

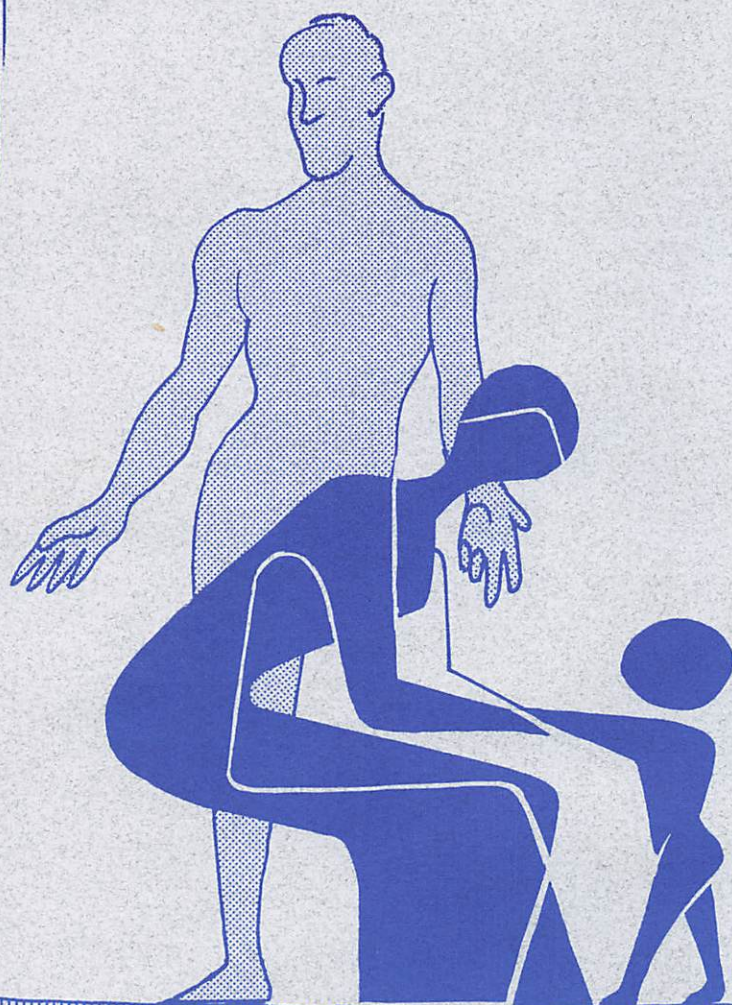
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The SGS has a telephone answering machine  
for your convenience. Leave a message and they  
will return your call as soon as possible.

## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Summer has finally come to Saskatchewan (Aug 2nd). The Regina Exhibition is on and everyone tells me that Fall starts after the Ex. They forget that I have lived on the prairies for 54 + years and 33 of them in Saskatchewan. I hope everyone has had a marvellous summer season and will now want to return to genealogy for the coming fall and winter.

I hope everyone has written to their MP or Minister of the Crown regarding the proposed cut to our Library Book Rate Postal Subsidy. If not, please do it now. No stamp is required. Please see the last *BULLETIN* for details in the editorial.

My mailbag has been very empty since I last talked to you. Please send me some items for the *BULLETIN*, be it articles, items of interest, recipes, odds & ends, stories, jokes, historical facts, history about your area of the country, historical artifacts, prisons, crimes, strange people, persons of interest etc. etc.. Remember, this is your *BULLETIN* and I am only its editor. If you don't send in articles, then you will have to be content with what I put in and it then becomes MY *BULLETIN* and that is not the way it should be. I would like someone to try to get me some information on the Moosomin Gaol that has long since disappeared. I would also like an article on some of our famous battles that took place during the Riel Rebellion. We know who fought on the government side, but who fought on the other side. Who were these people and what injuries did they suffer. There are all kinds of stories from our province, it just takes some digging to get them out for people to enjoy. Our history doesn't go back that far compared to other parts of the country or other countries but it has some important happenings. So please put your thinking cap on and send me some material. I give credit to those who send in items. The editors of the SGS branches should be able to send in items.

Please remember the upcoming 25th Annual Conference. Plan to attend as the keynote speakers are top notch.

Please volunteer your time to assist the SGS. Run for office or volunteer for a duty. The pay isn't much but the rewards are healthy.

Having problems? Contact your librarian as she may be able to help. I seek her advice constantly. She is a walking reference library. Also see her excellent feature article.

Please read Marie Svedahl's article in this issue on TO BE OR NOT TO BE. Right on Marie! I hope everyone takes the message to heart.

Remember to keep up indexing for the SRI. It should be a milestone in our history when it comes on line at the Conference.

I promised last issue to do an item for the Computer Corner. Due to other commitments, I will have to wait until next issue. I have received my copy of Family Tree Maker for Windows but have not had time to experience its power. Nor have I had time to play with my scanner but I hope to do it in the very near future. I may have something for the next issue. I am also trying to learn 3 different Programs, PUBLISH IT, PC PAINTBRUSH 5+ and PUBLISHER. All should help with the production of the *BULLETIN*. I hope to use Desktop Publishing in producing future issues and try some old photographs of our Saskatchewan History. Should prove interesting.

I will also try to have an item on old photographs for the next issue. Talk to you next time.

Norm Wilson

## President's Letter

Dear SGS Members & Friends:

Twenty five years ago a handful of people interested in pursuing their family history got together and formed the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. During our annual Conference, 20 - 23 October we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary as a Society. This will be an opportunity for us to look back at our past. The SGS Conference Committee has worked hard, spending many hours, organizing this event. During the weekend you will have the opportunity for you to learn more about genealogical research, meet new friends, renew old acquaintances and have a lot of fun. I hope you are making plans to attend and join with us in celebrating your Society's 25th Anniversary.

Congratulations to Peter Wyant who was elected to the SCCO Board of Directors. We wish you well in your new position. With being elected to the SCCO Board of Directors Peter had to resign as past-president of the SGS. At the June Board meeting Celeste Rider, a SGS past-president, was appointed Past-President as allowed by the SGS Constitution. Welcome back Celeste. It's great to have you back!

Following the Annual Meeting we had a brain storming session on membership services. Many who took part thought this was a worthwhile exercise and a way for you, our members to have input into your society. Is this something you would like to see continued? I would like to hear your views or if you have any suggestions for services we should be providing to our members, please drop

me a note.

Election time is once again upon us with several positions to be filled at the provincial and regional levels of the Society. Many loyal members have fulfilled their term of office and new people are needed to become involved with running the Society. Please let the Nomination Committee know that you are interested in serving. If a Board position does not interest you there are other areas where you can serve. Please feel free to contact any Board member or our Executive Director.

I recently had some genealogical excitement. The telephone rang one evening with the caller telling me that he was a relation of mine, that I had written to his mother some fifteen years ago, that she had passed away in May and while going through her effects he had found my letter and since he was in Saskatoon on a trip he would like to come and visit me. We spent the next evening talking and sharing family history.

What a surprise to find someone respond to a letter written some fifteen years ago. I guess the moral of the story is never give up hope for a reply, someone may have saved your letter and someone who is interested will make contact!

Sincerely,

Rae W. Chamberlain

# SGS BULLETIN BOARD

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library now has an answering machine to answer calls when the library is not open or when the staff is unable to answer calls. If you leave a message we will only return *local calls*.

## Library Closures

October 8 - Thanksgiving Day  
October 22 - SGS Seminar  
November 11 & 12 - Remembrance Day  
December 22 - January 3 - Christmas

## Library Hours

*Reminder:* Effective September 6 - Library hours are **Tuesday to Saturday 9:30 - 5:00**. This stays in effect until the May long weekend in 1995.

## Workshops

You must pre-register by the Wednesday prior to the class at (306)780-9207. Cost is \$10.00 for day long workshop or \$5.00 for ½ day workshop. **Please confirm these dates.** Send a SASE if you wish more detailed brochures.

**Saturday, September 24, 10:00am-12:30pm**  
Beginner's - Session 1. Introduction to Genealogy. How to get started in your own family history. Learn how to use genealogical charts.

**Saturday, October 1, 10:00am-12:30pm**  
Beginner's - Session 2. Learn the best way to use a variety of records when researching your family history.

(Session 1 & 2 can be taken separately)

**Basic Research Certificate Course**  
Wednesday, November 2 - 9:00am-5:00pm &  
Thursday, November 3 - 9:00am-12:00pm

or

Friday, November 4 - 7:00-10:00pm &  
Saturday, November 5 - 9:00am-5:00pm

*(SGS Certified Instructor's need this course)*

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is offering a Saskatchewan Research Course this fall that will qualify people to conduct the Basic Research projects for the Society and then enable them to have their names placed on a list of qualified Saskatchewan Searchers to be maintained in the SGS Office. This is also one component of the Saskatchewan Instructors Course.

## Topics to be covered include:

- a Code of Ethics
- basic Saskatchewan sources, where to find, how to use
- auxiliary sources, uses and limitations
- report writing
- budgets, time and money
- taxes, accountability and payment

**Saturday, November 5, Scandinavian Genealogy.**  
**10:00am-12:30pm** - Beginners Scandinavian Research. This class will cover the basic steps specific to Scandinavian research.

1:30pm-4:00pm - Advanced Scandinavian Research. Research discussion will be at an advanced level and directed to specific Scandinavian Countries. Advance registration is necessary for this class.

Saturday, November 26, 10:00am-12:30pm

Scottish Research. Introduction to Scottish research for those interested in beginning their research in Scotland.

Sunday, November 27, 1:30pm - 4:00pm  
Jewish Research. An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy.

Saturday, December 3, 10:00am-12:30pm  
Metis Research. Those who are researching Metis ancestry must do both native and non-native research. This class is just a beginning to this research.

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#### Salt Lake City Trip

Anyone who is wanting to go to Salt Lake City, please call us at (306)780-9207 and let us know the time you would like to have a trip arranged.

#### Instructors Course

If anyone is interested in taking the SGS Instructors Course in 1995, please contact the SGS and let us know when you would be interested in taking the course.

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
OGS Seminar '95 is to be held in Chatham, Ontario in May 1995

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA will hold their conference in July, 1995 at Calgary, Alberta

ALBERTA VITAL STATISTICS  
OFFICE New address is 3rd Floor John E. Brownlee Bldg., 10365 - 97th St., Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7

CLAN JOHNSTON/E IN AMERICA All those who have a Johnston/e in their family tree may want to join the Clan Johnston/e. It was founded in 1976 and if you are interested, you may write to: Russell C. Honey, Membership Commissioner, Canada, R.R. #1, Belleville, ON K8N 4Z1 *They produce a newsletter and I have the current one on file. Let me know if you are interested in it...Editor*

SGS REGION #2, South East, will hold a Regional Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 8, 1994 at 9:30AM. Location is at the Pangman School, Pangman Sask. Workshop fee is \$10.00 and includes lunch.

ELIJAH McCOY was a black man whose slave parents escaped to Canada where he was born. Later, he went to Detroit, Michigan where he got a job as an oiler on the railroad.

In those days, machinery had to be shut down frequently and oiled by hand. McCoy invented the lubricating cup, a simple device that made this unnecessary. He also patented more than 50 other inventions dealing with lubricating devices, many of which are still used on railroads and steamships all over the world.

In McCoys day, no respectable piece of machinery was complete without a McCoy lubricating cup. If it had the cup, it was "the real McCoy".

## NEWS & NOTES

*By Linda Turgeon & Norm Wilson*

**"LIVING TRUSTS" COMPLICATE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH** by Jane Hufft: A thorough discussion on how to proceed with genealogical research when an estate has been dispersed by means of a living trust rather than by a will, the probate of which becomes a public document. Living trust documents are generally administered privately and without court intervention. However they may contain just as much genealogical data as wills. A researcher needs to know how to access this information.

*Nexus, New England Historic Gen Soc Vol X, Nos 2 & 3, 1993*

**ELLIS ISLAND, New York Harbour, USA.** Did any of your ancestors arrive at this port when coming to North America? It was the USA's primary reception depot for immigrants between 1900 and 1924. Often 5000 immigrants a day passed through Ellis Island. Ellis Island was restored over a period of 7 years and is now a museum. There is an interesting article in the *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC*, Vol. 178, No. 3, Sept., 1990 on Ellis Island. A copy is in the SGS Library.

**THE WILTSHIRE APPRENTICES** who ran away from their masters between 1731-1814, and were recorded in the newspapers, have been extracted by Les Douch. The October 1993 issue contains a partial list which will be continued in future volumes.

*Wiltshire Family History Society, October 1993*

**GERMAN MARRIAGES IN WEYMOUTH, 1800-1805:** a list of marriages of German troops in the Regiment of York Hussars stationed in and around Weymouth to protect King George III. Marriages are registered at St. Mary's and St. Anne's, Weymouth.

*The Greenwood Tree, Somerset & Dorset Family History Society Vol. 18, No. 4, November 1993*

**SPOTLIGHT ON NAFFERTON:** A brief history about the parish of Nafferton in Yorkshire. This article includes a catalog of resources available in the parish and where to find them.

