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Ghost Pine Ball Team in 1910. See story page 10

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AFHS PROGRAMS FALL 2007 (tentative) Submitted by Marion Peterson

Monthly meetings of the Alberta Family Histories Society are held the first Monday of each month (except for February when the meeting is held on the first Saturday afternoon) at First Christian Reformed Church, 3818-14A Street, Calgary from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Date, topics and speakers are listed below. For more details, see page 25.

DATE	PROGRAM TOPIC
Monday, September 10, 2007	Monthly Meeting: One Name Studies, Dick Chandler from Salmon Arm
Monday, October 1, 2007	Monthly Meeting: Caring For Inherited Treasures, Speaker: Panel of experts
Monday, November 5, 2007	Monthly Meeting: Military Records: Jim Benedict
Saturday, September 29	Special Event: Write Your Family History – see p. 25 for details
Sunday, October 14	Special Event: Visiting guest speaker: Sharon Murphy – see p.25 for details

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Helen Backhouse

Submitted Monday 07/05/2007 10:01 PM

About two hours ago I was elected to serve for one year as the Chairperson of the Alberta Family Histories Society. Because I leave tomorrow for a long planned trip, this is really a spur of the moment message to you all.

The other members of the Board who were elected tonight and those who are continuing in their positions have all put the good of the Society before their own particular interests in family history. I express my thanks to those who

served last year and, in fact, all the years before. Without their efforts, we would not exist. I'm truly looking forward to working with the new Board.

Now that summer time is just around the corner, may you find at least one of those elusive relatives, either the living or dead.

Best wishes for happy, healthy hunting.

Helen



The 2007-2008 AFHS Board

Back row left to right: Bev Swan, Director-at-large (Volunteer Coordinator); Dawn Kirkpatrick, Webmaster; Kay Clarke, Director-at-Large (Education); Gary Manthorne, Vice Chair (Facilities); Ronna Byam, Treasurer.

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Editor's Note: There you have it folks! Congratulations and a huge thanks to each of you on the Board and to all the other volunteers for keeping our Society alive for the benefit of us all. I hope the rest of the Society will follow your example and volunteer! ###

EDITOR'S EYE

by Xenia Stanford

What is it to be Ukrainian? This is a question I have asked myself ever since I "became" Ukrainian. My family split up when I was 5 and I went to live on my paternal grandparents' farm. I knew very well that my father was Austrian and I grew up with that culture and identity. I was told my mother was Hungarian. I was satisfied with that answer, until a sister claimed our mother is Ukrainian. My reaction was shock and denial. After all I had always participated in the Ukrainian jokes. I was not going to be typecast as one of the six people required to change a light bulb: one to hold the bulb and the others to turn the chair. I know this sounds silly, but that is the nature of prejudice. My mother also claimed to be Jewish at one time. She seemed to want to be ABU: anything but Ukrainian.

I set out to prove my sister was wrong. To make the long story short, using proper genealogical techniques, I proved her right.

Then I felt cheated! I had nothing of my Ukrainian heritage. I started to collect a few Ukrainian mementoes. But it was not enough. I knew nothing about how it felt to be Ukrainian. I didn't need knickknacks to connect me to what it meant to be Austrian. It is "knowing". I cannot explain it any better than that, because the "knowing" what it is to be a certain ethnicity is inside and part of us. No part of me knew what it was to be Ukrainian.

Last December I stopped by the Ukrainian Bookstore in Edmonton. I go there to find objects to view and occasionally to purchase. It is almost as if I would feel Ukrainian among all these Ukrainian "things". Looking through the books to find those in English, I stumbled upon *Kobzar's Children: A Century of Untold Ukrainian Stories*. I purchased it. I had read several books on Ukrainian history, but you know history books. They are less likely to tell a story than they are the citing of facts related to politics. *Kobzar's Children* is not like that at all.

It is a collection of stories told by Ukrainians about or based on their life experiences. After

reading the book, I understand more what it feels like to be Ukrainian. You can read more about the book in the SIG CORNER: UKRAINIAN.

Such too is the story of *What Lies Behind the Picture? A Personal Journey into Cree Ancestry* by Vernon R. Wishart (see SIG CORNER: MÉTIS). He didn't learn until the death of his parents that he is Métis. His father went to his grave never breathing a word about his First Nations connection through three great grandmothers listed as "Cree woman". His story is the story of all who had hidden identities.

Who are we? Do you know who you truly are unless you explore your genealogy? It is not just the name, birth, marriage and death. It is all the connective tissue between.

This leads me to why I joined the Alberta Family History Society. With help through the knowledge and wisdom of the more experienced members, I was able to find the skeletons and, even more important, put the flesh on the bones.

If you are not a member, check us out and, if you are committed to finding out who you really are, you will want to join. If you are a member, please remember to renew and do not hide the value from friends and family.

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 the membership information on the next page and go to page 30 for the form to fill out and submit.

It is not just enough to join. To ensure the Society continues to exist and provides value, we need your contributions. By the time this issue goes out, we will have a new Board, all volunteers because they believe in this Society. Become involved. You will be surprised at what you learn about yourself and family history.

Don't forget to check out our wonderful main articles, both about life in Alberta. One is about a Barnardo's boy and the other a baseball player. Both lived for the majority of their lives in this province. Through their experiences we can understand what it must of felt like in their times. Both stories result from their descendants seeking identity through understanding their history. ###

2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP

by Caroline Phillips for Marion Firmin

The membership year for the Alberta Family Histories Society is from September 1 to August 31. 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 form for 2007-08** is included with this issue of the *Chinook*, page 30.

New memberships are accepted at any time during the year. New members who join between April 1 and August 31 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 – 16th Avenue N. W., Calgary, AB T2M 0J8. ###

GREETINGS FROM THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

by Rosemary Kry

Another year of the Alberta Family History Society publications is winding down. As chair of the Publications Committee, I appreciate all the efforts of the members on the committee.

The *Breeze* and the *Chinook* would not be possible without the work of column writers,

editors, distribution coordinators and many others. The journals also depend upon the contributions made by you, the members of the AFHS. Thank you for all your submissions and efforts. Keep up the good work!

A membership in the AFHS includes receiving copies of the *Chinook*. Please **renew your membership by September 11**, so that the publications committee will have you on our mailing list to receive your copy of the journal. Yearly journal subscriptions begin with the October issue. It is important that your name be on the distribution list submitted to the printers by mid September. Ensure you receive all the issues of the *Chinook*.

Don't delay, renew today!!

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer,
Rosemary Kry, Publications Committee Chair
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BOARD MATTERS: AFHS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2007

The following Nominees were presented and elected by acclamation at the Annual General Meeting held on May 7, 2007.

Helen Backhouse	Chair
Lorna Laughton	Vice Chair (Finance)
Gary Manthorne	Vice Chair (Facilities)
Pat Senger	Recording Secretary
Ronna Byam	Treasurer
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Charlie Aubin	Director-at-Large (Liaison, Genealogy Computer Group)
Kay Clarke	Director-at-Large
Rosemary Kry	Director-at-Large
Bev Swan	Director-at-Large

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
Nominating Committee,
George Lake (Chair) ###



Happy Canada Day!



A BARNARDO BOY IN ALBERTA

by Marlene L. Dance

My husband Wayne never knew very much about his grandfather Walter. Over the years he only knew the following:

- a) He was born in England
- b) He was an orphan
- c) He came to Canada at about age 14
- d) He was a Home Child
- e) He disappeared around 1938

No one in the family ever talked about Walter. It was like he had never existed.

When Wayne's father died, we thought that any opportunity to know something about Walter had probably died with him. But later, in going through old family papers three important items came to light. First was a certified true copy of a birth certificate for Walter. Second was a letter postmarked England in 1918 from someone who might be a sister to Walter. The third was Kenneth Bagnell's book *The Little Immigrants* that explained Barnardo's and the Canadian Home children.

This information, together with the release of the 1901 census showing a Walter Dance age 13 in the Territories, Alberta District, put us on the path of discovery for Walter Henry Dance.

A chance application to Barnardo's enquiring about a Walter Henry Dance resulted in a goldmine of information about his family in England, as well as dates of his landing in Canada, then his arrival in Innisfail, Alberta. There was finding out about the family with whom he resided and for whom he worked. Annual personal inspection reports on his health, development and welfare were further discoveries.

The Barnardo's information and picture together with the birth, death and marriage certificates of Dance family members obtained on a 2005 trip to England, helped us piece together his life.

Walter Henry Dance was born March 17, 1887 at 43 Rockingham St., Newington, London,

England. His father was George William Dance and mother May Ann Minter. At the time of his birth, he had a brother William and sister Ada, who were twins aged 9 years, as well as a sister Edith Annie aged 3.

Less than three months after his father died on March 14, 1896, Walter was admitted as a student to Barnardo's Leopold House in London. His elder brother and sister now aged 16 were both in service. There were two sisters at home, Edith aged 12 and Ellen aged 3. The youngest was afflicted with enlargement of the brain. Walter's mother was in very poor health and could not look after all of them.

While there were many maternal and paternal relatives listed in the report, it would seem that none could take him in. This must have put quite a strain on the newly widowed mother and thus she decided Barnardo's School for Boys might save her son from running wild in the streets. Walter received a good start to his education during his 15 months at Leopold House.



