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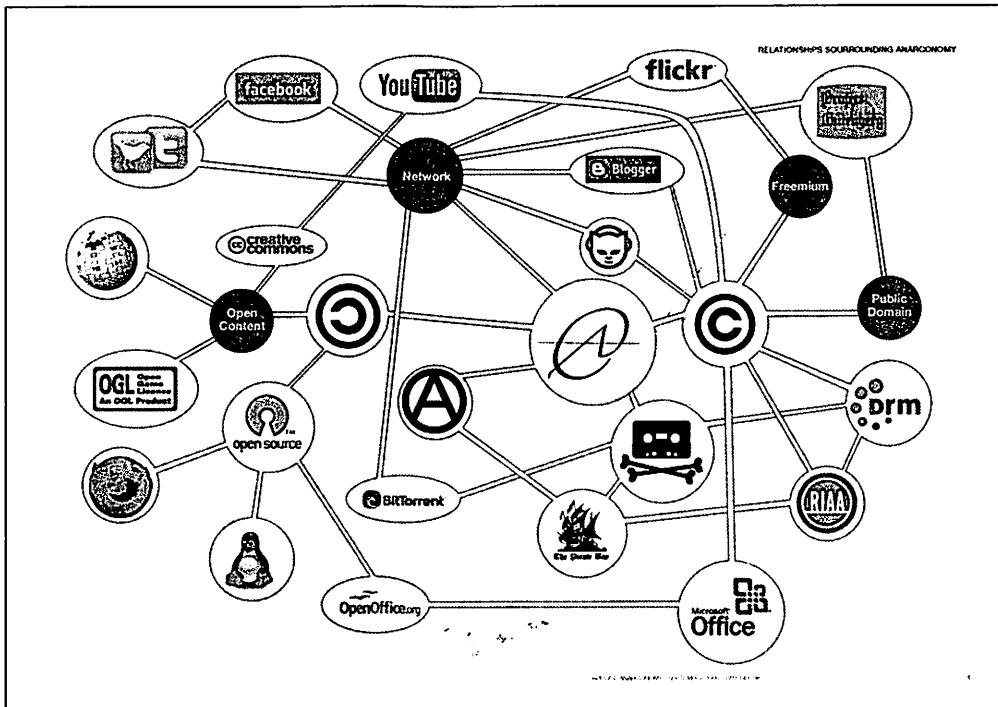
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January 2012	V.32, N.2	November 1, 2011	Ethnic Roots
April 2012	V.32, N.3	February 1, 2012	Overlooked Resources

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Heather Jaremko	"Genealogy Basics"		(Calgary Public Library)

AFHS PROGRAMS (tentative and subject to change)

Meetings of the Alberta Family Histories Society are usually held the first Monday of each month at River Park Church, 3818-14A Street SW, Calgary, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. See latest issue of *The Breeze*, AFHS website or website calendar.

DATE	PROGRAM TOPIC
April 4, 2011	The History of Bowness – Inga Pollhaus and Carole Carpenter of the Bowness Historical Society
May 2, 2011	Praire Prisoners: POWs in Lethbridge during Two World Wars – Georgia Fooks
June 6, 2011	AFHS Celebrates its 30th Anniversary – Join us for our Pearl Anniversary and reminisce about all the good times you've had with your genealogy compadres.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kay Clarke



We hope the cold of December and January is past and we look forward to warmer spring weather so we can be out meeting our genealogy colleagues.

One advantage of cold, miserable weather is that we can do more online

research. There is so much more information available that it really boggles my mind. This edition of *Chinook* addresses some of the technical issues and I, for one, am looking forward to reading about what is new. We have acquired new hardware that is very extraordinary and will help with meetings. A connection to the World Wide Web anywhere? Who would have believed it?

Planning is under way for two special events. One, for the June meeting, is the celebration of 30 years of the existence of AFHS. The other, in the spring of 2012, will be held in Red Deer in cooperation with the Alberta Genealogical Society. At the same time, we will participate in a video conference with the rural libraries in Alberta to promote our library. These events will be of significant interest to members and the surrounding communities and you will be hearing more about these at the monthly meetings.

The Society continues to need enough helping hands to keep all the projects running smoothly. Any help you can give, no matter how small, will assist us all and the few who are currently doing all the jobs will greatly appreciate it.

I thank you all for the support you have given me. Being your President for the last two years has been an interesting and rewarding experience.

The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself the price goes up. Anonymous
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FINAL NOTICE

This is the 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 2, 2011 at River Park Church, 3818 - 14A Street SW, starting at 7:00 p.m., during which financial and other reports will be given, business conducted and elections held.

The nomination committee consists of Bev Swan, Irene Oickle and Marion Firman. Please contact one of them or a member of the current Board, if you would like to serve as an AFHS Board (Executive) member or chair a committee. Please also let them know if you would like to nominate someone or stand for nominations yourself.

The Board positions for which nominations are needed are Vice-President and Secretary. ###

CALL FOR ARTICLES: AFHS & 30 YEARS OF HISTORY

The theme for the July 2011 issue (deadline May 1, 2011) is *30 Years of History*. AFHS was incorporated in 1980, thus September 2010 was our 30-year anniversary. We want to celebrate the 30 years with a look back at the past. What have the last 30 years meant to you as a member of AFHS or as a researcher? Who were the people and what were the projects of the past? What changes has Alberta, particularly Calgary, experienced over the last three decades? What about genealogy has changed and how has that affected you?

Email contributions before noted deadlines to editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

Our line-up for the next three issues:

- October 2011 (deadline August 1, 2011) *Hall of Fame, Walk of Shame*: Tell us about your connections to famous or important people, or to black sheep, and how you traced them.
- January 2012 (deadline November 1, 2011) *Our Ethnic Roots*: Most of our members are of United Kingdom origin and more of our resources are available for them. In this issue we would like to feature other ethnic groups who have contributed much to our region over the years and how we can trace those origins.
- April 2012 (deadline February 1, 2012) *Overlooked Resources*: Have you found resources others may not be using? For example, have you used the Quarter Sessions for Alberta or the Newberry Library in Chicago? Perhaps you used a familiar resource in a different way. Let us know. ###

EDITOR'S EYE: NEW EYES By Xenia Stanford

Cover Photo: View of "Relationships Affecting Anarconomy." Credit: Klaus Æ. Mogensen, *Futurist*, Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies, September 2010. (See article on page 10 for definition of anarconomy.)

In trying to find a way to say that I am leaving my post as editor of *Chinook*, I thought of the word "retire" – not a very positive word to me. An online thesaurus gives synonyms as decamp, depart, draw back, ebb, get away, give up work, go away, go to one's room, hit the sack, regress, recede, surrender, run along, rusticate, sever connections and so on. Those words seem to indicate I am "riding off into the sunset" and I am not doing that. I plan to be in the AFHS picture for a very long time.

I definitely didn't like the word swansong either because that denotes death song, dirge, elegy, the final act or last performance. Even "parting shot" was given as a synonym in *Roget's Thesaurus*. So both retire and swansong were out. To use an

Old West metaphor, I just am turning over the reins to the current assistant editor, Wayne Shepherd, who is very capable. No, I am doing more than handing over the reins. I am handing over the coach because I don't plan to be a backseat driver.

It is just that after five years as driver of this coach, I feel it is time for a new set of eyes to navigate the road ahead. The planned turnover will be for the October 2011 issue. I took over for the October 2006 issue and five years is a pretty long run as editor. I feel proud of all we have accomplished. When I say "we," I include the proofreaders, assistant editors and writers. We would not be able to deliver *Chinook* successfully, if it were not for the efforts of many people. These include the person in charge of the mailing list and the one who handles distribution of complimentary copies and the sales of extra copies. There are also the past and present Chairs of the Periodicals Committee.