*The Banyan Tree, Journal of the East Yorkshire Family History Society, No. 56, October 1993.*

**VOTER'S LIST 1889:** Part I of list of persons entitled to vote at both Municipal Elections and Elections to the Legislative Assembly in the City of Stratford, Ontario. *Perth County Profiles, Ont Gen. Soc. Volume 11, No. 4 Nov 1993*

**THE CANADIAN NORTH WEST:** An article from the October 2, 1884 issue of the *Moosomin Courier* is reprinted in this edition of *Metropolitan, The Journal of the London & North Middlesex Family History Society, Vol 16, No 2 January 1994*

**ALSACE-LORRAINE:** Notes from Lorraine Roth's speech about research in Alsace-Lorraine. A summary of history, prerequisites to research and sources of information in Alsace-Lorraine. *Perth County Profiles, Ontario Gen. Soc. Volume 11, No. 4 November 1993.*

**U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES RENTALS:** a Microfilm Rental Programme is available for programme members or through participating libraries. Details in this issue include cost and mailing address for membership.

*Families, Ont Gen Soc, Vol. 33, No.1, February 1994.*

**NAMING CUSTOMS ON A CROATION ISLAND** by Ryan Taylor: The island of Susak in the Adriatic provides us with a different perspective on how a small society distinguished people when many of them

bore the same name. The customs have ramifications for genealogists of a later generation.

*Families, Ont Gen Soc, Vol. 33, No.1, February 1994*

**BURLEIGH COUNTY:** An partial Index of Burleigh County Naturalization Records. This issue has from 'Chevalier' to 'England' and will be continued in future issues.

*The Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter, Bismarck-Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society, Vol. 22, No.4, Dec 1993*

**THE CALENDAR:** A list of transition dates from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar for each region of the world.

*BRANTches, Ont Gen Soc, Vol. 13, No. 3, September 1993*

**VOLGA COLONIES 1765:** An extensive article about the Volga Colonies during the reign of Catherine II of Russia. This item contains maps and letters of the period. This issue also contains a review of *Thunder on the Steppe* by Timothy and Rosalinda Kloberdanz.

*Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Vol. 16, No. 4, Winter 1993*

**TAKE A PEW By Joy Lodey:** The first of a three part article on an unusual source - family pews in parish churches. The seating arrangements in medieval churches offers clues as to your ancestors status and wealth in addition to religious preference.

*Family Tree, Vol. 10, No. 1, November 1993.*

**A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)** for people with roots in Galicia has been formed. Galicia, the territory which today is Southern Poland and Western Ukraine, was a province of the Austrian empire between 1772 and 1919. The first year of the SIG, Suzan Wynne, a founder and former President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington, will coordinate the

group and edit a quarterly newsletter. Members can share information about travel, towns, family names, obtaining records from Poland and Ukraine, etc. Membership fee is \$15.00. The first issue of their newsletter has already been released containing SIG "Family Finder". For membership or information - Suzan Wynne, 3128 Brooklawn Terrace, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Cleveland Kol, The Voice of Jewish Genealogy in Cleveland, Vol. 4 No. 3, 1993.*

**Clercs et Laïcs à Saint-Boniface-** by Gilles Lessage: an extensive article about French Catholicism in Canada and particularly it's establishment in western Canada.

This article is entirely in French.

*Bulletin, La Société Historique de Saint-Boniface, No.1, Automne 1993.*

**THE SALVATION ARMY HERITAGE CENTRE** has records available for research. They include copies of newspapers, books and pamphlets arranged by Corps. There is information from other countries where the Salvation Army has worked and there are personnel records and information about officers. The search fee is £5-00 and the address is - Major Jenty Fairbank, 117-121 Judd Street, Kings Cross, London England, WC1H 9NN,  
*Journal, Cleveland FHS, Vol 5, No. 8, October 1993.*

**HERALDRY FOR THE FAMILY HISTORIAN -III** by John Fletcher: a story about the establishment of a royal Commission and its work from 1530 to 1686 to "prove" and issue arms.

*Journal, Cleveland FHS, Vol 5, No. 8, October 1993.*

**USING MICROSOFT WINDOWS** by Pamela McMurray-Lee: if you have Microsoft Windows this article about using the Cardfile for genealogy purposes might be useful. The article is quite detailed in setting up files and templates.

*NGS Newsletter, Vol.19, No. 5, Sept-Oct 1993.*

"May not faithful directories of the present day be the means of preserving to after-generations' a local habitation and a name?"  
James Pigot, 1830

**CENSUS OF 1896-97-98-99** is reproduced in this issue. Also listed is the addresses of offices of Vital Statistics in the USA and an index to the 1885 Federal Census of Ward County, North Dakota.

*North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record, Issue 57, December 1993.*

**CEMETERY LISTING:** The first part of a list of burials by the J. A. Behrens Mortuary in Rapid City, South Dakota beginning in July 1887 are found in this issue of the *Black Hills Nuggets, Rapid City Society for Genealogical Research, Vol XXVI, No.4, November 1993.*

**A SILVER JUBILEE IN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH OR WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE FAMILY LEGEND?**

- Brian Swann's twenty five year search to verify the family legend in Norfolk.

*The Norfolk Ancestor, Journal of the Norfolk & Norwich Genealogical Society, Vol.7, Part 3, December 1993.*

**IF YOU ARE SEARCHING IN NORWICH,** Norfolk you may want to consult Trevor Read's indexing of the 1891 Census of Norwich. The index is of St. Stephen and St Peter Mancroft districts of Norwich.

*The Norfolk Ancestor, Journal of the Norfolk & Norwich Genealogical Society, Vol.7, Part 3, December 1993.*

**FRENCH CANADIANS SOUGHT THEIR FORTUNES IN KANSAS.-** Norma Meter. This story follows some French Canadian families who were part of the 1850-1880 immigration from Quebec to Illinois and onward to Kansas.

*American-Canadian Genealogist - Vol 19, No.4, Issue Number 58, Fall 1993.*

**RADISSON, THE ULTIMATE FUR TRADER,** Donald P. Chaput: "Imagine

trying to contrive a novel about an early New World explorer whose hero might encompass the characteristics and adventures of Cooper's Hawkeye, of Michener's Pasquinal, and of the real life Daniel Boone. Imagine a hero whose influence would span two continents, whose drive and determination would be the motivating force behind the visionary formation of a mercantile company that would exist for over 300 years....He was a hero whose life would seem almost too stimulating to be believable. Put all of these things together and you still probably could not equal the truth behind the life of Pierre-Esprit Radisson." Thus starts a well written and extensive story of one of Canada's early explorer's.

*American-Canadian Genealogist - Vol 19, No.4, Issue Number 58, Fall 1993.*

**DEATHS IN MASSACHUSETTS (1852-1855),** with named parents, of Irish natives born before 1800 - Richard Andrew Pierce: This is the second instalment of an index of Irish natives over 50 years of age who died in Massachusetts during the first decade of statewide recordkeeping (1841-1851), and whose death records parents names. The time frame for this instalment is 1852-1855.

*Nexus, Vol X, N.4, Aug-Sep 1993.*

**BRIEF ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT-** the Red Deer Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society's brief to hearings of the Committee of Alberta MLA's is contained in this issue of *The Tree Climber, Vol 14, No. 4, November 1993.*

**CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS TO GET NATIONAL DATABASE -** The National Park Service & the Civil War Trust has announced plans to enter information on 3.5 million soldiers on a computerized database. *Quarterly, South Dakota Genealogical Society, Vol. 12, No. 2, October 1993.*

**MARSHALL COUNTY Homestead Map Index,** continued from July 1993. *Quarterly, South Dakota Genealogical*

#### **18th CENTURY CENSUSES OF**

**P. E. I., William P. Arsenault** - The Island became inhabited with the first permanent Acadian settlers around 1720. In 1728 the first known census of the Island was taken. *P.E.I. Genealogical Society, February 1994, Newsletter #68, Vol 18, No.1.*

**LIFE-SPAN: Chronology and Content, Lorraine Toleikis** - a sample of a chart to lay out your family history in context with world history.

*Journal of the Victoria Genealogical Soc. Vol 17, No. 1 February 1994.*

"Those who do not treasure up the memory of their ancestors do not deserve to be remembered by posterity"  
**Edmund Burke.**

**THE GATE - THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA** has introduced its new automated library system not simply as a catalogue to the holdings of its collection, but as an entry point to the world of information on the network - the "library without walls".

..... *The Gate* is your guide to the three million items held by a consortium of Edmonton libraries, of which the University of Alberta is a member and major contributor. Over the next few months, *The Gate* will begin to list the holdings of many other Edmonton library catalogues available in Edmonton, and globally on the Internet. *Relatively Speaking, Alberta Genealogical Society, Vol. 22, No. 1, Feb 1994.*

**ALBERTA BOUND: Canadian Border Entry Records Along the 49th Parallel in Alberta and Saskatchewan 1908-1918** - **Kenneth G. Aitken.** During the period 1896 to 1920 over 600,000 people entered the Canadian prairies from the United States along the 49th parallel and this article has tips on the records available on these immigrants. *Relatively Speaking, Alberta Genealogical*

**19th CENTURY EXODUS** by **Marjory Harper** - Scottish emigration in the nineteenth century is the subject of this article in the *Journal of the Victoria Genealogical Soc. Vol 17, No.1 February 1994.*

**1994 IS THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY.** This is especially important for those of us interested in genealogy, because it offers all of us an opportunity to stop and consider just what value our hobby or religious expectation has for our families.

**GERMAN GENEALOGY** By **Glenda Neal.** An interesting piece on researching German ancestors. *Black Hills Nugget, Vol. XXVII, No.2, May 1994.*

**NORTH DAKOTA CENSUS RECORDS:** If you have ancestors who lived in North Dakota between 1850 and 1925, they may have info in the census records. The State Historical Society of North Dakota, State Archives & Historical Research Library, North Dakota Heritage Center, 612 East Blvd Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0830 Phone (701)224-2091.

**COUNTY OF BOTTINEAU, Territory of Dakota, 1 Jun 1885 Census List** shows a number of people came from Canada.

**OMEMEE ND Excerpts** from the Omeme Herald listing marriage, death and juror list. *North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record, Issue 59, June, 1994.*

**1993 SURNAME LIST OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Lists those researching names. You may want to check the list and obtain the names & addresses of those interested. *GRHS, Vol. 24, No.2, June 1994.*

**FINDING YOUR ROOTS IN P.E.I.** If you are researching this area of Canada, you

might want to read this short article. *PEI Genealogical Society Newsletter #69, Vol. 18, No. 2, April, 1994.*

**SEVENTY YEARS OF ARCHIVES.** The Engels branch of the State Archive of the Saratov Oblast contains the basic collection of documents about the history of Germans of the Volga Region from 1764 to 1941 when they were deported during WWII. *Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Vol.17, No.1, Spring 1994.*

**FUNERAL CUSTOMS** associated with the burial of the dead titled "Journeys to Paradise: Funery Transport 1600-1850 by Julian Litten - *Timberline, Vol.V, No.2 April, 1994.*

#### **THE CLERKENWELL BRIDEWELL GAOL**

Records of every inmate in this London house of detention will soon be on computers and available to anyone seeking information on ancestors.

From 1616 until it was closed in 1890 the Bridewell gaol was the busiest holding tank on the British Isles. Recall that the harsh penal laws of the 18th and 19th centuries meant the theft of a loaf of bread, or failing to repay a debt to the baker, could easily win a guest a spot in Bridewell for the whole family and often many of these inmates were deported to Canada New Zealand and other colonies of the British Empire.

The present owner of Bridewell, Leon Andrews-Zanetou, is restoring the gaol as a crime museum for tourists as well as indexing all the inmates over three centuries for genealogical researchers.

#### **ACTIVE SCANDINAVIAN-CANADIANS**

The Scandinavian Home Society of Northwestern Ontario have recently introduced a heritage project to gather information about Scandinavian settlers with

historical artifacts, documents and genealogical data. The first Scandinavians to arrive in the Thunder Bay area in 1869 were Swedes, followed shortly by miners hired in Norway. Construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway westward in 1875 attracted more Swedes, Finn-Swedes and Norwegians. Immigrants arrived directly from Scandinavia but also via the United States with the main flood of immigration during the years 1900-1930."

Contact: Elinor Barr, 104 Ray Boulevard, Thunder Bay, ON P7B

#### **COMPUTER DATABASES FOR GENEALOGY:HOW TO SELECT A FIRST PROGRAM:**

Bill Mumford takes you through the why's and wherefore's of purchasing a genealogy program and what to look for in the program. A very good article which first time (and in some cases second time) buyers should read. Some very good tips for the novice. *Chinook, Alberta Families Histories Society, Vol.14, No.4.*

**METIS RESEARCHERS** Should contact Geoff Burtonshaw at 2324-3rd Ave. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 0K8 or PH:(403)283-2594. He publishes NEYA POWAGANS, a Metis newsletter. Very good humour and lots of interesting tips. He also has a computer and lots of names in his database. Also be sure to send a SASE as he is not a millionaire. *Neya Powagans Newsletter*

**METIS** - Doug Stobbs (AFHS) and Geoff Burtonshaw (Neya Powagans) have articles about the Metis and the researching of same. A list of metis names & addresses of those researching the names is given. A must for those doing Metis research. *American-Canadian Genealogist, Vol.20, No.2, Issue 60.*

#### **SCOTTISH ANCESTORS: LOST AND FOUND:**

An evaluation of the Old Parish Registers - A presentation by A. Rosemary Bigwood. Very good information on O.P.R.'s. *ISBGFH Newsletter, Vol.16, No.1, Jan/Mar. 1994.*

# HOW TO OVERCOME BLOCKED LINES: USING RESOURCES FOUND IN SGS LIBRARY

by Laura Hanowski

\*\*\* *These are the notes used for the workshop presentation at the SGS Annual Meeting 23 April 1994.*

## Objective:

- To give an overview of how to approach the problem of a blocked line.
- To concentrate on the kind of resources found in SGS Library that may help you overcome this problem. However, these same resources may also be found in libraries that have genealogical collections or have books that help genealogical researchers. IF your library doesn't have these books or microfilm you may wish to order them through inter-library loan at your local library.