Walter, age 9 years upon admittance to Barnardo's.

(Photo courtesy & permission of family files)

On May 9, 1897, Walter's eldest sister Ada (now aged 17) married George James Taylor (aged 27). Could this be a home for Walter now, with family? Mary Ann must have decided that Walter should have an opportunity for a better life in Canada, because on September 23, 1897

he sailed aboard the SS Labrador. He arrived in Quebec on October 2nd and then reached the Winnipeg Branch House on the 25th. He stayed in Manitoba until December 2nd when he was assigned to a Mr. Wm. N. Stiles of Section 21, Township 35, Range 28 in Innisfail, "The Territories of Alberta" (sic).

We believe he traveled on the CPR for each leg of his journey in Canada. He arrived at the train station in Innisfail on December 6, 1897 to be met by Mr. Stiles. By January 10, 1898 Mr. Stiles reported, "Boy who done first rate for a while will not hardly do anything. Will not cut a stick unless watched and although treated with every kindness, threatens to run away".

Walter's mother had died on November 29, 1897. We wonder if the news had just caught up with him. At first there is a note in Barnardo's file indicating Walter may have to return to England, but on February 18, 1898, Mr. Stiles writes that he has procured a new situation for Walter with Mr. James Brown and wife Mary, also of Innisfail. In addition, Mr. Stiles asks for another boy to be sent in Walter's place. The note in the file indicates that one Edward Hack was sent to Mr. Stiles.

Articles of Agreement were drawn up and signed by Mr. James Brown. The agreement was for board, lodging, washing and necessities to April 1, 1903, with two terms of nine months of school in each year. At the end of the contract, \$100 would be payable to Walter through Barnardo's. This was probably why Walter was no longer listed as a Home Child.

In the 1901 census, Walter is listed as a domestic with the Brown family, which at that time, consisted of five children aged 10 and under, the senior Mr. James Brown and two other older domestic workers.

The agreement with Barnardo's was that Walter would be sent to school for the five years he was with them. Since the Brown children are recorded as having attended the "Little Red Deer School", we think this is where Walter also attended. We are following up on this information by trying to find school records.

Mr. Brown has been noted in the history of Innisfail called *Candlelight Years* as raising good horse stock. The Barnardo reports record Walter as, "likely to do well... a remarkable fine horseman, and ... able to handle any animal on a ranch". Thanks no doubt to Mr. Brown.

In April 1903, correspondence to Barnardo's indicates Walter (now age 15) wished to have his \$100 in wages paid directly to him rather than sent to Barnardo's first. Walter wished to invest in cattle and "put them out on shares". Mr. Brown approved this plan and Barnardo's agreed. Walter had also re-engaged with Mr. Brown for 6 more months at \$10 per month.

In October, Walter writes to Barnardo's to advise he "has given Mr. Brown his receipt for the funds paid him. He expresses thanks for the medal awarded to him".

Correspondence among Barnardo's, Walter and Mr. Brown shows that Walter leaves Mr. Brown in October 1903, returns in June 1904 and then leaves again in December 1904 but continues to visit quite often. Walter also is said to be "working with a hay pressing gang and getting along very well".

In late 1905, a letter from Walter to Barnardo's indicates that the Mistress of the place where he is now working is looking for another boy. We believe this place might be that of Joseph and Mildred Simmonds, as we find Walter with them in the 1906 census. Walter still maintains his postal address as Innisfail.

The next few years are a blank. We know nothing of his whereabouts until his marriage to Laura May Latam in 1914. We believe they may have been married in Red Deer or Edmonton, but we have yet to confirm this information.

While we have quite a bit of genealogical information on the Latam family, we have not as yet explored the census records for them, nor do we know where or how Walter may have met Laura May. (We do have a New Year's Letter Card postmarked from Calgary, December 24, 1910? addressed to Laura Latum (sic) in Red Deer, and signed from Walter.)

In August 1915, a son Walter Leonard (known as Len) was born to Walter and Laura May in Calgary, Alberta. They were residing at 116 9th St., N.E. Calgary, Alberta. We have been to the address and that block has been rebuilt. However the next block has not been touched, and looks much like it may have been back then.



Walter, Laura May and Len Dance, 1915
(Photo courtesy & permission of family files)

We think the family remained in Calgary for a few years as we have a postcard from Laura May's brother John Wesley Latam, while he was serving in France during WWI with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. John survived the war, while a second brother, named Comfort Hamilton Latam, was killed in France on September 2, 1918.

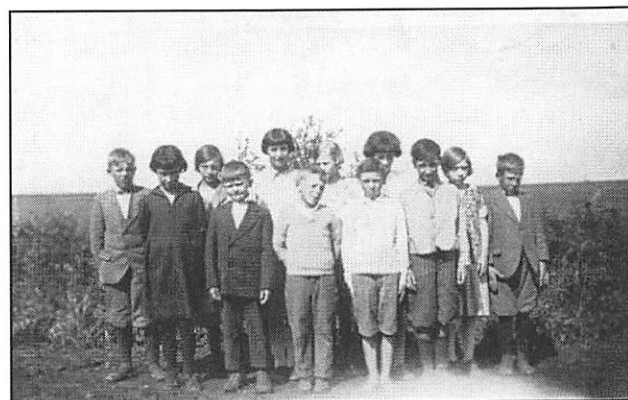
Around this time a letter to the family dated March 1918 and signed "your loving sister Ada" provides us with a look back at one of the family members in England. Ada tells of the rationing and of having three daughters and one son. The son was wounded in France. She also notes that another sister Edith has been visiting one of Laura's brothers (probably Wes), who had been wounded and was in hospital in London.

In 1919 we think that Walter was in the garage business in Bowden, Alberta. It was here that a second son, Garfield, was born November 16, 1919 and died January 7, 1920. We have the birth and death certificates, as well as the notices, which were also found in the *Innisfail*

Province newspaper held in the museum archives at Innisfail. They also spent some time in Bassano, as we have the birth certificate of a third son being born. This was William Melvin Dance (known as Melvin) born March 3, 1921.

Again there is a gap of years, but we have some indication that they may have lived in Spokane for a while before we find Walter and family in Bremner. It is here that he operated a garage at the SE corner of Hwy 16 and the present Hwy 21. We are told that the Dance garage building was originally the East Clover Bar School (which was located on Hwy 16, two miles east of Bremner). When a new East Clover Bar School was built about 1920, the little one room school was moved to Bremner to become the garage.

Bremner was also the residence of Laura May's father, Francis Melbourne Latam, and many of her siblings. Francis was once the Bremner storekeeper and mailman. Many of the Latam family are buried in the Clover Bar Cemetery. Stories of the Latams that remained in Bremner can be found in *Cherished Memories* published in 1972. It is in Bremner that Len and Melvin went to school. We plan to explore the school records for both of them.



Undated Photo from Bremner
(Photo courtesy & permission of family files)

The preceding picture is from Bremner, possibly in the mid 1920's. These are the names indicated on the back: front row far left, Keith Allen; third over from Keith is Harvey Hecko; then Len Dance; Georgie Ottowell; unidentified girl; Kenneth Allen. Behind Harvey to the left (tall, dark hair, light top) is Helen Latam. (The Allen,

Hecko, Ottowell and Latam families all come from the Bremner area and some descendents may still live there.)

We do not know if this is actually a school picture, but a few of these children look rather too well dressed for playing.

Melvin died in Bremner, sometime in 1932 at age 11. His grave marker is also in the Clover Bar Cemetery, as is that of Joyce Barr, who is another Latam relative.

In December 1935, Walter began a long drive to Vancouver. He must have gone south through Calgary, then over to Spokane, on through the Snoqualmie Pass, through Seattle and then reached Vancouver on December 29th. This is quite an undertaking, especially in December. He spent Christmas in Spokane with friends.

A letter sent home to Laura and son Len was addressed to 9328 98 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, with details of the trip and the weather encountered. We do not know when the family moved from Bremner to Edmonton.

In the summer of 1936, we believe that Len (now 21 years) and his mother Laura May drove to Vancouver taking much the same route, but in much nicer weather, to join up with Walter.

Walter and Len had some land in south Langley, BC just off Brown Rd. One morning sometime around 1938, Walter drove to Vancouver to sell the eggs from chickens they had raised and never returned. A few days later, a letter arrived for Len indicating where the car was parked and enclosing the keys. Walter did not say where he was going or when he would be back. To the best of our knowledge, he was never seen or heard from again by any family members.

There are still many things that we need to do to try to answer the many remaining questions we have. But the biggest question that needs an answer is what happened to Walter Henry Dance? Does anyone know?

Information was obtained from the following reference sources:

- 1) Barnardo's After Care Centre, Tanners Lane, Essex IG6 1Qg.
- 2) Birth, Marriage and Death certificates from the London Family Record Centre.
- 3) The Innisfail Museum and Archives, Innisfail, Alberta.
- 4) *Candlelight Years: A History of Innisfail and Districts Pioneers*. Innisfail, AB: Innisfail & District Historical Society, 1973.
- 5) *Cherished Memories* (County of Strathcona – Sherwood Park), 1972.
- 6) *The Little Immigrants* by Kenneth Bagnell. Ridgewood, NJ: Forkner Pub Corp, 1980.
- 7) *Innisfail Province* records.
- 8) Arthur R. Dowling of Sherwood Park
- 9) 1901 & 1906 Census data online.
- 10) Papers, letters and pictures belonging to Len Dance (1915-1999).