When I started, I felt like a coach driver handed a sketchy map and no horses. It wasn't long before horses, backup drivers and others joined the team. Then the road was open for me to find the route to best take us forward. It has been an exhilarating ride and I have learned so much.

I chose Editor's Eye as the name of my editorial column. "Eye" signifies overlooking, seeing what's ahead and knowledge gained. Those are apt metaphors for what I did. Success was not only in winning an award; it was the many compliments and encouragements I received from you, the members and readers. I gained so much knowledge, but now it is time to allow someone else to drive and change the route should he choose. I will encourage and never discourage the new driver. I will help where I can and when needed. Many people have asked me to continue to contribute articles and I will.

I defined my role as editor to entertain you, educate you and engage you. In the process, I was entertained, educated and engaged along the way. Thank you so much for being great readers and contributors. ###

GOOGLE NEWS ARCHIVE: A GENEALOGY GOLDMINE!

By Thomas MacEntee



As genealogists, we are always on the look out for new resources, especially those that are low cost or, better yet, FREE! While there are many commercial newspaper databases, such as GenealogyBank and NewspaperArchive.com with subscription fees, the Google News Archive is often overlooked and underutilized.

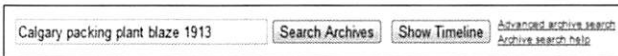
Google News Archive is part of the 90% of Google that many family historians fail to use. This resource allows you to locate keywords and text within the historical archives of major newspapers and magazines as well as news and legal archives. While not all articles are free, many of them – especially those deemed in the public domain (pre-1923 in the United States) – are available at no charge. The list of available news sources can be located at <http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Getting Started with Google News Archive

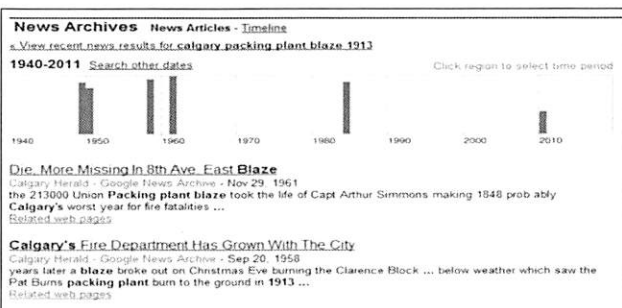
1. Visit <http://news.google.com/archivesearch> The News Archive Search screen appears:



2. In the search field, enter the search terms, such as **Calgary packing plant blaze 1913**.



3. Click **Search Archives**. The search results appear:



Reading Google News Articles

1. To read an individual article, click the hyperlink of the article title. The article appears:



Note that at the top left, there is a link to the entire newspaper issue – in this example, *The Calgary Herald* dated November 29, 1961.

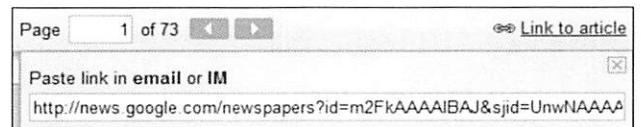
2. Use the various tools on the Viewer toolbar to zoom in and zoom out, move to specific pages and more.



3. Click on the newspaper issue link in the far left and you can not only get a better view of the page contents, but also browse the issue page by page:



4. Click on **Link to article** and then click on a headline to display a URL that you can use in an email or on a website.



With your mouse, right-click over the link and select **Copy**, then paste into an email or a document.

Using the Timeline

Google News Archive makes it very easy to display all your search results along a timeline.

1. Click on **Timeline**. The search results are displayed in date order:

News Archives News Articles Timeline Results 1

1940-2011 Search other dates

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2. To narrow results, click on a decade:

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1958 Sep 20 1958 - years later a blaze broke out on Christmas Eve burning the Clarence Block to the ground in 1903 the department was successful in its bid to ... of the best remembered fires was a weeklong affair in 30 below weather which saw the Pat Burns packing plant burn to the ground in 1913 with ... From [Calgary's Fire Department Has Grown With The City](#) ... Related web pages news.google.com/news/articles?id=134AAAAABAJ&pg=1145AAAAABAJ&pg=1717457794&dq=calgary+packing+plant+blaze+1913&hl=en

Purchasing Articles

For some search results, you will see a price located near the name of the news source:

FIRE NEARS KING'S RANCH. Bush Blaze Threatens Property of Edward...
\$3.95 New York Times - Aug 10, 1936
The "Ep" ranch, owned by King Edward was endangered by a bush fire raging in the Pelosko ... Heustis said, and another fifty were leaving Calgary tonight
[Related web pages](#)

You will be taken to the website for that news sources – *The New York Times* in the above example – where you can purchase the article individually. Note: many newspapers will allow free archive access if you are a paid subscriber.

Advanced Archive Search

Click on **Advanced Archive Search** and you can narrow your search results using keywords, Boolean operators, specific dates or date ranges, languages, specific news sources and even free or paid articles.

Printing Articles

There is no printing tool on the Viewer toolbar. In fact, it seems Google makes it difficult to print a copy of a specific article. One solution is to use your Print Screen button on your keyboard and then “paste” that image into photo-editing software, a document or an email.

Conclusion

Use Google News Archive next time you want to locate more information on specific ancestors, locations and more. You’ll be surprised at the amount of information, much of it at no cost, that can be gathered to not only help verify names and dates, but also to add further dimension to the lives of our ancestors.

Resources

Google News Archive:

<http://news.google.com/archivesearch>

List of Available Newspapers:

<http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Search Tips for Google News Archive:

<http://genealogy.about.com/od/newspapers/a/Search-Tips-For-Google-News-Archive.htm>

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Thomas MacEntee, who has over 25 years experience in information technology, writes and speaks on technology and social media in genealogy. Creator of GeneaBloggers.com, he organizes and engages a community of over 1,600 genealogy bloggers. ###

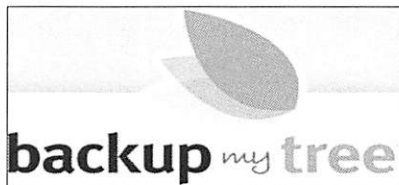
Editors' note: Thank you to all who submitted articles or items for this issue. For those whose articles did not appear, watch for them in future issues. XS/WS

PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR FREE AT BACKUPMYTREE.COM

By Dick Eastman

This article was posted January 14, 2011 on Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter.

Ed. Note – I recently had a hard drive crash and lost my most recently updated family tree. I thought it was protected by my Mozy backup system but we had failed to tell Mozy about these specific types of files. Luckily I still had all my individual BMD, census and other information, but I had to start all over again, with an older version of my genealogical database, to record and document all the important events. I am now more confident my backup system will protect all my files, including my family tree data, as well as similar files of friends and clients (really important!), but a second system like BackupMyTree can't hurt. I have signed up to give this one a try. I'll let you know later what I think of it. WS.



BackupMyTree is a free, automatic backup service that is focused exclusively on genealogy files. I have written before about BackupMyTree (<http://goo.gl/gn4IO>). However, the online service has matured significantly since my earlier article. New features have been added and one or two shortcomings have been corrected.

I was impressed to learn that BackupMyTree now backs up more than three terabytes of family tree data for more than 16,000 registered users. I decided to try the newest and latest version of BackupMyTree.

What happens to all your genealogy data when your hard drive crashes? Note that I wrote "WHEN your hard drive crashes," not IF it crashes. All hard drives will crash sooner or later. If you have a recent backup available, a hard drive crash can be inconvenient. If you do not have a recent backup available, the same hard drive crash will be a disaster. BackupMyTree is designed to save you when your hard drive does crash. BackupMyTree

backs up your data NOW to multiple hard drives under control of the company. Even if one of the company's hard drives later crashes, your data remains safe and secure on the remaining drives. You can restore your data at any time.

