

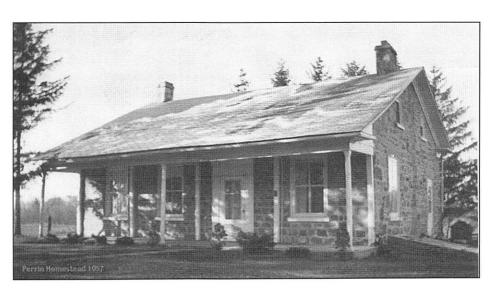
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June 4, 2007	Volunteer Appreciation: Join us as the Board recognizes the contributions of our many volunteers.	Railway History: What was life like as a CPR employee? Come find out more about the CPR and its employees. Speaker: Tom Price

Our meeting format will be changing in September. Check the July Chinook for details.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Tara Shymanski

The Society is gearing up for a new year. Financially, we're doing ok. Another casino is in the not too distant future. We had many volunteers for our last casino and I hope we have as many for the next one.



You will soon be hearing from the nominating committee looking for volunteers to replace Board members who are leaving. Please seriously consider volunteering.

Recently I heard someone say, "People join the

Alberta Family Histories Society to learn about genealogy, not to volunteer." This started me thinking. What are our responsibilities as genealogists? We need to be accurate and honest in our research, cite our sources, and provide a careful analysis of our findings. But is there more? Do we have an obligation to other people doing family history?

Somewhere I read, I can't remember where, that we have a responsibility to the genealogical family. As a Society, that means we do special projects in our vicinity, such as the transcription and photography of the cemeteries that our volunteers do. This work provides family history information for people who can't make it to Calgary to visit the cemetery. This is important work.

Other societies do similar projects. The cemetery transcriptions from the Ontario Genealogical Society are very beneficial in my research. And our Society does more than transcribe cemeteries. As a Society, this is how we help others researching their families. As individuals we have a responsibility too. It can be by volunteering with our Society. It's important to volunteer.

Our past chair, Gordon Lane, said without volunteers this Society cannot run. He is right. We may have money to support the Society but

without volunteers there would be no Society. You won't benefit and people around the world who depend on our volunteer work will suffer.

It doesn't have to be big. Often it's the little things we do as genealogists that help others. But I feel it is our responsibility to do something to help the genealogical family. Then when a newcomer starts his or her family history there is a huge support system to help out.

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### 2007 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is the second and **final** notice of the Annual General Meeting in accordance with *AFHS Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.5*, which states: "Written notice of the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be made available to all members in good standing at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting."

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Family Histories Society** shall be held on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 3818 - 14A Street SW (First Christian Reformed Church) starting at 7:15 p.m., during which financial and other reports will be given, business conducted and elections held.

George Lake will be calling the Nominations Committee together.

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### **EDITOR'S EYE**

by Xenia Stanford

Once again I am amazed at the stories we have to tell. When the publications committee noted a preference to focus on Alberta and Calgary, I was a bit sceptical that we would find enough to write about. First, let me clarify, we did not mean there would not be coverage of places other than Calgary or Alberta – just that we would ensure we covered or uncovered information about our local history.

Second, I was wrong. I began looking at other magazines dealing with genealogy, family history and social history of our city and province. I saw numerous topics and stories in our locale we had not even thought of, much less touched! For example, in this issue we have an article from Rosemary Kry (Views Of Alberta's Past: The Calgary Fire Department) about the history of the Calgary Fire Department. Even though we may not be related to Cappy Smart or other people mentioned by name in the article, it offers a backdrop against which our people of the same era can be seen. This adds much more to our family history than just recording BMD.

So I have much to look forward to when I encourage people knowledgeable in local subjects to write an article. The amazing thing is that people send me their stories before I ask or even realize they have a story. Such is the one by Shirley Pinter. I just love it when someone sends me unsolicited stories. I'm waiting for yours!

I still have many tips to add in the second part to my **Dream Vacation** at the Family History Library in Salt Lake, but I prefer to make way for others. I have added a few notes where there is room in this issue and will continue to do so in the future. For now I do want to share what may be a new tip. While checking out information for a fellow AFHS member, I made a great discovery (perhaps you already knew this): you can **search** the **The National Archives of the UK at Kew** online at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

I tried it out and here is what I found on Maurice Shea, my children's 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather:

Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers Service Documents: WO 97/856/4 MAURICE SHEA Born TRIEN, Kerry Served in 73rd Foot Regiment. Discharged aged 26. Date range: 1813 - 1822. Source: The Catalogue of The National Archives.

Sometimes the result is an index, such as this, and has no further information. On other searches, I found some give you the actual microfilmed record right on the screen. In other cases, it allows you to purchase a document to download from them – all from your armchair without traveling to Kew.

The other matter I want to point out is that in the Chinook we have a new way of organizing our content, as well as new columns starting in this issue. We open with new articles, including at least one on Views of Alberta's Past. We then move on to Columns such as Did You Know (AFHS history), Beginner's, Serendipity, Queries and SIG Corner. In the second half of the issue, we will devote more attention to Board Matters. The information here will depend on which Board member or Project Committee has something to report. Our Library section will always cover New Acquistions, What's Out There (a look at interesting articles from the exchange journals we receive) and Book Reviews. We end with Events of other organizations as well as our own AFHS special events and Calgary Public Library (CPL) genealogy programs.

You won't want to miss out on this and future issues, so be sure to renew, as we are nearing the start of a new membership year on September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are not a member, please join. You won't regret it. For all members, be on the lookout for others who could benefit from membership. Don't keep it a secret! Please extol the benefits:

- Receive 4 issues of Chinook
- Borrow books from the AFHS Library
- Learn from knowledgeable members See page 17 for further information and page 30 for the form to fill out and submit.

# VIEWS OF ALBERTA'S PAST: THE CALGARY FIRE DEPARTMENT by Rosemary Kry

As a child growing up in Calgary, my most vivid memory of a fire is that of the multi-storied pagoda, the structure on the NW corner of 14th St and 17 Ave. S.W., known as the Condon Block. The building included Jimmy's Cafe (proprietor, Jimmy Condon), a bank and apartments above. In the bitter winter cold, the water used to put out the flames created a magical crystal palace; think of a chocolate fondue fountain with ice flows and icicles. Beautiful to behold, but the fire must have been misery to put out.



(Photo courtesy and permission of the Firefighters Museum Calgary)

Settlers in Alberta always feared grass fires. In the spring of 1884, Calgary had a population of 500, a volunteer bucket brigade and a twelve-furrow fireguard around its few wooden shacks. Its first major fire was in January of the following year. The uninsured home of J. L. Bowen was completely consumed. This home, one of the better residences in town, was lost due to the volunteers being equipped only with

buckets and having no nearby water source. The furniture was rescued and put on the front lawn, and the henhouse - with its lively occupants - was hauled away from the fire with a rope.

Other buildings have required the services of the fire department. Pictures in the *Calgary Herald* of the Union Packing Company plant fire at Nose Creek on December 29, 1948 show an endless stack of frozen beef carcasses in the foreground. (The Burns Packing Plant had been destroyed by fire several years earlier in 1913.)

Calgary schools and churches have also suffered damage from fire: Haultain School on 13 Ave and 2nd St. S.W. on May 12, 1964; Langevin School on 1 Ave and 6A St. N.E. on May 2, 1966; and Windsor Park School on 55 Ave & 4A St. S.W. on February 11, 1975. Central Methodist church on 7th Ave & 1 St. S.W. suffered damage on February 29, 1916. Barber shops, train stations, bookstores, grain elevators, furniture stores, skating rinks, and even hospitals and restaurants have all suffered fire damage.

On March 11, 1885, city council, headed by Mayor George Murdoch, agreed to have 8 wells, 25 feet deep at a cost of \$1.50 a foot, dug around the town to serve as a reliable water source. By that summer, the council resolved to purchase better equipment - including rubber buckets, hooks, ropes and ladders, as well as a two-wheel push cart for the ladders.

