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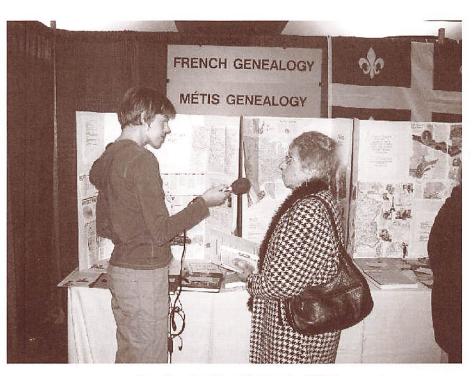
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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

By Tara Shymanski

I have been pondering the value of membership in the Alberta Family Histories Society.

What does the society have to offer people researching their family history? My first



encounter with the
Alberta Family Histories
Society was with the
Computer SIG (Special
Interest Group). It seems
many people are
introduced to the society
at a SIG. Someone gave
me a brochure and pointed
me in the direction of the
website. I did what any
good genealogist does -

research. Some of the benefits listed were access to the library, attendance at monthly meetings, beginner sessions, and the Chinook publication.

Well none of those reasons grabbed me and said join this society. I hate driving on 16th Avenue where the library is located. Meetings drive me crazy. Besides the topics were not always interesting to me and I am not a beginner. In the end, I joined to save money on some of the training sessions taught by the education committee.

Since I was a member I had to get my money's worth and started attending meetings. It was at these meetings I learned the real value of a membership with the society. There are a lot of members who have been researching for a long time who I could learn things from.

Even those who have not been researching for years had something to teach me. The depth of knowledge of our members always amazes me. Everyone is willing to share and to help others out.

It is at our meetings we can tell others of our successes and be congratulated for them instead of being met with glazed looks, such as when I tell my family. I decided these are the reasons I remain involved:

- Opportunity to get involved in Society activities, to share and to learn.
- Opportunity to meet other local members with the same research interests.
- Opportunity to gain from the research of others and also share information on one's own research.
- Opportunity to gain new friends and have some darn good fun.

So I ask all of you to introduce yourself to me at the meetings. I promise you it will take me a while to remember your name, but I will remember what you taught me.

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ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The membership year for the Alberta Family Histories Society is from September 1st to August 31st.

Renewals and new memberships are now being accepted for the 2006-07 membership year and may be submitted in person at the monthly meetings on Monday, September 11th, and Monday, October 2nd, at the First Christian Reformed Church, 3818 - 14A Street S. W., Calgary, Alberta, or mailed to the Alberta Family Histories Society at 712 - 16th Avenue N. W., Calgary, AB T2M 0J8.

Any members not renewing their membership by November 1st will lose their benefits and privileges of belonging to the Society.

New members who joined between April 1st and August 31st do not need to pay an additional fee for the next year.

EDITOR'S EYE

By Xenia Stanford

Well here I am the new editor of the *Chinook*. Why did I take on this job that was done so well before me? How could I step in when there is such a legacy of excellence to live up to?

Part of it is that writing for me has always been a passion and editing is a great way to help others. Volunteering for this position was a way to help not just others but myself as well. The only way we can keep a society such as the AFHS running takes volunteers. Many volunteers!

I have been volunteering for as far back as I can remember. At school I loved to help out by cleaning the blackboards. Then taking the brushes out to the steps of the school and clapping them together, I watched the chalk puffs dissipate and felt I was doing my duty well.

While I was growing up, my aunt, my sister and I cleaned the church every Saturday so it would sparkle on Sunday. Wax drippings were pretty hard to remove! Still we never asked for pay. We only wished to have our congregation continue for our benefit as well as for others.

Every year of high school, I found ways to volunteer, such as running clubs, tutoring other students and working in the library. In university I sorted and catalogued the donations to the women's residence library.

When my daughter joined Brownies, I became a Brown Owl. Later I was District Commissioner even after my daughter no longer belonged to Guides. I volunteered at the Family History Centre and helped out at AFHS with SIGs, the nominating committee and other small ways.

Recently I stepped down as Chair and member of the condo Board where I live. I thought of how many ways I could fill my time, such as spending more time with my family. I also relished the extra time to work. As any entrepreneur knows, we can work on business all day and all night if we allow ourselves to do so.

But something was still missing from my life. I believe we have to "prime the pump" and "give to receive". I also believe in 4H – my style. You will note it uses the same H words but the interpretation is somewhat different.

- We must use our heads to do our jobs well and have an income to support our family.
- We must use our **hearts** to have healthy relationships with our family and friends.
- We must use our **health**, not just physical and emotional but also spiritual, to live a fulfilling life.
- We must use our hands to give back to our community, country and society.
 (Of course, the other H concepts still apply to every category.)

So here are my hands.

And thank you all for yours. The ready assistance I have received so far has been amazing. So many have extended their hands to offer articles and photos, help me update lists and give me moral support. Ken Rees has helped me immensely in the handing over of duties. Then he and Bev agreed to stay on as columnists.

I hope I have shown every one of you how much I appreciate this support. I hope others reading about my volunteering will be encouraged to step forward to ensure our society – the AFHS and beyond – can continue to provide benefits to all. And I would like to thank all the volunteers who make AFHS such a great society. See the *Volunteer Tea* article on page 20 to celebrate those who keep our society running.

Since I am under a quick deadline for this issue, I have not done the editor's greater duty, which is to excite you about the articles in this issue. Next time I assure you it will be less about me and more about you - the contributors and the readers.

Until then - happy journeys to discovery... ###

FAMILY ROOTS 2006: A ROUTE TO IMPROVED HEALTH By Bill Campbell

With increasing frequency we hear from the health care administrators and the politicians in North America that we must gain control of the skyrocketing costs of universally delivered health care. One obvious action would be to reduce the demand for healthcare by pro-acting to detect potential illness much earlier than we do today. In this way we might reduce the need for more costly diagnostic practices and anticipate a longer and healthier lifestyle.

Health care professionals have known for a long time that common diseases - heart disease, cancer, and diabetes - and even rare diseases - like hemophilia, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anemia - can run in families. If one generation of a family has high blood pressure, it is not unusual for the next generation to have similarly high blood pressure.

Tracing the illnesses suffered by our parents, grandparents, and other blood relatives can help our doctors predict the disorders to which we may be at risk and take action to keep us and our families healthy. But, we need to act sooner rather than later.

The Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) is southern Alberta's principal genealogy organization. Its 300 members are committed to the encouragement and study of family history substantially for the joy of finding where we have come from and who we really are. Now, however, there is an even more important reason for family history research – to perhaps prolong our lives in greater comfort. Discovery of our ancestors' health concerns (genetic medicine) might just do that.

On October 13 & 14 the AFHS has planned its biennial expo seminar **FamilyRoots 2006** at which the interest in genetic medicine will be explored along with many other aspects of family history work. The event begins on Friday evening with a free presentation dealing with the digitization of millions of family records held by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The following day, over 20 talks will be provided by 17 experts in genealogy. This will be Calgary's Genealogical Event of the Year. Newcomers as well as more advanced researchers will all find attendance extremely helpful

This expo seminar also includes a display and sale of books, software and other research aids. Early registration is advised because space is limited. The opening event Friday evening takes place at the LDS Church Heritage Chapel (935 Heritage Dr. SW) in Calgary, followed on Saturday, by the talks and displays at the Carriage House Inn, 9030 MacLeod Trail SE.

For complete details including registration visit www.family-roots.ca or call Tara at 403-246-6976.

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FamilyRoots 2006: Genealogy, Genes, and Gigabytes

Don't miss out on the latest in Family History Research

October 13&14, 2006

See page 6 and the poster on page 7 for more details.



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Also visit <u>www.family-roots.ca/</u> to check for program information updated after this issue's publication date.

ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FamilyRoots 2006: Genealogy, Genes, and Gigabytes

This will be Alberta's premier genealogy event of 2006 – and it will be held in Calgary, Alberta!

The conference begins with a special presentation at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meetinghouse on Heritage Drive. It will give us "A Sneak Peak at the Near Future." In this lecture, noted family historian David E. Rencher, AG, FUGA, Director of the Records and Information Division of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, will discuss the digitization of the records in the Granite Mountain Vault. This treasure trove of information (estimated to contain some 30 billion names!) will be made available in digitized form and will be indexed to make use even easier. Come and hear how family history may change in the next few short years! In addition Sacha Mazek will give us an update from the "Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation". This will be an exciting evening.