*These are the steps I use whenever someone new to genealogy comes to the SGS Library for help or when someone comes for help because they have encountered a blocked line.*

## FIRST DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION

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|-------------|------------------------------|
| Step One:   | Review the evidence          |
| Step Two:   | Determine your research goal |
| Step Three: | Survey the literature        |
| Step Four:  | Develop a research plan      |
| Step Five:  | Examine the Records          |

*I will now give specific examples for how to develop each step for your particular problem.*

## Step One: Review the evidence

- a. Check your pedigree chart *and ask yourself*
- are all the people confirmed by the documents you are using for proof?
  - OR have you made arbitrary assumptions about which John Smith is your John Smith and are NOW tracing the wrong line OR are you about to trace the wrong line?
  - double check the dates in case there are transcription errors.
  - do the dates provide for sufficient time to produce these generation?
  - have you entered the names as they appeared on your evidence?

## BY ANGLICIZING NAMES OR "CORRECTING" SPELLING YOU MAY HAVE DESTROYED YOUR MOST IMPORTANT CLUES.

Aside: Have you checked your own birth registration to see who your parents were? and when & where they were married? *The next time you win the Saskatchewan Lottery buy yourself a copy of your birth registration or suggest that your family buy you a copy for a gift.*

- b. Check your family units sheets
- are the children listed the only children born/adopted by this couple?
  - is it possible for this couple to

have produced this family considering their ages and the time space between each child? The marriage date is not the key!!

- are all stillborn children listed as well as those who died?
- examine each document you have used for evidence LINE BY LINE to make sure you have not overlooked any important facts or clues.
- have you noted all sources on your family unit sheet? *I can't stress this strongly enough. As you become more experienced as genealogists you will discover that you will need to check and recheck these sources.*
- have you tried to use a number of sources to confirm your data? If you only use one source you will likely find that THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR causing your blocked line.

*Now that you are satisfied that your data is correct.*

## **Step 2: Determine Your Research Goal**

- a. Analyze your records noting such things as:
- names changes.
  - religious affiliation.
  - occupations.
  - ethnic background.
  - ages and causes of death.
  - examine migratory patterns by:
    - checking the location of the birth and the marriage for the parents.
    - checking the location of the birth and the marriage for each of the children.
    - checking the location of the

places of death and the place of burial for each person.

- plot these locations on maps of that era.

## **b. Set out your new research goals using the Key Word Guide**

Who? - who am I looking for?

When? - when am I looking? You need a time frame - an exact date, a year, a decade or a century.

Where? - am I looking? You need a geographical location such as a Rural Municipality including the section, township, range and meridian or the township and county, province, state, shire, compartment or COUNTRY.

Why? - why am I looking? Generally, this is to prove you have found the event for the right ancestor.

What? - what document or source will provide the answer I require?

*Now that we have a research plan we need to decide what sources we should/can use to find the answers we require. So:*

## **Step 3: Survey the Literature**

- for our purposes this relates to resources found in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library and listed in the SGS Library List BUT these resources may be found in libraries throughout the world.
- before examining the SGS Library

List or your library subject catalogue we need to look at some terminology that may help you determine which resources are best suited for your needs.

## A. GAZETTEER

- a geographical dictionary that may/will list such things a section, township, range, county, province, state, compartment, civil or ecclesiastical parish, kreis or latitude and longitude.

Some examples found in the SGS Library:

1. Gazetteer of Canada: Saskatchewan. Energy, Mines and Resources Canada. 1976.
2. Gazetteer of Bartholomew Places In Britain. John Bartholomew & Son Ltd. 1986.
3. Gemeinderverzeichnis für die Hauptwohngebiete der Deutschen ausserhalls der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Reichling, Dr. Gerhard. Verlag für Standesamtswesen Gonbtt & Co. KG, Frankfurt am Main. 1982.
4. Deutsches Ortsverzeichnis Unter besonder Berücksichtigung der zustandigen Standessamter. Berlag für Standesamtsween, Frankfurt am Main. 1930 reprint 1978.
5. Genealogical Gazetteer of Galicia. Lenius, Brian J. 1993.

*An Alternate source for the US is the United States Postal Code Book which gives the county name for each listing!*

## B. ATLAS

1. Historical. Historical atlases have text and maps to show such things

as boundary changes, population movement and ethnic or religious distribution.

- Example: · Historical Atlas of Canada From the Beginning to 1800. University of Toronto Press. 1987.
- Poland A Historical Atlas 966 - 1986. Pogonowski, Iwo Cyprian; Hippocrene Books, Inc. 1987.
  - Historical Atlas of East Central Europe. Magoesi; Paul Robert. Mathews, Geoffrey J. University of Washington Press. 1993.

2. Genealogical: genealogical atlases have been produced to show the geographical details genealogists need in order to find their specific locations. These may include townships, counties, poor law unions, townlands, parishes, census & registration districts.

- Examples: · Genealogical Atlases for England & Wales, Ireland, Scotland. Gardner, David E; Harland, Derek; Smith, Frank. Stevenson's Genealogical Center. 1974.
- Genealogical & Historical Atlas for the United States of America. Kirkham, E. Kay. 1980.
  - Railway - these not only show where the railways travelled and when THUS providing the migration routes.

- Example: · Railroad Maps of North

America - The First  
Hundred Years. Modelski,  
Andrew M. Library of  
Congress. 1984.

## C. MAPS

*Everyone who is serious about tracing their ancestors MUST use and constantly recheck current and historical maps for EACH location their ancestors lived.*

1. Historical Maps - maps of a country for a particular date or time period.

Examples:

- Maps of the German Empire 1871. Jensen Publications. 1984.
- Atlas of the German Empire 1892. Thomsen's Genealogical Centre. 1989.
- Maps of the Austro-Hungarian Empire 1892. Thomsen's Genealogical Centre. 1990.

2. Ordnance Maps - developed by the military so are very detailed for small areas.

Examples:

- Reprint of the 1st Edition of the 1" Ordnance Survey of England & Wales, sheet 79. Dorking & Kingston 1862. David & Charles.
- Übersichtskarte von Mitteleuropa. Piatra.
- Hauptvermessungsabteilung XIV in Wien. 1939.

3. Parish Maps - these could be civil or ecclesiastical.

Examples:

- Phillimore Atlas & Index of Parish Registers. Humphery-Smith, Cecil R.; Phillimore & Co. Ltd. 1984.
- District Map for Germany.

4. Migration Trail Maps - these show migration routes used by people and offer clues for new areas to search for those "missing" ancestors.

Examples:

- American Expansion A Book of Maps. Sale, Randall D.; Karn, Edwin D. University of Nebraska Press. 1979.

Aside: I also use railway maps and the Map Guide to the US Federal Censuses, 1790-1920. Thorndale, W; Dollarhide, W. Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc. 1987.

5. Modern: Freytag & Berndt: Czechoslovakia Road Maps that have indexes in the language of the country and German.

## D. TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY

Give detailed descriptions of a particular country in small geographical sections. They could describe land, resources, principle churches, schools, business, occupations and land owners.

Examples:

- A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland (1837), Scotland (1836). Lewis, Samuel. 2 Vols. for each. Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing

Co., Inc.

There is also one for England that has not been reprinted recently. Check university libraries for a copy of an original book.

## E. BIBLIOGRAPHY

A complete or selective list of articles or books which may be found at the end of a chapter, article or book. It could also be a book on its own.

Example: · Genealogy: A Selected Bibliography. Rubican, Milton. 1983. Banner Press.  
· Not Found in the SGS Library is: A Bibliography of the Prairie Provinces to 1953 With a Biographical Index. Peel, Bruce Braden;

## F. CATALOGUE

An alphabetical list of the contents of a library.

Examples: SGS Library Catalogue, 1993.

## G. UNION CATALOGUE

An alphabetical list of the contents of a number of libraries.

Example: · Union List of Canadian Newspapers. 1991. NRC Canada. (on microfiche, Reference Only for the SGS Library)

## H. LOCALITY CATALOGUE

A list of the contents by locality of records and manuscripts found in the a

library.

Example: · Locality Catalogue of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. This is on microfiche and is found in the SGS Library and every Family History Library throughout the world.

## I. CHECKLIST

A list of a particular item showing what copies still exist and where they are located.

Example: · Checklist of Canadian Directories 1790-1950. Ryder, Dorothy E. National Library of Canada. 1979.

## J. DIRECTORY

An alphabetical list of people, organizations, institutions.

Example: · Directory of Canadian Archives. Canadian Council of Archives. 1990.

## K. FINDING AID

Describes a particular record group, giving details about the contents, volume, page numbers, whether there is an index. May also give reel numbers if the record is on microfilm.

Examples: · Finding Aid for Birth, Marriage & Death Records in Ontario 1816 - 1942 on Microfilm Found in SGS Library

## L. INDEX

A MORE or LESS detailed alphabetical listing of names, places or topics

NEVER look at an index without reading the preface or introduction to discover:

- what is being indexed,
- why these entries were selected
- HOW to find the original record

NEVER use an index as your source for data. ALWAYS look up the original source to make sure this really is your family.

NEVER NEVER restrict your search to one spelling for a surname. ALWAYS check every spelling and look for family groups.

Aside: Do you ever use a Vital Record Index as geographical locator for people with your ancestral names??

- Examples:
- Index to the 1891 Census of the NWT Assiniboia East. Condon, Eileen. SGS Regina Branch. 1990.
  - Index to the 1871 Census of Ontario for (there is one for each county in Ontario.)
  - Index to Vital Records for Ontario: Births, 1869 - 1897; Marriages, 1869 - 1912; Deaths, 1869 - 1922). Microfilm. Reference Only.
  - Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths in England and Wales 1841, 1848 - 1882, 1912, 1913. Microfilm and fiche. Reference Only. (This collection is always

being added to.)

- Index to Indirect Hamburg Passenger Lists 1885 - 1910. Microfilm. Reference Only.
- \* New: Index to the 1881 Census for England and Wales. This is found on microfiche. So far 31 counties have been published. Eventually, all counties will be published. Microfiche. Reference Only.

Aside: There is also an Index to the 1881 Census for Scotland. As of July 1994 no details have been released about who will have it for sale. The Kincardineshire section has been presented to the Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Family History Society.

## M. INVENTORY

Detailed description of a particular resource.

These list where to find what copies still exist; when they were published; whether there are paper or microfilm copies available, for what years, and whether they can be viewed or borrowed.

- Examples:
- Inventory of Ontario Newspapers 1793-1986. Gilchrist, J. Brian. Micromedia Limited. 1987.

## N. MANUSCRIPT

A book, document or letter written by hand.

Aside: For Irish Researches check the Locality Catalogue for the Family History Library under Ireland: Archives and Libraries - Inventories, Registers, Catalogues for "Hayes, Richard J. -- Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilization. Boston: G.K. Hall and Co., 1965. 11 vols." This valuable source may give you the name and location of a manuscript published from 1700 - 1961 which may help you find your illusive Irish ancestor.

## O. GUIDES

Articles or short books that describe:

- aspects of genealogical searching.
- how to use a particular research record.

Example: · Exploring Family History in Saskatchewan. Hande, D'Arcy; Pittendrigh, Robert L. Saskatchewan Archives Board. 1980.

- Scotland: A Genealogical Research Guide. LDS. Series A, No. 60. 1987.

Aside: Not found in the SGS Library but often found in major research libraries. How to Use CIHM: A Guide to CIHM: Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions Pre-1900 Printed Canadiana on Microfiche. This guide is a single sheet that describes how to access the 55,000 plus Canadian book, pamphlets, leaflets, off-prints and broadsides which span more than three and a half centuries of Canadian development. This is an invaluable source for genealogists who need Pre-1900 records of such items as directories, early histories, published church or burial records or diaries. Because this collection is usually found in university libraries there is also a

microfiche printer available to make copies of any items you find.

\*\*\* Don't depend on the title of a book to tell you what is in it. A new book in the SGS Library is "Guide to Quebec's Parishes and Civil Registers Catholic, Protestant & Other Denominations 1621-1993. Fortin, Francine. 1993". This book is an excellent gazetteer. It gives the locality, county, whether there are civil or religious records, when the institution was established, where the records are found.

## USE THE BASIC RESEARCH GUIDES

- to do a general search to learn what you need to know about your new area of research or RECHECK to see what records you may not have used.

Examples: · LDS guides.

- *Now list the particular record groups which may be of the most value to you.*

## Step 4: Develop a Research Plan

- Fill in the Key Word Guide with your particular problem.
- Develop HOW you are going to find the answers.

