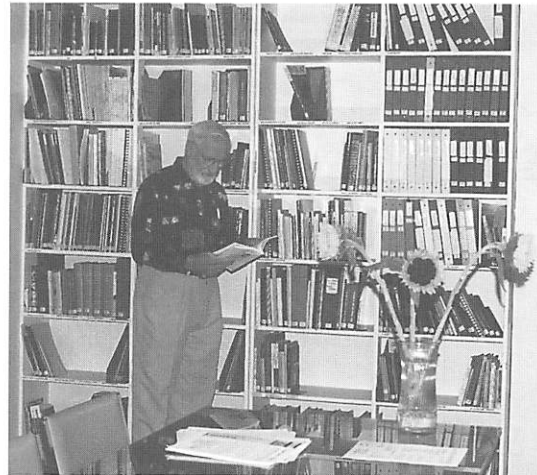
The new location of the MHSA Library and Archives is 2946 - 32 Street N.E.



Dick Neufeld reads a Mennonite Church prayer originally from Germany that has found a new home in the Library's Archival Vault.



"This Library is a real treasure!" Dick Neufeld has reason to celebrate. The vault is a perfect home for these archival items.



The MHSA Library and Archives have a bright and cheerful atmosphere.

Mennonite historical Atlas, pedigree charts from the Mennonite Genealogy group and more.

Serious Mennonite historians may be interested in the copies of P.M. Friesen's book on the Mennonite Brotherhood (English), AH Unruh's important book (Die Geschichte der mennoniten-Brüdergemeinde), Walter Quiring's pictorial account of Mennonites in Canada, Mennonites in Canada (I & II by Frank H. Epp and III by Ted D. Regehr), the History of the Conference of Mennonites in Alberta, and the Profile 1974 by Delbert Plett about the immigration of Kleine Geimende

to Canada in 1874, and a Mennonite Encyclopaedia (Vol I-IV).

Researchers are invited to come and browse the collection or to make a records deposit if they have one. Judith assures contributors that the "materials are all non-circulating and no one is allowed to remove them from the premises."

The MHSA Library & Archives will be open Saturdays from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Volunteers will be onsite to assist with your research questions and will help you uncover precious information for your family history.

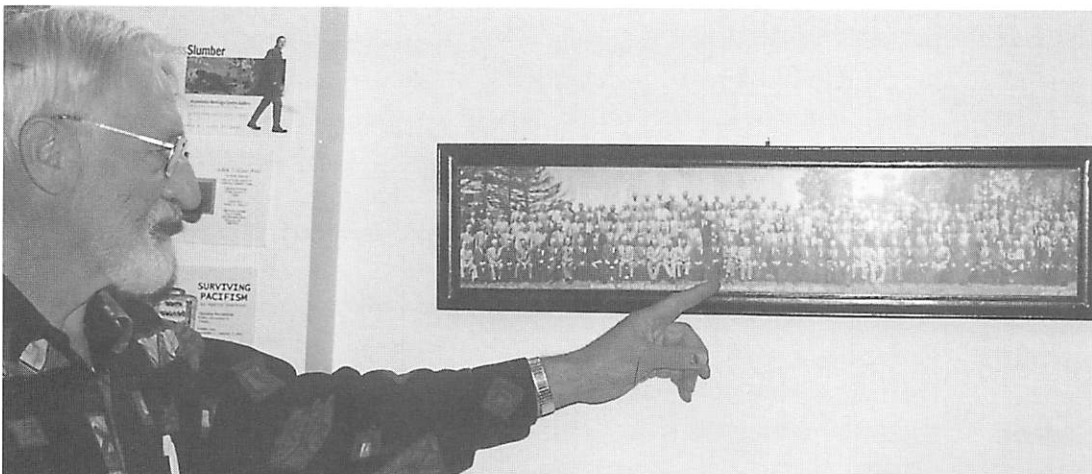
Congratulations to everyone involved in this enormous effort!

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www.mennonites.ca/mhsa/



A framed photo of the delegates of the 54th Conference of Mennonites in Canada 1956 is proudly displayed at the new MHSA Library.

First Annual Volunteer Awards Evening a Great Success

By Paul Harrison

One hundred and fifty Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) members, spouses, friends and other interested parties gathered to celebrate and recognize the overwhelming contributions volunteers have made towards the success that the AFHS has attained. At the same time, a pleasant and social evening was enjoyed by everyone. It was enhanced by the presence of an ensemble of musicians from the Calgary Philharmonic who serenaded the group with some of their favourite musical tributes. And yes; various awards were presented too. It was a dynamic, swinging event and is likely to be repeated in future.

We have all heard the unending pleas for help within the organization and most have resulted in the addition of more members getting involved and keeping the genealogy Society growing in what has been described as the second most popular hobby/past-time in North America today (after gardening and way ahead of golf!)

So, the formal recognition of the role, and contribution of these dozens of volunteers has finally been accomplished.

"One of the reasons it may have taken so long to get off the ground, is the complexity of deciding what counts," said AFHS Chairman George Lake. The Executive left it up to George Lake and a sub-committee to decide what awards should be bestowed and in what categories. The result was a list of ninety-eight recipients, in three distinct categories. Some of the factors considered included the number

of years a member spent as a volunteer, the complexity of assignments, the number of hours spent on certain tasks, reliability and other distinct elements. Not an easy task, but it was accomplished with well-defined aplomb.

The awards this year were made to living people. It was another factor in the selection process and in no way detracts from the important contributions made by the ever-growing list of ex-members who have moved and/or passed on.

Categories 1, 2 and 3 recognize the varying degrees of contribution to the success of AFHS. Of the ninety-eight awards, six were in Category 1; thirty-seven in Category 2; and fifty-five in Category 3. Future awards could be presented again to one or more achievers in category 1. Many of those in other categories will be named again and may, in fact, graduate to a higher category, as time goes by.

The presentations to recipients in Category 3, were an AFHS lapel pin; Category 2 and 1, an AFHS certificate suitable for framing. The top category also received authorization to order a book of their choice for the AFHS Library. It will have an appropriate book plate inside the front cover to record the award, and its recipient. This is another fine idea that is sure to impact future researchers who make use of these book selections.

Examples of what and how the top-ranking six have done, makes for interesting reading and reflects the individual character of the recipients. And, in alphabetical order....the winners are:

Helen Backhouse, who has been the Society Librarian for a score of years and even if you're not sure how many that represents, don't ask her! When the library moved into Knox Church the collections were in 6-8 cardboard boxes easily held in two cars. The move to Southminster United Church in 1997 required a horse-trailer that had been steam-cleaned for the occasion. Helen has presided over these major moving events and been ably assisted by a cadre of loyal and true Society friends and volunteers. The shelves at Southminster were newly built for this relocation and with additions since, measure a healthy 240 feet, if placed end to end. The AFHS collection of journals from other societies is unique, undoubtedly the largest in Alberta and a good number of other provinces too. Helen has always found time to help in other ways besides the library, and has donated a tremendous amount of energy to seminars, cemetery recordings and the AFHS Board.

Barbara LaFrentz has been a quiet, loyal, hard working volunteer for many years. She is intrinsically shy but never backward in assuring that jobs get done. Barb has held a variety of positions (Seminar Committees) and in addition to managing her own business, has very successfully carried out innumerable catering assignments for the Society. Barb continues to be the organizer of the volunteer team of 'phoners' which is another unseen but necessary Society task.

Judith Rempel. Her middle name could have been 'Energy'; she has an endless amount of it. Most conspicuous as our 'webmaster', Judii is more



*Helen
Backhouse*



*Barbara
LaFrentz*



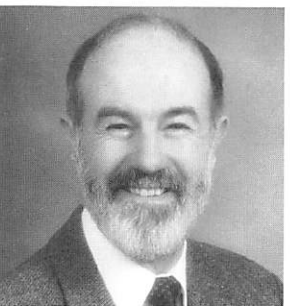
*Judith
Rempel*



*Ron
Steffan*



*Doug
Stobbs*



*Rob
Westbury*

than that... she IS the website and her efforts have been suitably recognized along the way with several awards. Judii has had a long association with the Computer SIG in many on-going volunteer roles that include her current involvement in Family Roots 2002 and much, much, more. She finds time to help with cemetery recording and is directly credited with helping establish some of the AFHS geographically-centered Special Interest Groups. Judii willingly shares with others, and can always be depended upon to enter willingly into any new Society venture. She shares her genealogy expertise and wide variety of computer skills with anyone willing to learn.

Ron Steffan. One of the founding members of the Computer SIG, Ron held the position of Chair for three years and was deeply involved with the early GenSoft computer events. Following that he volunteered to produce the AFHS monthly newsletter, the BREEZE and did that with distinction for a hundred issues. He created the BREEZE slogan, "Publish Before You Perish" and typically... is now on the trail again to find Leon BARITEAU, somewhere between Gaspé PQ and Lynn Lake MB. Should anyone find the elusive character, please contact Ron. A reward is being offered.

Doug Stobbs, an almost 20-year AFHS member has been involved in many Society activities. An early Computer SIG member, he assisted with the annual GenSoft shows, the Seminars and innumerable cemetery recording projects. He single-handedly recorded fourteen cemeteries in the Crowsnest Pass and remains our most knowledgeable AFHS source of information on the area. Doug is best known in the Society for his volunteer role as editor and writer for the Society's journal CHINOOK. Doug

took over that publication in 1991 and commandeered a very able team of volunteers to produce a finely tuned magazine for the benefit of the Society's membership. He continued volunteering his time and energy as editor for the next ten years and acts as a reliable 'cheerleader' to encourage subsequent editorial staff that attempt to fill the void Doug left.

Robert (Bob) Westbury. After retiring from his medical practice, Bob became involved in the Society and eventually assumed responsibility for Chairing the AFHS Program Committee. He became equally active within the Education Committee soon after. Bob has instituted some welcome changes in his on-going effort to offer Society members the educational research tools required to write credible, documented, family histories and develop well-sourced genealogy databases. His quiet manner often belies the true man as a talented manager and effective organizer. One project he conducted illustrates the point. When the Society offered a 'Saturday Special' in August, notably a quiet time of the year for genealogy researchers, the event attracted a paying, record crowd of 100!

It is rumoured that when he retired from the Program Committee, the other members attempted to join him. Robert also served on the AFHS Board and was pragmatically, the champion of older members and those without hi-tech skills.

Congratulations to All the Award Winners

Certificates

Lynda Alderman
Alison Arthur
Blair Barr
Geoff Burtonshaw
Olive Carlin
Kay Clarke
Allan Cole
Millie Drinkwater
Rene Dussume
Peggy Franko
Diane Granger
Charlie Hansen
Doug Hay
Gordon Hulbert
Diane Hunter
Heather Jaremko
Sheila Johnston
Wes Johnston
Ellen Kinghorn
Eva Kinnear
Lorna Laughton
Margaret Main
Frank Morrow
Bill (Suddie) Mumford
Linda Murray
Lois Nicholson
Louise Pannenbecker
Alan Peers

Roberta Poole
Judie Riddell
Jan Roseneder
Louise Sauve
Lois Sparling
Xenia Stanford
Lorna Stewart
Ann Stewart
Bev Swan
Phil Thorpe
Barb Thorpe
Dave Wake
Myrna Waldroff
Elenora Wilson
Tom Worman

Pins

Mary Arthur
Charles Aubin
Fred Baker
Dave Ballard
Richard Barr
Mertie Beatty
Jill Browne
Ronna Byam
Louise Calderbank
William Campbell
Nancy Carson
Glen Clarke

Stan Clute
Bob Crowle
John Doyle
Judith Doyle
Mary Esposito
Margaret Ferguson
Spencer Field
Ulrich Hassdyk
Elda Hauschildt
Bob Hauswirth
Colleen Hauswirth
Garry Isaac
Fern Jacobsen
Valerie Johnstone
Elaine Jones
Anne Jowett
Marlene Knott
Gordon Lane
Carol Lee
Norma Lendrum
Hugh Lieper
James Mackie
Keith Maitland
Carole May
Leota McAlpin
Margaret McCready
Ethel McDonald
Eileen McElroy
Bruce McKenzie
Joyce Metcalfe
Lillian Meyers
Bill Mills
Pat Morey
Claire Neville
Irene Oickle
Caroline Phillips
Ken Rees
Carol Robinson
Elizabeth Rodier
Lillian Rutherford
Stan Sparrow
Judy Sparrow
Jim Stewart
Bernice Strangward
Kelly Sutton
Frances Tanner
Lynn Taylor
Marilyn Taylor
Ruth Unser
Bernice Warden
Bunny Warner

Clare Westbury
Heather Williams
Ann Williams
Pat Yates
Marilyn Younger
Phyllis Ziajka

Honourable Mention

Linda Carlson
Dorothy Clements
Sally Engel
Jan Ferguson
Anne Flander
Norman Greenfield
Barb Hausegger
Dianne Hill
Kathy Kashuba
Wally Kashuba
Margaret Keyes
Mary Leggett
Sherry Lloyd
Carol Lylyk
Innes Mannhardt
Lois Marchand
Marlene Marchand
Crystal McMillan
Colleen McNaughton
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Hermes Michelini
Judy Mitchell
Robert Montagni
Peter Morgan
Robin Nixon
Jacquie Parks
Bob Riddell
Ann Ross
Roy Strickland
Nancy Strickland
Lorna Thomas
Don Waldroff
Linda Williams



Calgary Philharmonic Quartet performed at the Alberta Family Histories Society First Annual Volunteer Awards Evening June 10, 2002.

(The editors apologize in advance to anyone who should be included on the list of award winners and is inadvertently omitted.)

Ancestors with Attitude

My Favourite Ancestor: William Craig

By Linda Murray

My great-great grandfather William Craig is certainly one of my favorite ancestors. I admire him for his courage leaving his homeland and moving to Canada when he was 83 years old and crippled by arthritis. However, I am "putting the cart before the horse" as my grandmother would say and I need to start back in 1836. William was born on January 6th of that year on the family farm in Neilston, Renfrewshire, Scotland where his parents, grandparents, and many generations before had lived and raised families. I don't know much about William's earlier years, but imagine that as an only son he probably was kept busy helping his father run the family dairy. A week after William's 32nd birthday, he married Margaret Gemmell and they took over the dairy. I have a photo of the couple taken in 1899 with their horse and buggy preparing for a trip into Glasgow. The picture also shows some dairy-maids with their wooden milk buckets taken in front of the barn. Like many other operations of that time, the house and the dairy barn were connected.

William and Margaret had four children: John born 1873, Marion (my great-grandmother) born 1874, William born 1885 and their youngest Andrew born 1886. Marion was the only one of their children to marry and have children of her own. It must have been a shock to her parents when, in 1906, Marion and her husband Allan Carswell moved to Canada with their three young sons and a daughter (my grandmother). Allan's health was poor and his doctor recommended the move. Allan lived five years in Canada before he passed away leaving Marion a widow. Marion's brothers John and Andrew also came to Canada. John worked as a horse trader in Manitoba and "Jack of all Trades" while Andrew worked as a ranch hand in Alberta. William and Margaret's remaining son William became an engineer and worked in South America. During WW1, William served on a Navy destroyer. He sent a lovely set of Japanese dishes to his parents for their 50th wedding anniversary in 1918. However, sadly, by the time they received the present, they had been notified that William had been killed when his ship was torpedoed.