On Saturday, our venue shifts to the Carriage House Inn on Macleod Trail. Here 14 speakers from Calgary, Edmonton, British Columbia, Ontario, and the United States will deliver 24 informative lectures addressing the themes of the conference. Our speakers will be:

David Rencher Xenia Stanford Rick Roberts David Obee Deanna Bullock

Alan Casslev

David Pike Gordon Hulbert Charlie Hansen Geoff Rasmussen Lois Sparling Raechel Ferrier

Bill Campbell

Judi Lee

To get a better idea of the depth of experience and knowledge, we urge you to go to the web site (www.family-roots.ca) where brief biographies of our speakers are posted. Many of them are very well known, not just here in Calgary, but across Canada and throughout the family history world.

They will be addressing topics in the following areas:

Getting Started

An Introduction to Genetic Genealogy Family Medical History and Genetics

Finding Places in Germany and Eastern Europe

The Family History Library Catalogue Irish Estate, Land and Property Records

Research Guidance

British Columbia Records Immigration to Canada Irish Emigration

Essentials of Documentation for Family Historians

Mining the Internet

Alberta Homestead Records Family History Travel Irish Church Records The Latest Technology

Organization for Family History Research

Beyond Parish Records Using Technology English Indexes Ontario before 1869

Inheriting Medical Conditions

Descriptions of talks, brief biographies of speakers, exhibits and more information can be found at the FamilyRoots 2006 website: www.family-roots.ca/ - this event will benefit the family history beginners and more seasoned researchers.

See you there!



Genealogy, Genes & Gigaby

Calgary's Family History Event of the Year

An unusual opportunity for those searching their family history. Beginners, as well as researchers, will find helpful ideas and methods. Experts will share their experience.

Books for sale and software programs will be demonstrated

Location

Register

Cost

Friday October 13, 2006

Saturday October 14, 2006

Opening	Friday October 13, 7:00 pm David Rencher, Director of the Reco

ords Family and Church History Department

LDS Church, Salt Lake, UT

Topic "Unlocking the Vault"

LDS - Heritage Chapel Location 935 Heritage Dr. SW, Calgary

> Complimentary Cost Social hour to follow

Expo/ Saturday October 14, 8 am - 4 pm Seminar

> Carriage House Inn 9030 Macleod Trail S, Calgary

\$45.00 - full Saturday program \$10.00 discount prior to Sept 19, 2006 \$10.00 one day walk-in (Entry to Expo and TWO different Beginner's Forums open to the public)

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THE GREAT ANCESTOR HUNT - PART TWO

By Lois Sparling

Are you eager to jump into some research while you are waiting for a reply from Great Aunt Gertie? Tired of wading through too many "home sources"? No "home sources" and no Great Aunt Gertie to ask about the family history? After you have read at least one book introducing family history research, you have my permission to jump into research in official records in any one of the following institutions in Calgary.

- 1. Calgary Public Library main branch, fourth floor
- L.D.S. Family History Centre on 17th Ave S.W.
- 3. The World Wide Web a.k.a. the Internet

Don't limit yourself to my suggestions for research at each of these goldmines of information. Browse. There are lots of resources available in all three.

Calgary Public Library

The main genealogical collection of the Calgary Public Library system is on the fourth floor of the downtown library on 7th Ave S.E. across from City Hall. The circulating books are on the south side of the elevators. The reference section, including microfilm readers, is on the north side of the elevators. There are also some very useful books on the shelves behind the librarians' desk.

The biggest attraction at this library is the complete census of Canada from the 1600s (Quebec) to 1911. These are on microfilm. There are books from the National Archives indexing the microfilm by location. There are also indexes by name of head of household for the 1871 census of Ontario in the stacks. Other indexes to the Canadian census are available online.

The census is an irreplaceable source because it shows the household unit. No other official

document does. There is also the opportunity to review that household in a series of census years. Children die or grow up and leave home. Sometimes elderly parents move in with their adult children. Spouses die and the survivors remarry. Mistakes in one census are corrected in another census.

Some tricks I learned to locate ancestors in the censuses before the days of online indexes could help you. One needs to know the township for rural areas and the street address for urban ancestors. Actually, if you are really determined, you can spend a few hours reviewing the microfilm for a larger area. I did. But this is not ideal.

Check the Illustrated Historical Atlases, all of them if need be, to locate families in the 1870s and 1880s. They are oversized books on the bottom shelf of the genealogy reference section.

Check the series of volumes called *The French* Canadians, The Central Canadians, The Western Canadians, etc. These are indexes by name of a huge number of people, mostly living in the nineteenth century and linking them to places. The resource that worked best for me was the Ontario Archives Land Records Index. Most of my ancestors arrived in the early to mid 1800s and took out original land patents from the government. That means they were the first people to own the land. They were the settlers. The Ontario Archives Land Records Index is on microfiche and can be examined on the microfiche reader. This gives you a township to search for any of your ancestral families who were original settlers in any part of Ontario.

Once you have located your family, look for them in every other census during their lifetimes that you think you know is at odds with what was actually recorded in the registration. If you have dates and places of your ancestor's vital events, (i.e. birth, marriage(s) and death), then go to the index and copy down everything in the index about the records of interest. If the Family History Centre has the microfilm of the actual registration, find it and copy it. There are machines in the Centre to make photocopies from microfilm. If not, then inquire about ordering a copy from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City or from the record office of the relevant jurisdiction.

If you did census research at the Calgary Public Library main branch, you will have approximate dates and places of birth for everyone in your ancestral household(s). You will also be able to make educated guesses about dates of marriages for the parents in each household based on the date of birth of the first child. If you started at the Calgary Family History Centre with searches for vital records, you will now have places to look in the census for your ancestral families based on the places of birth, marriage and/or death of members of the family in or near census years. You should be able to work your way back two or more generations by using the information on the census to find vital records of family members, and vital records of family members to find households in the census.

There can be more people wanting to use the microfilm machines than microfilm machines. Fortunately, there are other goodies to keep you interested while you wait your turn. If a computer is available, you can browse the collection of searchable databases on CDs. The book collection includes invaluable old gazetteers of Ireland. The 1881 and 1891 census of England and Wales, with indexes by name and location, are on microfiche. I also found copies on microfiche of Scottish gravestone inscriptions for Ayrshire, one of my areas of interest. There are also a map collection and long runs of some genealogical journals and magazines.

World Wide Web

Not everyone has access to the Internet at home but we can all use the computers with Internet access at library branches and the Family History Centres. If you are completely computer illiterate, I recommend that you either take a class on computer use or find a dedicated Internet helper.

Where to start! Our very own Alberta Family History Society has a great web site at www.afhs.ab.ca/index.html Here you will find lots of information about how to do family history research and links to other great web sites.

For an overview of what is available and how to approach research in most parts of the world, go to World GenWeb. Click on the maps until you arrive at the web site for the jurisdiction you want to study. There you will find pertinent history, advice and links to databases with information and resources for that locality. www.worldgenweb.org

For Canadian census research, go to the web site created by the former National Archives and former National Library of Canada specifically for genealogical research at:

www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/index-e.html

This is where you will find the actual images of the 1901, 1906 and 1911 census returns. For indexes of these censuses prepared by volunteers (and therefore free) go to Automated Genealogy for 1901, parts of 1906 and parts of 1911 at http://automatedgenealogy.com/index.html

For another partial index to the 1906 census, check out the AFHS effort at www.afhs.ab.ca/data/census/1906/index.html

No large index is ever completely accurate. However, it is a whole lot easier to find the census return of your ancestors' households if you check in an index first.

The 1881 census of Canada has been fully indexed by the L.D.S. Family History Library volunteers and can be searched at FamilySearch www.familysearch.org

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PARTNERSHIP TO LINK MILLIONS OF PEOPLE GENETICALLY AND HISTORICALLY

By Mary E. Petty, B.A.

This partnership combines genealogy, family history and DNA genetics to link nations and people in celebrating "America's 400th Anniversary."

SALT LAKE CITY – Heirlines Family History & Genealogy is merging genealogy with modern science. It has teamed up with Relative Genetics and GenealogyFound to show that after 400 years millions of Americans can trace their family tree back to the Jamestown colony and Colonial Virginia. DNA testing and genealogical research is combining to help Jamestown descendants jump the pond and find their immigrant origins from Europe and other nations.