In short, BackupMyTree works with many of today's most popular genealogy programs, although not with all of them. It is an automatic backup program to preserve your data and allow you to retrieve that data at any time.

BackupMyTree automatically finds and backs up industry standard GEDCOM files as well as data files created by Family Tree Maker, Personal Ancestral File, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic (version 4 or later), Family Tree Builder, Family Tree Legends, Ancestral Quest, Ancestry Family Tree, Reunion for Mac, and GenoPro. Note the inclusion of Reunion for Macintosh. The rest are all Windows programs.

When your hard drive crashes, you first repair the damage. Then you log back onto the BackupMyTree.com service and download any or all of your genealogy files. Your genealogy information is preserved.

Of course, BackupMyTree has many other uses besides recovering from hardware failures. First of all, it protects you from the "OOOPS Factor." That is, the accidental deletion of information. Security experts tell us that more data is lost by human error than by all the hardware failures combined. BackupMyTree provides protection against both problems. In fact, BackupMyTree stores previous versions of your family tree file should anything become corrupted. This feature can also come in handy when you accidentally add or delete data and need to revert to an earlier version of your own files.

Another use of BackupMyTree is when you are at a friend's house or even at a genealogy conference. You can easily grab that family tree file you left at home from anywhere you can access a web browser.

Note that BackupMyTree is designed to back up only your genealogy files, not everything on your hard drive.

The thing that fascinates me most about BackupMyTree is how it automatically finds and backs up your files. With most other online backup products, you have to specify what files or folders to back up. Of course, these other products assume you are a knowledgeable computer user and you know where every file of importance is stored on your hard drive.

BackupMyTree takes a different approach. When the software is installed on your computer, it (optionally) searches for every GEDCOM file and every file created by any of the software products mentioned earlier. All the files it finds are added to the list of files to be backed up. While I always know where my primary databases are stored, BackupMyTree is really good at finding those miscellaneous files I had forgotten about. I didn't remember that small GEDCOM file a cousin emailed to me, but BackupMyTree found it in my email program and backed it up, all without my intervention.

Of course, there are many options. I have described the default actions. However, each user can override most of the default settings and customize BackupMyTree as he or she pleases.

In fact, it isn't even necessary to install software in your computer. I suspect that most users will install the BackupMyTree software for Windows. After all, it provides the most convenient use of the service. However, for those who wish to do everything manually, you can upload files using the manual upload system. BackupMyTree will store the files for you with all the same protections as if you're using the software.

One of the recent changes to BackupMyTree is the ability to exclude groups of files. Previously, you could only exclude files one by one, a tedious process if you had hundreds of files. The latest version now includes a checkbox that says: Allow Multiple Selections, allowing the user to

easily exclude or include multiple files in a much easier way.

The online service also recently added the ability to upload genealogy files that are ZIP'd. The code is intelligent; you can put as many trees into a ZIP as you like. This is great for users who use the manual upload function and who don't want to install the Windows software client.

Security of your data is an issue with any online backup service. With BackupMyTree, your family tree files are protected by 128-bit SSL security during transfer from your computer to the servers. Nobody can intercept your data while it is being sent via SSL encryption. Next, your family tree files are stored on Amazon's S3 storage infrastructure so you can be sure it's safe and secure. Amazon even stores multiple copies of all data so there's no risk that a file will be destroyed by a hardware failure in a server. For a detailed explanation of the security being used, read *Overview of Security Processes* (<http://aws.amazon.com/articles/1697>).

The use of BackupMyTree is automatic. If you install the software and use the default settings, the software will automatically make frequent backups of your genealogy data. The first backup will take several hours if you have a lot of data. Later backups will perform quickly as they only back up the new information recently added. The previous information is already resident on the servers so there is no need to keep backing up the same information time and time again.

Should you need to restore the data, BackupMyTree will automatically retrieve what information you specify and assemble it into one dataset. You never have to combine retrieved files to get what you want; BackupMyTree does that for you automatically.

Backups are performed simultaneously while you are using the computer for other tasks. The backups might slow the computer down slightly while a backup is in progress. However, most users report they don't notice any change in computer operations.

Did I mention that all of this is free? OK, now what is your excuse now for not backing up the genealogy files that required hundreds of hours for you to research and create?

BackupMyTree is supported on Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7. It reportedly works on earlier versions of Windows as well but is not officially supported on those older products.

BackupMyTree provides fast, automatic backup and off-site storage for all of your family tree files. All of the most popular family tree file formats are supported. You can retrieve any or all of your files at any time. It is FREE, simple, easy, safe and secure.

I rarely recommend specific products but I am recommending this one. BackupMyTree should be installed on every genealogist's Windows computer. You can learn more about this great free service at <https://www.backupmytree.com>

Dick Eastman, author of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (<http://blog.eogn.com>), which he launched in 1996, has been a genealogist for over 30 years and a techie for more than 40 years. For more see <http://blog.eogn.com/about.html> ###

**BECOME A FAN OF AFHS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA
By Joan Miller**

Did you know?

- AFHS has joined a growing list of genealogical societies using social media to provide information about their organizations.
- On Facebook, you can search for "Alberta Family Histories Society" and choose "Like" to join our fan page.
- You can follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/AlbertaFHS
- You can check out the AFHS blog at www.afhs.ab.ca/blog

What are the benefits?

- Find the latest AFHS news and happenings.
- Get genealogy tips.

- Celebrate our successes.
- Inform others about our great organization!

If you have news or tips to share on the AFHS social media sites, comment on our Facebook page or email afhsblog@gmail.com

Please spread the word and be sure to follow AFHS on the web!

The Alberta Family Histories Society Blog was nominated in the Local Regional Research category of *Family Tree Magazine's* Top 40 Genealogy blogs. The winners will be announced in the July issue of *Family Tree Magazine*. A "blog" is an abbreviated version of the term "web log" and is an online place to post genealogy news, resources and other items of interest to family historians. Joan Miller, AFHS Public Relations Committee, created and maintains the AFHS Blog, which is an initiative of the PR committee. The AFHS blog is on the web at <http://afhs.ab.ca/blog> ###

**CHINOOK NEWS
By Xenia Stanford**

Lorna Laughton advised us that *Chinook* Volume 31, No. 1, October 2010 was featured in a column of the *Toronto Tree*, the publication of the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS). It is one of the societies with which we exchange journals. Instead of giving a cursory look at a couple of articles, they mentioned all the census articles in the issue.

Previously, the new editor of OGS *Families* asked for permission, which we granted, to reprint the article Perry Snow wrote on Home Children for our July 2010 issue on the British Home Child (see Genealogy Canada blogspot at <http://genealogycanada.blogspot.com/2010/12/new-issue-of-ogs-families.html>). Our articles are also indexed in PERSI (*PERiodical Source Index*) now searchable on Ancestry.com.

And you thought only AFHS members read your contributions. ###

GENEALOGY AND ANARCONOMY

By Xenia Stanford

Anarconomy = anarchy + economy. It is an economic state where money flows between people in a way “controlled by very many unknowable, unrelated, uncontrollable factors” (*Urban Dictionary*). Really, this means it is an out-of-control or anarchistic economy. This applies not just to the flow of money but also to ideas, goods and/or services.

One of the main examples of anarconomy is the Internet where free content and services are created and distributed in voluntary networks.

What does this have to do with genealogy? Anarconomy has already impacted genealogy because anyone can put anything about people and family history on the Internet: true, half-true or completely false. Thus, we see genealogies without citations and without any foundation. Even if an online genealogy has citations, they can be inaccurate and the foundation (evidence) can be little or none. This creates a genealogy anarconomy where free information may be worth exactly what you paid for it or worse.