At a meeting held at the Masonic Lodge on August 24, 1885, town members organized the Calgary Hook, Ladder and Bucket Corps - the official birth of the future Calgary Fire Department. George Constantine became the first Captain for a very brief time before resigning and was then followed by Steve Jarrett. E. Donohue became lieutenant. The later renowned James (Cappy) Smart appeared in its ranks as hookman. Each man received 75 cents for each fire he attended. The first horse-drawn chemical "engine" (a brass barrel mounted on a two wheel cart) also appeared in 1885.

Unfortunately, the town was short of cash, and it was impounded until the freight costs were paid. For this reason it was unavailable when the big fire hit in 1886.

The fire of November 7, 1886 destroyed 14 of the wooden structures on Atlantic Avenue, what is now 9th Ave. S.W. It began at the flour and feed store managed by Parish and Sons at 6 o'clock on a Sunday morning. In the days following the fire, town citizens demanded the unused chemical engine be returned and replaced with a steam engine that could deliver a strong and steady source of water. By the end of the month, Calgary had its first horsedrawn steam engine and two hose reels, for a total price of \$4000. Yet it had no horses and still depended upon volunteer firefighters. The horseman who first reached the engine and delivered it to the scene of the fire received a cash payment of \$5.00, the equivalent of labour wages for three days.

Competition was fierce until February 1890, when mayor George Clift King and council approved the boarding of three horses in the renovated firehall, first erected in 1887 on 7th Ave N. (McIntyre Ave) between Centre and 1st Street East. James (Cappy) Smart became Chief in 1898 and personally selected the horses for the department. The horses gradually were replaced with trucks starting in 1920. In 1933 the last two horses were retired. They were Charlie and Champion, 19 and 22 years old. They were sent to a farm near Midnapore, but when it was discovered they had never learned to graze, they were returned to Calgary. They lived out their working days on hay, oats and bran mash.

By 1899, Calgary had installed four fire alarm boxes, each of which rang at the firehall day and night (unlike other towns which only offered daytime service). It also had seven water tanks with a capacity of 71,000 gallons. The department had the Ronald steam pumper, a double cylinder chemical engine, three hose reels, 3,000 feet of two inch hose, ladders made by the Cushing Company in Calgary, buckets and axes. The department had one paid engineer,

one paid foreman and 30 volunteers, who were paid 50 cents an hour for fire and 30 cents for practice. Twelve men slept in the firehall.

Under Cappy Smart's leadership, physical fitness became a condition of recruitment and employment. Late in 1898, 30 of the men bought their own uniforms for \$18 a suit. By 1910, the volunteer system was abandoned. The firefighters became full time and fully paid in now four firehalls.

Cappy Smart was a fierce advocate of fire prevention. In 1912, according to the annual report submitted to the Mayor and aldermen, 38 Calgary fires were believed to have been started by defective chimneys, 31 from hot ashes, 31 from prairie fires, 21 from poorly supervised burning of rubbish and 10 from children playing with matches. He would repeat the message of the need for fire prevention yearly, yet until 1951, the council would not support a Fire Prevention Bureau. (Douglas J. McDougall, son of the missionary Rev. John McDougall, would be the first Fire Prevention Chief. Upon McDougall's retirement in 1959, Lew Marks, who had joined in 1936, succeeded him.)

James "Cappy" Smart gave 48 years of his life as an active firefighter and another two as a Fire Prevention Officer in Calgary. He was a well-recognized, influential and respected citizen of Calgary. He died on July 25, 1939 and was buried in Union Cemetery.

Early in 1950 the alarm centre at No.1 firehall was replaced with a new centre at Rotary Park, on the north side of the Bow River. Modern alarm boxes were installed and over 19 miles of cable were laid. Due to excessive false alarms, they were removed from streets in 1978. By 1983, computers and technology replaced the fire alarm system. 1983 was also the year the traditional red fire engines began the dramatic colour change to lime green.

The Calgary Fire Department has not only answered the alarms of fire. In 1897, the Bow River overflowed its banks, flooding the areas

that became Sunnyside south to 6th Avenue South. Sixty families were evacuated with assistance from the fire brigade and a few houses floated away. Since then, the department has rescued cats and trapped horses; helped the police capture suspected murderers; and assisted victims of asphyxiation, tornados, blizzards and drunk drivers.

William A. Phillips, a native of Scotland who came to Calgary at 7 months old, became a Calgary firefighter in 1936. He pioneered mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration and closed heart massage. In 1971, he became Calgary's first Chief of the Ambulance Division of the Calgary Fire Department (previously ambulances were operated privately).

Every fire is different, and some have been deadly. Eight firefighters died between 1923 and 1981: H. McShane, Captain A. Simmons, N. Cocks, Lieutenant L. Dutnall, Lieutenant H. Smith, J. Walters, D. Allan and G. Look. In a *Calgary Herald* editorial of January 1949, the paper wrote:

It can be said that a firefighter takes a calculated risk. He is trained not only in fighting fire, but also in the avoidance of unnecessary danger. But all risks cannot be calculated.

Thank you to all our firefighters for your dedication and service.

Editor's note: Thank you to the Calgary
Firefighters Museum Society for assistance with
this article and contributing the photo. ###

### FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY TIPS (AKA DREAM VACATION)

by Xenia Stanford

In Part I of what I called "My Dream Vacation at the Family History Library", I wrote about what I learned from my first trip to the FHL in Salt Lake City.

### Ask the Expert!

One of my main points was asking experts. It bears repeating, as it was the greatest tip I learned from my traveling companion. Maybe I should have said, "Ask for the Expert".

The volunteers at the Family History Library are not all experts or, at least, not in your area of research. So when you arrive, go to the reference desk in the area(s) in which you will be researching and ask when the expert in your particular area will be available.

I asked when subject experts in British Army and London, England records would be available. Then I made sure I arrived at the Reference Desk when the expert was due. It paid off because the army expert helped me find some elusive records and, best of all, the London expert actually had researched in the very district of London that I needed. He helped me find marriages, wills and other documents that I never would have found, at least not as quickly, on my own.

# What if you cannot go to the FHL in person and what you want is a book?

I was asked recently, "What if you can't go in person and the item you want from the Family History Library in Salt Lake is not microfilm but a book?"

Since books are non-circulating items, your only access without going in person is to use a **Request for Photocopies—Census Records, Books, Microfilm, or Microfiche** form from www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/images/F
ReqMicrofilm.pdf

You mail it directly to the FHL in Salt Lake and they send the copies to you. You do not go through your local FHC. The form at the above site tells you everything else you need to know.

See additional tips on page 10 regarding taking your driver's licence to the FHL to borrow restricted items and storing personal items securely while at the Library.

### WINNING THE PRIZE!

by Shirley Pinter

While still in my teens, I promised my dad that, one day, I would look up his FAIRBROTHER family in England. However, it would take 40 years after uttering this rash promise for the genealogy bug to bite.

In the summer of 1988, while at a Sears store in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, I spotted some of those lovely (English), soft, plaid men's shirts that my husband likes and bought one. With the shirt, there was an entry form for a contest offering an all expense paid trip for two to England. I was convinced, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that I would win this trip! And I mean absolutely convinced! I entered and my friends and family were informed of my great fortune to come. The final step was to wait for Sears to call and award me the prize-winning trip. However, they did NOT call! I did NOT win the prize!!

I decided to go ahead with my plan of searching out English relatives who might (or might not) enjoy knowing they had relatives in Canada. My letter ended up at the General Register Office, in Southport, Lancashire. The reply was brief, "not enough information and unable to assist." They must have passed my letter on to the Registrar for the County of Suffolk, as I received my original letter back from Ipswich with another note to the effect that my information was insufficient. The Registrar suggested I place an advert in a local Ipswich newspaper and identified the *East Anglian Daily Times*. My letter was published in February 1989. The waiting began. Would anyone reply?