The year 2007 marks the 400th anniversary of the original Jamestown settlement – the first permanent English colony in what is now the United States of America. Heirlines, Relative Genetics, and GenealogyFound are using traditional genealogy along with genetic genealogy to link millions of living people to their roots in that 17th Century colony. They are building a public database of Jamestown and 17th Century Colonial Virginia descendents that will be available beginning in 2007.

Doug Arnett, COB of GenealogyFound, a non-profit foundation promoting historic event genealogy projects world-wide, said he thinks the Jamestown 2007 project will awaken the spirit of family history in many Americans as well as people in many foreign countries.

"We want to build an Internet research database for everyone, and spark a patriotic sense that 'Maybe my ancestors came through Jamestown' so people will be excited to tie into this historic location," he remarked.

Peggy Hayes, director of sales and marketing for Relative Genetics, commented that she expects this database to leave a lasting legacy.

"This project will give people a connection to a great part of their history," she said. "Knowing where you come from gives you a sense of identity and a renewed desire to search out your roots."

James W. Petty, President of Heirlines, stated, "Genetic genealogy is becoming an integral tool in genealogy research. It won't be a 'stand alone' service because the testing only reveals relationships, not family history, locations or documentation. It will, however, allow researchers to obtain much more insight into family history and family tree origins."

"Traditional and genetic genealogy are proving to be very symbiotic," Arnett said. "Combining the two services is becoming standard in finding ancestry."

Genealogists can use DNA data to overcome gaps in family trees, establish biological links to specific ancestors, and identify other living family lines to which one is related. Genetic genealogy is useful in proving or disproving family legends.

"Many people think they're descended from Thomas Savage, the founder of the first continuous family in America." Arnett said. "You'll hear stories that are passed on from generation to generation; and sometimes, much to their disappointment, they have no relationship to him at all. But other times we find out these family stories are accurate."

Hayes said, if the Jamestown 2007 project goes well, the two companies might work together on many other historical event genealogy projects. Petty said he sees a great future in using

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BEGINNING: DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN

By Kenneth W. Rees

Most great discoveries in life begin with a question, wonderment or a search. People who made great discoveries wondered why something was so. Benjamin Franklin wondered at the connection between static electricity and the lighting in summer storms. The result? For good or bad, much of our modern technology is the result of Franklin's discoveries. The great navigators of the 15th and 16th centuries were searching for alternate transportation routes for great wealth in spices, gold, and silver. A new hemisphere and four new continents were the result

Questions come from incomplete information or from conflicts in information already gathered. The story that Grandma tells about being a twin is incomplete – she doesn't have the details about what happened to the other twin.

Aunt Alice and Uncle Walt have different stories about the conflict that resulted in two members of the family going opposite ways at every family reunion. When Uncle Elmo and Uncle Slats were young something happened, but then the details differ, depending on who is telling the story.

The act of writing down everything we know about our families is primarily a gathering. We don't make too many judgments about who is right or who is wrong.

(Of course, some things are patently absurd, and we weed those statements out. But the line between "It can't be true!" and "I never would have believed it!" may not be where we think it is. We hear of cases all the time where the mother really is in her 5th or 6th decade and giving birth. The husband really is 20 years younger than the wife. People really did cross the ocean 7 times before reuniting their families.)

Now comes the judgment. We look at our information with a red pencil in hand – at least figuratively. (That pencil may be nothing more than the highlighter in our favourite word processor, or the task list in our family history

software. Or it may be a real live red pencil crayon that we purchased during a "back to school" sale!)

We circle the places where we don't have information. We box the places where the information just doesn't match. We tick the empty spaces where names, dates and places ought to be recorded. At the end of such an exercise, we may wonder why we went to the bother of recording the information when we see all the red.

After the judgment, we decide what question to ask. It is usually best to begin with a single question about a single person – preferably the closest to us in point of time. Asking why Grandpa's birth date was given 7 different ways on 7 different records is more likely to be solvable than trying to decide whether our 7th great grandfather was really 30 years younger than his wife.

And as the Russian proverb has it "He who hunts two hares at once comes home empty handed."

We are told often that a properly framed question contains the beginnings of its own answer. Part of the work of deciding what you want to learn is the framing of the question.

An open-ended question (usually containing the words "why" or "how") is usually more difficult to answer than a question that asks for a specific piece of information. These questions usually involve the words "what", or "when", or "where."

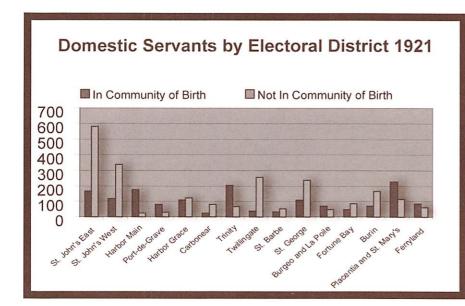
Questions that ask for a specific point should usually be answered before questions that illuminate the deeper issues. We probably need to know when Great-grandfather came to Canada and from where, before we can begin to know why he came.

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Trees without roots fall over - Anonymous

CANADA CENSUS 1911 TO 1951 PROJECT

From Canadian Century Research Infrastructure (CCRI)



Data from the pre-Confederation census of Newfoundland allows researchers to paint a more detailed, human picture than was possible before.

The CCRI database has the potential to change the way genetic research is conducted.

(Thanks to Judith Rempel, who forwarded a press release on this topic, the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure (CCRI) project submitted this article complete with photograph and chart.)

CENSUS DATA TO BECOME UNIQUE RESEARCH ASSET

Memorial University of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency (NLSA) have a unique role in a massive national project to digitize census data called the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure (CCRI) project.

CCRI is a five-year, pan-Canadian initiative to develop databases of census information collected between 1911 and 1951. A team headed by Dr. Sean Cadigan from Memorial's Department of History is responsible for digitizing the data collected in the Atlantic Provinces.

This will make rich details, previously stored only on paper or microfilm, available at the click of a mouse, saving researchers considerable time and money.

The Atlantic portion of the CCRI project will include data from censuses done in the Dominion of Newfoundland before it joined Canada in 1949. This data offers insight not possible in other Canadian jurisdictions. Its inclusion in the national project was made

possible by the close collaboration between Memorial and the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency, and funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

The NLSA is part of the Economics and Statistics Branch of the Department of Finance, which provides a broad range of economic and statistical services to government and the private sector.

"This is a project I am very proud of," said Finance Minister Loyola Sullivan. "This partnership between our government through the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency and Memorial University of Newfoundland is one that will be a source of valuable information for the people of this province for years to come."

According to Dr. Cadigan, data gathered pre-Confederation in Newfoundland does not fall under Canadian privacy legislation, so researchers are able to draw on a larger sample, making it a goldmine for research.

"The importance of this is immense," said Dr. Cadigan. "For pre-Confederation Newfoundland, you can look at smaller centres and even

families, and track the movement of people. This can help researchers gain a more accurate picture of how people moved in and - out of - communities in the early 20th century. "The data shows that there was a transitory nature to our population even then."

The accessibility of this information will also be a boon for those seeking to clarify the genetic basis for transmission of a disease and effectiveness of drug treatments.

In the past, health researchers looking for genetic links for a particular disease would spend years visiting residents in small communities, searching through church records, and exploring the Provincial Archives. This process was expensive and at times incomplete.



A massive national census initiative, called the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure (CCRI) project", will digitize census data for the period of 1911 to1951 giving new insight into families, like this one from Badger's Quay, Newfoundland.

(Photo courtesy of The Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador - taken in the late 1930s by Gustav Anderson.)

The Population Therapeutics Research Group, a non-profit research organization within Memorial's Faculty of Medicine, is working with the CCRI team to develop a province-wide heritability database that could reveal genealogical links among individuals with a particular disease. This will be done in a way

that optimally protects patient privacy.

The St. John's meeting will gather members from the five other CCRI centres across Canada together. They include representatives from York University, University of Toronto, University of Victoria, Centre interuniversitaire d'études québécoises at Université Laval and UQTR, and the University of Ottawa, which is at the national project's helm.

The Atlantic team has developed prototype of a searchable database that may serve as a model for all national centres - a major boost for the project. Public access to the data won't be available until at least late 2007.

