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A 1986 AFHS cemetery survey group (See p.3.)

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April 2012	V.32, N.3	February 1, 2012	Overlooked Resources
July 2012	V.32, N.4	May 1, 2012	To be announced

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Joan Miller	"From the Geneasphere"	Christine Hayes	"Calgary Public Library" and
Heather Jaremko	"Genealogy Basics"		Monthly AFHS Program

## 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 St SW, Calgary AB, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. See latest issue of *The Breeze*, AFHS website or website calendar.

DATE	PROGRAM TOPIC
September 12, 2011	Consult the AFHS website for topic and presenters
October 3, 2011	Consult the AFHS website for topic and presenters
November 7, 2011	Consult the AFHS website for topic and presenters

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kay Clarke



This will be my last message and I approach it with mixed feelings – relief and regret. I have learned a lot about how societies work and I have had a chance to participate in some awesome events. I would particularly like to thank those many volunteers

who make the AFHS such an amazing group and make me proud to belong to it.

I recently read material published on a website entitled *The Family Curator* concerning the next generation of genealogists; I think it merits consideration. The message of the author, Suzanne Freeman Grant, was the following: what matters to young researchers, and is a common theme running strong from coast to coast, is that it's all about family! Suzanne indicated applicants for a young genealogist's award, without exception, had been moved to pursue their family history because one person in their family had taken the time to tell a family story that struck home.

She went on to say, "The lesson for the rest of us, of course, is to take time to BE that one person to the young people in our families. We have to step back from our books, papers, and computers to just tell stories in a way that engages our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews...we have to listen hard and work to craft stories that may catch some young person's interest. Tell the young athlete about an uncle who played ball, give a pre-teen her grandmother's party gloves with a story about her first dance, or help a new bride with an old family recipe...Maybe then we will see a real burst of new leaves in our great genealogy family."

In other words, by appealing to the specific interests of young people, you may spark a new generation of genealogists. I think this is marvelous advice and a very low-tech method of

promoting the study of family history to the next generation.

Good luck to all of you researchers and may you find that elusive ancestor hiding behind the brick wall.

Reference:

[www.thefamilycurator.com/home/2011/3/3/what-i-learned-about-the-future-of-genealogy-from-running-a.html](http://www.thefamilycurator.com/home/2011/3/3/what-i-learned-about-the-future-of-genealogy-from-running-a.html)

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## CALL FOR ARTICLES: HALL OF FAME, WALK OF SHAME

Our line-up for the next three issues:

- October 2011 (deadline August 1, 2011)  
*Hall of Fame, Walk of Shame*: Many of us can find an ancestor that stood out, whether as an upstanding citizen or one with a bit more of a shady side. For this issue, please tell us about any connections you might have 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. ###

Cover Photo: An early AFHS work group cataloguing headstones at High River Cemetery in 1986. Left to right: \_\_?, Phil Thorpe, Bob O'Brien, Myrna Waldroff, Dennis Shaver, Linda Hole, Bob Fyvie, Jan Roseneder, Rosemary Lyons, Patty Davidson, Martin Davidson  
Credit: *Linda Hole family files*

## THE EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS By Wayne Shephard

I am a relative neophyte with respect to participation in the Alberta Family Histories Society, having only joined in 2004. Not that I wasn't involved with genealogical pursuits before then. It's just that I was chasing "dead people," as my children like to describe the activity, in England and Scotland, rather than in Alberta. And I had my hands full with volunteer efforts as an Online Parish Clerk for four Devon parishes, which role I still maintain.

So last year, after retiring as a geologist and becoming more active as a genealogist, I decided I could spare some time to volunteer with the AFHS. Events move fast sometimes and I now find myself as the incoming Editor of *Chinook*. It's a bit daunting but also quite energizing. I look forward to the challenge of continuing to meet the high standards of the Society's journal set by previous editors. While I have some experience in writing, publishing, newsletter editing and genealogical research, I'm sure I will learn even more about each of these subjects while putting together future issues.

This is an anniversary issue. The Society passed its 30th anniversary on May 6, 2010 and we are belatedly celebrating that milestone with several contributions in this edition.

The thing that struck me the most about the Society, as I have got more involved, is its small membership. As a consequence, a great deal of work is done by a small group of people. As I look back on comments from past Society Chairmen/Presidents and *Chinook* Editors, a familiar theme persists – there is a strong need by the Society for more volunteers to come forward to assist with ongoing projects and activities. The same holds true for *Chinook*. To keep it fresh and relevant, we will need more people to come forward with stories of their families and articles about the ways in which they have researched those ancestors. To accomplish both goals, the AFHS will very likely need to recruit more members. Hey, none of us are getting any younger!

In her President's Message this month, Kay Clarke emphasizes the role we need to adopt in inspiring others to get involved in family history pursuits, particularly young people. These are the individuals who the Society will eventually rely on for support and to carry on its undertakings. As current members, and genealogists in general, it is in our interest to encourage both the study of family history and membership in our organization.

Again, in my short tenure with AFHS I have read several, really wonderful accounts of many fascinating people, some notable, others quite ordinary, but all still special in the eyes of their descendants. We have been treated to lessons about effective research methods and new technologies, served by introductions to a wide variety of information sources, educated about the history of many regions and certainly entertained by the narratives of a plethora of authors.

If I could paraphrase the line made famous in a TV crime drama of the 1950s and 1960s, "There are eight million stories in our naked family histories, yours is one of them!"

I encourage each of you to come forward with stories of your family by contributing an article to *Chinook*. Tell us a tale of someone special in your family that will entertain and inspire others.

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### NGS AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Xenia Stanford, *Chinook* Editor

April 15, 2011

I am delighted to confirm that the Alberta Family Histories Society's newsletter was a winning entry in the NGS Newsletter competition for 2011. It wins the competition in the "Local" newsletter category. The award will be presented during the National Genealogical Society's Family History Conference in Charleston, 11-14 May.\*

On behalf of the National Genealogical Society, may I extend hearty congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,  
Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG  
Awards Chair and Regional Director,  
National Genealogical Society

\*Editor's Note – The award was accepted by Marion Peterson, attending the conference on behalf of the AFHS.



## NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Lorna Laughton



I would like to acknowledge the work of the late George Lake in restructuring the AFHS Board so the Vice President position would have the role of an *understudy* for the President's position.

Working with President Kay Clarke has helped me to see,

understand and appreciate all the work that goes on in our Society.

As a goal for AFHS during my term, I propose members work on three actions – HUNT, HARNESS and HELP. These apply to our individual family history research and to our Society work. We HUNT for our ancestors. We HARNESS resources – particularly technical resources, but also people resources and records resources. We HELP others – help each other, and help others near and far away. I will expand on some of the ways I think we can HUNT, HARNESS and HELP in the next issue of *Chinook*.

Can you think of actions you can take to hunt for your family history, to harness the people, technical, Internet and repository resources, and to help your fellow family historians? In the fall, instead of asking “What did you do in your summer holidays?” perhaps I’ll ask you “How did you hunt, harness and help this summer?”

Enjoy a safe, healthy and genealogically-successful summer.

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## AFHS LIBRARY HISTORY By Helen Backhouse

My first contact with the Alberta Family Histories Society and its library was in 1983. At that time, we met in the Ernest Manning High School gymnasium where our Chairperson,

Hazel Brown, taught. The library was kept either in Hazel's classroom or in the trunk of her car. Two sturdy apple boxes contained all the books AFHS had at the time. If memory serves, I helped to carry one of the boxes into the gym, at my first meeting, so the members could choose which book they wanted to borrow and take home.

My next contact with the library was working with Rosemary Spate and Giselle Tremblay who had become the keepers of the library. By then we had moved from the high school and were located in a Masonic hall. This was a big step forward as there were cupboards that could be locked and the books no longer needed to be carried from place to place. With so much more space it was decided the Society should start an exchange program with other societies. With a small amount of money some much needed new books were also purchased.

Following another move to Knox United Church, in 1991, Rosemary and Giselle retired from their library positions. Now we had a room of our own for the library. There was a door that could be locked, a very low ceiling with old heating ducts, which could and did shower black coal dust on to the heads of unwary patrons of the library. It was sometimes a case of what is black and white and read all over! We had more volunteers to help, and the use of the library increased as members were able to pick up new reading material at meeting times. We were increasing the number of exchange journals and making more purchases of both books and magazines.