The first response was from a man who wrote to tell me all about his family (not related to mine) and gave me instructions on how to "properly" conduct a family search. He also sent me a photocopy of a page from the Ipswich phone book, which listed all those with my family name on it. So! Which one should I choose to contact?

I just let my pencil fall on the page and proceeded to write the name to which it pointed.

A reply came from a very nice sounding man, who was surprised to get my letter, since he did not know anyone in all of "The Americas" and was getting ready to move to France and retirement.

Though we were not related, we had a pleasant correspondence for several years. Since I had told him in my letter where I found his name, he took the time to check out the telephone list and crossed off all who were related to him and proceeded to phone all the others on the list. He talked to an older man who was very deaf, then talked to his wife, who said, "That sounds like my husband's family and *do* send the letter on to us and we will let our son take care of it."

Meanwhile, in Newmarket, Suffolk, a lady by the name of Thelma Fairbrother (who cleans offices before people come to work in the morning) found a copy of the *East Anglian Daily Times* folded to the "Letters to the Editor" page. My letter was there with the headline "Fairbrothers of Ipswich, Take Note." Instead of throwing it out, she took it home to her husband and the next reply to my letter came from him. His name was Michael Fairbrother and he thought he could help me find my relatives. He would be happy to give me any help he could. Seems his grandfather and my grandfather were brothers. Sounded good to me!

Then back to the old couple who passed my letter to their son. In March 1989 the son phoned from Ipswich, Suffolk. "My name is Richard Fairbrother," and "Yes, we are related. In fact, Michael is my cousin! Come and see us if you decide to visit England."

My husband and I did go to England in May of 1990. It took a year to save up the airfare (since I did not win the trip), and, at their request, we stayed with Michael and Thelma. We also met Richard and his wife, family, parents and other relatives.

I was content, having finally made good on my

promise to my dad.

Michael and Thelma came to Canada to visit us in 2001, 11 (yes eleven!) years after our initial contact. We phone each other once or twice a year and keep in touch at Christmas. Richard and his family have moved and have not kept in touch with us.

These encounters with living family just gave me an appetite for more of this interest called "genealogy." Checking with my siblings, we discovered my brother William had our father's birth certificate. This led me to send for my grandparents' marriage certificate, which showed they were both born in Essex and married in Dovercourt, though they were back in Suffolk at Felixstowe when my father was born.

My first look through the parish records of All Saints Church in Dovercourt, Essex was one of the most exciting adventures, as I saw generations of my grandmothers' MASON family emerge in "births, marriages and burials." This was no dry read for me; it was people coming alive! I was sad at seeing babies die in infancy and excited when I realized that cousins were being baptized on the same day. I wondered if they got together and had a little celebration. It was interesting to note that as the years passed, brides and grooms were signing their marriage certificates with their own names, instead of with an X! And occupations were changing! No longer was every man just an Ag. Lab.

I joined the Essex Society for Family History in 2003. With the help of their list of members' surnames, I now have three new family contacts, one second cousin and two third cousins (apart from Michael and Richard). Although we have never met, we keep in touch by email and share our lives and new information regarding our family tree.

My method of research has changed greatly, as I have come to learn how to do a search more effectively with the help of the LDS History Centre, Ancestry.com and the Internet. The *Essex Genealogical Conference* is coming up in

2008 and once again, the savings account is growing. My hope, God willing, is to travel to England at that time to meet my unseen cousins and go to the conference.

Who says I didn't win the prize?

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### MEMORIES OF MARMIE

Editor's Note: Sadly another long-time member has passed away. She was a valued contributor to the Chinook for several years with her queries column "Ancestor Angst". She also is fondly remembered for her helping spirit and happy heart. Here is her obituary from the "Calgary Herald" on January 22, 2007.



LONGAIR \_ Marmie 1928 - 2007 Marmie Longair passed away on January 18, 2007, at the age of 78 years. Marmie grew up in Carbon, with her sister Irene, spending

summer holidays in Banff with her grandparents, Corey Duncan and his wife Jessie. She entered the University of Edmonton in 1946 and following graduation began a teaching career that she would follow until she retired. Marmie was always ready for a challenge, from early days in the Peace River district, to teaching in a two-room school in Calgary, as the Principal of one of the first bilingual schools in Calgary and as the President of the Social Studies Council of Canada. Her children, Laura, Stuart and Bob, were always important to her, whether at home, on frequent holidays to Vancouver Island or at the family cabin. As the children married, grandchildren soon followed - Matthew, Spencer, Ryan, Adam, Sam, Alec and Helena were all recipients of her unconditional love.

She had a great passion for the arts and traveled widely. In later life, she pursued genealogy with

a passion, which took her to Eastern Canada, the US and the UK, seeking out relatives and searching archives. All who knew her will remember her infectious smile and warm heart. She will be deeply missed. Special thanks to all at the Father Lacombe Care Centre, for their extraordinary care and compassion... If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made, in Marmie's name, directly to the Father Lacombe Care Centre, 332 - 146 Avenue S.E., Calgary, AB, T2X 2A3.

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# **DID YOU KNOW?**by Lorna Laughton

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Alberta Family Histories Society has had (and still has) many talented members?

One such person was Sheldon Gibson, who was the Chairperson for 2 years 1984-1986. He used his wonderful organizational skills and speaking skills (from his professional life in the Oil Patch) on AFHS meetings. We were meeting in the cafeteria of Ernest Manning High School during those years. A few of the meeting topics were: Alberta Department of Vital Statistics (guest speaker from the Government Department); Gravestone Recordings and Rubbings (member speaker); Correspondence in Genealogical Research (member speaker); and Preserving Documents (guest speaker from the Glenbow).

Sheldon Gibson was also the Chairperson for the AFHS 1985 Seminar, which was held October 25 & 26 at the Calgary Herald Auditorium. One of the speakers spoke about "Computer Applications to Genealogy". Even near the beginning of public computer use, genealogists could see how useful that big heavy machine and those big disks could be for holding research information. And we didn't know about the World Wide Web then!

Just like today, our journal, then titled The

Alberta Family Histories Society Quarterly, contained valuable research advice and information, and lots of names. Marjorie Gibson edited the book review column. Have a look through Volumes 4, 5 and 6 at the AFHS Library - you might find some advice that still applies. I came across a book title from the "New at the Calgary Public Library" column (Volume 4, No. 4, Summer 1984) that I want to find now!

Equally as talented as her husband, Marjorie Gibson was an excellent researcher. They had traveled extensively throughout the United States to track down and document the 10 children of Marjorie's great-grandparents. Finally in 1992 she published her research in a 406-page book titled *Grandma was a Davis*. There is a copy of the book at the AFHS library – call number 929.2 MGIB 1992. Take a look at this book to see the way Marjorie has incorporated family information, photographs and charts.

One piece of good advice that I learned from Marjorie and Sheldon was that the local Courthouse was the best place for American genealogical information. As well, they also contacted the local historian (either an official local historian or just the know-it-all person of the community) and local museums. By "local" they meant at the township level (often called just "town" not township). Of course, they also went to state-level archives, libraries and museums.

Did you know Marjorie and Sheldon Gibson? If not, then now you know a bit about their contributions to AFHS.

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### **FHL TIPS**

Take your driver's licence into the Family History Library in Salt Lake City with you in case you need to use it to sign out restricted fiche or film (such as the Bleu Drouin fiche).

To ensure safety of your valuables, such as your driver's licence, while you move about the library you may keep them in lockers located on the main floor.