## Major Points to Consider

1. What is the particular name of the record I need to use?
2. Where is the ORIGINAL record found?
3. Are there copies of this record available elsewhere? \*\*\*Is a copy

- found in the SGS Library?
4. Are these copies of the entire record or are they extractions from the original record?
  5. What format are these copies? - paper, microform.
  6. Can copies be borrowed or copied?
  7. What language will this document be in?
    - should I have a translation guide or foreign language dictionary? Check the SGS Library or your local library to see if there are books that have examples of the record you require. A good example is: Following The Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide. Shea, Jonathan D.; Hoffman, William F. Language & Lineage press. 1991.
    - would it be prudent to see if there are examples of the format the record takes so I know what to expect when I find it?
  8. Before I arrive at the place where the record is stored
    - do I know the correct address and the hours of operation
    - are there times when the record office is closed for meetings or ethnic holidays?
    - is it closed for renovations, asbestos removal, moving, taking inventory
    - is it a public or private institution?
    - are there restrictions?
    - is membership required?
    - is there a fee involved?
    - will I need a pass or reader's ticket?
    - what kind of identification will I need for this?
    - will I need to reserve a chair or a machine?
    - will the record be readily available or will I need to give

prior notice?

- if I need to give notice how much? day, week?
  - will I need to consult with an expert and will they be there when I need them?
  - are there copying facilities? who does it?
  - will I need bags of change? what denominations? is there a change machine? will they make change at the desk?
  - are there restrictions about how long I can use a copying machine?
  - can I arrange to have copying done for me at a later date?
9. If I need to park a vehicle where is the closest parking lot and what is the cost?
  10. Are there community happenings which I should be aware of? A major festival for the year may mean accommodations are non-existent or available at inflated prices.
  11. Is it hurricane or flood season so the office could be closed unexpectedly?

#### Step 5: Examine the Record.

- Make an extraction of the record
- Get a copy if possible

NOW: Return to step one and start again

Remember Genealogical Research Time is:

- 80% looking for records
- 20% actually checking, and rechecking them

# USING THE SRI

by Marie Svedahl

With the SRI launch date of Friday 21st October nearly upon us, the SRI Committee has been busy. The mechanics of the computer segment of our big event are in the capable hands of our "computer person", Tom Atkins. It is his responsibility to ensure that the machines and programs run smoothly. The task of putting as many names as possible into that computer is ours - yours and mine. I do want to thank those of you who responded to my plea in the last Bulletin, and sent in the data you have been working on.

This past week I witnessed a perfect example of how the SRI will assist family research.

My son-in-laws's second cousin arrived from Oregon - and she had a Saskatchewan research problem. My daughter brought the lady to Regina, picked me up and we spent the day "hunting".

In brief the problem was this: Great grandfather, Wm. Carrick left Ontario for Sask. with "Aggie & Rob", and Wm. died in 1895 at Wolseley NWT. It was said William had a number of children but the only one known to our researcher was her own grandmother, Mary, who married in Ontario and then moved to Montana, USA.

The three of us spent the day at the SGS, Regina Public Library and the Sask. Archives. We needed to establish first who "Aggie & Rob" were and their relationship to William Carrick. Were we looking for Rob Carrick and his wife Aggie - or - Aggie Carrick and her husband, Rob (surname unknown).

A first source should have been the local history for the Wolseley district which might answer some of our questions, and help direct the remainder of our search. However, the SGS copy of the book was out on loan and the Public Library's copy was away to the binders. Later, at the Sask. Archives we did find a copy - but there was no Carrick family listed.

What was really frustrating me, was the knowledge that this particular book has been indexed for the SRI but is still in the process of being keyed onto computer and proofed. If the SRI had been up and running, and this book completed and merged, we would have had in minutes what eventually took us several hours to find.

Had we been able to access the SRI (complete with the Wolseley book) we would have found the following entries:

Carrick	Aggie	sp:Samuel Fleming	F	Wolseley	CAN/ON
Carrick	Robert		O	Tantallon	CAN/ON
Carrick	Steve		O	Tantallon	CAN/ON

The page number associated with these entries, would have directed us to Samuel Fleming's story in the Wolseley book "Bridging the Past", which contained two sentences relating to Aggie:

1. Samuel Fleming married Aggie Carrick who had come from Ontario to keep house for her two brothers, Robert and Steve, who homesteaded in the Tantallon area.
2. In 1928, Samuel and Aggie took a motor trip, stopping in Wisconsin to visit two of Aggie's sisters whom she had not seen in 40 years.

(I'm quoting this from memory so the exact wording may not be correct, however the general gist of the information is as it was in the history book)

Interestingly, the Sask. Homestead Files do not contain a listing for any Carrick in the Wolseley or Tantalton areas of the province.

You are wondering how we did eventually find Aggie Carrick in a 603 page book without the aid of the SRI?!

Mostly sheer luck - and at the end of a long, long search. But I won't leave you wondering as you, too, may some day need to trace an individual in Saskatchewan and find that no one has yet entered the key district onto the SRI.

#### AT THE SGS

1. We asked for the Wolseley book - out on loan.
2. Checked the "Index of 1871 Census for Huron County, Ontario" for William Carrick - noted the finding aid supplied here.
3. Checked the book published by SGS Regina Branch, "Index to 1891 Census of Assiniboia East" - made a copy of the appropriate page but there was nothing that looked promising at that time.
- (4. We should also have checked the SGS Cemetery Files for Wolseley, but didn't think of it until several hours later.)

#### AT THE REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY

1. Asked for the Wolseley history book - at the binders.
2. Searched the 1871 Ontario census of Huron County for the William Carrick family - found and recorded. He had several children, the oldest aged 14, and there was a daughter named Agnes (4 yrs) and no son named Robert - upon which we concluded (erroneously) that we were looking for Aggie and her husband, Rob of unknown surname.
3. Searched the 1861 census for Huron Co. to see if there may have been older children in William's family who might have already left home by time of the 1871 census - the oldest child in 1861 was the one listed as "14 years" in the 1871 census.
- (4. Should also have searched the 1881 census (where we would no doubt, have found the younger child, Robert born after the 1871 census) but we were short of time and felt that we had established that it was his daughter that William accompanied to the West.) See how easy one may get off on the wrong track by not being thorough in your research?

#### AT THE SASK. ARCHIVES

1. Asked for the Wolseley book - had one but no Carrick family listed.
2. Searched Sask. Homestead Files - dozen Carrick entries but none for William, and no Carrick in the Wolseley area at all.
3. Searched old newspaper files - but earliest Wolseley paper was c1905.
4. Searched Township Land Registry (TLR) books for the Wolseley area (these are similar to the Ontario Crown Patentee Records) for all Roberts of whatever surname who filed for homestead before 1900. This was grasping at straws (especially when, as we later found out, Aggie didn't marry someone named Robert!) - nevertheless, it was this approach that found Aggie.

I searched the TLR books and transcribed all "Roberts", while the other two ladies looked up each one in the Wolseley history book, to see if he was the one who married Agnes Carrick. And, as my daughter pointed out, reading enough of each history to see if the first wife died and his second wife may have been "our Aggie".

You have no idea how popular a name Robert was back in those days! I had found over 25 when we struck pay-dirt.

Robert Fleming had filed for homestead in the late 1880s, but his family story in the book didn't have the correct wife (naturally!). Suddenly, the Carrick name "jumped out" from the next column! This was Samuel Fleming's story with the very brief mention of his wife and her two brothers. As I said, sheer luck to have found the correct story.

We continued the search: tracing the children of Sam & Aggie, one grandchild was still living in the area at the time of the book's publication, checking out the Tantallon history book for Robert and Steve Carrick, no mention of Steve but enough on Robert and family to carry on further research if wished.

Later that evening, our Oregon visitor contacted her new found Wolseley "cousins" by telephone and a meeting was arranged. A successful conclusion - yes, but with the SRI it would have been reached much sooner, and with less effort.

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Some time ago, early in 1993 to be exact, I promised that until the time of the SRI official launch, I would share with our members a randomly selected SRI entry in each issue of the Bulletin. This then is the final Bulletin prior to the SRI launch, and this is the concluding SRI sample.

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surname: Bjornson  
given name: Anna  
family info: sp:Charles (Doc)  
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Have you noticed the number of people involved in processing SRI data from its original form in the history book until the entries are finally merged onto the SRI database? The SRI project requires many, many volunteers and we are grateful to everyone of them.

As of November 1st, 1994 our members will be able to access the SRI computer at the SGS Library for a fee. Likewise, mail-in requests will be handled for an appropriate research fee. Check page this issue for further particulars.

See you at the Seminar in October - and do come prepared to have a free try at the SRI computer after the launch on Friday night.

# TO BE OR NOT TO BE.....A VOLUNTEER

*by Marie Svedahl*

"VOLUNTEER = one who undertakes a service of his/her own free will"

Longman's Family Dictionary

Volunteers have been on my mind lately, not only because so many have offered their services towards the SGS 25th Anniversary Project (which I have had the honour of Co-ordinating) but because our Society owes its very being to people who of their own free will have given of their time.

An anniversary is always a time of reflection, and so my thoughts have turned to the early days of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. I cannot speak about the Society's first decade because my personal association with the Society began in 1979, however I do remember the years before 1985 when the SGS was totally driven and operated by volunteers. To offer to do any service for the Society was to volunteer many hours of work each year.

At that time the Librarian monitored a 10 x 10 corner in an upstairs room at the U of Regina (this corner could not begin to house all the books that the Society had accumulated even then). The Librarian also packaged books for requests from out-of-town members, and she then carried these packages downtown to the post office. I remember how happy she was the day she got a pull-along cart on which she could pile the books for transport to and from her car, a saving both on her back and her time. And there was the quarterly Bulletin: the Editor of the day,

typed - and retyped - until satisfied with content and quality, then he/she delivered the manuscript to the printer. Someone else picked up the finished product and delivered the boxes to the member who had volunteered for mail-out duties. More hours spent packaging and a-fixing hand typed labels, then away to the post office once more. It is a credit to members of those days that there was always someone who would take on each of these necessary tasks.

Since 1985, when the Society became a member of the SCCO and so able to share in Lottery profits, staff has been hired to take charge of the most crucial and time consuming tasks. Having official staff (Executive Director, Librarian, an Executive Assistant and part-time Education Co-ordinator) does not mean volunteers are no longer needed in our Society - they are merely required in different areas. The SGS governing Board of Directors, as well as co-ordinators for several projects and committees, have always been and always will be, composed of volunteers. All these areas require in-put from the membership in the form of volunteering time and accepting responsibility for one or more years.

It is often over-looked that members of the SGS Board of Directors are volunteers. Every organization needs its decision-makers, and the SGS has been no exception. Here, too, time has

brought changes. Where, earlier Board people were concerned mainly with establishing a society, setting the ground-rules and "spreading the word" on genealogical research, the SGS Board of the 1990's have more complex questions, not the least of which are financial and policy issues.

The general membership is most familiar with the President of the Society as he/she is in the forefront of society issues but I sometimes wonder if those same members appreciate the efforts put forth by the various people who have held that office. They are familiar with the President because he/she chairs the general meetings and occasionally has a "letter" in the Bulletin where current issues are discussed. Behind the scenes, however, there is a busy (sometimes hectic) SGS schedule that must be balanced against a job and daily life. Our Society has been fortunate to have had a series of executives who have brought dedication and each his/her own particular talents to the office of President.

I suppose here one might ask why people would volunteer precious time that might more easily be spent researching their own family history? Speaking for myself, I offer my services when I see a need, a new project or perhaps a job that's already in place but not being done, and I feel qualified to do it. I never take on a job with the idea of doing it for years. At the very beginning I like to place a deadline on the length of my services with any task (usually two or three years). Not only am I concerned about becoming bored or "burned out", but I know there are others who are capable of doing that particular assignment and they most likely would have some new innovative ideas they'd like to try out.

Consequently in my 15 years as a member of the SGS I have covered quite an array of volunteer positions on all levels: Branch, Board and Committees. And I have enjoyed them all, some more than others perhaps, but there is great satisfaction in knowing that you have given your best efforts and have improved some aspect of the Society even in a minor way.

If we were to poll other SGS members, I expect we would find a variety of reasons why they are doing their particular bit of volunteering. Many people are appreciative of the work other genealogists have done, and they feel that if they can do the same thing here in Saskatchewan - then they are, in some measure, repaying the efforts of those that benefited them. A good example is the recording of cemeteries. This was one of the very first projects undertaken by the SGS. Since 1975 when the first transcriptions were done, approximately 250,000 names have been recorded, most of which were entered on index cards and filed. Of these, some cards have been filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah. In 1993 the decision was made, mostly because of lack of storage, to enter all future cemetery recordings onto the SRI database. Can you imagine the number of volunteer hours that have gone into that project since its beginnings!

Many people accidentally "fall into" volunteering when they are doing their own research. They find themselves spending hours going through un-indexed records of one form or another, and in their frustration, they often make an index. Realizing that the index would be of value to others, they donate a copy to the SGS Library. Whether, accidentally or deliberately, the number



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## **NOTICE OF ELECTIONS**

### **NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) POSITIONS ON THE SGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. President - 1 year term
2. Provincial Director - 2 year term

Elections will be held:  
Saturday, 22nd October 1994  
at the Membership meeting  
from 12:30 to 1:15pm  
Delta Regina Hotel  
Regina, Saskatchewan

### **BASIC REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THESE OFFICES**

- A. Must be an SGS member in good standing.
- b. To attend all Board meetings (3-4 per year).
- C. To contribute tot he administration of the Society by serving on committees or other duties to benefit the Society
- D. To see that the Society adheres to its stated goals and plans.
- E. To be a liaison between SGS members and the Board.