Before long the society needed more room for meetings and the library. This search was much more difficult as we wanted to continue to have both the meeting space and the library in the same location. In 1997, we found a new home at Southminster United Church. This move gave us a good-sized meeting place and an even bigger room to accommodate the library. Over the summer months, Frank Morrow designed and Doug Stobbs constructed new bookshelves. Then the job of getting the boxes of books shelved took place so we were ready for the first meeting

in September. We were very fortunate that the church was willing to let us have our library open during non-meeting times and this, again, increased our circulation of books. The library was now also used for Board meetings and Special Interest Groups. But, as we all know, sometimes really good things have to come to an end. The church was sold and renovations needed by the new owners meant that we had to find a new home for the library. A hard decision had to be made as to whether we would separate the library from our general meeting site for committees, although not for the general monthly meetings. The decision was to re-locate the library.



The Library Committee at work at Southminster Church in 1987. Left to right: Isobel Scheidel, Olive Carlin, Helen Backhouse, Ethel McDonald (with back turned) and Myrna Waldroff. Credit: *Frank Morrow, photographer*

A much more challenging search for space was necessary this time as our requirements had now increased for both library use and for the mid-week and monthly meeting space for committees to which we had become accustomed. After looking at a number of places we finally chose to rent the basement of 712 – 16 Ave. NW. There was a used book store occupying the main floor, and the landlord was agreeable to the Society having access to the basement at any time we needed it.

When the bookshop owner decided to close his store, more decisions had to be made. Should we move upstairs; should we rent the whole building; or should we move to another address? After much discussion, up the stairs we went,

giving us off-street access with no stairs, making us much more user-friendly. Yes, we did end up renting the whole building and we are still there today. It might appear that just going upstairs would not be such a big move but this required almost as much work as the previous one.

Since our humble beginning, with the entire library in two apple boxes, we have grown to over 11,000 items. We continue to exchange journals with other societies, buy books, journals, CDs, DVDs, magazines, computers and computer programs for the use of members and the public. Friends and members also give us donations of books, magazines and journals to add to our collection. The library is still used for Board meetings, SIG meetings, public meetings and the many other meetings that are needed to keep pace with the interests and demands for AFHS services.

None of this could have been accomplished without the volunteers who have given of their time, talents and energy over the past 30 years.

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## AFHS PROJECTS HISTORY By Marlene Knott

Since the beginning of time, humans have kept their history and told stories, so it's not surprising that genealogists have taken that desire 10 steps further! When AFHS began in 1980, members began gathering and indexing data from cemeteries in and around Calgary, from military nominal rolls, and from the births, marriages and deaths in the older Calgary newspapers as well as responding to queries. By the mid 1980s, the Projects committee started organizing the various projects and producing paper copies and fiche of these projects for sale.

Within a few years Janet Morgan and Judith Rempel conceived the idea of putting the index of this data online, so they learned the new technologies and started putting it on our new AFHS website. By 1998, all of the cemeteries that had been transcribed since 1980 were

indexed and online, along with *Calgary Herald* BMDs, Barr colonists and Nominal Military Roll listings. We were using the new technologies and we were on a roll! Having this information online gave wider exposure, and we began receiving more and more queries from around the world. Soon we had a list of all the Alberta community local histories that were available in our various Calgary libraries and, by 2000, we had an index to the Calgary crematorium records from 1937-1979 – an important resource because, until 1951, it was the only crematorium serving Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Unfortunately, Janet Morgan died in 2000, but she had been grooming Judith Riddell to carry on. Judith was keen to not only keep the projects going, but to also put them in the new CD format. Our very first CD contained all of the cemetery transcriptions done since 1980. What excitement! The enthusiasm carried over to CD Volume II which covered the data from the Garden Road Cemeteries – Garden of Peace and Mountain View. As well, queries were coming in fast and furiously and the *Calgary Herald* BMDs were gradually being captured.



Surveying the Didsbury Cemetery in 1986  
 Left to right: standing – Gordon MaMahon, Pat Rankin,  
 Vola Farquharson, Jan Roseneder;  
 sitting – Ruth Cole, Linda Hole & Patty Davidson  
 Credit: *Linda Hole family files*

Although Burnsland Cemetery had been transcribed several years ago (without burial records), none of the other large Calgary

cemeteries had been done by AFHS. We all took a big gulp and decided to tackle them. Now, with the permission of the Calgary Cemetery Office, we were going to include the burials, plus with our new digital cameras, we were going to include photos of the cemetery markers. It is probably just as well that we can't always foresee the problems or the time involved in such undertakings!

Judith remained chairman until Queen's Park Cemetery recording was finished, and Heather Jaremko became chairman as Judith concentrated on getting this data onto CDs. Heather Williams took over the leadership a few years ago as St. Mary's Cemetery and Pioneer Cemetery, Beiseker Cemeteries, Burnsland Cemetery and Union Cemetery were being transcribed and photographed. We have just produced Volume XIII of the AFHS Digital Library, which, by the way, is now in DVD format instead of CD! Final touches are being given to the Union Cemetery data and we hope to have these records produced this year.

Compilation of the numerous index and database projects has taken many, many hours of many, many members, over many, many years. All participants can take great pride in the results!  
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**MESSAGE FROM THE FORMER EDITOR**  
**By Xenia Stanford**

I'm glad I announced in the April issue I was leaving my position as *Chinook* Editor. I had to turn over the reins to Wayne Shephard for the July issue because so much happened in April. I sold my townhouse with only three weeks to move out. By the time you read this, I will be living in Kelowna, closer to my children and my granddaughter.

I will continue to be a member of Alberta Family Histories Society for many reasons not the least of which is to keep connected to the many friends I have made. I will still conduct business



as a professional genealogist, writer and editor. I will be delighted to accept any invitation to speak that I may receive and attend any seminars of interest. I will still be on Dist-Gen and will continue to coordinate the Ukrainian and Métis SIG groups. Since we have only one event per year, there will be no problem in telecommuting the rest of the time. In this day of connectivity, we have so many ways to keep in touch. My new phone number is on my ad on page 32 of *Chinook*. The editor at *Chinook* email address will now go to Wayne. I can still be reached at [age@knowmap.com](mailto:age@knowmap.com). I hope to hear from you often.

We also received news that *Chinook* won the National Genealogical Society award for Local Newsletters, which makes this the second time we won while I was Editor. It is also 100% of the times we submitted it for consideration. I could not have done this without the amazing team of the Periodicals Committee. I know Wayne will continue to put out a high-quality journal. I am so grateful for someone to take over so quickly and so aptly. Thus, I can leave with no regrets.

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### 2011-2012 AFHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Annual General Meeting of the AFHS, held on May 2, 2011, the following persons were elected to the society's Board of Directors:

- Past President - Kay Clarke
- President - Lorna Laughton
- Vice President - Vacant
- Recording Secretary - Rosemary Kry
- Treasurer - Ruth Sutherland
- Director of Finance - Gerald Isaac
- Director of Facilities - Gary Manthorne
- Director of Public Relations - Heather Jaremko
- Director at Large - Nancy Carson
- Director at Large - Heather Williams
- Director of Computer SIG - Jim Benedict

The Board will meet to fill the remaining position of Vice President in the near future.

### SOME PAST PRESIDENTS



AFHS Past Presidents (term). Clockwise, from top left: Sheldon Gibson (1984-86), Barbara Thorpe (1988-89), Myrna Waldroff (1991-93), Dennis Shaver (1986-88), Jan Roseneder (1981-82 & 1993-94) and George Lake (2001-04)

Credit: for George Lake – *photographer unknown*, 1987; others – *Linda Hole family files* (taken at AFHS Seminar, October 16 & 17, 1987)



# ORIGIN OF THE ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY

## By Sheila Johnston

*Editor's Note – This article first appeared in the February 1998 issue of Relatively Speaking, the quarterly journal of the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS). It was written at the request of AGS in recognition of their 25th anniversary celebration. Much of the information for the article came from a presentation by Hazel Brown, the first AFHS Chairman, to the September 1997 AFHS general meeting. The article is republished with permission of the AGS and the Editor of Relatively Speaking.*

*A version of the article also appeared as a Guest Editorial in the Summer 1998 Chinook.*

Lillian Wight has kindly asked me to prepare a brief history of our organization, since we began life as the first branch of the new AGS.

When AGS officially began as a society in 1973, the by-laws had a provision for local branches. A Branch was formed in Calgary in January and February of 1974, by a group of interested AGS members. They received formal recognition from the AGS Executive on February 20, 1974, thus officially becoming the first AGS Branch. Edmonton was not far behind, organizing a Branch in February and March of 1974.

