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Monthly meetings of the Alberta Family Histories Society are held the first Monday of each month (including February 2008 which **will not** be 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 24.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Helen Backhouse

The clocks have been changed, the leaves are off the trees and committees of every sort have started their winter rounds. November is already here and special holidays are being counted off



by the stores and children both young and old.

The AFHS Board met Saturday, November 3rd to look at the progress each committee has made since the last Annual Planning Meeting and to start the process of Long Range

Planning for our Society. As you all know, no progress can be made without deciding where one wants to go or what one wants to achieve. The committees and the Board are going to need your input about what you envision our future to be. When the time comes that formal questions are asked, please be aware that the final plan will only be as good as your participation in the process.

If you have ideas, suggestions or information you feel would help those of us who have volunteered to be the "official" part of our Society, then please pass these on to us. They can be given to Board or Committee members. We all welcome your suggestions because that means you too feel some responsibility for the welfare of our Society.

I appreciate it when people point out items that I may have missed affecting this great hobby, passion, obsession that we have called family history. One news item that caught my eye recently is about Library and Archives Canada. Did you know that their hours have been dramatically cut back? This not only affects those of us who want to find out more about our family, but it is affecting those writers and historians who need information to do their work. Their report suggests that LAC's mandate is changing to focus on delivering services nationally via the Internet. But you and I know that, although the Internet is a useful tool, we still need access to tangible documents.

On quite another subject, but one that affects our Society directly, did you know that when you do not give us your change of address promptly, it costs our Society \$1.03 to retrieve your address label and in that way find out that you have moved?

*Now stir the fire, and close the shutters fast,
Let fall the curtains, Wheel the sofa round,
And while the bubbling and loud-hissing urn
Throws up a steamy column, and the cups,
That cheer but not inebriate, wait on each
So let us welcome peaceful evening in.*

Book 1V, *The Winter Evening*
William Cowper (1731 – 1800)
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2008 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is the first 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 5, 2008 at 3818 - 14A Street SW (First Christian Reformed Church) starting at 7:00 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.

Editor's note: Happy New Year! May you make a resolution to volunteer in some way to AFHS, our Society! The Board and the committees support your research efforts, but without volunteers there is no Society. I hope to see all able members contributing in some way in 2008. Ask Bev Swan or George Lake how you can help. ###

EDITOR'S EYE

by Xenia Stanford

After a hundred years of holding family reunions every decade, our European cousins invited us to join them this past May in Austria. Besides a reunion story, this is a Serendipity one as well.

After my grandparents came to Canada, my grandmother kept in contact with her mother and siblings who still lived in the "old country", as my grandmother called it. After she passed away, communication between the family members on opposite sides of the ocean stopped.

In 1989 a letter was received at my grandparents' address. The farm on which my grandparents had lived was by then in the possession of the next generation. So the new generation received the letter. It said the son of a first cousin to my father was coming to "America" with a friend. They wondered if there were any relatives that might be open to a visit from the two young men. Of course we were! So this began not just a written and telephone connection, but also a nearly biannual visit of relatives crossing the ocean.

None of the Canadians were able to attend the 1997 reunion of the Niedermoser (my paternal grandmother's maiden name) family, but a lucky seven of us attended the 2007 reunion. Of course we were a small speck among the approximately 200 European cousins who were there. Nevertheless we were a very visible speck because it was the first time any non-Europeans had attended. We were given very special treatment. A new song was composed for us and played by the ompapah band.

I may write more on the reunion when space allows, because it was this trip that inspired me to ask you for your reunion stories and the response has been great both in the received and promised reunion articles. We did not have room for any of the reunion stories in this issue, but I would still like to encourage those of you who have a reunion story to send it in for a later issue. Each story will be different and may inspire others to put on a reunion. So send in your stories and tips and keep watching for your entry in *Chinook*.

On other matters, the Periodicals Committee (renamed from the Publications Committee) is a very creative group. So we have three new features for you. The first one is a column called "Calgary 100 Years Ago". Although Cheryl Sutherland will look after this column, I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from you, if you know of a relevant event that happened 100 or so years ago in Calgary.

Another was created due to feedback from at least one member who would like to see something for the more advanced crowd. Since we do not know what the more advanced need to know, send us your questions and we will try to find the answer. Also, if you can answer a question posed in a previous issue, you can be the expert sharing your knowledge. This new column is called "Ask the Expert".

Another comment was that people would like to know the latest in genealogy news. Since so many new databases are coming online and other records are becoming available in repositories, I have titled this "Latest Genealogy News." Although I will coordinate it, I am also looking to you to supply news or the latest tips to satisfy all, even the more advanced crowd. I may not keep this as one column in one place. It might be found in those filler spaces near the end of pages – where one article ends, but where there is not enough room to start a new one.

Also in this issue you will find Catherine Whiteley's genealogy report (Part 1 of 2), which is well researched and documented, a good standard for us all. Whiteley is the winner of the Brian W. Hutchison Genealogy Award. To learn more about the Award, see www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/guidelines.html

My thanks to all those who submitted for this issue, whether you are a regular or a brand new contributor. I feel lucky to open my email and read your submissions. Keep them coming!

Please note, we are looking for a picky person to proofread. See our notice on page 20. ###

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA FAMILIES

by David Makowsky

Cover photo: The Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta, and The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, MLA for Edmonton-Mill Creek, attending Ukrainian Day celebrations on August 12, 2007 (photo courtesy and permission of Gord Yaremchuk through David Makowsky, Centenary Pioneer Recognition Program)

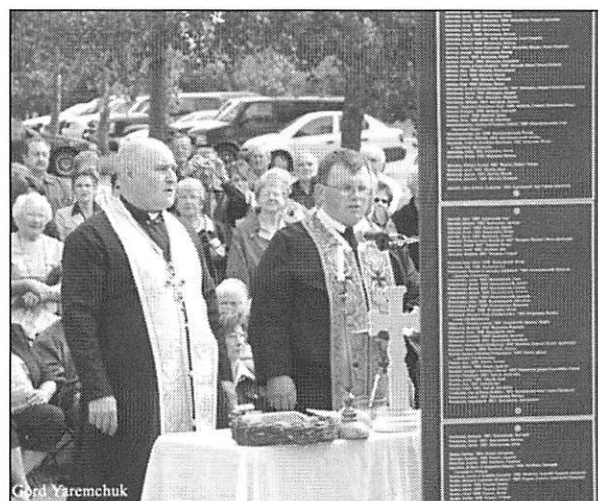
Families from across Canada converged to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village on Sunday, August 12, 2007 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their ancestors' immigration to east central Alberta. Now in its fifth year, the Centenary Pioneer Recognition Program honours all pioneer families, Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian alike, who immigrated to east central Alberta between the years 1891 and 1914. Those families who are eligible under this program are recognized each year with a Centenary Certificate, presented at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village in August.



The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky presenting a Centenary Certificate to Mrs. K. Hunchak (Photo courtesy and permission of Andriy Chernevych)

Since 2005, applicants have been invited back to the following year's Ukrainian Day celebrations to witness the formal unveiling of their ancestors' names on bronze plaques on the

Centenary Monument. In many cases, names on the monument represent at least four generations of Albertans who settled in east central Alberta. As part of this year's celebrations, The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, MLA for Edmonton-Mill Creek, unveiled 425 new names to the Centenary Monument. During the religious portion of the ceremony, these names were read out as plaques were blessed by the clergy. With this year's names, the Centenary Monument now contains 1100 names of pioneer families who immigrated to east central Alberta in 1906 or earlier.

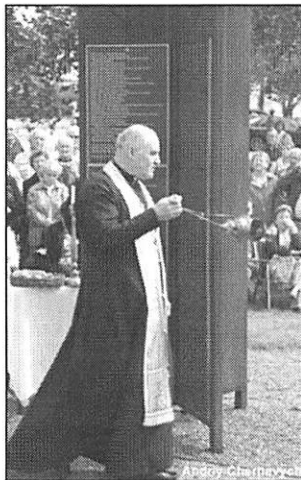


Blessing of the Centenary Monument on Ukrainian Day, August 12th, 2007 (Photo courtesy and permission of Gord Yaremchuk)

The Centenary Pioneer Recognition Program will begin accepting applications for families whose ancestors settled in east central Alberta in 1908 or earlier. According to Radomir Bilash, Senior Historian for the Ukrainian Village, the number of applicants to this program will rise over the next several years as many villages and rural communities in east central Alberta commemorate their centennial. This includes not only railway towns like Mundare, which celebrated its centennial this summer, but also rural communities and school districts as far east as Chornick, Buczacz, Krasnahora, Bohdan and Slawa. "With the release of additional homestead lands after 1906 on the north bank of the North

Saskatchewan River in the Radway, Smoky Lake and Spedden districts,” says Bilash, “we anticipate that settlers from those communities will also be represented on the Centenary Monument in the upcoming years.”