# BEGINNER'S COLUMN: THE RESEARCH PROCESS THREE MAJOR RECORD CATEGORIES

by Kenneth W. Rees

When I was gaining a foundation in family history, I was amused by my instructor's way of categorizing record sources. I was taught that there were six major and four minor record sources – the big six and the little four. The reason for the major and minor classification is frequency of use by the family historian. Major record sources are consulted and studied more often than minor sources. This is because they contain (or may contain) the essential information needed to construct a pedigree and/or family group record.

The six major record source categories are

- 1. Vital records of birth, marriage and death
- 2. Church records of christening, marriage and burial
- 3. Census records
- 4. Military and naval records
- 5. Land and property records
- 6. Court and probate records

The four minor record source categories are

- 1. Cemetery and sexton's records
- 2. Commercial and business records
- 3. Emigration and immigration records
- 4. Social and community organizational records

Let's take a very brief look at what might be contained in the first three major record source categories. The rule for each record source is to always verify the information! The second rule is to consult the source. Indexes, extracts, abstracts and transcriptions should always be considered suspect.

Vital records of birth, marriage and death were kept by governments (or their delegates). Birth records may contain such things as given name of child, gender, names (both given and family) of parents, and date and place of birth. The name of the person filing the information may be given along with the relationship to the child (or parents). Marriage records may contain the

names, ages and residences of the bride and groom, together with the place and date of marriage, and the names of those officiating and those witnessing the marriage. Death records may contain the name, age, date and place of death of the deceased.

This information should be verified by consulting another source where possible. I recall reading of a father in England who was sent to the registrar's office to register the birth of each of his children. It was an astounding fact that he had registered six sons in a row, each of which was named John! By looking at the church records of christenings, it became clear that the vital records could not be correct, as some of the children were girls. (It was later determined that the father liked to raise a glass or two with his friends at the local public house!)

Church records of christening, marriage and burial were kept by various church organizations. Where there was an established church or where one church was very predominant, these records may act as substitutes for governmental vital records. They usually will contain much of the same information except that the birth date will usually be replaced by a christening or baptism date, and the death date will usually be replaced by the burial date.

In addition to this information, valuable clues might be gained by noting names of witnesses, godparents and so on for each event. In the case of established churches, these church records may be considered vital records.

Again, the information in church records of christening, marriage and burial must be verified by consulting another record source that contains much of the same information.

Census records are a real gold mine of information. They are perhaps the only record

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### LARRY MCCOOL REMEMBERED

by Xenia Stanford



Laurence Harvey McCool 1927-2006

I remember Larry McCool. When I joined the Alberta Family Histories Society, Larry already was a well-entrenched member. Although I had many conversations with him, I never really knew much about him. He would talk about his latest discoveries and so I learned more about his ancestors than about Larry.

I was saddened to learn he passed away last year and I wanted to include this memorial to let others know what I learned after the fact.

For example, I did not know Larry was a Safety Coordinator at LaFarge for many years until he retired. The following funeral notice sent to me by his widow, Doreen, fills in other details:

Laurence Harvey "Larry" McCool - 1927-2006 - beloved husband of 51 years of Doreen of Calgary - passed away suddenly at the Peter Lougheed Hospital on January 5, 2006 at the age of 78 years. Larry will be lovingly remembered by his children: Harvey (Laurie) of Calgary, Rod (Darlene) of Calgary, Beth (Don) Birch of High River; 6 grandchildren: Ryan, Alysha (Mark) McCune, Tamara (Bernie), Dustin (Tea), Sarah,

and Brittany. He is also survived by his sister Gwen and family, as well as sister-in-law Evelyn. Larry was predeceased by his parents Harvey and Anne. Larry loved his family and spent many hours tracing the family tree. He was also a 50 year member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

### THE SNOOK FAMILY MYSTERY

One of Larry's biggest mysteries he wanted to unravel was that of his Great Grandmother SNOOK. Various records have her given name as Lavina (county marriage register in Ontario), Louisa (her son's death certificate) and Lovica (Anglican Church archives). She will be referred to as Lavina in the rest of this quest. Lavina was born about 1821 in Loughborough Township of Ontario. She died October 14, 1883 and is buried in the Sandhill Cemetery near Battersea, Ontario.

She married Alexander Ferguson who was born in County Armagh about 1815. Alexander came to Canada with his parents John Ferguson and Jane Thompson. He died June 18, 1899 and is believed to be buried with Lavina in the Sandhill Cemetery.

Now comes the problem. First Larry wanted to find the names of Lavina's parents. None of the records that he had been able to trace have her parents' name included. Sadly, Larry sat with a picture of Grandpa and Grandma Snook. This couple were his great-great grandparents but he knew absolutely nothing about them.

The second problem Larry had was that the gravestone in the cemetery at Sandhill has the top portion broken off and apparently is not to be found. When it was recorded by the OGS group, the part left was taken to be that of Alexander but careful scrutiny has shown that this is Lavina's stone. Larry started at the base of the stone and after much digging and removal of dead grass and cutting back the turf, the very

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# 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.

# AGRICULTURAL LABOURER MAKES GOOD by Rosemary Kry



William Perrin 1813 - 1889

Seldom has such a treasure trove of information been so serendipitously found. When I began my family history two years ago, I truly did not expect to trace its members beyond Canada's shores. Every reference, including obituaries, family reunion booklets and death registries, traced the family to Essex, England. As my ancestor left in 1834, there were no census records to help me out. And goodness me, there were a lot of Perrins in the National Death Index! It did not help that the name George Perrin, the father of my Canadian immigrant, did not appear

anywhere in Essex. My first break came in the summer of 2005 while visiting the tombstone of my ancestor's brother, who I knew lived in Hamilton, Ontario. Clearly on his tombstone was written "Native of Debden, England". (This was not the easy finding, but very important in the sequence of things!)

Several months later, I happened to type in "Perrin" under Google search. Reading through dozens of pages of unrelated material, but with Perrin in the entry, I came across: "anyone knowing of William and James Perrin, who left Debden about 1833, please contact David ". Which, of course, I did.

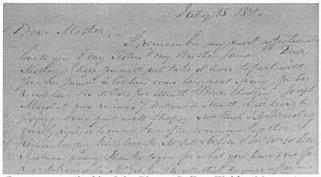
David was not a relative, as he quickly assured me. However, he was doing research on the Poor Law in the 1800's in Saffron Walden, Essex (his home town). Following the Napoleonic War, there was great poverty in England and particularly in Essex. Emigration was being considered as a cheap possible means of getting poor people off community assistance. John Player was an overseer of the poor in Saffron Walden, and he made a copy of a letter printed in 1834 that wrote of opportunities offered in Canada, including how much a labourer could expect to be paid, and how well the three families from Debden were faring. John Player used it for advertising purposes. My 4Xgreatgrandfather, William Perrin, wrote the original letter.

July 15 1834

Dear Mother,

I remember my most affectionate love to you and my sisters and my Brother James. Dear Mother, I hope you will not take it hard to part with your Son James to let him come here next Spring, for he would have six dollars per month & Board & Lodging. Joseph Marshall now receives 7 Dollars a Month with board & lodging. I am quite well & happy. Mr. Bush and and Mr.

Marshall greatly rejoiced to news (that) we often commune together. I remember my kind love to Mr. John White & Mr. Wm White. I return many Thanks to you for what you have done for me: likewise to Mr. Gibson & to all that enquire after me.



(Letter transcribed by John Player, Saffron Walden Museum)

Through corresponding with David over the last two years, visiting Saffron Walden (the archives centre of NW Essex), and sending for copies of marriage registrations of William's sisters, I have acquired greater knowledge of my family's history and developed greater appreciation of the achievements of William Perrin. William's father and two of his sisters died in May 1825. (Not in an epidemic as I first suspected, as no one else in the community died either 3 weeks before or 3 weeks later.) His mother was left to raise five children, ages 12 and under.