Having formed the Branch, Calgary members worked hard to recruit other members and often had a display table in one of the local malls to interest members of the public in what they were doing. Membership grew gradually, as did a small library that members brought to meetings in boxes. One of the early members remembers that there were about ten members present at her first meeting at the University of Calgary. Dale Alexander was the first Branch President.

The history of the Calgary Branch, which in 1980 became the Alberta Family Histories Society, includes a lot of *moving*. Each time the group outgrew their meeting space they had to find larger quarters. After the University, they met at the Central Park (Carnegie) Library with about thirty people attending. The group advertised in the *Calgary*

*Herald* and continued to staff occasional mall displays to increase their membership.

The next meeting space was at Ernest Manning High School, where Hazel Brown was teaching. The boxes that contained the library (and the coffee pot) were stored in Hazel's classroom between meetings.

After several years, a move was made to the Masonic Lodge, just off Crowchild Trail, where the boxes could be stored near the meeting room. After some years there, the space was needed by our landlord; so another move was made, this time to the basement of Knox United Church in downtown Calgary, where we encountered real luxury – a small storage room which became our library, with shelves for the books and journals.

We have shared in the general growth of interest in this fast-growing *hobby* (avocation?) and by the spring of 1997 we knew we had to move again. By September of 1997, we were settled in at Southminster United Church, with a roomy and bright meeting space and a much larger library. Our membership donated generously to the moving costs, our Computer special interest group contributed a new computer and other support, and a special grant from one of the software companies enabled us to equip the library with a photocopier and new printer.

We currently have an attendance of 160 to 190 members and visitors at our monthly meetings, held on the first Monday of each month, from September to June.

How and why did the Calgary Branch become an independent organization? From this distance, that is not easy to determine, especially for those of us who were not members at the time.

However, it would seem that, during the winter of 1979 and spring of 1980, relations between the AGS and the Calgary Branch became increasingly strained. Feeling alienated, many

## ORIGINAL AFHS MEMBERS

of the Branch members began to consider becoming a separate organization.

Reading some of the early issues of *Relatively Speaking*, it seems that there was some rivalry, as well as co-operation, between the Calgary and Edmonton branches, even in those early years. Suffice it to say that, by 1979, there existed considerable disharmony, which culminated in a majority of the Calgary AGS Branch members passing a motion at their May 1980 meeting to "go with a new Society."

Thus the Alberta Family Histories Society (AFHS) was born. The members of the AFHS have provided, through their memberships and fund-raising efforts, the funds necessary to provide meeting spaces and expansion of the library. While the organizations split, it is important to note that many members of the AGS branches are also members of the AFHS.

In more recent years, strong efforts have been made by both organizations to co-operate in a variety of ways. In 1994, they co-operated in the production of the province-wide cemetery index. Both groups work to ensure that we complement rather than compete with each other's efforts. The Presidents have kept the communication lines open, and members of both attend each other's seminars and annual meetings.

So to the AGS, our sister organization, I extend the congratulations of the AFHS on the celebration of this special milestone anniversary, the "25th" and hope that we all have many years of cooperation and collaboration ahead.

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### AFHS JOURNAL EDITORS 1980-2011

1980-1981	Jim Hambly
1981-1982	Michael Zessner
1982-1984	Jan Roseneder
1984-1986	Phillip & Barbara Thorpe
1986-1989	Bev Marsh-Jackson
1989-1992	Mary Peet
1992-2001	Doug Stobbs ( <i>Chinook</i> start)
2001-2002	Jill Browne
2002-2003	Donna Marchak
2003-2005	Gordon Lane
2005-2006	Ken Rees
2006-2011	Xenia Stanford

*Editor's Note – Lorna Laughton and Irene Oickle have compiled a list of persons, from the Society's files, who were original members of the AFHS, all joining in the first year of operation. Lorna indicates there is still more work to do with the archives material, as part of one of AFHS 30th Anniversary Legacy Projects, in an overall effort of "getting our stuff in order."*

Yvonne Angus	Joan Armstrong
Donna Austin	Marian Bailey
Lorraine Beaulieu	Gary Bewell
Ellen Bowman	Margaret Brodylo
Sandra Brooks	Hazel Brown
Winnie & Ross Campbell	Sibylla & Lloyd Cranston
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Virginia Eriksson	Wyclif Forster
Marjorie & Sheldon Gibson	Aileen Goddard
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Mr. & Mrs. G. Hambly	Willie & Jim Hambly
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James Rea	Jan Roseneder
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Birthe Tardiff	Reta Thomas
Yvonne Thomas	Don Torrie
Mary Trace	Giselle Tremblay
Rod Truax	Fern Turtle
Rena Walters	Ethel Wares
Arlene Watson	Nina Williamson
Elenora Wilson	Charles Wollersheim
Mr. & Mrs. Wray Wright	

Five of them are still AFHS members, Florence Denning, Lorna Laughton, Irene Oickle, Rosemary Spate and Elenora Wilson.

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## WORDS FROM THE PAST – A COLLECTION OF ARTICLES TAKEN FROM THE FIRST ISSUES OF THE AFHS QUARTERLY JOURNAL

*Editor's Note – The following articles were published in the first volume of the Society's Quarterly Magazine in 1980-81. They are reproduced here in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the AFHS. In reading them, one realizes the reasons we search for our roots have not changed much over the decades. Many of the methods and sources are also similar. The articles have been "re-edited" to both fit this space and conform to our current publication guidelines and standards. These stories may remind members of some old friends. Even decades later, though, they are still informative and entertaining. Enjoy (again)!*

### **Grandpa and the Ogopogo**

**By Jan Roseneder**

**(Vol. 1, No. 1, September 1980)**

When we were small children and a trip to Banff was a big event, we always went to see the sea monster at the museum because "Grandpa was the one who caught it." A year ago, visiting the Trappers' Cabin in Banff, I saw the sea monster again and mentioned this surely false story to my mother. To my surprise, she assured me it was true; her father had caught a monster while he was a commissionaire at Bowness Park. That was when I decided to check the story out. I questioned family members. Uncle Alan remembered his mother sending him and Uncle Charlie the newspaper article when they were in England – so it was during World War II. Aunt Hazel thought it was the summer she was away which was 1942, or was it 1943? Well, in those days Bowness Park didn't open till the May long weekend and closed in September so that narrowed down the date somewhat. One rainy Saturday, I sat down in the microfilm reading room at the library and went through the *Calgary Herald* – and suddenly there was the headline, right on page 1, "**'OGOPOGO' CAPTURED IN BOWNESS LAGOON.**"

The article covered in some detail the "terrific struggle" between the monster on the one hand and the park superintendent and Grandpa on the

other. However, it became immediately obvious that the creature in Banff was not the one captured, despite family tradition, because, to my amusement and consternation, the article went on to state that Commissionaire MacDonald took the "Ogopogo" home and had it for supper. Not surprisingly, none of my aunts or uncles remembered that particular meal. I wonder if even my grandmother knew what exactly it was she was cooking, although, according to Grandpa, as quoted in the paper, it was really just a very large ling (or fresh water cod).

Nevertheless, to find a true story as the basis for what seemed to be purely fiction has given me hope for verifying other more ordinary family stories. Obviously, even the most incredible tale can contain some actual facts that add colour to any family history.

### **Home Sources, Yours and Your Relatives**

**By G. C. S. Bewell**

**(Vol. 1, No. 2, Winter 1980-81)**

As you are doing your genealogical research, you attempt to find birth and death dates for your ancestors. If you are like me, you will not feel satisfied with this information alone. You will want to discover something about their lifestyle. There are only a few places where you will find this type of information. It will mainly be tucked away in an attic, or in a basement of your home or in a relative's home. After a few conversations with relatives you will know whose attic or basement you want to visit.

With a little judicious searching, you will be amazed at the amount of information that is available, even regarding your own life. The secret in a judicious home search is not to overlook any information just because it does not contain dates or places. By using one source in conjunction with another you may be able to fill in the missing data. As an example, I have a newspaper article referring to my military service with the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces. It has no dates but a lot of personal data.

When I use it in conjunction with a safe-driving certificate, I now know the dates of U. N. service, provided that I only served once with the U. N. You still should try to confirm this information if possible.

You may ask yourself what is available or what will I find. That depends on the types of papers and artifacts that have been saved. If you visit a *pack rat* type of relative, you may discover many treasures. I have discovered two ancestor charts made around 1900, two family Bibles, a certified baptismal certificate dated 1876, old letters written by my great, great-grandparents and numerous pre-1880s photographs. From letters, and the studio photographer's inscription on the reverse of a photo, I was able to search census records.