The worst part is this creates a hazard for the beginning family historian and perhaps for others. The danger is the wrong information may be used and put us further behind as we bark up the wrong family tree. To avoid this, we must dust off the analytical cap and seriously look at the citations and what is offered as evidence. We have to use standards of genealogical evidence.

My prediction is that anarconomy will move beyond the Internet and into the physical world where people will make their own consumer goods for free. Genealogists and family historians already use programs to create family trees, charts and reports. Will we go beyond this in the physical world and, if so, how? We are still reaching further on the Internet. I don't think we have gone to the final frontiers. Would you have imagined blogging and tweeting as tools for genealogy even a decade ago? If we look back at 2011 ten years from now, what new advances will we see? The world is ever evolving and it is

impossible to predict the next wave in genealogy and technology. Anarchy will continue to drive the genealogy economy for a long time to come, both on the Internet and beyond. Where will it lead us in the future?

Second Life

Many think Second Life is a game or a useless virtual world. Actually, it is another social networking tool. I was invited to join *Second Life* (opened to public in 2003) to take courses. I was willing to try it, because others are using it to find connections with genealogists and relatives all over the world. If you join, search for genealogy and you will find many links for searching for data, listening to speakers and communicating with others. I joined Facebook for genealogy and find my time there is spent mainly chatting with friends and family about everyday things. Less is spent on genealogy. Second Life can be a similar distraction. Both tools are what you make of them.

Handheld/Mobile Devices

Most refer to iPhones or iPads when talking about this technology, but there are many mobile devices that handle genealogy applications. Dick Eastman recommends Pocket Genealogist, which can be used on a variety of mobile devices.

Ebook Readers or Ereaders

I have the Sony ebook reader and hope to reduce my vast library to digital form. There are many genealogy ebooks available now and this will increase in the future. It sure beats lugging a huge stack of books and magazines to read away from home or even at home.

See you in the technology future!

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USING MOBILE APPS TO TAKE YOUR GENEALOGY ANYWHERE

By Gena Philibert Ortega

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<http://worldvitalrecords.com/news/volume5issue3>

Mobile Apps

It used to be that researching your family history meant collecting all kinds of paper, from research logs to pedigree charts to photocopies from research trips. But increasingly as technology has advanced, it has allowed us to create, document and store our genealogy with the use of computers, smart phones and other mobile devices. On a recent trip to the Family History Library, I decided not to bring my laptop computer. Instead, I brought my iPad, which allowed me to review my family tree, keep a research log and look up books and microfilm.

Mobile genealogy allows you to easily take your genealogy and your research anywhere. The following are some apps (applications) that can be downloaded to your Apple mobile device (iPod, iPad or iPhone). Don't have an Apple mobile device? No problem! Some of these apps are available for other devices and you can look for applications specific to your mobile devices from the appropriate app store website. (See the websites for Android phone and the Blackberry under URL References.)

Remember that although searching on the word "genealogy" will provide you with some apps that will help you, don't limit yourself to just "genealogy" apps. Check out apps labeled as "reference," "education," "travel," "history," "maps" or "productivity."

Family Trees

MobileTree available for the Android and the iPhone /iPod provides a way for you to carry your family tree with you. You can also collect and store images and notes.

Looking for a way to access your genealogy database easily? GedView acts as a way to quickly check up on family relationships, dates/locations of events, sources of information, and view your notes, or record newly found

information while you are out researching (MobileGenealogy.com). At only \$3.99, this is an inexpensive, easy way to check your family tree wherever you are.

Legacy Family Tree has two apps available for genealogists. Families 1.0 allows you to view and edit your Legacy family tree on your iPhone, iPod or iPad. Changes can be synched between your mobile device and your computer. Pocket Genealogist 4.0 is for Windows-powered mobile devices and also allows you to upload, edit and synch your Legacy Family Tree databases.

Photographs

FamCam, an application by FamilyLink the company that owns WorldVitalRecords, allows you to take, send and share photos to groups of family members. With FamCam you can setup and manage groups of family members, take a photo or choose one from your library and send your photo with a note to your family groups.

Maps

In some cases, knowing the distribution of your surname can help focus your search. Name Maps does exactly that. You can see how your surname is distributed in nine countries including the USA, Canada, UK, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and Poland.

Metes and Bounds allows you to take a property, deed or legal description and turn it into a drawing of the land. This is a great way to take those property descriptions of your ancestor's land and see what the property looked like.

Libraries

It's no surprise to those who know me that I love the website WorldCat. This website is a must for all genealogists. WorldCat allows you to search over 1.5 billion items from multiple libraries around the world. And now WorldCat is available as a mobile app. The WorldCat app allows you to search for library materials, find a library with the materials you are interested in and even generate a map to that library.

WorldCat has a few other apps associated with it. The Red Laser and Labelous both allow you to use your iPhone camera to scan book bar codes and connect with WorldCat to find libraries with that book.

To see a list of other libraries that have mobile apps, see Libsuccess.org.

Podcasts

Podcasts are like an Internet radio show. They can be listened to from your computer or mobile device. They are a great way to learn about the newest genealogy websites and products as well as research techniques. Podcasts can either be subscribed to from the iTunes store or can be accessed via their website.

There are many great podcasts such as The Genealogy Gems Podcast, available as a free podcast and as a premium paid subscription podcast and The Genealogy Guys which is the longest-running genealogy podcast. For a list of other genealogy podcasts, see Cyndi's List, Podcasts for Genealogy.

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SURNAME SATURDAYS AT TWITTER

By Joan Miller

Genealogists look for ways to make new cousin connections. We post messages on forums and put family tree information in databases around the Internet. Doing this can produce results but it isn't the only way to find new cousin connections.



Have you considered using Twitter? Twitter is a social networking tool allowing users to post and receive messages to a network of contacts. The communications are called "tweets."

Twitter is a great way to

- Share genealogy research about family names
- Network with other genealogists
- Get news and event notifications regarding genealogy
- Find research resources about genealogy

Many genealogists post the surnames they are researching and they tend to do this every Saturday.

A typical surname posting on Twitter would look like this:



Genealogists use a keyword or "hashtag" to mark the topic of each post. These hashtags are preceded by the # sign. For example: #genealogy

The hashtag for surnames (posted on Saturday) is #Surname

Why Saturday? There are many themes (or "memes") being passed around the Net and alliteration for the naming of these themes is common. For example, there is a theme called

"Tombstone Tuesday" where folks post the names, dates and locations found on tombstones of their ancestors, and they tend to do this only on Tuesdays. Of course, you are allowed to post your surnames (or tombstones) any day of the week.

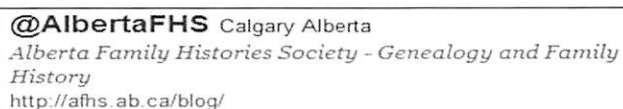
HOW TO GET STARTED ON TWITTER:

1. Go to <http://www.twitter.com>
2. Click on the Sign Up button.
3. Enter the name you want to appear on your public profile.
4. Pick a user name. This is the name people will see when they are sending you messages or when you post a "tweet."
5. Choose a password.
6. Enter your email address.
7. Read the terms of service and click "create my account" and log in.
8. Create your profile with a short description of yourself, including your interest in genealogy. This is very important as it ensures other genealogists can find you.

Once logged into Twitter, search on the terms "#genealogy" and "genealogy" (without the quotation marks). The search window is located in the upper header bar. This will show you the people that are "tweeting" about genealogy. You can follow these people by clicking on their profile. In turn, they will likely follow you back. (Follow the author of this article at <http://www.twitter.com/luxegen> and she will follow you if she sees genealogy in your profile.)