Did they go to the workhouse? I have not been able to find out. However, I do know that if William had remained in Essex as an agricultural labourer (an occupation viewed by society at that time as only one step above being a vagabond), he would have continued to live in a rented or tied cottage (belonging to the employer) with few prospects for advancement. Because he had the courage to travel so far from home, within eight years he became a landowner and eventually farmed 150 acres near Kitchener, Ontario. (The family home, pictured on the cover, stayed in the Perrin family until 1971 and is listed as an historical building.)

William's brother, James, came over the year after William. James worked in the brewing industry in Hamilton, Ontario.

William's sisters remained in England. One married an agricultural labourer; another married a gamekeeper. In the 1841 census, William's mother was recorded as living in a cottage in Debden. Her occupation was a charwoman. She remarried in 1845 - twenty years after the death of her first husband.

And William's father? Not the George Perrin in the 1928 family remembrance book but Joseph Perrin, also the name of one of his grandsons. His name is recorded as Joseph on both of his daughters' marriage registrations. Maybe his descendants confused his name with George III, during whose reign he was born. Or maybe he is another ancestor who liked to go by his middle name! (However, middle names were not common at this time among the poor.) I still do not know how Joseph and his 14 year old and 2 week old daughters died. The deaths were never mentioned in the local paper.

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### **BEGINNERS...**

by Kenneth W. Rees

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category that records groups of individuals as groups. In census records (taken for the purposes of apportionment), we see residents of a single dwelling, all listed together. On the other hand, early census records are primarily statistical in nature and may not include names, ages or relationships. Later census records may include names, ages, occupations, residences, relationships and other information. Where census records are not available, census substitutes such as voter's lists, tax lists, rent rolls and other documents of a similar nature may be used in much the same way.

Census records are somewhat renowned for misrepresenting ages! Some folks have been known to age but five years in the 10 years between the gatherings of the censuses. Relationships may also be suspect. The information found in census records must always be verified by consulting other records.

Next time: The other three major record types.

# QUERIES Submitted to <u>queries-chinook@afhs.ab.ca</u>

Editor's note: Members are allowed 2 free queries per publication year (by volume #). Additional queries and non-members pay \$5.00 per query. Still the cheapest ad around where ad = additional resource!

### Benefits:

\*Other members may be searching for the same person – Voila! A new relative who may have the information you need and/or who will join forces to help you research.

\*Someone from one of the 130 or more societies with which we exchange journals (in Canada, United States, England, Australia) may respond—they may have the answer, be related or offer to help you find sources to search in their location (which may be where your ancestors originated or those offering help may be from the location your ancestors originated)—Eureka! It may just be that one additional resource to help you knock down a brickwall!

Here are our queries this time:

### WILLIAM HANDLEY HOPLEY

The following is the funeral card for William Handley HOPLEY who died Feb. 24,1900, aged 91 years. He was interred in Doncaster Cemetery, Yorkshire, England.

In Affectionale Remembrance of

### WILLIAM HANDLEY HOPLEY,

Who Died February 24th, 1900,

AGED 91 YEARS.

Interred at Doncaster Cemetery, February 28th.

I received this card from my mother who had probably received it from her mother, but my Mom does not know who this man is, so we can only assume he is somehow connected to our family since my maternal Grandmother's maiden surname was HANDLEY.

Based on a birth year of about 1809 and a birth county of Warwickshire (as per census information), I found an entry (IGI) for William Hopley who was christened February 17, 1808 Shuttington, Warwickshire.

William Handley HOPLEY shows on the 1891 Burringham, Lincolnshire census with his wife Sarah (born Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire). William H. HOPLEY shows on the 1881 Burringham, Lincolnshire census with his wife Sarah, daughter Jane E STEPHENSON (probably a step-daughter) born about 1856 Silverdale, Staffordshire and a son Tom A. H. HOPLEY (born Knottingly, Yorkshire.) William HOPLEY shows on the 1871 West Butterwick Lincolnshire census with wife Sarah and sons Frederick (born Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire) and Thomas A. H.

I have been unable to locate a marriage of William Handley HOPLEY and Sarah STEPHENSON but I did get a copy of the birth registration for their son Thomas Archer HOPLEY, which lists his parents as William Hindley HOPLEY and Elizabeth Hopley, formerly STEEL at Knottingly, Yorkshire. I also have the death registration for William Handley HOPLEY but it does not give any clues to a HANDLEY connection.

There must be a connection between William and the HANDLEY families. I have viewed the LDS film for Shuttington, Warwickshire and it lists William's parents as John and Mary HOPLEY. There is a marriage for John HOPLEY and Mary SHILLCOCK on June 2, 1800 at Shuttington and their 6 children were baptised at Shuttington between October 1800 and November 1911. I also found a marriage for John HOPLEY's parents (Randle HOPLEY of Shenton in the county of Leicester and Elizabeth SEAL of Shuttington who were married March 5, 1766 at Shuttington).

Their son John was baptised May 28,1769 at Shuttington. The surname SEAL does show as a

middle name for the first born son of John and Mary (SHILLCOCK) HOPLEY but I can find no reference to the surname HANDLEY.

My HANDLEY family came from Staffordshire (Stoke-on-Trent area) and that is where Sarah STEEL STEPHENSON HOPLEY was born (as per census information) but that is the only possible link.

Any help would be most welcome since it appears that William was not baptised with the middle name HANDLEY but included this as his middle name sometime between 1871 - 1881. I would love to find a connection between William and the HANDLEY families. Does any one know of this family and if there is a connection between them and, if so, what is it? Who is he and does he connect with my family? Would seem likely he does if his funeral card was sent to family in Manitoba, Canada.

Contact: Linda Holdaway, lassiehold@yahoo.ca

### JANNET (MORRISON) MOORE

Looking for information on a Jannet (Morrison) Moore (b about 1705 in Ireland) who moved to Nova Scotia about 1760 from New Hampshire.

A widow of Hugh Moore (1708-1758), she came with nine of her children. One son Robert remained in the USA. Children: Esther, William, Hugh Sr., Robert, Elizabeth, Mary, Jannet, Alice, Daniel and Margaret.

Did she re-marry? When was her death and where was she buried?

Contact: Gloria Moore, gloriamoore@shaw.ca

### CARDALL, WILLIAM

Looking for more information on a Battle of Waterloo soldier. His name was William Cardall. He was born in England in 1776 and died in 1815 "en route from Waterloo". Unfortunately, that is all we have. We don't have a regiment, so my cousin has been postponing visiting the

records office because she would need to visit each regiment's roll.

Contact: Bill Campbell, wacampbell@shaw.ca

### SNOOK MYSTERY...

By the late Larry McCool

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Lavina Snook's parents (photo courtesy and permission by McCool family)

base was exposed and on it was engraved:

Jesus has taken the mother home Her flesh lies mouldring in the tomb God grant her offspring may be blest And meet her in eternal rest.

This is, of course, the inscription for the grave of a female. Now the top of what is left standing of the stone has this inscription:

ALEX FERGUSON DIED OCTOBER 14, 1883 AGED 62 YEARS.

Here is where a major assumption takes place. The grave is that of a woman and she is connected to Alexander Ferguson. The death register of Alexander showed 1899 not 1883. If

this all is acceptable, then this is Lavina's grave. On checking with other gravestones of this type, Larry concluded that the portion broken off "possibly" read something like the following:

# IN MEMORY OF LAVINA SNOOK WIFE OF..."

The stone was probably taken down and a memorial for Alexander engraved on the reverse with a line across the stone matching a line on the face of the stone. With this, the stone later broke at the lines and the top was lost.

Larry stated there are still many assumptions but felt he was much closer to solving this mystery. He still needed to know who were the parents of Lavina Snook Ferguson as shown in the preceding photo. If you know, contact the McCool family at email <a href="mailto:mccoollh@telus.net">mccoollh@telus.net</a>

For more information on the McCool roots visit www3.telus.net/public/mccoollh

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Recognize the people in this photo?