The most commonly sought home source is the Family Bible, but there are other commonly found home sources – birth, marriage and death announcements; baby books; certificates of merit or accomplishment; deeds; newspaper articles such as wedding announcements and obituaries; personal letters; photo albums; and wills. This list is far from complete since many sources are the result of personal habit, personal choice or personal obligations.

The goal of a thorough home search is to not overlook any papers or objects that may add to your appreciation of your ancestors' lives.

### **Picking Summer Fruit From the Family Tree (My Family Research)**

**By Mrs. Adrienne Anderson  
(Vol. 1, No. 4, Summer 1981)**

A shiver ran down my spine as though someone had just walked over my grave (as my mother used to say), although I was very much alive, as my fast-beating heart confirmed. A stern, bearded visage with piercing eyes gazed down at me, seeming to penetrate and understand my emotions. I was standing in the courthouse of Columbia County, Wisconsin, and the photograph on the wall that had so startled me was that of my maternal great-grandfather. The

two-pronged shock was occasioned, firstly, by the fact that I had not previously been aware that he had, in the middle of the nineteenth century, been recorder of deeds in that very record office, and, secondly, I had never seen his photograph before. All the family photos had been lost in a fire forty-five years ago, and I was unaware that one existed.

What had been the circuitous route to that particular record office? The story goes back to the spring of 1978 when an advertisement in a publisher's general catalogue of books caught my eye, *Tracing Your Ancestry*, by F. Wilbur Helmbold. A vague, restless sense of being, a part of history but not knowing what part, promoted me to send for the book. This *chance* (or does anything happen by *chance*?) curiosity has led me to discover a host of predecessors, an enlarged family, an awakened knowledge of history and the adventures of a detective following the obscure clue.

A necessary trip to Chicago in May made it possible to take a week's side trip to the birthplace of my mother who had left Wisconsin seventy years ago, never to return. Contacts through genealogical society magazines brought me knowledge of many, formerly unknown, relatives who fast became friends. They willingly ferried me to necessary resource locations. As well as searching two county courthouses, town libraries and the Wisconsin State Historical Library, we spent an unforgettable two days tramping through seven cemeteries...

A highlight was a family reunion of the great-grandchildren of a Pearsall forebear, which brought together four branches of the family tree, many formerly unknown to each other...

A valuable day was spent in the Wisconsin State Historical Society Library. After wearying hours of examining catalogue card files, searching through large volumes of census records and reading microfilms, we were about to call it a day (no stop for lunch!) when my third-cousin colleague heard a startled, "Oh!" and the sound



of a madly scratching pencil. I had just uncovered a volume of Hamblin family history (one of my maternal lines). The book, by an able genealogist, the Hon. H. Franklin Andrews, traced the family from the first immigrant in 1640 to my great-grandfather but no further in his line. However, this did not disturb me, as I had in my possession a family Bible which stated the date and place of his birth with another notation in the margin by my grandmother, "Pa died 27th Feb., 1896, buried Mar. 1st." His grave was one I had found the day before.

An exhilarating week, but more was to follow!

July found us enjoying beautiful New England. A day's search at Boston's prestigious New England Historic Genealogical Society Library again gave me access to the same Hamblin genealogy for further research...which took me to family histories of Rev. John Mayo, early Puritan minister, and Governor Thomas Prence...

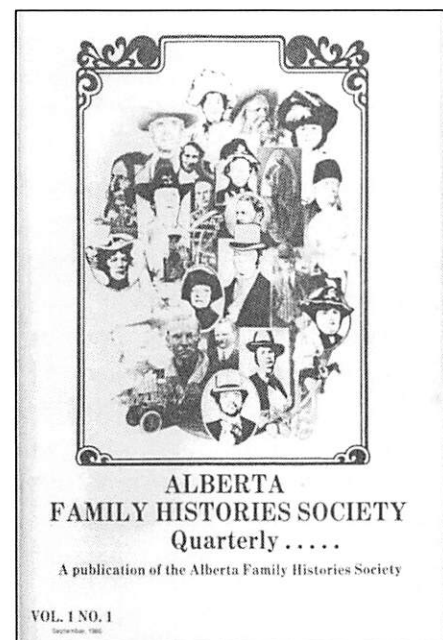
Another fascinating stop from an historical point of view was reconstructed "Plimoth Plantation." The setting is 1627, seven years after the first landing of the Mayflower...It has been peopled with knowledgeable individuals characterizing actual historical figures as they are found in the pilgrim writings...Life is portrayed as it was lived by the pilgrims...

Visiting in one home and observing pickle-making, I had an opportunity to converse alone with the goodwife. I enquired about "Zummerset," (which is the colloquial word for "Somerset"), her home in England, and also home of my emigrant ancestors. I mentioned that I was a kinsman of Thomas Prence (he was to be future governor from her point of view). She replied, "Oh, he is a good man. He and seven others have assumed the debt of the colony. Did you know he is married to Elder Brewster's daughter, Hannah?" I replied that I had not been aware of it. My research in the NEHGS Library had had to terminate before I followed through to that point.

We continued our conversation for a few more moments, and then I proceeded toward the bookstore located outside the village proper. As I walked along, I was mulling over the conversation in my mind. Suddenly the light went on. EUREKA! If in fact Thomas Prence married Elder Brewster's daughter, then I am a Mayflower descendant! What a fitting place to make that momentous discovery! My husband was hard put to keep my feet on the ground for the following twenty-four hours...

Are all the problems solved? Not in the least. A mystery resolved frequently uncovers a further mystery. In the Hamblin genealogy, mention is made that "the family records are in a Bible in the home of Sarah Hamblin" (deceased 1888). She was sister to my great-grandfather. Where is that Bible? Subsequent letters to numerous relatives have failed to locate its present hiding place, if it still exists.

Perhaps no summer will ever uncover the same quality of genealogical history again. But the thrill of tracing the obscure clue continues; I must stop writing and compose that letter to Summit County, Ohio to try to discover that last unfound Hamblin grave! ###



Cover of Volume 1, Number 1 of the Society's *Quarterly Magazine*  
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## DEDUCTIVE REASONING, DRAWING INFERENCES AND GUESSING

By Lois Sparling

This article is about proof of relationships, identity and other facts in family history research. As explained by Elizabeth Shown Mills (Mills, 1997, pp. 45-47), we can not actually prove our ancestry beyond a reasonable doubt for more than a few generations. (At best!)

While *beyond a reasonable doubt* is the criminal standard of proof, we genealogists work with the civil standard of proof, i.e. *the balance of probabilities*. This means that, after a reasonably thorough search of the available records, we decide whether a fact, relationship or the identity of the person investigated is more probably established or more probably disproved. The novice, or even intermediate-level, researcher may throw up his or her hands too soon over a more difficult question, declaring there is not enough evidence to decide. A more sophisticated analysis may help with these decisions.

As many readers will know, I am a lawyer. I learned about evidence and proof with different language and different fact situations than those usually presented to the family history community. I will include some of these law school terms and examples in this article to help explain what reasonable conclusions can be drawn from both evidence and the absence of evidence.

*Direct evidence* is the term used to mean that the maker of the document had direct, personal knowledge of the fact stated. Direct evidence also states the fact you are seeking. A birth registration states the date and place of birth. It states the names of the baby's parents. A gravestone (not usually *direct evidence*) often states the year of birth and the year of death of the named individual. The information provided is not always correct, but it is directly on point. Sometimes family members are buried together and all named on the same gravestone. If the gravestone states that Ann Smith is the wife of John Smith, this is *direct* in the sense that it tells you that Ann and John were married. If Ann and John Smith are both named on the gravestone,

but the gravestone does not state their relationship, an inference can be drawn that they were married to each other. The fact that they had the same surname, were close in age and are both named on the same gravestone suggests indirectly that they were spouses. The term in philosophy for this type of reasoning is *induction*. In inductive reasoning, one draws together more than one fact to reach a conclusion because the facts support the conclusion, not because that conclusion is the only possible conclusion which can be drawn from those facts. This is in contrast to deductive reasoning in which the facts can lead to only one conclusion.