Twitter search works best when using the Internet Explorer or Firefox browsers. Some people have reported problems with Google Chrome.

Follow the Alberta Family Histories Society's Tweets (www.twitter.com/AlbertaFHS). It will appear with this banner:



Content posted on Twitter is picked up by the search engines and can be found by anyone (even non-Twitter users) searching the web for those names in association with genealogy. (Caution: Don't tweet anything you wouldn't want the whole world to see.)

Your friends and associates on Twitter may "retweet" your message, thus increasing the chance it will be seen by someone else researching those names.

You can "talk" to other users (and perhaps newly found cousins) by tweeting to them using the @ symbol in front of their user name or by using the direct message feature. Each tweet is limited in size to 140 characters or less (similar to texting on a phone).

Many genealogy bloggers distribute their posts to Twitter. Click on the link in the "tweet" to see the whole post. People will often tweet about the latest records they've found and include links to interesting resources. This is a great way to pick up research tips about where to search.

An example of Twitter at work – The tweet said "Grandmother WILSON was from Peterhead, Scotland #genealogy". Within minutes someone contacted the tweeter to tell her they lived in Peterhead, worked at the local Family History Centre and could take photographs of tombstones of her family there. *That's the global power of Twitter.*

Twitter can be overwhelming at first with all of the information flowing by in real time, especially if you accumulate a lot of Twitter followers. It is not necessary to read everything. Use the search feature in the top menu bar liberally and the "mentions" feature to see if anyone has mentioned you or sent a tweet directly to you.

The time spent on social media is also a concern for genealogists. There are social media dashboard tools like Tweetdeck (<http://www.tweetdeck.com>) and Hootsuite (<http://hootsuite.com/>) that can help you manage

a twitter account and other social media without having them monopolize your time. It is not necessary to visit Twitter every day.

The #genealogy Daily

A good way to ease into Twitter is to read the "The #genealogy Daily." This is an online newspaper of the daily tweets featuring the #genealogy hashtag. The web address is <http://paper.li/tag/genealogy#>

Try Twitter today. Post your surnames to start searching for them on Twitter and perhaps you will find new cousin connections to advance your genealogy research.

For more information about Twitter:
<http://www.geneabloggers.com/twitter-cheat-sheet>

Joan Miller tweets at www.twitter.com/luxegen and manages the AFHS blog and Twitter account. ###

AFHS MEMORIAL FUND

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SUDDIE BILL MUMFORD: GENTLEMAN GENEALOGIST

By Xenia Stanford

I was not new to family history, but I was new to computers in genealogy. I tried to write my own rudimentary program, but it was frustrating not knowing what fields were required or what to expect of a program. I joined AFHS and then the Computers in Genealogy SIG that met at a government building in downtown Calgary. That's when I met the man some called Suddie and some called Bill. Because I was confused, I asked him one time how he wished me to address him. He said "Suddie Bill" so that is how I came to know him. When I heard of his passing, my first thought was we have lost a true gentleman genealogist and friend.



Suddie William Mumford was born November 26, 1931 in Calgary, Alberta and passed away at his home in Black Diamond, Alberta on November 13, 2010 at 1:30 a.m., after a battle with cancer. His wife Evelyn, two children Leigh

Mumford and Grant (Sherry) Mumford, two grandchildren Stephanie and Taylor, and Bill's brother Edward Cory will forever miss him. His parents Anele Jenkins and Clarence Mumford predeceased him.

Suddie Bill worked for over 23 years in the oil patch for Shell's Exploration and Research group. He loved to travel, play golf and research his family history. After his retirement from Shell, he led a full and active life. Much of that was devoted to learning all that was new in genealogy, including computers and DNA.

Suddie Bill gave back to the genealogical community in many ways. He served on the Board of AFHS and also volunteered with GENTECH, as a director and as the leader of GENTECH's GEDCOM Test-book Project. He made presentations at their conferences and was known for his writing on genealogy. He was a contributing editor for the *National Genealogical Society Newsmagazine* and columnist for the *Digital Genealogist Magazine*.

An avid learner, he was also a willing teacher. He began studying the various computer programs for genealogy for his personal use but then shared his results with us in his *Genealogical Software Report Card*. This resulted in the genealogy software developers using his report card to ensure they stacked up against the competition. Thus, he drove development and ensured software was meeting genealogists' needs. He last updated this report in March 2005. His influence will be missed.

There were many tributes from his obituary in the *Calgary Herald* to the tribute in *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and another in the *Calgary Herald* written by friend and fellow genealogist Gordon Hulbert. Cyndi's List also called him a "true genealogical gentleman." The coverage of his passing was not surprising given the many lives he touched through his knowledge, gentle spirit and robust voice. Suddie Bill, we will miss you and forever be indebted for your contributions to the genealogical world.

To donate to the AFHS Memorial fund in his honour, see page 14.

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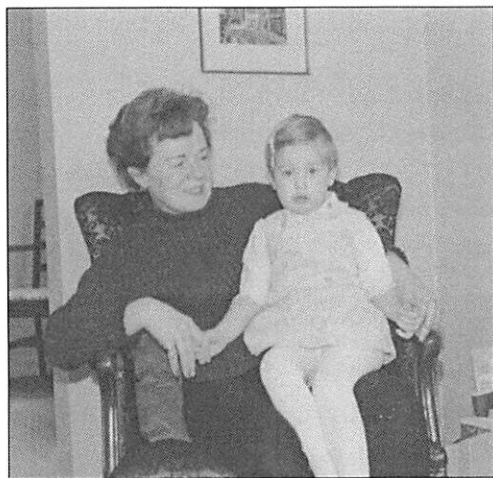
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GRANDMA, IF ONLY YOU COULD SEE US NOW!

By Laura Kirbyson

Back in the 1980s, my maternal grandmother introduced me to her new hobby of tracing our family tree. She organized all her materials in binders, envelopes and folders. I know because I worked on them with her and subsequently I inherited everything. Even while she was still using a paper-based system, I started using a software program called Family Tree Maker. Our options have come a long way in the past 25 years and, as I sit down to write this article, I'm faintly astonished at all the technology I now regularly use in my research.



Grandmother Isabel White with a young Laura Kirbyson
Credit: *Laura Kirbyson family files*

Generally, my research begins with turning on my laptop with the extra monitor attached so it's easier to see all my open windows. I prepare a research plan including the repositories and resources I plan to peruse using templates loaded in Word. A laptop means I have much less to carry when I visit myriad locations and I tend to print a lot less. Another portable tool I use is a mobile Internet stick. With it and my laptop, I can access the Internet wherever I am (as long as my cell company has service in that area).

There are many research tools available on the Internet, but I have a few mainstays. Calgary Public Library's catalogue and its electronic collection are among the resources I appreciate the most. The connection to searchable databases is in my experience unparalleled. It's included in

the cost of the library cards. Joan Miller of our society explained blogs to me and now I'm hooked. I use Google Reader to review the blogs in which I'm interested (Joan, Dick Eastman and Thomas MacEntee, for example). I've found the Firefox browser works much better than Internet Explorer. I also subscribe to a few user groups and use an email address that is forwarded to my Blackberry, allowing me to review posts whenever I have a few minutes waiting in line. Something I haven't used yet, but which would work well in similar circumstances, is my iPod to listen to Podcasts by other genealogists and researchers.

When I'm at a research site, I use my digital camera to photograph any materials of interest. The card from my camera fits right into a slot on my laptop, taking seconds to load and organize into my folders. Where cameras are not allowed, I email items to myself at home, if that's an option, or I collect hard copies, which when I get home I scan into electronic format and catalogue into the folders with the rest of my collection. This process means almost my entire collection can be stored together and easily shared with my family, clients and other researchers.