It is the Wedding Picture of Joseph Leonard Fendrick and Alice Martha Yosten, submitted by April Skelton on a website where people share photos for family members who may not have copies.

Perhaps you will find one of yours at http://ancestorarchive.com/photoalbum.htm

# **2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP** by Caroline Phillips

The membership year for the Alberta Family Histories Society is from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to renew or purchase a new membership now and avoid the rush in September, you may do so. A Membership Application/Renewal for 2007-08 is included with this issue of the Chinook.

New memberships are accepted at any time during the year. New members who join between April 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> of this year do not need to pay an additional fee for 2007-08.

You may renew your membership in person at a monthly meeting at the First Christian Reformed Church, 3818 – 14A Street S. W., Calgary, Alberta, or you may mail it to the Alberta Family Histories Society at 712 – 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. W., Calgary, AB T2M 0J8.

See page 30 for the form.

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### SIG CORNER ENGLISH/WELSH SIG

by Ann Williams

### RESEARCH TIPS

- 1. Obtain FHL (Salt Lake City) class handouts:
  - O At the home page of www.familysearch.org (below the search lines) click on Family History Library Classes if any classes are of interest (i.e. British Army Records) obtain the class handout by clicking on the Library tab at the top, pick "Send us an Email" from the bottom of the left hand menu and enter your request.

### 2. Search the IGI:

- On finding a family member on the IGI, click on the batch number at the bottom of the screen, click on 'search' to go to the parish register transcription and scroll through the list looking for others indexed with a corrupt spelling of the surname.
- 3. Search Parish Registers and Bishops Transcripts:
  - Bishops Transcripts are a copy of the parish register and additional information can be found in either set of records.



4. This eye is from Google
Alert (www.googlealert.com)
Sign up for a free trial and
Google will email new websites
containing names, places, topics,
etc. that you stipulate.

### 5. Look for wills:

- Don't assume labouring ancestors did not leave wills.
- To find pre-1858 wills, investigate the link "English Probate Jurisdiction Maps" at www.familysearch.org, check the maps in *Phillimore* (AFHS

- library) or the county booklets at the main LDS library. (Filmed indexes to some pre-1858 English/Welsh Probate Courts are in the permanent collection there.)
- Obtain post-1858 wills from Postal Searches & Copies Dept., The Probate Services, Castle Chambers, Clifford Street, York Y01 9RG. Phone 011-44-1904-666777 for recorded instructions and amount of money to send.
- 6. Find others researching your family:
  - Search the website of "The Guild of One-Name Studies"
  - o Search "GenesReunited"
  - Check AFHS library for journals covering the area ancestors lived or search local family history society websites and consider joining local family/history societies.
  - Write an item for publication in the local family history society's journal.
- 7. Try to avoid repeating the same searches:
  - o Make good notes of what you found and where you found it. File these notes where you can find them again under surname, source (e.g. wills microfiche) or record location (i.e. Hampshire Record Office 2006) and keep a notebook by your computer to record search results, remembering to revisit sites for updated material.

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### Editor's note:

Don't miss my tip about searching UK records from the National Archives at Kew online – see Editorial on page 4 and/or go to

The National Archives of the UK at Kew at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

### **BOARD MATTERS: DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR CHINOOK?**

by Rosemary Kry

Rosemary Kry is the Coordinator of the Publications Committee

The January issue of the *Chinook* was printed in black and white, and the responses received were positive. Most comments addressed how much easier the journal was to read.

We also received congratulations for our editor, Xenia Stanford, on her selection of the articles that she included. How timely that her selection on Charles Denney was followed in the February basics session by the talk given by Jim Bowman on the holdings of the Glenbow Museum in Calgary and his tour of the facilities the following morning. (The Glenbow Museum holds the Denney collection - one of the largest databases of Métis genealogy in Canada.)

At the January publications committee meeting, two items of interest were discussed (as well as the budget!). One item looked at what is included in the *Chinook*. Starting with the April edition, we will begin to include short articles on the library, by Helen Backhouse; "Did You Know" articles by Lorna Laughton to inform our members of the AFHS history and other curiosities; and the application/renewal forms (in the April and July issues).

Our second item addressed concerns regarding the use of our volunteers. In the past, volunteers have spent a total of over 8 man hours (sorry - woman hours!) an issue, sorting and bundling the *Chinook* for mailing. A decision was made by the committee, and approved by the board, that our printing company will now do the mailing and distribution of the *Chinook*.

Naturally, I am hoping that all of you receive your April issue of the journal! However, whenever there is a transition, there may be slip-ups. If you do not receive your April issue by month-end, please let us know.

I appreciate all the feedback you, the readers, offer. If you have suggestions for items/articles you would like to see included in the *Chinook*, please contact our editor, Xenia Stanford, editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

Better yet, become a contributor! Have you had a fortunate chance occurrence that helped you with your genealogy? Why not write about it in our "Serendipity" column?

Hope you enjoy your April issue of the *Chinook*.

### **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

You asked for it! Members asked for photos to see who's who on AFHS committees. In this issue, we give you the publications committee.



(Photo taken by Gary Manthorne)

### Back row left to right:

Callie Reid, Bill Campbell, Rosemary Kry

### Middle Row,

Helen Backhouse, Lorna Laughton, Marion Peterson

### Front Row

Susan Butler, Elizabeth Ronald, Xenia Stanford

### Missing:

Beverley A. Rees, Kenneth Rees, Ann Williams, Bev Swan, Brian Swan, Jackie Duncan, Susan Snowden, Judith Doyle, Gloria Moore.

# PUBLIC RELATIONS - THE AFHS MARKETING DEPARTMENT by Bill Campbell

The principal role of the Public Relations Committee of AFHS is simply to ensure that the community (mostly southern Alberta) is aware of the Society and its aims as well as its resources. Hopefully, that awareness will lead to attracting new members to join our organization.

If you have wondered what this Committee does to earn its "keep", here are a few of the highlights from the past year. Perhaps these will inspire you to consider some new areas of activity or some new corners of the community that we need to reach. If so, Bill Campbell, our current Chair, would be pleased to hear your suggestions. Contact him by phone 254-2293 or by email wacampbell@shaw.ca

Here is a summary of our major activities for the year 2006:

- A substantial part of the PR energy put forth was directed toward publicity for FamilyRoots 2006 Expo Seminar in October.
- Our attractive tabletop display received a major upgrade with the addition of a laptop computer and large monitor. The monitor provided a colourful PowerPoint video presentation which changed images continually and added a much more attractive focal point to the display.
- The Society participated in the following events and activities:
  - Fort Calgary: displays February (Winterfest), May (RCMP/RNWMP Day) and August (Heritage Day)
  - Heritage Fair our display accompanied our participation in this annual students' fair
  - Historic Calgary Week displays at the City Outdoor Resources Centre and at the Memorial Park Public Library were provided. In addition, the Society co-sponsored a guest speaker in support of the opening of the newly restored Reader Rock Garden and home.

- Calgary Public Library the Coaching Program involving members of AFHS once a month at the Central Library has been very successful. A Saturday morning software workshop was provided with our member providing the leadership. In addition, we provided a Saturday morning workshop on family history computer software selection.
- Presentations or workshops were made at the following: Beverly Estate Seniors Residence, Calgary Winter Club, Ogden Seniors Club, Rockyview Seniors Club and a youth workshop for the Calgary Health Region at Strathmore
- Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) – display at their annual open house
- Southern Alberta Pioneers and Descendents (SAPD) – AFHS literature distributed at their display at Calgary Stampede
- Heritage Park AFHS literature on display throughout the season
- Rotary Club (South Calgary) luncheon speaking engagement
- Our AFHS brochure is continually displayed at the Calgary Public Library main branch 4th floor genealogy department, Glenbow Archives, City of Calgary Archives, the LDS Calgary Stake Family History Centre 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW
- ♦ Public service announcements were carried in the *Calgary Herald* and *Neighbours* newspapers on a weekly basis throughout the year.

