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DATE	PROGRAM TOPIC
April 6, 2009	<b>Present Your Family History</b> – Xenia Stanford – how to share the information you have gathered. Please bring your examples. Tables provided for displays at break.
May 4, 2009	<b>AGM / Computers and Genealogy</b> – Panel of Members of AFHS – use of computers in genealogy
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bev Swan

Our second issue of 2009 includes many interesting articles. Read through *Chinook* to discover submissions made by our members about ways they present their research to others. You, too, can submit an article to the editor about interesting family members or research channels that worked for you.

The Year of the Ox has begun for our Chinese friends. Robbie Burns Day has come and gone for our Scottish friends. Many members made New Year's Resolutions to catch up on family research. Some members tell me they will be traveling this year to continue the search for a lost family line or an elusive ancestor. Whether you travel away from home or do your research



through technology, I hope doing so will be enjoyable and rewarding for you.

The Alberta Family Histories Society members work in many

ways to assist us in our research. I personally thank them all for their dedication. The Society will be having some special events over the next two years. I suggest you watch our website for upcoming events.

If you want to touch the past  
Touch a rock  
If you want to touch the present  
Touch a flower  
If you want to touch the future  
Touch a life  
(Author unknown)

Bev Swan, President

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# YOU ARE WANTED!

## Volunteer!

### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to step forward for the following positions in our 2009-2010 term:

- ✓ Vice President
- ✓ Recording Secretary
- ✓ Director (Finance)
- ✓ Director at Large
- ✓ Director at Large, Genealogy Computer Group
- ✓ Those shown as vacant on page 31.

Why not you? You are volunteering not just for others. You are volunteering for you! For you to have a strong society to better meet your needs and for you to receive all the benefits of the camaraderie and friendships you will build, while finding the connections to information you may need and not have found without the wonderful tool now called social networking!

Please submit your name to Helen Backhouse to volunteer for one of the above positions or even to be part of the nominations committee.

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## NOTICE OF 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Family Histories Society** shall be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 3818 - 14A Street S.W. (River Park Church) starting at 7:00 p.m. during which financial and other reports will be given, business conducted and elections held.

Helen Backhouse will call the nominations committee together.

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# Formal Genealogical Presentation Standards

By Brian W. Hutchison

## INTRODUCTION

So you have now finally reached the moment when it is time to write something on your family history! All those years, or even decades, of research have led you to this moment in time. It may seem like a daunting task. However, I hope that this short article sheds some light on how easy it really can be to take this extra step.

You have spent many thousands of hours researching and documenting your study and it is good, if not imperative, that you now take the time to write it right! My years of experience, and those of my firm in documenting genealogies for clients, allows me to offer you some brief tips in this matter which I hope will be helpful. However, I have not covered the final phase of these projects, specifically printing, publishing and distribution, as that is an entire article on its own.

## GETTING STARTED

It is extremely important from the beginning of this phase to ask yourself three questions:

1. Why am I doing this?
2. For whom is the manuscript intended?
3. How much (approx.) do I want it to cost?

The answers to these basic questions will play a major role in shaping the type of family history/genealogy that you want to compile, the way you will print/publish it, what it will look like, how many copies you will print, how it will be eventually bound and how much it will cost.

You need to make every effort to ensure that the material is easy to read and brings out the special personalities and characters of the people. It is important to include pictures of the times and the people, charts and graphs that are relevant with the historical background on the times and places involved, where possible.

By now, you may have seen many different approaches to documenting your family history. However, if you do not want to *recreate the*

*wheel* and want to know the formal standards for presenting respected genealogical works, this article is for you.

First, I want to talk about elements that are used for formal publishing, some of which you may or may not want to include with your manuscript, depending upon how you see the final presentation. All, though, are important considerations. Upfront, you need to be looking at the following *administrative components* before even tackling the family narrative:

- **Title:** Selecting the right title is so important and should not be underestimated! It should draw the reader's attention, tell them that it is a family history for a specific family and it should specify a time-period/place of documentation. A good example is *The Scottish Winds of Change - The Story of Philippe François Gagnon and His Descendancy from Ayrshire (1764-1932)*.
- **Title Page:** This should be clear and uncluttered with the title, the name of the author(s) (or compiler) and any publisher/printer.
- **Copyright:** The purpose behind the copyright law is to protect your rights as the author, editor or compiler. To protect these rights, a statement of copyright is usually placed on the reverse side of the Title Page and consists of three parts: (1) the word Copyright, the abbreviation Copr. or the copyright symbol ©; (2) the name of the owner of the copyright and (3) the year the book was published/printed. An example showing all three is ©Brian Hutchison, 2009, all rights reserved.
- **LAC/LLCN:** If your book is more than 50 pages and intended for wide distribution, consider obtaining a Library and Archives Canada or Library of Congress Catalogue Number and International Standard Book Number (ISBN) which are displayed on the verso of the title page.
- **Date:** Include the publication or printing date so the reader knows when it was last produced. On the verso of the title page also include how to contact you or the publisher

in case others wish to acquire a copy of your manuscript.

- **Foreword:** Introduce your readers to your material to acquaint them with the reasons for doing the book and your view on the results of your research and compiled genealogy.
- **Introduction:** An introduction should be used to acquaint the readers with the contents of the book itself, explain the structure of its contents and especially the numbering system used and give other useful insights about the family history.
- **Acknowledgments:** List the names of those who significantly assisted you in compiling your family history both to recognize their contribution and to advise the readers of the help you received.
- **About the Author:** Insert an autobiographical statement about author(s) or compiler(s) or editor(s) to showcase their highlights and reasons for interest in the project.
- **Table of Contents:** The overall organization of your book should be laid out in this section. The Table of Contents should show a logical progression of thought and what the reader can expect to learn.

## COMPILING THE COMPONENTS

### The Body of the Text

From the onset of your project you need to know how you want to present your genealogy/family history. Is this manuscript going to show the story of all the descendants of a progenitor or will it show only your direct lineage of the person in question? Will it include all of the collateral branches of the family or only those who settled in (or came from) a certain locality? Will it include stories, pictures and copies of documents, or concentrate only on the vital events in each subject's life leaving the other aspects for a later volume? Therefore, you identify what it is you want to show to your reader and how best to accomplish this goal. Incorporating some sort of discussion on the historical background (social, economic, political, ecclesiastical and/or technical world) of

the communities involved, along with maps and photos of places your ancestors would have lived, are all extremely useful to readers when setting the stage for family genealogies.

Writing genealogies in free-form is very hard for most people to learn, although it is often the most flexible. Free-form is the simple act of setting down in written paragraph format who begets whom. This method is flexible because the text can be arranged in whatever format or presentation that appeals to the writer. However, it is hard for most writers to accomplish this because they do not know where to begin with the story and with complex pedigrees. Also, soon the writer and those who read it lose track of who is related to whom and how distantly they are related. Free-form narratives certainly can be structured, but without a numbering system for cross-referencing relationships and a formal structure for presenting each and every family's descendancy, both writer and readers will quickly lose sight of their documentary goal: *a clear, concise and accurate presentation of the pedigree*. This is why structure is extremely important. Thus, I recommend that the purely free-form narrative formats be avoided when compiling and presenting genealogical family histories.

From this point on, I will focus on the formal genealogical formats and not on free-form narratives, since this is what I was asked to address and since this is what we expect for entries to the Brian W. Hutchison Scholarship Award ([www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship](http://www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship)).

Thus my preference, despite some of their drawbacks, is to see compiled genealogical works in one of two major groups of formats (Descending vs. Ascending), with possibly some minor variations as your personality dictates. These types have stood the test of time and are worthy of serious consideration for your use.

The selection of a numbering system for your genealogy is extremely important and is often the reason many compiled family histories are not clearly conveyed. The numbering system should be made with great care, understanding and relevance to what you want to present.

For documenting descending genealogies, I recommend either the *New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Register System* (Figure 1, page 9) or the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ) Record System* (Figure 2, page 10), with the latter being my personal preference because it very clearly documents relationships and descendancy. It also better meets the needs of complex family arrangements and diverse immigration patterns.

Several other, less capable systems exist for documenting descending genealogies. I will not discuss them in detail as they are of little relevance to today's diverse documentary needs. Some of these are the *Henry System*, the *d'Aboville System*, the *Meurgey de Tupigny System*, the *de Villiers/Pama System*, and the *Outline System*. There are others that have not survived as suitable long-term effective genealogical numbering systems.

Two formats for documenting ascending genealogies are the *Sosa-Stradonitz System* (also known as the *Ahnentafel System*) and the *Multi-Surname System*, with the former being my personal preference. It should be noted that my comments do not suggest that you cannot use the Record and Register Formats for ascending genealogies as well. They just do not accommodate this type of reporting interest as easily as the descending genealogies do.

I will discuss these briefly because each would need a book on its own to cover it completely. For a more comprehensive discussion on the six formats, please consult the excellent new publication by Curran, Crane and Wray (2008).

Also, please consult the following websites for a brief discussion on the popular variations of *Genealogical Numbering Systems* established over the decades, some of which form a part of this discussion and others that are not that useful with today's genealogical documentation needs:

- *Genealogical Numbering Systems* (Wikipedia) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogical\\_numbering\\_systems](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogical_numbering_systems)
- *Numbering Systems in Genealogy* (Richard Pence) <http://www.saintclair.org/numbers>

Both sites give good discussions, although the

latter provides some very real cognitive issues with these numbering systems that need to be pointed out. However it is very dated with some obvious lack of discussion on the important differences in the layouts of the children lists within these formats.

## Descendancy Genealogies

Both noted descendancy genealogy formats document all known family members one generation at a time and they use three types of numbering approaches within them to uniquely identify the people within the document. This includes the individual, the generation in which he/she falls and his/her birth order within the nuclear family. These reports use a combination of Roman and Arabic numbers, as well as letters, to designate these concepts.

The *Register System*, devised in 1870, assigns an Arabic identifying number only to individuals who have descendants included later in the text. On the other hand the *Record System*, devised in 1912, assigns both Arabic and Roman numbers to each child regardless of whether that child matures and creates progeny of his/her own. In this system, to distinguish between subjects who carry forward in the text and those who do not, a plus (+) sign precedes the number of those who are treated separately later in the text.

A second significant difference is in the listing of the children. With the *Register System*, the child who does not carry forward in the text will have further biographical detail included at this level to complete documentation on that individual. For the child who carries forward in the text only basic birth and spousal data is provided at this point in the list.

In the *Record System* basic birth, marriage and death details are provided for all children within the nuclear family, regardless of whether they are carried forward or not (ibid).

Joan Ferris Curran notes the benefits of the latter in the publication *Numbering Your Genealogy*. She states, "Consolidating this data in one location spotlights not just the data but also the patterns of birth, marriage, migration, and

mortality - including ages at which siblings entered each life stage and the identities of the families into which they married.”