Applications are still being accepted from descendants of pioneer families who immigrated to east central Alberta as far back as 1892, but have only learned about this program now. Their ancestors' year of immigration to east central Alberta will be reflected on the monument as names are added.



Blessing of the Centenary Monument on
Ukrainian Day, August 12, 2007

(photo courtesy and permission of Andriy Chernevych)

The Centenary Pioneer Recognition Program is an annual program that will end in 2014.

Application forms for the 2008 program year can be downloaded from the following:

<http://tprc.alberta.ca/museums/historicsiteslisting/ukrainianvillage/centenaryprogram.aspx>

For more information about this program, please contact David Makowsky at (780) 431-2324. Inquiries may also be forwarded to the Centenary Pioneer Recognition Program by Email to AB-Ukraine.Genealogy@gov.ab.ca or regular mail to

Centenary Pioneer Recognition Program
Old St. Stephen's College
8820 - 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2P8

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LATEST GENEALOGY NEWS by Xenia Stanford

First a pet peeve! I see so often where someone writes “emigrated to” where it should be “immigrated to.” “Emigrated from” is the correct use of emigrated, e.g. “He emigrated from Ireland”. “Immigrated to Canada” is the correct version for people coming to this country, e.g. “He left Ireland and immigrated to Canada.”

This from Bill Mumford: *Digital Genealogist* has been available for the past year and may be of possible interest to former subscribers of Ancestry's *Genealogical Computing*, which has ceased publication. One of *Genealogical Computing*'s last editors, Elizabeth Kelly Kerstans, who also edits the National Genealogical Society's *Newsmagazine*, decided she would resurrect the magazine on her own dime. Unable to use the original name she christened the new e-zine *Digital Genealogist*. The first issue appeared in November 2006. Many of the writers who had prepared articles for the old *Genealogical Computing* volunteered to write articles for this first issue. The format is similar to the original, but not being a printed magazine it requires Adobe to view. The first issue can viewed in its entirety at www.digitalgenealogist.com along with the contents page of the current issue. If you find there are articles of interest and that the magazine is worth the subscription price of \$20 a year, please subscribe to ensure the continuation of this informative publication.

New at Ancestry: *Frederick's Prince Edward Island Directory and Book of Useful Information for 1889-90*.

Speaking of Ancestry, Donna Snyder offers this tip, “Maybe some people don't know that their Calgary Public Library Card (\$9.00 for Seniors) will get them into Ancestry.com at the public library, any branch. It takes a little organizing before you go, but that's pretty inexpensive for a lot of databases.”

More “Latest Genealogy News” can be found on pages 16 and 18. ###

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES DAVIDSON 1789–1907

by Catherine Whiteley

Editor's note: Catherine Whiteley is the 2007 winner of the Brian W. Hutchison Genealogical Scholarship, which is funded by an endowment to the Alberta Family Histories Society from Brian W. Hutchison, CG, FSA (Scot), principal of GEN-FIND Research Associates, Inc. The purpose is to encourage Canadians to pursue formal study of genealogical analysis, research, evaluation and documentation methodologies and standards. The deadline for each year is December 31. More information can be found at www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship

(Part 1 of 2; Part 2 will be in the April issue)

Generation No. 1

1. James DAVIDSON was born 05 Jul 1789 in Dromore, County Down, N. Ireland¹, and died 08 May 1846 in N. Oxford Township., District of Brock, ON². He likely married Jane BILLINGSLAY³ in N. Ireland. She was born around 1802 in County Down, N. Ireland⁴, and died 19 Mar 1870 in Thamesford, Oxford County, ON⁵.

By 1827 James Davidson had arrived from Ireland to the Township of Nelson in Halton County, Ontario and was applying for free land. Halton County Land Records reveal that he was granted E 1/2 of Lots 11 and 14 in the 2nd Concession in Nassagaweya Township, Halton County on October 3rd of that year.⁶ Records reveal that he served in the 5th Regiment of Gore Militia in 1828 and 1831.⁷ By 1840 he had

cleared 50 acres, built a "good log dwelling house and log barn" and had cleared a road allowance in front of both lots.⁸ The following year he traded these lots for Lot 4 Concession 1 in N. Oxford Township, Oxford County.⁹

James died five years later at age 57. His will provides only elusive clues about his family. He left his house and moveable property to his "beloved wife Jane". He named "my beloved son William" to be a co-executor. The homestead farm was left to his "second son Andrew" with the proviso that he look after his mother and the 3 youngest children.¹⁰

This, as well as unverified family data, suggests that William was his oldest son of a previous marriage. James then was his oldest son of the second marriage, which would make Andrew his "second son" of the second family. Now, who are the three youngest children? Are they Isaac, John and Robert, with Francis born posthumously? Or are they John, Robert and Francis, with Isaac at 17 years of age being deemed to be self-sufficient? A reliable year of birth for Francis has not been found. Five successive census returns suggest birth years of 1843, 1847, 1847, 1848 and 1848. His Marriage Registration,¹¹ perhaps the most reliable source,

Footnotes

¹. Although this data exists in an IGI listing and in a family-produced history, there is no definitive evidence that this is indeed the correct birth information for the progenitor of this family.

². *Probate Papers of Oxford County, 1805 - 1870 - James Davidson*, (6 p.) The actual Death Date appeared on an Oxford County Index, but was not verified in the Estate Papers they sent. Further verification is required of this date.

³. Marriage record of Robert Davidson, son of Jane Billingslay. *Marriages Solemnized by Geo Kennedy, a Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Nissouri Circuit, County of Oxford 1862*, Photocopy of handwritten register.

⁴. Estimated from the Death Notice. *Ingersoll Chronicle*, Mar. 31, 1870. Transcript. *Ingersoll Chronicle Online Database* www.ocl.net/genealogy/chronicle/

⁵. Ibid.

⁶. Archives of Ontario. *Township Papers of Nassagaweya Township*. "Location Ticket of Lands without Purchase". RG1 C-IV, page 000214; microfilm MS658 Reel 333 identifies grantee as "James Davidson late of Ireland now of the Township of Nelson in the County of Halton" and is dated 4 Oct 1827.

⁷. Bruce S. Elliott. *Men of Upper Canada: Militia Nominal Rolls, 1828-1829*, Toronto, OGS, 1995 pp. 74-76.

⁸. Archives of Ontario. *Township Papers of Nassagaweya*. RG1 C-IV, page 000217; microfilm MS658 Reel 333.

⁹. Nassagaweya land deeded from James Davidson to Charles Sovereign in Bill of Sale No. 51 N for E1/2 Lot 14 Con 2 in Halton Land Titles Office files; North Oxford land deeded from Charles Sovereign to James Davidson in Abstract Index for Lot 4 of 1st Concession in Oxford Land Titles Office files.

¹⁰. Archives of Ontario. *Oxford County Surrogate Court Records*, microfilm GS1 Reel 116. Will of James Davidson, No. 47, 1846.

¹¹. Marriage of Isaac Davidson and Nina Steinhoff. Ancestry.com. Ontario, *Canada Marriages, 1857-1922* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data: Ontario, Canada. *Registrations of Marriages, 1869-1922*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Archives of Ontario. MS932, 632 reels.

would indicate a birth year of 1847. The 1901 Census¹² gives a birthday of March 25, which is 11 months after the date provided for his father's death. The death date for James was provided by Oxford County Genealogy Society without documentation and needs to be verified.

The 1851 Census Return is missing for North Oxford, but in 1861¹³ the three youngest brothers, as well as their mother, were still living with Andrew. James had married in 1847 and Isaac in 1851.

James Davidson's six youngest sons were all blacksmiths and/or carriage makers. This suggests that James, their father, might also have followed that trade, but no verification of this has been found.

Children of James DAVIDSON and Jane BILLINGSLAY are:

i. Emma² DAVIDSON.

This name is from the unverified, unpublished family history, *Davidsons of Springbank*.¹⁴ No documentation of her existence has been found.

ii. William DAVIDSON.

William is presumed to be the eldest son of James' first marriage. The only documentation found is the appearance in James' will, which provides no other details. *Davidsons of Springbank* claims his birth to have been in 1810 in Ireland.¹⁵

iii. James DAVIDSON, b. Abt. 1824, County Down, N. Ireland;¹⁶ m.

¹² Ancestry.com. *1901 Census of Canada* [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Original data: Library and Archives Canada. *Census of Canada 1901*. Ottawa, Canada: Library and Archives Canada. RG31, T-6428 to T-6556. Francis Davidson household, p. 1, family 8.

¹³ 1861 census of North Oxford Township Enumeration Dist. 2, Oxford County, Ontario. LAC mf C-1060, p.24 and 26. Andrew Davidson household.

¹⁴ Douglas Davidson, *Davidsons of Springbank*, undated self-published booklet in possession of this writer.