For the year 2007 here are a few of the planned activities

- Fort Calgary: participation in their special event/open house days
- Chinook Historical Society: participation in Historic Calgary Week and news of

- our monthly meeting program for their newsletter
- Calgary Public Library: support for their monthly family history Coaching Program
- Southern Alberta Pioneers and Descendents: support for their Calgary Stampede exhibit and our monthly meeting programs for their newsletter
- Heritage Park: AFHS literature on display
- NEW: a monthly program flyer to be distributed to over 200 community associations in Calgary and to all LDS Church Family History Centres in southern Alberta
- Canadian Association of Retired Persons Calgary: monthly program flyer for their newsletter
- Public and Separate School system: continuing efforts are in place to support teachers in offering family history as a social study option. AFHS has already planned to provide a "Genealogy 101" workshop for the CBE Staff Development Day in February.

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### HISTORY OF AFHS DIGITAL LIBRARY

by Judith Riddell

In 2001 the Projects Committee of the AFHS conceived the idea of putting all the cemetery databases that had been created over the previous 20 years onto a CD and dedicating this CD to the long time chairman of the Projects Committee, Janet Morgan. Thus the AFHS Digital Library series was created, with the first CD having records from over 70 Southern Alberta cemeteries.

During this time the committee had also been transcribing the two large cemeteries on the eastern fringe of Calgary. When these two cemeteries, Garden of Peace and Mountain View, were completed, they made up Volume II.

Digital cameras were the new thing and we

decided that photographs of the markers were a valuable addition to a cemetery database. We chose to redo the Cochrane Cemeteries and Westerdale Cemetery near Olds. Recording of the latter, originally done in 1984, was one of earliest of projects of AFHS. These cemeteries with their photographed markers and a couple of smaller cemeteries made up Volume III.

Next the Projects Committee began the enormous undertaking of transcribing the markers at Queen's Park Cemetery. Over the ensuing five years, more than a hundred volunteers of the Society spent countless hours transcribing, photographing, doing data entry, combining data, proof-reading and editing of the over 60,000 records from this cemetery. In early spring of 2004, Queen's Park Cemetery permitted two members of the Committee access to its burial books and this privilege allowed us to verify our data and include the burial records up to the present day.

The result of the above work, assembled by Sections, has now been released in Volume IV-VII. Volume VIII will soon be released along with two additional volumes required to finish the huge project. These will hopefully be released as soon as possible.

The photo on the jacket cover of each CD presents a unique view of the contents.



Volunteers: Judie Riddell, Heather Jaremko and Janice Armstrong digging out markers. (Photo courtesy Robert Riddell)

Volunteers are the backbone of this undertaking

and the Projects Committee is always seeking assistance as various new projects come on stream. We hope that the Digital Library can continue to expand as future projects are completed; this can only happen if volunteers come forward.

Please contact the Projects Committee at projects@afhs.ab.ca.

For the list of cemeteries AFHS has transcribed and published see page 28. To order the CDs look for the CD and order form on page 29.

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### THE BLOOD DOCTOR: BOOK REVIEW

by George Lake

The Blood Doctor by Barbara Vine Published by Penguin Books Ltd; 2002; ISBN 0-670-91274-3

Barbara Vine is a pen name for Ruth Rendell, best selling author of mystery stories. Under this name, Rendell writes a type of story in which "criminality, psychological disorder and the small change of daily life share the same canvas". This novel is no exception but is also an entertaining genealogical hunt.

The main story describes the efforts of the narrator, Martin Nanther to compile a biography of his great grandfather Henry Nanther.

Interwoven with this story are two present day themes: the efforts of Martin and his wife to conceive a child in the face of multiple miscarriages and the discussion in the British House of Lords leading to abolishment of the right of hereditary peers to sit in the House of Lords.

Henry Nanther was a physician specializing in the study of blood diseases, particularly haemophilia, in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Amongst other positions he was one of several personal physicians to Queen Victoria and the royal family, for which he was knighted in 1883. Martin has come into possession of a large collection of material relating to Henry. As he examines the material he finds it deals almost entirely with Henry's professional life, and he comes to suspect Henry assembled it by himself with the view that someone would one day produce a glowing biography. There is virtually nothing of his private life or personal feelings. Even his diary is largely a terse catalogue of events in Henry's life.

Martin decides this material will make an uninteresting biography and that there must be more to Henry's life than meets the eye. As he talks with other descendants of Henry and works his way through old family correspondence, a more complex picture emerges along with a number of events that don't seem to fit the picture. Martin eventually concludes Henry carried a guilty secret to his grave, so disturbing Martin no longer wishes to publish the biography and have the public know and discuss the actions of his great grandfather.

While this is not a description of how to create a family history or biography, it is an interesting story which touches on the many things family historians do and the many frustrations encountered when trying to put some "flesh on the bare bones" of genealogical facts. It is a good summer read and a break from all that heavy research.

In keeping with its title, there is a lot of blood. The opening paragraph begins "Blood is going to be its theme... Blood in its metaphysical sense as the conductor of an inherited title and blood as the transmitter of hereditary disease... Good blood, bad blood, blue blood, it's in the blood, in cold blood, blood and thunder, blood thicker than water, blood money, blood relations, flesh and blood, written in blood ..." There is also a lot of blood in Martin's descriptions of his wife's miscarriages. Although not overly sanguine, this is probably not a book for the squeamish.

Nevertheless, I enjoyed the book greatly and believe many family historians will find it entertaining as well.

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# WHAT'S OUT THERE by Helen Backhouse

Editor's Note: This is a new column in which Helen Backhouse, our AFHS librarian, covers some interesting tidbits from the many journals our library receives due to the exchange of the Chinook for the publications of other societies.

### Bridging the Gap

Many of us have ancestors that left Ireland and went to England and Wales if even for a short time before they again moved on to North America.

Irish Roots Issue No. 60 has an article on page 28 that may help you to locate the place of origin for that elusive ancestor who turns up on an English Census with only Ireland as a country of birth. Anthony Breen, the author of the article "Bridging the Gap", gives a short history of Constitutional Arrangements that is necessary background, then follows with information regarding places where one might find more concrete information on your family.

This is a short article giving overview information, but it is followed with a list of possibly useful websites for you to try.

### **Our Shaker Ancestors**

"As Genealogical Researchers, we generally assume that our ancestors were not celibate; our existence is proof." So starts an interesting article about Shakers and the thousands of people who joined the Shakers and lived celibate lives. Shakerism was a Protestant religious denomination that started in Manchester, England in 1772 and then moved to the United States in 1774.

"Shakerism's benefits, including support from cradle to grave, attracted converts who needed room and board as much as they needed salvation." There were many who were part of the Shaker community for a time then left.

This interesting article with its list of reference notes can be found in *New England Ancestors*, Volume 7 numbers 5–6 page 21. Well worth a read if you have ancestors living in New England who might have needed the protection of a caring community for some period of their lives.

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Family Roots Radio with Kory L. Meyerink, genealogical speaker, author, researcher.

Billed as the Internet radio show devoted to the widely popular pursuit of genealogy and family history, it is on every Thursday at 1:00 PM PST. For more details see www.familyrootsradio.com

### **AFHS LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS & BOOK REVIEWS**

by Ann Williams

The Lowland Clearances: Scotland's Silent Revolution 1760-1830 Peter Aitchison & Andrew Cassell [AFHS call number 941.1 AITC 2003]

Heard of the Scottish Highland Clearances? Well it seems that prior to those events, Lowland Clearances had taken place. If your ancestors left the lowland counties of Scotland in the years 1760-1830, this book, in bringing to light the disappearance of an entire generation, may answer the question: "Why?" A large proportion of those made homeless set out for the quay and the immigrant ships waiting to take them to Africa, Australasia or the New World.