Indirect evidence is also called circumstantial evidence. A fact can be inferred from other facts which surround or accompany that fact. To illustrate: Frank died from a knife wound. John was seen leaving the scene covered in blood. This suggests that John killed Frank, but that is not the only logical conclusion which can be drawn from these facts. The CSI Unit determines that the blood on John's clothing is Frank's. This strengthens the inference that John killed Frank but is still not the only logical conclusion. A surveillance camera captured the image of John approaching the scene with the murder weapon shortly before Frank was stabbed, shouting that he intends to kill Frank. No one else was in the vicinity at the time Frank was stabbed. There is still no direct evidence that John killed Frank. However, the only other logical conclusion is that Frank took the knife from John, stabbed himself and then bled all over John. This is improbable.

Another example of indirect or circumstantial evidence would be when one spouse claims that he bought a car for \$12,835 with money gifted to him by his mother (therefore, the car is not matrimonial property). His estranged wife denies this. However, he proves through bank documents and income tax returns that the couple did not have the money to buy the car. Therefore, the money could only have come from an outside source. The mother-in-law did

not keep her bank statements or cancelled cheque, but a deposit in the amount of \$13,000 was made to her son's bank account on his birthday two months before the car was purchased with a money order from the same bank account. Mom is loaded. Although there is no direct evidence that she gave her son \$13,000, there is no other explanation for the source of the deposit. We deduce that there is only one logical conclusion based on these facts. The husband proves his case.

Trial lawyers ask judges to draw a negative inference when the other side does not call an available witness who could provide testimony to prove a fact in issue. This means that we want the judge to infer that the other side did not call the witness because the witness would state that the *fact* is not true. We are suggesting that if the witness would help their case, the other side would call that witness. Therefore, the fact that they did not call that witness means that the *fact in issue* does not exist or is otherwise not what the other side needs the fact to be.

Applying this concept to family history research, what does it mean when the available records do not mention a person or a relationship which should be mentioned in those records if your hypothesis is correct? What can be inferred from the absence of a reference to the person or relationship? Is it reasonable to assume that this absence means that the person in question was not in the place at the time that you expected? Has he moved away, or not yet arrived, or are there other reasons for this absence from the record? In the case of a list of voters, was he there but did not qualify to vote? In the case of land records, was the family renting? In the case of a marriage, was there a reason why they would have gone to another church or another place for their wedding?

For more explanations of how to use inductive reasoning, circumstantial evidence and negative results from a search of records, see the following references. Note that current thinking in many genealogical circles in the United States is that the genealogical standard of proof is more

than *on the balance of probabilities* and approaching *beyond a reasonable doubt*. I do not agree. I suspect these people have not participated in many criminal trials. Nevertheless, there is a clear difference between drawing logical conclusions and guessing.

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## SURVEY OF AFHS MEMBERS REGARDING CHINOOK CONTENT

By Wayne Shephard, Editor

As I take over as Editor of *Chinook*, I am curious about how members view the publication. Is it relevant to what you are doing? Is the material presented of interest and value? Do the regular features provide important information? Are news reports from the various AFHS committees or from the Society in general timely and informative?

Overall, what does *Chinook* mean to the Society and its members?

I believe that the feature articles, those about specific research projects, historical events, people and methods of search and study have been of very high quality and very useful to other researchers (read members). I would like to encourage all members to look at their own stories and see if they have some that would be worth reproducing in *Chinook*.

Over the past few years there have also been a number of regular columns published in *Chinook*, about such things as upcoming events, computer usage, library acquisitions and donations, advice for beginners, book reviews and queries from readers. There have been some contributions from the SIGs, reporting on their activities, occasional summaries from other AFHS committees and a few articles about individual members and places of interest.

It is sometimes a challenge for the Editor to obtain material from regular (as well as occasional) contributors. They are busy people and continually reminding them to get their contributions in feels a bit like brow-beating at times.

Deadlines are set far in advance of actual publication because of the time it takes to set up, review, print and mail out each issue. We must have material well in advance of when members actually receive their copies. An electronic version might solve some of these time constraints and the Society may ultimately have to look at an alternative for delivery of *Chinook*.

*Chinook* is an instrument for the Society's business, with announcements about monthly and annual meetings and information concerning Society activities and sponsored events. Being a journal published only quarterly, however, means that it is not always the most appropriate medium for many types of information and advice to members. The society's webpage, blog, general distribution email list (Dist-Gen) and *The Breeze* are often able to disseminate news to members in a more timely manner.

So where do we go from here? I am seeking advice from you as to your needs and desires with respect to *Chinook*. This is not a formal survey but a way for me to get some ideas from which I can make plans for future issues and make recommendations to the Society's Board of Directors. I would urge you to look over the following list and send me your thoughts as to what you believe are the important subjects that should be published in *Chinook*.

On page 17 is a list of the current and most recent articles and columns that have appeared in *Chinook*. There have been others over the years and some have changed names, such as *Queries* now being known as *Surname Connections*. Some were discontinued because the authors just did not have the time any more to contribute regularly (or ran out of material to impart to members).

Please review the list and indicate which features you think are important to your own interests or that should, in your opinion, remain a part of *Chinook*. If there are other subjects you think could be added, let me know what your preferences are there as well.

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## AFHS Member Survey on *Chinook*

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## AFHS FOND MEMORIES

*Editor's Note – Following are two photos of committee activities dug out of the Society's archives (actually boxes in the basement of the AFHS library). We are looking for more records of such meetings and events from yesteryear. If you have any send them along to us.*



An early (1983) Ontario Interest Group meeting (before SIGs) Centre: Glenn Edwards; Clockwise from bottom left: Myrna Waldroff, Gail Kapiczowski, Lynda Coulter, Ursula Lewis, Lorna Laughton & Peggy Franko  
Credit: *AFHS Archives, photographer unknown*



Another cemetery survey group Left to right: back – Doug Stobbs, Isobel Schiedel, ?, Myrna Waldroff; front – Helen Backhouse, Janet Morgan, Frank Morrow, ?  
Credit: *AFHS Archives, photographer unknown*

## GENEALOGY SERVICES AT LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

By Nicole Watier

Genealogy Services, previously known as the Canadian Genealogy Centre, includes all on-site and online genealogical services of Library and Archives Canada. We partnered with the Department of Canadian Heritage to launch a website in 2003 to promote Canadian heritage through the discovery of family history. Genealogy Services make it easier to discover your roots and family history as a basic part of your Canadian heritage and to encourage the use of genealogy and the resources available in libraries and archives as tools for life-long learning.

Not that long ago, in order to trace their ancestors, genealogists and family historians had to spend a lot of time digging through old documents and travelling to various archives, without the opportunity to share their concerns or results with other colleagues. The Internet and the digitization of records offer the ability to reach people who are scattered across Canada and have no easy access to archives and libraries. Now tracing ancestors is not only easier for everyone, but is turning into a popular pastime.

The Genealogy Services website is filled with information, indexes and digitized images. You will find an in-depth, *How to Begin* section which contains detailed instructions for beginners and includes downloadable pedigree and family group charts. Included is a detailed guide called *Researching your Aboriginal Ancestry at Library and Archives Canada*. In 2009–2010 the site received some five million visits.

Among the most popular topics consulted on our website are military, census and immigration records. Library and Archives Canada holds an extensive collection of military records for those who served our country. There are records relating to Loyalists, the War of 1812, the militia, the First World War and the Second World War, many of which are featured in databases, research guides and virtual exhibitions. The records include muster rolls,

military service files for the South African War, First and Second World Wars, unit war diaries, medal registries, as well as published sources to put events into context.

Passenger lists contain information such as name, age, country of origin and intended destination. Very few passenger lists compiled prior to 1865 exist. The Genealogy Services website includes indexes of some surviving passenger lists from 1865 to 1922, and other relevant indexes. Of particular interest is the Home Children database, an index of the names of juvenile migrants found in passenger lists and other records.

Census returns are the official enumeration of the Canadian population. They are one of the most useful sources for genealogical research. They can help you discover when and where your ancestors were born, the names of their parents and siblings, what year an immigrant arrived in Canada and many other details. Census returns were enumerated geographically, not by name. Many genealogical societies and individuals transcribe and index census returns by name and make them accessible on the Internet or publish them as books or CD-ROMs.

The handy *Census Indexes* section on Genealogy Services website provides a list of all the censuses which have been digitized from 1851 to 1916 and which websites have compiled an index to those records. By the summer of 2011, all digital images and indexes to those census returns should be available on the Genealogy Services website.

Genealogy promotes the interaction between generations. No one is too young or too old to begin to compile a family tree. The *Youth Corner* section of our website offers teachers and students a lesson plan and other activities. With the help of the mascot EuGENEus, students can discover their family history, complete a genealogical chart and have fun with genealogical quizzes.