¹⁵ Father's will states: "I appoint... and my beloved son William Davidson to be the executors of this my will." *Davidsons of Springbank* gives a birth date of 1810 for William. No other documentation has been found.

¹⁶ LAC microfilm C-1060, 1861 census East Nissouri Twp., Oxford County, Dist. 2, James Davidson household, lines 18-23.

Margaret; b. Abt. 1829, Scotland.¹⁷

James was found in only one census, the 1861 in E. Nissouri Township, Oxford County. He was a wagon maker. He lived on a quarter acre of land and had \$100 of capital invested in his business.

James is listed in the *1851 Ontario Directory for Thamesford* as "waggonmaker" and in the *1862-63 Sutherland's Gazetteer* as "carriage and wagon maker".

A James Davidson of the correct age, wagon maker and born in Ireland, is listed in Sanilac County, Michigan in the 1880 census. The wife's name is different from the 1861 Census and the children were born after 1861. Wife and children of the 1880 census were born in Canada. More verification is needed to determine whether this is the same person.

iv. Andrew DAVIDSON, b. Abt. 1826, County Down, N. Ireland^{18,19}; d. Bet. 1871 - 1874, Ontario^{20,21}.

Andrew was instructed by his father's will of 1847 to take responsibility for his mother and brothers. At the time of the 1861 Census he was still doing so; his household included his wife, his mother, his three youngest brothers and his own four children.

The *1851 Ontario Directory* listed him and his brother Isaac as "waggonmakers and smiths". The *1862-63 Sutherland's Gazetteer* listed him as owner of a blacksmith shop. The 1861 Census provides a description of his home, and an inventory and evaluation of his animals.

The 1871 Census found him in Ekfrid Township, Middlesex County, ON with his second wife Nancy and three of his children and two of hers from her previous marriage. He was still

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ 1861 census N. Oxford Twp., Oxford County, Dist. 3. LAC Microfilm C-1060, p. 26.

¹⁹ 1871 Canada Census, Dist. 007 Middlesex W. Subdist. C1 Ekfrid, p. 50, LAC Microfilm C9900.

²⁰ Andrew is listed in the Middlesex Census of 1871 and Nancy Davidson is listed as widow of Andrew in the 1874-1875 County of Oxford Directory.

²¹ 1874-75 Fisher & Taylor's Gazetteer & General Directory of the County of Oxford, (CIHM 1175).

providing a home for his youngest brother Francis who was now also a blacksmith.

Although no documentation of Andrew's death has been found, *Fisher & Taylor's Gazetteer and General Directory of the County of Oxford 1874-75* lists "Mrs. Nancy Davidson, wid Andrew".

2. v. Isaac DAVIDSON, b. 11 Apr 1829, Nassagaweya Twp., Halton County, ON; d. 04 Mar 1903, Neepawa, MB.

vi. John DAVIDSON, b. Abt. 1838, Nassagaweya Twp., Halton County, ON^{22,23}.



John Davidson's House

(photo courtesy and permission of Catherine Whiteley from family files)

At the time of the 1861 census John was living with his brother Andrew and family. He married in 1869. He was listed as a "blacksmith" in the *1857-58 Directory of Oxford*; and as a "wagon maker" in the *1862-63 Sutherland's Gazetteer* and the *1871 Lovell's Canadian Dominion Directory*.

vii. Robert Alexander DAVIDSON, b. Abt. Mar 1840, Nassagaweya Twp., Halton County, ON^{24,25,26} d. 24 Sep 1886, Sand Beach, Huron County,

²² LDS, Ontario Registrations of Marriages, Mf #186273 Vol.2 p. 174. Lists age as 31 on 2 July, 1869.

²³ Birth place is deduced from the location of the family's farm at that time.

²⁴ Huron County, Michigan Death Certificate, Record #178.

²⁵ 1880 U.S. Census, Sand Beach, Huron, Michigan, FHL Film 1254582 p. 166D.

²⁶ Marriages Solemnized by Geo Kennedy, a Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Nissouri Circuit, County of Oxford 1862, Photocopy of handwritten register, Age 22.

Michigan USA²⁷.

At the time of the 1861 census Robert was still living with his brother Andrew and family. He married shortly after in 1862.

Robert was listed in the 1862-63 *Sutherland's Gazetteer* as owning a blacksmith shop. He presumably immigrated to the USA before the 1871 Census. In the 1880 US Census in Huron County, Michigan, he is listed as a blacksmith living with his wife Margaret and two children.

viii. Francis B. DAVIDSON^{28,29}, b. 25 Mar 1847, N. Oxford, ON; d. Aft. 1903³⁰.

Francis may have been born posthumously. Discovery of his own and his father's death dates will confirm or clarify this point. At the time of the 1861 census Francis was living with his brother Andrew and family in N. Oxford.

In 1871 he was still living with Andrew and his family, but in Ekfrid, Middlesex W., ON. He married his 15 year-old child bride, Nina STEINHOFF on Christmas Day, 1872 in Glencoe, Mosa Twp., Middlesex, ON.³¹

Francis was listed as blacksmith in all censuses and on his Marriage Registration. Francis was the last of the family to be living in Ontario. His only daughter Ethel died at age 16 of appendicitis in 1898.³² Three years later he moved to Neepawa, MB with Nina and their four sons, to join his brother, Isaac. At Isaac's funeral two years later, Francis was identified as Isaac's last surviving brother.³³

²⁷ Huron County, Michigan Death Certificate, Record #178.

²⁸ 1861 census N. Oxford Twp., Oxford County, Dist. 3. Provides age 18, which suggests birth year of 1843. 1881 Census provides age of 34 (suggesting birth in 1847). and 1901 Census provides age of 53 (suggesting birth in 1848) Father died in 1846.

²⁹ Ontario Marriage Registration, Certificate No. 007846. Provides age of 26 on Dec. 25, 1872, which makes his birth year 1846.

³⁰ Attended his brother Isaac's funeral on March 4, 1903.

³¹ See Note 11.

³² Death Registration of Ethel V. Davidson. Ancestry.com. *Ontario, Canada Deaths, 1869-1932* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2005. Original data: Archives of Ontario. *Registrations of Deaths - 11869-1932*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Archives of Ontario. MS935, 455 reels.

³³ *Neepawa Register*, Neepawa, MB., Obituary of Isaac Davidson, March 11, 1903. ###

MY GRANDMOTHER'S BOARDING HOUSE IN EARLY CALGARY

by Rosemary Kry

In 1922 my grandmother, Amelia Perrin, opened her house on 4th Ave SW as a room and board establishment. This was the same year Southern Alberta Institute of Technology opened – with students requiring a place to stay. How fortuitous!



Amelia's Boarding House
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Rosemary Kry from family files)*

My grandmother's house was across the street from McDougall School, which had been the Alberta Normal School until that June, and two houses west of the Connaught apartment building.

It consisted of three floors and a basement. The basement was simply a cellar hole only large enough to hold the furnace and the coal bin. She had to clear out ashes from the furnace every day. (Natural gas didn't come to Calgary until 1930.) The house had indoor plumbing and electricity.

The main floor had a long, dark hallway, with a moose head hanging on the end wall. To the right side of the hallway, one could find a drawing room (living room) at the front, a large dining room in the middle and a kitchen at the back. Amelia partitioned off a 6'x6' room at one

end of the kitchen and under the stairs to make herself a small bedroom.

The stairs rose against the left hand wall off the front door on the other side of the hallway. The second floor had a bathroom and four bedrooms with a double bed and a sink in each. If my grandmother could rent the four beds to eight students during the school term (two to a bed) at \$15 each per month (room and board included), she had sufficient income to cover the school term and the summer holidays. The top floor had one small room and a large closet. The children used the top floor room originally and later it was rented to a carpenter who lived there for over 30 years. Everyone called him Blackie, because of his dark skin. He came from South Africa and had fought with the Dutch during the Boer War.

Grandmother supplemented her income with produce from her own garden, and additional produce, eggs, butter and chickens from my grandfather, who lived on the farm in Didsbury and came down to Calgary every two to three months on the train. She, in return, sent back baked cookies, cakes and pie. In this manner, she was able to provide for my three aunts, herself and later her mother.

Her mother's arrival in 1938 was not a joyous occasion. Her presence meant my grandmother could now only rent out three rooms on the second floor. Her mother, my great grandmother, also was very demanding and would not help with the work of the house. She would outlive my grandmother by three years.

Grandmother's students returned year after year. They strung wiring throughout the house, outside and up to the top of the telephone poles to catch reception on their crystal radios.

Grandmother Amelia brought her piano down from Didsbury. My eldest aunt quite impressed everyone with playing the latest, liveliest tunes as well as interest in the Riverside theatre club.