There are also a couple of other important differences. Under the *Register System* ancestor's names are highlighted in bold and small caps (uppercase characters set at the same height as surrounding lowercase letters or text figures), while those with the *Record System* are highlighted in bold with only initial capitals. Further, the *Register System* uses only abbreviations amid life-event text at sub-levels. The *Record System* instead uses full-text for life events. Another recognition, but which is made in both systems, is the acknowledgment of the pre-North-American ancestors set apart from other ancestors with alphabetical letters (A, B, C, etc.) in ascending order and documentation of parenthetical outlines of ancestry (in brackets) after each main subject's name. Figures 1 and 2 clearly show the standard formats and the major relevant differences between these two systems.

### Ascending Genealogies

As formerly noted, two formats for documenting ascending genealogies are the *Sosa-Stradonitz System* or *Ahnentafel System* (Figure 3, page 11), and *Multi-Surname System* (Figure 4, page 12).

In the *Sosa-Stradonitz System*, devised in 1898, the most recent individual in the ascending genealogy being documented is numbered as “1.” The father becomes twice the child's number and the mother twice the child's number plus one. The numbering system then cascades upwards from there. The most recent individual may be either male or female. After that all even numbers will represent males and odd numbers will indicate females. Each generation is generally covered in a separate chapter or manuscript section. Of particular note is that parenthetical ancestry does not follow names of key individuals, as they do in the descending genealogies. Plus signs, as found in the *NGSQ Record System*, are not used in this system. In the case of the *Multi-Surname System*, the writer documents and groups his/her ancestral lines by surname. Either of the two previously noted descending genealogy formats may be used

within these groups, although the emphasis here is in documenting the *direct line* descendency of a progenitor to his resulting main-line descendant being referenced in particular. Only superficial coverage, with a brief summary, of each of the collateral line children from that direct bloodline individual involved is provided while the direct-line descendants themselves would get full coverage and more in-depth biographical information. The primary surname is generally the first one to be traced (as shown in Figure 4), following it from the earliest progenitor to the most recent generational descendant to be documented within each group, although from the main descendant to the earliest direct-line progenitor (by surname) is possible.

Other collateral line surnames traced in a similar manner may then be arranged in alphabetical order or by major family branches. These genealogy sections are best preceded with a descendency chart (as show in Figure 4, which provides a basic layout of the presentation) or an ancestral chart given the lines of descent (or ascent) within the surnames and links to other major family branches. Otherwise the pedigree development may be very difficult to follow. Please refer to Figures 3 and 4 for illustration of these two different documentary approaches for ascending genealogies. (Note: Figure 4 is only a general layout of the genealogy as to do anything else would be too voluminous.)

**N.B.** When compiling genealogies where you have multiple line ancestors and have documented all of the descending collateral lines, neither of these descending or ascending genealogies work effectively in avoiding duplication in documentation. The best solution is to use a descending genealogy format with multiple chapters/sections, each of the latter representing a particular line of descendency.

Since most people now use software programs to draft an initial family history, be sure to modify your text so that it sounds interesting and not staccato. All these software programs use templates for sentence construction, which makes the text sound stilted. There is nothing worse than reading a history that sounds like each phrase was *canned* or *cookie-cut!*

## Other Components for Consideration

Other important elements to be considered when compiling your text are as follows:

- **Ancestral Pedigree/ Descendancy Charts:** Ancestral and descendancy charts are imperative, as I have found these generally are what most readers want to see at some point in family history manuscripts. Be careful, however. A chart that is too complex with many descendants can be as disastrous as not having one at all.
- **Family Group Sheets:** If you are preparing a non-structured free-form manuscript, these might be helpful. However, they tend to cause more clutter than they are worth and remember, the more pages you create in your manuscript, the more expensive it will be to print/publish. Also it will seem more overwhelming to the reader from the outset.
- **Photographs:** Most of us want to include photographs in the manuscript and this always helps the reader to better visualize your subjects. Pictures of your subjects and the places in which they lived bring your story to life, although too many pictures again add significantly to the overall cost of your project. Select them with care, choosing ones that are clear and represent the person or place fully. If using a commercial printer, they will want to work with a glossy print (not a negative or slide) and unless your book will be printed in colour, a black and white print is preferable. Damaged or faded photos should be restored first. Photographs and exhibits are best placed within the appropriate body of text, with those that are secondary going into an appendix. If there is a substantial surcharge for printing pages with pictures and text together, you may wish to consolidate them into a single *photographs only* section of your manuscript.
- **Maps, Other Charts, Graphs and Examples:** Maps are especially useful to readers in setting the stage in narratives on where subjects came from or went to. Maps, along with other charts, statistical graphs, extracts from letters, poems and so on, which are important to you (and hopefully to the reader), should all be considered.

## SUNDRY DOCUMENTATION, LISTS AND INDEXES

Without going into detail here, remember that today competent family histories/genealogies document source references fully for all claims made throughout. Footnotes are useful this way, rather than incorporating those details into the body of the text. However, because footnotes can clutter the presentation, I suggest that you use end-of-book endnotes or end-of-chapter endnotes to accomplish this source reference documentation. Ensure that you use the defined standards for documenting these.

Also, a bibliography at the end of the manuscript can be very helpful, as can an index to important elements in your material, such as a name index, a place index and a subject index. Remember that developing and including some sort of index is as important to the usefulness of the manuscript as was the research and as is the text writing itself. If a reader cannot find information easily in your book, without having to siphon through every page, they will not read it!

Lastly, as already alluded to, an appendix can be useful in including other material which would otherwise distract from inclusion in the main body of text. These can include certain documents of lesser interest, secondary photographs, genealogical forms, copies of important documents found and so on. As with all the material in your book, any documents appearing in an appendix should also be included in the index(es) and the appendix should be noted in the table of contents.

## SUMMARY

This gives you an overview of one of the final phases of your project, i.e. writing your family history. I hope that this synopsis of the formal standards for doing so have provided you with some insight and alternatives. You have spent so much time, energy and money on your project, please write your beautiful history in the manner it deserves and in a manner that will recognize your firm commitment to documenting the truth about your family bloodlines.

(References are on page 12)



# FIGURE 1

## THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER SYSTEM

### Generation One

Pre-North American generation level

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1. **SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> CASSADA** (James<sup>A</sup>, Samuel<sup>B</sup>, Daniel<sup>C</sup>), also known as Samuel Cassady, was born at W. Flamborough Twp, Wentworth Co, Ontario, Canada, 11<sup>th</sup> March 1814<sup>1</sup>; died at Paris, S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co., 7<sup>th</sup> January 1897<sup>2</sup>; buried at Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, St. George, 9<sup>th</sup> January 1897.<sup>3</sup> He married **JANE HOWELL**, daughter of Isaac Lanning Howell and Mary Rachel Kitchen, at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co, Ontario, circa 1833.<sup>4</sup> Subsequently remarried **MARY 'JANE' CONTENT MURRAY**, daughter of Oliver Murray and Content [- ? -] at Drumbo, Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co, Ontario, 9<sup>th</sup> July 1868.<sup>5</sup>

A man of the land, Samuel Cassada was employed at farming his 96 acres on Concession 3, Lot 12<sup>6</sup> . . . [discussion continues through the completeness of the subject's life events].

Children of Samuel<sup>1</sup> and Jane (Howell) Cassada, all born at St. George, Dumfries Twp.:

- |                   |      |   |
|-------------------|------|---|
| 2                 | i.   | HENRY "LEMUEL" <sup>2</sup> CASSADA, b. 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1833 <sup>7</sup> ; m. LYDIA ELIZA LAPIERRE. <sup>8</sup>                                 |
| ↗                 | ii.  | ISAAC CASSADA, b. 1836. <sup>9</sup>  |
| Individual number | iii. | SARAH CASSADA, b. 1 <sup>st</sup> December 1839 <sup>10</sup> ; m. HUGH 'MONTGOMERY' BONHAM. <sup>11</sup>  |
|                   | iv.  | ALICE MARIA CASSADA <sup>9</sup> , b. 1843 <sup>12</sup> ; d. Hamilton, Hamilton Twp., Wentworth Co., Ontario, 18 <sup>th</sup> April 1939. <sup>13</sup> |
- She never married<sup>2</sup>; bu. Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, St. George, 21<sup>st</sup> April 1939.<sup>14</sup>

No children resulted from the marriage of Samuel<sup>1</sup> and Mary 'Jane' Content (Murray) Cassada.

### Generation Two

Generation number

↓

2. **HENRY "LEMUEL"<sup>2</sup> CASSADA** (Samuel,<sup>1</sup> James<sup>A</sup>, Samuel<sup>B</sup>, Daniel<sup>C</sup>)<sup>18</sup> was born at St. George, S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co., Ontario, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1833<sup>19</sup>; died at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co., Ontario, 11<sup>th</sup> October 1884<sup>20</sup>; buried at Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo, Blenheim Twp, 13<sup>th</sup> October 1884.<sup>21</sup> He married **LYDIA ELIZA LAPIERRE**, daughter of Samuel Lapierre and Margaret Scroggie, at W. Dumfries Twp., 30<sup>th</sup> May 1854.<sup>22</sup>

He was also known to the community as 'King Cassidy'<sup>5</sup>, where he farmed being listed on the decennial census as head of household, S. Dumfries Twp., 7<sup>th</sup> April 1861.<sup>23</sup>

Children of Henry "Lemuel"<sup>2</sup> and Lydia Eliza (Lapierre) Cassada (aka, Cassady), both born at S. Dumfries Twp.:

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|---|-----|---|
| 3 | i.  | LEWIS CHARLES <sup>3</sup> CASSADA, b. 1855 <sup>24</sup> ; d. Woodstock, Oxford Co., Ontario, 25 <sup>th</sup> January 1933 <sup>25</sup> ; bu. Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo, late-January 1933. <sup>26</sup>  |
|   |     | Lewis Cassady was never married and farmed in S. Dumfries Twp all of his life. <sup>27</sup> His last will & testament was made at Drumbo, 12 <sup>th</sup> May 1927 and probated in 1934 leaving everything to his nephew, Carl Lewis Cassada. <sup>28</sup> |
| ↗ | ii. | ELIZA JANE CASSADA, b. circa 1860 <sup>29</sup> ; m. JOHN W. SUTTON. <sup>30</sup>  |

Birth order number

### Generation Three

3. **ELIZA JANE<sup>3</sup> CASSADA** (Henry<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>, James<sup>A</sup>, Samuel<sup>B</sup>, Daniel<sup>C</sup>) was born at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co, Ontario, circa 1860<sup>105</sup>; died at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co., January 1938<sup>106</sup>; buried at the Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo, Blenheim Twp., three days later.<sup>107</sup> She married **JOHN W. SUTTON**, son of Myron Sutton and Melinda Muller, at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co, about 1885.<sup>108</sup>

Children of Eliza Jane<sup>3</sup> Cassada and John W. Sutton, both born at Blenheim Twp, were as follows:

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|---|-----|--|
| 4 | i.  | J. P. <sup>4</sup> SUTTON, b. 1890 <sup>109</sup> ; m. EDITH E. [- ? -] Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co., circa 1910. <sup>110</sup> ; d. Blenheim Twp., 1962 <sup>111</sup> ; bu. Drumbo Cemetery. <sup>112</sup> |
|   | ii. | J. STANLEY SUTTON, b. 1896 <sup>108</sup> ; m. VIOLA C. CARTER. <sup>113</sup>   |

## FIGURE 2 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY RECORD SYSTEM

### Generation One

Pre-North American generation level

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1. **Samuel<sup>1</sup> Cassada** (James<sup>A</sup>, Samuel<sup>B</sup>, Daniel<sup>C</sup>), also known as Samuel Cassady, was born 11<sup>th</sup> March 1814 at W. Flamborough Twp, Wentworth Co, Ontario, Canada.<sup>1</sup> He married **Jane Howell**, daughter of Isaac Lanning Howell and Mary Rachel Kitchen, circa 1833 at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co, Ontario.<sup>2</sup> After the death of his first wife, he subsequently remarried **Mary 'Jane' Content Murray**, daughter of Oliver Murray and Content [- - ? - -], on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1868 at Drumbo, Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co, Ontario<sup>3</sup> who bore him no other children. He died 7<sup>th</sup> January 1897 at Paris, S. Dumfries Twp, in Brant Co, at age 82 years<sup>4</sup> and was buried on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1897 in the Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, at the village of St. George in the same township.<sup>5</sup>

A man of the land, Samuel Cassada was employed at farming his 96 acres on Concession 3, Lot 12<sup>6</sup> . . . [discussion continues through the completeness of the subject's life events].