You may obtain nominations forms by writing to SGS, P.O. Box 1894, Regina, SK S4P 3E1 or phone (306) 780-9207.

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- A. Must be an SGS member in good standing residing within the Region for which he/she is seeking office.
- b. Board members to attend all SGS Board meetings (3-4 per year).
- C. Each Board member to contribute tot he administration of the Society by serving on committees or other duties.
- D. To see that the Society adheres to its stated goals and plans.
- E. To be a liaison between grassroots (Members and Branches) and the SGS Board.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** All SGS members residing WITHIN a given region, have full election and voting privileges in the elections held in that Region.

## REGION #2 SOUTH EAST

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Saturday 8 October 1994  
Location: Pangman School  
Time: 9:30 am

Workshop Fee \$10.00 includes lunch.

*Mail nomination to:* Joyce Carlson, Box 68  
Ceylon, SK S0C 0T0

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## REGION #4 WESTERN PLAINS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Saturday, October 29 1994  
Location: Biggar Branch Resource Centre  
Canada Post Bldg., 2nd Floor  
2nd Avenue & Main Street  
Biggar, Saskatchewan  
10:00am Registration.  
10:30am Organizing Your Research.  
1:00pm Regional Meeting & Election.  
3:15pm Genealogical Potpourri Bring  
and Brag.

Fee: \$10.00 includes lunch and workshop.

*Mail Nominations to:* Biggar Branch, P.O.  
Box 1103, Biggar, SK S0K 0M0

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## REMINDER

The SGS' Annual Conference  
October 20th to 23rd  
Delta Hotel, Regina Saskatchewan

***Early bird registration - must be  
postmarked no later than September 30,  
1994.***

### Conference events include:

- A wide range of workshops on many facets of genealogy and family history, for the beginner, intermediate and advanced researcher;
- The official launching of the Saskatchewan Residents' Index (with *free* access for the Conference weekend);
- British specialist Jean Cole and East European specialist Gary Mokotoff.
- Hands-on computer workshops, tours of local research facilities, book and supply vendors and much more.

For complete details on the conference see Volume 25, Number 1, June 1994 Bulletin (*colour insert*).

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**Great Britain: England, Devon**

- Devon Family Historian No. 65-68, 1993. (periodical). Donated by Rae Chamberlain.

**Great Britain: England, Hertford**

- Hertfordshire People No 45-50, 1992-1993. (periodical). Donated by Beulah Caswell.

**Great Britain: England, Kent**

- Kent Family History Journal Volume 7, #2-5, 1993. (periodical). Donated by Beulah Caswell.

**Great Britain: England, London**

- Genealogical Research in Late Victorian & Edwardian London. (book).
- Guide to London & Middlesex Genealogy & Records. (book).
- Southwark Christ Church & St. Saviour 1851 Surnames Indexes. (fiche).  
REFERENCE ONLY.
- Southwark 1861 Census Christ Church, St. Saviour & St. Thomas. (fiche).  
REFERENCE ONLY.

**Great Britain: England, Middlesex**

- Guide to Middlesex Census Returns 1801-1861. (book).
- Guide to Middlesex Parish Documents (now including Poor Law Records). (book).
- Middlesex Wills, Marriage Licenses & Bishops' Transcripts. (book)

**Great Britain: England, Shropshire**

- 1881 Census Index England & Wales, Shropshire. (fiche) REFERENCE ONLY.

**Great Britain: England, Suffolk**

- 1881 Census Index England & Wales, Suffolk. (fiche). REFERENCE ONLY.
- Suffolk Marriage Index 1813-1837, Vol. 3, Sudbury Deanery West. (book).  
Donated by Peter Wyant.

**Great Britain: England, Surrey**

- Guide to Surrey Bishops's Transcripts, Marriage Licence, Allegations & Probate Records. (book).
- Guide to Surrey Manorial Records. (book).
- Monumental Inscriptions of Surrey, No. 7. South of Guildford. (fiche).  
REFERENCE ONLY.
- Surrey Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1760-1781. (book).
- Surrey Inhabitants' Lists. (book).
- Thursley, Elstead & Farnham The Bourne. (fiche). REFERENCE ONLY.

**Great Britain: England, Wales**

- 1881 Census Index England & Wales: Breconshire. (fiche). REFERENCE ONLY.

**United States:**

- Buried Ties to the Old Country. (book).  
Donated by Henry Meyer.
- Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Land: The Plunder of Early America. (book).  
Donated by Nellie Barber.
- Germans to America Volume 37, Dec. 1880 - Apr. 1881; Volume 38, Apr. 1881 - May 1881. (book).

**United States: Connecticut**

- Witchcraft Trials of Connecticut: First Comprehensive Documented History. (book). Donated by Nellie Barber.

**United States: Ohio, Ashtabula**

- History of Ashtabula County Ohio With Illustrations & Biographical Sketches of Its Pioneers & Most Prominent Men 1798-1878. (book). Donated by Henry Meyer.

# BOOK REVIEWS

by Laura Hanowski

*1994 Genealogical Research Directory, National & International. Sainty, Malcolm R.; Johnson, Keith A. 1994, 1136p. Available for \$32.64 from Mrs. J. Tyson, 94 Binswood Avenue, Toronto, ON M4C 3N9.*

The 1994 GRD has 125,000 queries from 6000 contributors in 25 countries. Also included is a section listing record offices, libraries and genealogical societies throughout the world. The feature article this year is "Heralds' Visitations of England, Wales & Ireland (16-17th century). The entry forms for the 1995 Directory are found in this issue of the Bulletin. The deadline is 15 November 1995.

**The following books are available from the Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Blvd, Suite 251, Toronto, ON M4R 1B9. Please add postage and packing In Canada \$3.00 first item + .75¢ for each additional item. Canadians must add 7% GST to both book and postage charges. Residents outside Canada must pay in US Funds. Postage: first item \$4.50 + \$1.50 each additional item.**

*Canadian Railway Records: A Guide for Genealogists. Douglas, Althea; Douglas, J. Creighton. 1994, 64p. Soft cover. Cost: Regular price \$8.50; OGS Member price \$7.25.*

This guide was written for genealogists and family historians and concentrates only on those records that tell about individual people - because Archival records are

subject to a minimum thirty year cut-off date due to Privacy Laws which for this book is sometime in the 1960's. Take the time to read the book don't just go to the address section and dash off a quick letter. Take the time to learn what you need to know about what records were kept and where they were stored. Remember **RAILWAYS DIDN'T BUILD RAILROADS** private contractors did. Once you find the record source you need and where it can be found use the expert advise given.

The authors are also looking for your help. After you've read the book and discover that you know of another source for Railroader Genealogy please contact them. Eventually, there could be a supplementary list.

*Important Genealogical Collections in Ontario Libraries and Archives: A Directory. Taylor, Ryan. 1994, 75p. Soft cover. Cost: Regular price \$11.50; OGS member price \$9.00.*

Everyone doing Ontario Genealogy should own their own copy of this valuable book. Not only does it give you a quick idea of what collections and facilities each resource centre has it may give you some ideas for areas you have or should have checked before going to a particular centre. Check page vi for the best advise of all!

and value of all these SGS volunteers has been immense. Without them the SGS would still be just a dream - and each of us would be struggling very, very hard to get somewhere with our individual genealogical searches.

"Ah-ha!" you are thinking, "she's making a pitch for more volunteers!"

Yes - and no. I'm not advocating that all our members immediately offer to help with some project or to serve on a committee. I do definitely suggest that if you have time in your busy schedule to do something for our Society, then you should do it. We know that many of our members already donate time to their church, school and other good causes and perhaps there just isn't any other "free" time available. That's OK - just keep us in mind a few years hence when things are more relaxed for you.

Should you be fortunate enough to have some "free" time, then select the area of the Society that interests you and offer to help. Don't wait for someone to ask you to help. No one can tell by looking at you that you would really love to spend a few hours helping in the library (or whatever). Offer your help, stating where you'd like to work - phoning, organizing, typing, proofing, sorting or even using the glue stick. Tell someone at the office and they will pass your name along to the appropriate zone of activity. And don't feel slighted if you don't get a response right away: the note with your name may have been mislaid or, as sometimes happens, the person who should be getting back to you is so swamped, just possibly, they could use your help getting things running smoothly.

I'm a firm believer in people being on

projects/committees in which they have an interest, they will then enjoy their work and be at their best and most innovative. So if you are approached to help with some area/feature of the organization that really doesn't interest you - be honest with both yourself and the other person and say "No".

Unfortunately, too many people agree to help and then don't follow through. Perhaps I'm old-fashioned but I think that agreeing to do something is a commitment, and when we don't attempt to fulfil even the most minor of these we tarnish our self-respect. We certainly tarnish the image that others have of us, especially the people who were depending upon our assistance.

Even if done with the best of intentions, I don't think anyone should offer to take part in too many activities at one time - be wise, gauge your time and abilities, offer to do only what you can fulfil. It is an unhappy situation all the way around when one person overloads on responsibilities. The Volunteer becomes stressed from trying to take care of too many obligations and the Society suffers because some (maybe all) aspects of this person's work is not being done as it should be.

Sometimes, even one committee/task can become too much - pressure at work, family illness or problems are things that can happen unexpectedly in anyone's life. If that happens to you - talk to someone, another committee member or the SGS office. Most probably they will suggest that, should you not be able to see an end in the near future to your "stress" situation, that you resign your volunteer post for awhile. Volunteering should be enjoyable, not a burden. When your problems are solved, you can always

volunteer again. The same philosophy should be used when you are tempted to take on too many responsibilities - do the one you really want this year, next time volunteer for one of the others that interest you. I'll guarantee you will enjoy the task (and life!) a lot more.

Another of my beliefs about volunteering: I never become so busy with volunteering that I no longer have time for my own Genealogical research - after all that is why I originally joined the Society. It is also what keeps me focused on the true reason of why I offered my services for the particular job at hand. Sometimes, without that reminder, there could be a tendency to do "things" for the wrong reason and there should be no place in the SGS for acting for personal gain or doing anything to the detriment of the Society. Using a position with the SGS (or any other non-profit organization) for "game-playing" is a disservice to all other members who have joined in good faith and trust.

I spoke earlier of offering my services to areas of the Society that need help, and that is something that others could keep in mind. No organization is ever in perfect form, there are always weak links, dead areas or someone doing/not doing things that you are in agreement with. Don't be an "Armchair Quarter-back" - get in there and do something about it.

My husband is an "Armchair Quarter-back" at times, not only with football but any other sport he happens to watch on TV. His remarks and comments provoke me no end. And the worst part of it, those remarks spoil my enjoyment of the game and leaves me glaring and thinking, "Well! If you know so much

about it, why aren't you out there directing the plays!" Our members need not stay in the armchair, they can get up and try to fix what they perceive to be a problem. By keeping an open mind and working towards the best interest of the Society, such members can be a real benefit. The same can not be said of "Armchair Quarter-backs".

One last point regarding volunteers: and that is the benefit that befalls the volunteer when involved in an area of interest. True the Society benefits from your time and effort, but so do you, by the experience and knowledge you accumulate. I don't regret one hour of the time I spent as Editor of newsletters for two different Branches, that gave me the ability to take on the editorial duties of the SGS Bulletin which, in turn, gave me the knowledge and confidence to publish in 1992 a 700-page history on one of my family lines. Without the experience gathered over several years of editing genealogical material, I doubt I would have had the needed faith in my abilities to undertake such a project.

Voluntarism is not a one-way street, when we give of our hearts the benefits we reap can be great.

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## MY LIFE -

*By Anastasia Lee McLear:*

A very good example of personal history. Good reading and an inspiration for those who are pondering how to start, what to include, how to arrange, etc.

*-The Tri-County Searcher, Broken Mountains Gen Soc, Vol 14, No 1*

# The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool

by Robert L. Pittendrigh

Many of the artists who paint pictures of "typical" prairie scenes, feature a dark red elevator in the background with stooks or swaths in the foreground. These elevators almost always have the word POOL on them. These buildings are as much part of our heritage as the mud shacks that our forefathers built. They have been part of the history of Saskatchewan for over five decades, and will continue to be for many years to come. The evolution of farm life and grain handling will continue to change their numbers, shape and colour. There were very few farmers of the 1920s and later, who did not become members of the Wheat Pool. The POOL created records as do all organizations.

Although the records of each individual member does not provide much biographical material, it does provide enough to add just a little bit more to the picture that we can create of the farming folk who went before us. If our pioneer family was not active in a church, did not get into trouble, immigrated from Britain where no record of their movement was necessary, rented land, and in general, lead a life that created few records, we may have to be a bit more imaginative to find other records. Some of these records could be of the local school, the local rural telephone company or the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. Here we will deal with the records of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Sifting through the papers that have been left by a farming relative, one may find receipts from various Cooperative and Wheat Pool organizations and other documents that mean little at first glance.<sup>1</sup>

It is important that the family historian know a little of the history of this very important organization. Most people would consider the information I am going to share with you rather useless information, but we family historians call it background information.

This organization helped elevate the prairie tiller of the soil from virtual slavery to the typical rather prosperous farming folk we now know. Their prosperity was and is still linked to the prosperity of the urban dweller in the province of Saskatchewan.

The following is a very brief account of the beginnings of the Wheat Pool.<sup>2</sup> The history of the Wheat Pool is not short and uncomplicated. The modern Saskatchewan Wheat Pool came into being after dramatic campaigns during 1923 and 1924 to organize pools in Saskatchewan and neighbouring provinces. This activity came after at least two decades of agricultural struggle.