The Genealogy Services have many ongoing projects to index and digitize Library and Archives Canada records of interest to genealogists. We also develop partnerships nationally and internationally with many individuals, genealogical societies, archives, libraries and government departments to index and digitize sources of genealogical value in the Library and Archives Canada collections. Our partners include Ancestry, FamilySearch, CBC, the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, the Jewish genealogical societies of Montreal and Ottawa and the University of British Columbia.

If you happen to be in Ottawa, please visit the consultation room located on the third floor at 395 Wellington Street. You can discuss your research with a genealogy consultant and come up with a strategy to find relevant sources to further complete your family tree. You can access some subscription databases such as an institutional version of Ancestry.ca, BMS2000 and Mes Aïeux. There are also two terminals loaded with popular genealogy databases on CD-ROM, as well as some databases that will eventually be available on our website.

The consultation room also features a collection of books, such as indexes to parish registers, newspaper obituaries and cemeteries and you will also find a large collection of published family histories. Library and Archives Canada holds archival records and newspapers on microfilm. Through legal deposit, publishers are required to provide two copies of items published in Canada. You can search for book titles using AMICUS, the Canadian national catalogue. Many of Library and Archives Canada's books and microfilms are available for lending to institutions such as libraries, archives and resource centres both nationally and internationally. The borrowing institution, on your behalf, will make the loan requests. Note that some libraries and archives, including the Family History Library, hold microfilm copies of Library and Archives Canada's archival records such as census and passenger lists.

For those who do not reside in the National Capital Region, you will find, on our website, an *Ask a Question* button, which leads to a Genealogy Inquiry Form. We receive some 8,000 inquiries per year. Your question is assigned to a genealogy consultant who will usually answer within 30 days, depending on the complexity of your question.

We invite you to explore the Genealogy Services website of Library and Archives Canada to discover a wealth of Canadian genealogical sources. [www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy)

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## **COMPUTER TRICKS FOR THE GENEALOGIST**

**By Jim Benedict**

**Whenever I type something, my PC shuts down or it acts up, or puts a long string of characters across my screen/page/document.**

Although this problem can sometimes be caused by flaky cabling, such as a poor USB or keyboard connection, the more likely culprit is a stuck key. With your PC turned off, check all of the keyboard's keys to ensure no keys are stuck. If you discover a stuck key, pop off the key's cover and see if any debris is causing the sticking. If so, remove the debris.

**My computer opens my documents with the wrong application.**

Sometimes a computer uses the wrong application for opening your documents or files. Or you may have installed or uninstalled an application and your files no longer know what to use. All files on your computer have a file extension that connects with the default application. The extension is tacked onto the right of the file name with a dot or period separator. You might not see the extension when

listing files; it depends on your file browser (Windows browser) settings. Sample file extensions and related applications are:

.PDF	Adobe Acrobat Reader
.DOC or .DOCX	Microsoft Word
.XLS or .XLSX	Microsoft Excel
.JPG, .PNG or .BMP	image files
.TXT	a text file
.FTM	Family Tree Maker data file

There are many other examples. If you are not sure, just Google it. Extensions can appear in all upper, lower or mixed-case letters.

**Okay, what if I have such a file and it either does not open when I click on it or opens in the wrong application?**

You can right-click on the file and select **Open With...** You get a pop up window with some choices. If you see the right application listed in the window, select it. Or if it doesn't show, click on the **Browse...** button to find it. One more thing, if you want the application you selected to be the default for that extension, check the box that says, "Always use the selected program to open this kind of file." Or if you are just testing, leave the box unchecked.

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## WHAT'S OUT THERE By Linda Murray

### **Ancestors All at Sea**

Simon Wills looks at some lesser known collections of maritime records including those at Merseyside Maritime Museum Archives, Royal Naval Museum Library, Southampton Archives & Library, Lloyd's Register Headquarters and others. If you have maritime ancestors you might want to check out this article.

*Family Tree*, (2011, May), 27(7), pp. 60-63.

### **Exploring Civil War Widow Pensions**

Cindy Thomson tells us how to find these records for tracing your Civil War ancestor and what the records might contain for genealogical

purposes. The Widow's Pension records can provide valuable information as the widow had to show proof of marriage to the veteran as well as proof of the veteran's death. Some files contain birth certificates, marriage licenses, death certificates and /or medical records.

*Family Chronicle*, (2011, May/June), 15(5), pp. 31-32.

### **Scandinavian Roots and FamilySearch**

Are you researching family roots in Denmark, Finland, Norway or Sweden? Margaret H. Strand is the director of a Norwegian LDS family history center and in this article she examines the different databases offered by FamilySearch for tracing your Scandinavian ancestors.

*Internet Genealogy*, (2011, April/May), 6(1), pp. 33-36.

### **The Price of Coal!**

If one of your ancestors disappeared in 1888 from the area of Workington, Cumberland, England, perhaps he was one of the unfortunate 30 men who lost their lives in the explosion at St. Helens Colliery. Carol Mounsey provides a list of the victims with their place of residence, age, job description, marital status and other details. The information was extracted from the newspaper, *The Cumberland Pacquet*.

*Cumbria Family History Society*, (2011, February), 138, pp. 24-26.

### **Tips for Researching the Saskatchewan Women in Your Family**

In this article, Celeste Rider offers some suggestions to help find your female ancestors in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada. Sources include vital, church and census records, newspaper obituaries and social columns, divorce records and others. An overview of the databases of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) tells us what we might find in the Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI), Obituary Index and Burial Index. These databases can be found on the SGS website at <http://www.saskgenealogy.ca>

*Bulletin: The Journal of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society*, (2011, March), 42(1), pp. 23-27.



### Unravelling Quebec Land Records

Quebec land records can provide a wealth of genealogical information. In this article, Sharon Callaghan gives an explanation of the three different land registration systems in Quebec. Understanding the Seigneurial, Township and Cadastre systems could help you to decide which sources to check for land records in the province of Quebec, Canada.

**Connections:** *The Journal of the Quebec Family History Society*, (2011, Spring), 33(2), pp. 27-29.

### Was your Ancestor in the Bristol Riots?

D.P. Lindegaard gives an account of the notorious riots which took place in October, 1831 in Bristol which resulted in 250 casualties, killed and wounded. A list of names of those involved along with the punishments they received for their part in the riots was extracted from the newspaper, *The Bristol Mercury*.

**Journal of the Bristol & Avon Family History Society**, (2011, March), 143, pp. 50-58.

### What's New

Marilyn Wales describes various websites of interest to genealogists as well as some new tools to use in our research.

**Heritage Seekers: The Newsletter of the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society**, (2011, March), 33(1), pp. 9-11. ###

## 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: <http://afhs.ab.ca/publications/docs/HowtoWriteEffective-Surname-Connection.pdf> Email to [surnames-chinook@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:surnames-chinook@afhs.ab.ca)*

**NAME UNKNOWN – Can you help identify this man?**



I found this photo of a WWI Canadian soldier in a book I bought in a second-hand bookshop in Calgary in September 1990.

The book was a 1947 edition of Arthur Mee's *Norfolk*. The photographer was Adolphus Teaz, Ipswich, Suffolk, England and his negative # 30219a. The photo is on a card 4 3/4" x 7 1/2 " but there is no identification of the subject. Suffolk and Norfolk are adjoining counties which might give us a clue as to the person from whom it came. Canadian soldiers were stationed thereabouts in WWI. If someone would like to claim this handsome gent I will gladly forward the original.

Dr. Penelope Christensen, 32251 Silverfox Terrace, Mission BC V2V 6M8 ###

## LOVE OF HISTORY By Annie MacInnis

We open the closets and drawers and look upon the treasured accumulations of a lifetime. Clothes once loved, books read, cherished photographs of long-gone loved ones, dishes, bits of memorabilia that were of great significance, or were they?

The single gorgeous gown, a pale-lemon yellow vintage dress from the forties, all froth and glamour even after all these years. Where did she wear it and why save this one evening dress only? Nothing else in the closets suggested this extravagance was ever repeated.

I am in love with history. I love reading about it, learning about it, thinking about it and collecting stories about old things. I also love to cook and always note any history and details along with the recipe in my handwritten books.

I recently came across a recipe I had not used in a long time and had somewhat forgotten about.

In my handwritten recipe book, I have this notation written across the top of the recipe "Murray's Great, great, great, great Grandmother's Rolls."