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TIPS FOR TRIPS TO FHL IN SALT LAKE CITY by Xenia Stanford

When I went to Family History Library last summer, I read tips and also consulted others on the best methods for copying records. I was advised to burn them to CD while there. The FHL staff also suggested this method. So I spent several days preparing records to burn onto CD and waiting for the computer with the CD burner to be free. I also spent a great deal of time doing printouts or photocopying from paper to paper.

What a waste of time! I had taken down a flash card and when I saw someone else use it, I thought, "What a dummy I am!" You can download, transfer and scan data, then insert flash card. No space waste since you can transfer files directly onto the flash card in many different sessions. Also so much quicker!

Do you have a tip for using the Family History Library in Salt Lake City or even the local Family History Centers? It can be as simple as the tip above. Send your tips to editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

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MY GRANDFATHER, THE BASEBALL PLAYER

by Lorraine Jacksteit

Verner Elwood Huxley, my grandfather (better known as Granddad), was born at home near Spencer, Iowa, on February 16, 1891 to Frank Lincoln and Sarah Huxley. He was the third oldest of four children in the family. He had an older brother, John, an older sister, Edna, and a younger sister, Ellen.

When he was a month old, his family moved to Sacramento, California. Those were depression years and his father worked digging potatoes for five cents a sack. From there, they moved to Portland, Oregon and, when Granddad was three, they moved to Mossy Rock, Washington. It was there his father bought a place and the family settled for several years.



The Frank Lincoln Huxley Family circa 1895:
Edna, Frank, John, Sarah, Verner
(Photo courtesy & permission of family files)

By 1906 they were on the move again. Along with a family friend, they shipped a carload of settlers' effects to Didsbury, Alberta in March 1906. Granddad traveled to Didsbury by passenger train with his mother and two sisters while his father came with the settlers' car. His brother, John, would come later. They stayed three days in the immigration buildings before heading to his Uncle Ed Huxley's campsite located in the Ghost Pine Creek district, east of Three Hills, Alberta. They camped overnight on

one of three hills before reaching their destination. Once there, they camped with Uncle Ed until they could build a house.

Early in April, a terrible fire swept through from the vicinity of Pine Lake. The ground was still frozen and it was impossible to plough fireguards. They tried to light a fireguard and after using a box of matches finally had a strip burned on which they stood. There was a strong wind with the fire and, as it came to their tents, it split and went around them. However, a creeping fire in the grass burned into one tent and ruined some quilts. Since the nearest water would have been from a snowdrift some distance away, they had to let the quilts burn. Uncle Ed's horses ran ahead of the fire and it was some time before they were returned. Frank's horses were more familiar with fire, as they were used to hauling brush to burn piles while Frank was clearing land in Washington. His horses turned back and came through the flames. Their hair was all burnt off except for a narrow strip down the back.

The next day it snowed. The wind had blown the chimney off the tent and it was so cold, Granddad said they stayed in bed all day to keep warm.

Such was their first month in this new land.

That summer of 1906, Frank filed for a homestead and built a house on it, with lumber hauled from Didsbury. He also held a homestead for Granddad until he was eighteen and could file on the land himself. In 1909 Granddad did just that on the NW ¼ -9-32-22-W4. To supplement his income, he put up hay for Robert Burns, the famous rancher, for \$2.25 a ton with an additional dollar per ton for hauling it to the coulee where Burns fed his cattle. That money was the start for Granddad's first bank account.

Once the necessities of life were provided, these pioneers had more time for socializing and for sports. Hunting and fishing were not considered

sports, as they were activities necessary to put food on the table. However, as more settlers moved into the area, there were more social events including sports. Frank and Granddad would play the violin for dances in people's homes. However, fun for Granddad meant baseball and oh, how he loved baseball!

The first baseball team for Ghost Pine was established in 1910 (see cover photo).

Back Row: Ed Clark, Eddie Huxley, Vern Simpson, Ed Huxley Sr., Charlie Gribblin
Front Row: Verner Huxley, Tom Hayes, Bill Hines, Pete Clark, Frank Gribblin.

The red uniforms were homemade and there was little equipment. For example, the catcher had no mask or padding, so occasionally he got "beaned." At that time, they played against local teams, such as those from Three Hills and Trochu. Granddad pitched or played shortstop. He said he never ate before a game because he could run faster. In 1914 he played ball with the Trochu team for the Provincial Baseball Championship in Alex, Alberta. The Trochu team even sent a man out to work in the field so Granddad could go play ball. Nevertheless, they lost the championship.

Lillian Hayes, my grandmother, was born at Mt. Albert near Toronto on January 20, 1892. In 1910 her family moved to a homestead just east of Granddad's place. She and Granddad met at social gatherings, of course, but she recalled another encounter that wasn't so congenial. It was her job to herd the Hayes' cattle down to the creek to drink. She rode horseback and took the dog with her to help.

One day her task became very difficult when the cattle broke a fence and got into Granddad's crop. Even with the dog's help she couldn't get them out. She was furious. She never heard Granddad ride up. All of a sudden he was there on horseback watching her. He had a gun in his hands and all he said was, "Well, what'll I do? Shoot 'em?"

The relationship survived this small setback, for on a bitterly cold and snowy January 24, 1917 they were married at the Hayes' home. They

built a house that spring and it was there three children were born: a son, Frank, and two daughters, Mae and Nora. Their births were at home with the help of the local doctor, who made house calls, and two midwives.

Granddad continued to play baseball every chance he got and still loved the sport. Most of the games were hardball but, in 1937 when Granddad was 46 years old, softball came to the region. Ghost Pine took the B. Championship for Alberta that first year. They played against Calgary and Wetaskiwin for that championship.

Games were farther afield now so, besides Three Hills and Trochu, they played against Huxley (no relation!), Elnora, Delbourne, Swalwell, Carbon, Morrin, Munson and Drumheller. Most of the towns held their sports days during the summer with neighbouring baseball teams competing against the home team.



Wedding Photo of Verner and Lillian Huxley
(Photo courtesy & permission of family files)

Frank Joseph Huxley, my father, said that when they crossed a Hayes with a Huxley, they didn't get a ballplayer, even though Dad played his share of baseball.

Dad recalls one occasion when he was playing with the Orkney team against Morrin. (Orkney is

a Scottish community about midway between Three Hills and Drumheller.) Grandma and Granddad had come to watch the game and cheer on the team. Dad was pitching and got into trouble about the fourth inning. The team manager came over to Granddad and said, "We need you to help us out, but we have a problem. You don't have a uniform." At that point, Granddad opened his shirt and showed his uniform underneath. He was only too happy to be asked to play!

Granddad played ball until he was into his sixties, when he decided he had better quit before he got injured. He still loved the game and watched the World Series every chance he got.

Later Grandma's ill health forced them to leave their first home on the original homestead where they had lived for sixty years. They moved into the Linden Nursing Home in November 1977. Granddad took along his old radio and got some headphones so he could listen to every ball game that was broadcast. On Thanksgiving weekends, we would bring Granddad and Grandma over, so he could watch the World Series on television.

Grandma passed away on March 14, 1978 but Granddad lived on to celebrate his 90th and 95th birthdays at community parties with relatives and friends gathering to wish him well.

This wonderful gentleman and remarkable ball player passed away on February 23, 1988 at the age of ninety-seven. If there is a ballgame in Heaven, he'll be there.

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EARLY CANADIAN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS TO GO ONLINE

PROVO, Utah, March 29 /CNW/ — Ancestry.ca, the largest Canadian family history website, and Canadiana.org, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving access to early Canadian publications, today announced a partnership to digitize and bring online nearly 300 years of Canadiana.org's early historical records spanning from the 1600s to the 1900s.

The new collection includes more than 6,200 publication titles and 1.6 million pages of family histories, local histories, biographies, civil service records and other early historical documents.

As the steward of one of the greatest collections of local Canadian historical archives, Canadiana.org worked closely with professional historians and genealogists to extract records of genealogical significance from its entire archive. Through these efforts, Canadiana.org has created a new collection, Genealogy and Local History Collection to 1900, which Ancestry.ca is digitizing and making available online along with its existing and highly complementary collections such as the fully indexed 1851, 1901, 1906 and 1911 Censuses of Canada. The Genealogy and Local History Collection to 1900 is the largest family and local history collection of its kind in Canada.

"Canadiana.org is a fantastic organization working to preserve and provide access to invaluable historical data for educational and genealogical research in Canada," said Tim Sullivan, CEO, The Generations Network, parent company of Ancestry.ca. "We are pleased to be working with Canadiana.org to provide Canadians and others around the world with online access to these precious genealogical documents for the first time."

Highlights of the Genealogy and Local History Collection to 1900 include 150,000 names and birth dates for all civil service employees in Canada, which contains records for both houses of Parliament from 1886 to 1900. The collection also encompasses histories of churches, towns, counties and the military. A variety of legal documents are also available from court trials to voter lists...

The Genealogy and Local History Collection to 1900 will be available online through Ancestry.ca within the next year. Canadiana.org will also offer these images through its digital library, ECO at a later date...