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BEGINNING...

By Kenneth W. Rees

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Here are the steps:

- 1. "Red pencil" what you have written down.
- 2. Choose an ancestor closest in time to the present about whom something is not known, or where information differs.
- 3. Frame a question that indicates specifically what you want to learn.

So this is an introduction to step two – decide what you want to learn. Next time we'll examine step three – choose a source of information.

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Trivia from the Salt Lake City phone book: 12 or more cows = a flink

Common Genealogical Myths from Cyndi's List

Myth #1:

You can find your completed family history on the Internet.

www.cyndislist.com/myths.htm

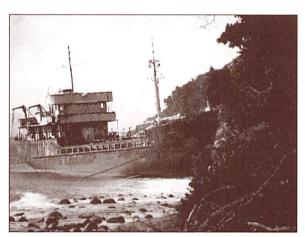
ALL AT SEA

By Ann Williams with contributions from Diane Granger and Walt Glanville

A REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE ENGLISH/WELSH SIG HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2006

Britain is an island and most of that island closely tied to things that happened at sea. A well-used local idiom is "Worse things happen at sea" - i.e. if your house burned down – well you're still better off than if the ship you were on burned down!

First a useful website – it is primarily about pilots (the shipboard kind) operating in the Bristol Channel but has links to many other maritime sites including a searchable index of Welsh mariners. The address is www.members.aol.com/PRode18115



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Here are some pointers on seamen and their records:

ROYAL NAVY

- Royal Naval Seaman (not officers) service records downloadable from TNA¹.
- Trafalgar Ancestors (i.e. 1805) database of 18,000 men (including Marines) who fought with Nelson also on TNA website.
- All naval wills were proved by the PCC
- ¹ The National Archives at Kew, London (www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/)

- and are downloadable from TNA site.
- Records can be obtained from The Ministry of Defence, Naval Records Department, HMS Centurion
 www.mariners-l/co.uk/UKRNPersonnel.html

ROYAL MARINES

- Originally soldiers who served on ships to repel boarders with their swords and act as boarding parties – their role evolved to cover ship security, manning gun turrets, etc.
- With Coastguards, some records (often pension applications) are at TNA and catalogued on their website. These records are not downloadable.

MERCHANT NAVY (The Wavy Navy)

- WW2 Medals Issued to Merchant Seaman downloadable on TNA site.
- Ellis Island² site for those working across the Atlantic (noticeable on the website by the frequency of their passing through Ellis Island).
- Indexes to Apprentices in the Merchant Service 1824-1953 are held at TNA.

FISHERMEN/LIFEBOAT MEN

• Times Digital Index viewable from home via the Calgary Public Library "E-Library" - for shipwrecks and lifeboat rescues search appropriate town with the word "Lifeboat".

Diane Granger's great-great grandfather **Jesse Huggett (1849-1900)** was a fisherman and lifeboatman. The following page is taken from his obituary:

^{2.} Ellis Island (www.ellisisland.org/)

THE LATE MR, JESSE HUGGETT COXSWAIN OF THE EASTBOURNE

on Tuesday last week he went off in his boat, the Mona, with his youngest son Archie. After Mr. Huggett had hauled up the nets or lobster pots, he fell on his back in the stern of the boat, and appeared to be in great pain. It was a head wind ashore and not much of it. Archie had to bring the boat ashore, and it was close on three hours before he landed.

More than once Mr. Huggett was in danger of being thrown out of the boat. When he landed he was able to walk home, but was in dreadful agony. Dr. Wheeler Taylor and Dr. Pollock were called in and reduced the rupture. Next day (Wednesday) Mr. Huggett was removed to the Princess Alice Hospital, where he was attended by Mr. H. D. Farnell and Mr. Rook. But all the skill and attention he received could not save him; and, after a period of great suffering, he passed away about 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

When the sad news became generally known expressions of sorrow were universal at the East End of the town. By his intimates Mr. Huggett was affectionately spoken of as "Jess" and his death creates a void which will not easily be filled. He was one of the few men who are able overerise a marked influence for good on those around him. A great friend of temperance, he was a marked influence for good on those dround him. A great friend of temperance, he was a marked influence of the Woenix; and he was a frequenter of the Fisherman's Institute, which is frequenter of the Fisherman's Institute, which is also accompanied his wife to the meetings at the Alari allowing Hall.

The late Mr. Huggett succeeded "Bones" Hide as coxswain of the Eastbourne lifeboat, and in that capacity he rendered good service on several occasions. Every Christmas Mr. Huggett made a trip to the Royal Sovereign lightship, taking with him gifts contributed by the townspeople; and the crew greatly appreciated the interest he manifested in their welfare. End of obituary

retained, their respect and confidence. They recognised in him a man retained, their respect and confidence. They recognised in him a man of stealing merit. Upright and straightforward, kindly and sincere, he was looked up to by his friends and neighbours: and, as the trusty coxswain of the Eastbourne lifeboat, he was widely known.

won, and had for many years deservedly

By the death of Mr. Jesse HUGGETT

Jesse Huggett (1849-1900)
(Photo from Huggett Jamily collection – courtesy Diane Granger)

A native of Eastbourne, Mr. Huggett was born in a house in the neighbourhood of the Leaf Hall. Like his father before him, he became a fisherman, and he made voyages to Plymouth, Lowestoft, and other places during the mackerel and herring seasons and also went on fishing expeditions to Folkestone, Dover and Ramsgate. Of late years he devoted much of his time to catching lobsters and crabs; and, in common with other fishermen, he has suffered lately from the depredations of the octopus, which invades the lobster pot and leaves nothing but the shell of its prey.

A year or two ago he ruptured himself, and has never deen thoroughly well since. About 3 a.m.

PILOTS (RIVER AND HARBOUR)

- Pilots (also known as Lodesmen or Lotesmen) served apprenticeships in the locality and the records of the local Pilots Association may be at the county record office. They came into being to provide ships with safe passage into specific harbours or through dangerous waters.
- Trinity House regulates pilots on the River Thames and all deep-sea pilots, and is also responsible for lighthouses, light vessels, buoys and beacons.
- A mariner or his dependants anywhere in the UK could petition Trinity House for financial relief regardless whether or not there had been any previous association with the organization. The records of the Corporation of Trinity House are in the Guildhall Library, London.

SAILING THE ATLANTIC A Passenger's Perspective:



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The following extracts are from a diary kept by Mildred Worhall ROBINSON covering the first stage of her journey to Calgary to marry Walter William RIPPIN at St. Stephen's on October 3, 1908. Transcribed by her grandson Walt GLANVILLE.

Friday August 28th, 1908

Left Liverpool at 5:30 p.m. [on the Canadian Pacific steamship; S.S. Victorian to Quebec City]

Saturday August 29th

Walking up and down to fight down sickness - plenty of good company. Talked to a girl going to Lamont, past Calgary and from thence 45 miles to homestead where she will be married; a man going to Banff who knows Calgary well, a man from Toronto whose home is in Lancashire, both these men had been home for holidays. Stayed on deck till 10 p.m. - very rough. From Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning we passed over "Devils Hole" where the depth has never been discovered. We saw several porpoises. Only a little sick while dressing each morning. Have eaten well, only missed one meal and then spent the time marching the deck.

Sunday August 30th

Still very windy and pretty rough though heaps better than before. This morning there are many fresh faces around. Next berth to ours is a man. woman and five children. The Steward and Stewardess are in despair at cleaning it out. All have been ill. There are many who haven't stirred out of their berths yet. It's better to struggle up on board. Yesterday Em (her sister and traveling companion) felt bad once or twice but she was made to walk. It's nothing to find yourself trotted along having both arms gripped and made to keep step. It's supposed to cure sickness and it's certainly done us good. It's bad to get up in the morning after laying flat but you struggle through with the bowl at the side for trouble and get dressed as quickly as possible and on deck. The Stewards and Stewardesses are very kind and obliging.

Monday August 31st

Lovely day, rather windy but very sunny. Temperature getting colder on account of icebergs.

Tuesday September 1st

Sea much smoother, been reading, gossiping and talking to the girl going to Montreal to be married. Expect to enter the Straits tonight.

Wednesday September 2nd

A concert was held. Em sang "Molly" and "Dear I send thee Pansies", I sang "Because".