This recipe is from my old and dear friend Murray. His Uncle John Neil's mother who was William Hall's wife passed this recipe down to him. The name William Hall will probably resonate with many Nova Scotians. William Hall was born on April 28, 1827 in Nova Scotia. He was the son of two slaves rescued from a slave ship by the British Navy. William joined the British Navy and served in the Crimean War.

In 1857, his ship was sent to India. Four hundred sailors and marnes from his ship took part in the relief of the besieged British garrison at Lucknow. Lucknow had been, at that time, under siege for four months. The previous relief column was decimated. The few survivors of the first relief column ended up taking refuge with the besieged they had come to rescue.

Hall's relief column dragged heavy siege guns with them overland as they fought their way toward the beleaguered Lucknow garrison. Although the enemy was defeated and the siege broken by this second relief column, only Hall and one other man out of the 400 sailors survived the relief of Lucknow.

For his actions in the relief of Lucknow, Hall received the Victoria Cross. He was the first *man of colour* to win the Victoria Cross, the first Nova Scotian and one of the first Canadians to be accorded this honour. Only 1,351 Victoria Crosses have ever been awarded, only 94 to Canadians.



Mrs. Aileen Johnson and son, Murray, descendants of William Hall. Credit – Dorothy Brown

Here is the recipe from my friend Murray, William Hall's descendant:

### *William Hall's Rolls*

- Scald 2 cups milk, let cool until warm.
- Sprinkle 4 teaspoons of yeast and a little of the sugar over the milk. Let stand 10 minutes.
- Add 1 cup oil, 4 eggs, 1 cup sugar, and 1 teaspoon salt.
- Mix all together except flour.
- Add 7 to 7 1/2 cups flour gradually.
- Knead briefly until smooth and elastic.
- Let rise twice.

- Bake for 12 to 15 minutes in a medium hot oven until done. (I use a 350-degree oven.)

Maybe I will take the time to make William Hall's wife's rolls and think about a young man from rural Nova Scotia with the heart of a lion and a weakness for soft rolls.



Annie MacInnis – author and cook!  
Credit: Annie MacInnis personal file  
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**PERIODICALS PLACE  
THE BREEZE and 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 Genealogical Resources found at the top of the page. Then find Periodicals: *Chinook* | *The Breeze*

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

**CHINOOK**

To submit an article to *Chinook* and for deadlines, see page 2 of each *Chinook*.

See *Chinook Submission Guidelines* at <http://afhs.ab.ca/publications/docs/chinook-submission-guidelines.pdf>

To place a Surname Connection in *Chinook*, See the "Surname Connections" column on page 21 of this issue for further information. ("Queries" go to AFHS researchers who answer specific inquiries for a small fee.)

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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.

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This flyer, advertising a 1987 seminar sponsored by the AFHS, was found in the Society's archives.

## FROM THE GENEASPHERE: *CYNDI'S LIST*

By Joan Miller

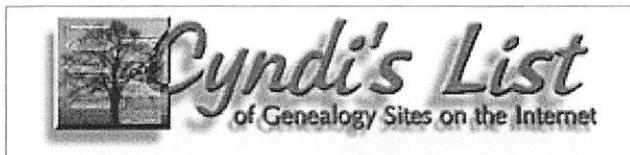
I recently had a chance to chat with Cyndi Ingles Howells, the founder and owner of *Cyndi's List*. Following are some comments that came out of that conversation.



Cyndi Ingles Howells

Credit: *Cyndi Howells personal file*

*Cyndi's List* was first published fifteen years ago on March 4, 1996. What started as a one-page list of links for Cyndi's local genealogical society has grown into an extensive web of 680 pages featuring over 292,000 links in every possible category one could imagine related to genealogy. For the most part a one-woman show, Cyndi's list has become an important resource for many genealogists and historians and is often the first contact point for beginners new to genealogy.



### What exactly is *Cyndi's List*?

- A categorized and cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet
- A list of links that point to genealogical research sites online
- A free jumping-off point for individuals to use in their online research
- A "card catalogue" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet

### Challenges

It may have started out innocently enough, but it

was a project that had a mind of its own. When asked about the challenges over the last 15 years, Cyndi replied, "It wasn't what I expected. It was supposed to be a side thing, a list of bookmarks that grew." People would send requests to add links and the backlog quickly became overwhelming. She soon found herself spending 10 to 12 hours a day, mostly fixing broken links. By April 1997, one year after *Cyndi's List* was created, there were over 17,000 links, in over 60 categories on 195 web pages. By 1999, the website had received 10 million visitors. In 1999 and 2000 Cyndi was featured by several major news organizations, including *Time Magazine*, and with Tom Brokaw on NBC. In 2001 she was featured in the *New York Times* (for a second time) and in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Cyndi's side project maintaining genealogy links had quickly become a full-time job. The Internet was, and is a constant, fluctuating entity. As Cyndi explains, "It wasn't possible to see then how much the Internet would change genealogy." It was a major challenge to stay on top of all the data.

### Rewards

There have been rewards to offset the challenges for the hard-working Cyndi. *Cyndi's List* was started as a way to help others and has grown into a full-time business for Cyndi. "The focus is on something I enjoy," the former banker commented, when asked of the rewards. She suggested it was as if all the components of her past occupation aligned for this phase of her life.

*Cyndi's List* gives her an occupation that allows her to work from home and be a stay-at-home mom which is very important to her. Besides maintaining *Cyndi's List*, Cyndi gives lectures on genealogy resources online and has written three books on the same topic.

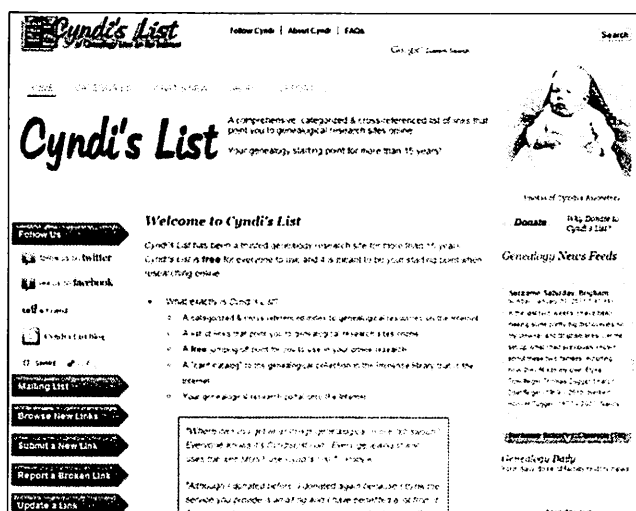
### What's New at *Cyndi's List*?

A brand-new website for *Cyndi's List* was



launched in the spring of 2011 as part of the 15th anniversary. One major change is a database that can be easily updated making management of the website more efficient. For example, if Cyndi changes a link in the database all instances of this link will automatically be updated across any and all web pages, wherever the link may appear.

Cyndi has worked hard to make the user experience on the new website similar to her previous website. She plans to incorporate webinars teaching how to navigate the site and to teach about online genealogy resources. Her goal is to continue to have *Cyndi's List* provide a jumping off point to genealogy research.



With improved navigation and clearly marked tabs to browse, submit, report or update a link, the newly improved *Cyndi's List* will aid the genealogy researcher to find the links they seek.

The categories will be arranged alphabetically with subcategories under each section.

Genealogy Categories												
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## The Next Decade

Cyndi Howells feels the genealogy world adapts quickly as it moves to new technology. Blogs, podcasts, webinars and social media have all been embraced with enthusiasm into genealogy research. She sees the next phase as being mobile devices. We are seeing that now with the ability to take your family tree on your phone or tablet.

## How Can We Help?

When asked how we can help support *Cyndi's List*, she mentioned that the site is free and will continue to be free although the planned upgrade and maintenance have been very expensive for her one-woman operation. She suggested the following:

- **Support Us Tab** – We can support by going through the links of the programs advertised on the website. *Cyndi's List* will get credit for any sales at no extra cost to the user.
- **Donate Button** – This is located on the right-hand side of the new site.
- **Please report any broken links or browser issues** – The “Report a Broken Link” tab is located on the left-hand side of the new site, or we can use the “Contact Us” feature at the bottom of the page.

From a humble beginning in 1996 to fifteen years of providing a service for others, Cyndi Ingles Howells perseveres, maintaining an ever growing list of over 292,000 links for the genealogy community.