Even after a pioneer broke his land, built a crude shelter for himself and his animals, and harvested his grain without mishap, he still had an uphill fight. He usually had to haul his 50 bushel wagon some 25 miles to a delivery point on the railway. More often than not, the elevator agent had some excuse for not giving top price for his number one hard wheat. As more wheat was delivered to the elevators each fall, the price dropped. One farmer, who helped his neighbour finish his harvest, made \$800 on custom harvesting but lost \$2,000 by not selling his grain when the prices were high.<sup>3</sup>

The (open market) grain trade in Winnipeg was getting rich at the expense of the farmer of Western Canada.

The story of the organization of the Saskatchewan Cooperative Wheat Producers is a fascinating story in itself.<sup>4</sup> It was called the Saskatchewan Cooperative Wheat Producers from 1922 to 1943. It then became the Saskatchewan Cooperative Producers from 1944 to 1953, and finally was called the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool from 1953 to the present time. Probably the history of this organization could be indirectly traced to the formation of the Territorial Grain Growers

Association by W. R. Motherwell who became the provinces first Minister of Agriculture when it was formed in 1905.

The Canadian Wheat Board came into being on 31 July 1919. Its purpose was to control rapidly rising wheat prices. The price of wheat rose from \$2.25 on the 22 July 1919 to \$2.46 in six days. Ottawa feared out-of-control prices. The concept of the pooling procedure was born. It was a simple concept. The Board assumed ownership of all wheat delivered to the country elevators; they then sold the wheat giving each farmer the same price per bushel. This method has remained virtually unchanged to this day. The farmer would obtain an initial payment at the local elevator, and interim payment some months later when it was clear most of the total crop would be sold and the price would be above the initial payment price. Then a final payment was made when all the stocks were sold and the true average price could be calculated. The Wheat Board was abolished in 1920. Grain prices dropped. The Winnipeg futures market was not working for the farmer. The three western Wheat Pools had been selling grain through a Central Selling Agency. In the crash of 1929, the agency found itself in a state of bankruptcy. The government of the day took over the grain stocks of the agency. It was found that some sort of a marketing agency was necessary and on the 10th of June 1935, bill 98 was introduced to establish a Canadian Wheat Board. It received Royal assent on 5 July. It brought stability to the marketing of grain to the Canadian farmer. This organization has been operating for the farmers of Canada since that time, and recently has been the subject of much criticism from the proponents of free trade in the U.S.A.

The author's father often mentioned a missionary of the cooperative movement. His name was Aaron Sapiro.<sup>5</sup> "In the month of August in the year 1923, there came to the Province of Saskatchewan a missionary... he passed like a brilliant meteor from point to

point, leaving behind him a trail of light stretching like a comet across the heaven." Even those who had seen Tommy Douglas and John Diefenbaker at their eloquent best, in later years, said that they would never again see the equal of Aaron Sapiro on the public platform.<sup>6</sup>

After the speeches, which outlined the cooperative marketing of commodities, came the hard work of organizing.<sup>7</sup>

Warden Burgess, a farmer and later director of the Wheat Pool said " Big companies can't beat little people if the little people join together. They are not little when they join together." A particularly nasty attack on Sapiro by the Regina Leader led to a meeting of hundreds of farmers in the Metropolitan Church in Regina on 20 Feb. 1924. Not one word of this attack was believed by the farmers. It only helped make the farmers more determined to have a say on how their grain was to be sold. Sapiro envisioned a cooperative organization that would market their wheat for them.

Sapiro's rules were clear;

- (1) the pool must be non-profit, non-speculative and exclusively focused on one commodity only. "Never handle one ounce of stuff from a non-member".
- (2) There must be absolute democracy - one man one vote regardless of how much he produces;
- (3) directors must be chosen geographically defined districts to ensure proportional representation and prevent centralized control;
- (4) Every member must be bound by a five year contract to deliver his wheat for a full five year period;
- (5) no operations would start until fully fifty percent of the wheat acreage of the province was locked up in such contracts.

A massive sign up campaign was launched in 1923. By 26 June 1924, the Pool was operational. A.J. McPhail was the first president. Democratic organization and

control was paramount. The province was divided into 16 District which were divided into sub districts, for delegate elections. Each delegate reported to the sub-districts, on a regular basis, describing the happenings in the Wheat Pool and world affairs concerning the marketing of wheat. The Wheat Pool found a unique way of getting high attendance at these meetings. For many years, beginning in the thirties, fieldmen would visit every sub-district bringing along a bulky generator and a movie projector. The films (always black and white as coloured were far in the future) were usually ones on cooperatives, were rather in the serious vein, then two or three cartoons, followed by speeches and reports. Every family brought a few sandwiches and coffee was usually brewed. This author, as was typical of thousands of farm children his age, saw his first movie at one of these Wheat Pool meetings in the basement of Kennel Lutheran church some 30 miles north of Regina..

Each local delivery point had, and still has, a Committee which meets on a regular basis to discuss the business of their company. If the agent needs an improvement made, they could request it for him. Minutes are forwarded to the Wheat Pool head office and examined closely.

Many of the smaller towns in Saskatchewan have been deserted. Those that have been able to struggle to survive most likely will still have a Wheat Pool elevator. At one time, the Pool had as many as 1200 elevators in Saskatchewan, usually staffed by one man. (4) In a larger centre, he might hire a helper during the busy season. There has been many changes. Now a large delivery point will have a manager and anywhere from one to five helpers.

After a busy day of receiving grain, an agent often sat up late into the evening doing his books. Elevators are now computerized so that an agent can have his books balanced in a minute or two by six o'clock.

Another employee of the Wheat Pool that has a fairly high profile is the District Representative. Their job is quite varied. It includes, being responsible for keeping the democratic structure in place in a given area, training elected people, keeping the farmer informed of the latest developments in the grain industry, to helping the agent with problems with members. Technical problems the agent may have are dealt with by an Area Manager. The District Representative often becomes the agents confidant, discussing not only his work but his personal problems.

The structure of the Wheat Pool is very democratic. As mentioned before, in 1924 the province of Saskatchewan was divided up into sixteen districts and they in turn were divided into ten sub districts, later changed to nine sub districts. The boundaries were revised somewhat in 1928.<sup>8</sup> Members of the Wheat Pool in each sub-district elect a delegate (there are 142 at this time). These delegate elect one of their members as a Director who sits on the Board of Directors of the Wheat Pool.

#### **Records kept by the Wheat Pool of historical interest to family historians:**

The author was received most cordially by Mr. Tom Simmonds, Supervisor of Extension Services, Mr. Norbert Thurmier, who is in charge of member records, and the Pool librarian Diana Grodzinski in July of 1992. It must be understood that it is difficult for an business organization to save much historical material, especially on individuals, whether members or employees. The Pool is quite happy to provide some material to researchers, as long as "they do not become a nuisance." The most important records now in existence of the early members are the following.

(1) a large register called the Share Allotment Register. It is a list of the original shareholders of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool some 70,034, and is dated 18 Dec.

1925. It is in numerical order by shareholder number, and alphabetical by shipping point. Every page is signed by A.J. McPhail.

The original Share Allotment Register is kept in a vault at the head office in Regina. It is a large and heavy ledger which is showing its age. The above mentioned Wheat Pool librarian has a photocopy of this ledger, reduced in size from the original. This copy can be examined in the library of the Wheat Pool head office in Regina. It has been hurriedly indexed. The index has many gaps. This would be the best copy to examine as it is in a loose leaf binder and copies of pages can easily be made. If the name you are looking for is not in the index, it will take a little time to examine each page. A pattern emerges of the locations being in groups. I did not find Zehner in the index but easily found it on a page where several members from that area were listed. The Share allotment Register gives only the share number, who allotted to, address, and the contract number as mentioned on the Contract Index card.

(2) Wheat Contract Index, 1928-1932 cards  
The Wheat Contract cards give the members full name, land location, acreage in 1927, contract number (a number prefixed by the Municipality number), and any changes made during the member's farming career such as address or land location, or payment of reserves or share retirement.

(3) Due to the vast quantity of material generated, the storage of the Wheat Pool committee minutes was not possible. They have not been kept.

(4) Agents records: the Pool has a collection of point histories which would give the names and dates of the agents at the elevator point.

(5) Directors and Delegates. Printed copies of the Annual Report presented at the annual meeting contains an In Memoriam section. They are fairly complete account of the lives of delegates or directors who have died in

the last year. These annual reports are available for perusal at the Wheat Pool library in the head office in Regina

(6) Other employees. There is an employee paper called Pool People, formerly called The Sweet Pea. It contains an In Memoriam column of employees of the Wheat Pool and possibly other biographical material. Information on agents and other employees would appear in this publication. Available at the Wheat Pool library.

(7) Although Sapiro's original declaration was to not handle the grain of non-members, the Pool takes deliveries from non-members and has some limited records. These records don't have much more than a name, address and delivery point and don't have much value to family historians. The non-members who deliver to the Pool are usually tenant rather than owners of the land, as the criteria to be a Pool member is to own land in Saskatchewan. As a result there are non-members who use the Pool facilities and there are members who are non-Saskatchewan residents, owning land that is rented or farmed by Saskatchewan residents.

(8) Despite the name the Wheat Pool, there are many members who do not produce grain, but are livestock producers. The Pool has a large Livestock division and the members and non-members in this industry are included in the same records as the grain producers<sup>9</sup>.

If you cannot spend some time at the Head Office in their library, the best way to find information about Wheat Pool members, or employees is to direct a letter to the librarian of the Wheat Pool giving as much information about your relative as you can. If the information is not in her library she will be able to direct the letter to the department involved.

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> The author found in his father's papers such documents as Certificate of Membership in Saskatchewan Live Stock Producers, Limited

(undated), Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Statement of Purchase of Deductions (Not dated); The Wheat Pool gave me a copy of: Offer to Sell Deductions dated 15 June 1965; Application for Payment of Shareholder's Equity dated 17 Jan 1978.

<sup>2</sup> A recent and easily read history of the Wheat Pool was written by Garry Fairbairn, From Prairie Roots, The Remarkable Story of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. Western Producer Books, Saskatoon, SK, 1984 ISBN 0\_88833-127-4.

<sup>3</sup> From Prairie Roots, Garry Fairbairn, Western Producer Books, 1983, pg 10.

<sup>4</sup> The background of the Wheat Pools, the formation of the Canadian Cooperative Federation as well as the formation of many other farm organizations is covered in Lipset's Agrarian Socialism.

<sup>5</sup> Yates, Samuel W. The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool: Its Organization and Progress, 1924-1935. Saskatoon, The United Farmers of Canada (Saskatchewan Section)Ltd., about 1946, edited by Arthur S. Morton.

<sup>6</sup> Aaron Sapiro was the target for Henry Ford's anti-Jewish publications. The Regina Leader also joined in merciless criticism, for which he successfully sued them. He must have been a brave and tireless fighter. His vision has touched the lives of every farmer in Saskatchewan since his time.

<sup>7</sup> Fairbairn, Garry, From Prairie Roots, The Remarkable Story of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Western Producer Books, Saskatoon 1984, pg 45.

<sup>8</sup> See pg 39 of Fairbairn's From Prairie Roots.

<sup>9</sup> My thanks to Linda Turgeon, a former Wheat Pool employee for reading this manuscript and making tactful suggestions.

## WEST CENTRAL BRANCH - SGS - 1984/94

Submitted by Gail Milton

The branch was organized and received it's name in June, 1984. Year-end membership numbered 15 and grew to 20 in the next two years. It has remained in excess of this number in following years. The original members began the task of recording area cemeteries. This has been an ongoing project.

1985 saw the start of our newsletter "Root Tootin" which continues today and is a source of pride. The collecting of obituaries from our area newspapers also began and continues to be a members' project.

A Heritage Grant allowed our branch to begin purchasing microfilm of the Eston Press. In following years with the aid of T.I.P. Grants; we would purchase more film, fiche, a storage cupboard, filing cabinets and most recently a fiche/film reader.. Individual members have donated books and fiche for our collection, too.

The success of our own newsletter resulted in the idea of exchanging newsletters with other branches in 1986. We also subscribe to other publications of interest to our members. The Allen Co. Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana receives our newsletter and will be placing member information in their Periodical Source Index (PERSI)

As a new branch we values our yearly (1985-89) workshops with Laura Hanowski. We continue to have informational programs at our meetings to help new members.

Our branch has had a display at the fall seminar for many years. Also displays at the local Eston Sportsarama and even a float in the parade in 1993.

The opening of the L.D.S. Library in 1991 in Kindersley meant a closer facility to enable members access to the vast materials available from Salt Lake City.

The members of West Central Branch SGS are proud of their ten years of growth and their part in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and wish the S.G.S. a HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

## MOOSE JAW BRANCH - SGS

*By Georgina Claffey*

Moose Jaw Branch, SGS was formed in 1972. The first meeting was held at the Public Library under the direction of Gilles Nadon, who was stationed at the Moose Jaw Air Base.

Meetings at first were held at members homes. One of the first presidents was Bey Grieve. The Grieves had done considerable research and had on occasion visited the Latter Day Saints resources at Salt Lake City. Both Mr. & Mrs. Grieve were knowledgeable in the 'hows and wheres' of research and with workshops, the branch progressed. We had good help from Bernie Eresman who worked at the Public Library and assisted members in finding resources.