Known children of Samuel<sup>1</sup> Cassada and first wife, Jane Howell, were as follows:

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|----------------------|----------|------|--|
| Individual<br>number | + 2<br>↗ | i.   | Henry "Lemuel" <sup>2</sup> Cassada, born 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1833 at St. George, S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co., Ontario, Canada <sup>7</sup> ; married Lydia Eliza Lapierre; died 11 <sup>th</sup> October 1884 at Blenheim Twp. <sup>8</sup> **   |
|                      | 3        | ii.  | Isaac Cassada, born 1836 at S. Dumfries Twp <sup>9</sup> ; died 4 <sup>th</sup> March 1907 at S. Dumfries Twp. <sup>10</sup>   |
|                      | 4        | iii. | Sarah Cassada, born 1 <sup>st</sup> December 1839 at S. Dumfries Twp. <sup>11</sup> ; married Hugh "Montgomery" Bonham 24 <sup>th</sup> October 1868 at S. Dumfries Twp. <sup>12</sup> ; died 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1926 at S. Dumfries Twp. <sup>13</sup> This couple bore no children of their own.**                                      |
|                      | 5        | iv.  | Alice Maria Cassada <sup>14</sup> , born 1843 at S. Dumfries Twp <sup>15</sup> ; died 18 <sup>th</sup> April 1939 at Hamilton, Hamilton Twp., Wentworth Co., Ontario. <sup>16</sup><br>She was never married <sup>16</sup> and was buried on the 21 <sup>st</sup> April 1939 in the Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery at St. George. <sup>17</sup> |

### Generation Two

Generation number

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2. **Henry "Lemuel"<sup>2</sup> Cassada** (Samuel,<sup>1</sup> James<sup>A</sup>, Samuel<sup>B</sup>, Daniel<sup>C</sup>)<sup>18</sup> was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1833 at St. George, S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co., Ontario.<sup>19</sup> He married **Lydia Eliza Lapierre**, daughter of Samuel Lapierre and Margaret Scroggie, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1854 at W. Dumfries Twp<sup>20</sup> and died on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1884 at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co., Ontario at 51 years of age.<sup>21</sup> He was buried on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1884 in the Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo, Blenheim Twp.<sup>22</sup>

He was also known to the community as 'King Cassidy'<sup>5</sup>, where he farmed being listed on the decennial census as head of household at S. Dumfries Twp. on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1861.<sup>23</sup>

Known children of Henry "Lemuel"<sup>2</sup> Cassada (Cassady) and Lydia Eliza Lapierre, all born at S. Dumfries Twp., were as follows:

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| 6   | i.  | Lewis Charles <sup>3</sup> Cassada, born 1855 <sup>24</sup> ; died 25 <sup>th</sup> January 1933 at Woodstock, Oxford Co., Ontario <sup>25</sup> where he was buried in late-January 1933 in the Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo. <sup>26</sup><br>Lewis Cassady was never married and farmed in S. Dumfries Twp all of his life. <sup>27</sup> His last will & testament was made at Drumbo, on 12 <sup>th</sup> May 1927 and probated in 1934 leaving everything to his nephew, Carl Lewis Cassada. <sup>28</sup> |
| + 7 | ii. | Eliza Jane Cassada, born circa 1860 <sup>29</sup> ; married John W. Sutton <sup>30</sup> ; died 1938 at Blenheim Twp. <sup>31</sup> **  |

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Birth order number

### Generation Three

7. **Eliza Jane<sup>3</sup> Cassada** (Henry<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>, James<sup>A</sup>, Samuel<sup>B</sup>, Daniel<sup>C</sup>) was born circa 1860 at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co, Ontario.<sup>105</sup> She married **John W. Sutton**, son of Myron Sutton and Melinda Muller, in about 1885 at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co.<sup>106</sup> She died in January 1938 at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co<sup>107</sup> and was buried three days later in the Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo, Blenheim Twp.<sup>108</sup>

\*\*The *Record Format* briefly summarizes all birth, marriage, and death data only known for each subject. Doing so helps highlight patterns in migration, marital choices, longevity, and family connections.

## FIGURE 3 SOSA-STRADONITZ SYSTEM

### CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

*[Prepare an introduction to the family and the contents of the manuscript, placing it into appropriate time and place considering such factors as social, economic, technological, political and spiritual issues of the day]*

### CHAPTER 2: GENERATION ONE

**1. Eliza Jane Cassada** born circa 1860 at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co, Ontario.<sup>1</sup> She married **John W. Sutton**, son of Myron Sutton and Melinda Muller, in about 1885 at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co.<sup>2</sup> She died in January 1938 at Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co.<sup>3</sup> and was buried in the Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo, Blenheim Twp.<sup>4</sup>

*[Proceed with a discussion of Eliza and John's lives. . .]*

The children of Eliza Jane<sup>1</sup> Cassada and John W. Sutton, both born at Blenheim Twp, were as follows:

- i. J. P. SUTTON, born 1890<sup>106</sup>; married Edith E. [- ? -] circa 1910, Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co<sup>107</sup>; died 1962, Blenheim<sup>108</sup>; buried, Drumbo Cemetery.<sup>109</sup>
- ii. J. STANLEY SUTTON, born 1896<sup>110</sup>; married Viola C. Carter 1930, Blenheim Twp<sup>111</sup>; died 1984, Blenheim Twp.<sup>112</sup>; buried, Drumbo Cemetery.<sup>113</sup>

### CHAPTER 3: GENERATION TWO

**2. Henry 'Lemuel' Cassada**<sup>18</sup>, born 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1833 at St. George, S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co., Ontario.<sup>114</sup> He married 30<sup>th</sup> May 1854, W. Dumfries Twp<sup>115</sup> and died 11<sup>th</sup> October 1884, Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co., Ontario at 51 years of age.<sup>116</sup> He was buried 13<sup>th</sup> October 1884 in the Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo, Blenheim Twp.<sup>117</sup>

He was also known to the community as 'King Cassidy'<sup>5</sup>, where he farmed being listed on the decennial census as head of household at S. Dumfries Twp., 7<sup>th</sup> April 1861.<sup>118</sup>

**3. Lydia Eliza Lapierre**, daughter of Samuel Lapierre and Margaret Scroggie, born 4<sup>th</sup> June 1835 at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co.<sup>119</sup>, died 10<sup>th</sup> September 1889 at Blenheim, Oxford Co. and was buried 12<sup>th</sup> September 1889 in the Drumbo Cemetery.<sup>120</sup>

Children of Henry "Lemuel"<sup>2</sup> Cassada (Cassady) and Lydia Eliza Lapierre were as follows:

- i. LEWIS CHARLES<sup>3</sup> CASSADA, born 1855, S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co<sup>121</sup>; died 25<sup>th</sup> January 1933, Woodstock, Oxford Co., Ontario<sup>122</sup>; buried late-January 1933, Drumbo Cemetery, Drumbo.<sup>123</sup>  
Lewis Cassady was never married and farmed in S. Dumfries Twp all of his life.<sup>124</sup> His last will & testament was made at Drumbo, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1927 and probated in 1934 leaving everything to his nephew, Carl Lewis Cassada.<sup>125</sup>
- 1 ii. ELIZA JANE CASSADA, born circa 1860 at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co, Ontario, Canada<sup>1</sup>; married John W. Sutton.<sup>2</sup> She died in January 1938 at Blenheim Twp.<sup>3</sup>

### CHAPTER 4: GENERATION THREE

**4. Samuel Cassada**, also known as Samuel Cassady, born 11<sup>th</sup> March 1814 at W. Flamborough Twp, Wentworth Co, Ontario, Canada.<sup>126</sup> He married circa 1833 at S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co, Ontario.<sup>127</sup> After the death of his first wife, he subsequently remarried on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1868 at Drumbo, Blenheim Twp, Oxford Co, Ontario<sup>128</sup> to **Mary 'Jane' Content Murray**, daughter of Oliver Murray and Content [- ? -], born September 1839 at Oxford Co., Ontario<sup>129</sup> and whom died 5<sup>th</sup> June 1882 at Blenheim Twp, being buried in Drumbo Cemetery two days later.<sup>130</sup> There were no known children produced from the marriage of Samuel Cassada and Mary 'Jane' Content Murray. Samuel died 7<sup>th</sup> January 1897 at Paris, S. Dumfries Twp, in Brant Co, at age 82 years<sup>131</sup> and was buried on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1897 at the Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, in the village of St. George.<sup>132</sup>

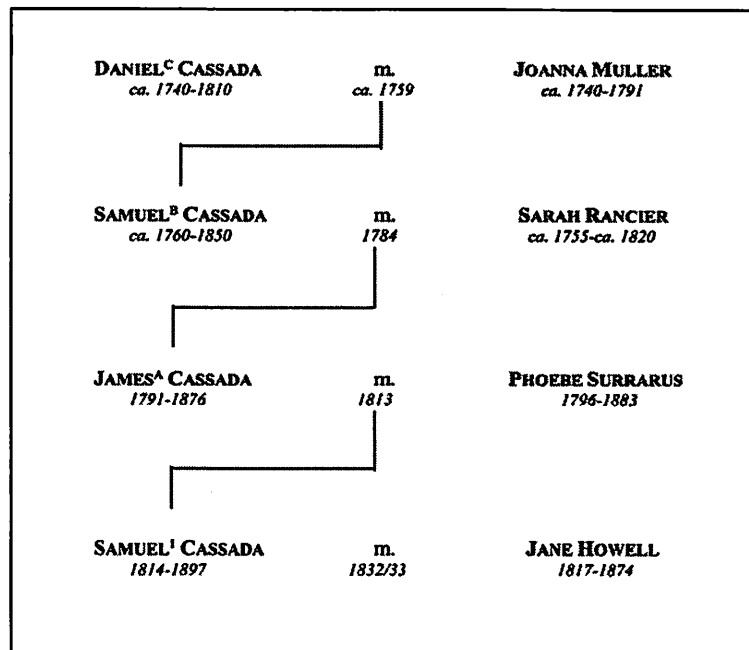
A man of the land, Samuel Cassada was employed at farming his 96 acres on Concession 3, Lot 12<sup>133</sup> . . . *[discussion continues]*.