*Cyndi's List* can be found at [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) ###

## Did You Know?

*Chinook* got its name following a contest organized in 1993, under the auspices of then Chairman, Myrna Waldroff, and Editor, Doug Stobbs, to find “distinctive names for our major publication and newsletter.” The winner of the contest, and originator of the *Chinook* name, was Derek Gould. According to Doug, “One that didn’t make the short list but did provide some merriment was *Root-a-Buggers...*”

## TWITTERING

By Lynne Kleingertner

Twitter is, quite simply, a way of posting short messages (140 characters or less) for other people to read. You can read messages, if you *follow* people, and they can read your messages, if they *follow* you.

Well – I certainly don't need that, I thought, because who cares what I'm doing every waking moment of the day and what do I care what others are doing? Do I really have time to join or read one more thing online?

Except...I began to wonder if genealogists were using it – and they are, in all sorts of ways. They share tips they've learned, new or little-known resources they've discovered, industry news, events, product info, reviews and questions. What I love most is that it's quick, it's up-to-date, and I don't have to spend as much time reading blogs and genealogy news sites.

My main use for Twitter is for my small, non-profit, genealogy-link library. I learned that I could use Twitter as a promotional tool for it, which has helped drive traffic to my website. I'm also continually discovering more Welsh links to add through the "tweets" of other Welsh organizations. I was even approached to be part of a Family History Fair via my Twitter account.

### Who can I follow?

You might like to start by following family history magazines, archives, museums, libraries, family history societies, history sites, genealogists, genealogy educators and Welsh tourism sites (because I'm hoping to travel there soon!) on these (mostly) familiar faces:

@AlbertaFHS (Joan Miller)  
@Luxegen (Joan Miller)  
@geneabloggers (Thomas McEntee)  
@dickeastman (Dick Eastman)  
@cplcentral (Humanities Department,  
Calgary Public Library)  
@ancestralwales (me, Lynne Kleingertner)

### Nervous about starting?

- You can use Twitter without *tweeting* yourself or having anyone *following* you. If you're knowledgeable about an area of family history research, you can *tweet* your tips and favourite sites to help others.
- Look at who's following your favourite *tweeters*, as you'll likely want to follow some of the same people.
- Remember you don't have to follow everyone who follows you; be selective.

Happy Tweeting!

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### HISTORY OF THE BRIAN W. HUTCHISON GENEALOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Marion Peterson

The Brian W. Hutchison Genealogical Scholarship was created in 2004 through an agreement between AFHS and Brian Hutchison, an AFHS member.

Brian wished to:

1. Give back to and promote AFHS
2. Encourage new and ongoing membership in the Society
3. Influence genealogists to undertake comprehensive genealogy research and evaluation and to produce quality documentation

From 2004 to 2010, an annual \$500 scholarship was awarded for genealogical study at a recognized institution or a major conference. The winners were:

2004	Tara Shymanski
2005	Ilene Lequyere
2006	Catherine Whiteley
2007	Margaret Aldridge
2008	Margaret Aldridge
2009	No applications
2010	Joyce Young

Members of the Scholarship Committee included Brian Hutchison, George Lake, Sheila Johnston, Kay Clarke, Helen Backhouse, Alan Cassley and Marion Peterson.

With much regret, the Brian W. Hutchison Scholarship was discontinued at the end of 2010 due to a lack of applications. The Society is grateful to Brian for establishing and funding the Scholarship program.

## EVENTS

### By Laura Kirbyson

#### Conferences and Seminars

**September 7-10, 2011**

#### **Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference**

Springfield, Illinois

Pathways to the Heartland

[www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php](http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php)

**September 9-10, 2011**

#### **Association of Professional Genealogists Professional Management Conference**

Springfield, Illinois

Being held in conjunction with the FGS  
Conference (above)

<http://apgen.org/conference/index.html>

**April 14-15, 2012**

#### **Alberta Genealogical Society and Alberta Family Histories Society Joint Conference**

Red Deer, Alberta

Planning has begun for this joint meeting of the  
major Alberta genealogical societies. Watch for  
more news over the coming months.

[www.afhs.ab.ca](http://www.afhs.ab.ca)

**June 1-3, 2012**

#### **Ontario Genealogical Society Conference**

Kingston, Ontario

Borders to Bridges: 1812 to 2012

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

#### **Webinar Events**

A number of organizations offer online seminars  
(webinars) about a variety of topics. One of the  
great advantages of webinars is that you don't  
need to travel to learn AND, if you miss the  
event, often the webinars are archived and you  
can view them on your own schedule. Listed  
below are a few websites that offer a variety of  
webinars with genealogical topics.

Legacy Family Tree

Genealogy Education Where you Are

[www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp)

#### GeneaWebinars

News about upcoming genealogy webinars  
throughout the online genealogy community is  
offered through Thomas MacEntee's  
Geneabloggers.

<http://blog.geneawebinars.com/>

#### Genea-Musings

Free Genealogy Webinars

[www.geneamusings.com/2009/10/free-genealogy-webinars.html](http://www.geneamusings.com/2009/10/free-genealogy-webinars.html)

If you have a favourite website that offers  
webinars, let us know so we can pass along the  
information in a future issue of *Chinook*. ###

## CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### By Christine Hayes

**Programs at Central Library  
4th Floor, 616 Macleod Trail SE**

#### **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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##### **2. Genealogy Meet-Up**

Join our group to meet with other genealogists to  
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For more information, please contact the Humanities Department at 403-260-2785. Check out the program guide, available in branches or online at [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com) ###

## COMPUTER TRICKS FOR THE GENEALOGIST – cont.

(continued from page 19)

**My Laptop is suddenly DOING ALL CAPS!** I find this very handy when on the road or in a meeting. Have you ever started typing something and then looked up at the screen only to realize you MUST HAVE HIT THE CAPS LOCK KEY BY ACCIDENT? Given that laptop keyboard Caps Lock indicator lights are small or non-existent, this is so easy to have happen. Try turning on Window's Togglekeys feature, which will now give you an audible tone whenever you press the CAPS LOCK, NUM LOCK or SCROLL LOCK keys. To do this in Windows 7, type **toggle** in the Start search field, select Change How Your Keyboard Works, then checkmark Turn on Togglekeys. In Vista, click Start, Control Panel, then Ease of Access. For Windows XP, click Start, Control Panel and Accessibility Options. Click Accessibility Options again and then checkmark Use Togglekeys.

### Forwarding emails

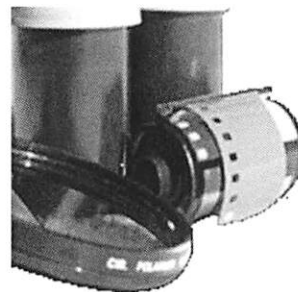
This delicate question came up recently in our Society's inter-correspondence. You receive an email of great interest and want to share the contents with a bunch of colleagues. If you just forward the email to a long list of contacts, then potentially these email addresses could be used for some purpose that was not intended and feelings can be hurt, or worse. How can you do this without broadcasting everyone's email

address to all the others in your forwarding list?

Start out by selecting the email of interest, clicking on Forward, put your own address in the **To** field and place all the other addresses in the **Bcc** ("blind carbon copy") field. If you do not see the Bcc box (I only know Windows Outlook), click on either the **To...** or the **Cc...** button and that should pop open a new window with **To**, **Cc** and **Bcc** boxes available. Now go through the body of the email and highlight and delete any addresses that might appear there. As a final touch, go to the **Subject** line and remove the "FW", "FWD" and "RE" tags. The people at the other end will only see your email address and <to undisclosed recipients>.

As another courtesy gesture, have a look at your **Subject** title. If you want people to open your email instead of tossing it in the Delete area, have the **Subject** be meaningful. Avoid using "Hello" or "RE", as these and similar words can be just red flags for fast deletion by many people.

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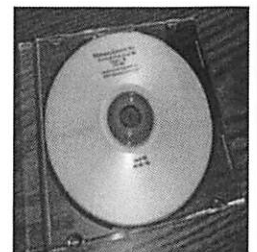
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### By Irene Oickle

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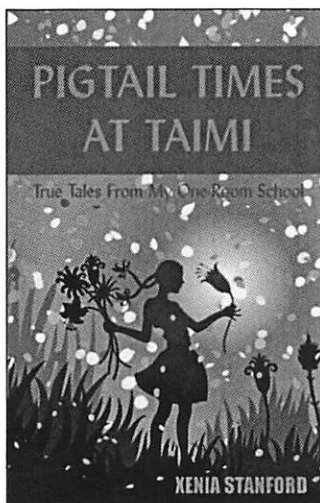


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