In 1919, William and Margaret were retired and living in a small village near the family farm. Their three living children and four grandchildren were all in Canada. So on August 18, 1919, William and Margaret had their passports issued in London. William was 83 and Margaret 70 years old. I have their passports in my collection of papers and the descriptions are quite detailed. William is described as follows: 5 feet 10 inches tall, forehead long, eyes grey, nose straight, mouth medium, chin pointed, hair grey, complexion fresh, and face round. Later that month they sailed for Quebec and took the train to Manitoba to live with their daughter and her children. William had a workshop behind the house where he kept busy with projects. He walked with two canes because of his severe arthritis. William lived long enough to become a great-grandfather when his granddaughter had a daughter Marion in 1922. William died April 1, 1923 and is buried with Margaret in McCreary, Manitoba.

THE CRYING GAME – Surname Queries

Society members are encouraged to submit queries for publication in CHINOOK. Any AFHS member is allowed two insertions during the calendar year of membership at no charge. Please include some first names, a location and date (or approximate) for each surname. Over quota member submissions and non member queries are prepaid at \$5 per query. Responses to "Surname Queries" will be published in a subsequent edition of CHINOOK. Please follow the format set out below as closely as possible.

McCOOL: James b Sept? 1825 (from obit in County Donegal). Seek any info or help re siblings or parents. Larry McCool, Calgary, AB. Email: mccoollh@telus.net.

SNOOK: Louisa b c1821 Loughborough ON who d 14 Oct 1883 and bur Sandhill Cem, near Battersea ON. Need parent's names. Their photo is displayed on web page <http://www3.telus.net/public/mccoollh/index.html>. Larry McCool, Calgary, AB. Email: mccoollh@telus.net

EVANS: John "Selby" b 22 Oct 1809. D 18 Jan 1885 Beeton Tecumseth Twp Simcoe Co ON. Death certificate not found in Ontario Civil Registration of Death Index. Father of Robert EVANS of Sault Ste Marie ON, Ann EVANS of Beeton ON, Lydia FOSTER of Howick Huron ON, John EVANS of East Harriston, Wellington & Gorrie, Huron ON, Abigail IRWIN of Parry Sound, Kearney ON, Walter EVANS of Beeton ON, Catherine IRWIN of Muskoka, Parry Sound, ON and Jane KEFFER of Maple ON. Brother of Isabel EVANS of Beeton, ON. Any information leading to a death certificate or obit appreciated. Ellen Kinghorn 146 Riverview Pt., SE, Calgary, AB, T2C 4H8 Email: ellen@kinghorn.ca

FOSTER: Charles d Campbellford Seymour ON. Came to Canada prior to 1847. Married to Jane LENNOX who later married Richard BOYLE. Children of George and Jane FOSTER were John FOSTER = Margaret WILSON and Roseann FOSTER = Unknown INSLEY of Buffalo & Kenmore, NY. Seeking any information or connections. Janet Foster, Calgary, AB. Email: janetfoster@shaw.ca

So You Want to be a Genealogist

By Suddie Bill Mumford

You saw the ad on TV. It all seemed so simple. Just go to a certain company's website, type in a family name, and presto, instant family tree. The kids have presented you with a computer for Christmas. Here was your opportunity to return the favor and present them with a family history. After logging in and following the instructions, you discover the reality is a little different. You have to buy a CD containing the information, and, incidentally, a genealogical program for your computer in order to display it. Undeterred, you continue surfing and discover a Home Page containing what appears to be some of your family members. There are your grandparents and your uncle Joe. The marriage date is a year earlier than you thought but the location is right. The great-grandfather's given name is correct but his wife's name is not the name you remember. Beyond those few discrepancies, the family tree continues back to Charles Martel (b.688). You are impressed; this is obviously a fine piece of research.

Using the researcher's e-mail address, you request further information on the family while including your father's family information to demonstrate the reason for your interest. The answer surprises you; all the information had been copied from another web site. The researcher had no idea as to the source of the information or its accuracy. This is not an isolated example. There has been great concern in the genealogical community in recent years concerning the prolifera-

tion of improperly documented and poorly researched family information on the Internet, a trend that continues today.

For the genealogist, the Internet is fast becoming a very useful tool but it has to be used with discretion. Although there is an ever-increasing amount of information being added every day only a very small fraction of the total held in the various repositories is accessible using the Net. The novice researcher would be better advised to devote precious research time to conventional methods rather than waste hours surfing the Net.

Building a family tree is like trying to assemble a black and white jigsaw puzzle while having no idea as to the appearance of the completed picture. Each piece of evidence must be examined carefully, linked to other evidence if possible, but always retained for possible future use. The most important bits of evidence may surface in the most unlikely forms.

The item that led in my being able to identify my family in England came from a simple postcard dated November, 1910 that read, "Dear Cousin, Uncle Erv was here today. Sure were glad to see him. Jimmy Wright". Whether you are a genealogist or a family historian the core of your research is the parent-child relationship. By identifying the child's birth date and location and the date and location of the union of the parents the researcher can identify family groups. The death dates and locations complete the basic data. Because of the importance of these events, a single piece of evidence is not sufficient. I can hear the screams

now, "but I have the birth certificate". My father's birth certificate is wrong, so is my marriage certificate, and the census states my great-grandfather is Irish. He was born in Essex, England. The genealogist, whose principal focus is on the creation of a line of descent, will use other events in the life of the individual to support the core evidence. The family historian will do the same but will also include material that sheds light on the person's lifestyle and place in the community. This adds the color to what is otherwise just a list of begets.

There are two types of events: those you personally witnessed, and everything else. You might consider everything you have witnessed to be reliable but all the rest are open to question and must be supported with additional evidence. Evidence can be either supportive or conflicting. Both types must be recorded in order that a proper analysis can be made. It can be direct or indirect, i.e, it refers directly to the event or addresses its occurrence by inference. At one time, an attempt was made to classify evidence as primary or secondary. Evidence that was recorded at the time of the event was considered primary, that recorded later, secondary. It has been found that the time of the recording, while important, does not necessarily indicate the data is more reliable.

As each piece of evidence is collected, it must be assessed as to its reliability. This requires the researcher to examine the source in detail. What is known about the recorder of the information? What were the conditions under which the event was recorded? Is the document an origi-

nal or copy? Having answered these and any other possible questions, the researcher must record an evaluation of the source based on their personal experience and fully document their reasoning. Once sufficient evidence has been collected, it must be analyzed to determine if it is possible to make an assertion of fact. The reasoning behind this assertion must also be recorded. In genealogy, unlike a court of law, the preponderance of evidence is not necessarily acceptable as proof.

We now come to that old bugaboo, the documenting and citation of sources. Most novices, on hearing about the subject, will complain, "that stuff is for the professional. All I want to do is record family information for my children." How wrong they are. While source documentation can be an aid to future researchers, as is often given as the prime reason for making the effort, a more valid reason is that it is invaluable to the researcher in the development of the project. As your family tree grows you can easily forget why you made certain assertions. When this happens it becomes necessary to retrace your steps. Research time is too precious to waste in this manner.

There are two excellent books on the documentation of genealogical sources, "Evidence" by Elizabeth Shown Mills and "Cite Your Sources" by Richard Lackey. Mills' book was prepared as an update to Lackey's and is dedicated to his memory. Mills is the more comprehensive of the two but devotes almost half the book to stylistic tips. Another difference is that Lackey groups sources into 14 categories,

Mills, an endless variety. Regardless of their differences, both provide an insight to the basic principles of source documentation and should be required reading for any budding genealogist.

For the novice researcher source documentation should meet the basic requirements. This includes the recording everything known about the source that can aid in the recovery of the information, should that be necessary, and any other facts that will aid in assessing the reliability of the source. Sources come in various types, and whether you prefer Mills or Lackey, the documentation of each type requires the use of different elements. For example, to document a book the elements should include the title, author, publication information including dates and location, and the repository where the document or book was observed. If the source were an object such as a wedding ring with engraving the elements might include the ring's owner, the date and location of the ring when the inscription was recorded, the purchaser or creator, a detailed description, and any pertinent notes.

Rather than create a new source item for each piece of evidence the researcher may provide the basic documentation for a source containing numerous bits of evidence, each of which may vary in reliability, and then add an another element for each event to which the source is linked. This element is usually the evidence found in the source. In the case of a book or document, it would be the exact text. It should also include any additional information that may pertain to the evidence. The researcher

should then record their evaluation of the evidence and, if using a computer, assign a surety level. In order to ensure clarity and completeness the source documentation should be consistent. The computer software, if used, will usually provide a template for that purpose.

As evidence is collected, the researcher will be required to make certain conclusions based on that evidence. These conclusions are called assertions to differentiate them from facts. A fact is something known to be true. In genealogy, especially as we delve deeper into the past, we find fewer facts and more conjecture. Never conclude your facts are proven beyond question or make the mistake of trying to fit evidence to your pet theories. Remain open to new evidence and be prepared to revise your conclusions. After over a dozen years of research, I finally decided I had as much evidence as I was likely to uncover concerning my earliest ancestors. I published a book. After mailing the first copy to a cousin, I discovered one crucial bit of evidence that forced a re-evaluation of a number of documents. The result was a rewrite of the book with a different line of Mumfords replacing the first three generations.

Take the time to record all your evidence and do the documentation. Building a family tree or creating a family history can be very rewarding but it is that much more satisfying if you know that the work was properly done.

Choosing a Digital Camera – Made Easy

By *Ellen Kinghorn*

You have just been offered an opportunity to review records kept by a long-time genealogy researcher, and you know you will be pressed for time. What to do? Xerox the pages? No? Just pop out and buy a digital camera, you say! Well, it's not that easy.

Doug Stobbs, long-time genealogist, advises a digital camera is good for everything genealogists do, with the possible exception of taking photos of material from a microfilm reader.

"The spot lit surface can come out blurred and if you try and take a photo from the side, the picture ends up skewed," says Doug.

But you can use the camera to advantage for several other genealogy activities. You can take photos of headstones in cemeteries and from the pages of cemetery and historical books that are out of print or difficult to access. Once you have captured an

image, you can share your discoveries by sending digital images by email to other genealogists and historians.

Doug says, "I bought my digital camera about 3 years ago. It was in the \$300 to \$500 range and is pretty good. I copied cemetery records from a book a woman in Sundre owned. We set up a tripod and I took photos with the book lying on the floor. The woman turned the pages while I shot photos, and it worked very well."

You will find 1.2 million pixels equal a 4x6 photo, quality picture, printed. "And that's the largest I ever do," he added.

Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) Treasurer, Gordon Lane says, "I have tried to take pictures of backlit display objects in museums and found that to get a distinct picture without blurring, you have to use a tripod. I have a Fuji 2400 that has a number of options including flash disabling, double flash to reduce red eye and other such features.

"I bought the camera 6 months ago but for a comparable price, there are a lot better cameras now on the market. They behave almost like real cameras with adjustable shutter speed, f-stop adjustment, the ability to simulate ASA 400, and in some cases 1000 ASA for low light conditions," says Gordon.

Camera owners are eager to warn about checking for guarantees and repair services



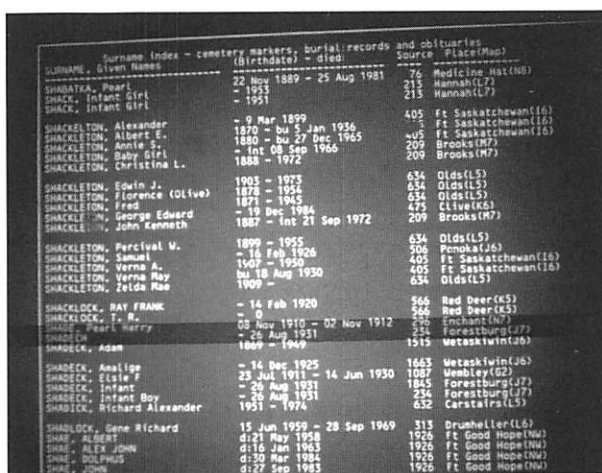
Elizabeth Rodier, of the AFHS, took this cemetery photo using a Minolta Dimage X 3x optical zoom, 2.0 Mega Pixels. The original photo was 724 kb, 1600 x 1200 pixels. The approximate cost of the camera in June 2002 was approximately \$600.

for all digital cameras. Horror stories abound about a lack of guarantees including the old "waiting for parts from Edmonton line." And then when the parts do arrive a few weeks later, and you think all is well, the camera still doesn't work!

While considering your options, you might start reading headlines in Popular Science, like: "WHAT'S NEW? Photo Technology 2002! Or...Forget what you know about photo technology: 2002 changes everything. The first 6-megapixel consumer digitals are here. It is the first Foveon-sensor camera. New printers offer double resolution. Here's the skinny on the new photography gear." Not only do you have to learn about digital cameras... you have to learn a whole new language!

Elizabeth Rodier, a genealogist, AFHS member and historian, is very comfortable with this new technology and uses photos extensively. She says several Calgary retailers have price variations of \$180 – \$200 extra, for a 128mb Secure Digital memory card.

"The smallest, slimmest, lightest, digital camera takes 1600 x 1200 pixel images faster than the earlier



Blair Barr, of the AFHS, took this hand held photo of information displayed on a fiche reader at the Calgary Family History Centre. Taken with an Olympus DL500 camera using a flash and at a macro setting, it can be easily read on a computer screen or printed.

digital cameras. The zoom does not require a long lens coming out of the camera body”, said Elizabeth.

A pocket size Minolta Dimage X is advertised as being “thin, fit and ready for action. Its features include: 2 megapixel CCD, 3x optical zoom lens, 17 second start up time and a 1.5” color LCD screen. The world’s slimmest, smallest and lightest digital camera with a 3x optical zoom.”

Blair Barr, an expert AFHS genealogist and knowledgeable computer user says, “I take pics on my Olympus DL 500 camera using macro setting. It is about four years old and was purchased for \$1200. It does not have a preview screen but does have a manual flash that I like.” Blair says he has successfully taken photos from a fiche reader and has the photos to prove it!

Doug Stobbs warns, “Don’t get carried away by the ‘pixel’ war either. More is better, but you get good letterhead size prints of documents with a 1.2 million camera. They are now in the \$400 range versus \$1000 and more. I have a Kodak 1.2 that has served me well.”

Most promotional material refers to photo quality prints and while you will want some of these, 4 x 6 is the handiest size and the 1.2 pixel will serve extemporarily for this.

Consider using a tripod, but not the largest one! Bigger is not necessarily better because small and lightweight tripods are easier to lug around.

You’ll need lots of memory, so get the extra cards, or even a miniature hard drive available from IBM. An auxiliary battery pack will keep the camera working without problems. I have the ACDSec program for storing, and managing images.