**5. Jane Howell**, daughter of Isaac Lanning Howell and Mary Rachel Kitchen, born 28<sup>th</sup> September 1817 at Waterloo Twp., Ontario<sup>134</sup> who died 16<sup>th</sup> November 1864 at S. Dumfries Twp. and who was buried two days later in the Old Wesleyan Cemetery at St. George, in S. Dumfries Twp.<sup>135</sup>

Children of Samuel Cassada and first wife, Jane Howell, were as follows:

- 2 i. HENRY "LEMUEL" CASSADA, born 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1833, St. George, S. Dumfries Twp, Brant Co.,

**FIGURE 4**  
**MULTI-SURNAME SYSTEM**  
 (Thru Chart Example)



N.B. This is only a general layout of the *Multi-Surname System*; anything else would be too voluminous).

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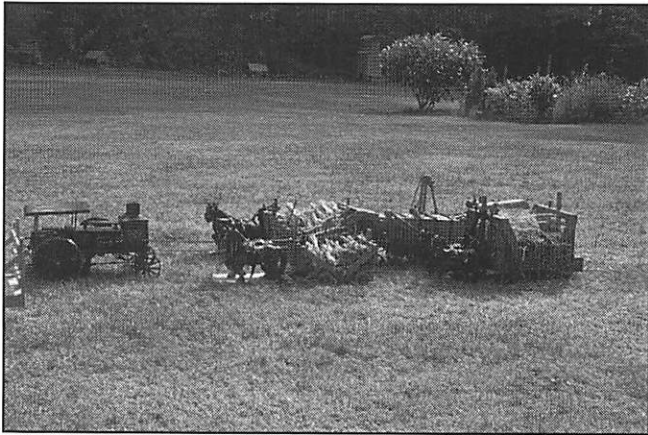
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## BABA'S MEMORIES: A WOMAN RAISES A VILLAGE TO REACH A CHILD

By Xenia Stanford

Cover photo: Estelle Goble stands between the two grain elevators she built as part of her model village based on Thorhild, Alberta where she grew up. *(Photo courtesy of Estelle Goble)*

The grain elevators, those bastions of the prairies, are fading fast from our landscapes, but not in memory if a woman living in British Columbia has her way. Estelle Goble found a unique way to share her memories with younger generations.



A harvest scene from Estelle's model village  
*(Photo courtesy of Estelle Goble)*

Estelle, or "Stella" as close friends call her, was born in Thorhild, Alberta and grew up in a household where only Ukrainian was spoken. She didn't learn English until she went to school. This never held her back and, in fact, Estelle learned skills that young girls usually did not pick up. She hung around her brothers who were carpenters and who tried to shoo her away. A great observer and experimenter, she learned anyway. As the youngest of 10, she had to be resourceful.

Estelle eventually moved to Langley, B.C. and as a grandmother at age 70 decided to do something novel to ensure the stories of her childhood would be more meaningful to her grandchildren, especially those like her "clever little grandson, Clark." She put her carpentry skills to work and started to build a miniature of the homestead of her childhood. Many pieces of wood, glue, clamps, nails, paint, stir sticks and chopsticks

later, it became not just a homestead but an entire countryside and village. She added miniature animals and figurines she found at flea markets and garage sales selecting those that fit as closely as possible to scale. Using old photos helped refresh her memory of the many details that make a project like this authentic.

At [www.babasmemories.com/news.html](http://www.babasmemories.com/news.html) in a photograph Peter Battiston took for the *Vancouver Sun* and on our cover photo, you can see the scale she used. You will agree these are not an insignificant size and undertaking a few buildings would be a major task. Estelle did not stop at a few.

Her collection grew to 22 buildings that she arranges on five acres near her property in the summer. Now in her 80s, she hosts busloads of schoolchildren, seniors and others to revisit the past in this unique way. To ensure the stories that accompany her miniature buildings are preserved, Estelle has written some of these down. At [www.babasmemories.com](http://www.babasmemories.com) we can read some of her stories and observe photographs of the buildings. There we can see the two grain elevators with the horse and wagon carrying the grain. Other photos show a schoolhouse, sod house, barn, blacksmith shop, teacherage and even two outhouses.



Detail in school from Estelle's model village  
*(Photo courtesy of Estelle Goble)*

The roofs of most buildings come off to reveal furniture and figures created in astonishing

detail. A newspaper reported that the outhouses include an Eaton's catalogue, the toilet paper of that era. There are people much younger than Stella who still remember this unpleasant part of the past. Although most children growing up now take their lifestyle for granted, Stella's village can open their eyes to bygone days.

What Stella celebrates is the resourceful lifestyle of the determined pioneer and the great community spirit of those who settled the Prairie Provinces. She rejoices in the closeness of families and the individual will, not just to survive, but to improve one's lifestyle.

With so many ways to preserve our past for the future, you must admit this woman hit upon an unusual method to pass her memories on to those who grew up in a much different era and to those still to grow up for as long as Estelle keeps her collection open to us.

Another story, "Estelle Goble recreates Prairie village in miniature" in *Surrey Now* magazine (Ellen Neal, August 12, 2008), is on the Web. The URL is very long, so search for it by the title or part of the title in quotation marks.



Three generations\* left to right: son Ron, grandson Clark, Estelle and son Marv  
(Photo courtesy & permission of Estelle Goble)

(\*There is a 4th generation: Estelle has twin two-year-old great grandchildren, a girl and a boy, who live in Texas.)

Visit her website at [www.babasmemories.com](http://www.babasmemories.com) and leave a message in her guestbook. Perhaps you will be able to visit her village in person on your next trip to the west coast. ###

## EDITOR'S EYE By Xenia Stanford

You will notice I am in a smaller spot and on a different page. The reason is so many wonderful submissions for our theme of "Present Your Family History." Yet we barely scratch the surface of some areas, such as scrapbooking. Bev Rees covers one aspect in her "Coffee-Table Books" article, but there are so many different ways to scrapbook, whether digitally or in albums. There are even combinations of programs where you insert the photo files and it produces a physical album when you are done.

Brian Hutchison's article on formal genealogical standards for documenting and sharing family history is a must-keep reference. He has four detailed examples to help you choose the one most appropriate for your project. As a contrast to the formal reporting method, there are books that are mostly narrative, such as Shirley Walker's. I chose hers as one of the most successful in sharing her family story in social and historical context so that it is relevant beyond just her relatives. I hope you also enjoy the other creative means. I chose ones to inspire you to do whatever it takes to share and preserve your family history for the future.

This meant sacrificing "Ask the Expert" and "The Hazards of Recording Headstones and Markers: A Photo Gallery," which I promised last time. There were many other submissions on hold, but I could not exclude Linda Murray's comprehensive coverage of Library acquisitions, donations and review of articles of note, from the journals the AFHS Library receives, to let you know the resources available.

**CALL FOR ARTICLES:** You have responded so well to the topics for our issues that we now list the theme on page 2 in the publication schedule. July's theme is **CANADIAN IMMIGRATION**. I can hardly wait for your submissions! Remember though, immigration means comes to (I for into) and emigration means leaves from (E for exit). Migration is to move either way. Submit your stories, strategies or recommended resources by May 1. ###

## USING LEGACY TO CREATE GENEALOGY BOOKMARKS, NAME TAGS AND CALENDARS

By Marion Peterson



Figure 1: Horizontal Bookmark

I use the Legacy 7 computer program for genealogy and receive a monthly e-newsletter called *Legacy News*. The November 2008 issue included step-by-step instructions for creating genealogy bookmarks using Legacy Charting. By following their instructions, I easily created a three-generation bookmark with “mug shots” and first names of my parents and their descendants. I placed a photograph of our farmhouse in the background (see Figure 1). On the reverse side, I included the birth date of each person and the age he or she will be in 2009, as well as anniversary dates and number of years of marriage for each couple. I printed it on glossy photo paper, cut out the front and back with a straight cutter and glued the pieces together with scrapbooking adhesive.

I was pleased with how it turned out and made one for each of my parents and siblings as a Christmas gift. Before I mailed them away, I had a thought. Would it be possible, I wondered, to make a bookmark that showed ancestors? By playing with the Legacy Charting program, I found that a vertical orientation worked best. I could fit five generations before the chart became too wide for a bookmark. The font is

small, but I was able to include full names under the headshots. I would have liked to have capitalized the surnames, but this made some names too wide for the boxes. I put a graphic of a tree in the background (Figure 2, p. 16). For the back, I used Word to create a text box the same size and listed the birthday, date of death and marriage date of each ancestor. It was time consuming, but I made a personalized ancestor bookmark for each of my parents and siblings.

Instructions for the three-generation bookmark can be found at [http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy\\_news/2008/11/index.html](http://legacynews.typepad.com/legacy_news/2008/11/index.html) (the fourth article). If you do not have Legacy Charting, check to see if the charting program associated with your genealogy program allows you to save a tree as an image so that it can then be transferred into a word processing document. If so, it should be possible to create your own bookmarks in a similar way.

You can also create name tags with Legacy 7. I plan to make these for a family reunion this summer. Along with a person’s name, you can include a photograph or logo, address and a three-generation ancestor tree (Figure 3, p.16).