Editor's Note: read the full Press Release at www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/March2007/29/c7942.html

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BEGINNER'S COLUMN: THE RESEARCH PROCESS

by Kenneth W. Rees

Three More Major Record Categories

The last column briefly described the first three major record categories (vital records, church records and census records). This time, we will consider three more major record sources.

These are

1. Military and naval records
2. Land and property records
3. Court and probate records

As always, we must verify the information found in any of these records with information found in another record source. We must always remember to consult the source directly. We must consider abstracts, extracts, indexes and transcriptions suspect until the actual record is consulted and the information verified.

We will find in these three record types, which we are gathering, information that puts our ancestor in a particular place at a particular time with a particular set of people, all valuable clues as we search for information about our family.

Military and naval records deal with members of the armed services (army and navy). They are divided into such records as militia lists, muster rolls, pay records, pension records, officer's lists, regimental histories, description books, service records, chaplains' returns, disciplinary records, medical records and regimental registers. These records were created for the purposes of the military, which had a vested interest in recording the names of those serving in various positions, with varying degrees of pay and pension rights.

Typically, we will find names and descriptions of soldiers, seamen and commissioned officers. We may be able to track an ancestor's career through service records, including postings, promotions, duties, engagements and hospitalizations. When we consult pay records, we may also see a briefer resumé of our ancestor's military life. By examining pension applications and files, we will be able to see how our ancestor and his family fared after his life in

the military. We may find information in chaplains' returns and regimental registers concerning spouses and children associated with soldiers or sailors. With most western nations in the 19th and 20th centuries enforcing involuntary conscription, we might look at draft cards, conscription registrations and the like for our ancestors who may never have entered military or naval service.

When we consult land and property records, we get information concerning the transfer of property and real estate between individuals. Governmental entities had an interest in regulating the transfer of land and real property, especially for the sake of collecting taxes on the occupation of land and on the transfer of ownership. We may find the names of our ancestors in such records as deed books, plat books, land descriptions, surveyor's records, petitions, minutes, patents, warrants, grants, homestead records, correspondence and memorials. In a great many cases, families traded land and real property amongst themselves.

The grantee and grantor may have been closely related or the relationship may be a distant one. Even in those cases where we cannot prove a direct relationship, we should examine the names of witnesses, grantee and grantor, in order to build a list of those individuals who were intimate with our ancestor. (We can use this list to do "cluster" genealogy - a tool for extending our reach into our ancestor's past.) Even if our ancestors did not own land, we may find them mentioned in correspondence, petitions, minutes and homestead records.

Governments (acting through their judicial arm) create court and probate records in order to control and tax the relationships between citizens. Probate records deal with the transfer of personal property from a deceased individual to his or her heirs. We might find our ancestor listed in wills, administrations, petitions for probate or administration, inventories and oaths. We may find the name of the deceased, the name

of the widow or widower, the names of heirs, the names of guardians, the names of the executors and descriptions of the bequests. If one of our ancestor's family members contested a probate or administration, we may find many more records to examine.

We might usefully divide court records into two general areas – the criminal justice system and the civil justice system. The criminal justice system produced records dealing with investigations, indictments, prosecutions, appeals, sentences, probations, paroles and corrections. Our ancestor may have interacted with the civil justice system in matters relating to claims, suits, divorces, guardianship and adoptions.

This has been a (very, very) brief look at three more of the six major record types. Next time, we'll start looking into the minor record sources.

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DID YOU KNOW?

by Lorna Laughton

DID YOU KNOW that the University of Calgary Library has many resources that help the family history researcher?

Over the past 30 years, many AFHS members have discovered the "treasures" at U of C because of the generosity of Jan Roseneder. Jan has given so many tours of the U of C Library to genealogists that there is likely a well-worn path around the library. To those of us who were daunted by the hallowed halls of an academic library, not to mention the worries of parking and getting lost, Jan's tours helped make the library accessible.

There are many resources at the University of Calgary Library, despite the fact that they do not collect "how to do genealogy" type material. I have found that the material about history, social history and geography can add background to my ancestor's lives and provide clues for further research. I have used books about areas in England for background information. I traced the likely path of a relative, as he progressed around

the US Civil War battles, by searching his battalion and commanding officer. The Civil War information was great! The U of C Library also has a large collection of American history books – I have used ones on New York State.

Jan also showed us the U of C Map Library – a whole other world. As well, she introduced us to the U of C Microforms area. That is where I read newspapers on microfilm for Toronto, Montreal, St. John's, Newfoundland and Hallowell (now Picton, Ontario – 1832).

Just recently, Jan Roseneder retired from the University of Calgary Library. Was she worn out from doing so many genealogy tours? Thanks, Jan, for spending time helping family history researchers!

We can still use the U of C Library, even though Jan is not there. Use the online library catalogue at <http://library.ucalgary.ca>. In the library catalogue, try using a keyword that is a place name. Click on book titles that interest you and e-mail the list to yourself. You are ready for a visit to the library. There have been other articles written in *Chinook* and in minutes of SIGs, like the Celtic SIG and Beginner's SIG, about the U of C Library and its resources for genealogists.

Do you want to go to the U of Calgary Library? Perhaps we could have an informal U of C research group that would meet on the 4th Friday of each month. If we meet at the Food Court area at 9:30 or 10:00 a.m., then we could go off to research and meet again for lunch at 1:00, or something of that sort. Although this group would not involve a tour, be a SIG or be a structured learning group, we would at least meet other researchers and share findings. If you are interested, particularly if you would like to be the Contact Person, let me know at lornalaughton@shaw.ca.

Did you know Jan Roseneder? She has helped many AFHS members with their research at the University of Calgary Library.



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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.

LOOSE ENDS by Jim Benedict

I am one lucky family researcher. My ancestors have all been found by others and set in print for me. On my mother's side, Aunt Gert has published a smashing little soft-cover of 250 pages, rollicking with family stories, old photos and lots of family pedigree charts. On my father's side, it is even better. The Benedicts have been thoroughly researched and I have in my possession hardcover editions of *Benedicts in America from 1637 to 1870* and the second volume, which covers the remaining years up to 1960. All Benedicts are catalogued, stamped, folded, stapled and filed so nicely.

My life's work is done, at least for genealogy. Everything is in the computer, so organized and tidy. Nothing more to do now except for some loose ends and oddities you always seem to find.

Hmmm. Those oddities. They won't leave me alone. For example, according to the books, g-g-g-granddad Jabez Benedict landed in Nova Scotia, an expatriate Connecticut man that ended up on the wrong end of the Revolutionary War and fled north with his family. Great, I can apply for my United Empire Loyalist certificate and clean up another loose end. His son Moses stayed in the Annapolis Valley area and his son Smedley William Benedict migrated and farmed in Grey County, Ontario in the 1830's. Oh-oh, another loose end! Just how could Smedley have gotten from Nova Scotia to the utter wilderness of western Ontario at that time, with primitive modes of travel and when there were so many other good farming areas that were easier to

settle? Well, the family history books couldn't be wrong. After all, they are in hardcover and I'm just an amateur at this.

Serendipity strikes like a bolt of lightning. By chance on a business trip, I go browsing through the Clayton Genealogy Library in downtown Houston. Blowing dust off a copy of *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, I uncover a major wound in my family line: I am not connected to Jabez or Moses! Worse, I blow away any chance of joining the UEL society because my ancestor Joshua fought for the Yanks. I'm doomed to becoming a Son of the American Revolution. Condemned to drinking Budweisers at all family gatherings.

How could this have happened to me?



Smedley's brother Ard: 1795 – 1870
(Photo courtesy & permission of Jim Benedict)

It turns out that my g-g-g-granddad Smedley William B. had applied for a U.S. war pension on behalf of his by-then-deceased father, a Joshua Benedict (not Moses, not Jabez either). You can't fake a name like Smedley and the other children are named, so that and the locations tie in nicely. The pension application index reads:

Joshua BENEDICT, S23116, CT Line, sol's [soldier's] son Smedley Benedict App. 16 Sep 1845 Oswego Cty NY aged 45 a res of Victoria Dist in Canada West & states that sol d 9 Dec

1839 at Sheffield in N. Canada leaving children; Anna Davis of St Andrews in Lower Canada, Ard Benedict of Hungerford in Upper Canada & Electa [like that name!] Storings of Richmond, Lenox & Addington in Upper Canada and Smedley Benedict of same place, sol's bros Timothy & William Benedict are mentioned, sol moved from CT to Grand Isle VT then to Upper Canada, a Derastus Center states sol's daughter Ann m Elijah Davis & mentions another daughter of sol name Lotty.

What a treasure-trove of information. I now have Joshua's children listed with locations. And there is a soldier's file, #S23116, stored somewhere that I can track down.

So I guess my other hobbies will have to wait. Some very big loose ends have unravelled on my family tapestry.



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THE ELUSIVE JOHN EARL by Kathy Kashuba

I am waiting for a reply to my email to the Singleton Family History Society in New South Wales, Australia. I wish they would hurry up.

Finding my great great grandfather John EARL hasn't been easy. He was shown on the British census films of 1841, '51, '61, and '71 as being married, a yeoman, and born in Patterdale, Westmorland. To top it all off, his most gracious and accommodating housekeeper Mary PATTINSON, 30 years his junior, combined in an effort to produce eight children. One daughter, Margaret, was my great grandmother.