Digital cameras are a great invention for genealogists. Once you have a

unit, the images are free to download onto your computer. You can get high resolution prints from Blacks, Kodak and many others on the market.”

There are several websites that carry digital camera advice:

- a) <http://www.megapixel.net> – rates all digital cameras and has articles on many other related subjects.
- b) <http://www.canadacomputes.com> – The Computer Paper site; Canadian prices
- c) <http://www.consumerreports.org> – Consumer Reports online site that has regular reviews on digital cameras.
- d) <http://www.acdsystems.com/English/index.htm> – digital imaging company

- e) <http://www.dpreview.com> – latest digital camera reviews/previews
- f) <http://www.digital-cameras-info.com> – reviews, ratings and price comparisons
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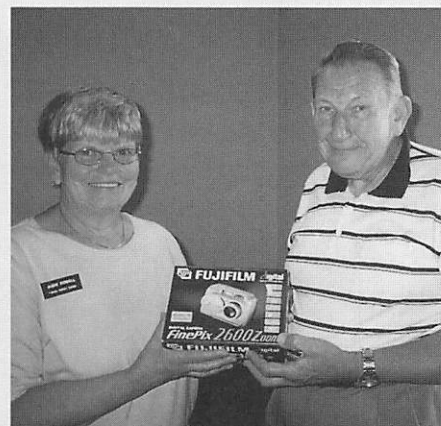
And finally, the Alberta Edition of “The Computer Paper”, July 2002, Volume 15, No. 07, featured Digital Photography and highlighted prominent aspects of Sony, Panasonic, Nikon and Canon digital models. (see internet address above)

Note: The information provided herein is based upon a personal quest by an AFHS member for digital camera advice and is not guaranteed by the editors.

Gift Made Possible from Bank of Montreal Grant

George Lake, Chairman of the Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS), presented a Fuji Finepix 2600Zoom digital camera to Judie Riddell, Chair of the Projects Committee. The camera was purchased with funds provided by a grant from the Bank of Montreal under their employee Volunteer Grants program. The grant was made possible by a long time member of the AFHS, Louise H. Sauve who works for the Bank of Montreal. The remainder of the grant will be put towards equipment for the AFHS Library.

The camera will be used primarily to record headstones from 59 gravesites the AFHS has recorded over the years. Once the headstones are recorded, we will be able to provide genealogists with views of gravestones they may never get to see any other way.



Judie Riddell and George Lake

In Memoriam

Malcolm John Woodcock

1935 – 2002



By Peggy Franko

Malcolm was born 7 February 1935 in Bethany, Manitoba, to John and Nettie Woodcock. Along with his elder brother, George, and younger sister, Shirley, he attended Bethany Consolidated School # 161. Malcolm took grades 1 to 11 at this school, and then attended the Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg.

As a very young man, he taught in two Manitoba country schools in the early 50's before joining the Armed Forces in 1956. Malcolm trained as a transportation technician, and was stationed at various bases in Canada during his 23 year career as a L.A.C in the Royal Canadian Air Force. In 1973, he was in Israel and Egypt with the UN forces. He retired from the Air Force in 1979 and moved to Calgary where he joined the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. Malcolm passed away at his residence on 18 May 2002.

As I often do when I've been gone for a few days, I try to catch up on the news, and so, it was with shock and sadness that I read the obituary for Malcolm one Sunday evening in May. His funeral was the next morning.

I'd known Malcolm for many years, and I think it only fitting that I say a few words about my friend and fellow genealogist.

I first met Malcolm when we participated in the AFH Society's annual trip to Salt Lake in 1985. He had joined the previous year. We would cross paths at our meetings, yearly seminars, and cemetery recordings. I managed to drop an armful of books one evening, and Malcolm happened to be there to rescue them. We started to sit together at meetings, and I found out Malcolm took the bus. From then on, I would drop him off on my way home.

Malcolm was a very private, quiet and friendly gentleman. Some people are listeners and Malcolm was one of the best. He didn't say much, but if an opportunity arose for him to talk about his family history or about Bethany, a place very dear to his heart, a sparkle would come into his eyes, and Malcolm would talk. Over the years, he would drop a few hints about his early life, his family, school days and neighbours.

Sometimes he'd bring problems he was having on locating ancestors, or maybe it would be a short account of earlier times in Bethany. Once he brought a list of families he had compiled from that community – with a short write up about each of them – where they lived, who they were related to, their occupations. If I mentioned an interest in some historical event, a book would quietly appear at the next meeting for me to read. When he was asked to contribute his information to a community book, he was pleased that someone would enjoy the work he had done.

As genealogists, we are collectors of our family history, and frequently it turns out, we will be collectors of other things also. Malcolm collected military memorabilia – medals, uniforms, and books. His family just recently donated his collection to the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary.

A graveside service was held for Malcolm at St. John's Cemetery, Bethany, Manitoba.

Farewell

Charles Leroy (Roy) Strickland

1930 -2002

Genealogists have lost a great friend in the passing of Roy Strickland, who passed away on Wednesday, 21 August 2002 at the age of 72 years. He was born in Lethbridge and raised in Canmore, Alberta. He taught school for thirty-eight years in a variety of locations.



Upon retiring from the Calgary School Board as an Associate Superintendent, Roy began pursuing his family history. He organized the Genealogy Group of the Calgary Board of Education Retired Employees. Roy became a member of The Alberta Family Histories Society in 1994 and served as Chair in the year 2000. He volunteered at The Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1994 until his passing. Roy and his wife, Nancy, organized eight trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and travelled there with many members of The Alberta Family Histories Society.

Roy's encouragement of family history within his circle of associates was significant. He inspired many to live each day with purpose and accomplishment. Roy was a man of principle who exemplified high standards, demanded excellence, loved to laugh, was a willing teacher and a loyal friend.

Ancestors with Attitude

My Favourite Ancestor: Andrew M. Grieve

By Joyce Grieve

My great great uncle Andrew M. Grieve was born in Lilliesleaf, Scotland in 1857, and, when he celebrated the arrival of the 1900s, he was headmaster of Gala High school, chairman of the Galashiels Public Library Committee, and President of the Scottish Cricket Union. No mean feat for one whose father died when he was only five, and whose mother was left to bring up six children aged between two and 20.

Andrew did his teacher training in Edinburgh, and taught in Cheshire for a short time before returning to Galashiels where he eventually established his own high school which was more popularly known as "Grieve's School." He was a good teacher, and some of the most brilliant Galashiels students were pupils of his. Andrew himself was a great reader, and was specially versed in the works of the great Elizabethan poets and dramatists, as well as being an authority on the history of the Borders and old Border families.

All his life he was an ardent angler, and had an intimate knowledge of Border fishing streams. Even when he was well on in years, he thought nothing of walking 24 miles to his favorite streams, the Blackadder and Dye in Berwickshire, for a day's fishing.

But he was best known as a cricketer, one of the most brilliant all-round cricketers that Scotland had produced. He had a long and lasting friendship with Wilfred Rhodes, the Yorkshire and England cricketer, and was responsible for bringing Rhodes to the Gala club as a professional. In his later years, he was known as "The Grand Old Man of Border Cricket" and had a great store of reminiscences of the game.

Andrew Grieve died in 1928 age 71 years, and was survived by two daughters.

Book Review:

“A Genealogist’s Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage”

By Dwight A. Radford and Kyle J. Betit., publisher: Betterway Books.

Review by Lois Sparling

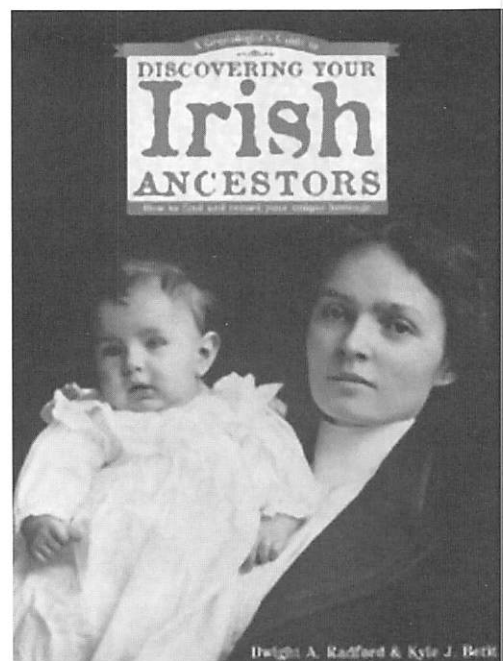
Chair of the AFHS Irish Special Interest Group (SIG)

This is my favourite book on Irish research. In fact, I was so inspired when I read it in the spring of 2001, I volunteered to chair the Irish SIG. The authors were the co-editors of the highly regarded journal “The Irish at Home and Abroad”. These are good credentials indeed.

However, they do not deal with Irish research until page 158. Instead, they start with detailed advise on how to find enough information about your Irish ancestor in the country of immigration to successfully pick up the trail in Ireland. This is a very wise approach given the difficulties of the Great Ancestor Hunt in the Emerald Isle. There are therefore chapters on the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and the West Indies. Then the authors get right down to the nitty gritty of what to try first in Irish sources based on what information you are able to find on your ancestor’s place of origin.

Radford and Betit’s description of the Irish sources are clear and thorough. They tell us exactly how to access each source, how to use the source and how one source provides information that can lead the researcher to another source. Their book contains lots of excellent tips and research techniques. They also de-mystify scary advanced sources such as the records of private estates. Since this book was published in 2001, it is current in its references to other recent books, CDs, addresses and URLs.

The first reason this is my favourite Irish research book is that it thoroughly covers the stage I am at in my own research, that is, finding places of origin in Ireland. The second reason is that the authors presume that the reader is using the Internet and the Family History Library collection and not able to visit the different archives in Belfast and Dublin. The emphasis on using the Public Record office of Northern Ireland, the National Archives of Ireland, etc. is a real shortcoming in the other Irish how-to books which I own. I am not going to Ireland any time soon. I want to know what I can do from Canada.



A Lucky Genealogist

By Doug Hay

I have had luck like you wouldn't believe in tracing my Dad's family. I started out knowing only that he was born in Scotland. Within a few years I had his ancestors back to 1696. This was because they had lived in the same very small village for almost three centuries. Not only that they were faithful practitioners of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, so the records were full and complete.

I had a longing to see the "auld sod" so in 2000 my son, my grandson and I took a trip to Scotland. I knew of no living relatives and merely wanted to see the area. After seeing all the historical sights between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, we headed west toward the ancestral home in a tiny parish called Glenbuchat in the foothills of the Cairngorm mountains.

On the way we passed through Aboyne. In the 1881 census my grandfather was listed as a farm servant in Waternaldy, Aboyne. After driving around the town without finding anything we stopped for coffee. I went into the general store next door and asked the lady working behind the counter if she knew where Waternaldy might be. She said "No, but there is a customer here who is an old timer in the area." It turned out Gladys was brought up in the area and used to picnic at Waternaldy frequently.

Waternaldy is was farm complex a few miles out of Aboyne along some back roads. We would never have found it without directions from Gladys. The farm is still there but only the ruins remain of two farm hand cottages sitting some distance away in the middle of a pasture. I was thrilled to visualize how

my grandfather and grandmother with three kids would have lived in such a small cottage. My grandson was all for doing some archeological digging but we dissuaded him from that.

An hour's drive brought us to the entrance to Glenbuchat, guarded by a castle built in 1590 which is now in semi ruin. The parish is a narrow valley through which only one road runs. It is beautiful country but has fallen on hard times. From a peak of nearly 600 in the mid 1800's the population has declined to less than 100. At one time there were 38 "clachans" in the Glen, almost all of which have now disappeared. Clachans were small groups of cottages banded together for no reason that I can find.

I knew the small clachan of Upperton had been abandoned and was merely looking to see the kind of country in which my ancestors lived. As we drove along the valley floor we saw a sign proclaiming "Upperton Farms". Sure enough, up the hill some 200 feet we saw a barn and as we drove up the farmhouse came in to view. It was solid stone with slate roofing. The only wood visible was the window frames and the door. It turned out that this was a "modern" structure built in 1860.

The farmer who answered my knock was very friendly. Another piece of luck – he is a gentleman farmer from Aberdeen who only comes to the Glen on weekends. This happened to be a Sunday. John knew where the old cottages were and took us just a few yards behind his house. There



spread over about 2 acres were the ruins of 12 cottages. Some were down to just a row of stones on the ground but others had walls still standing up to the roof line. As far as we could tell the cottages were exactly the same layout and size as those we had seen at Waternaldy. In fact later on at the Battlefield at Culloden we again saw the almost identical preserved cottage which still had a thatch roof. Each cottage was about 15 feet by 35 feet with a chimney at each end and had one door and three windows. My ancestors raised between eight and twelve children in this small enclosure generation after generation!

At the edge of this old clachan stood one cottage in complete repair, with red metal roof and brightly painted woodwork. The picture shows the restored cottage and some ruins can be seen to the right. This is a dwelling which had been bought by a professor in Aberdeen and restored. He was absent when we were there but I have been in contact with him since. From him and more research I have created a web page covering Glenbuchat and Upperton. (<http://members.shaw.ca/doughay/hayglen>)

So, much luck has brought me from not knowing where my father was born to being a semi-expert on his ancestral home in a few short years. Other genealogist should be so lucky.

Gazetteers, Topographical Dictionaries, Geographic Dictionaries, Place Names

Some of the books that can be found in the Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) Library

By AFHS Librarian Helen Backhouse

Everyone doing genealogy or family history, sooner or later, will need to know the location of where their family lived. They will need to know how far it was to the next town or village, if there was a church nearby or did the family have to go some distance to get married or have a child baptized or christened. These are some of the things that can be found out by using some, if not all of the following books.

Please note that the AFHS Library is a specialized Library and though we use the Dewey Decimal system it is used in a way that is appropriate for our particular needs. Therefore, our numbering system will not help you in other libraries.

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The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers

Edited by Cecil R. Humphery-Smith

Published by Phillimore 1995

This book of maps has two maps for each county in England, one black and white and the other with parish boundaries outlined in colour. These maps are of the pre - 1832 parishes, and a topographical map from James Bell's A New and Comprehensive Gazetteer of England and Wales of 1834.

There are three maps for Wales and eleven for Scotland.

The Index gives the county names, place name, deposited original registers and dates, I.G.I. dates, local marriage indexes and dates, copies of the registers at the Society of Genealogists and dates, Boyd's marriage index and dates, copies of Boyd's marriage not at the Society of Genealogists, Pallot's marriage index and dates, non-conformist records at the Public Record Office. All of the above information is for England and Wales.

The Scottish index gives the region e.g. NE. Scotland: Elgin, Banff, Aberdeen, and Kincardine. This index also gives place names and dates of deposited original registers.

Scotland

941.1 MUNR 1973

Johnston's Gazetteer of Scotland

Including a Glossary of the most common Gaelic Names

Published by Johnston and Bacon, Edinburgh and London

Revision by R.W. Munro 1973
3rd edition, indexed.