Thursday September 3rd

Ronmuskie in the evening. Passed Nova Scotia etc., able to see the coast one side. Several lighthouses. Stayed up to see the mails taken ashore at midnight.

Friday September 4th

Arrived Quebec about 10:00 a.m. passed Doctor and Civil official and went ashore.

We conclude this piece about those who make their living on the sea with John Masefield's evocative poem "I must go down to the Sea again" - second verse:

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of
the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be
denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white
clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and
the sea-gulls crying.

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PARTNERSHIP ... by Mary E. Petty, B.A.

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genetic genealogy along with traditional genealogy to discover family connections to the people of history and immigrant ancestry.

Doug Arnett concurs, "I find genetics and genealogy fascinating," he said. "We're going to find out, sooner or later, that we're all much more closely related than we ever thought."

To find out more about the Jamestown and Colonial Virginia Genealogy and DNA Project go to the GenealogyFound website at www.genealogyfound.org

For information on the upcoming celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown colony go to www.jamestown2007.org/home.cfm

GenealogyFound www.genealogyfound.org is a non-profit foundation established in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2005 to work with other non-profit and for-profit organizations in developing new humanitarian, educational, and historical event projects using genealogy, history and DNA. These efforts will bring peoples and nations closer together!

Relative Genetics www.relativegenetics.com provides genetic testing solutions to help genealogists build the branches of their family trees. The company's comprehensive testing services allow private companies, individuals, family organizations and genealogists around the world to establish relationships and identity through DNA testing, genetic interpretation and genealogical analysis.

www.heirlines.com is a nationally recognized professional genealogy custom research services company that has helped thousands of clients since 1969 to discover their roots. They are located in the Genealogy Capital of the World, Salt Lake City, Utah, which is home to the world's largest Family History Library - www.familysearch.org - owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Heirlines utilizes this Library, the Internet, onsite research, microfilmed and original record sources from across the globe to accurately discover and properly document the family tree.

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Common Genealogical Myths from Cyndi's List

Myth #2:

Everything you find on the Internet is accurate and reliable.

www.cyndislist.com/myths.htm

SERENDIPITY IN GENEALOGY

Coincidence in Researching Your Family History Column Editor: Beverley A. Rees

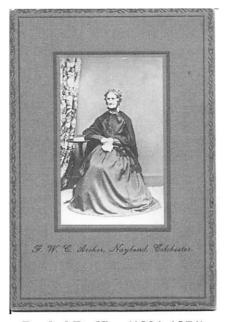
SERENDIPITY IN RESEARCH

"Family history research, as we all know, can be tedious and even boring. It becomes exciting when we find a clue that could lead to the answer we are seeking. But sometimes that clue can be misleading. Then again, sometimes we stumble across an answer when we least expect it, and where we never would have sought it."

FINDING A LIVING 4TH COUSIN QUITE A COINCIDENCE!

By Roger Leach

I have spent many an hour researching my mother's ancestors (Sandle). One day, a few years ago, I was on a web site that listed researchers of names in Suffolk, England. While flicking through the list looking for Sandle, I came across the name Ruffles.



Rachel Ruffles (1801-1871) Roger's 2nd great grandmother Portrait circa 1830

As this was my 2nd great grandmother's name, I sent off an email to the researcher. After awhile I received a message back and quickly confirmed

that the researcher, Colin Ruffles, and I shared 3rd great grandparents and he was indeed my 4th cousin.

This was of course exciting and we exchanged a considerable amount of family information. Coincidentally, we found out that Colin and his family live in Victoria only 100 yards away from my wife's parents. We met shortly after and have been in touch ever since.

We also found out that my son and his daughter were in the same biochemistry year at the University of Victoria in 1990 and never knew they were 5th cousins. We only found out by chance last year. My grandchildren have now met their 6th cousins! I am sure there are many other unknown relatives out there and who knows I may find some more!

Yours in genealogy, Roger Leach

FIRING BUCKSHOT & LIVING IN HOPE By Bill Campbell

Ten years ago, before I really got into this family history stuff (aka genealogy), I felt that I must have surviving relatives in Britain but I really wasn't sure how to bite into the challenge. I knew for sure that I had none in Alberta.

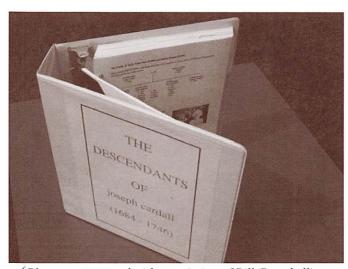
I joined AFHS at the persuasion of Gord Hulbert and soon after found out that I could post surnames of interest on our website Surnames List. Of the 20 or so that my wife and I posted, two of mine were CARDALL and PILTER. We also posted the names on the appropriate Rootsweb lists as well. Kinda' like firing buckshot and living in hope.

About a year later, when I had almost forgotten these postings I received an email from a lady by the name of Yvonne in Devon, England. This is an exact copy of that September 2, 1999 message.

Hi I see you are researching Pilter and Cardall. One of my great great great grandfathers was the Rev Robert Pilter and another was Sampson Cardall, Iron Founder! I have a good deal of info about the Pilter family - some on the Cardall family! Where are you in Alberta? My son lives in Calgary! e-mail me... Yvonne

She had used one of the Internet search engines and discovered that the same person was interested in these two unusual surnames. Good researcher!

Without overdoing it I can readily claim to have "inherited" at least 20 brand new cousins. But, cousin Yvonne is the best. She is a retired college math teacher and has a great commitment to genealogy. She, with the help of others in the family, has now published a book *The Descendants of Joseph Cardall - (1684 - 1746) -* 321 years of family history. It is a treasure - well researched and full of family photos and artifacts.



(Photo courtesy and with permission of Bill Campbell)

Among the newly discovered cousins is one living in Okotoks, AB with many many more cousins throughout wild rose country.

Remember, I didn't even know I had any in Alberta! And, another resulting delight is the

discovery of a cousin in Utah. I helped to find her biological mother whom she had never met in her 70-year lifetime. That story appeared in the Winter, January 2006 issue of *Chinook*, titled "Finding Sarah". YOU JUST NEVER KNOW!

The moral of the story, of course, is to be sure to tell the world who you are looking for on every list that you can find.

A great discovery can happen tomorrow morning!

Bill Campbell

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THE GREAT ANCESTOR HUNT...

By Lois Sparling

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The FamilySearch web site is very big and very helpful. In addition to its census index to the 1881 censuses of Canada and Great Britain and the 1880 census of the USA, there is a wonderful section giving detailed instructions and advice on family history research by country, Canadian province and American state. It has the Family History Library catalogue (affectionately known as the FHLC). This is your key to the holdings of the Family History Library, including all the microfilms and microfiche you can order in to one of the Calgary Family History Centres for your personal viewing pleasure. The MUST search I.G.I. is also online at this site. Finally, the PAF genealogy software programme can be downloaded here for free.

Two last pieces of advice:

- Do not neglect a thorough investigation of information available within your extended family; and
- 2. Do drag yourself away from your computer to use the vast array of family history resources not online.

AFHS VOLUNTEER REPORT

By Bev Swan



(All photos courtesy of Mertie Beatty)

June 4, 2006 Alberta Families Histories Society Volunteer Appreciation Day saw 77 recipients receive certificates for their dedicated work with the Society. Three special awards of choosing a book for the library were presented to Heather Jaremko, Marlene Knott, and Heather Williams.



Alan Peers and Bev Swan present an award to Marlene Knott

These awards are given to members and friends of the Society who turn their volunteer hours into the Volunteer Coordinator. This process can be done by filling out the volunteer form on line, filling in the form and turning it into the Volunteer Coordinator at the monthly meeting or leaving it at the AFHS library.

This Society is 100% volunteered based. We rely very much on everyone to help with the Society's growth and continued communication with people interested in doing their Family Research. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator (Bev Swan) on our Web site if you have a skill or talent to share.



Award presented to Heather Jaremko



Mabel Kiessling receiving an award

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It is one of the beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself - Ralph Waldo Emerson

EVENTS

Compiled by Beverley A. Rees

FamilyRoots 2006: Genealogy, Genes, and Gigabytes

Dates: October 13 – 14, 2006
Place: Carriage House Inn, Calgary, Alberta
www.family-roots.ca

This will be Alberta's premier genealogy event of 2006 – held in Calgary, Alberta!