I found a marriage for John in the Bishop's Transcripts to a widow named Anne HOLME in 1822. Where was his wife all this time? I couldn't find a death for her anywhere under the name Holme or Earl. I thought maybe she was mentally ill and ended up in a workhouse. Maybe he was a gigolo and just dumped her. Maybe she just couldn't live with him and took

off for far away places. All I know is that he never did marry his housekeeper Mary.

I received a message via email from a Rootsweb surname list advising of a survey Rootsweb was doing. I went to their site but didn't fill in the survey. Instead for some unknown strange reason I went to the family tree link for WorldConnect. I hadn't been on Rootsweb doing research for quite some time.

I entered JOHN EARL, born 1795, and up came three or four possibilities. One in particular mentioned Patterdale, Westmorland. I clicked on that entry and right before me was this unexpected and fantastic article detailing exactly what had happened to my man since his marriage in 1822. His wife Anne did take off for far away places, only it was along with John and four children from her first marriage. A child was born to the two of them while on board ship in 1823 before landing in New South Wales.

The article gave some history of John's life in an area just south of Singleton. He bought 1500 acres of land, which he named "Glenridding" (a village just outside Patterdale back home), and he proceeded to farm it. Eventually he sold it, leaving money for his wife to return to Britain, if she chose to do so. She didn't return and is buried there.

He left Australia in 1840 and arrived back in Patterdale where he no doubt met up with old friends. One could have been Joseph Pattinson who had a daughter Mary, age 20. John took Mary with him as his housekeeper to Colby, Westmorland, where he proceeded to buy up land. He was connected to a business he named "Kangaroo House". Wonder where he got that name? The 1841 census is where I pick him up.

I believe things happen if and when they are meant to happen. I didn't delete the message from my other family surname list, but I could have. I went to the Rootsweb site, didn't fill in the survey but instead chose the FamilyConnect link. I could have just deleted the site, but I didn't. Why? ...Because my family research information was waiting for me there, and I was meant to find it...

That brings me to searching out the Singleton Family History Society and wanting to know the author of the article that put everything in order for me. I am the same as you, I suspect. I want the results yesterday!!!

A footnote, I can't decide which to deem the better of John Earl. (1) He wasn't a gigolo and didn't just abandon his wife or (2) although he continued producing offspring as an adulterer, he didn't commit bigamy by marrying his housekeeper. ###

TENTS TO TOWERS: OUR BOOMS ON THE BOW by Susan Williams

July 27 - August 5, 2007

Historic Calgary Week (HCW) 2007, the seventeenth Annual celebration of Calgary's history, comprises ten fun-filled days of presentations and tours. With this year's theme of *Tents to Towers: Our Booms on the Bow*, the focus will be on the incredible growth at various periods in our city's history, from its inception to today's modern city.

The HCW program includes over 40 events, such as the following:

- Tours of historic sites
- Presentations on theatre
- Stories from the pioneers that built the city
- Graveyard and historic community tours.

It is an opportunity for Calgarians to share the adventures of the past through the stories of the people that built the city, enriched people's lives through the arts and preserved the open spaces for all to enjoy. All programs are open to the public and most are free of charge.

The week kicks off at the superbly restored Lougheed House where Max Foran, renowned author and historian, will set the tone for a week of discovery. Spend a day with the Southern

Alberta Pioneers, revel in the CPR's history, or try walking tours of historic 17th Avenue, Mount Pleasant, Inglewood, or Mission. Other venues include Stanley House, the Grain Academy and Fort Calgary to mention a few.

The stories of Calgary's past weave the complex characters, action, risk, adventure, tragedy and humour into engaging and memorable tales.

Whether it is poetic stories of the NWMP (North West Mounted Police) or the personal stories of our pioneers, you will be entranced by the courageous endeavours of the people that built our city and province. Full details for Historic Calgary Week 2007 can be viewed at <http://www.chinookcountry.org>

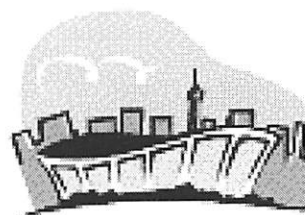
AFHS Library and Historic Calgary Week

This summer, in conjunction with HCW, the Library Committee will host three "open house" sessions at the Alberta Family Histories Society Library:

Monday, July 30th 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, July 31st 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, August 4th 10 a.m. to noon

In keeping with the HCW theme, *Tents to Towers: Our Booms on the Bow*, library volunteers will use our extensive collections of maps, local histories and journals to help visitors picture what Calgary was like when their ancestors arrived.

These sessions will provide the opportunity to share the AFHS collection with the public and promote the study of family history research. Support your library committee and encourage friends, neighbours and out of town visitors to visit the library during HCW.



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QUERIES

Submitted to queries-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

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 (Canada, United States, British Isles, Australia) may respond. They may have the answer, be related or offer to help you find sources to search in your ancestors' location – Eureka! It may just be that one additional resource to help you knock down a brickwall!

Here are our queries this time:

STRAIN, BROWN & ARMSTRONG FAMILIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

I am searching for three families whom I have good reason to believe lived in Fermanagh and Monaghan Counties in Northern Ireland about 1800. I have searched Tithe Applotment records in Fermanagh and found too many Henry BROWN and too many ARMSTRONG families to be able to make solid connections. I was told that I had exhausted the resources of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City (SLC) when I departed from there a few months ago! My search in Monaghan is for the STRAIN family.

Genealogists in SLC advised that my only recourse is to find reliable local genealogists in those two counties who would work for me. Alternatively, of course, a trip to Ireland (with a shovel!) would be my last resort!



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I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has had favourable experience with local researchers

in those areas, or who plans to visit the Emerald Isle and would care to help.

Contact: Bill Campbell at wacampbell@shaw.ca or 403-254-2293

WILLIAM ARTHUR/JANE ALEXANDER

William ARTHUR married Janet ALEXANDER February 7, 1787 in Houston & Killellan Parish, Renfrewshire, Scotland. William had a brother named James. William was born ca 1758. Janet was born ca 1860. Both men were weavers. Who were their parents and where were they born? Contact: Mary Arthur (ar109@netscape.net)

GORDON & GOODISON IN SCOTLAND

My GrGrGrandmother, Elizabeth Rachel GORDON, who was born August 15, 1816 in Scotland, is my brick wall. I do not know where in Scotland she was born or when she married my GrGrGrandfather, Luke GOODISON. They first immigrated to Upper New York State about 1840 and later moved to Leeds & Grenville County, Ontario. Any information about strategies for tracing Elizabeth Rachel GORDON's origins would be welcomed. Contact: Sally Somers (salsomers@shaw.ca)

WHITE, MUTCH & TATMAN IN YORKS, ENGLAND

Alfred Isaac WHITE, born February 11, 1903, Grimsby, Yorks, married Frances Joan MUTCH born February 16, 1908, Castleford, Yorks. They had one daughter who is still living. No problem tracing the MUTCH family back. Alfred's parents: Harry WHITE and Sarah Elizabeth TATMAN, one other known child, Harry WHITE. No problem tracing the TATMAN family back. There are many WHITE families, but cannot connect Alfred. His living daughter does not remember him and does not know if he remarried or if she has some half siblings somewhere, but she would like to know. Contact: Shirley Pinter (aspinter@shaw.ca)

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SIG CORNER: MÉTIS

by Xenia Stanford

Although the numbers of Métis SIG members are ever changing and not large, more and more people are beginning to honour their native and Métis roots. In my own family, each generation has come closer to embracing Métis relatives. Several of my family married Métis spouses. All in our generation accepted them immediately, but the older generation took some time to warm up to them.

The next two generations, the grandchildren and great grandchildren of our parents' generation, were the charmers that brought the family closer. Still, no one would run out and broadcast that the relatives had any native blood. Although the younger generations have been taught pride in their native ancestry, the stigma still is not completely gone for all living generations.

This stigma kept Vernon Wishart from knowing he is Métis until he read an entry in a local history of Rosebud, Alberta called *The Rosebud Trail* written by John Martin. This book contained a story about Eliza and James Wishart. (See the Chapter on James Wishart at www.ourroots.ca/e/toc.aspx?id=4277)

This story was pointed out to Shirley, Vernon's sister, and the details grabbed the attention of the siblings. The account tells of James Wishart, who had been caught in the Great Blizzard of 1887. His frozen fingers recovered but his toes turned gangrenous. Eliza took out her medicine bag, chopped off his toes and treated him with traditional native medicines. This was credited with saving her husband's life.

The knowledge of native medicine and surgery, as well as the presence of her medicine bag made it appear Eliza had native roots. So Vernon decided to take a closer look at his first photo, which shows him in his father's arms. His question of "What lies behind the picture?" began a journey of discovery that not only uncovered his great grandmother Eliza Flett's native background but also those of other lines.

This led Vernon and Shirley on the exciting genealogical exploration of their explorer and fur trader ancestors from Orkney, Scotland who married Cree women. The Batt, Flett, Spence and Wishart lines, which they researched well, came to light.

So too did the bigotry their Métis ancestors experienced. Before we become too complacent about the acceptance of our generation, ask when was the last time you heard or thought a negative expression when the word Métis was spoken? If there is even just one occurrence, you will understand why Roy Wishart, the father of Vernon and Shirley, died in 1959 without ever revealing his native roots to his own children.