Examples

Chapel, house, 1 m. S.S.E. of Kettle, mid Fife

Chapel, farm, with ruined chapel, 3/4 m. w. of Moffat, Dumfries shire

Chapel, ham. and house Fife, 2 1/2 m. N.W. of Kirkcaldy. P.O.

Ireland

941.5 TOPO Vol 1 & Vol 2

A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland

Published by Samuel Lewis
1837 edition

Facsimile reprint Genealogical Publishing Co.Inc. 1984

Filmed by The American Genealogy Lending Library

Vol 1 Abb-Ath

Vol 2 Hac-Kil with Appendix
5 fiche in each volume

This publication set out to give information "comprising the several counties, cities, boroughs, corporate, market, and post town, parishes, and villages with historical and statistical descriptions. The appendix describes the electoral boundaries of the boroughs as defined by the act of the 2d and 3d of William IV.

The description gives parish, barony, county and province with distances to nearby towns.

Example

Ardagh a parish, in the barony of Tyrawley, county of Mayo, and province of Connought, 2 1/4 miles (W.S.W.) from Ballina; containing 1813 inhabitants. More description follows.

England

942 SMIT 1987

A Genealogical Gazetteer
of England

Compiled by Frank Smith

Published by Genealogical
Publishing Co.Ltd. 1987
5th edition

This is an alphabetical Dictionary
of Places with their location,
ecclesiastical jurisdiction, population
and the date of the earliest entry in
the Resisters of every Ancient Parish
in England. The populations given
are from 1831.

Example

Edge township, parish, Malpas,
Ches. pop 310

Edge tything, parish, Painswick,
Gloucs. pop 1,529

Edge township, parish,
Pontesbury, Shrops.

Canada

971 LOVE 1873

Lovell's Gazetteer of British
North America

Published in 1873

Facsimile reprint Global
Heritage Press 1998

"This facsimile reprint of Lovell's
1873 volume is an important
reference work for both historians
and genealogists. Using expertise
developed over decades of directory

publishing, John Lovell and Sons
collected descriptions of more than
six thousand communities and
fifteen hundred lakes and rivers in
Canada and Newfoundland of 1873.

Descriptions name and locate each
community, frequently including
information about business and
industry, landmarks, churches,
institutions, transportation and
communication, and municipal
government."

There is also a section on railway
and steamboat connections.

Example

Renfrew, a post village in Hants.
Co., N.S., 7 miles from Enfield.
Gold is found here. Pop 300

Ontario

971.3 MIKA Vol 1 and Vol 2

Encyclopedia of Ontario Places
Places in Ontario their name origins
and history

Nick and Helma Mika
Publisher Mica Press

Volume II part 1 A
- Epublished 1977

Volume II part 2 F
- Mpublished 1981

Index of place names

Example

Bayly geographic township,
Timiskaming District
Position 47o 54' 79o 42o

The township was surveyed in
1887 and in 1907. In was named
after Edward Bayly, a former
assistant solicitor to the Attorney
General of Ontario.

971.3 STRA SETT

Index to Ontario Settlement
Names resulting for the OGS
Strays Project

David J. Browne

Published by Ontario Genealogical
Society 1998

"... this index is of existing Ontario
settlements, settlements that are no
longer in existence and settlements
whose names have changed over the
years. Each settlement is listed with
its modern day name for each
county, district or regional
municipality."

Example

Springbrook is now Springford,
Oxford County.

Mine Centre Station in Kenora
District no longer exists at the
original location or has been
abandoned.

971.3 RAYB 1993

Lost Names and Places of
Eastern Ontario

Alan Rayburn

Published by Ontario
Genealogical Society 1993

Name changes that have taken place
in Eastern Ontario with their
modern names.

Example

Spike's Corners is now Harrow-smith, Frontenac County.

*** (NOTE: This book may be in your personal library instead of the AFHS library. Please take a good look in your library or family history papers to see if it followed you home. If you find it please bring it back to the AFHS library.)

Alberta

971.23 KARA

Vol 1, Vol 2, Vol 3, Vol 4

Place Names of Alberta

Volume 1 Mountains,
Mountain Parks & Foothills

Aphrodite Karamitsanis1991

Volume 2 Southern Alberta

Aphrodite Karamitsanis1992

Volume 3 Central Alberta

Tracey Harison1994

Volume 4 Northern Alberta

Merrily K. Aubrey

Published by University
of Calgary Press

All of these books have maps,
bibliographies, and some pictures

Example

Grizzly Bear o (former post office)

o denotes rescinded name or former locality

83 M/16 – Codesa

22 – 78 – 1 -W6

55o45'N 118o15'W

Approximately 39 Km east of Spirit River

Originally established in December 1916, the name for this post office probably referred to the prevalence of the animal in the area. The name was changed to Belloy in 1926.

971.23 DEMP

Indian Names for
Alberta Communities

Hugh A. Dempsey

Published by Glenbow Alberta
Institute1969

(Occasional paper # 4)

Example

Camrose; city, 47 – 27 -20 – 4;
“stony creek”, assiniskow-sipi in Cree; descriptive.

971.23 HOLM

Place Names of Alberta, over
2000 names

Eric J. Holmgren and
Patricia M. Holmgren

Published by Western Producer
Prairie Books

Example

Langdon, hamlet (M – 6)

After Langdon, of Langdon and Shepard, subcontractors who built part of the CPR in the vicinity of Langdon and Shepard stations.

This book also gives names of features that have been changed i.e. Holt City is now Lake Louise (hamlet).

There is a map and a bibliography.

USA

974.4 GANN

A Geographic Dictionary
of Massachusetts

Henry Gannett

Published by Washington
Government Office1894

Genealogical Publishing Co.Inc.
Facsimile reproduction 1978

Originally to be used as a finding aid for the atlas sheets of Massachusetts, published by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Example

Adams; town in northern part of Berkshire County; area 23 square miles; found on Atlas sheet – Greylock.

Projects with you in Mind

Creating crucial and important genealogy source materials for genealogists in Southern Alberta, is achieved by the Project's Committee gathering and recording of public records. Plans for new projects are a serious part of its extraordinary task and vision for the future. Transcribing cemeteries is quite a social experience and the bonding that takes place among AFHS volunteers have often lasted a lifetime. Recording data on disk, or recording vital statistics and local histories is the lifeblood of genealogy. Answering queries received via the AFHS Website is diligently performed by AFHS volunteers. Enlist your services and you leave your indelible mark on Alberta's fanciful history.

Contact Judie Riddell to Volunteer Now! Tel: (403) 214-1447 or projects@afhs.ab.ca

IRISH CUISINE

By Lois Sparling

Chair of the Alberta Family

Histories Society's Irish Special

Interest Group (SIG).

It is often said that Irish cuisine "is characterized by its simplicity, and nutritional appeal." Here are a couple of traditional Irish dishes. Colcannon is usually prepared at Hallowe'en but can be served to grateful diners on one of Alberta's cold and blustery winter nights. Serve Colcannon, Barm Brack, or easy Irish Potato Pudding this Hallowe'en Eve, and 'tis sure to bring back haunting memories of a grand Irish ancestry.



Colcannon*

1 lb cooked potatoes
1/2 cooked cabbage
1 small onion

2 tablespoons thick cream
2 ozs butter
Salt and pepper

Method:

Chop cooked cabbage finely. Chop onion and cook gently in butter until soft. Drain the potatoes, season and beat well. Add cooked onion and cream. Mix in cooked cabbage, beating well over a low flame. Serve hot.

*Credit to Hertz International Ltd., and Ryan Investments Ltd, Dublin publication: "Ireland on Wheels, 1991.

Barm Brack

4 tbsp butter
4 cups flour
1/2 tsp mixed spices (cinnamon, nutmeg)
Pinch of salt
1 1/2 tbsp fresh yeast

2 tbsp sugar
1 1/4 cup milk
2 eggs well beaten
3 cups mixed dried fruit
1/2 cup mixed candied peel

Method:

Butter an 8 inch square baking dish. Cut butter into flour. Mix in the spice and salt. Cream yeast with 1 tsp sugar. Add the rest of the sugar and beat well. Warm the milk slightly and add to yeast with most of the beaten egg. Beat the liquid into the flour mixture. This should make a stiff, elastic dough. Fold in the dried fruit (cranberries would be interesting) and candied peel. For Hallowe'en hide a ring wrapped in foil in the dough. Turn into the baking dish and cover with a damp cloth and leave in a warm place until it doubles in size. Preheat oven to 200°C or 400°F. Brush the top with the rest of the beaten egg and bake for 1 hour. Cool on a wire rack.

Irish Potato Pudding

2 lbs/900 grams potatoes, boiled & mashed
3 cups flour
Salt and pepper

Large pinch of allspice
1/2 cup milk
2 tbsp butter

(Optional ingredients: apples, cinnamon, raisins, Caraway seeds, eggs, sugar – quantities in the cook's discretion)

Method:

Preheat oven to 150°C or 330°F. Butter a large casserole or pie dish. Mix mashed potatoes with flour, salt, pepper, allspice, milk or whatever optional ingredients you are going to try. For Hallowe'en, hid a ring wrapped in foil in the mixture. Pile into buttered dish, cover and bake for 4 hours. Top with a generous dab of butter and serve.

Last Survivor of the Battle of Waterloo

By *Xenia Stanford*

After beginning research on my children's 3rd great grandfather, Maurice Patrick Shea, I found and soon joined forces with three others also tracing their or their children's ancestry to this same man. Through our combined efforts this is the profile we now have of Maurice Patrick Shea (1794-1892) who became known in Montreal as the "Last Survivor of the Battle of Waterloo".

Maurice (pronounced Morris) was born on August 1, 1794 in Ireland. A newspaper interview claims he was born in the City of Cork, County Cork, Ireland. However, his discharge papers state the birthplace was Prior, near Tralee in County Kerry. In 1812 at age 18 Maurice joined the "Kerry Militia" described as a unit of the United Irishmen composed of "aging rebels and eager young adventurers". On June 15, 1813 Maurice enlisted in the British Army in Cork. His papers describe him as 5'6, with fair hair, hazel eyes and a fresh complexion.

Maurice was mustered into 73rd Regiment of Foot and dispatched to join the 2nd Battalion in July 1813 to fight the Napoleonic wars in Holland and Belgium where he served under General Graham and later Lord Lyndock. In November of 1814 Maurice was in the Regimental Hospital where he remained until early 1815. In June he joined his Battalion on the march to Quatre Bras and then to Waterloo. In an interview with a journalist in Montreal many decades later, Maurice could recall in vivid detail the horrible deaths of the men around him, such as his own company captain who had

his head shot to pieces and the brains splattered on Maurice's slacks. Maurice, and the others who could, stepped over the bodies and marched on. His unit suffered a sixty percent casualty rate yet Maurice escaped with barely a scratch. For his participation in the Battle of Waterloo on June 18, 1815 he received a medal and pay bonus.

Maurice's Battalion returned to Nottingham, England for the last quarter of 1815 through to 1817 when it was disbanded. Maurice was among the approximately 300 soldiers transferred to the 1st Battalion and dispatched in May 1817 to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to suppress the Kandian Rebellion and secure British rule of the colony. While there on November 7, 1820 at age 26 Maurice was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

He was in hospital again by early the following year and returned to England in March 13, 1821 aboard the HMS Alligator. The ship stopped at St. Helena and having learned of Napoleon's death, the officers and 12 others were allowed to go ashore to visit their old enemy's tomb. Maurice was honoured to be one those chosen and the feeling upon viewing the tombstone and memorial was one of awe and respect rather than animosity toward the fallen leader.

Stationed at Weeden Barracks in England, Maurice continued to suffer from a "wound of his side" and "further debility induced by frequent attacks of fever". Seemingly unable to recover enough for active duty, Maurice was honourably discharged on March 20, 1822 with a pension



Maurice Patrick Shea

of one shilling and three pence a day. In February 1824 Maurice married Mary Connor (also written O'Connor or Connors), just shy of her 15th birthday as she was born in County Kerry on March 17, 1809.

Longing for active duty again Maurice signed up in 1835 as a quartermaster's sergeant with the 10th Regiment of the British Legion in Cork formed under Sir De Lacy Evans for service in the Carlist war in Spain. Later Maurice was promoted to quartermaster and subsequently to Lieutenant.

The regiment sailed for Spain and engaged in 26 battles including the one leading to the ultimate surrender of the Carlists. In the documents he possessed was one on stationary bearing the imperial arms of Spain, stating by order of Queen Isabella this letter of merit is "conferred on Lieutenant Maurice Shea for meritorious conduct before the enemy and

particularly for gallantry at the attack on the enemy's lines in front of San Sebastian on the 5th of May 1836".

Later given two months leave to spend with his family, he rejoined the Legion one day late and found that on the previous day the regiment had been captured and all fourteen officers were put to death upon the orders of Don Carlos. Thus the legion was disbanded and Maurice returned to Ireland where he was honourably discharged.

In 1847 departing for Canada with his wife and six children, Maurice stated: "The ship fever was raging at the time, and the vessel which I crossed in was terribly affected by it. We were put in quarantine at Grosse-Ile, and there two of my children died. My wife and the four re-

maining ones were sent to Montreal, (I being ill with the fever and not allowed to accompany them) where two of them died and were buried before I was able to get there."

The two surviving children married in 1852 in Montreal: Catherine to James Shugrue and Julia to Miles McSweeney. In Canada Mary and Maurice had several more children: Margaret who married John Dwyer, Bridget who died six months after birth, Walter Joseph who married Alice McKeon and Maurice Charles (thereafter, called Charles) born a month after his mother's 44th birthday. Charles and Catherine with her husband James moved to Boston while Margaret, Julia and Walter continued to live in the province of Quebec.

Maurice worked as a prison guard until about 1872 in Montreal before he retired to Sherbrooke, Quebec where son Walter opened a confectionary store. Maurice died February 4, 1892 at 98.5 years old and was buried on the following Sunday, February 8, in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Sherbrooke with full military honours including a firing party furnished by the 53rd Regiment. An article with his obituary ran in the Montreal Daily Star on February 9, 1892 entitled "A Hero's Funeral". His widow Mary died on December 26, 1904 in Montreal at age 96. An article in The Montreal Daily Star on June 18, 1915, the centennial anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo called Lieutenant Shea the "Last Survivor of the Battle of Waterloo".

FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

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*Helen Backhouse, Kay Clarke, Diane
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9 am – 3:30 pm

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9 am – 3:30 pm

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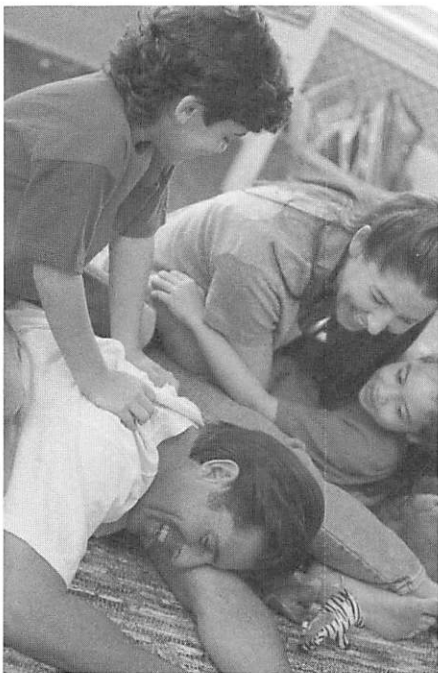
Molecular Genealogy Highlights FAMILY ROOTS 2002

By Ellen Kinghorn

Tracing Your Family Through DNA

Your father says he's Welsh. The records that you have searched so thoroughly reveal Irish origins. The sample of blood you provide to researchers through the new Molecular Genealogy program will eventually help determine your genetic identification with "members of the same family, the same clan or tribal group or the same population". The genetic information contained in the DNA will be used to construct worldwide family trees in future. Maybe Dad was Welsh, after all!

The Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) is presenting a very special genealogy event to Calgarians that includes molecular genealogy information. *Family Roots 2002*, will be



held in Calgary, October 25 and 26. You have a unique opportunity to hear more about the project and perhaps take part in this interesting study designed by Dr. Scott Woodward, a professor of microbiology, and his team of researchers from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

This opening event of the two day *Family Roots 2002* program, will take place Friday night, October 25 at the LDS Heritage Chapel, 825 Heritage Drive, SW from 7 – 9 pm. In the two hour presentation, hear about the new "family tree" based study including information about how molecular genealogy is carried out; why molecular genealogy; what the major objectives are; how it may be used to establish ancient immigration and migration patterns; and finally "how it can be used to produce unique identifications for peoples that do not have a traditional name-based genealogy."

Each participant in the molecular program is asked to come armed with a four generation biological pedigree chart with names, dates and places of birth.

"A consent form is provided for your signature and one to two tablespoons of blood are extracted by an experienced phlebotomist (lab tech)" said Judii Rempel, a key organizer of Family Roots, and a session speaker for the "Genealogical Gemstones Online" lecture.

Event organizers also point out your participation in the study only takes about 10 minutes and your

privacy and confidentiality is ensured throughout all aspects of the study.

Digging Deep With Old & New Tools

On Saturday, October 26, you can attend a day-long event filled with talks, information booths, and plenty of opportunities to talk with other genealogists. *Family Roots 2002* is an ideal venue for beginning genealogist or the die-hard enthusiast. You'll discover the wealth of genealogy research tools available to Calgary genealogists and how and where to access them.

The venue for the talks and displays portion of the extensive program is the Best Western Hospitality Inn located at Macleod Trail and Southland Drive, SE. The cost is a mere \$20. Experienced genealogists will be there to help you find out where you should begin your family history odyssey. You can choose from a number lectures for the beginner genealogist that includes: *Getting Started, Selecting Genealogical Software, Where in the World Did Your Name Come From, and Sharing Data with Other Software Programs and Colleagues* (an integral part of genealogical research)."

Intermediate or the advanced and more experienced genealogist and family historian may find subjects of interest too.

"It seems it doesn't matter how long I've been researching; every lecture, talk or demonstration I've attended

over the years, I usually hear something new, or it helps me recall some of the basics I may have overlooked recently," said Gord Hulbert, Chairperson, *Family Roots 2002*.

Old Tools offer sessions on everything from recording your life story to the intricacies of researching adoption records. The *Recording Your Life Story* session, presented by Judi Lee, director of the main Calgary Family History Centre, will take you on a journey to learn how to produce a quality record future generations are sure to enjoy.

"How Do I Use An Archives?" by Glenbow Archives, Library and Museum Archivist, Antonella Fanella, is sure to be an invaluable source of information and direction both beginner and advanced genealogists will benefit from.

Adoption Research Methods by Maureen Condon Horon, a social welfare and child adoption worker since 1976, will provide direction and advice to those seeking adoption records for their family history.

New Tools will cover topics addressing issues related to scanning, new

"gem" sites online, and an introduction to *PAF, Personal Ancestral File*, that is a genealogy software program for storing your family history data.

Allan Cole's thorough knowledge of internet security is sure to provide you with information that will save you grief from the next worm or virus imploding on the internet. He'll impress you with plenty of *new tools* as he guides you through various other issues that are crucial to *Safe Internet Access*.

The *Records* portion of the program will be of interest to dedicated researchers, stretching from the beginner to advanced levels. Lynda Alderman, a teacher by day, haunts cemeteries during off-hours as she supervises the transcription of cemeteries in Calgary by night! Her *Cryptic Clues in the Boneyard* lecture covers different types of cemeteries and tackles destructive elements, practical hints about avoiding insects (timely isn't it, since the advent of West Nile virus?) artwork, photographing Calgary tombs, and rubbing techniques. *Interpreting English Handwriting*, by Janice Cushman; *Digital Archives in Canada*, by Ronna Byam; *Proof vs. Evidence*, by Brian Hutchison; and much, much more is offered at *Family Roots 2002*.

Flex your genealogy research muscles and join us to hone old and new skills as offered to the beginner, intermediate and advanced researcher for geographic areas including Canada, the UK, and Europe.

Continued...

Opening Event

Molecular Genealogy Program

Friday, 25 October 2002

7 to 9 pm

LDS Heritage Chapel

825 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary, Alberta

Free

To actually participate in the Molecular Program, please bring a 4-generation pedigree chart and be prepared to donate 10cc of blood.

Contact: Sandy Heninger at (403) 259-6540

Demonstrations and Displays

Demonstration tables will feature some of the Alberta Family Histories Society's most experienced researchers. You can talk to Elizabeth Rodier, an advanced Family Tree Maker software user. If you are thinking about buying a scanner or digital camera, Elizabeth is a very knowledgeable AFHS member who can help steer you in the right direction to find the tools that meet your particular research requirements.

Gordon Lane will demonstrate Brother's Keeper software and Mary Arthur, the AFHS's Mac software enthusiast will be on site. There really is something for everyone!

Commercial tables are also featured at the Best Western venue with Creative Memories, Interlink Books, Millennia (makers of Legacy software) and McGinnovation Inc., who teach computer courses, plus many more.

If you are interested in joining one of the AFHS Special Interest Groups (SIG), that is geographically specific genealogy discussion groups, you have an opportunity to talk to them at their display tables. A few SIGs that will be represented will be the American Historical Society for Germans from Russia, French, Metis, Ukrainian, Irish, United Empire Loyalists, Italian, Germans from Russia Historical Society and more.

The seminar is sponsored by the Calgary Herald and AM 106 CKMX radio.

To register, or access more detailed information, please contact either Gordon Hulbert at 403-669-8384 or Suddie Mumford at 403-933-2881. There is also a special *Family Roots 2002* website: www.Family-Roots.ca or you can send an email to Seminar@afhs.ab.ca to register in advance.



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Genealogy

"An account of one's descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own."

*Ambrose Bierce,
The Devil's Dictionary*

AFHS Projects Committee

*By Judith Riddell &
Marlene Knott*

It was intended this article begin with an announcement of a date for the initial recording session at Queen's Park Cemetery in Calgary. However, our intentions have been sidelined! Following discussions with staff and administration at the cemetery, we are still awaiting a decision from the City of Calgary Parks department regarding the privacy on the information recorded from the monuments. We will not be given the burial records. The issue of privacy and the publication of such information in any format – written, web site or CD – and whether it should be limited by any period of time following the person's death arises from the FOIP legislation. We hope this can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction!

In the meantime, there are some small cemeteries in the area that have not been recorded, or were recorded several years ago. These include four in the Cochrane area, Springbank, St. Barnabas and the cemeteries in and around the Town of Beiseker. We are hoping to find people who

would be interested in helping record any of these cemeteries; you can contact Lynda Alderman at (403) 949-0143 or alderlyn@telusplanet.net.

One such cemetery was reviewed by some AFHS members this past summer. Westerdale is a pretty cemetery west of Olds and was originally recorded in 1984, thus Judie and Bob Riddell went out to record new entries while Heather Jaremko and Gordon Lane digitally photographed all the monuments. This new information will be incorporated into our previous files.

Another on-going project is the data entry of obituaries recorded in the early editions of the Calgary Herald and the Albertan. We have volunteers working on these newspapers up to 1905 and more volunteers are required. If you are interested in this project, please contact Marlene Knott at (403) 282-8592 or mknott@telusplanet.net.

Work has continued all spring and summer on the final proof-reading and compilation of the Mountainview Cemetery recordings, including the records from the pho-

tos taken of some of those monuments. With this task almost completed (big sigh of relief!), we are now in the process of producing our second CD. This CD will have the monumental transcriptions from the Mountainview Cemetery and Garden of Peace Cemetery. It should be available for sale by year's end.

The Projects Committee was extremely pleased to be presented with a Fujifilm Finepix 2600 Zoom digital camera! The camera was made possible by a Bank of Montreal donation on behalf of one of its employees and the presentation was made to Judie Riddell by AFHS Chairman George Lake at our September meeting. We are most appreciative and look forward to using the camera to aid in the recording of cemetery data.

We are always interested in receiving new suggestions of projects that you would like to see your Society involved in and we welcome your ideas. We can be contacted in several ways: projects@afhs.ab.ca or Judie Riddell (403) 284-2104 or through our AFHS website <http://www.afhs.ab.ca>.

Alberta Family Histories Society Website

Visit Our Award Winning Website <http://www.afhs.ab.ca>

This is one of the best organized, most comprehensive and informative genealogical sites you are likely to encounter on the internet. Family Roots 2002 Genealogy Seminar, Calendar of Events, Special Interest Groups (SIG) and membership information is all available. Highlighted features include a site search, research aids consisting of geographic guides, getting started, local history, search aids, software information including cemetery listings, census, AFHS member's surnames, and much more. The site is updated regularly, is well-maintained and downloads very quickly. If you do not have internet access at home, visit your local library for free access or go to a pay terminal at your local internet café or bookstore.

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Alberta Family Histories Society

Membership

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

Meetings are held the first Monday of every month (second in case of a holiday) at Southminster United Church, 3818 – 14a St., S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Objectives of the Society

The Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1980 to promote and encourage an interest in family history research worldwide. The activities of the society are funded by membership fees, fund-raising projects, donations, bequeaths and corporate sponsorship. The Society is a founding member of the Canadian Federation of Genealogical and Family History Societies Inc. (CAN-FED).

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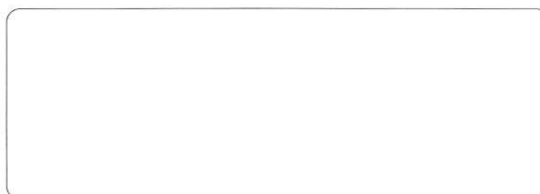
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Time for Renewal!

It seems to be spring in Calgary!?! At least according to the calendar, even though here it is May 25th and there is snow on the ground from this week's piece of meteorological excitement.

Spring renews our spirits and invigorates us with the resolve to accomplish something. It's the planting season when we sow the seeds for a year of sustenance.

Even though most of us don't live on farms, and not all of us have gardens, we still care about our roots!

So, having made the tenuous link between the weather (favourite topic of conversation in Canada anytime of the year), and AFHS Membership Renewal Time, here's a reminder:

Membership in AFHS expires at the end of August. Renew early! (You can send a post-dated cheque if you like).

The renewal form is going to be tucked into this issue of Chinook.

Please look at it carefully—there are questions about your preferences around publication of your contact information.

Many Chinook readers have said they value and use the membership list which has historically been published within Chinook. As a community we do rely upon it. However, there may be information which you wish to keep private. Please use the membership renewal form to clearly indicate your preferences.

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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. The society is a founding member of the Canadian Federation of Genealogical and Family History Societies Inc (CAN-FED).

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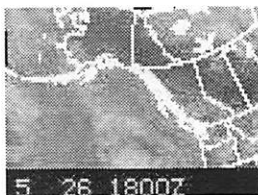
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Editor's Note—Jill Browne

Let's start with the really important points: the THANKS to this issue's contributors—and of course my apologies to anyone whom I have inadvertently overlooked. It truly is unintended. If you have submitted something to *Chinook* only to see it NOT appear, that means something has falling through the cracks, most likely at my end, so please be patient and send me a gentle reminder (or less gentle...)

So, in no particular order, thanks this time round go to the usual suspects—Doug Stobbs, Dave Wake for ensuring our circulation, Alison Arthur for having maintained the membership list (which is the backbone of the *Chinook* circulation list), Dave Obee from InterLink Bookshop in Victoria, for his contribution of an interesting article on the ground beneath our feet, Kim

Caldwell and the other beginners at my workplace—Elaine Martens, Georgina Metzler and Sherwin Brierton—Kim for allowing me to publish our email correspondence, and all four of them for their enthusiasm, Bill Campbell for the Beginner pieces, including Brian Longeway's charming "Family History Rewards", Bill's own "Family History—A Legacy for your Children", Phyllis Ziajka for "What it Takes to be the Family Historian" and "Putting Meat on the Bones", Gen-Find and Brian Hutchison for the advertisement, Harry Sanders and his publisher, Fifth House, for supplying a review copy of Harry's new book (Calgary's Historic Union



How has the weather affected YOUR family history?

Cemetery, A Walking Guide, Heather Jaremko for the great photo of the Irish SIG, and last but not most definitely not least, thanks to our Chairman, George Lake.

George's calming presence and steady hand have certainly been a source of support for me, and I think for the Society generally. We are a large group with similar, yet diverse interests, and it takes some statesmanship to keep things moving forward. George, thanks for everything you have done this year, and commendations on your accomplishments.

Some of the regular features are lacking in this issue—not the fault of the contributors. The reality is that we need more volunteers to round up materials, advise the contributors of dead-

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Chairman's Message—George Lake, AFHS Chairman

By the time you read this Winter should truly be over, but I guess we could still get a nasty surprise like the record May 6 snowfall that forced the first cancellation of our monthly general meeting in memory.

The Annual General Meeting is now history, having been rescheduled to May 13 to replace the ill-fated May 6 date. For those of you unable to make the May 13 date, or those remote from Calgary, the Society's Annual Report has been posted on the website at www.afhs.ab.ca. It presents a good picture of all the many activities the Society has been involved in for the past year. For an organization of our size, I think we have accomplished a great deal.

A new Board of Directors was elected at the Annual General Meeting. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Xenia Stanford and her Nominating Committee of Alison Arthur, Doug Hay, Louise Sauve and Bev Swan, we actually had more nominees than Board positions and had a real election. The new Board has returning Di-

rectors Bob Crowle who has moved over from Vice Chair (Facilities) to Vice Chair (Finance), Mabel Kiessling who has moved from Director at Large to Vice Chair (Facilities), and Ann Williams who has moved from Treasurer to Recording Secretary. Gordon Lane joins the Board in the position of Treasurer. The four Directors at Large, Mary Arthur, Ronna Byam, Ellen Kinghorn and Lorna Laughton are all new to the Board. Thank you all for agreeing to serve the Society.