See pages 5-7 for more information!

Special presentation Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meetinghouse on Heritage Drive by noted historian David E. Rencher, will discuss the digitization of the records in the Granite Mountain Vault (estimated to contain some 30 billion names!) This will be an exciting evening.

On Saturday, our venue shifts to the Carriage House Inn on Macleod Trail. Here 14 speakers from Calgary, Edmonton, British Columbia, Ontario, and the United States will deliver 24 informative lectures addressing the themes of the conference.



Learn about the latest genealogy software at FamilyRoots 2006

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Archives & You Conference

The Canadian Council of Archives invites you to attend the **Archives and You!** conference to be held at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce (100 6th Avenue SW) in Calgary, Alberta, September 25 and 26, 2006. Day one of the conference will consist of concurrent and plenary sessions, ask the expert roundtables, and a luncheon. Day two is reserved for site visits to archives in the surrounding areas.

If you are interested in hosting a site visit, please email conference@archivescanada.ca. This everything you wanted to know about archives, but were afraid to ask, is Canada's only national conference for users of archives, an "archival boot camp without the pushups" for genealogists, researchers, teachers, librarians, historians, students, curators, volunteers and anyone with interest in Canada's documentary heritage. From first-rate plenary sessions, to interactive roundtables and workshops, one-onone consultations with experts, tours of local archives and exhibits - presenting the latest technology and services, Archives and You! is designed to sharpen archival users' tool-set and strengthen their relationship with the archival community.

For more information and to register, visit the conference web site at www.archivesconference.ca or call toll-free (866) 775-1816.

Genealogical Society Annual Conference October 27–29, 2006, Moosomin, Saskatchewan www.saskgenealogy.com/seminar/Seminar%202006.htm

2006 Genealogy Conference and Cruise Hosted by Wholly Genes Software November 11–18, 2006

Join us for an educational and fun-filled voyage through the Mexican Riviera while we learn about genealogical research methods, tools, and technologies from some of the most popular speakers and authorities in those fields.

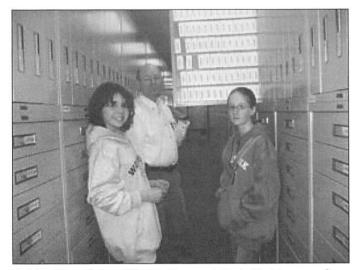
Don't miss this opportunity to learn new research techniques from the experts between relaxing jaunts to warm and exotic ports of call. It will be a memorable trip! Professional lecturers include Dick Eastman, Hank Jones, Tony Burroughs, Robert Charles Anderson, Dick Pence, Marsha Hoffman Rising, and Megan Smolenyak.

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YOUR FIRST TRIP TO THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY IN SALT LAKE CITY?

By Beverley A. Rees

The world's largest collection of genealogical records attracts visitors from around the world. Use the Family Search website to gather information about the library: www.familysearch.org



Ashley Humphries of Lethbridge, and Teah Christensen of Rocky Mountain House with grandfather Ken Rees at the world's largest genealogy and family history library. (Photo courtesy of Beverley A. Rees, taken April 2006)

Visitors often wish they had known what to bring or how to prepare to better use the limited time they had in the library. The following suggestions will help you get the most from your visit.

1) Decide the focus of your research ahead of time. Learn all you can about your family from home and family sources. Interview and correspond with family members, especially your older relatives. Find additional information at cemeteries, historical societies, and local record offices. Learn about family history resources at local public and academic libraries. Bring with you any information that links you to ancestors who lived before 1920. Information on people living in the 20th century is difficult to obtain due to privacy restrictions. Your relatives can save you time and help get you started.

- 2) Consult the on-line Family History
 Library Catalogue to see what's
 available on your focus area and the
 online Research Guidance to select the
 records you wish to view when you get to
 the library. The catalog describes the
 library's records. It is the key to research
 in the library and at Family History
 Centers. Use the catalog to find the book,
 CD-ROM, microfilm, and microfiche
 numbers you need to obtain records.
- Catalog to determine if the films you need are immediately available in the library. The library is unable to store all microfilms at the library. Films listed in the catalog as "Vault" films may take up to three days to retrieve. Before your visit, you can request the microfilms you need by email or fax [email address and fax number is available on the web site].
- 4) Most documents are written in the language of the country where they were made. You usually do not need to know the foreign language to use the records, but learning a few key terms is helpful. Many language word lists are available online at Research Helps.
- 5) Many records are handwritten, are in chronological rather than alphabetical order, and are not indexed. Allow plenty of time at the library when searching these types of records.
- 6) Familiarize yourself with the layout of the library. There is a floor plan on the website. Check the library hours and scheduled holidays.
- 7) Use the Search for Ancestors feature of this web site. If you find your family in previous research sources, use the library

to find original records to verify the information.

- 8) Use the **Search for Ancestors** feature of this web site. If you find your family in previous research sources, use the library to find original records to verify the information found.
- 9) Remember to do as much as possible of the on-line research from your home first. There is no sense in going all the way to Salt Lake to consult "Family Search" or "Ancestry".
- 10) A Store "N" Go Flash Drive is a must! These allow you to carry your genealogy data (GEDCOM file) for immediate access as well as allow you storage space to download data/images from the computers in the library.
- 11) Ask at the front desk if you can have a pass for the Church Office cafeteria. The Church Office building is located a couple of blocks east of the library and has great food for reasonable prices!

We make plans to help us maintain focus, but every seasoned genealogist has had sudden flashes of insight, sudden inspiration that has guided them to new finds. Be focused, but ready to follow those sudden hunches.

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EVENTS By Beverley A. Rees

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Computerized Genealogy Conference BYU – March 16 – 17th, 2007

Alberta Genealogical Society Conference April 21-22, 2007 -- Edmonton, Alberta

Genealogy Society Seminar April 28, 2007 – Abbotsford, BC See <u>www.abbygs.ca</u>

NGS Conference

May 16 – 19, 2007 Richmond, Virginia

Ottawa, The Nation's Capital for 150 Years; The Peopling of Canada Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2007 June 1-3, 2007, Ottawa, Ontario Ontario Genealogical Society

www.ogsottawa.on.ca/

FGS Conference

August 15 - 18, 2007

Theme: Meeting at the Crossroads of America Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Legacy Genealogy Cruise 19 September – 1 October 2007 www.legacyfamilytree.com

XXVIIIth International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

June 23 - 28, 2008, Quebec City www.sgq.qc/congres 2008/welcome.htm

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Indian Residential School in Edmonton in the 1930s (Photo courtesy of Heather Jaremko)

The Edmonton Residential School operated by the United Church in partnership with the federal government opened 1923 and closed 1968. An arsonist burned it down in July 2000. (The first Indian Residential School in Alberta opened in 1844 and the last closed was in 1996.)

OUERIES

Submitted to queries-chinook.ab.ca

BANCROFT, MARY

Born 14 Jan 1807 in Massachusetts Married 14 Jan 1825 location unknown

Question: Who are her parents? What is her relationship to her contemporaries in West Hawkesbury Twp., Prescott Co., Ontario, Levi and Asa Bancroft?

Her husband was Alonzo Bangs (1799 - 1865). The family was Presbyterian. Children were: Mercy, Amanda, Alonzo, Alanson, James, Melissa, Eliphalet, Charles, Charlotte Maria, Mary Jane and Clarissa.

Contact:

Lois Sparling email: lsparling@shaw.ca 38 Hallbrook Drive SW Calgary, AB T2V 3H4

BOULET, JOSEPH

Married to Adelia Roy, Waterville, ME?

Question: Who were the parents of Joseph Boulet? He was my grandfather. My mother was Lucille Boulet(te) of Waterville, Maine.

He was first married to Emma Bolduc and had several children, my mother's "half" siblings.

There was rumor of Joseph's mother being "an indian." I would love to know my history, including any Native Canadian history. People always ask me if I am "Indian." I AM. I KNOW THIS. I want to connect with my history.

I now know that this Joseph Boulet would have been born probably between 1885 and 1900, sorry so broad a spectrum - the census is just guessing and has two listings, one for each wife. One says 1900, the other says 1884 as possible birth years. This census is from Waterville, Maine, but Joseph may have first gone to Quebec, Canada and then on to Waterville.