For more, read the book I will donate to the AFHS Library on behalf of the Métis SIG: Wishart, Vernon R. *What lies behind the picture? A personal journey into Cree ancestry*. Red Deer, AB: Central Alberta Historical Society, 2006.

For additional information and photos, see the entries under Wishart, Vernon at the following Edmonton Public Library site: www.epl.ca/edmontonacitycalledhome/EPLEdmontonCityCalledRememberContributors.cfm

N.B. The **French SIG** started out with strong interest but this has dissipated to very little involvement from AFHS members in the past few years. Most of the interest has been from Métis people who can trace their ancestors back to French Canadian and French connections. Therefore, the French SIG will now be amalgamated into the Métis SIG. I will continue as the AFHS contact person for French and Quebec (including non-French settlers), as well as as Métis inquiries.

You do not need French or French Canadian connections to join the Métis SIG. Your non-native portion can be any ethnicity.



Métis flag - white on blue

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SIG CORNER: CELTIC

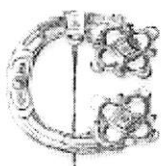
by Donna Kirkwood

Editor's Note: Much thanks to Lois Sparling for many years as coordinator of the Celtic SIG. Donna Kirkwood has now accepted the role as Celtic SIG coordinator.

The Celtic SIG meets in the AFHS Library on the fourth Wednesdays of every month, except for July, August and December when no meetings are held. Besides the "topic of the evening" there is an opportunity to borrow books from the library.

The following is the agenda for 2007-2008:

September 26/07	Maps and Gazetteers of Ireland and Scotland
October 24/07	Irish & Scots in North America
November 28/07	Research Meeting
January 23/08	Scotland
February 27/08	Adding Social History to Your Research
March 26/08	Ireland
April 23/08	Intermediate Topics, such as Landed Estate Records in Ireland and Scots Law
May 28/08	Research Trips and Experiences Using Repositories in Ireland and Scotland
June 25/08	Research Meeting



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BEST BOOKS FOR SCOTTISH RESEARCH

Submitted by Rick Roberts, *Global Gazette*,
<http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette>

The Discovery of the Hebrides Voyages to the Western Isles [Scotland] 1745-1883 by Elizabeth Bray. This book tells of the exploration and exploitation of these remote islands, using the records and journals of such visitors as the scientist Joseph Banks, who revealed the wonders of Fingals Cave to an astounded public, and Johnson and Boswell, who nearly drowned off Ardnamurchan, and whose writings encouraged many others, including Sir Walter Scott and Queen Victoria, to discover the Hebrides for themselves.

Atholl and Gowrie North Perthshire [Scotland], A Historical Guide by Lindsay MacGregor, Richard Oram. Both areas are extremely rich in archaeology and this guide takes in the full range from Neolithic cairns to medieval palaces, from industrial workers' cottages to Roman fortresses. A full gazetteer combines with the narrative to produce a definitive history of this beautiful part of Scotland, on the boundary of Highland and Lowland, which has played such a full part in Scotland's history.

Ayrshire [Scotland], A Historical Guide by Thorbjorn Campbell. Ayrshire has a rich and varied history and this book will enable the reader to discover the physical traces of all periods of that history. In medieval times Ayrshire played a key role in the emergence and consolidation of a unified Scotland, and it was from one of Ayrshire's many powerful families that the Stewart line of kings emerged. Learn about this and more in the definitive guide to Ayrshire.

Spottiswoode, Life and Labour on a Berwickshire [Scotland] Estate 1753-1793 by Tom Barry and Douglas Hall. An estate ledger of 1752-1793, lost since the dispersal sale of Spottiswoode in 1935, is the basis of this enquiry into a once-famous family, their estate and their contribution to the history of Scotland. From his detailed study of the ledger, Tom Barry has

identified the 18th-century John Spottiswoode as one of the important agricultural improvers of his age. The book gives an account of the Laird's dealings with two generations of his workmen and tenants.

The Little General and The Rousay [Scotland] Crofters, Crisis and Conflict on an Orkney Estate by William P. L. Thomson. Burroughs had the reputation of one of the most brutal of all Orkney landlords and, in a time of great economic change, the harshness of his actions made that change particularly traumatic. *The Little General and The Rousay Crofters* tells the story of the remarkable events that occurred on the Orcadian island of Rousay between the years 1840 to 1890.

Scottish Newspapers Historic & Contemporary

Global Gazette for April 27, 2007 lists Scottish newspapers with links to those that have a web presence. See <http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazed/gazed137.htm>

To sign up for the free weekly eNewsletter, see <http://globalgenealogy.com/admin/membership.htm> and also the contact and other information for Global Genealogy is in their ad on page 32.

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SIG CORNER: UKRAINIAN by Xenia Stanford

The Ukrainian SIG membership consists of roughly 40 people, some local and some in other provinces, some AFHS members and some not.

To date our main focus has been on listing the needs of the group in case there is anyone who can help. Perhaps you may be related and share information gathered to date, or just lucky, as in one case. This lucky coincidence occurred when one member sent out her research needs and another member answered that she had a photograph of a tombstone with the names the other member listed. She had taken the photo, not because she was related but because of the

unique tombstone. This turned out to be very serendipitous, because the tombstone listed the names, dates and places of origin of the member with the research need. She did not have these at the time. Thus, it helped her research immensely. We should all be so fortunate!

These are some members with the names and places of origin for their Ukrainian ancestors:

- Carol A Lylyk, clylyk@telus.net, Surname LYLYK, from Winiatynce/Vinyatyn'tse, Raion: Zalyzchikye, Galicia, Austria or Ukraine.
- Matilda Gallant, zmgallant@shaw.ca, Father: BAGAN, HALABICKA, MAZUR, HLADY. Dioceses: Stanislaspolitana, Parochia: Pevenitow, Palatinatus: Tarnopol, District: Kopyczynici. Mother: KORNELUK, GASIUK. Imperium: Austro-Hung; Regnum: Galiciae; District: Hratat (?); Archidioecesis: Leopold; Prochia: Tousterige.
- Patrick Ruppe, genresearch1@hotmail.com, ZYLUK, KARPLUK village of Kulikow (Kulykiv), SYDORA (Kolnocova, Ukraine), NAKONECHNY.
- Paul Patrick Dutchak, paullill@mcsnet.ca, Demetro DUTCHAK, father Nicholas, mother Paraschivia PLESHKAN from Tulova, Sniatyn (Linailyn?) Halitchine, Ukraine Maria (Mary?) CHARUK, father Dimito, mother Katharine KORTASCHUK from the same place.
- H D Jaremko, hjaremko@gmail.com BODNARCHUK (BARDACHUK), Lwiw; JAREMKO, Lwiw and Kiyzine; STANISLAW, P.O. Galicia. Also Hungarian ancestors BARTHA (BARTA) Tiszakercseny, Csatri Tisza ADONY and Keresztesi Tisza ADONY.
- Elizabeth (Betsy) May, bemay@telus.net, SOSHYCKI (selo Zalesie, raion Borshchiv, Galicia); MAGIS (selo Howyliw; Welyki, Galicia); ZARICHNY (selo Chorostkiw, raion Husiatyn, Galicia), all in oblast Ternopil.
- Donna Mazur, mazurvid@mail.ocis.net,

ELKOW (ILKUF), Nadvirnia or Nazirna, Kolomea; MANDRUSIAK Nazirna, Kolomea; MAZUR (EK), Delawa, Drohobych; BLAUCHUK, Delawa, Drohobych; PIDLUZNY (PODLUZNY) Volsvyn, Sokal; PILIPCHOK, Volsvyn, Sokal; SUDLOWSKI, Volsvyn, Sokal.

- Rosemary Kry, rosemary@kry.ca KRYWOKULSKY, Horodyscha.
- Xenia Stanford, age@knowmap.com, SZACH, KANDIA, SHENGERA, Czyszki (Czyszky), deanery of Olesko, raion of Zolochiv (Zolochov or Zloczow), oblast of Lvivska (capital Lviv or Lvov), Galicia (east).

The following book is mentioned in this issue's **Editor's Eye** column: Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk (ed.). *Kobzar's Children: A Century of Untold Ukrainian Stories*. Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006. (Available at Calgary Public Library and University of Calgary's Doucette Library's main stacks, or purchase from Chapters.indigo.ca).

A kobzar is the Ukrainian name for a travelling minstrel whose "job" was like that of any minstrel: to pass on stories and poems that formed the oral tradition of a culture or society. The stories were also means of spreading information, current or historical, from village to village – the original "information highway"!

The problem with the kobzars is they were all shot. During Stalin's regime the kobzars' stories and poems included commentary on the Soviet repression, famine and terror. Stalin was "not amused". In the 1930s, he called "the first national conference of kobzars in Ukraine. Hundreds congregated. And then Stalin had them all shot" (p. vi).

To ensure he had not missed anyone, Stalin rounded up Ukrainian journalists, artists, novelists and playwrights, all of whom he also had shot.

Basically Ukrainian folklore and literature was all but wiped out. At least one survived: Taras Shevchenko whose collection of poems was called *The Kobzar*. However, this does not make up for the hundreds whose voices and pens were

silenced. This lack of Ukrainian identity through its literature troubled Skrypuch. She thought the stories would remain lost and then the Ukrainian identity would be subjected to what non-Ukrainians would tell from the viewpoint of ignorance or bias.