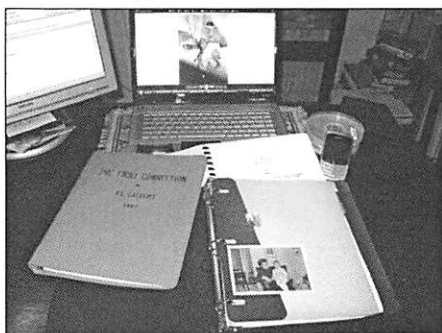
My family is close emotionally but certainly not geographically! Spread out across Canada and the United States, the Internet has made keeping in touch so much easier and provided a method through which we've been able to exchange photos and information.

"Back in the day" when Grandma wanted to share information, much photocopying and printouts were involved, which meant time and expense; neither of which need apply any longer. A case in point, my brother just became a grandpa and the entire family has been able to share in the day-to-day joy of this event. We've sent information and images via email and Facebook. We also use online photo albums, such as YouTube videos and Picasa Web Albums, to share the events of our lives without leaving a paper trail. Alternatively, we'll burn a

CD or DVD to be viewed on a computer or a television. Also, we use GoogleTalk, which is like Skype. This is how I visit with my brother and his family down in California.

Once I've collected the information and data, I make a record to share with those who want it now and save it for those who will want it later. I use a variety of software programs. I have two genealogy software programs to record my family history information, The Master Genealogist and Family Tree Maker. While learning and deciding which to use of what, I've stuck to one for my family and the other for my husband's. I use another database program, Summation, to track my research resources. I have it for my litigation support business, but its functionality is perfect for linking searchable records to their related images so I can type in keywords and review the electronic books, articles and images I've collected over the years.

Most often, I use Word for preparing reports about my research subjects. This past summer, my paternal grandmother passed away at age 98. I'd been fortunate enough to have her share so many of her memories, so I put together a narrative of her life, including her photos and some from the Internet of places she'd lived. It was a great way to share the details of her life with many family members at the celebration of her life. I don't do much image manipulation, but when I need to, I use Paint or I call my sister to ask her to prepare an electronic scrapbook. She can even get the books printed at a local store!



Laura Kirbyson's desk with paper and digital documents
Credit: *Laura Kirbyson*

Using Microsoft Publisher, I've developed my own website and uploaded it using a file transfer protocol (ftp) program to the website host, GoDaddy. I haven't yet taken the plunge into

blogging, but Thomas MacEntee in his AFHS presentation last fall gave me an idea: I'm going to blog about my great-grandmother's trip to Egypt in 1911 and incorporate images of the pages from her trip diary.

One other way that I use technology is to further my education. I've taken many courses over the Internet, including working on my Certificate in Genealogical Studies. I can talk to people, see previously recorded videos or text with someone in a live conversation.

I use a variety of electronic tools, but I am aware there are many more options that can help us share our research. It's an exciting time when we can search for something, find it, record it and share it, sometimes within hours. ###

COMPUTER TRICKS FOR THE GENEALOGIST By Jim Benedict

Shorter URLs: What are they and why bother? Or as one of our more experienced AFHS members asked, "I don't understand the problem. Why do people worry about retyping a long URL or finding shortening devices. I just highlight, copy and paste any URL into an addressing field and it seems to work just fine."

What is a URL? That, my friends, is the web version of an address box. This is what you see in that box at the top of your browser window that usually starts with, "http://www." and so on. Now, that means something to computer folk, but what follows means something to you. Usually you will see or type in Google.com or AFHS.ab.ca or what have you. That is the website's URL, or Uniform Resource Locator. The challenge gets to be the typing in of longer and longer URLs.

For example, you could find my great grandfather's genealogy web page, sort of his own Facebook, if you typed in:
<http://www.genealowiki.com/bin/view.cgi/Benedict/JohnSmedleyBenedict1859>

That's some 70 characters long, a lot of it cryptic in appearance. I bet our *Chinook* editor cannot get it into one text line. Try typing that in and getting it right the first time! As genealogy websites get more complex and all-encompassing they also get a lot more sub-pages with lots of "/" separators, or non-word characters like ?, %, & and more.

There is a way around this and it is a technique called "shortened URLs." Simply, the web page is reached though a substitute but abbreviated URL. Dick Eastman uses this tool in his newsletter. For example, recently he had an article on one of his upcoming dinners at RootsTech. To see the information, you clicked on his shortened URL of "goo.gl/FuDXV" which took you to: http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/01/you-are-invited-genealogy-jeopardy-at-the-saturday-eogn-dinner-at-rootstech-in-salt-lake-city.html

Ouch! Try typing that into your web browser. Okay, that might be an extreme example. But shortened URLs reduce typing errors and allow short hyperlinks to appear in print.

Where do you get them?

First to offer this service was TinyURL, which is still in business. A later offering was bit.ly. Lately, Google has joined the act with their goo.gl site. I believe TinyURL and goo.gl are free. Check their websites for more information.

Pluses and Minuses

URL shorteners are a bonus for people using Twitter or newsletters, both paper and electronic, and for bit websites. It works best for links to popular pages. I wouldn't suggest it as a substitute for each of your 578 genealogy web pages, though. As websites grow more complex you will see shortened URL addresses becoming useful.

However, as with a lot of things on the Internet, there can be the Dark Force lurking. With a full URL, you stand a chance of looking at it and being satisfied that it will take you where you expect to go. If it starts off with www.afhs.ab.ca,

then you know. With shortened URLs, there is no visual clue where you may end up. So just trust the site that displays the URL, which is a basic rule in any case. ###

WHAT'S OUT THERE **By Linda Murray**

My Ancestor was NOT Church of Scotland

This is a good overview of the various churches existing in Scotland from the 16th-21st centuries, including Protestant, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, Congregational, Quaker, Methodist, Salvation Army and others. Gordon Johnson also lists several resources for further reading. *Caithness Family History Society*, (2010, September), 36, 12-23.

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The Genealogical Society of Victoria has compiled a searchable database of the information found in the Melbourne Hospital ward books. The index of almost 50,000 names is now available on CD covering the years 1856 – 1905. In this article, Maurice Majurey gives many examples of the detail found in the patient records which may not be included in the index. *The Ancestor, Quarterly Journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc.*, (2011), 30(4), 10-15. ###

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 are \$5.00. Submit the surnames in your dead end and give additional information, such as place and date range. Format/content at www.afhs.ab.ca/publications/HowtoWrite-Effective-Surname-Connection.pdf Email to surnames-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

BROWN/ARMSTRONG, Kilskeery, Ireland

Henry BROWN of Kilskeery parish, County Tyrone married Jane ARMSTRONG of Magheraculmoney parish, County Fermanagh, in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Ardess, Kesh,

Magheraculmoney on July 15, 1825. Because of the abundance of Brown and Armstrong families and the plurality of Henry and Jane given names, it has been a challenge to locate their families. I have reviewed tithe applotment records without avail. Anyone like to suggest some alternative sources? Can anyone suggest a researcher in that area of Northern Ireland?

Contact Bill Campbell at wacampbell@shaw.ca

KIRKPATRICK, Scotland

The KIRKPATRICKs kept excellent family records in Scotland until around the time of the persecution of the Covenanters (1560 - 1690 or so), when many fled to Ireland and other locales. Then, once they got to this side of the pond, they began keeping excellent records again. Much research has been done by other family members, as well. I can trace my lineage back to James "The Immigrant" KIRKPATRICK.

But I cannot tie James definitively back to the homeland. I don't know which KIRKPATRICK family he came from. Family legend has it that he arrived from Ireland with his brothers, but I can find no real evidence of that. I have not yet begun to seriously research this and am at a loss as to where to even start. I am a relative newbie to genealogical research, so all suggestions will be appreciated.