The boarding house was also the scene of romance and heartbreak. My second aunt was married in this house. The “ceremony was performed in the drawing room, decorated with bouquets of peonies, gladioli and ferns... the bride’s table centred with a three-tiered cake was decorated with pink rosebuds, lily-of-the-valley and ivory tapers in silver holders” (*Calgary Herald*, July 1938).

My youngest aunt also believed she would be married in this home. She fell in love with one of the boarding tech students, but was cruelly jilted by the cad, who up and married another girl without notice. (My aunt eventually married a rancher in 1954.)

My grandmother was 5’2” and stout. She spoke and read German and English. She worked extremely hard, loved flowers, attended the Lutheran church and did a great deal of church work (my Dad always said she did much more than she should have). She died at age 61 in 1942, before I was born. I would have enjoyed meeting her.



Amelia Perrin
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Rosemary Kry from family files)

There still may be engineers and electricians in Calgary who started their careers as Calgary

Tech students and who boarded in my grandmother’s house. If you did reside in Mrs. Perrin’s boarding house, I would enjoy hearing from you.

Please email me at rosemary@kry.ca
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CALGARY 100 YEARS AGO by Cheryl Sutherland

Editor’s note: this is a new column, thanks to Cheryl Sutherland, which will explore various topics in and around Calgary 100 years ago.



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ETHNIC ORIGINS OF CALGARY’S POPULATION

In the January 2, 1908 *Calgary Daily Herald*, an article states, “advertising judiciously placed in some old country magazines brought many inquiries from all portions of the British Isles concerning Calgary”. These inquiries received by the Board of Trade and the 100,000 Club were from persons looking for business locations. This made me wonder about Calgary’s ethnic makeup and subsequently do some research about who the immigrants were and why they were interested in Calgary.

In 1896, Clifford Sifton, then Minister of Immigration (1896-1905) ran a campaign to increase the population of Alberta in a desire to sell the West, boost the population and create prosperity in the area. However, in his campaign he ensured any reference to snow and cold was eliminated in all publications sent overseas. This gave a more inviting image of opportunity for land and a better life in Canada.

With the influx of many different people from Europe in search of new opportunities, the ethnic “complexion” changed throughout Canada from predominately Protestant British (Anglo-Saxon) to multiple ethnicities.

Unfortunately, the result was one of hostility and

prejudice. Initially, the influx of immigrants was viewed with praise because they “equated prosperity with demographic growth”. However, newcomers from Europe became part of an “ethnic pecking order” based on their ability to assimilate into the society.

Calgary’s population in 1901 was approximately 4,398 and by 1911 it was 43,704. In 1901, the British were the largest ethnic group at 3,578 and grew to 30,884 by 1911.

The German, Scandinavian and French populations in 1901 were 197, 195 and 125 respectively. With the influx of new immigrants, their populations expanded. By 1911, the German people numbered 2,608, and the Scandinavian and French groups had grown to 977 and 705 respectively.

In 1901, according to The Applied History Research Group, there were hardly any Italian, Ukrainian, Polish and Jewish people in Calgary. At that time “Russian” included Austro-Hungarians, but, in 1911 “Russian” expanded to include Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Romanian people. Through this, Russian population was 64 in 1901 and 485 by 1911.

In 1911, the Italian and Polish people numbered 114 and 928 respectively. The Jewish ethnic group stood at 369. At that time Ukrainians were still negligible in Calgary. First Nations presence in Calgary was 101 in 1901 and 878 in 1911. There were only 23 Dutch people here in 1901, but by 1911 their number increased to 348.

The Asian population slightly declined in 1911. In 1901, there were 64, but 56 in 1911. While this seems insignificant, it shows a decrease in percentage of population. Was this accident or design?

In 1909, a “Gentlemen’s Agreement” between Ottawa and Tokyo restricted immigration of Japanese to Canada. Meanwhile the “Head Tax” applied in 1885 to Chinese immigrants was doubled in 1900 from its original \$50 to \$100 per head. In 1903, the tax took a large jump to \$500 (equivalent to two years wages). The “Gentlemen’s Agreement” and the “Head Tax”, as deliberate attempts to reduce or eliminate

Asians, only increased the view of these ethnicities as the lowest on the “pecking order”.

In a chart by The Applied History Research Group, under the Ethnic Group “Others and Unspecified” there were 51 in 1901 but in 1911 were 6,152. Who were these “others”? In the chart by the above group, a column states that many Americans of “all classes of the cosmopolitan United States” were anxious to come to Alberta, as well as were people from Newfoundland, who were eager to “know more about their own land and particularly this part of it”. Perhaps these were the “Others and Unspecified” in the above research, which was compiled from censuses of Canada and Foran*.

Sifton’s campaign and its positive image of the land and its opportunities did entice people to populate the West and created prosperity. The people who moved to Alberta came from all parts of the world and brought with them their social mores, religious practices and political views. Due to the many cultural differences, this was all to have an impact on the cultural fabric of Canada and Alberta.

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Our Future, Our Past: The Alberta Heritage Digitization Project (AHDP)

www.ourfutureourpast.ca

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William Roland Reader moved to Calgary in 1908 as the gardener for Pat Burns. If the prairie conditions were a shock compared to the lush land of Essex, England, he never mentioned it. More can be learned about the man behind Reader Rock Garden at www.albertaviews.ab.ca/issues/2000/julaug00/julaug00garden.pdf

BEGINNER'S COLUMN: THE RESEARCH PROCESS LEARNING FROM OBJECTS by Kenneth W. Rees

Last time, I noted that we would consider the twin topics of learning from objects and learning from people. Well, there was just too much good stuff to say about learning from objects, so we'll defer people to next time.

A family had just moved into a newly purchased, older home. During a needed renovation of the kitchen, they removed each of the kitchen drawers in turn. The mother was surprised when she examined the underside of the flatware drawer. Taped very securely to the wood were several sheets of yellowed, brittle paper. She carefully removed the leaves and spread them out on the table. What she read both saddened and amazed her. There, in several hands, was the record of births, marriages and deaths of three generations of a prior owner's family. It seemed clear that the record had been augmented by succeeding generations and left in the place that was easily accessible, yet relatively secure.

I doubt that I would think to look on the underside of a kitchen drawer for the record of my family. Most often, we inspect the inside of drawers, trunks, boxes and the like, looking for written evidence of the past. But sometimes the objects themselves – the houses, boxes, trunks – contain clues that can help us in our quest for the meaning of our family's past life.

Most often we will be drawn to the obvious objects which will give us information about our family. We will examine headstones, tomb stones, grave markers, memorial brass inscriptions, family memorials and the like. Vital information is often recorded on these markers, but the objects themselves – their form, the material, the ornamentation – can give us clues about the family. A Masonic symbol, a serviceman's star, a little lamb can begin to tell a story. Even the lack of a marker might supply an indication as to the circumstances at the time of death. An excellent video titled "Cryptic Clues in the Bone Yard" is available and will help in this detective work.

The examination of pictures (painted portraits,

landscapes, etc.) and photographs can also yield exciting information. For example, if a family home has been preserved in picture form for several generations, we might see the evolution of the family finances as wings are added or removed, as entrances are remodelled and changed and as the area around the home changes with the addition or removal of other homes or other buildings. Photographs can be examined using the techniques discussed in *Forensic Genealogy*. Family resemblances can be important (but not conclusive) evidence as pictures of individuals or groups are examined. And it is a veritable gold mine when names and relationships are recorded on the back of a photograph or picture.

But what about the frame? In our day of mass-production of all kinds of consumer goods, we sometimes don't examine the container in which the photograph is stored. In a few instances, the maker has left his mark on the frame. That mark, or the style of workmanship or the materials can help us to understand where our family was when the frame was acquired. This is the same kind of analysis seen in the popular television series "Antiques Roadshow." It must be emphasized that most of the time we will learn little, but there will be times when much information might be gained by examining the picture frame.

Similar analysis can be made of antique furniture and personal possessions. One problem deserves mention and consideration as we proceed. We must be aware of the provenance, the origin or source from which something comes and the history of subsequent owners (also known in some fields as chain of custody) of the object (source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provenance>). We might be ever so clever in our detective work, only to discover that the object came into our family relatively late in its history. But even in this case, we may have gained some valuable clues in our family history.

Of course, we must not neglect the obvious. The written artifacts left by our family in the form of

letters, journals, family Bibles, baby books, newspaper clippings, bills, pay stubs, bank statements, calendars and the like can be mined for information. Here, as in every part of our research, information comes not only in the words on the paper, but also in the relationship each document or object has with the others. This is one of the reasons for the archivist's arrangement of material in fonds. (Fonds is an archival term used to describe a collection of papers that originate from the same source. Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fonds>).

Archivists typically arrange materials not by subject, but in the order in which the material was created or maintained by the organization which produced the collection. We must use our best detective skills in examining these relationships. As an example, a letter mentioning Bessie and her difficulty in giving birth may be made much clearer by a photograph of Bessie being milked on the family farm!