For a time, the group held meetings at the YMCA each month; then for awhile at St. Michael's School. At this time our library of donated books and those acquired through purchases were kept at a member's home, so were not readily accessible on meeting nights. In 1987 we started holding our meetings at the Handicapped Centre and had storage cupboards built for our library. This has worked out well for us because we pay rent and the books are available to us on meeting nights.

In 1980 the branch hosted the Provincial Seminar. This was a big project and proved successful under the leadership of Marianne Ghighilone who was president at the time.

Our group like any other has changed over the years. Changes happened when the Regional Boards started. Members have come and gone over the years, but a few have been constant throughout.

A few members have compiled their own books. Over the years we have added to the provincial organization by cataloguing cemeteries etc. Members have also served on the Provincial Board of Directors.

Members of the branch have participated in workshops and school classroom sessions. A small amount of research has been undertaken on postal requests.

The branch has varied between 20 and 30 members each year with the average turnout for meetings being 15 to 20 members.

We are fortunate to have a historian in Moose Jaw by the name of Leith Knight who has given talks and slides on Moose Jaw's earlier days as well as travelogue slides. We have on occasion had members from the SGS who have given talks and workshops.

Our hopes for the future are to continue encouraging people to dig their "ROOTS" and assist where we can. Also to promote the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society in the preservation of Saskatchewan's past and to wish them a Happy 25th Anniversary.

## GENEALOGY MERIT AWARD

The Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) recently held their International Convention in Pierre, South Dakota. The "Genealogy Merit Award" is presented annually at this convention and this years 1994 award recipient was Rosemary (Ternes) Mack of Bienfait, Sask. The award is presented to a member of the GRHS who has done outstanding work in the field of genealogy for publication in the GRHS Heritage Review.

The Family Historical Research Committee selected Rosemary Mack for the award for her contributions of ship passenger lists which were published in Heritage Review 23-3 and 24-1.

Rosemary Mack has been a member of GRHS of Bismarck, North Dakota for the past 12 years and a member of SGS for 9 years. She is also the co-coordinator of the village research project of Krasna and

Emmental, Bessarabia Russia and Karamurat Dobrudscha, Romania.

Church registers have been located in the archives in Kishnev, Ukraine. Krasna baptism records for 1814-1837; Emmmental 1919-1937, have been translated and printed in books for sale. The 1918-1939 Krasna baptisms, marriages, death/burials are currently being entered into computers. The 1840-1850 Krasna census has also been obtained.

Anyone with families from these villages or wanting to obtain the church records can contact Rosemary at Box 303, Bienfait, SK S0C 0M0 or phone (306)388-2765.

As the Editor, I would like to congratulate Rosemary on behalf of all the members of the SGS for this prestigious award and invite her to send us some of her work for printing in the *BULLETIN*.

## WHAT IS A GRANDMOTHER?

*(The following was written by a third-grader and published in the Seattle Eagle)*

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own; she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys, and they talk about fishing and tractors, and like that.

Grandmas don't have to do anything except be there. They're old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is, and have lots of dimes ready. Or, if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like leaves or caterpillars. They should never say "hurry up".

Usually they are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwaer. They can take their teeth and gums off.

It is better if they don't typewrite or play cards, except with us. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like, why do dogs hate cats, and how come God isn't married.

They don't talk baby talk like visitors do because it is hard to understand. When they rad to us, they don't skip or mind if it is the same story again.

Everybody should try to have one, especially if you don't have television, because grandmas are the only grownups who have got time.

## INTERVIEWING ELDERLY RELATIVES

Author unknown

From: Notts F H, Vol 6 No 9 Oct 1990  
Reprint: The New Zealand Genealogist.  
Vol 24 No 221 May-June 1993. page 178.

When I first began my family tree  
I thought how simple it would be  
To drop a line to Great-Aunt Flo  
Who would tell me all need to know  
Back to Grandfather three-times-great.  
The trouble is it's much too late  
For her memory's gone, the poor old dear  
And the Family story's far from clear.  
Did Grandpa work in Sneinton Dale  
Or spend ten years in the City Jail?  
Did Cousin Joe meet similar fate  
Or did he decide to emigrate?  
Maybe Grandpa did make Nootingham lace  
And kept a stall in the Market Place  
But I can't believe that Cousin Bill  
Left her Nottingham Castle in his will!  
I think I'm back where I began.  
Dare I write to Great-Aunt Ann?

**Seminar Update**  
*Forward to Our Past*  
*20 - 23 October, 1994*  
*Delta Regina, Regina SK*

- All workshops are now confirmed. Register early to guarantee your spot in the workshops of your choice.
- Volunteers are needed to help: See below.
- Note: There will be no handouts BUT there will be a Syllabus available for sale that will carry the Outline and Bibliography for every workshop.
- On Sunday Morning after the Conference ends there will be a series of information meetings on the following topics:
  1. Branch requirements/procedures for memberships, Annual Report, Executive List and Membership List. Leader: Lisa Warren.
  2. Branch Newsletter Editors: Exchange ideas for items for your newsletters including publishing hints. Leader: Norm Wilson.
  3. SRI Volunteers: Learn how to extract, proof and do data entry. Leaders: Marie Svedahl, Bill Boll, Tom Atkins.
  4. How to Record Cemeteries and put them on the SRI. Leader: Norm Stetner.
  5. Ideas for Branch Meetings. Leader: To be announced.
  6. Instructor and Research Course Questions: Leader: Norma Fraser.
  7. Adoption Research. Triad. Leader: Ken Wonnacott.
  8. Conference '94. Beefs and Bouquets. Ideas for Conference '95. Leaders: Shirley Gerlock, Celeste Rider and Richard Bremner.

Look in your registration for the final list of Information Sessions and their locations.

**NEED VOLUNTEERS**

The *1994 Conference Planning Committee* is requesting help in the following areas: We need many volunteers from throughout the membership . . .

- (1) Hanging up posters
- (2) Stuffing envelopes for mailouts
- (3) Driving a van for the tours
- (4) Helping at the reception desk (no more than one hour at a time)
- (5) Filling registration kits
- (6) Being a host for a speaker
- (7) Helping to set up display/registration tables
- (8) Helping to design displays
- (9) Putting up decoration
- (10) Collecting meal tickets
- (11) Helping in the speakers room (introducing speakers to their hosts, making coffee - no more than one hour at a time)
- (12) Decorations
- (13) Equipment needs - scrounging equipment

If any of these items sound like something you might be interested in doing. Please call 780-9207 and leave your name, phone number and item you are interested in.

## WAIT LONG ENOUGH AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE!

*By Mrs. F. June Helm, Moose Jaw, Sask.*

During the past couple of weeks, I have received letters that have given me another "push" in my attempt to get more information on the many families I am researching.

Several years ago, I started researching my great grandmother, Elizabeth (Roe/Rowe) CRUICKSHANK. Eventually, I learned that she had 3 brothers and 1 sister. One of the brothers, James Henry ROWE was married to Matilda Celesta McINNIS. However, further information about Matilda Celesta McINNIS, was very lacking although I tried several avenues of resource. Interpretation of a census recording, where writing was almost impossible to read, lead us on a futile trail. However, I just received a descendants chart from a McInnis researcher which shows that Matilda Celesta McInnis was a third-generation McInnis living in Canada.

Then, with reference to my great grandmother's sister, Sarah (Roe/Rowe) Broadfoot, I have had to work very hard on this family because they went to Kansas in 1890. I had written to many of the descendants and in March, 1994, I received a letter from a young lady who is the granddaughter of one of those descendants. She stated that she had found my letter among the papers of her grandfather and wanted to let me

know that she was willing to help in the research.

My research on the Shillam family has been an on-again/off-again kind of project. However, my correspondence with people in England had not been very fruitful until March, 1994, when I received a pedigree chart of Shillam; photocopies of birth certificates and photocopies of marriage certificates. This was like getting a Christmas present because it all came to me free! Gratis!!!!. Along with these wonderful sources of information, was a map of London showing me where members of the Shillam family had lived from 1826 to 1891. This package was not sent to me by anyone I knew but rather from a friend who did research for a Shillam relative. He wanted to assist me in getting this family line together.

March may be the month that comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion, but to me March was a wonderful month for genealogy. I also learned that there are people out there who help for the sake of helping. May you all be as lucky as I have been in getting those answers you need so badly!!!

# TREASURE

By Maureen Rawson, Saskatoon, Sask.  
This essay was the winner of the  
"Things" category at the 1993 SGS  
Seminar..Ed.

My genealogical treasure is a prayerbook. It is less than 4 by 2½ inches in size and 1½ inches thick, covered in blue velvet with brass trim and clasp. It is a Book of Common Prayer according to the use of the united church of England and Wales and was published in London. Best of all, it bears an inscription on the front page which reads:

"Miss Ellen Chaplain  
presented to her by her  
affectionate Father on his  
birthday Dec. 18th 1864 as a  
reward for her universal  
good conduct throughout the  
year."

Not long after, I began researching my family history in 1980, the prayerbook was passed to me. It had belonged to my grandmother Ellen Florence Lawrence, nee Hodges, who had died in 1976. Apparently, it had been given to her by her grandmother.

My research into my grandmother's family was not progressing well. She was born in 1896 at 29 Shard Road, Peckham in south London, the daughter of William Hodges, a printer's labourer, and Florence. William married Florence Baker on 17 November 1895 at All Saints Church, Newington, about 2 miles NW of Peckham. Their marriage

certificate named their fathers as Charles Hodges, a dyer, and John Baker, a coachman. William's age was given as 19, suggesting a birth date around 1876, while Florence was 18 giving her birth in 1877.

I have spent a lot of time searching the indexes of births at St. Catherine's House, London, trying to gradually eliminate the many Florence Bakers that were born just in south London at around that time. There were less William Hodges to choose from but I seem to have eliminated all the most likely. After over a decade, I am still unable to locate either of their births.

However, I did have the prayerbook with its wonderful inscription providing a valuable clue to the continuation of my research on this quarter of my pedigree. I knew that Ellen Chaplin, my great-great grandmother, had married either Charles Hodges or John Baker. I began looking for Ellen Chaplin's marriage in the St. Catherine's House indexes, cross-checking against each of the two possible names of the groom and there it was. Charles Hodges, a dyer of full age, married Ellen Chaplin, aged 20, on 11 September 1870 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Waterloo, Lambeth, just south of the River Thames. Her father, the author of the prayerbook inscription was Thomas Chaplin, an office clerk.

I was able to find Ellen's birth fairly easily but I have been unable to locate that of Charles Hodges, the problem being a combination of a common name and lack of information about the date or location of his birth. Very recently, I found Charles and Ellen on the 1891 census, the first census entry I have found for Charles. They were living at 21 Stafford Street, Peckham (RG 12 474 f.143) with four children, including my great-grandfather William, given as aged 15 and born in London. This entry for William is not very helpful, I had already assumed he was born in London and his age is consistent with the age he gave at marriage. Incidentally, I know that he died in January 1954 at West Wickham, Kent while living with my grandmother. His age was given as 77 and if all three ages are accurate, then he was born between February and April 1876. To return to the 1891 census entry, Charles Hodges was aged 45, a dyer, born in Reading, Berkshire. This may represent a major breakthrough in finding his birth, as I now have a place and an approximate date. I also have a list of all births registered for the name, from 1837 to 1852, but unfortunately this does not include one around 1845 in the area of Reading. So the search continues.

Ellen Chaplin was born on 31 October 1850 at 171 Tooley Street, Southwark which was in the parish of St. John's Horsleydown where she was christened on 17 November. Her father Thomas was a stationer and he married Sarah Bate on 16 August 1846 at St. George the Martyr,

Southwark. He gave his age as 21, but in fact he was probably 4 months short of his majority. In the 1851 census, Thomas and Sarah were still in Tooley Street (HO 107 1559 f.521) with two daughters, Sarah aged 3 and Ellen at 5 months. Also, in the household were Sarah's mother Sarah Bate and Thomas's younger brother George. All four adults were born in Maidstone, the County Town of Kent. Thomas was a newsvendor and a tobacconist. Unfortunately, their daughter Sarah, died about one month after this census was taken. They had already lost a son Thomas in 1849 at 8 months of age. In 1853, they had another daughter Emma, who only lived for 3 months. They were not in Tooley Street in 1861, however, Sarah and her daughter Ellen then aged 10 were in Maidstone for the census (RG 9 500 f.126) just down the road from Sarah's mother, Sarah Bate who was staying with her mother Sarah Green then aged 81 (f.130). Sarah Chaplin is described as a stationer's wife so Thomas was presumably back home in London minding the shop. So I have yet to discover where they were living in 1864 when Thomas presented the prayerbook to Ellen.

Thomas Chaplin was baptised in Maidstone, Kent at All Saints Church on 19 December 1825. As he gave his birthday as 18 December in the inscription he was possibly only one day old when baptised and 39 when he gave the prayerbook to Ellen. He was the eldest child of Thomas Pepperell Chaplin and Sarah Webb who married in Maidstone in

February 1824. His father was a shoemaker initially, but later ran the "Marquess of Granby" Public House and was also an agent for the Guardian Insurance until his early death from consumption in 1842. By then, Thomas had 4 sisters and 3 brothers and was apprenticed to a local draper. He had three uncles who were grocers and one who was also in Maidstone in the house of her aunt. It is possible, but not confirmed, that after the death of his father, Thomas went to Southwark to join his grandfather, another Thomas.