Contact Dawn Kirkpatrick at webmaster@afhs.ab.ca

MARSH/EDMONDSON, Ontario

I seek information pertaining to the birth, life and death of Elizabeth MARSH located in Ontario about 1864. Elizabeth MARSH married Thomas EDMONDSON and died due to complications from childbirth ca. 1879. Her daughter, Adeline May EDMONDSON was born in August 1879 in Listowel, Perth, Ontario. Elizabeth had a sister (rumoured to be the elder of the two) Hannah (Annie) MARSH, who was born ca. 1864 in Palmerston, Ontario. She married James MEDILL in Ontario, 1887 and

moved to Manitoba with Elizabeth's daughter probably in the early 1890s.

I have been unable to locate any information about Elizabeth's birth, life or death except as may be incidental to the vital events of her daughter's and sister's lives. Her parents may have been William and Mary Ann MARSH, but I cannot prove that at this time.

Contact Laura Kirbyson at
lakirbyson@lakresearch.com

WILLIAMS/JOHNSON, England/Manitoba

I am looking for information about the family of my grandfather, Henry WILLIAMS, born in England between 1867 and 1872, possibly in West Sussex. With my grandmother Charlotte (Lottie) JOHNSON and two children, Henry (Jr) and Reginald, the family emigrated to Canada (Manitoba) in 1902 and 1903, settling first in Winnipeg then, in 1914, moving to a farm north of Brandon. His father's given name may have been Stephen and his mother's maiden name may have been YOUNGER. Brothers are thought to have emigrated to the US, possibly Utah, and either Australia or New Zealand. Henry was a baker in England and there is reason to believe he was in the Pulborough area of West Sussex in 1899 or 1900. At the time of the 1901 census, the family was living in Sturton-by-Stow, near Lincoln.

I have been unsuccessful in confirming the names of his parents and siblings, where he was born or the exact date of his birth. I would appreciate hearing from anyone researching this WILLIAMS line.

Contact Gordon Williams at gordon.w@shaw.ca
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Frank Morrow, a long-time member of AFHS, passed away in Rockyview Hospital on January 26, 2011, Australia Day, fitting for this Australian-born former WWII Air Force pilot.

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For those who don't have access to a computer or prefer to read this right here, right now, these are the brief instructions:

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FROM THE GENEASPHERE: GENEALOGY RESEARCH TRAVEL KIT

By Joan Miller

Spring time and genealogy conferences seem to go hand in hand. The RootsTech Conference and my genealogy research time in Salt Lake City are fast approaching. With that in mind, I have compiled a list of items essential for my research on the road. I call this list of items my **Genealogy Research Travel Kit**.

Items on the list so far:

1. A **Netbook Computer** is all important to keep downloaded research files and photos, as well as a copy of our family tree for easy reference.

I served as an official RootsTech blogger. I reported live from the event via social media such as blog, Twitter and Facebook and required a computer or phone to do so. Conference attendees were also encouraged to spread the word via social media.

2. My **iPhone** (with extra data roaming/phone service enabled) ensures I can tweet and Facebook from the conference if I don't have room to take out the netbook. There are also programs for carrying a family tree on the phone. I've tried three: Ancestry.com's mobile version, Shrubs and GedView. All work equally well for quick reference purposes, although Ancestry's needs an Internet connection to update.

3. A **Research Plan** will be handy for the several days prior to the conference when I will conduct research. I have been reviewing my Genealogy To-Do list and creating a detailed research plan. I will be concentrating on the Kerrs, Wilsons and Irvines. My husband, the "non genealogist" is "in training" as a research assistant and he plans to work on his Millers.

4. A **Small Accordion File Organizer** will be valuable to keep the papers and photocopies I'm likely to collect.

5. A **Memory Stick or Two** will be convenient for collecting information and can be backed up onto my netbook at the end of the day.

6. My **Magic Wand Portable Scanner** is the Flip-Pal that I plan to buy at the conference but won't have it in time for the research portion of this trip. Many geneabloggers are buzzing about the Flip-Pal and how it is a very useful tool.

7. A **Digital Camera** is useful for taking captures of microfilm screens. Don't forget to bring extra batteries or the chargers for your electronic gadgets.

8. My **Flip Camera** will capture moments with my fellow Rootstech conference bloggers and conference attendees.

9. A **Magnifying Ruler** will help in case the aging eyes let me down.

10. **Business Cards** are an easy way to give contact information to conference connections.

11. **Neck Pouches** ("over the neck pouches") were a suggestion from *Chinook* Editor Xenia Stanford. She commented that the most useful pouches have a plastic view opening large enough for your name tag (so no more pins to put on blouses or jackets or clips that fall off). She suggested two pouches or one pouch with two sections: one for your business cards to give out and one to collect business cards from others. The best pouches are ones that have a zippered pouch to hold change, your ID card or your copy card for the Family History Library.

12. **Pens, Pencils, Highlighters** and other office supplies (including a research log) required for recording conference notes or researching in the library are a necessity.

13. **Printouts** of your conference registration and directions to the venue and hotel where you may be staying will save you from being lost.

14. A **Small Computer Backpack** to carry all of the above paraphernalia will keep everything handy and organized.

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GENEALOGY BASICS: COMPUTERS, THE INTERNET AND SOFTWARE

By Heather Jaremko

Computers and the Internet

Although you do not need them, a computer and Internet access can greatly help with your research. If you have a computer with genealogy software, you can

- Organize information
- Add or delete family members and correct errors without having to redo everything
- Create charts and reports
- Share information more easily

There are some things to keep in mind when using a computer in research:

- Electronic information can be unstable. Back-up your data on other hardware or on Internet facilities that allow you secure private storage.
- Verify Internet or shared information with original documents (primary sources).

The Internet has become a very good resource for both data and technological help, but be very sceptical of material that does not include sources and documentation.

If you don't have a genealogy software program right now, enter your data onto pedigree or family group charts. These are available through any genealogy society or the Family History Centre. You can also download these charts from many sources on the Internet.

Software

What software should you use? There is no one answer to that question, as each user has different needs and each genealogy software package has different strengths. Several genealogy software programs offer all the basics and are easy to use. Many also have the capability to enter photos, video and sound.

The following list of some of the more popular genealogy software programs (in alphabetical order) also gives you their websites to check into them further. The bulleted points showing some of the major features for each program are for

information only and not considered an endorsement of any particular software.

Brother's Keeper 6.4

www.bkwin.org

- Available in a variety of languages
- Operates in Windows platforms up to and including Windows 7
- Extensive reporting and charting options with at least 25 types, including several different ancestor (pedigree) charts, descendant reports and books
- Detailed relations and date features
- GEDCOM import and export functions
- Free trial download

Family Tree Maker 2011

www.familytreemaker.com

- Introductory access to Ancestry.com
- Interactive maps to show places where your ancestors once lived
- Web clipper, which lets you, merge data from anywhere on the Web into your tree
- Standardized criteria for entering and rating your sources
- Smart stories – tool to create books integrating narrative, photos and other media
- Timelines that highlight personal, family and world events during your ancestors lives

Legacy 7.5

www.legacyfamilytree.com

- Global search and replace
- Five tabbed screens: family view, pedigree view, descendant view, index view and, on Deluxe version only, chronological view
- Customizable user interface allowing you to view your data the way you want
- Publishing feature to automate the progress of creating a family webpage and also offers a Family History Book
- Unique capabilities such as location notes and custom address labels and name tags
- A video training series, such as a 12-step checklist for using Legacy Family Tree

Personal Ancestral File 5.2

www.familysearch.org/eng/paf

- Names and places can be typed using characters from any language
- View and print reports in a variety of languages
- Customizable templates to create fields for data entry
- Multiple views includes five-generation chart
- Unlimited images, sound clips and video files attachments to individuals to create basic scrapbooks and slideshows
- Free support through LDS Family History Centers, PAF User Groups and online