Many thanks are due to Stan Clute, Charlie Hansen, Gerry Isaac, Tom Worman, Alison Arthur, Robert Westbury, Jill Browne and Heather Jaremko, who are all leaving the Board, having given unselfishly of their time and talents to further the affairs of the Society. Thank you all for your hard work and the support and encouragement you have given the Chair over the past year.

The Board will now turn its attention to selecting chairs for three Standing Committees - Public Relations, Publications, and Program/Education and also a Membership Secretary. Hopefully by the time you are reading this these people will have been appointed by the Board and you will be asked to rat-

ify their appointments at the June meeting.

Plans for the Fall seminar, Family Roots 2002 on October 25 and 26 are progressing well under the Chairmanship of Gordon Hulbert. This event is shaping up to be the largest in the Society's history and will break new ground in a number of areas. One very interesting idea has been to publish the proceedings of the seminar on CD. This will save a quantity of paper as well as keeping down costs. It is also hoped to be able to accept pre-registration on-line to avoid congestion on opening day. An interesting feature of the seminar will be a presentation by the Brigham Young Molecular Genealogy Research Group. This group will gather blood samples along with 4 generation pedigree charts on the Friday evening from volunteers. Molecular Genealogy links individuals together based on unique genetic markers. A special web site has been set up with current information about the seminar. It is at <http://www.family-roots.ca>. Watch it for the latest news about the seminar.

With Summer coming on many will be thinking of travel to the lands of their ancestors in search of clues to their family's histories.

This can be an enjoyable experience, combining aspects of tourism with a personal interest in the areas visited. It is always fascinating to see the places and walk on the ground where an ancestor one has never known spent their time. Although many changes have occurred over the centuries it is often still possible to see places as they must have looked to our ancestors.

There will be no formal Society programs over the Summer, but it is hoped to have the library open at times for those who wish to continue their research indoors. Open days and hours will continue to be posted on the Society's web site at www.afhs.ab.ca. And, of course the Projects people will be busy out in the cemeteries in the region, recording inscriptions ready for more CD publications, and a variety of other Society activities will as always be going on quietly behind the scenes.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a pleasant and productive summer and to thank you all for your support of the Society over the past year. I look forward to an even better year starting in September.

The Society's website is www.afhs.ab.ca—open days and hours for the library will be posted there for the summer.

Projects carry on during the summer too, if you wish to join in.

1901 Census of England and Wales On Internet—Update

As of May 22, 2002, the 1901 census remains unavailable on-line.

The Public Record Office continues to work out the technical problems.

www.pro.gov.uk

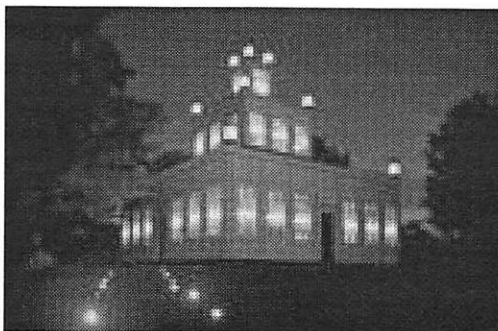
Children of Peace: Canada's first civilian band, revolutionary martyrs, extinct breakaway Quaker sect

By Jill Browne

The Society of Friends, often called the Quakers, are known, historically and today, for their devotion to peace.

Yet, in the Rebellion of 1837 in Upper Canada (Upper Canada), two former Quakers, James KAVANAGH and James HENDERSON, were martyred.

“Former” Quakers perhaps, but these men were apparently still adhering to their pacifist beliefs as members of the breakaway group known today as the Children of Peace. The role of the Children of Peace in the Rebellion is beyond the scope of this article. The Children were remarkable in their own right, Rebellion or none. The fact that a few of them also participated in a pivotal moment in Canadian history is perhaps worthy of future consideration.



The Sharon Temple, at Sharon, Ontario (near Newmarket), illuminated from within by candlelight.

<http://www.sharontemple.ca/>

How many of our ancestors were in the “right” place at the right time—witnesses or participants in defining events?

But back to the Children of Peace.

Formed in the wake of the War of 1812, the Children were a group of Quakers, originally from America, many of whom had been living in the area north of Toronto (near present-day Newmarket) since 1801. Led by a charismatic farmer named David WILLSON, the Children had a falling out with the established Quaker meeting. Sometimes the Children are referred to as a Quaker

sect and in other places there are references to the various members being removed from the Quaker meetings. Without wishing to be technically incorrect, it is probably accurate to de-

describe the Children as Quakers to the extent that they espoused the same fundamental beliefs, especially around “plain” values.

The Children of Peace named their village Hope. Today, it is known as Sharon. In a tree-lined park on the main street of this small and quiet town, stands the most visible remaining evidence of the Children’s brief existence, the Sharon Temple.

Now a historic site, the Temple is open to the public as are the nearby house and museum.

The building itself, plain and sturdy, was designed and built by local Children, the architecture giving voice to the community’s spiritual beliefs. It was originally built for the sole purpose of collecting donations for the poor.

One of the most pleasing features is the use of natural lighting. As the photograph shows, the clerestory windows provide additional light from above.

The “illumination” occurs every autumn, when volunteers organize an evening service and light the windows with candles.

The top level of the Temple used to house a large wooden ball, which was hoisted to its position in a special ceremony. Sadly, the ball was removed and not restored. I asked a volunteer at the Museum what had become of it. Rumour has it, it was beyond repair and lying in a yard. (The volunteer society have done a tremendous job in maintaining and restoring the Temple, grounds and related buildings. I’m not taking them to task over this ball!).

(The reason I’d like to see this ball is because apparently one of my great-grandmother’s brothers managed to carve his initials in it as

a lad. Not admirable, but interesting after so many years. I wonder if they’re still there. Vandalism as a source of family history material, that’s a topic for another day).

Although the Quakers traditionally did not use Psalms and hymns in worship, the Children were very musical. David WILLSON composed many hymns, week after week, for use in the services. A barrel organ commissioned and built for the Children by Richard COATES was the most prominent feature within the Temple. This was also the first organ built in Ontario.

COATES also helped organize a brass band within the Children of Peace, the first civilian band in Canada.

For about fifty years, the community of Hope and the Children of Peace thrived, under the leadership of David WILLSON. At the time of the 1851 census, theirs was the most prosperous farming community in Ontario.

As WILLSON grew older, divisions within the sect started to contribute to its eventual demise. After he died in 1866, membership fell off and eventually the group died out.

Today the Sharon Temple is a national historic site maintained by volunteers in the Sharon Temple Museum Society, whose efforts are most definitely to be commended.

As a footnote, William Lyon Mackenzie, whose name is synonymous with 1837 and the Rebellion, was the Member of Parliament for the area during the days of the Children of Peace.

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Surnames and Resources for the Children of Peace

Related websites:

www.sharontemple.ca
<http://home.interhop.net/~aschrauwe/sharon.html>

The first website lists the names of 539 individuals for whom the Sharon Temple Museum Society has some kind of documentation. Surnames on the list include:

ANDERSON
 ARMITAGE
 ARMSTRONG
 AYLWARD
 BARBER
 BARKER
 BELL
 BIRCHARD
 BIRMINGHAM
 BOGART
 BORNGASSER
 BOWERS
 BOYNTON
 BRAMMER
 BRIGGS
 BRODIE
 BROOKER
 CANE
 CANNON
 CARPENTER
 CHAPMAN
 CLARK
 CLAYBURG
 COCKERLINE
 CORAL
 CRONE
 DAFOE
 DALY
 DENISE
 DENNIS
 DOAN
 DODDS
 DUNHAM

EDMAND
 ELDER
 ELLIOT
 ELMER
 EVANS
 GILRIE
 GORHAM
 GRAHAM
 HAINES
 HAMMOND
 HARRISON
 HELMER
 HENDERSON
 HILL
 HOLLINGSHEAD
 HORN
 HORNE
 HOWARD
 HUGHES
 IRWIN
 JOHNSTON
 KAVANAGH
 KESTER
 KING
 LEPARD
 LINSTAED
 LUNDY
 MADDEN
 MAGUIRE
 MAINPRIZE
 MALLOY
 MCARTHUR
 MCLEOD
 MCPHERSON
 MONA
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 MORRIS
 MOSIER
 OXTOBY
 PARK
 PARNHAM
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 PENTZ
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 SALTER
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 TOMLINSON
 TRAVISS
 TURNEY
 VAUX
 VERNON
 WARD
 WAYLING
 WEBSTER
 WIGGINS
 WILLSON
 WOODCOCK
 WRIGHT

Also, in parentheses beside some of the women's names, their maiden surname is given. These include many from the preceding list as well as:

BELFRY
 BROOKS
 EMMA (surname?)
 GRAY
 GROVE

HAROLD
 (surname?)
 HARTLEY
 KITELY
 LINTON
 MCSHANE
 PAXSON
 TITUS
 TRAVISS
 SCALES
 STOCKDALE
 Finally, if you would like to experience the sensation of being in the Sharon Temple without travelling to Ontario, try the Banff Park Museum of Natural History. This building is roughly similar in construction and in particular in its use of natural light and clerestory windows. The Temple is a much whiter and brighter building than the Museum, but the quality of the natural light is similar. *The Sharon Temple Museum Society, Box 331, 18974 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario* LOG 1V0 sells publications, including *Genealogies of the Builders of the Temple.*

Alias Grace— an extensively researched novel

The novel by Margaret Atwood, *Alias Grace*, is set in the 1840's, in part in the then-remote woods a little north of Sharon. The story is based upon the real-life tale of Grace MARKS, a servant girl who was convicted of murdering her employer and his mistress. To write this book, Ms. Atwood undertook extensive historical research. Its notable literary merit aside, this book is an interesting read for anyone who wants to feel the atmosphere of that particular time and place.

Ms. Atwood took was inspired to write about Grace Marks after reading the journals of Susannah Moodie.

Enoch Clemens and early Calgary

By Dave Obee

If only Enoch Clemens could see Calgary now.

Every year, the population of the Calgary region grows a bit more, which means that every year, a bit more Prairie history gets buried under new homes. The count in the 2001 census was almost a million people. The number of people in the region was up 15.8 per cent from five years earlier, the most dramatic growth of any urban area in Canada.

All of those new people have to live somewhere, which means Calgary continues to sprawl into the countryside at a rate that would have been unimaginable to people living in the area 100 years ago. People such as Enoch Clemens.

Those people from a century ago included some of the first farmers to settle on the quarter-sections created as part of the Dominion Land Survey. The survey, which was started in 1869 in southern Manitoba, divided the Prairies with six north-south meridians, then into townships measuring six miles by six miles, each containing 144 quarters.

Hundreds of these original quarter-sections have disappeared from the maps as the land was carved up again to become subdivisions for the booming city.

It's still possible to find, however, many traces of the old grid system. Major streets such as 16th Avenue North, 17th Avenue South,

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***Traces of the
old township
and range
lines from the
Dominion
Land Survey
survive today
as some of
Calgary's ma-
jor streets***

(Calgary Continued) Fifth meridian one of the axes of modern Calgary

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4th Street West, 14th Street West and the southern portion of Crowchild Trail, for example, follow old range and township lines. Parts of Barlow Trail are on an even more important line – the fifth meridian.

These roads are all valuable clues in determining the land descriptions of the original farms.

Using the database of Western Land Grants, found on the National Archives of Canada website, you can find out about the original homesteaders.

The old survey lines also mark, to a certain extent, the boundaries of some city neighbourhoods. Nowhere is that more apparent than in the northeast, where the borders of six neighbourhoods are based on streets that were, in turn, based on range and township roads determined by the Dominion Land Survey. On a map, these neighbourhoods are easy to spot; after all, they are roughly a mile square, just like a section of rural land would be.

The six are Marlborough and Marlborough Park, south of 16th Avenue N.E. between 36th Street N.E. and 68th Street N.E., as well as the area to the north known as The Properties. The Properties consists of four neighbourhoods: Temple, Whitehorn, Pineridge and Rundle. The boundaries are 36th, 52nd, and 68th Streets, as well as 16th and 32nd Avenues and McKnight Boulevard, which would be 48th Avenue if the town planners had followed the numeric grid.

These six neighbourhoods are home to 9,000 to 12,000 people each, depending on the type of housing and the amount of commercial land in each one. And it's possible, with a bit of research, to find out a bit about the history of each neighbourhood.

All it takes is a bit of patience, and an old map or two to compare with a modern one. That would reveal that all six neighbourhoods were part of Township 24, Range 29 west of the fourth meridian (which we also know as the Alberta-Saskatchewan border). Marlborough is in Section 22; Marlborough Park in Section 23; Pineridge in Section 26; Rundle in Section 27; Whitehorn in Section 34; and Temple in Section 35.

But who were the first settlers?

The search for them can be started with two basic sources: the micro-filmed 1901 census, and the database of Western Land Grants that is found on the National Archives of Canada web site.

A century ago, these six neighbourhoods were still considered to be a

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long way from Calgary; they were up on the bald prairie to the east of town. So they are not found in the Calgary sub-district in the census; Township 24, Range 29 West of the 4th is in Nose Creek instead.

The census microfilm includes two schedules. No. 1 is the nominal schedule, including all the vital genealogical information such as names, ages, birthplaces, and more. No. 2 is the schedule of buildings and lands, churches and schools; it's the one you'll need to find who owned specific parcels of land.

On schedule No. 2, the third column lists the land description. Simply look down the column to find an entry for the location of interest. Then use the first two columns to cross-reference what you've found to schedule No. 1, which includes the names of the people living on that land.

It's even easier to use the Western Land Grants database, which is an index of about 625,000 patents for lands granted in the four western provinces by the federal government between 1870 and 1930. All you need to do is enter what you're looking for – the section, township, range and meridian numbers – to get a list of the people who had qualified to take possession of their homesteads.

Enoch Clemens had the southeast quarter of Section 22, which we know today as Marlborough. Today's 52nd Street N.E. is on the east side of Clemens's land; Memorial Drive is to the south.

Clemens appears in both the land grant database and the census, which says he was born on March 2, 1855 in Ontario. He was single, of German descent, and a member of the Church of England.

After he died in Calgary in 1932, Clemens was buried in Burnsland Cemetery. There is a chance that Clemens was older than the age listed in the census. He appears in the Alberta Family Histories Society index of Burnsland with 1849 as his birth year. In the 1881 census of Ontario, his age was given as 30 years, which would mean he was born in 1850 or 1851.

In its obituary, the Herald reported that Clemens was born in Galt, Ontario, and arrived in the Calgary area in 1883. His homestead was close enough to Calgary that he could commute into town; he was employed as a wagonmaker for several Calgary blacksmiths, the Herald said.

Clemens had his farm, the newspaper said, in the Hubalta district – a

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***Hubalta ... a
name that few
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refer to
Marlborough***

(Continued) Enoch Clemens and early Calgary

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On the homestead to the north of Clemens lived the Hillman family. The census records the name of the head of the family as Henry, born in Quebec on Dec. 1, 1844. Living with Hillman were his mother, Charlotte, born in 1820; his sister Margaret Barceau, born 1830; and a lodger named Lenard Hillman, also born in 1844. It's likely that Lenard was related in some way, and if the birth years are correct, it's safe to say that while Charlotte may be Henry's mother, she's not Margaret's.