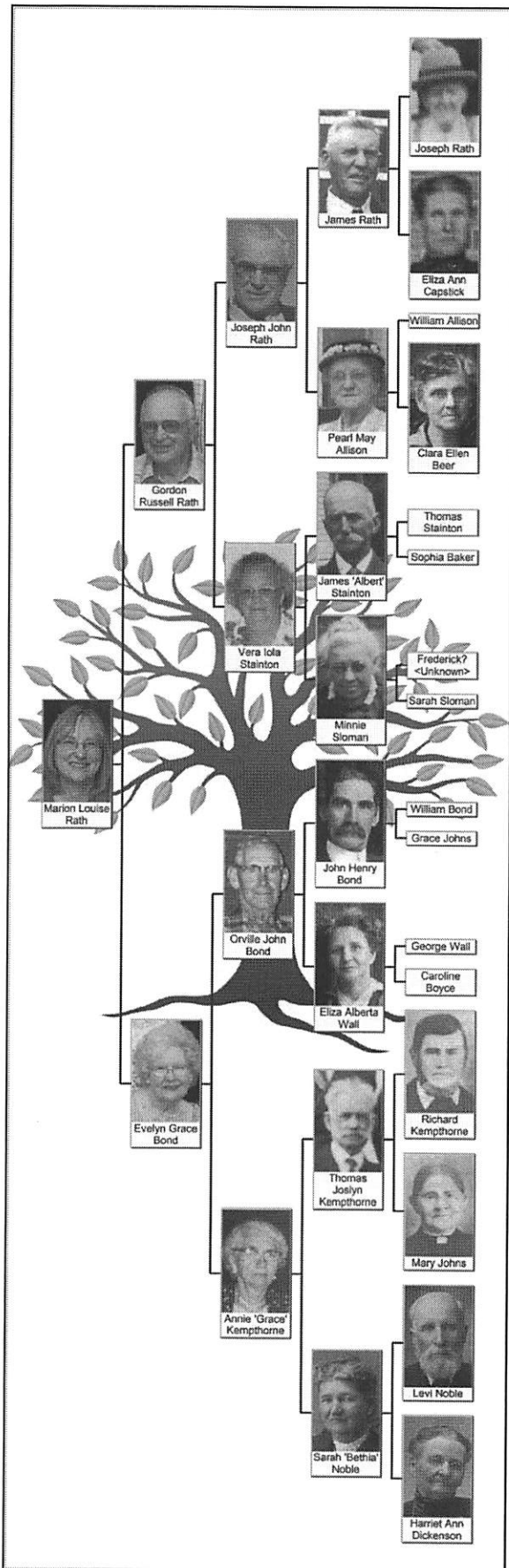


Figure 2: Vertical Bookmark



## Rath Reunion 2009

### Marion Louise (RATH) PETERSON


GGG-Granddaughter Of James and Jemima Joseph John RATH

Gordon Russell RATH  
Vera Iola STAINTON

Marion Louise RATH  
Orville John BOND  
Evelyn Grace BOND  
Anna 'Grace' KEMPTHORNE

Figure 3: Name Tag

My success with these projects inspired me to make a family calendar using Legacy 7. I began by tagging the individuals whose birthdays and anniversaries I wished to include. (It is possible to include the birthdays of dead individuals if you so choose.) For each individual, his or her full name and year of birth is followed by the age he or she will be in 2009. For the monthly pictures, I decided to use photographs of my children through the years. The hardest part was choosing which pictures to use!



Posing for the Camera in 1988

**April 2009**  
Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Figure 4: Calendar

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## I DON'T WANT TO READ A HISTORY BOOK: I WANT TO READ A STORY!

By Shirley Walker

Out of the blue, in 1989, I received in the mail from a cousin a brief history of my mother's family. The cousin's mother, my Aunt Faye, was feeling sentimental after her husband died, so had shared some memories. Also Aunt Faye passed on some stories that her mother had told her about their family in Norway and their years in Kentucky. My aunt was the only person living of her generation who knew the family stories. My mother had had a stroke and couldn't talk, so she was no help.

Fascinated with these stories, my cousin wrote a brief family history and sent it out to other family members. Intrigued, these stories inspired me to start work on a family history.

I made numerous quick trips from the Fraser Valley to visit Aunt Faye in Calgary over a period of several years. I taped many interviews with her. She enjoyed sharing her memories of long ago that included old friends, neighbours and friendships from the family church. Luckily, I was able to find some of these people who had known my family many years ago. They remembered the family well and added much detail to the stories.

After many interviews, I listened to my tapes and made notes. Then I constructed a narrative of their stories. I mailed a copy to my aunt and to several others. They seemed to enjoy reading their story, made comments and verified the data for me. I read many local histories and general histories. I searched for information at the Glenbow Museum, the Provincial Archives and local museums in Alberta. These activities prepared me for the later writing of my story.

But the story was much bigger than the Alberta story. On a trip to Norway I found the old family homes and relatives. These relatives later provided me with copies of photographs and many letters that my grandparents had written home to Norway from New York, Kentucky and Alberta. Also, my mother had saved a little bundle of letters from the late thirties and the Second World War, many of which were written

by my uncle while in the RCAF. These letters gave details pertaining to their work, social, economic and even political lives.

The accumulation of data took on its own shape in the form of a story with five parts:

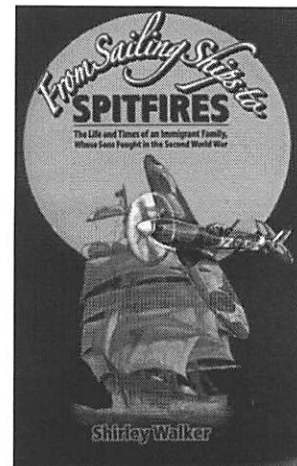
- Norway and The Sailing-Ship Era
- The United States Era
- The Homesteading Era
- The Depression Years
- The Second World War

These eras covered the lifespan of my grandparents. I had always loved historical biographies, so that is what I wanted to write.

Then, while on a bus tour in Norway, I overheard a comment of one fellow traveller:

I would love to know more about this history, but I don't want to read a history book. I want to read a story.

I knew then that she had described the story I wanted to write. The result was my book: *From Sailing Ships to Spitfires: The Life and Times of an Immigrant Family, Whose Sons Fought in the Second World War* (Ottawa: ON, Borealis Press Ltd., 2006).



*Editor's note: Above is the cover of Shirley's book. I was intrigued when I read excerpts from the book at her website [www.sailingshipsandspitfires.com](http://www.sailingshipsandspitfires.com) and invited her to tell us how she came to write it in this style. ###*

## ATTRACTIVE, INVITING FAMILY HISTORY COFFEE-TABLE BOOKS

By Beverley A. Rees

In the pictures and documents in our homes lie the stories of our heritage. If we fail to preserve them our story will end with us, for those who come after us will not remember.

The traditional wisdom is that we structure our family history only around the data. This is wrong. We should structure it around the stories and the lives of our ancestors including the data because, after all, the point of a family history is not the dull recital of facts. It is the insight into the family and ultimately into ourselves.

People are naturally drawn to *coffee-table books*. They are more apt to pick them up and leaf through them looking at the pictures and subsequently reading the stories time and time again. Typically these books are not stuffed into a book case, put away in a filing cabinet or hidden in a box in the basement.



The author assists Cam Peat in creating his first "Coffee-Table Book"

(Photo courtesy & permission of Beverley A. Rees)

They are in our living rooms and family rooms. They are available to us in our idle moments. Because they are available to us 24 hours every day, seven days each week and 365 days a year we are going to pick them up. We will learn, think, ponder and ultimately come to know our family.

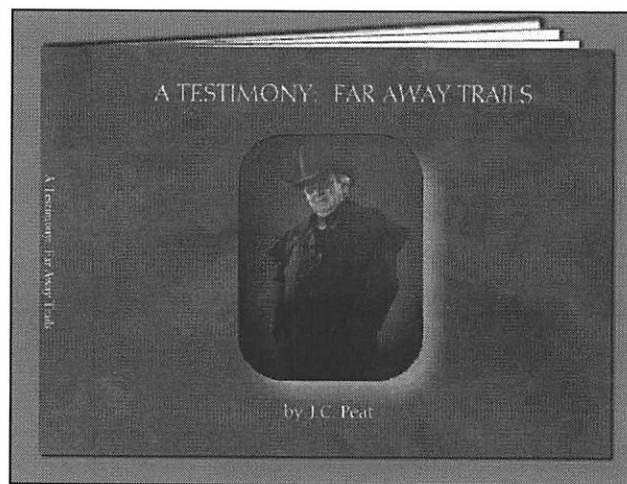
Pictures by their nature invite examination. A quick glance is enough to suggest the story. Closer examination can fill in the details. There will always be unanswered questions in any

picture but the fact that all the answers aren't immediately apparent draws us in. It is an invitation to that world at that moment.

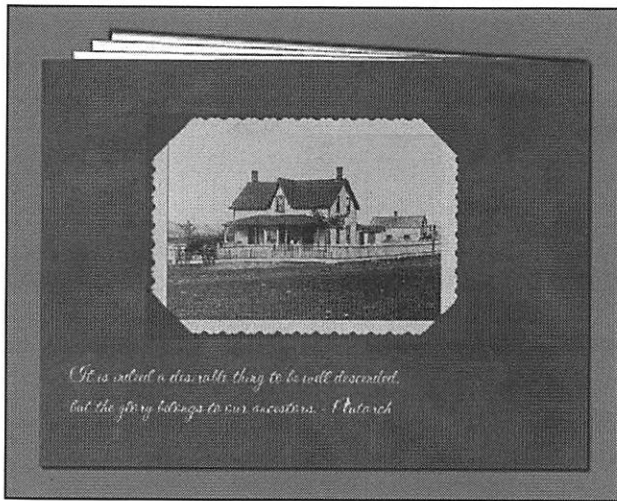
By combining stories with pictures we fill in some of the blanks and suggest new insights into the members of our family. Instead of them just being names, dates, places and relationships they take on something of a three-dimensional quality. We understand their hurts, their successes and triumphs. We feel some of their pain, and know something of their thrill of victory that comes in almost all lives.

J. C. (Cam) Peat's maternal grandparents, Jane Hill Gibb Stafford and William Stafford Sr., were among the first pioneer settlers in the Lethbridge region circa 1883. His stories begin here! He has tried to write the stories and history as seen through the eyes of his grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents and siblings. His personal memories from childhood through adulthood are stated in story form as well. *A Testimony: Far Away Trails* is the first of several volumes currently under way.

I must say that I have found great pleasure in following the trails of my family and enjoyed the research involved. I'm sorry that pioneer records are lost in time...  
(J. C. Peat on the last page of his book).



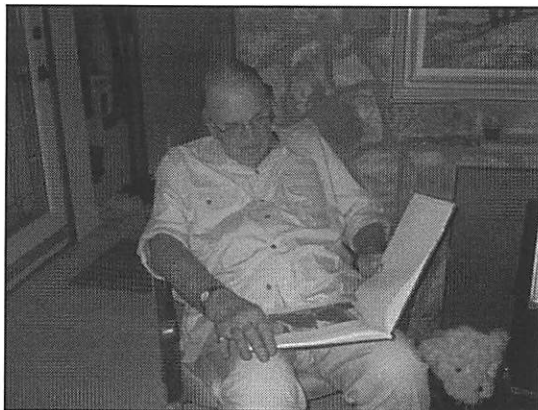
The front of J. C. Peat's "Coffee-Table Book"  
(Photo courtesy & permission of Beverley A. Rees)



The back of J. C. Peat's "Coffee-Table Book"  
*(Photo courtesy & permission of Beverley A. Rees)*

The quotation at the back of his book reads:

It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors (Plutarch).



J. C. Peat enjoying his "Coffee-Table Book"  
*(Photo courtesy & permission of Beverley A. Rees)*

Beverley A. Rees is a Heritage Makers Personal Publishing Consultant. See [www.heritagemakers.com/171313](http://www.heritagemakers.com/171313) ###

### More Ways to Present Family History

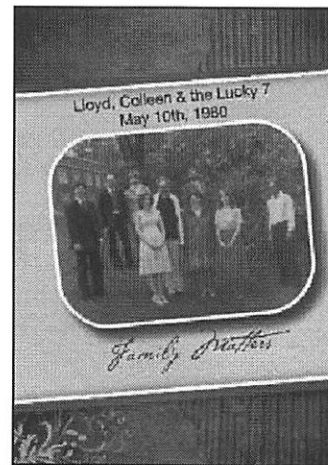
Jigsaw puzzles, ornaments on real or fake trees, maps and quilts are also ways to excite and keep family members interested in genealogy. Walls of fame or halls of shame, how do you present your family history? Even if you missed submitting for this issue, please let us know: [editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca)

## A HOUSE OF CARDS

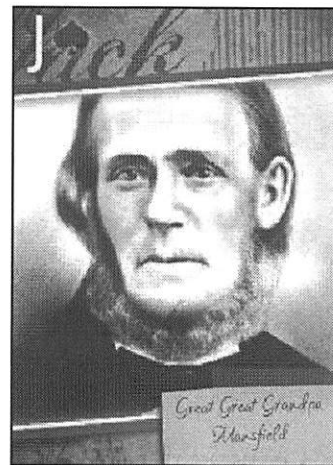
By Beverley A. Rees

Enjoy a good old fashioned card game, while getting to know more about your ancestors.