We will find many of the objects in familiar places. Obviously, the graveyard, churchyard, cemetery or mausoleum is a place to search for gravestones and memorials to the dead. And the attic or basement in our own or family homes may contain old papers, books and photographs. Going to an old family home which has since been sold may be useful. But by far, most of the artifacts and documents of this type will be found in the homes of our relatives (sometimes quite distant or on an "in-law" or collateral line), or in museums or archives. (For example, the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta has a collection of family fonds. See www.glenbow.org). Many artifacts of significance to the family historian are housed in local and regional museums. With the artifact, the museum will have information regarding the provenance of the object. This will prove useful.

When we have found an object or document that is useful in our research, our first step is to create a source citation. This is vital so that we may share the information with others and prevent duplication of research. An accurate source citation can also help us as we prepare to reason about our finds. Here is an example of a simple source citation card that might be carried conveniently to almost any research venue.

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Next (if possible) we make a detailed image (scan or photograph) of the source. It may be necessary to create a mosaic which we will later stitch together. A high quality image will help later as we construct an argument in support of our conclusions or share our information with others.

After imaging the source, we transcribe the information contained in or on the source. (If the source contains much information, an extract may be made of the most important information.) Since it is likely that we will refer to the transcription or extract and the source citation when reasoning about the information we have found, it is vital that both be accurate. Remember that your transcription or extract is a secondary source. Therefore, when there is a question about what the source said (in written form or from the object itself), we always defer to the image.

The final step is to record our information (source citation, transcription or extract and image) into whatever family history software or filing system we are using. After this is done, we

make a backup and store it in a safe place, preferably away from our home or office.

That's quite a bit of information and we have only just scratched the surface! As always, I look forward to feedback from these columns. Please write to me at ken-rees@familyhistree.com.

Next time: Learning From People.

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DID YOU KNOW? by Lorna Laughton

DID YOU KNOW our first AFHS chairperson, HAZEL BROWN? Following her death recently, those of us who knew her have been remembering her contributions to AFHS.

To my mind, Hazel Brown was the ideal leader of our brand-new family history society in 1980. She was a confident, no-nonsense person who got on with the work needed. She wisely avoided any references to or discussions of the reasons for the change of our group from a branch of the Alberta Genealogy Society to a new independent society. Her training and career as a high school teacher gave her that authority (and loud strong voice) that helped organize the group. AFHS got off to a great start because of this wonderful person. She was definitely the right person who was in the right place at the right time for AFHS.

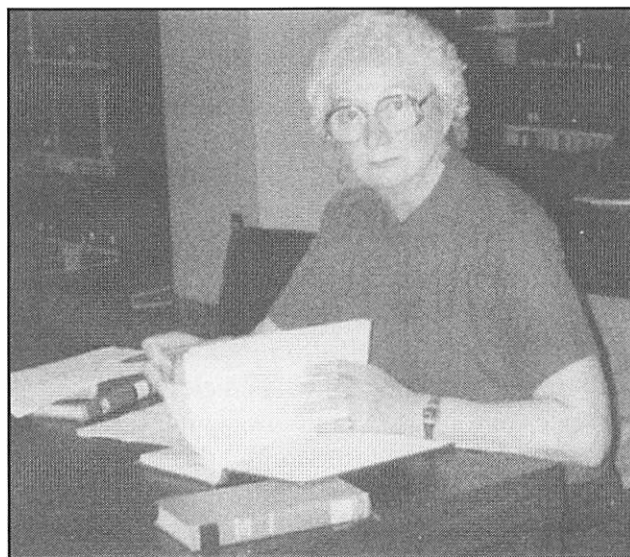
Under Hazel's wise guidance, AFHS started two particular projects, among many others, that I think were important. These projects were

- 1) Organizing trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City,
- 2) Creating opportunities for public relations and letting the "world" know about the Alberta Family Histories Society.

I will fill you in on the first named projects in a following column. I would like to tell you about the second project now, since it fits in with recent AFHS events and broader Canadian genealogy public relations activities.

Genealogists on Canadian television! Currently there are three television shows that feature professional genealogists, non-professional

genealogists and family historians (like us) and real-live people. These programs talk about our research, our family history and our stories. I'm referring to "Ancestors in the Attic" (History Channel), "Who Do You Think You Are?" Canadian Version (CBC) and "Bloodlines" (History Channel). Did you know that Hazel Brown organized and "starred" in a Calgary genealogy series called "Ancestors"?



Hazel Brown

(Photo courtesy & permission of AFHS files)

Yes, from 1989-1990, Hazel Brown and Maureen Houlgate created the series "Ancestors". They wrote the scripts and somehow got the local cable station to produce this show. I don't know who they knew or how they did this, but it was done.

They recruited "local talent" consisting of Phil Thorpe, Myrna Waldroff, George Krommendijk, Rosemary Lyons, Jan Roseneder, Lorna Laughton, Marmie Longair and Sheldon Gibson. Hazel was the chair of the panel of three "experts" on each program.

The production of the entire four episodes was done in only one day on a set at the cable station. Some of the television crew people were volunteers from a community program designed to encourage local TV productions.

To give the program proper credit, it was a Rogers Community 10 Production, c. 1990. The Producer and Director was John Hines. The

Co-producers were Maureen Houlgate and Hazel Brown. The Host was Hazel Brown. The Switcher was Lisabeth George. The Camera people were Dennis Houchin, Susan Holtzman and Peter Esposito. The Floor manager was Melanie Glazier. The Audio person was Sunny Stephen and the Graphics were done by Teresa Chiozza.

The program series Ancestors was played over and over on the cable channel, until my children reported that even their teenage friends had seen me on TV – a huge embarrassment to Catherine and John. Apparently the series won an award for a “community produced program” or something like that and so it was repeated. It was even exported to “the east” (Ontario). No, AFHS did not get royalties for re-runs, but we did get a lot of publicity! If you watch this program series on VHS now (the AFHS Library has a copy), you will need to ignore the dated clothes, hairstyles and glasses, and how young some of us looked then! Not surprisingly, the genealogical information is not very dated, because it included the basic processes, such as checking family sources, looking at indexes and using local libraries.

Hazel Brown very astutely recognized that it was important to educate the public about genealogy and family history research. As well, this program promoted the presence of our group in Calgary, so that we could attract new members and could help more people with their family history research. She also recognized that the media of television reaches a huge audience.

So when you are watching the current TV shows about family history, remember that AFHS was first on the ground because of Hazel Brown. ###

LATEST GENEALOGY NEWS 2 by Xenia Stanford

Have you been watching "Who Do You Think You Are?" This is a Canadian genealogy series in which 13 well known Canadians set out to discover their family roots. “Each half hour episode combines the intimacy of observational documentary, the revelation of a well told

detective story, the fascination of biography and the excitement of big picture history. The individual journeys into family history reflect the sweep and drama of Canada's past.”

The thirteen celebrities whose family stories will be told are Randy Bachman, Don Cherry, Mary Walsh, Sonja Smits, Margot Kidder, General Lewis MacKenzie, Steven Page, Chantal Kreviazuk, Avi Lewis, Margaret Trudeau, Scott Thompson, Shaun Majumder and Measha Brueggergosman.

These started on October 11, 2007 at 7:30 and will conclude after 13 episodes. If, like me, you missed several episodes, let’s hope for reruns. I found this much more intriguing than “Ancestors in the Attic” with its different approach. See www.cbc.ca/whodoyouthinkyouse/show.php

On November 10, 2007 Brother’s Keeper released new features and fixes to Brother’s Keeper version 6. For more details, see <http://bkwin.org/changes6.htm#VERSION6264>

Know a death date and age at death? You can find a Tombstone Birth Date Calculator at www.searchforancestors.com/utility/birthday.html It works for both Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Facebook for Genealogists? FamilyLink.com is a new social networking site for genealogists. When I joined 31,580 others with some common interests were shown. In 2007 FamilyLink.com, owned by WorldVitalRecords.com, received a huge boost by partnering with the Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK). RAOGK is a listing of over 4000 people who will do lookups for you in their vicinity. So if your ancestors hailed from Oxford, England, there may be someone who lives there or nearby who would do your lookups at the local archives for free, for a fee or for professional rates. RAOGK was meant to be free, but joining forces with FamilyLink.com may be the reason there is the opportunity for various levels of reimbursement. Besides lookups in local archives, photos of tombstones or other things you cannot do yourself from afar are also among the benefits. To join, go to www.familylink.com

More “Latest Genealogy News” on p.18. ###

SERENDIPITY IN GENEALOGY COINCIDENCE IN RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

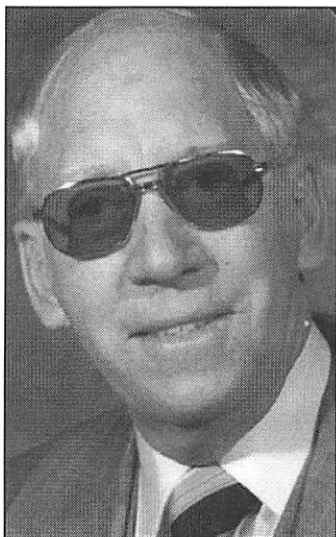
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SERENDIPITY IN RESEARCH

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.