The Master Genealogist 7

www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=TMG

- Combined alphabetical list of individuals from different databases allows search and view at the same time
- Multiple database view at once allows drag and drop information between databases
- Import wizard allows for direct import from most genealogy software programs
- Individual or family specific to-do lists and research logs can be created and maintained
- Large selection of customizable charts and reports with source and citation options
- *GenSmart* integration to analyze data and provide suggestions for further research (www.gensmarts.com/GenSmart.html)

Reunion 9 (for MAC)

www.leisterpro.com

- Large number of graphic tree charts options including descendant charts and pedigree charts (up to 99 generations), fan charts, time line charts
- Complete on-screen editing of box color, font, font size, shadow, border, connecting lines and captions
- Onscreen moving of boxes or branches on-screen by clicking and dragging
- Automatically change chart and orientation, including top-to-bottom, left-to-right and waterfall models
- Pictures, movies and sounds can be added

- Pod cards for portable information via iPod

Other Genealogy Software

- Personal Historian (for PC)
www.personalhistorian.com is memoir, biography, family history and life writing software
- Family Atlas (PC)
www.rootsmagic.com/family-atlas is a mapping software to show where your families lived and migrated around the world
- Family Reunion Organizer (PC)
www.rootsmagic.com is software to help organize your family reunion guest list, finances, schedule and assignments

There are many more products on the market. Do your research to find what is best for you.

Reviews of the various software programs:

<http://genealogy-software-reviews.toptenreviews.com>

<http://genealogy-software.no1reviews.com>

<http://genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/mac-genealogy-software>

www.starreviews.com/genealogy-software-reviews.aspx

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The editorial team updated the software features list to the latest version. If we missed a feature or a program that you feel is important, please email editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

Also for more help, drop in on the Computer SIG Meetings. For dates and locations, join dist-gen at www.afhs.ab.ca/aboutus/signs/dist-gen.shtml and watch for the announcement of the next meeting. These are usually held on the second Saturday of the month from September to June at Lounge Area of the LDS Family History Centre, 17 Ave and 19A St. SW

"Beginner Session" @ 9:30 AM

"Main Session" @ 10:30 AM

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ASK THE EXPERT By Xenia Stanford

This column is the place to ask general genealogy questions, not specific ones, such as how to find specific people. For those, see Surname Connections. Remember, you, the readers, are the ones with the questions and also the experts who are needed to reply to the questions.

Q1 Irish Genealogy

Last time we had a question on Irish genealogy but to date we have not had any replies. Here is the question again: With only the marriage record in hand (dated July 15, 1825), what would be the most effective route to obtaining family information for my ancestors (both born in Northern Ireland)? They were married in Kesh, Magheraculmoney Parish, County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. I have viewed tithe applotment records for the area, but because their family names are so common, it seems impossible to determine which families they came from.

Q2 Ukrainian Genealogy

I am trying to find a marriage licence for a Catholic couple in Ukraine between 1905 and 1907. I have tried both the Canada-Ukrainian project and application in person in Ternopil, Ukraine. No luck with either. I read this week that Salt Lake City has parish records. Does anyone know if the LDS has records that go back to 1900 for Galicia, or the name and contact information for someone there so I could ask them if they do? Perhaps I see a visit there in my future - if they have any records.

*Please send us your answers and any new questions to editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca
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Hungarian Government Approves Destruction of communist records at Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security in Budapest. Although the government says these are records from an "immoral government," the information included is important to historians, including family historians. For more and to sign petition, go to <http://hungarianarchives.com>

EVENTS By Laura Kirbyson

April 16-17, 2011

Alberta Genealogical Society 2011 Conference
Edmonton, Alberta
"Unlocking Doors to the Past" with guest speakers including Colleen Fitzpatrick, Dave Obee, Lisa Louise Cooke, Lyn Meehan, Pat Ryan and Geoff Rasmussen.
www.abgensoc.ca/events.html

April 16-17, 2011

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society 2011 Symposium
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
"Beyond the Basics: topics for beginners and more advanced genealogists. <http://sbsgs.org>

May 7-11, 2011

Society of Genealogists' Centenary Conference
London, England
Nationally and internationally known speakers will present a full day of lectures. There will be a networking luncheon and dinner.
www.familyhistoryconference.net

May 11-14, 2011

NGS Family History Conference
Charleston, South Carolina
"Where the Past is Still Present" April marks the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Over 50 nationally recognized speakers will provide over one hundred and fifty lectures.
www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

May 13, 2011

Golden Anniversary Conference
Hamilton, Ontario
"Remembering Our Past... Projecting the Future" OGS turns 50 in 2011 and will host a golden anniversary conference. A variety of topics and ethnicities are included.
www.ogs.on.ca/conference2011

June 3-5, 2011

International Conference on Family History
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
Topics include DNA, Canadian Military (WWI)

records, Church Registers and Notarial archives.
All lectures are in English.
www.qfhs.ca/roots_program2010.shtml

June 25, 2011

Yorkshire Family History Fair

York Racecourse & Kanvesmire Exhibition
Centre

www.yorkshirefamilyhistoryfair.com

September 7-10, 2011

FGS Conference

Springfield, Illinois

The theme is "Pathways to the Heartland" for the
Nation's Genealogists.

www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php

September 9-10, 2011

APG Professional Management Conference

Springfield, Illinois

Being held at the FGS Conference (above)

<http://apgen.org/blog/2010/06/11/2011-pmc-call-for-papers-deadline-july-2-2010>

June 1-3, 2012

OGS (Ontario) Conference

Kingston, Ontario

"Borders to Bridges: 1812 to 2012"

<http://ogs.on.ca/seminar/conference2012.php>

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**CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
By Christine Hayes**

Programs at Central Library

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(Unless otherwise noted)

Genealogy Saturdays

We have designated the last Saturday of the
month as Genealogy Saturday with two
programs (both are drop-in programs, which
means no advance registration is required, but
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Join volunteers from the Alberta Family
Histories Society for one-on-one assistance with
your family history research. We offer help for

all levels of genealogists. Last Saturday of the
month from April 30, May 28, June 25, 10:00
a.m. to 12; Genealogy area, 4th floor.

2. Genealogy Meet-Up

Join our group to meet with other genealogists to
share advice and learn about resources and
techniques. Last Saturday of the month from
September to June: April 30, May 28, June 25,
2:00-4:00 p.m.; Genealogy area, 4th floor.

Ancestors and their Attics

The history of a house is the history of its
people. We'll show you resources for researching
both. Friday, April 8, 2011, 2:00-3:30 p.m.; 4th
floor meeting room. Please register.

Registration Information: Programs at the
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Humanities Department at 403-260-2785. Check
out the program guide, available in branches or
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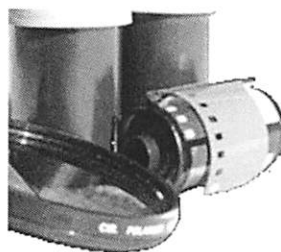


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By Irene Oickle

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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.

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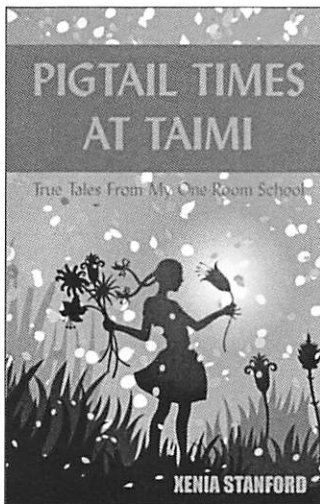
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