The land grants database shows the land being granted to Edwin Hillman rather than Henry. It's possible that Hillman used more than one name; it's also possible that the two records are referring to different members of the family. We know that the census was taken in the spring of 1901, but the land grant database doesn't tell us when the grant was made. By 1901, the original settler could have been long dead.

West of Hillman and Clemens lived Alfred Edward Thompson, who had both the northwest and southwest quarters of Section 22. Thompson, the census tells us, was born on March 15, 1868 in England.

To say that Thompson's land rose in value in the years that followed would be an understatement. Thompson's property was on the east side of 36th Street N.E. between Memorial Drive and 16th Avenue N.E. It included the site of Marlborough Mall, still one of the largest shopping centres in the Calgary region.

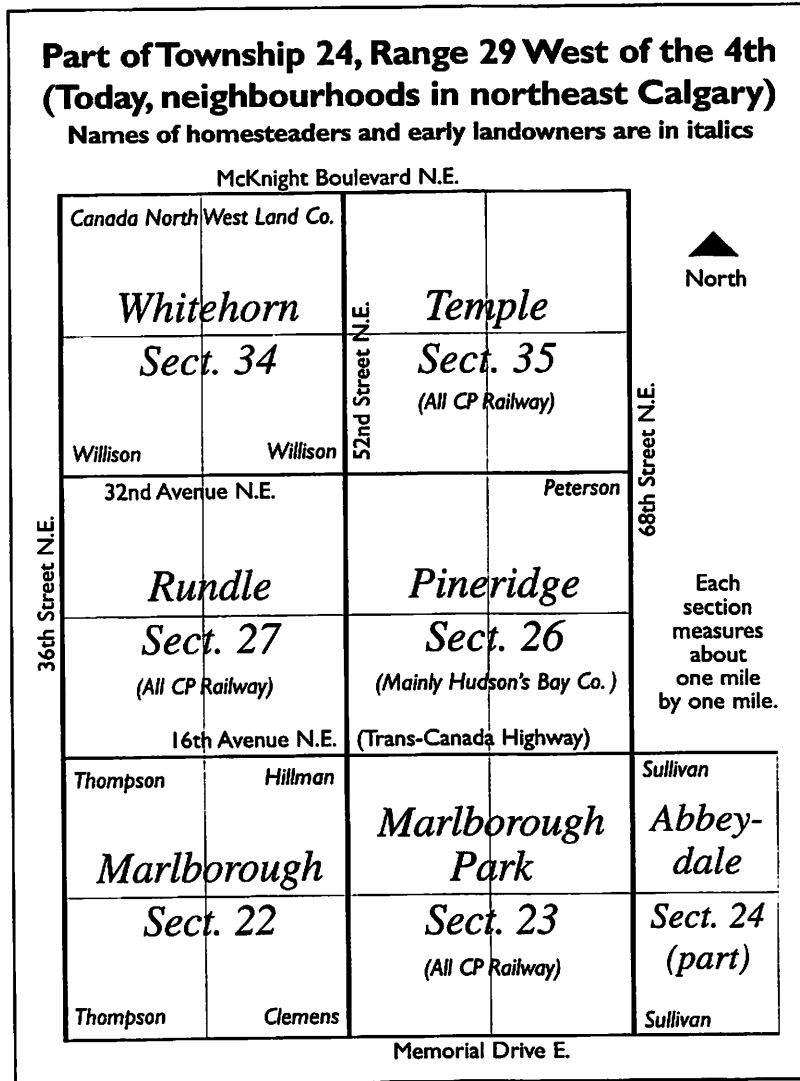
So 100 years ago, three homesteaders were in possession of a square mile that has become home to about 9,000 people and some prime commercial real estate.

There's no guarantee, of course, that Clemens, Hillman, and Thompson were the first settlers on those parcels of land. The census only recorded the names of the people there in the spring of 1901, not any who might have come and gone before that. And the land grants database only contains the names of the people who were successful in "proving" their right to the land. Many quarter-sections proved tougher than the first people who tried to eke out a living, so they changed hands a time or two before the government actually trans-

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***To say that
Thompson's
land rose in
value in the
years that fol-
lowed would
be an under-
statement.***

“Buy land—they’re not making any more of it”



A hundred years ago, three homesteaders were in possession of a square mile that has become home to about 9,000 people and some prime commercial real estate.

(Calgary continued) There is no Sullivandale...

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ferred ownership to an individual.

Some people tried their luck on a succession of quarters before finally meeting the homestead requirements and gaining possession. Those people might appear on one quarter in the 1901 census, and on another quarter in the land grant database. In some cases, people were granted more than one quarter.

One example of this might be Jeremiah Sullivan. The census shows a Jerry Sullivan on the northeast quarter of Section 16, Township 24, Range 28. The land grants database shows that Jeremiah Sullivan was granted that quarter – as well as the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 24, Range 29.

Sullivan's two quarters were about four miles apart. The one in Range 28 is still outside of Calgary, but the one in Range 29 has been developed as the northern part of the neighbourhood of Abbeydale, at the southeast corner of 68th Street and 16th Avenue N.E. (It's interesting to note that all four quarters in Section 24 were granted to Sullivans: Patrick, John, Timothy, and Jeremiah. So why didn't they call it Sullivandale?)

In researching specific sections, it pays to remember how land was allocated a century ago. Close to its lines, the Canadian Pacific Railway was granted half the land – namely, the odd-numbered sections. As a result, only even-numbered sections in what became northeast Calgary appear in the Western Land Grants database.

In the 1901 census, most odd-numbered sections in the Calgary area were still empty. That's because many CPR quarters were not settled until years after the adjacent lands had been granted by the government to homesteaders. Also, the Hudson's Bay Company was granted all or most of Section 26 in every township surveyed. That means that three-quarters of the area we call Pineridge once belonged to the Bay.

But even with those limitations, it's possible to build an idea of what the city – or, more accurately, the countryside – looked like a century ago. Enoch Clemens didn't have many neighbours, but they were doing all they could to earn a living in what we've come to know as Calgary. Just like nearly a million people are doing today.

Dave Obee is the author of *Back to the Land: A Genealogical Guide to Finding Farms on the Canadian Prairies*. The owner of *Interlink Bookshop in Victoria*, he will be one of the speakers at the *Family Roots 2002 seminar in October*.

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lines, help with production, etc etc etc. So, while I think this issue offers you more than the last one did, it takes everyone's help to keep Chinook interesting and informative. Another call to arms, fellow citizens!

I am chuckling and grimacing while writing this Editor's Note, because here's how my Note for the previous issue started out:

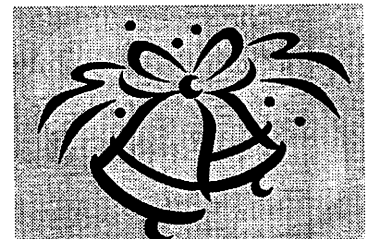
Hello and welcome to "spring" in Calgary—I just shoveled PILES of snow from the sidewalk and driveway and it's already April 1st. Some April Fool's joke!

Clearly I spoke too soon, since we have now had snow in May. Thank Heaven for the water, but it would be quite all right with me if we could have an end to the snow and get on with summer already.

A challenge: who has the best family history weather-related story? It has to tie family history and weather or climate together. Send in your story by July 31—electronically is preferred (text in an email) to chinook@afhs.ab.ca. If you prefer, hard copy to Chinook (Weather Stories) at the Society's main address: Box 30270, Station B, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2M 4P1. I may concoct a prize (beside the usual accolades and almost-guaranteed publication).

I have a non-ancestor who was killed by lightning. But for this death by lightning, I would not be here—the victim was the first husband of my 2Xgreat-grandmother, Eleanor CAMPBELL. After her husband, John VERNELL perished by lightning, she married Walter SANDERS, who fathered my great-grandfather, Percy SANDERS. Unfortunately, the surname SANDERS is very common, and, worse, the SANDERS and VERNELL families were already related, with too many Walter SANDERSes and Maria VERNELLs floating around. I share this lament with you because we are approaching the wedding season. Please, impress upon your children the extreme importance of selecting a spouse with a distinctive surname, for the sake of future generations ;-)

Wedding planning advice: marry the person with the most unusual name.



Small World Department—Kim Caldwell and Jill Browne

If you read the previous Chinook, you may recall that I (Jill) was showing some of my colleagues at work the how-to's of getting started in family history research. (This started as a United Way fundraiser).

There have been some wonderful outcomes to that article.

First, Bill Campbell contacted me to say that a group of AFHS members have been doing some informal "outreach" and getting articles together to help and encourage beginners in family history. Bill kindly submitted not just one but four articles which are concurrently being released to community publications and newspapers. At this moment I am not sure how many of the four will appear in this issue of Chinook, but all four will be published, each one a great read.

The second outcome is more directly related to the sessions at my workplace. While everyone in the group has some great stories, and has experienced success, one stands out in the "small world" department. I think the emails Kim Caldwell and I exchanged tell the whole story, so here they are. Oh, and if our employers are reading this... we did it all on our own time.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Caldwell, Kim

> To: Browne, Jill

> Subject: FW: Look What I Found.....

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> I did some searching and made an exciting discovery about my mom's
> family. Via the AFHS website I connected with the Alberta Legislature
> library and found a online biography of my grandfather's paternal uncle.

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> <http://www.assembly.ab.ca/lao/library/premiers/stewart.htm>

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> I now know the name of my grandfather's paternal grandparents and
> the place and date of his paternal grandfather's death (Charles Stewart
> DOD 1892 in Barrie Ontario). I would imagine that there would have been
> an obituary in the local newspaper. Since you are from the area, do you
> know if Barrie had a newspaper?>

> Kim

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> My aunt has started sending me lots of info and it turns out my mom's
 > maternal grandfather was born in Todd Morden, Ontario. Have you heard of
 > this place? He was one of 13 kids and there are still lots of his family
 > (The Platers) in Collingwood. Which is, like you said, 30 miles from
 > Barrie which is where my mom's dad's family had a farm.

> And the world keeps getting smaller.

> Subject: RE: Look What I Found.....

> From: Caldwell, Kim
 > To: Browne, Jill

> There are repro of the 1870 (or so) county atlases from Ontario at Cal Pub
 > Library and LDS Fam hist centre - showing individual landowners. You may
 > hit gold in one of those, strongly suggest you check it out!

> Next time I go home maybe I can photograph the old home for you... finding
 > it should be very easy.

> Simcoe County Museum may be a good source b/c of the connection to fame.
 > It is in Midhurst (it's about the only thing there is in Midhurst). Right
 > where the family farm was.

> Barrie Examiner. Not sure how long it has been around but I bet you
 > there's something on line.

> Congratulations, you're very lucky!

> Subject: RE: Look What I Found.....

> From: Browne, Jill
 > To: Caldwell, Kim

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Oxfordshire Family History Society Open Day

OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OPEN DAY 2002

This society's 2002 Open Day will take place on Saturday 19 October 2002, commencing at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm. This year's Open Day will be at our usual society meeting venue :-

Exeter Hall
Oxford Road
Kidlington
Oxford (England)
OX5 1AB

The Open Day will feature :-

- well known guest lecturer Audrey Collins giving two or three presentations on topics of interest to family historians.
- a demonstration and workshop on the scanning of old photographs by Kevin Tomes of the well-known Oxford printing firm "Parchment".
- an assortment of visiting societies, dealers in second hand books and postcards, sales of microfiche readers and the like.
- the society's library and search services.
- a beginners' helpdesk.
- computing demonstrations giving advice on such things as which genealogical software package to choose, and the use of the internet in family history.

As the arrangements for the day begin to take shape, updates will be placed on the society's website at :-

www.ofhs.org.uk

Admission to the Open Day is free, whilst light refreshment will be on sale at reasonable prices. The venue is situated on a frequent bus route, and is easily reached by public transport. Those travelling by car will find Kidlington close to the main A34 and A40 trunk roads. There is limited free car parking on site.

Paul Gaskell

Publicity Officer

E-mail : publicity@ofhs.org.uk

Note from Chinook editor: I hope this notice is useful or interesting to some AFHS members. The event is in October, and at that time of year we do sometimes see cheap air fares to the UK.

Family History Rewards

By **Brian Longeway**

Editor's Note—This article is one of four which were submitted by Bill Campbell as part of a series which some AFHS members have created to support and inspire beginners and other family historians. Many thanks for these excellent pieces!

Brian Longeway is from Carstairs, Alberta.

A family historian must have a desire to find and preserve memories of the family and to properly record them for future generations. His or her challenge is to obtain information about every family member by searching out many sources. The good historian should keep track of every source and the date information is received. Views of long-past events can become clouded in the memory of the informant so it is best to note their age at the time it is recorded. As you write your family history, you must strive to be accurate.

When I took on the role of our family historian 15 years ago, I collected all of the family names and facts that I could find. Many relatives, genealogical societies, family history groups, and museums were seen. And, visits were made to the Family History Center of the LDS (Mormon) Church. I only expected then to compile information one or two generations of my dad's ancestors. Our family tree now contains thousands of names. And unfortunately, I have only indexed a small number of these. Many pages of facts are contained in my unorganized files. Facts seldom speak for themselves, they need to be explained and, if possible, confirmed by other sources. A narrative story needs to be written to weave this information into a picture of the past.

Before you get very far into your search, you should take some time to visit your local genealogical or family history group and a local Family History Center of the LDS Church. Many people there will be delighted to help you get organized. It will be time well spent.

Bob, a member of the Alberta Family Histories Society, provides us with a fascinating family story. It documents the source of the information and suggests further research. He recounts - 'A strange word appears in my

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father's diary. The single word is 'Lusignan'. We had no idea of its significance until my nephew Brian visited some relatives in Essex, England several years ago. There he was shown a book, "The Romance of Melusine and de Lusignan", along with notes and pedigrees of the surnames Lovekin, Luckyn, Lukyn and Lukin of the counties of Essex and Norfolk. Compiled by Sir Algernon Tudor Tudor-Craig, Published by: The Century House, London, 1932 (Copy 59 of 125).

From the photocopy Brian brought home I was able to trace my paternal grandmother's family back 11 centuries to the year 875! Now the riddle was solved. I know now why the 'Lusignan' name appears in my father's diary. A translation from the book reads – 'Melusine: A beautiful damsel whose lower body was transformed into a blue and gold striped serpent. Her misdemeanors were associated with the de Lusignan family. They used those blue and gold stripes in their heraldry. A copy of the whole Romance is in the British Museum. Lovekyn, Luckyn, Lukin, all appear to be derived from Lusignan. The de Lusignan family (of Poitiers, France) were involved in the Crusades and became Kings of Jerusalem. They eventually migrated to England and through time the name seems to have evolved to Lovekyn. The Lord Mayor of London was once a Lovekyn'

Many fascinating chapters await the diligent family researcher!