POWER OF SHARING PHOTOS & WRITING LETTERS by Marianne Wilkat

In 1994 we were visiting with a cousin, Woody Deisman, in Texas. He offered me a 1938 family reunion picture (the panoramic type) and told me his father and mother were in the picture. I scrutinized the picture carefully and thought I saw my aunt Elsie and her husband John. A year or so later I showed the picture to other cousins in Ontario and one said, "Hey - there's my mom and my dad and that little fellow in front is me!"



Woody Deisman of Texas
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Then we went to Pennsylvania, I made contact with a cousin, Mertie Harmon, who still had the papers of her grandmother (the original family genealogist).

I was going through them slowly, recognizing some in the pictures and came across a paper that listed them on the back. I recognized a couple of the names and begged a copy of the paper. When I got home I went from front row left to right, next row left to right, next row left to right and back row left to right and it was an exact match. The accompanying newspaper article and other papers, told me where all these people had come from.

I then searched the current phone books and found many family names still in the area. I wrote them ALL and made contact with a small percentage of them (10%). That was a wonderful experience.



Mertie & Roy Harmon of Pennsylvania
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Another time I wrote all the people I could find in Germany in the area of my ancestors. Ten years later I received a letter from someone who was a direct link. She was very supportive and shared her information. Patience pays off and not moving residences helps too!

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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 & LITTLE from Northern Ireland

I am searching for information about the families of my Irish ancestors. Joseph STRAIN born June 1808 in Newbliss, Monaghan, Northern Ireland married Elizabeth LITTLE who was also born in County Monaghan in April 1809. They were married in April 1831 in Northern Ireland.

They immigrated to Canada in 1849 and settled in Grey County, Ontario. They farmed in Artemesia Township, Grey County until Joseph died in 1897. They had nine children. Seven were born in Northern Ireland and the other two in Grey Co., Ontario.

Contact: Bill Campbell wacampbell@shaw.ca
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STAINTON from Westmoreland or Westmorland, England to Ontario, Canada

I am looking for descendants of Richard (Abt. 1788 – 1871) and Ellen STAINTON nee THOMLINSON (children: Elenor, Richard,

Ann, James, William, Isabella, Thomas and John), and Thomas (1786-1856) and Eleanor STAINTON nee ADDISON (children: Elizabeth, Agnes, James, John, William, Ellen and Thomas).

They came to York County about 1842. Some remained in York County. Others moved to Durham County, Victoria County, Middlesex County and Oxford County. Associated names include MASON, JACKSON, MURRELL, HOGARTH and BATEMAN. I am especially interested in information regarding William STAINTON (b. 1824) and Mary HEE (b. 1826) who were in London Township, Middlesex County in the 1871 Census with children James, Mary and Alfred.

Contact: Marion Peterson:
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LATEST GENEALOGY NEWS 3 by Xenia Stanford

Genealogy on e-Bay? I found 2433 items when I searched for Genealogy on ebay.com. I was tipped off by a seller of Wayne County, Michigan CDs. Besides books, maps and CDs, some research firms were selling research hours.

Adding Canada to the search, I found about 120 entries, e.g. "Finnish Immigrants, Settlement in Canada, In the *Geographical Review*, 1952" and "A Mennonite Family's Long Journey from Russia to Canada". This led me to check out ebay.ca where I found 1482 entries, not all Canadian genealogy. There were about 100 under the search Canada genealogy. Many of the items for sale were the same as those on ebay.com but bidding & shipping may be less.

If you have a news item or tip of interest to our readers, send to editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca
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FAMILYROOTS 2008 EXPO SEMINAR: CALL FOR SPEAKERS, VENDOR INVITATION & MAIN ANNOUNCEMENT submitted by Jacqueline Alford

CALL FOR SPEAKERS – AN INVITATION

Find your ancestor - write your story

October 17 – 18, 2008

FamilyRoots 2008 Expo Seminar

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“Nestled in the foothills of Canada’s Rocky Mountains, Calgary, *Heart of the New West*, is a place where visitors come to explore the heritage of the Canadian West. This safe, clean and vibrant city offers the best of all worlds: a cosmopolitan city of over 1 million people and breathtaking outdoor adventure in pristine wilderness.

Our wide, blue sky and moderate climate beckons year-round outdoor enthusiasts to golf or hike, fish or mountain bike, ski or dog-sled.

Our parks offer some of the finest natural areas in North America. Our shopping is a paradise - we are the only province in Canada with no provincial sales tax. Our dynamic arts scene will indulge your passion for culture. Our western heritage and legendary hospitality will make you feel welcome.”

Courtesy of Calgary Tourism

The Alberta Family Histories Society is pleased to be hosting **FamilyRoots 2008:**
Find your ancestor - write your story

Many family historians dream of writing their family history to share with others. But, they are often discouraged trying to find their way through the world of publishing, including self-publishing. Some get stuck just trying to locate that elusive relative. Many get frustrated and quit their dream.

The aim of our FamilyRoots 2008 Expo Seminar is to provide a forum for Society members and the general public to share knowledge and to learn more about genealogy and writing.

Speakers: There will be one plenary address on Friday evening and up to 12 lectures on Saturday. Using primary sources and the Internet, potential speakers are invited to present well-informed lectures (approx. 45 minutes in length) consistent with our theme. Preference will be given to those who feature PowerPoint presentations and who will provide camera-ready material for the syllabus.

Each proposal should include one page outlining the following:

- A presentation title
- An abstract of approximately 200 words
- A one or two sentence description of your talk for the seminar brochure
- Your full name, postal address, telephone number, Email address and website
- A brief biography

Multiple proposals are encouraged.

Speaker’s compensation packages will be discussed upon acceptance of your proposal. Compensation could include an honorarium, Expo Seminar registration and a consideration for travel, accommodation and meals.

Seminar Themes:

- Finding your ancestor
- Writing your family story
- Publishing / writing sources
- Computers and technology with reference to family history
- Genealogy practices (Basic to advanced, including presentations with a geographical focus)
- Additional topics: All those ‘other things’ which aid genealogists

(Deadline for submissions February 15, 2008, see following page...)

Deadline: All submissions must be RECEIVED by February 15, 2008.

Please forward your submission by mail to
FamilyRoots 2008
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or email: seminar@afhs.ab.ca

Please direct any questions to:
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Successful speakers will be contacted by the program committee.

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ASK THE EXPERT by Xenia Stanford

Editor's note: this column is where you ask questions and/or answer them. These are not Queries because it is not specific to a name or surname. They should be generic, so of interest to others. Send your Q &/or A to editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

Q1: How do you find a Church of England wedding in Hamilton in the late 1830's?

Q2: Is there a printer locally who can print a full page 11"x14" census record so that it is legible and do wall charts of family trees?

Q3: The 1901 census says my ancestor arrived from Ireland in 1842. I have exhausted the indexed passenger lists for the year and the one before and one after. Where do I go from here?

Next time, maybe some answers!

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WHAT'S OUT THERE

by Linda Murray

Ancestors from the North-West

Jane Cavell lists many websites to help trace your ancestors in North-West England. She focuses on the four ancient counties of Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire and Cheshire. You can find her listing of more than 40 websites on pages 30 & 31 of *Family Tree Magazine*, Vol. 24, No. 1, November 2007.

Members' Interests

Don't forget to look in the journals and newsletters that focus on locations where your ancestors lived. You can often find lists of names being researched by others and you might make a connection to your own family.

One such list can be found in the *Shropshire Family History Journal*, Volume 28, Part 3, September 2007, in the special supplement found between pages 110 & 111. If you do have ancestors from Shropshire, then you will be interested in a project to publish all parish registers. Details can be found on page 90 of the same volume.

On the Right Tracks

Did your ancestor work for one of Britain's railway companies? See "On the Right Tracks" on pages 6 - 9 of *Practical Family History*, No. 118, October 2007. Part 2 of "Tracing Railway Ancestors" by Robert Burlison will appear in the November issue with specific information on where to find records of railway ancestors.

Research in the Upper Canada Land Books (1787 – 1841): Decisions that Shaped the Town of York

Do you have any ancestors who lived or did business in the Town of York in the late 18th or early 19th centuries? Gwyneth Pearce gives an introduction to the *Upper Canada Land Books* and the kind of information that is available to researchers. Read her article in the *Toronto Tree*, September/October 2007, Vol. 38, Issue 5. A full index to the names that appear in the *Upper Canada Land Books* has been published by the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS). The index has identifying details for individuals,

reference data and instructions on how to locate the microfilm records. The OGS *Index to the Upper Canada Land Books*, edited by Susan Smart is available in nine paper volumes which you can find in our AFHS Library.