This past Christmas, my husband Ken and I wanted to give a gift of heritage to family members that would be unique. Several ideas crossed our minds. Finally we chose to create a deck of playing cards using special software and a template design from Heritage Makers.



Lucky 9 Are We!

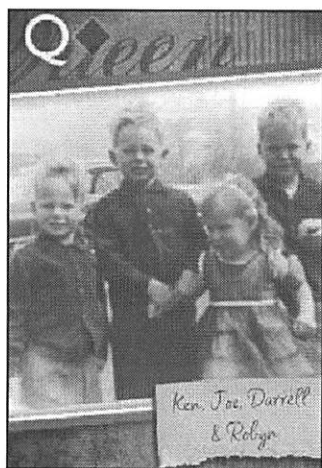


A Jack Plain Can Be!

We customized the front side of the cards with a variety of family photos for a Pinochle deck. You can do the same thing for Poker, Old Maid, Uno, Go Fish or any card game you can imagine. Your personalized deck of cards will keep your family and friends entertained for hours.



An Ace Is the Key!



A Queen You Do See!

All above photos are courtesy & permission of Beverley A. Rees ([www.familyhistree.com](http://www.familyhistree.com)) Captions by Xenia Stanford, just for fun! ###

## COMPUTER TRICKS FOR THE GENEALOGIST

By Jim Benedict

We all have favourite websites that we return to again and again (and we hope the AFHS website is one of yours). Right now you probably have a long pull-down list in your Favorites folder. Here is a quick shortcut for those sites you want to jump to immediately. Just add a shortcut icon right on your Windows Desktop, ready to click as soon as Windows welcomes you. I have only tested this on Internet Explorer, but it should apply to Firefox and other browsers. Test it out

and see if it works for the browser you use. Go to your preferred website. On the address bar at the left edge there will be a tiny image, either a lower-case “e” icon or perhaps a company or product icon. To set up the shortcut, you need to see some of the Desktop, so don’t have your browser window maximized. Place your mouse pointer on the icon, left-click and drag the icon to the Desktop. After releasing the mouse, you should see a new shortcut appear. Right-click and choose Rename to change the shortcut name. You can delete these at any time from the Desktop without losing them from your Favorites folder.

### Genealogy Website of the Month

A great source for obituary research in Canadian newspapers, especially Calgary is the RootsWeb site at [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com), click on the Web Sites link, choose the Canada link under Regional Resources and Websites and under National Websites click on The Resents: Parts of Alberta and British Columbia Obituary Adds. (Yes, the link has two typos in its title. “Recents” and “Aids” are both spelled incorrectly.) There you will find obits for Edmonton, Calgary and some parts of British Columbia.

It includes more than just obituaries. Other newspaper articles have been indexed as well. For example, I found out that my granddad was involved in dancing classes in Calgary in 1903. Now I know why grandma decided he was a good catch!

A quicker shortcut is [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abwcobit](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abwcobit) My thanks goes to Charlie Hansen for showing this at the November computer meeting.

### Q & A

Q: My mouse’s pointer doesn’t seem to move in a straight line.

A: It probably means your mouse needs cleaning and there is a difference in servicing optical mice and the traditional ball mouse.

**Optical Mouse:** If you are using an optical mouse, check the light hole underneath it for any

debris, such as hair, that can impede pointer tracking. If you are still having problems, try reinstalling the mouse's drivers and the software included with the mouse. While you are checking the light hole, clean off the small glide pads on the bottom; these can gunk up quickly on a typical desk.

**Ball Sensor Mouse:** If you have a mouse with a ball sensor, it can also get dirty and need simple servicing. To do that, turn the mouse over and unscrew the plastic ring that locks in the mouse. It should be a simple quarter turn to the left to undo it. The ball should just fall out. Clean the ball off with a simple rag or tissue. Now look inside the mouse. There will be four small rollers inside which press against the ball and roll with it. Gunk can also accumulate on the tiny rollers, interfering with their ability to sense the motion of the ball. Again, just clean off the rollers with a rag or your thumbnail. The rollers are plastic so don't use a knife as that might nick the surface. To reassemble, just reverse the procedure. Also check the small glide pads on the bottom of the mouse for dirt buildup. Don't use any solvents, cleaner or soap on any parts.

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## SURNAME CONNECTIONS

*Editor's Note: Stuck in your search for a person, couple or family? Share your dead-end and maybe find a connection to those who can help. Members are allowed two free surname questions per publication year (by volume #). Additional surname questions and non-member requests cost \$5.00 per surname. Submit the surnames you are looking for and give additional information, such as place and date range. Email to [surnames-chinook@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:surnames-chinook@afhs.ab.ca)*

### **KERR, HENDERSON, Quebec and Ireland**

I'm researching a James KERR, born about 1804 in Ireland, who married Jane S. HENDERSON, born about 1810. They immigrated to Canada sometime between 1841 and 1847. Children born in Ireland were James, Catherine, Jemima and William. Sarah, their youngest child, was born in

Quebec. Their religion was Methodist in Canada. I have the names of the children's spouses and I have researched quite a bit in Quebec, but we can't get this family out of Canada and back to a specific place in Ireland.

See websites [www.luxegen.net/kerrFT.htm](http://www.luxegen.net/kerrFT.htm) and [www.luxegen.ca](http://www.luxegen.ca) for more family details. If you have any information, please email Joan Miller at [luxegen@gmail.com](mailto:luxegen@gmail.com) or call her at 403-289-8204.

### **PICKERSGILL, Yorkshire, England**

I'm looking for details relating to the death of my grandfather, Ben PICKERSGILL (his name was Benjamin PICKERSGILL on his Marriage Certificate), born on November 13, 1875 in Seacroft (Winfield), Yorkshire, England. His father was William PICKERSGILL and his mother was Elizabeth RAWLING/ROWLING. Ben married Annie BOLAND, born about 1883, on February 9, 1907 in Church of St. Francis of Assisi (Catholic) at Holbeck, Leeds, Yorkshire, England. Her religion at birth was Catholic, but his original religion is unconfirmed. The mother of the bride was Agnes KAYE, born July 9 1856/1857, England. The father of the bride was John BOLAND, born January 16, 1851, also in England.

If you have any information on this family, please email Margaret Waddock at [maggie@platinum.ca](mailto:maggie@platinum.ca) or call 403-931-2478.

### **RATH, HALL, Ireland and Ontario**

I am looking for information about the family of James RATH born about 1808 in Ireland and died about December 1855 in North Dorchester Township, Middlesex County, Ontario. He married Jemima HALL in Ireland about 1825. Jemima was born about 1802 in Ireland and died October 12, 1893 in Dorchester, Middlesex County. They had twelve children: James, Sarah, Ann, William, Thomas, Elizabeth H., Jemima, John, Matthew, Henry, Sam and Joseph. They emigrated from County Wexford about 1840 with their eight oldest children. Their descendants are known to have lived in Middlesex, Huron and Leeds Counties in

Ontario. Some associated surnames are ROWSOM, STONEHOUSE, MCMILLEN and CAPSTICK. James RATH Sr. is my triple great grandfather. In my extensive search of Canadian records, I have investigated censuses, surrogate court records and land records for Middlesex and Huron Counties. To date, I have been unsuccessful in determining his parents or where in Ireland he was born.

I wish to correspond with others researching this RATH line. Please email marion.peterson@yahoo.com or write to Marion Peterson, 487 Canterbury Dr S.W., Calgary AB T2W 1J4. ###

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
By Lorna Laughton

**DID YOU KNOW** that AFHS has been producing unique resource materials for 29 years to help genealogists? We have always had projects! The actual projects, leaders, participants, type of finished product, style, contents and intended audience have changed through the years.

Just like most family history societies, our main goal is to educate and assist genealogists, no matter where they live and no matter where they are researching their families. AFHS also educates and supports members and the public by providing speakers for our meetings, arranging conferences and providing a resourceful website. We also collect library materials, maintain the collection and staff a genealogy library, as well as maintain the facility. We talk to other groups, provide excellent publications, including our two periodicals, *The Breeze* and *Chinook*. Just like most family history societies, we have chosen to conduct specific projects that refer to family history resources in our area.

Here are some interesting facts about our projects:

- In September 1980, just after our formation as a society, we published marriage and death announcements from the *Calgary Herald* newspapers of 1890 in Volume 1,

Number 1 of our publication *Quarterly* (now *Chinook*).

- Only three years later, AFHS was selling copies of transcriptions that the Projects Committee recorded of gravestones in Strathmore, Rosebud, Cochrane, Blackie, Pine Creek and Hanneyville cemeteries.
- By 1984, AFHS had produced three bibliographic guides (one each on England, Scotland and Germany) of genealogical resources found in Calgary libraries.

The Projects Committee continues to focus its work on Calgary and area cemeteries, newspaper notices, census transcriptions and databases of information created from resources in local repositories.

The late Janet Morgan deserves special mention as a Projects leader who initiated, coordinated and worked on many cemetery transcription projects. Judith Rempel also contributed greatly to online research projects, particularly the 1906 Census transcription. Since then, AFHS has had the wonderful leadership and dedication of Judie Riddell who picked up the work when Janet Morgan passed away. Judie was fortunate to have the able assistance of Marlene Knott and Lynda Alderman. As well, the “two Heathers” Heather Jaremko and Heather Williams, along with other AFHS volunteers, have contributed to ongoing projects, particularly the recording, photographing and transcribing of various cemeteries in Calgary. The resulting collection, in CD format, has been sold to researchers all over the world.