Brian Longeway, Carstairs AB

Another editorial note: In her novel, Possession, A.S. Byatt, uses the tale of Melusine to launch the story, which by the way is not genealogically-related. Here are a few sentences which may be of interest, from page 33 of the Vintage 1991 edition: "[Melusina] was a fairy who married a mortal to gain a soul...from the waist down she was a fish or a serpent...And she comes back to the Counts of Lusignan to foretell deaths..."

How many AFHS members have the little mermaid in their family tree—or should that perhaps be—family pond?

Family History—A Legacy For Your Children

By Bill Campbell

*Thanks to Bill Campbell for this piece and the three others the volunteer group sent in.
Very much appreciated!*

INTRODUCTION

In the weeks ahead, members of the volunteer-based Alberta Family Histories Society plan to provide our readers with a look into what has recently become the fastest-growing pastime or hobby on the planet - family history – the compilation of stories, pictures and records into a fascinating fabric of our past. This is the search for family ‘roots’ – commonly called genealogy.

They will offer guidelines for systematic record keeping that will make the task much more pleasurable. Readers will be directed to the sources now becoming more readily available to us to find our ancestors. With a little searching, the reader may find stories, about their ancestors including their joys and their struggles in overcoming the hardships of depression, wars and ill health. And many will find new relatives and family they never dreamed of.

Local history publications are now emerging from libraries across the country providing wonderful stories of times gone by in which our past generations lived. Much of the success in now finding this information can be attributed to the electronic ‘marvel’ called the computer with its internet connection. Many who just wished they could learn more about their ancestors who lived overseas a century or more ago can do it from the comfort of home or a local library. And all this without air fare or security taxes!

Our contributors hope that sharing their experience and knowledge with our readers will prove to be a long-remembered and rewarding endeavor.

GETTING STARTED – COMPILING A FAMILY HISTORY

It is estimated that there are over 40,000 individuals across Canada actively pursuing their family ‘roots’. And, this number is growing by 15 to 25 percent each year as more find access to information so much easier than it was a decade ago. They are ‘finding’ their ancestors. And, they are gathering up their scrapbooks, family diaries, photo albums and shoe boxes full of clippings and now compiling fascinating stories of their grandparents and earlier ancestors and thus preserving their heritage for their children and grandchildren.

It is said that we all, sooner or later, experience a hunger for our ‘roots’. Learning about our ancestors gives greater meaning to our short life on this planet. It really helps us to know who we are. ‘We are each a link in the family chain where everyone lives forever in each other’.

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Family History—A Legacy For Your Children (Continued)

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The experience of this growing number of family history enthusiasts is of enormous value to those who are just considering embarking on this exciting hobby. They have found some simple steps valuable to their success and will generously share them with you. They are also prepared to help you avoid some disappointing pitfalls.

Firstly, we must try to be patient but methodical. Let's not be concerned with finding our great great grandparents until we have really made certain of our facts. We need to be as certain as we can be of the vital dates (birth, marriage and death) of our immediate families. Accuracy really counts in family history searching. Information handed down by memory-lagging parents and relatives can sometimes be misleading.

Simple forms such as a PEDIGREE CHART and a FAMILY GROUP SHEET help us to record and to keep track of our vital information. A little discipline in paperwork pays off in big dividends later when the task of finding our ancestors becomes more challenging.

In starting a family history the most important person is YOU. It is essential that we record what we know about ourselves and then work backward to our parents, grandparents and back. It is a bit like putting together a jig saw puzzle without edges. We start with ourselves at the centre this time and go out forever.

Our writers will provide valuable tips over the weeks ahead. They will show us some new ways and many new places to find the information we need. Time and a commitment are the main ingredients for a successful history of our families – **a legacy for your children.**

Bill Campbell - Calgary

Editor's Note: Bill mentioned that these pieces are being submitted to newspapers in Alberta for publication.

What it Takes to be the Family Historian

By Phyllis Ziajka

This article from Phyllis is also from the Beginner series sent in by Bill Campbell.

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be **your** family's historian? It takes being a member of a family, and not much else. It doesn't take a lot of money; the amount of time is up to you, no special skills - just a bit of common sense. That's what it takes. What it **gives** is a whole lot more. I became interested in my family history about 8 years ago. My father had died and my mother was in her 70's. So, I asked what she remembered of dad's family and her own. What she told me got put aside. I didn't uncover it until again until three years ago. What I know now about my ancestors is truly amazing.

With today's technology there's no limit to the information one can get about his/her family. You don't have to own a computer or be connected to the Internet. There's plenty of information at the public library, or museums and archives (such as the Glenbow in Calgary) or the National Archives in Ottawa. Joining a group like Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) was a great "first-step" for me. I also visited the Family History Centre of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS), commonly known as the Mormon Church, in Calgary. There is no cost, and you don't have to be a church member. Everyone I've met at the Society and at the Family History Centre has been friendly and enormously helpful.

If you're fortunate enough to possess a family Bible, you already have a wealth of information. Go over those names & dates again, but this time **really** read them. Imagine what was going on at the time of that event. Was it wartime, was it during the Depression, or what? Write out the information from the Bible. If you don't have a family Bible, then just write down what you already know - your own name, your birth-date, marriage date, where you were born & married. Then write down the most important things you know about each of your parents; their parents too; and also your children. Now you have started on the path to be-

With a little initiative and perseverance, you can learn more about your family history than you ever thought possible.

There are many people and organizations willing to help you.

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ing the Family Historian for **your** family. That wasn't hard, was it? If you aren't sure about what to do next, contact a group like the AFHS, or the LDS Family History Centre closest to you. People are just "itching" to help you. The AFHS has an excellent library with genealogical information from all over the world. With their help you can find other people researching the same names you are. This is an example of what can happen to you.

About 4 years ago, Marion, an AFHS member, was searching for a particular family name. She was searching in Germany. She found 60 addresses that she could write to across Germany. She wrote and received several replies with various bits of family information. However, just a few months ago a letter arrived from a lady in Germany that she had never contacted before. This lady (Lisa) was helping her sister-in-law (Magda) do her family history, and had come across Marion's 4 year old letter from Canada. Magda hadn't known much about the family's history when she received the letter from Marion, and hadn't even answered it. Now this new sister-in-law was working on the family history, and was able to send a great deal of information. Lisa sent Marion pictures of the old church where some of the family had been married, with pictures around town and of the old castle, photos of the current family, family trees and best of all, promises of more to come.

It will amaze you how much you can compile in just a short time, by using your public library or joining a family history group. If you'd like more information or help in beginning your own family history project you can call the Alberta Family Histories Society at 403-214-1447 or call 1-800-346-6044 for information on the location of a LDS Family History Centre in your area.

Phyllis Ziajka - Calgary

As Phyllis pointed out, there are many resources available, formally and informally, for family history research.

If you have any tips, tricks, great finds, or brags... let us print them in Chinook—your experience is guaranteed to help out someone else.

Putting Meat on the Bones—A childhood hero

By Phyllis Ziajka

In a previous article we discussed how easy it is to get started on your family history. Once you've got some of the basic facts recorded on your Pedigree Chart and filled in Family Group Sheets, it's time to start putting some "meat" on those "bones" (adding some colorful stories). When gathering the statistical data from your family members, ask about some of the "stories" associated with them. You're not looking for "skeletons in the closets", just something that might be interesting to others in the family; relatives living now, and all those who will read this history.

For those with family who have seen military service, there is often a great opportunity to witness unsung recognition. However, be prepared; there are many distasteful events that are too painful to discuss. Perhaps only general questions regarding wartime activities would be suitable. What was it like to live through "the blitz"? How did the war affect normal day-to-day life? Is there a hero among us? Once you get them started, they may disclose some fascinating tales.

However, it is not only the military who are our heroes. Many civilians are awarded 'Hero Status' as well. Nor is it always adults. Children (even family pets) become heroes. One of our Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) members tells a fascinating story of a childhood hero; that many living family members had forgotten. Here's how it came out of a button-box!

Cynthia's mother-in-law died a few years ago. If you've ever had to clean out a loved-one's home after a death, you'll know how trying it can be. What do you NOT keep? Cynthia felt compelled to hold onto a small box of buttons.

*What treasures
a button box can
hold...*



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It was just set aside. Recently, she decided to sort through this little box. It was fortunate that she took the time. Among the buttons was a small “lapel pin” that read ‘Good Deed Club of Eaton’s Calgary’. Cynthia had never heard of the Good Deed Club. Was this an Eaton’s employee trophy? She wasn’t aware of anyone in the family having worked for Eaton’s.

One of the benefits of membership in the AFHS is the access to a ‘network’ of folk keenly interested in history. Cynthia raised that question of the Good Deed Club via an email mailing list and the response was wonderful. The Club met, back in the 40’s on Saturday mornings at the Palace Theatre in Calgary. This was a social event for children – they sang, enjoyed variety acts and movies and were encouraged to do good deeds during the following week.

***Heroes come in
all shapes and
sizes.***

When Cynthia learned that the programme was broadcast by radio she wondered if someone in the family had acquired the pin when they lived in Strathmore. A few questions to the family eventually revealed a remarkable story about her husband’s brother. These are Cynthia’s own words: “In the early 1940’s, a group of youngsters were skating on an irrigation pond in Strathmore. A hole was kept at one end in case water was needed for firefighting. A 5 year old boy ventured too close and fell into the 10- foot deep water. Fortunately, Donn a 10-year old boy spotted him, and rushed over and was able to pull him out. The 5 year old was saved from drowning. This quick action saved a life and Donn’s name was submitted to Eaton’s. He was later presented with a watch, certificate and the pin I now hold. Donn was my husband’s older brother. Thanks again to all who provided the leads that led to this discovery of some forgotten family history.”

This Good Deed Club was convened in many cities across Canada. Maybe someone in your family can recall a story involving this or a similar Club that can add warmth and colour to your family history, if it can be ‘discovered’ and recalled. If you start jotting down little notes now, perhaps you or another family member will be able to find stories in the future. This is “putting meat on the bones” of our ancestors. It’s so much easier now while they are still with us. Think of the legacy that can be left about YOUR family, if you just get started now.

Phyllis Ziajka - Calgary

Book Review: Calgary's Historic Union Cemetery, A Walking Guide by Harry M. Sanders

ISBN 1-894004-56-6 Published in 2002 by Fifth House Ltd., a Fitzhenry & Whiteside Company, 1511-1800 4 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2S 2S5, telephone 1-800-387 9776, www.fitzhenry.ca. 74 pages, illustrated with black and white photographs and diagrams. Index.

AFHS members and guests at the 2001 Wild Rose event will remember Harry Sanders' entertaining and informative keynote speech, based upon his research for this delightful new book. Go for a walk for real, or in your mind. With this book in hand, you can enjoy the "delights" of the cemetery either way, regardless of the weather.

Harry Sanders has included a history of the cemetery (Calgary's oldest existing public burial ground), maps of the grounds, an illustrated one-page reference guide to the various types of monuments, high-quality black and white photographs of many of the monuments, and about 105 individual stories of the "residents" of Union Cemetery, organized in ten walking tours.

Not only that, but there is an index (THANK YOU HARRY), and a short guide to some of the symbols found on the monuments. This is a slim volume packed with information and written in a very readable style.

As would be expected in such a young city as Calgary, many of those discussed in the book are from other places, including the United Kingdom and eastern Canada. Researchers based far beyond Alberta may therefore find it a useful resource.

One could select any of the stories from this book at random and be immediately enthralled. For example, consider this extract from page 45, in the description of Marion Elizabeth MOODIE (1867-1958), the first nurse to graduate in Alberta.

"One of her first patients was a man with cancer of the tongue. 'Across from him,' Moodie wrote in her diary, 'was an Irishwoman with synovitis of the knee who was an inveterate talker and used to make the most of any opportunity to get to talk to the tongueless man until he besought us, by gestures, to pitch her through the window.'"

The footnote to this story attributes it to the Calgary Real Estate News, December, 1992. I am impressed by the researcher who first found it and to Harry Sanders for re-finding it (if he wasn't the original finder...that would be a good question to ask him).

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> I think I am getting hooked on this stuff. It is very addictive.

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At this point, I nearly fell off my chair. I e-mailed Kim back to let her know that my best friend since childhood is Sandy MULHOLLAND, nee PLATER. Don't know yet where that connection will lead but life is full of coincidences and family history is the hobby which ultimately reveals them all.

Irish SIG Kicks up Their Heels...



Members of the Irish SIG (Supreme Irish Group?) turned out in spring green to the April meeting

Heather Jaremko took this photo and several others with her digital camera. This one looks great on the computer screen & I hope will be equally successful in print.

Heather has graciously volunteered to take more pictures. All are welcome to submit pictures. If you do not have a digital camera, we have the technology to scan photos of the traditional variety—it is a very gentle process which does not hurt the picture (like photocopying).

Thanks, Heather, and thanks to the Fighting Irish for their spirit!

Pondering Vital Statistics by Jill Browne

Last week's Globe and Mail magazine featured a story about Canada's first same-sex marriage ceremony. There has also been renewed media coverage of reproductive technology and the issues around that, e.g. whether or not to permit anonymous sperm donations. The presumptions we make about vital statistics are losing their validity—or perhaps they never were quite as valid as we thought.

Some of the underlying issues are contentious and I am not interested in opening a debate about them. Rather, I am suggesting we consider how the hobby of family history may change before our very eyes. Will we start to compile alternate genealogies for individuals—the genetic family tree on the one hand, and the family tree based upon the social and legal relationships on the other? Multiple marriages (serial monogamy), mixed families, unmarried parents, formal and informal adoptions—none of these are new but we treat these facts more as footnotes than as organizing themes in our family history research and presentation.

The footnotes are taking over! Consider how prevalent common-law marriages are. The vital statistics records wouldn't show them because by definition, no marriage has occurred. There will, however, be an increasing number of persons collecting pensions based upon a variety of relationships, some of which may be with persons of the same gender. These relationships may or may not be akin to marriage. Without wishing to be indelicate, we may find ourselves assuming that one person was entitled to draw another's pension because of a common-law marriage relationship, when in fact the pension entitlement arose from a platonic relationship. And at that point, I would say, "Not that it's any of our business anyway."!

So, where does this take us? I guess it comes back to a message we have all heard: it's important to put "meat on the bones" - to understand that family history is more than just listing names, dates and places of events. This has always been true. And perhaps our reliance on the vital statistics records has been inappropriate.

We assume, without even thinking, that a marriage certificate implies a long-term, stable, single-partner-of-the-opposite sex relationship, that all children born to a woman in such a relationship were the natural children of the woman's husband, and that these people formed a family unit where the bonds within the family were the strongest social bonds any of the members had (until they themselves married). But we know this very often isn't true!

It's so much easier to document a family tree when the presumed relationships are "proved" by official records. But, if a child was raised as the son of his grandmother, and knew his mother as "sister" - well, is that fact just a footnote to the family tree, or should it be more? Should there be a biological family tree AND a "social" family tree?

Just something to think about.



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