Treasure State Lines

Have any ancestral ties to the area of Great Falls, Montana? Check out one of our newest exchange newsletters from the Great Falls Genealogy Society. Our first issue of *Treasure State Lines* is February 2007, Vol. 32, No. 1.

What's in That Genealogy Bank?

Lisa A. Alzo reviews a new online genealogy service. Much of the content focuses on early American records and modern-day sources. You can read the review on pages 47 - 49 of *Internet Genealogy*, Vol. 2, No. 4, October/November 2007 or check it out online at www.genealogybank.com. To view some free items without a subscription you can go to www.genealogybank.com/free.

History of the Quarrier's Children

Many of us have heard of Dr. Barnardo and his work with children in England. But have you heard of William Quarrier and his assistance to the poor children of Scotland? The article "Quarriers Homes" on pages 5 - 10 of the *Journal of the Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society Newsletter*, No. 79, June 2007, gives the history of Quarriers. Today this is one of the largest charitable organizations in Scotland. Between 1872 and 1933 Quarriers placed over seven thousand children in homes in Canada. Was your ancestor one of those children? Also check out www.quarrierscanadianfamily.com to get information on the Quarriers Canadian Family.

Manitoba Genealogical Society Library Catalogue

The Manitoba Genealogical Society is putting their card catalogue online allowing people to search from home. If you live in Canada and are a member of MGS you will be able to borrow books for the cost of the postage. For details see

pages 6 – 9 of *Generations*, Vol. 32, No. 2, June 2007 or go to www.mbgenealogy.com and scroll down to KOHA – MGS Online Catalogue. Koha is a Maori word meaning gift.

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DONATIONS TO AFHS LIBRARY FRENCH/QUEBEC/MÉTIS

Editor's note: For those of you with French Canadian and/or Métis roots, I would like you to know I have donated the following books to the AFHS Library:

Tanguay, l'Abbe Cyprien. *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles canadiennes.*

In seven volumes and more than 4,400 pages, it was originally published between 1871-1890.

This work covers the period of French Canada from 1608 to approximately 1760. It is perhaps the most-well known and often quoted source for French-Canadian genealogy.

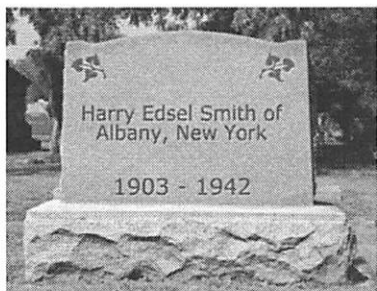
Leboeuf, J.A. *Complément au dictionnaire généalogique Tanguay*

This is a one volume of corrections and additions to the Tanguay genealogical dictionary above. It contains more than 600 pages of corrections and additions to the above seven volume Tanguay Dictionary.

Wishart, Vernon R. *What Lies Behind the Picture? A Personal Journey into Cree Ancestry*, which I reviewed in *Chinook* Summer July 2007.

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Thank you to Lois Sparling and Jim Benedict who sent me Browsing old cemeteries. They will be the fodder for fillers to be used in several future issues and starting with the one below:



“Seen” in a cemetery for the person on this stone: “Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down.

It was!”

(Want to customize your own tombstones, like I did for Harry? See www.satisfaction.com/tombstone-note-generator)

PUBLIC RELATIONS by Bill Campbell

If we really care deeply about the future of our AFHS we can all ‘relate’ to the general public out there that knows little of the virtues of this fine Society. We can all share in the task of reaching out into the community.

Perhaps your neighbour, your nephew or your aunt belongs to a service club, a social group or an organization that meets regularly and enjoys educational or entertaining speakers at their luncheon or dinner meetings. Put on your ‘thinking cap’ and ask if they would like to hear how family history is bringing so much joy to those who have found it to be such an engaging pastime.

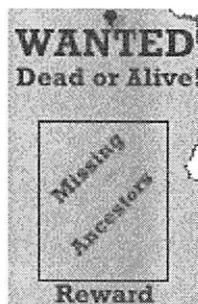
AFHS has developed a 20-minute ‘slide show’ that is opening eyes and surprising many who have seen it. With tongue in cheek it is called “Here’s Looking Up Your Ancestors”.

Many business organizations are now offering employees opportunities for personal growth and development. Speakers come in for a lunch hour or an afternoon and present a topic of general appeal (at no cost to the host). How about genealogy? Anyone you know working for such an employer? Our Public Relations Committee is willing and able. It is waiting for opportunities to be invited to tell ‘our story’. Can you help?

If so, contact Bill Campbell at 254-2293 or email wacampbell@shaw.ca to share your idea.

There are folks out there waiting to hear our story.

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FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES (FFHS) REPORT

by Ann Williams

The AFHS and family history societies world-wide belong to the British-based Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS), an umbrella group that works hard to protect the interests of those researching British families.

Our membership in the FFHS helps finance their activities and supports their claim of representing the majority of family history societies when in discussions with 'the powers that be'. That representation has recently been effective in:

- Preventing the implementation of the GRO's proposal to remove addresses and occupations from Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates
- Ensuring that from the beginning of civil registration (1837) mother's maiden name, spouse's surname and age at death are included in the computerized indexes (DoVE, Digitisation of Vital Events) now in preparation
- As part of the Online User Advisory Group for The National Archives at Kew, ensuring that more source material is available online and that the release of the 1911 census will be handled better than that of the 1901 census
- Liaising with the British Library on the proposed phased move of the Newspaper Library from Colindale to Boston Spa, Yorkshire sometime between 2009 and 2011

The FFHS brings the public's attention to all family history societies by:

- Attending such events as Hobbycraft fairs
- Publishing an e-zine (replacing a more expensive Journal) - as FFHS contact, I

receive the e-zine and disseminate anything of interest through Dist-Gen

- Continuing to publish books under the FFHS name but with the Society of Genealogists handling distribution (allowing the FFHS warehouse to be closed)

Ann Williams, FFHS Representative
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AFHS PROGRAMS: WINTER 2008

by Marion Peterson

Monthly meetings of the Alberta Family Histories Society are held the first Monday of each month at First Christian Reformed Church, 3818-14A Street, Calgary, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with the business part of our meeting. Members have a chance to brag about their genealogy finds and, if time permits, also have a chance to ask questions.

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

N.B. The February meeting this year will also be on a Monday evening.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

DATE PROGRAM TOPIC

Jan. 7, 2008 **Industrial Influences on Family Migration in England:** Ever wonder why your family chose to move from place to place? Faced with this question while writing his family book, Alan Cassley turned to historical records. Learn how an understanding of industrial changes added to his family story.

Feb. 4, 2008 **Family History from Homestead Records in Western Canada**
Many of us have homesteaders in our family heritage. Charlie Hansen will tell us what information can be discovered on homestead records and how to obtain them.

March 3, 2008 **Our Genealogy Favourites**
We've assembled a panel of AFHS members and asked them to share their favourite genealogy book, website or tool.

Members have said they want to see the faces behind the names in the AFHS Board and committees. So send us a photo of your group!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, March 15, 2008 Danish Genealogy Class from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at AFHS Library:

If you are researching Danish roots, you won't want to miss this Saturday Special. Tove Ludvigsen will share her expertise in searching Danish records. To register contact Marion Peterson: phone 281-1877 or Email marion.peterson@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 3, 2008: A British Isles Extravaganza

Join us for a day of lectures, displays and entertainment. AFHS will be hosting Chris Watts, a visiting speaker from England. He will be doing 3 talks:

- 1) Sources for Family History at the National Archives of England, Wales and the United Kingdom
- 2) Records of the British Army – Officers and Other Ranks (1760-1913)
- 3) English Apprenticeship Records

Details will be posted on the website as plans are finalized. Tickets will be available at the March and April meetings. Mark your calendars!

OUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE



From left to right:
Lois Sparling, Gary Manthorne, Marion Peterson (Chair), Tara Shymanski, Rosemary Kry.

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CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
submitted by Christine Hayes

Genealogy & Local History Programs
January to April 2008

Programs at Central Library
616 Macleod Trail SE

All programs on this page are free, but you will need a Calgary Public Library Card to register. Registration for these and other interesting programs begins on December 17. Register in person, online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com or by telephone at 260-2620. If you have any questions, please contact us in the Humanities Department at 260-2785.

Family History Coaching

Drop in on the last Saturday of each month for help with family history research, co-sponsored by the Alberta Family Histories Society, to be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 26, February 23, March 29 and April 26 in the Genealogy Area on the 4th Floor North. This is a drop in program, no advance registration is required.