AFHS, through the Projects Committee’s work, has added much needed accessibility to local history and genealogy records, for the benefit of every genealogist and family historian. ###

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 " **Preservation Tips from** "  
 " **The Library of Congress** "  
 " The Library of Congress gives tips on storing "  
 " books, photos, newspapers and works of art, e.g. "  
 " books should not be stored on unsealed wood due to "  
 " damaging acidic vapours, see "  
 " [www.loc.gov/preserv/presfaq.html](http://www.loc.gov/preserv/presfaq.html) "  
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## AFHS LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS & DONATIONS

By Linda Murray

### ACQUISITIONS

<i>1861 Census Index &amp; Gazetteer of Hastings County, Ontario</i> , Linda Corupe, 2005.
<i>A Provisional List of City of London Poor Law Records. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i> , Cliff Webb, 1992.
<i>A Sharing of Diversities: Proceedings of the Jewish Mennonite Ukrainian Conference "Building Bridges,"</i> Fred Stambrook, 1999.
<i>An Introduction to Occupations: A Preliminary List. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i> , Joyce Culling, 2003.
<i>An Unstoppable Force: The Scottish Exodus to Canada</i> , Lucille H. Campey, 2008.
<i>And Your Petitioner Will Ever Pray, The Papers of the First Land Board of the Mecklenburg / Midland District 1789-1794. (Ontario, Canada)</i> , Linda Corupe, 2006.
<i>Canadian Studies on Hungarians 1886-1986: An Annotated Bibliography of Primary and Secondary Sources</i> , John Miska, 1987.
<i>Cassell's Gazetteer of Great Britain and Ireland, 1899 (CD)</i> , Quintin Publications, 1998.
<i>Discover Your Metis Ancestry, A Beginner's Guide</i> , John Roberts, 2008.
<i>DNA &amp; Genealogy</i> , Colleen Fitzpatrick & Andrew Yeiser, 2005.
<i>DNA for Family Historians</i> , Alan Savin, 2003.
<i>DNA Marriage Laws, Rites, Records &amp; Customs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i> , Colin R. Chapman, 2008.
<i>Forensic Genealogy</i> , Colleen Fitzpatrick, 2005.
<i>Genealogy in Ontario; Searching the Records, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition</i> , Brenda Dougall Merriman, 2008.
<i>Germanic Genealogy</i> , Edward R. Brant, 2007.
<i>Give Your Other Vote to the Sister</i> , Debbie Marshall, 2007.
<i>Heritage Atlas of Hastings County</i> , Orland French, Editor, 2006.
<i>Leaving Ontario, Resources for Tracking Ontario Migrants</i> , Fawne Stratford-Devai, 2008.
<i>My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman</i> Christopher T. Watts & Michael J. Watts, 2007.
<i>My Ancestors Were Manorial Tenants</i> Peter B. Park, 2002.
<i>Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2007 Syllabus</i> , OGS, 2007.
<i>Pioneering with a Piece of Chalk</i> , Bill Baergen, 2005.

<i>Slater's Directory of Ireland 1846: Connaught, Munster, &amp; Ulster</i> (set of seven microfiche).
<i>The Dead Horse Investigation, Forensic Photo Analysis for Everyone</i> , Colleen Fitzpatrick, 2008.
<i>The Gazetteer of Scotland 1882 (CD)</i> , Rev. John Wilson, 2000.
<i>Tracing Births, Deaths and Marriages at Sea</i> Christopher T. Watts & Michael J. Watts, 2004.
<i>Tracing Your Family History in Australia: A Guide to Source, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i> , Nick Vine Hall, 1994.
<i>Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i> , John Grenham, 1999.
<i>Tracing Your Nineteenth Century Family History</i> , Stuart A. Raymond, 2005.
<i>Tudor Taxation Records: A Guide for Users</i> , Richard Hoyle, 1994.
<i>Ukrainian Genealogy</i> , John D. Pihach, 2007
<i>Upper Canada Justices of the Peace and Association 1788-1841</i> , Frederick H. Armstrong, 2007.
<i>Weights and Measures for the Scottish Family Historian</i> , D. Richard Torrance, 1996.
<i>Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register Master Index</i> (set of 26 fiche), Ontario Genealogical Society Publication.

### DONATIONS

Donor, Title, Author, Publication Date

<b>AFHS, Celtic Special Interest Group</b> <i>Scottish Customs from the Cradle to the Grave</i> , Margaret Bennett, 2004.
<b>AFHS, English Special Interest Group</b> <i>Yorkshire Probate</i> , Book & CD, Colin Blanshard Withers, 2006. (See Review page 25.)
<b>AFHS, Quebec Special Interest Group</b> <i>Quebec Land Grants Indexed by Surname (CD)</i> , Quebec Family History Society.
<b>Boyer, Velma</b> <i>Cambridge Historical Encyclopedia of Great Britain &amp; Ireland</i> , Christopher Haig, 1985. <i>Saga of a Prairie Community, Inchkeith Area</i> , Inchkeith Woman's Institute, 1976.
<b>Burton, Shirley</b> <i>Pioneers &amp; Progress</i> , published by Alix-Clive Historical Club of Alberta, 1974.

<b>Calverly, Fred</b> "Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society" journals.
<b>Carson, Nancy</b> <i>The Anglo-Protestants of Megantic County 1826-1991</i> , Paul Vachon, 1992.
<b>Clarke, Kay</b> <i>Genealogical Resources for British Columbians</i> , BC Vital Statistics Agency.
<b>Denning, Florence</b> <i>Deaths in Elgin County, 1869-1879; ... 1880-1890 and ... 1891-1900</i> , Elgin County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society (3 books).
<b>Guymer, Aileen</b> <i>Huron County, Ontario Cemetery Transcriptions</i> .
<b>Jensen, Ann</b> <i>Earl of Selkirk's Settlement Upon the Red River 1817</i> , John Murray.
<b>Proudfoot, Betty</b> <i>Farm Lanes of Bentinck</i> , Bentinck Historical Society, 2000.
<b>Steward, Freda</b> <i>Villages of Glasgow, North of the Clyde; Villages of Glasgow, South of the Clyde</i> , Aileen Smart (2 books).
<b>Sutherland, Ruth</b> <i>The Canadian Family Tree: Canada's Peoples</i> , Multiculturalism Directorate, Department of Secretary of State, 1979.
<b>Tanner, Frances</b> <i>Index to Directories &amp; Census 1837-1891 and 1901 Census for Whitchurch &amp; Stouffville</i> , York County, Ontario, AMB Genealogical Services Southwold Township (Elgin County). <i>Assessment 1839</i> , Elgin County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society
<b>Taylor, Jack &amp; Jean</b> <i>The Waves are Free</i> , James W. Irving.
<b>Truber, John</b> <i>David Thompson School, 1982-1983</i> . <i>Getting It Together</i> , James Fowler Sr. High, 1983. <i>In the Spirit of Good Medicine 1920-1990</i> , High River Hospital & Nursing Home, 1990. <i>Tally Stick</i> , The University of Calgary, 1967. <i>University of Alberta, 1908-1983</i> , J.M. Parker, 1983. <i>White Caps &amp; Red Roses: History of the Galt School of Nursing, Lethbridge, Alberta 1910-1979</i> , Leah Poelman, 1979.

<i>With Each New Day</i> , Claresholm Care History Book Group, 1983.
<b>Waldroff, Myrna</b> <i>Index of Marriage &amp; Death Notices from Manitoba Newspapers 1859-1881</i> , Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Recreation, 1986.
<b>Whiteside, Iola</b> <i>Voters List of City of Calgary 1950</i> .
<b>Williams, Gordon</b> "Sussex Family Historian" journals
<b>Wilson, Elenora</b> <i>Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929; Family Chronicle</i> Publication, 2004.

I apologize if I have missed anyone who has donated to our library in the past year. We are grateful to our members and also non-members who donate so many quality items for our shelves. Please come and visit us at 712 - 16 Avenue N.W. in Calgary. See the calendar on the AFHS website to check the library's open hours.

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## WHAT'S OUT THERE

By Linda Murray

### "English taxation records"

This comprehensive review of early tax records and where to find them is by Alan Fincher. It can be found on pages 5-10 of *Ancestor: Quarterly Journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc.*, Vol. 29, No. 4, December 2008. Some of the taxes covered include lay subsidies, poll taxes, hearth taxes, land taxes, marriage taxes and death duties.

### "Finding your forebears in Dundee & Angus"

Alan Stewart lists many resources available online, in archives and in other repositories to track down your ancestors who lived in this area of Scotland. You can read this informative article on pages 30-33 of *Practical Family History*, November 2008, Issue 132. Stewart lists the main family surnames found in Angus in the early-17<sup>th</sup> century as: Carnegie, Gardyne, Graham, Gray, Guthrie, Leighton, Lindsay, Lyon, Ogilvie, Scrimgeour and Wood. Are any of these names found in your family tree? Or



were your ancestors shipbuilders? See an extensive list of websites on shipbuilding compiled by Faith Black in "Web focus on shipbuilding" on pages 62-63 of this same issue.

**"Five years (1864-1869) of the voyages of the Beagle, a vessel of Newman, Hunt & Company"**

This article by Jill Marshall lists crew members who sailed on the Beagle from Dartmouth, Plymouth and London. Information about the individuals includes when they joined the crew, when their wages were paid or when they were discharged. In some cases, it gives the date and cause of their deaths. If your ancestor was an early settler of Newfoundland or Labrador, perhaps he sailed on the Beagle. See pages 156-162 in *The Newfoundland Ancestor*, Vol. 24, No. 4, 2008.

**"From England by sea: What do UK Ship Passenger Lists reveal?"**

Marilyn M. Astle relates how she found her Galbraith, Kerr and Carr ancestors on passenger lists using findmypast.com and other sources. Read her informative article on pages 148-149 of *Relatively Speaking, The Quarterly Journal of the Alberta Genealogical Society*, Vol. 36, No. 4, November 2008.

**Homecoming Scotland 2009**

Timed to coincide with the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, 2009 is a year-long celebration of Scottish heritage and culture. One of the many family history conferences being held is "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor...Routes to your Scottish Roots" from June 19-21 in the Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, Scotland. For details on this conference and others in this area see the newsletter of the *Central Scotland Family History Society*, Autumn (September) 2008, Issue 37.

**New Zealand ancestors, anyone?**

Did any of your ancestors live in New Zealand? Check out the "Index to Member's Interests" in *The New Zealand Genealogist*, Vol. 39, No. 310, March/April 2008 in the center of the issue between pages 108 and 109. There are further lists of surnames being researched on pages 113-119. Some of the surnames include Ainsworth,

Blow, Boisen, Burchbow, Butters, Chandler, Drabble, Flower, Greenaway, Kenward, Laming, Lippingwell, Patira, Priestly, Raybould, Richerby, Ronksley, Streeter and Whitelaw.

**"Pembroke's long, lost, forgotten cemetery"**

This interesting story by Bernie Buechman gives the history of St. Columbkille Roman Catholic Pioneer Cemetery which was a Catholic / Aboriginal cemetery established about 1847. It was one of the first cemeteries in the township of Pembroke in Renfrew County, Ontario. The article can be found on pages 158-160 of *The British Columbia Genealogist*, Vol. 37, No. 4, December 2008.

**"Which website should I pay a subscription to?"**

Mary Evans looks at four subscription databases with regards to their content, access and cost. The four sites are: Ancestry.co.uk, FamilyRelatives.com, findmypast.com and TheGenealogist.co.uk. These databases focus on records for England and Wales with some material included for Scotland and Ireland. You can find her review of these four websites on pages 50-56 of *Family Tree Magazine*, Vol. 25, No. 3, Christmas 2008. ###

**AFHS LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW**  
By Ann Williams

*Yorkshire Probate* by Colin Blanshard Withers (Bainton, East Yorkshire, UK: Yorkshire Wolds Publications, 2006) has recently been donated to the library by the English/Welsh SIG. The probate court system in Yorkshire, England (pre-1858) was the most complex in the country and this book is an aid to finding and understanding Yorkshire probate.