Editor's Answer:

Joseph Boulet married Emma Bolduc on 12 August 1907 at St Odilon-de-Cranbourne, Dorchester, Quebec. Therefore, it is unlikely he was born in 1900.

The marriage to Emma was in Quebec, so I suspect Joseph was born in Quebec and later went to Waterville for work. There was work in the mills and so on in U.S. at the time. Many Quebec families went seeking employment especially to New York, Michigan and Maine, popular places due to their proximity.

On the 1911 Census of Canada they are listed in St. Odilion-de-Cranbourne, Dorchester County as follows:

NAME	SX	RELATION- SHIP TO HOH	MARITAL STATUS	BIRTH MONTH	BIRTH YEAR
Boulet Joseph	M	Head	M	Dec	1883
Boulet Emma	F	Wife	M	Jun	1887
Boulet Yvonne	F	Daughter	S	Jun	1908
Boulet Donat	M	Son	S	Nov	1909
All are listed as born in Quebec.					

Anyone else with additional information for Michele, you may contact her as follows: Michelle Cousineau (Rancourt) Spencer Email: michelle@spencerpotteryinc.com 1111 Newton Drive Southport, NC 28461

BULLARD/HALL

Seeking contact with family, friends, or acquaintances of Leonard and Daisy (nee HALL) BULLARD. This pertains to a HALL Family research project.

Lucille Horne, 9505 87 Street, Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 1G9

Email: <u>lucilleh@shaw.ca</u>

Send us your queries. See www.afhs.ab.ca/queries/index.html

AFHS LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

& BOOK REVIEWS

By Ann Williams

TRACING YOUR SECOND WORLD WAR ANCESTORS

by Simon Fowler (Donated by the English/Welsh SIG)

The Second World War (1939-45), in varying degrees, touched the lives of everyone alive at the time. This book covers operational codenames, military abbreviations and gives statistics to add background to our family histories but principally Mr. Fowler's book looks at sources for finding more information and its topics include:

- British Commonwealth Forces;
- Allies & Enemies: Belgium,
 Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy,
 Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland,
 Russia and the United States;
- Prisoners of War;
- Civilians (primarily U.K): Aliens, Refugees, Firemen, Civil Defence, Conscientious Objectors & Rationing.

Rumour has it that the British will release vast quantities of WW2 records in the next decade, but until then this book will lead us to the records that are now available to us.

About the Author:

Simon Fowler worked for nearly 20 years with the National Archives at Kew and is the author of several books on family history.

PUBLISH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:
Preserving your Family's Heritage in a Book
By Susan Yates and Greg Ioannou
(Donated by the Ontario Genealogical Society)
(Published by Ontario Genealogical Society
2005 192 pages index 0-7779-2152-9 \$25)

This book was written from the perspective of Canadian professional writers and publishers and

as such is a practical guide to producing family history books with a professional look and feel. The book touches on many options including Internet publishing and home publishing, rightly saying that: Sometimes you are the only person who can give a project the love and care it deserves.

One very helpful section discusses giving a manuscript a cohesive look and provides sample 'style sheets' and examples of page layouts to assist with this. All-in-all this book is a practical look at producing a book right from choosing its title through to its back covers (not black as they suggest they scuff easily), covering various printing/copying and binding options along the way (including sewing the pages together with Japanese Binding Stitch). I would say this book is a 'must read' when reaching the final stages of writing a family history.

About the Authors:

Susan Yates has been employed in a variety of publishing positions and has produced books of all types from reference to mass-market paperbacks. Greg Ioannou has been in publishing since 1977 and edited more than 2,000 books along the way.

OTHER LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Submitted by Helen Backhouse

- 1. Beginners Guide to Genealogy
- 2. Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada Before Confederation Vol. 4
- 3. Index to the Upper Canada Land Books Vol. 1
- 4. Newington Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions Edinburgh Scotland CD
- 5. Genealogy, Geography, and Maps
- 6. Using Forms for Canadian Genealogical Research

FUN WITH NAMES By Ann Williams

In the *Journal of One-Name Studies* (Volume 9 Issue 1) is an article subtitled "A totally frivolous exercise" in which John Bradley of Lincolnshire (bradley@one-name.org) looked for patterns in the surnames of Bradley spouses, coming up with such gems as "Salt and Pepper, Potts" and "Roast, Legge and Lamb".

Copying his idea I found that with surnames from 30 years of research in Surrey, Sussex & Hampshire my family could be pretty self-sufficient:

- For sustenance for our Boddys and Young Childs we have Gardiners, Fielders, Mowers, Waterers, Sheppards, Fishers, Hunters, Skinners, Millers, Butchers, Bakers, Fryers, Cooks, Cheesemans, Steeres, Veals, Berrys, Porters & Bass (beers), Haddocks & Crisps, Lemons, Salts & Mintys;
- For warmth we have Coles & Hobbs; for shelter & implements we have Woodhouses, Daws, Lockes, Halls, Kitchens, Bottles & Spooners; we have Shudds for garden tools, Barnes for livestock and Butts for Rayner water. To repair and clean things we have Smiths, Carpenters, Painters & Tylers, Charmans & Tidys. Our Castles have Keeps, Wards, Dukes, Earls, Kings, Butlers, Paiges, Knights, Archers & Arrows;
- We have Constables to deal with Crookes and those who Pepys;
- For clothing we have Coates (plus Hooks) & Taylors; for footwear we have Clarkes;
- For dental Paynes we have Pullingers; those Ayling with Edsaws we Heles with Serums;
- When old Crockers Fall we have Coffins & Graves;

- For Petts we have Lyons, Birds,
 Nightingales, Peacocks, Jays, Martins,
 Cocks, Ganders, Poynters (dogs) & Gibbons;
- For fun we have a Lidle Mayes, White Christmases, Hydes & Hunts, for the musical we have Vidlers, Singers & Toons, for the tired we have Nappers; we can Kemp in Cheshire, Holland, Ireland or Wales; we can Ryde North West for Miles on the Streeters in our Bentleys, Jeapes & Tyrells (racing cars);
- Nearby we have Greeenfields, Sycamores, Birches, Woods, LeGroves, Downes, Hedges, Bushes, Roses, Lanes, Streets, Stones & Flints; the Hills have Craggs, Astridges, Aust-ridges & Mugge-ridges; we May cross the Brookers at Hanford, Langford, Lifford, Redford, Stanford, Wakeford, Wattleford, Grumbridge or Mansbridge;
- We have Stampes for our mail, Dymonds and Bundles of Bucks (& Pounds) so every Day give Pennys & Tanners to the Poor, Moore on Mundays & Fridays, Sumner & Winter;
- Our St. Johns Churchur has Bishops, Abbots, Chaplins, Parsons & Priestmans;
- Finally, for the inquisitive we have Watts, Venns, Wyeths & Howes and hopefully Luffs enough for everyone.

Anyone else want to do this "totally frivolous exercise"?

Editor's Note: If you do take Ann up on her challenge, please send us your results!

DREAM VACATION AT THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

By Xenia Stanford

You know you're addicted to genealogy, if your dream vacation is spending a week at the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. Author Unknown

I know I am addicted and this is just further proof because this **was** my dream vacation and it finally happened this September!

At the last minute someone was unable to go on the trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City organized by some local ladies. I was last on the waiting list and finally all the others on the list dropped out and it was my turn.

This was the trip I had wanted to make since as long as I can remember knowing that this library existed. I think this was about the time I joined AFHS after many years of trying to do family history research on my own. "Trying on my own" - I think that statement really sums up the major point of what I learned the two weeks I was gone.

Get Advice Before You Go!

First driving down with three other people was cheaper and easier than flying. Just be sure if you take any fruit it must be from Canada or the U.S. Don't forget to keep the label or package the fruit came in proving this or your fruit will suffer the same fate as my sacrificial grapes! I had washed them at home and put them in a plastic bag for munching on the way. Oh well!

Even before I started packing, I read Bev Rees tips for first time visitors to the Family History Library (lucky editor that I am, I could read this article beforehand) and I surfed the net for other ideas. I asked the others going on the trip questions for things I did not know. It really pays to find out as much as you can before you go the first time. Remember the point is not trying to do it on your own.

So I had planned my research by days – one branch of a family tree each day. Oops! I arrived the first day to work on French lines and I discovered the FHL is one of less than a handful

of libraries who have the "Blue Drouin".