Skrypuch wrote a few Ukrainian history books and was amazed at the response. People came forward to thank her for setting the record straight, a Ukrainian writing Ukrainian history, and many added, "I have a story". Suddenly Skrypuch found she had a collection of stories told by the "kobzars' children", all those Ukrainian descendants who had stories passed down to them.

To these she adds her own. She has arranged them in chronological order from 1905 to 2004 with the election of Yushchenko. I forgot about reading this in the preface, so as I read the stories, I felt they were organized from the bleakest to the most humorous. They certainly jump back and forth from Ukrainian peasants to Canadian homesteaders.

What this says to me is the times were bleakest in the early part of the twentieth century and became less arduous and more fun toward and during the twenty-first. The stories show the great resilience of Ukrainians to survive times of genocide by murder and starvation, leaving the lush lands cultivated for centuries to arrive in a land where breaking the acres and planting seeds in the hard clay soil of the worst lands, which Canadian government officials handed out to the Ukrainians, broke their backs but not their spirit.

This book is unprecedented in Ukrainian literature. A collection of kobzar tales, yet much is still left to tell. What about the Ukrainians sent to concentration camps in Canada during the war? What about the lands ripped away from the homesteaders who had laboured long and hard to make this land more fertile?

There are many more stories to tell than this book can hold, but this certainly is a giant leap forward. It lays good ground in covering the chasm between the remainder of Shevchenko's works from the 1840s to the present era. If you

are Ukrainian or at all interested in Ukrainian culture, beyond the garb and the objects to the very Ukrainian soul, this is a must read.

(There is a blog to discuss this book at <http://kobzarschildren.blogspot.com>)

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POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST: SHARING 100 YEARS OF ALBERTA HISTORY

Anyone can enjoy historic Alberta postcards anytime, from anywhere without any wear and tear on these treasures.

The Postcards from the Past is a searchable database of Alberta postcards. With every postcard there is an opportunity to learn through historic trivia, quotations, games and favourite Alberta books with direct links to books and audiovisual items that can be borrowed from Calgary Public Library (CPL). As well there are links to relevant information on public websites. This section of the Calgary Public Library website provides Albertans with access to images, resources, trivia and quotations that all celebrate 100 years of Alberta history.

Take a look! POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST
<http://calgarypubliclibrary.com/postcards/home.aspx>

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FAMILYSEARCH TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO WORLD'S GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

by Dick Eastman from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* with permission.

May 14, 2007

This is perhaps the most important genealogy announcement of the past few years... written by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

FamilySearch Unveils Program to Increase Access to World's Genealogical Records

Tidal Wave of Online Databases Will Result

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - FamilySearch announced today its Records Access program to increase public access to massive genealogy collections worldwide. For the first time ever, FamilySearch will provide free services to archives and other records custodians who wish to digitize, index, publish, and preserve their collections. The program expands FamilySearch's previously announced decision to digitize and provide online access to over 2 million rolls of copyrighted microfilm preserved in the Granite Mountain Records Vault. A key component of the program allows FamilySearch and archives to team with genealogy websites to provide unprecedented access to microfilm in the vault. The combined results ensure a flood of new record indexes and images online at www.FamilySearch.org and affiliated websites.

The plan combines the assets and experience of the Genealogical Society of Utah with the state-of-the-art technology resources of FamilySearch—all under the single brand name of FamilySearch. The Records Access program allows records custodians to publish their data online by themselves or with the assistance of FamilySearch or affiliate genealogical websites and historical societies.

Read remaining news release & commentary
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/05/familysearch_to.html

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BOARD MATTERS: PROGRAM COMMITTEE

by Marion Peterson

The general aim of the Program Committee is to plan and organize programs for the Society, being primarily guided by the desires and needs of the membership. For the past few years, our focus has been arranging speakers for nine Basics Sessions and ten Main Programs.

For the Basics Session, general topics about genealogy, such as techniques, different types of records and methods of doing research were chosen. For the Main Program, we often chose a more general history topic, aiming to enhance our knowledge about a time period, occupation, location and so on. Sometimes we tried to have complimentary topics for the Basics Session and the Main Program. For example, in April Cemetery Records and Obituaries were highlighted on the same evening as Funerary Art. Occasionally a holiday would suggest a theme. The Famous Five talk grew out of the fact that Mother's Day is in May. While brainstorming about possible important mothers in Calgary, we thought of the Famous Five. We have also used a suggestion box to solicit possible topics from the membership.

Most of the speakers for the Basics Sessions were AFHS members while guests comprised the majority of the Main Program speakers. We are very grateful to them all for their contributions. It can take many hours to research and compose a presentation.

Planning has already begun for the 2007-2008 year. Beginning in September, we are changing the meeting format. We will no longer hold Basics Sessions at 6:30 pm.

There are several reasons for this:

- Attendance at the Basics Sessions is always significantly less than at the Main Program and has been falling over the last few years. Members tell us that the topics sound interesting (sometimes more interesting than the Main Program), but they are unable to arrive by 6:30 p.m. We are trying to attract new members, yet our

program, which is aimed at beginners, starts at a rather "unfriendly" time. Our set-up people have to arrive by 6:00 pm, and this is becoming more challenging with the traffic and construction in Calgary.

- The half hour time frame is also a problem for our speakers. Most topics lend themselves to a longer time frame. Rarely was there time for questions from the audience.
- Volunteer burnout is also a problem. The members on our Committee all hold additional responsibilities in our Society. It can take a lot of time to organize so many speakers or panels. By eliminating the Basics Session, we will have half as many speakers to organize.
- Additionally, the Basics Session was started years ago when AFHS did not have a group to meet the needs of beginners. We now have a Beginners SIG, capably organized by Irene Oickle. We hope to encourage members to take advantage of the Beginners SIG.
- There has been overlap between the Basics Sessions, the Beginner's SIG and the Education Committee's programs.

For all these reasons, the decision was made to change our meeting format, beginning September 2007. The monthly meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with the business part of our meeting. Members will have a chance to brag about their genealogy finds and, if time permits, they will also have a chance to ask questions.

The refreshment break will be a time to visit and ask questions of our experienced members. At 8:00 p.m., the speaker or panel will do their presentation, aiming to be finished by 9:00 p.m.

The majority of the meeting topics will be about family history, similar to those offered in the past during the Basics Sessions. We really appreciate suggestions from the membership. If you know of someone who is very

knowledgeable about a family history topic or if you see a presentation done elsewhere that would be of interest to our membership, please don't hesitate to let a committee member know.

Also, if you would be willing to do a talk, we would love to have our members share their expertise.

During the 2007-2008 year, we are also planning to hold one or two Saturday Specials at the library. One of these is planned for September 2007 (see AFHS Programs below). Also watch the *Breeze* for more details. ###

AFHS PROGRAMS: FALL 2007 by Marion Peterson

Monthly meetings of the Alberta Family Histories Society are held the first Monday of each month (except for February when the meeting is held on the first Saturday afternoon) at First Christian Reformed Church, 3818-14A Street, Calgary, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

September 10: One Name Studies: How does a One Name Study differ from collecting a pedigree or descendant record? Dick Chandler of Salmon Arm, British Columbia will do a presentation about the Guild of One Name Studies (second Monday due to Labour Day.)

October 1: Caring For Inherited Treasures: Have you ever been given family treasures because you are known as the family historian? A panel will help you consider what should be done to sort and preserve all those treasures.

November 5: Military Records: Jim Benedict has had great success using military records to add details to his family history. He will share his presentation originally given to the Computer SIG in November 2006.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 29: Workshop: You have researched all your ancestors back to Moses, but have you written your own personal history yet? In this Saturday morning workshop at the AFHS Library, Tove Ludvigsen will inspire you and

give you some tools to do your own personal history. Techniques offered could be adapted to writing the life story of an ancestor. Contact Marion Peterson 281-1877 for more details and to register.

Sunday, October 14. Visiting Speaker: Sharon Murphy of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies will present "Analyzing Your Problems." Contact Tara Shymanski at 246-6976 for more details and to register. ###

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY submitted by Christine Hayes

LOCAL HISTORY DEPT. PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are at the W.R. CASTELL CENTRAL (MAIN) BRANCH
616 Macleod Trail SE, T2G 2M2
4th Floor Local History Room

Register in person at your local branch, by phone at 260-2785 or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com

History and Genealogy Programs

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. This occurs on the last Saturday of the month (except for June, when it is the 2nd last Saturday) from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, 4th Floor, Family History Area. (*This is a drop-in program, so no need to register in advance.*) ###

WHAT'S OUT THERE

by Helen Backhouse

Editor's Note: Helen Backhouse, our AFHS librarian until the May 2007 election when she became AFHS Chair, covers some interesting tidbits from the many journals our library receives due to the exchange of the Chinook for the publications of other societies. If anyone would like to contribute to this task, please let me know at editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

"The IGI and What it Can Do for You"

I doubt that there is one of us who has not heard of the IGI (International Genealogy Index) and most of us have used it either at a Family History Center or online at www.familysearch.org. The real question is, "Have we managed to use it to our advantage and its full potential?" *The Scottish Genealogist*, Vol. LIII, No.4, December 2006 pages 146 to 155 has clear step by step information to help you use this tool to its fullest. There are of course problems with this index. Like every other index, it is compiled by humans and therefore fallible. One of the errors that many of us find most frustrating is the record we personally want has not been filmed, but in spite of that, this is a good tool and has much potential, if all options are used.