Mischief, Mayhem and Murders of Calgary

Join us for some historical, spine-tingling entertainment with Johanna Lane of Calgary Ghost Tours, to be held from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 12 in the Meeting Room on the 4th Floor North.

Historical Roots of Calgary's Urban Sprawl

Author and professor, Max Foran will discuss how Calgary's residential urban sprawl developed over time and how it affects today, to be held from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 25 in the Meeting Room, on the 4th Floor North.

The Jewish Community in 1930's Calgary

Jack Switzer tells stories of the colourful people and ideas that formed this remarkable pioneer community, to be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27 in the Local History Room on the 4th Floor North.

Arctic Explorers by Frances Hern

Learn about the amazing stories of the fearless men who braved treacherous conditions in search of the Northwest Passage, to be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 in the Meeting Room on the 4th Floor North.

Introduction to Calgary History

New to Calgary? Historian Harry Sanders presents fascinating stories of our city's past. To be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 in the Meeting Room - 4th Floor North.

Programs at the Branches

Family History – Getting the Most out of Ancestry Library Edition

Learn how to best use the resources available through Ancestry Library Edition at Fish Creek Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday January 17 and Louise Riley Library 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday April 14.

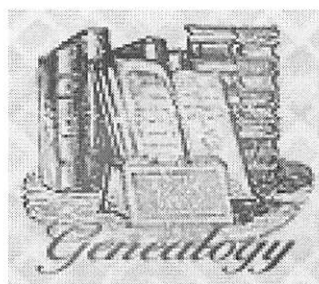
An Introduction to the Genealogy Collection of the Calgary Public Library

Come and find out about the great resources available at the Calgary Public Library. Nose Hill Library 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 4, Crowfoot Library 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 and Fish Creek Library, Saturday, April 19.

Amazing Ancestor Hunt

For the budding genealogist (ages 8 to 12 with mom, dad, grandma, grandpa or other adult helper), build your family tree and find out which resources the Library has to help you in your ancestor hunt. Offered at 6 branches - check online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com or in our program guide.

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EVENTS

by Beverley A. Rees

January 7 to 11, 2008

Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

www.infouga.org

The Utah Genealogical Association will again hold its very successful Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy Conference at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. This weeklong educational experience is for people interested in learning the "HOW" to break through those genealogical "brick walls." Nationally-known expert genealogists teach at The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in nine specific courses or the coveted Course 10, a "one-on-one-problem-solving" course for those who need help on their tough family history problems.

February 8 to 9, 2008

St. George Genealogy and Family Heritage Jamboree

Dixie Conference Center

St. George, Utah, USA

www.myancestorsfound.com

Family history and genealogy enthusiasts will be gathering at the Dixie Convention Center and will not be disappointed with the more than 100 classes being offered to help you jump-start the process. The great thing about this is you don't even have to have Utah roots.

March 28 to 29, 2008

Ontario Genealogical Society, Ottawa Branch

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

www.ogsottawa.on.ca

Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, in partnership with the Ottawa Public Library, presents the 25th edition of GENE-O-RAMA at Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Ottawa, Canada

April 12, 2008

Alberta Genealogical Society Gen Fair

Featuring Paul Smart & Mary Tollestrup

Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

www.abgensoc.ca/events.html

www.lethbridgeags.theboss.net

May 1, 2008

Nanaimo Family History Society seminar

Featuring Chris Watts

Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

www.members.shaw.ca/nfhs

May 10, 2008

Abbotsford Genealogical Society Seminar

Featuring Chris Watts

Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada

www.abbygs.ca

May 14 to 18, 2008

NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair

Kansas City, Missouri

www.ngsgenealogy.org

May 24, 2008

Campbell River Genealogy Society Seminar

Featuring Chris Watts

Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada

www.rootsweb.com~bccrgc

May 30, 2008 to June 1, 2008

Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Seminar "Wired Genealogy"

Fanshaw College, London, Ontario, Canada

www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.html

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August 1 to 3, 2008
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
www.feefhs.org

August 7 to 9, 2008 [Thursday-Saturday]
"Sail Into Your Past Aboard the Queen Mary!"
The British Isles Family History Society - USA (BIFHS-USA), an overseas member of the Federation of Family History Societies, announces their **20th Annual Seminar**
Queen Mary Hotel
Long Beach, California, USA
www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa

September 3 to 6, 2008
FGS Conference
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
Pennsylvania Convention Center
www.fgs.org/2008conf/FGS-2008.htm

September 26 to 28, 2008
Kelowna and District Genealogical Society Conference
Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada
www.rootsweb.com/~bckdgs

AFHS FamilyRoots 2008 Expo Seminar
October 17-18, 2008 See p. 19
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PERIODICALS COMMITTEE
by Rosemary Kry

The Publications Committee has been renamed Periodicals Committee to clarify *Breeze* and *Chinook* from other publications, such as cemetery CDs, that AFHS offers for sale.

BREEZE is a bulletin distributed at the monthly meetings and available in the AFHS library at 712 – 16 Ave. NW, Calgary. It includes program information, news from Special Interest Groups, the Library and committees, the library schedule and notes on special events such as FamilyRoots.

To include information, such as SIG events, in the next issue of *Breeze*, contact *Breeze* Editor at breeze-editor@afhs.ab.ca

CHINOOK is the quarterly journal of the Alberta Family History Society. It includes articles on using family research sources, library holdings, surname interests and book reviews. Stories of individuals, groups and societies in Calgary or Alberta, as well as those of families from other parts of the world, are included. AFHS memberships paid each year will include four issues of *Chinook*.

SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE TO CHINOOK
See page 2 for details on submitting articles by email to editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

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Payment must be made prior to publication and for non-members this **does not include a copy** of the issue in which your query appears. To obtain a copy see Ordering Extra Copies.

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See table of contents for back issues
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Rosemary Kry, Chair, Periodicals Committee
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AHFS MEMORIAL FUND by Ronna Byam

Editor's note: Have you seen the space on the membership form for you to make a donation to the AFHS Memorial Fund but don't know what this fund is? I had the same question and I took it to our authority on the matter – our treasurer!

Our treasurer explains it below:

In February 2004, Roy Kinnear, a long-time member of the AFHS, passed away. In his obituary he requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Alberta Family Histories Society. In determining the best use to make of the funds received, the Board decided to use them as the nucleus of an emergency-rainy-day-fund. Thus, the Memorial Fund was born.

Monies in this fund have to be kept separately from all other AFHS funds. Monies in the fund are invested in an interest bearing account. The principal must remain untouched and only the interest earned can be spent.

Prior Board approval is required for all expenditures. Any such expenditure must be for something significant for which we would not otherwise have funds. To date, no expenditures have been made.

Anybody can contribute any amount to the Memorial Fund at any time. Donations (of \$10 or more) are tax deductible.

Since the establishment of this fund, other contributions have been made in memory of deceased members. As well, all donations received along with the membership renewals each year are allocated to this fund. The Board also has the ability to divert membership funds not needed for other purposes to the fund.

While not yet large enough to generate significant interest income, the fund is slowly growing. In time it will become a truly viable emergency-rainy-day-fund as envisioned.

Ronna Byam, AFHS Treasurer
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
submitted by Marion Firman

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The membership year for the Alberta Family Histories Society is from September 1st to August 31st. New memberships are accepted at any time during the year. New members who join from April 1 to August 31 do not need to pay an additional fee in September of that year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES*

Payment must be made in Canadian or USA funds. Overseas applicants add \$8.00 for postage. If paying in USA funds, add 10%.

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\$35.00	Senior 65+ individual
\$45.00	Senior 65+ family
\$50.00	Institutional

***Please make payment by cheque or money order.**

You may pay for your membership in person at a monthly meeting, which is held the first Monday (exceptions for holiday Mondays) of every month from September to June at First Christian Reformed Church, 3818-14th St. SW or by completing the Membership Application/Renewal form and mailing it to the address below.

Do you see the line for "Donation to AFHS Memorial Fund: \$" but know what this is exactly? See Ronna Byam's article on the preceding page. (A tax receipt is available for a \$10.00 or over minimum donation.)

Complete, cut out and mail the membership form with payment to the address below:

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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 29 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. A new member who registers on or after April 1 will have a valid membership until September of the following calendar year.

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Objectives of the Society

The Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1980 to promote and encourage an interest in family history research worldwide. The activities of the Society are funded by membership dues, fundraising projects, donations, bequeaths and corporate sponsorship.

The objectives of the "Alberta Family Histories Society" are as follows:

- To promote the study of family history and genealogical research;
- To encourage and instruct members in accurate and thorough family history research;
- To assemble, preserve, print and publish information relevant to family history study;
- To raise funds for any of the foregoing objects, and to accept donations, gifts, legacies and bequests;
- To use any profits or other accretions to the Society in promoting its objects without material gain for its members.

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