Finding The Rare Bleu Drouin Collection

The original Drouin project was an indexing of all the marriages that could be found in French upper North American parishes (excludes Acadia except for Acadians who moved to Quebec or non-English areas of upper NA). Joseph Drouin, a lawyer, started this project in 1899. His index was typed up and bound into books. Later Joseph's son Gabriel carried on the work.

The original marriage-indexing project started by Joseph is the "Rouge" or "Petit Drouin" (two volumes of indexes and one volume on the stories of some original settlers, some heraldry and some signatures of the original settlers). Locally, the Family History Centre on 17th Avenue, the University of Calgary MacKimmie Library and the Calgary Public Library all have these. I have the CD version myself, purchased from Global Genealogy. Owning this is no longer very expensive or extensive.

The indexing of marriages continued and the result was the Blue (Bleu) Drouin consisting of 61 volumes indexed by grooms' names (called "hommes") and 64 volumes by brides' names (called "femmes"). According to the latest I can find, there are only four libraries that have this in book or fiche form. (Some have the 49 volume men's rather than the later 61 volume version).

Salle Gagnon in Montreal has the books, American-French FGS has both books and fiche (but since they hold the reproduction rights, I am counting them as one), Southern California Genealogical Society in Burbank, California has the books and now, I find, the FHL in Salt Lake has the fiche.

If there are other groups who have these, I don't know about it. Each set costs \$15,000 (USD) for the books, \$7500 (USD) for the fiche and \$10,000 (USD) for the microfilm (there is no microfilm version for the men's). So this it is a large investment to make these available.

This is why these are restricted and found behind the library attendants' door on the US/CANADA Film Floor. You need your driver's license to take out up to five fiche at a time.

One more note: there are two parts to each set of indexes for both men's and women's. In the books these are found at the end of each volume. In the fiche version, these are found as separate indexes. Part two represents those collected later than the original "bleu" but this does not necessarily mean these are later dates. They can be other parishes not included in the first part.

Don't Spend Every Day on One Resource

My advice though, in spite of such a great find as this, is don't spend several consecutive days on one resource. Because I left finding the English ancestors to the last couple of days, I ran out of time to do that research justice.

I did venture onto the US/CANADA Book Floor to check out a book I wanted to see. I found browsing through the books on either side of the one I was after was more fruitful. From this I found entire parish records for relevant parishes. This, of course, meant I also found baptisms/births and burials/deaths, as well as more complete marriage records than those afforded by the indexes.

I also found in the passengers' list indexes, the exact date and ship for the immigration of my father and his parents to Canada. Do you know how many days I had spent going through the 1908 passenger records on microfilm?

I knew they left within three weeks of the ticket found in my grandmother's effects. The ticket minus stub said they must depart within three weeks of the date booked. That meant they left before mid August. Also I remember my grandmother saying they arrived in the eighth month of the eighth year of the century.

However, when I could not find them in the ships' list for August 1908 arrivals, I started going through every passenger lists for ships

arriving in 1908 and then every ship for 1909 in case my wise grandmother was incorrect. So now I know! They arrived August 23, 1908 on the ship called Lake Michigan. If I hadn't pulled myself away from the one collection long enough to focus on another family, I would have continued to believe I would never find it.

Ask the Expert

Although every person volunteering at the Family History Library is dedicated and helpful, it pays to find out when an expert in your area of research will be on shift.

Prior to leaving for Salt Lake, I had retrieved the marriage record for Robert Stanford and Lydia Wallis/Wallace. I found this (with some help from a friend and a cousin) in St. George-in-the-East in 1800. Since no parents were listed I hoped to find the license and the bond in the hope that more information was available.

When I learned that an expert, a certified genealogist, in London records would be available on a certain day/time, I waited to consult him. When I did, I found both documents, including other documents, such as wills, for family members in less than an hour after spending several hours the day before on my own. Too bad it was my last day there!

"The best-laid schemes o' mice an' [wo]men Gang aft agley" (sorry Robbie Burns for the slight change in your great line)! I am glad I found the wonderful Drouin without making a separate trip to Montreal or Woonsocket. I do wish I had stayed on plan a bit more and left the extra days on the one resource to nearer the end.

Well as my travelling companions said, "It just means you have to plan to go to Salt Lake again". The trip of a lifetime will have to become one of many I hope!

In the next issue, I will include the interviews with my travelling companions on their experiences, advice and questions for you!

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

By Christine Hayes

Programs offered by the Local History Department at the Calgary Public Library

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CALGARY'S HISTORY: THE MINI-HIGHLIGHT SERIES

Program - Treasures from the Local History Room Sept. 14, 2006 10:00-10:30 a.m. Thursday

Program - Calgary's Past in Postcards: a Visual History of our City

Thursday

Nov. 9, 2006

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Program - Dene Cooper - Exshaw: Heart of the Valley Join Dene Cooper, co- author of this recently published and well respected local history for his recounting of some of the fascinating stories of this mountain community near Banff National Park. He will also give us insights into the joys and tribulations of writing and publishing a local history.

Wednesday

Nov. 1, 2006

7: 00 - 8:30 p.m.

Program - The Heritage Triangle: Adventures in Calgary's History

Interested in doing historical research on your house, your family or Calgary in general? Join representatives of Calgary Public Library's Local History and Genealogy Collection, Glenbow Archives and the City of Calgary, Corporate Records, Archives as they highlight research treasures from their collections. Local historian Harry Sanders from the Glenbow will also give an entertaining glimpse of the Heritage Triangle then and now. An optional walking tour to The City's Archives and the Glenbow Archives will be available afterwards.

Wednesday

October 25, 2006

2:00-4:00 p.m.

(with tour)

GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

Genealogy Software: choosing a program

By Bill Mumford

Saturday

Sept. 16, 2006

10:00 a.m. - noon

An Introduction to the genealogy collection at Calgary **Public Library**

Tuesday

October 17, 2006

2:00 - 3:30 pm

An Introduction to the genealogy collection at Calgary Public Library - A PowerPoint version of this program

Location: Signal Hill Branch

Tuesday

October 31, 2006

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Are you Interested in Your Family History: An Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition

Location: Forest Lawn Branch

Monday October 16 7:00 to 8:00 pm

See below for the Family History Coaching, a drop-in (no registration required) program held on the last Saturday of each month and run by the knowledgeable and helpful volunteers from AFHS.

You can now register online from our homepage at http://calgarypubliclibrary.com

You can also register in person at any branch or by calling 260-2785.

Family History – Coaching

Whether you've hit a brick wall or are just getting started in your research, we can help. The Calgary Public Library, in partnership with the Alberta Family Histories Society, hosts a drop-in family history coaching session on the last Saturday of each month from September to June. Experienced volunteers from the Society provide one-on-one help with resources, strategies and organizational techniques

SAT Sept 30

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10:00 a.m. - Noon

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SAT Oct 28

No session in December

10:00 a.m. - Noon

4th floor, Humanities, Family History Area No registration required

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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 712-16th Ave NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2M 0J8. Membership fees are due September 1st each year. If a new member joins on or after April 1st then that membership is valid until the September of the following year.

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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 dues, fund raising projects, donations, bequeaths and corporate sponsorship.

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CANADA

BIOGRAPHY OF AN ANCESTOR COMPETITION - IHGS

To celebrate the Institute's 50th anniversary, The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies is launching a competition. Family historians are invited to write an original biography of an ancestor born pre 1890. The judges will be looking for an interesting and well-written account that puts the ancestor's life in a social and local historical context. Information obtained from genealogical research is encouraged and the entries should not rely on personal memories or family stories alone.

The competition is free to enter and entries should be submitted by 1st February 2007. An announcement will be made of the winner on 1st April 2007. The winner will receive a cheque for £350 and a donation of £150 will be made to their family history society of choice. The runner-up will receive a cheque for £200 and a donation of £100 will be made to their family history society of choice.

Both entries will also be published in the Institute's journal, *Family History*.

The rules for the competition are very simple. The entry must be one of original research and writing based on an ancestor who was, as mentioned above, born pre-1890. The entry should be of no more than 10,000 words including appropriate footnotes and references to historical evidence and documents. If at all possible, illustrations and photographs should be included to enhance the work, which should be presented in an attractive manner. The closing date for the competition entries to be received in Canterbury is February 1, 2007. The decision of the judges in selecting the two prizewinners is final.

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