But, this book is not just for those pursuing their families in Yorkshire. It is a valuable and comprehensive resource for everyone interested in England and Wales for it is chock full of information on the history of those countries. In particular, this book touched will-making and the other areas of life under the jurisdiction of the established church. (Continued on page 28)

## PERIODICALS PAGE THE BREEZE & CHINOOK

The Periodicals Committee looks after *Chinook* and *The Breeze*, which are part of the benefits of your membership. To find us on the AFHS website ([www.afhs.ab.ca](http://www.afhs.ab.ca)), click on Periodicals from the menu at the side. You will see *Breeze* and *Chinook*. Click on the one you want.

For those who don't have access to a computer, here are brief instructions:

### **CHINOOK**

**To Submit an Article to *Chinook* and for Deadlines** see page 2 of each *Chinook*.

**To Place a Surname Connection in *Chinook*** see page 22 of this issue. ("Queries" go to the team that answers specific research inquiries for a small fee.)

**To Advertise in *Chinook*** send an email to [ads-chinook@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:ads-chinook@afhs.ab.ca) or mail:

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**To See *Chinook* Tables of Contents (TOC)** visit the website or keep your copies!

### **THE BREEZE**

**To Submit Items for *The Breeze***, which is handed out at the monthly meetings and placed on the website, email [breeze@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:breeze@afhs.ab.ca) no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting. ###

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER**

Greetings! 2009 is well underway. I hope you are having success in your genealogical searches. The goals of our journal, *Chinook*, are to

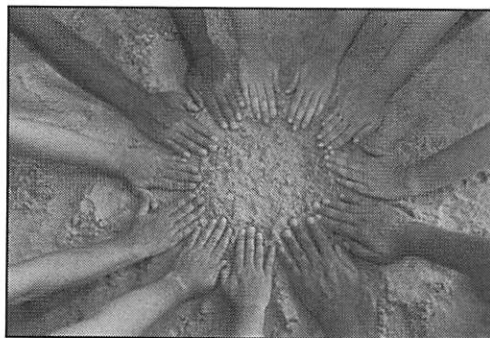
promote the study of genealogy and to encourage accurate family research. Some articles address general issues, like the ones about DNA that appeared in the January issue. Shorter items inform you of the latest AFHS library acquisitions and upcoming genealogy conferences. Members can submit specific questions to "Ask the Expert." Anyone who knows the answers is the Expert, so feel free to email the editor to give your answers to any of the questions.

Do you have topics you would like to see in *Chinook* or suggestions to make? Email the editor. For general comments, The Periodicals Committee would enjoy hearing from you!

At the end of May, I will be stepping down as chair of the Periodicals Committee. Working alongside the wonderful members of the committee for the past three years has been exciting and rewarding. I appreciate their efforts and help. Vickie Newington, who became an AFHS member in 2008, is co-chair this year and will become chair in May. I leave knowing *The Breeze* and *Chinook* are in competent hands.

Rosemary Kry,  
Chair, Periodicals Committee

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(Clipart: Microsoft Office)

*Editor's Note: Rosemary, I started alone, but you brought together a wonderful Periodicals Team and many hands make light work. Thank you and may your journeys be amazing adventures. You have made your mark on us.*

*Welcome to Vickie as Chair of our committee. Your way has been partially paved!* ###

## EVENTS

By Laura Kirbyson

**April 18-19, 2009**

**Alberta Genealogical Society Conference**

Edmonton, Alberta

Emphasis on organization as well as topics on showing sources in Legacy, the new Métis database, putting your genealogy online, what to do for your reunion (by our own Heather Jaremko), and Ontario lands and wills.

[www.abgensoc.ca/events.html](http://www.abgensoc.ca/events.html)

**April 24-26, 2009**

**Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Conference**

Regina, Saskatchewan

Presenters Ian Wilson (Library and Archives Canada), Dick Eastman (Virtual from U.S.), Louise St. Denis (National Genealogical Institute), Dr. Bill Jones (virtually from Cardiff, Wales), Gary Dickson (Saskatchewan Privacy Commissioner), Geoff Rasmussen, Dave Obee, Laura M. Hanowski, Dr. Ann Grahame and more

[www.saskgenealogy.com/events/Conference\\_2009.pdf](http://www.saskgenealogy.com/events/Conference_2009.pdf)

**May 13-16, 2009**

**NGS Family History Conference**

Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.

Four days of lectures from well-respected genealogists and historians, research opportunities, historical tours and much more at the annual conference of the National Genealogical Society.

[www.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2009](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/Conferences/2009)

**May 29-31, 2009**

**Ontario Genealogical Society: "From the Printed Page to the Digital Age"**

Oakville, Ontario

Includes 10 workshops & the Houston Memorial Lecture on Friday, a plenary session, 20 lectures on Saturday and 15 lectures on Sunday

[www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.html](http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.html)

**June 14-21, 2009**

**American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR)**

40th Annual International Convention

Medicine Hat, Alberta

[www.ahsgr.org](http://www.ahsgr.org)

**July 24-25, 2009**

**Annual Seminar of**

**The Federation of East European Family**

**History Societies (FEEFHS) and**

**The Society for German Genealogy of Eastern Europe**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

<http://feefhs.org/conferences.html>

**August 28-31, 2009**

**Halstead Family & Local History Conference: "Open the Door & Here Are the People"**

East Midlands Conference Centre

Nottingham, England

Topics include buildings, immigration, military and industrial Britain. Speakers are from organizations, such as The Galleries of Justice, King's College, The Media Archive for Central England, Society of Genealogists and The Women's Library. To register, email [conference@halsted.org.uk](mailto:conference@halsted.org.uk)

**September 2-5, 2009**

**Federation of Genealogical Societies Conferences**

Little Rock, Arkansas

Management workshops for organizational leadership training, genealogical lectures by nationally recognized speakers and regional experts, exhibitors providing access to genealogical materials and supplies

[www.fgs.org/conferences/index.php](http://www.fgs.org/conferences/index.php)

**September 18-20, 2009**

**Annual Conference of British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa**

**Celebrate Your Anglo-Celtic Roots**

Ottawa, Ontario

[www.bifhsgo.ca/events.htm](http://www.bifhsgo.ca/events.htm)

**October 19, 2009**

**Surrey Family History Centre**

Surrey, BC

This appears to be a one-day seminar covering a variety of useful topics, based on their 2008 list. The 2009 information has not been posted yet.

[www.cangenealogy.com/tri-stake/index.htm](http://www.cangenealogy.com/tri-stake/index.htm)

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# CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Christine Hayes

## Programs at Central Library 616 Macleod Trail S.E. (unless otherwise noted)

### Family History Coaching

Drop in for help with family research at this event co-sponsored by the Alberta Family Histories Society.

Last Saturday of the Month (except July, August and December)

10:00 a.m. to noon

April 25, May 30 and June 27

Genealogy Area, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Central Library

**Drop-in program**, no advance registration, but must have a Calgary Public Library card.

### The Rise and Fall of Stampede Founder, Guy Weadick

University of Calgary professor Max Foran offers some insights into the colourful Guy Weadick and his sudden firing in 1932.

Friday June 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Meeting Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor North, Central Library

To register, see **Registration information**.

### Wish you were here

Historical postcards are used to open a window on life in the early years of our province.

Thursday, July 30

11:00 a.m. to noon

Meeting room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor north, Central Library

To register, see **Registration information**.

### Genealogy Research in Stampede City

Are you looking for your ancestors here in Calgary? You're welcome at the Central Library at any time, but on Thursday mornings we have staff available in the Local History room to offer you one-on-one assistance with your research.

Thursdays in July and August

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Local History Room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor north

**Drop-in program**, no advance registration.



Visitors to Calgary are welcome.  
**No Library Card Required.**

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### Registration information

Programs at the Calgary Public Library (CPL) are free of charge, but you must have a CPL card even for drop-in sessions. An exception is made for the Stampede City, aka Cowtown, Genealogy Program at which researchers from out-of-town are welcome.

When registration for a program is required, you may register in person at your library branch, by telephone at 403-260-2620 or online at [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com)

For more information, please contact the Humanities Department 403-260-2785. Check out the program guide, which is available in branches or online at [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com) ###

## AFHS LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

By Ann Williams (cont.)

*Yorkshire Probate* (continued from page 25)

An appendix to the book covers all legislation relating to non-conformity. There is an accompanying CD containing previously unpublished testamentary indexes for Yorkshire plus the text of an article, *The Doom of English Wills*, by Charles Dickens.

This is a large book, but it has a comprehensive name and place index making it great to browse on future visits to the library. As the book says, "Questions of inheritance are as old as civilization itself. Indeed, the earliest known writing of man show that matters of inheritance figured prominently in their everyday life."

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By Marion Firman

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### Become a Member:

- Receive four issues of *Chinook*
- Borrow books from the **AFHS Library**
- Submit two free **Surname Connections**
- Receive **Membership Prices** for seminars or other occasions, when applicable

You may pay for your membership in person at a monthly meeting, which is held the first Monday (except for holiday Mondays, in which case it is the second Monday) of every month from September to June at River Park Church, 3818-14A St. S.W., or complete the Membership Application/Renewal form below and mail it to the address at the bottom of the page.

<b>MEMBERSHIP FEES*</b>	
Submit the following fees in Canadian funds for delivery to Canadian addresses; and in Canadian or U.S. funds for delivery to addresses outside Canada (Overseas applicants add \$8.00 for postage):	
\$35.00	Individual
\$35.00	Family
\$35.00	Senior 65+ individual
\$35.00	Senior 65+ family
\$50.00	Institutional

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

Want to make a donation to the AFHS memorial fund, but don't know what this is exactly? See Ronna Byam's article in the January 2008 issue.

(A tax receipt is available for a \$10.00 minimum donation.)

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

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

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<b>Canadian funds</b>	<b>or \$ U.S. Funds</b>

**Attention: Membership Secretary**  
**Alberta Family Histories Society**  
**712 - 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.W.**  
**Calgary, Alberta T2M 0J8**

## AFHS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Please refer to [www.afhs.ab.ca/publications/cemetery.html#publications](http://www.afhs.ab.ca/publications/cemetery.html#publications) for additional information.

AFHS Digital Library Vol. I: 70 Southern Alberta Cemetery, Crematorium and Jewish Society Records	\$30.00
AFHS Digital Library Vol. II: Two Cemeteries on Garden Road that straddle the eastern boundary of the Calgary's City Limits: MD of Rockyview Garden of Peace and Mountain View Cemetery	\$20.00
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Many of the transcriptions of cemeteries on these CDs can be purchased individually (details and prices can be found at [www.afhs.ab.ca/publications/cemetery.html#publications](http://www.afhs.ab.ca/publications/cemetery.html#publications))

Births, Deaths, Marriages, from Calgary newspapers 1883-89	\$12.00
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## 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 the address above and directed to **Attn: Membership Secretary**.

Membership fees are due September 1 each year. If a new member joins on or after April 1 that membership is valid until September of the following year. See further details on page 29.

## OBJECTIVES

- 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 objectives, 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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