Although the book was not written for genealogists, anyone with family from Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire will be delighted to find that it contains extracts from an 1823 letter written by Margaret Anderson Stevenson of Kilmacolm to her son Robert in St. Andrews, New Brunswick passing on news of her friends and neighbours.

The authors make the point that Lowlanders, more so than Highland Scots, struck out on their own; integrating and assimilating with society in their new countries; and relishing the sense of individualism (and the ability to purchase land) that was not encouraged by the prevailing social and economic structure in the Scotland that they had left.

### Research Aid from the 1980s Still Deserving Attention:

Genealogical Research Directories (GRD) first published in 1981 continue to be published annually. Several issues, including that for 2006, are in the AFHS library [call no. 929.4 JOHN].

What? An Australian idea and Australian entries still predominate but GRDs list surname interests (with place/time period), subjects being studied (e.g. someone is collecting folksongs and border ballads), genealogical material for sale and research projects. A bracketed number appears

against each entry and a numerical list at the back translates the numbers into the submitter's name and address (many with email addresses). Also in the GRD are addresses etc. for archives and family history societies worldwide plus maps of Europe, North America and Australasia showing their administrative units (states/counties etc.) and abbreviations for same.

Why? Various Internet sites offer these kinds of listings, but sometimes it's just nice to be able to leaf through a book and, of course, the GRD will include people who do not use the Internet.

How? From the surname list, note numbers associated with names of interest in the right time period/locality. If finding an entry for your grandfather's surname is only mildly interesting, finding that same number against your grandmother's surname may be quite exciting and finding the same number against your greatgrandmother's surname will have you reaching for the writing paper.

**Tips:** Search all volumes because some entries are only submitted once and each volume features an article of international research interest.

A fee is charged to submit interests, but the fee includes a copy of the GRD containing your entries and there is a Canadian agent to assist with the process.

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### 12<sup>TH</sup> YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Included by special request

This event will be held on Saturday June 30, 2007 at the York Racecourse (Knavesmire Exhibition Centre) from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

All the usual stalls with such a major event Free car parking – Admission Ł4.00 – Cafeteria facilities – further details from: Mr. A. Sampson, 1 Oxgang Close, Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 4ND, England; Tel/Fax (01642) 486615.

### **EVENTS**

### Compiled by Beverley A. Rees

### Alberta Genealogical Society

Genealogy Conference April 21-22, 2007 -- Edmonton, Alberta http://abgensoc.ca

### **Genealogy Society Seminar**

April 28, 2007 – Abbotsford, BC www.abbygs.ca

### **SGS** Genealogy Conference

April 28 & 29, 2007 Regina, SK <u>www.saskgenealogy.com</u>

# NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair

May 16–19, 2007 Richmond, Virginia www.ngsgenealogy.org/AnnualConference.cfm

### **Lady Teviot Seminar**

Thursday, May 31, 2007 09:00 AM to 4:00 PM Topics and further information will be posted in 2007!

Website: vdfhs.com Email: nahanson@shaw.ca

Location: The People Place,

Vernon, BC

### Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2007

Ottawa, The Nation's Capital for 150 Years; The Peopling of Canada
June 1-3, 2007, Ottawa, Algonquin College
Ontario Genealogical Society
www.ogsseminar.org

### Roots 2007

June 15–17, 2007 Quebec Family History Society at McGill University. All sessions will be held in English. www.qfhs.ca/roots.html

# **XXVIIIth International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences**

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

# Federation of East European Family History Society

Annual Seminar, Salt Lake City, Utah July 12–14, 2007 http://feefhs.org

### **FGS** Conference

August 15–18, 2007 Theme: Meeting at the Crossroads of America Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana www.fgs.org

## BYU Family History and Genealogy Conference

August 2007
Topics and dates to be determined <a href="http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwcompu/">http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwcompu/</a>

### **Bulkley Valley Genealogical Society Seminar**

Smithers, BC September 15–16, 2007 Email: agc@mail.bulkley.net

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### Who DO You Think You Are?

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Much more to come!

Website: www.mbgenealogy.com Email: <a href="mailto:ddportfolios@shaw.ca">ddportfolios@shaw.ca</a>

Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

### HISTORIC CALGARY WEEK:

by Carrol Jaques

Carrol Jaques is President of The Chinook Country Historical Society

Historic Calgary Week is a ten-day history extravaganza, with walks, talks, songs, stories, hikes, and tours of art galleries, cemeteries and museums organized by volunteers from Chinook Country Historical Society. From its inception in 1990, Historic Calgary Week has grown to become an integral part of a Calgary summer. Opening Ceremonies for 2007 will take place on Friday, July 27 and the "week" will wind up Sunday, August 5.

Last year, conducted tours included the Fish Creek Ranche House, the Warehouse District, East Village, Hillhurst/Sunnyside, Mount Royal, Beaulieu Gardens/Lougheed House, Reader Rock Garden, Inglewood, Ramsay and Union Cemetery. What a great introduction to Calgary for newcomers and history "buffs" alike.

Planning for next year's Historic Calgary Week has already started. It is a big, exciting, challenging job to stage the historical events that will engage the citizens of this young and vibrant city. The Alberta Family Histories Society has been involved in providing speakers for the program at Memorial Park Library. This year the Historic Calgary Week Committee invites members of the Alberta Family Histories Society to help us expand the reach of Historic Calgary Week by involving more groups to provide more programs to involve even more Calgarians.

To do this, we will need your help to develop the program, prepare the brochure, coordinate speakers, venues, and equipment, and then get the word out in all possible ways.

If you are interested in history and like meeting other history aficionados, why don't you join the planning committee? Call 261-4667, our office voice mail, and leave a message.

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### CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

submitted by Christine Hayes

### LOCAL HISTORY DEPT. PROGRAMS

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### **History and Genealogy Programs**

On Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> Sheila Johnston will talk on how to interview family members for family history researchers. It will be from 2:00–3:30 pm in the meeting room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Central Library.

During July and August, we will also be offering our informal tours of the genealogy and local history collection for those researching Calgary ancestors. Check our website or our program guide for details.

There will also be several sessions of "Getting the most out of Ancestry Library Edition" at various branches. Dates and times have yet to be confirmed, but check the Calgary Public Library website or our program guide for details. Or call the Humanities department at 260-2785 for more information.

### 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.

Last Saturday of the month (except for June, when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> last Saturday). Dates are April 28, May 26 and June 23. 10:00 a.m. to Noon, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Family History Area.

This is a drop-in program, so you don't need to register in advance.
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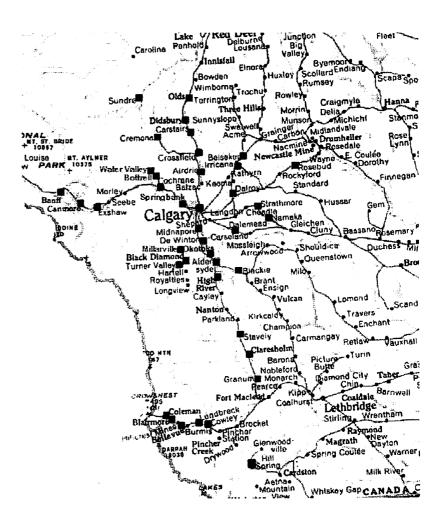
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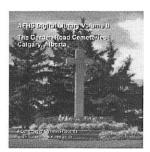
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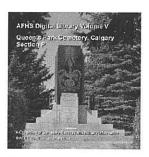
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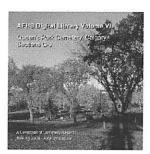
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