"Ag Labs, the Forgotten Revolutionaries"

There are few of us with British ancestors who do not have any Agricultural Labourers in our background. The events that changed their lives are put forward in the *Kent Family History Society Journal*, Vol. 11, No. 9, December 2006 pages 538 to 543. Here is a description of the times and events that changed the life of everyone who worked the land. Here are some of the reasons for food riots, revolts, transportation and many deaths.

"Huguenot Society of Canada": Notice from the Ontario Genealogical Society.

The Huguenot Society has had to close. The Ontario Genealogical Society has offered to house their library on a permanent loan. This collection consists of books, magazines, and extensive set of files, indexed by Huguenot name, containing references to that name. The books and magazine collection will be housed in

the OGS Reference library located in the Canadiana Collection, North York Public Library. The files will be housed separately as they may be put in the website database.

Doing Irish Research?

You should read the latest edition of *The Septs*, the journal of the *Irish Genealogical Society International*, Volume 28, Number 1, January 2007. The whole of this issue is devoted to Repositories, where they are, what they contain and how to access this information.

"Lost Cousins & Canada: a Great Combination!"

A matching system that has worked very well in Britain is now offered to Canadians. See page 43 of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society journal *Generations*, Vol. 29, No. 1, Spring 2007.

"No Vote! No Census! Night"

Derbyshire Family History Society, Issue 120, March 2007, page 23.

Will you be able to find your grandmother or great grandmother in the 1911 census? She may well have been alive, well and hiding out for the night of Sunday April 2, 1911; don't discount that she might have been a political activist in the Britain of those days.

"Chernivtsi Vital Records"

Eastern Europe Genealogist, Vol. 15 No. 1, Fall 2006, page 5. Here is an interesting and helpful article about Chernivtsi Vital Records, what they are, where they are and how to read them. Because of many wars and treaties the language used for these important records had many changes; here is help.

"Irish Online Mapping System, a Genealogist's Pot of Gold"

New England Ancestors, Vol. 8, No. 1, Winter 2007, page 34. Information about the government agency Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) and the unveiling of a new mapping system will hopefully make it easier to find your elusive Irish ancestors.

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AFHS LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS & BOOK REVIEWS

by Ann Williams

Index of Jews Resident in Western Canada According to the 1870 to 1901 Censuses of Canada by Glen Eker (OGS, 2006) (ISBN 0-7779-3407-8)

[Copies available from the Ontario Genealogical Society, 102, 40 Orchard View Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario M4R 1B9 (\$23.00) (www.ogs.on.ca)]

A comprehensive, nicely organized and produced book, fully indexed for places and surnames, it has over 9,000 listings of those who identified themselves as Jews by religion, origin or ancestry in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, BC, Yukon and NWT in census returns, directories and so on for the period covered. Browsing this book is a pleasure. Families are presented so that they are followed through successive census returns and from the book we see that Jewish families have a long history in the area. They contributed a variety of skills and trades, took part in the gold rush, and often married into the other ethnic groups that settled the West, including the Métis.

Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them edited by Laura M. Hanowski (SGS, 2006) (ISBN 978-1-895859-05-8)

[Copies available from the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1894, Regina, SK S4P 3E1, \$34.75 inclusive of postage/handling to Alberta]

This book (which has a dedication to our own Geoff Burtonshaw) is well presented, indexed and illustrated. It really is a comprehensive book and contains much that will be generally useful, not just for Aboriginal research. Its chapter headings include:

- The Internet for Genealogists
- The Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy Act
- Terms and Abbreviations used in Aboriginal Records
- The Research Plan, Recording Your

Findings, Code of Ethics

- Archives, Libraries and Societies with specialized collections for Aboriginal Research
- Maps and Gazetteers
- Vital Records and Alternate Sources
- Census and Census Substitutes
- Land, Military, Court and Immigration Records
- Resources for Searching Métis & First Nations Ancestry

The book discusses each record group, detailing when and why they were created, where they are found and how and why to access them. Good background information for all of us.

The Canadian Genealogical Sourcebook by Ryan Taylor published 2004 by the Canadian Library Association, 328 Frank Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0X8 (ISBN 0-88802-309-X).

Written by a librarian and designed for librarians needing a quick-reference guide to Canadian genealogy resources, this book is also a boon for anyone researching Canadian family. The book is well-organized and simple to use. In separate chapters, it lists resources for the whole country and for each province and territory with details of dates covered, etc. This book is a great reminder of the kinds of records available to us (including websites).

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No donations were received this quarter. If you wish to donate books, CDs and other materials of use to fellow genealogists, leave a message on the AFHS answering machine: (403) 214-1447.



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EVENTS

by Beverley A. Rees

Federation of East European Family History Society

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

BYU Family History and Genealogy Conference

July 31 - August 3, 2007
Theme: Strengthening Ties That Bind Families
Together Forever
<http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwcompu>

Society for German Genealogy in East Europe

August 10 – 12, 2007, Calgary, Alberta
www.sggee.org

FGS Conference

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

Bulkley Valley Genealogical Society Seminar

Smithers, British Columbia
September 15 – 16, 2007
bvgs2@hotmail.com

Legacy Genealogy Cruise

September 19 – October 1, 2007
www.legacyfamilytree.com
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speaker! Don't just take a vacation. Take a
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Cruise from Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Who DO You Think You Are?

Friday, October 19, 2007
Discover the 5 W's of Your Family History! We
are still working on the venue, but please mark
your calendars for October 19 - 21, 2007 when
the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch of the
Manitoba Genealogical Society will host a
genealogical seminar in **Winnipeg**. Much more
to come! **Website:** www.mbgenealogy.com
Email: ddportfolios@shaw.ca

Alberta Genealogical Society Seminar

April 2008, Lethbridge, Alberta
For more information, check www.abgensoc.ca

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Seminar

April 25-26, 2008, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
www.saskgenealogy.com/events/sgs_events.htm

Kelowna and District Genealogical Society Seminar

September 26-28, 2008, Kelowna, B.C.
www.rootsweb.com/~bckdgs/index.html

XXVIIIth International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

June 23 - 28, 2008, Quebec City
www.sgq.qc/congres_2008/welcome.htm

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Seminar

April 24-26, 2009, Regina, Saskatchewan
www.saskgenealogy.com/events/sgs_events.htm
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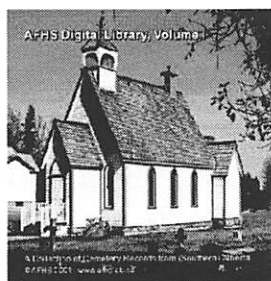
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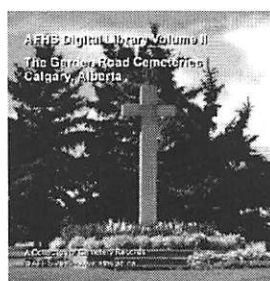
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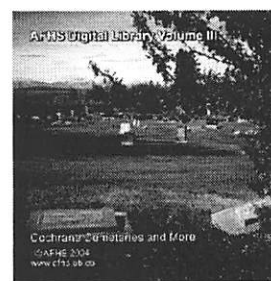
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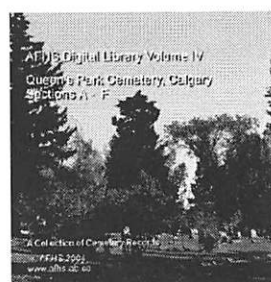
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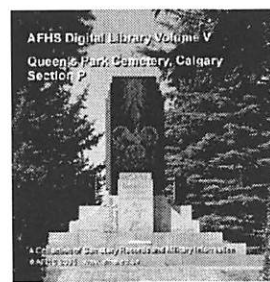
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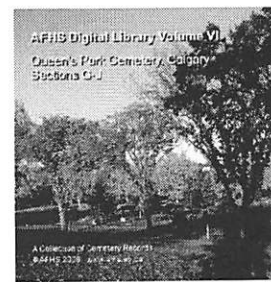
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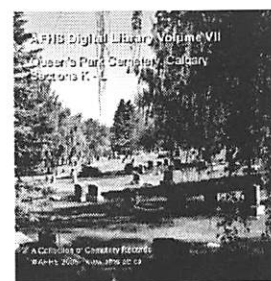
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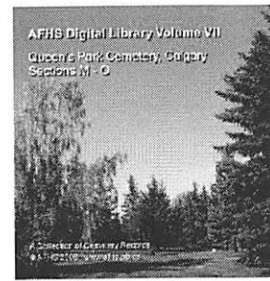
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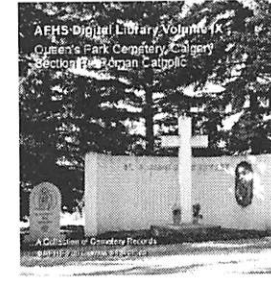
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2007-2008

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Alberta Family Histories Society

Membership

Membership in the Society is open to those interested in family history and genealogy, and may be obtained at the monthly meetings or by mailing the form on page 30 to Alberta Family Histories Society, 712-16th Ave NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2M 0J8, Attn: Membership Secretary. Membership fees are due September 1 each year. If a new member joins on or after April 1 then that membership is valid until September of the following year.

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