I am still actively researching the ancestors of Ellen Chaplin. So far I have managed to trace 30 of her direct ancestors within Kent and have leads to follow that will take my research into Devon, Hertfordshire and Shropshire. I am in contact with three distant cousins each researching a different branch of Ellen's family tree. As I spent my childhood in Kent and my parents still live in the country, I feel an affinity with my Kentish ancestors. I am truly grateful to have been passed such a treasure.

### SPELLBOUND

By Bernice Mistrot

I have a spelling checker;  
It came with my PC.  
It plainly marks four my revue  
Mistakes I cannot sea.  
I've run this program threw it,  
I'm sure your please too no,  
Its letter perfect in its weigh,  
My checker tolled me sew!

The above was written to show that spell checkers in word processing programs don't always correct mistakes as they will bypass words that are spelled wright but give a different meaning. One should always

proof-read the finished article to ensure it is correct. *East Surrey Family History Society, Vol. 17, No.2:June, 1994*

### NAMING CUSTOMS – SCOTLAND

In contrast to the Scandinavian system of patronymics, sometimes we curse the fact that so many people of the same surname seemed to have the same first name, but if we take note of naming customs it often helps establish who was in a 'possible' family.

Before the mid-18th century, most people had only one Christian name, in Scotland. The pattern usually was:

Eldest son – after paternal grandfather.  
Second son – after the maternal grandfather.

Third son – after the father.

Eldest daughter – after the maternal grandmother.

Second daughter – after the paternal grandmother.

Third daughter – after the mother.

Subsequent children were named after earlier forebears but the pattern is less consistent.

Families often named more than one child by the same first name, especially if an earlier child had died (this, in England and Ireland, also).

Sometimes, the pattern varied if, say, the maternal grandfather was a personage of importance, then the first son might be named after him. And of course the first son of a third son named after his paternal grandfather would actually have the same name as his own father, under this system, so the third son's third son would have to be given another name.

Confusing at first, but when you write it all down, it helps untangle the generations (sometimes!). Taken from *Queensland Family Historian*, Vol.15, No. 2, May 1994.

## - QUERIES -

Queries of a reasonable length are published gratis for members. Non-members may submit queries of up to sixty 60 words in length for a fee of \$5.00.

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- Nordal** Seeking contact with other researchers of Icelandic genealogy. Would be willing to correspond and even trade information on research done so far. Regions of Iceland are quite general, west, north and east being most common. Most ancestors came in 1903 and 1904, some as early as 1874. Could be worth a letter - or more.  
*Leo NORDAL, Box 535, Moosomin, SK S0G 3N0*
- Eadie** Nellie EADIE born 1882, daughter of William Henry EADIE, married Ban YOUNGHUSBAND about 1900. Moved to Moose Jaw, Sask. I'm looking for her family.  
*Norman EADIE, 209-234 Ronald St., Winnipeg, MB R3J 3JR*
- Earlswood Church Records** Apparently the church had a fire at one time and records destroyed. Were the EARLSWOOD CHURCH(in Fairmede/Moosomin area) records duplicated before the fire by another church and saved?
- Birney Galbraith Waller** Am seeking for death record of Mrs. Francis BIRNEY, widow of John GALBRAITH, Turnberry Twp., Huron Co., Ont.(nee Matilda WALLER). Marriage date to BIRNEY was c1880/81. She or Executor of Estate signed for Sask. land around Moosomin in 1900.
- Lewis** Mrs. John COGHLAN (nee Delight LEWIS) lived in Fairmede 1887 til c1922. She came from Yonge/Belleville, Ont. Am seeking info on any sisters and brothers.  
*Noreen S.(Mrs. R.J.) Annett, 2564 Arbutus Rd., Victoria, BC V8N 1W2*
- Weir** Seeking any information on James WEIR serving RCAF in England in 1944/45. At that time believed married with two sons, a teacher of languages, possibly from Sask. or Quebec. *Sylvia Forsyth, The Nook, Victoria Street, Cleator Moor, England CA25 5AS*

- Irwin**                      **Henry IRWIN**, b.1843 either in Halton or Huron Townships, Ont. Son of James and Julia Ann IRWIN from Ireland. Brother to William Joseph, Sarah and Julianna. Lived until 1869 with the family of Mary Ann and Allen Bell in Huron Township, Bruce County. In 1869 he purchased land in Nassagaweya Township, Halton with brother William Joseph. In 1870 turned land over to brother and disappears. Any information would help. *Rae Marie Campbell, 270 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto, ON M4R 1J2.*
- Lester**                      **Ernest LESTER** left England in the early 1900s and is believed to have had three children, including a daughter Lucy. Only known address (1930s?) given as Alameda, Sask. Any information would be appreciated. *Susan Lester, 7, Nene Court, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 4JF, England.*
- Margrove**                      **Walter MARGROVE** came to Sask. from England between 1918 & 1930. He was a butcher in England. Wife's maiden name was **KINKHAM** from Enfield England. May have had 2 daughters. Had a brother Sidney in England. Does anyone know of this family? *Florence McLaren, 203 - 4th Avenue S.E., Swift Current, Sask. S9H 3L6.*
- Shrimpton**                      My mothers surname is **SHRIMPTON** and I'm researching it in England. Most of the work is done by a lady doing a World Wide, One Named Guild Study for the name **SHRIMPTON**. In return I would like to add to the study any Canadian **SHRIMPTON**. So if in your own research you find a **SHRIMPTON**, please let me know when and where, etc. *D.C.H. Cox, 13252 - 17a Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V4A 6R9*
- Clark Knight**                      Looking for all information about **Hettie Louis (KNIGHT)CLARK**. Possibly known as "Nurse Clark". Married to **John Leon Edgar CLARK** of Pense, Sask. John Died June 14, 1914, born Napier, Ont. Dec. 1, 1893. Have information from the Pense history. Especially need birth, marriage and death. May be buried in or near Pense, Sask. *David I. M. Clark, P.O. Box 271, Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 5P5*
- Rowe Cruickshank**                      Looking for information on **John Rowe** and **Frances Cruickshank**, from Arran Township, Bruce County, Ont. who came to Waskada, Man. in 1883. Children: George Edward; John; James; William; Alice; Mina; Sophia; Mary Laura. Story from Waskada Memoirs states George Edward was only member who remained in Waskada district and the rest scattered. George Edward married Rosina Ann Brown in 1894. Would like to find John Rowe and the rest of his family. *Mrs. F. June Helm, 1032 Hopkins Cres., Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 3E7*

- Bull** The descendants of Josiah Bull Jr. (Vol.I) was published in 1992. Now Volume II is being prepared. Consult Volume I for a complete list of known members of this family. If anyone knows of descendants in this line, as soon as possible, please contact: *Mary E. Young, 2470 Plata Drive, Santa Rosa, CA, USA, 95403.*
- Scott  
Violette  
Braithwaite** Searching for information on the descendants of Annie Scott bc1850 in Ont. Moved to Shellbrook, Sk. area, her husband John Violette b 1839, d1919 was buried in the Shellbrook Cemetary. Thier daughter Maude Annie Violette b? & d?, married William Robert Braithwaite (parents William Robert Braithwaite & Sarah Morrison). Trail ends with supposition that Maude, Annie & William moved to states. The smallest lead would be appreciated. *Gale Diakuw, 836-5th St. E, Prince Albert, SK S6V 0M6.*
- Scott  
Anderson** Looking for descendants of Lawrence Lee Scott b 26 Oct 1880, Prince Albert, NWT & Ellen Anderson b? in Manitoba, married 4 July 1907, on Mistawasis Reserve, Sk. Children Jessie bc1908, John bc1911, Lillie bc1912, Ruth, Lawrence & Harold. Lived in Kilwinning & Speers Districts, Sk. til c1920 when after Ellens death, they were rumoured to have moved "back east". Southern Ont. or Sarnac, Mich.?? Any help appreciated. *Gale Diakuw 836-5th St. East, Prince Albert, SK S6V 0M6.*
- Wilson** Mary Elizabeth Wilson, my mother, aka "Mamie Wilson" came west from Clayton, ON c1916 to Qu'Appelle SK to play a church organ and teach piano. Does anyone recall when she was in Qu'Appelle, at which church she played and for how long?  
*Bob Phillips, Box 1422, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3P7*
- Winterbottom** Mrs. K.E. (Kate) Winterbottom was matron of Cottage Maternity Hospital 2300 Smith St., Regina when I was born there 3 Dec 1921. Unable to locate firm data about that hospital except its location and names of matrons during 20 years 1915-35. My mother was Mrs. W.H. (Mary Elizabeth Wilson) Phillips; her doctor Hugh H. Mitchell. Recollections or data appreciated.  
*Bob Phillips, Box 1422, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3P7*
- Spiker  
Barkley** Seeking contact with descendants of Isaac Spiker born March 22, 1822 (POB?). Married December 3, 1851 to Lucy Barkley? born Aug 17, 1834. They had 9 children; Hannah Maria, Charlotte, William, Susan Louisa, Harriett, Mary, Sarah, James Thomas Henry, and Isaac Elmor. My Greatgrandfather, Isaac Sr. died Dec. 30, 1900 in Hannah, North Dakota. Would like contact with anyone researching the surname Spiker.  
*Sherrice Cunningham, #65 Greenwood Trailer Court, Drayton Valley, AB T0E 0M0*

## SASKATCHEWAN HISTORY

To the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa:

The petition of the undersigned residents of Battleford, in the North-West Territories,-

### HUMBLY SHOWETH:

That the town site of Battleford was reserved in the year 1876 by the Government.

That it is the present seat of Government, the headquarters of the North-West Mounted Police on the Saskatchewan, and of Indian Affairs in this district.

That Battleford is situated on the Battle and Saskatchewan Rivers, and is the centre, not only of a large and fertile agricultural country, but of the North-West, politically, geographically and commercially.

That a bridge over Battle River is now in process of construction, which will still further attract travel and business to this point.

That the town site has not been surveyed.

That in consequence of this Battleford has made no real progress, as intending settlers could not build on land reserved by the Government, and not surveyed and placed in the market for sale.

That a number of us are now, and have been, ready and willing to erect substantial residences and places of business, and only wait for the town site to be surveyed.

Your petitioners would therefore ask that a survey of the town site, and of a few adjoining townships, be ordered and proceeded with at once.

And as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Mahoney & Macdonald  
P.G. Laurie,  
R.C. McLean,  
Donald McLean,  
John Carney,  
F.A. Smart & Co.,  
John Gilchrist,  
Samuel Ballendin  
James D. O'Neill,  
Henry Phipps,  
J.W. Fisher,  
John Morrer,  
B. Lafonde,  
P. Ballendine,  
William "X" Favil,  
Solemon "X" Disgardin  
Charles Gervais,  
John B. Barr,  
L.C. Baker,  
Fred. Seeregman,  
B. Plante,  
Fred St. Germain,  
Andrew Suffern,  
John Longmoir,  
Robert Young,  
J. Stuart Macdonald,

J. Little,  
E. Gilbert,  
W. Ryan,  
R. Guthrie,  
P. Burke,  
W. Parker,  
H. Nash,  
S. Carruthers,  
J. Wymirskirch,  
John Clisby,  
W.C. Gillis,  
W. Fennimore,  
F.C. Roby,  
M. McDonald,  
J. Kenney,  
W. D. Armstrong,  
O. Maundars,  
J. Farrell,  
L.D. Gilbert,  
John Meuhort,  
T. Macdonald,  
W. Latimer,  
K. Macdonald,  
H.J. Prongus,  
D. Lavalley,  
P.C. Panbourne,

A. McLeod,  
John Pritchard,  
Wm. Burke,  
James Burke,  
Fred Ballandine,  
Wm. Fitzgerald,  
G.C. Hamilton,  
William Turner,  
James Folsder,  
M. Chatreau,  
J.D. Finlayson,  
D.M. Finlayson,  
B. Finlayson,  
M. Tebo,  
J. Pambrun,  
Peter St. Luc,  
E. Goulet,  
T. Clarke,  
John Burrett.

(March 4, 1881).

*Note: William Favil and  
Solemon Disgardin signed  
their names with an "X".*



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## SALE OF PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE® 2.3 SUSPENDED

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Several minor defects have been discovered in Release 2.3 of Personal Ancestral File. Accordingly, it was determined to remove the product from distribution center shelves until the defects can be corrected. In the meantime, owners of copies of Release 2.3 can continue to use it with confidence. If they have any difficulties in using the program, they should call the Personal Ancestral File support line (801-240-2584).

Please be aware that the defects, while inconvenient, will not affect your data. We encourage users of Release 2.3 to continue to use the program as is with two exceptions:

- Users of the Research Data Filer program should use the Release 2.2 version.
- Users of the Genealogical Information Exchange program who wish to submit names for LDS temple ordinances should use the Genealogical Data Communication (GEDCOM) option, *not* the Temple Names Submission option.

The revised release should be ready in a few months. Information about obtaining a corrected version of the program will be released at that time. Users of Personal Ancestral File 2.3 are encouraged to send in their registration card. This is the most sure way of finding out about the update.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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## ARCHIBALD F. BENNETT ELECTED TO HALL OF FAME

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The National Genealogical Society announced the election of Archibald Fowler Bennett to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame at its June 3 meeting in Houston Texas.

According to Varney R. Nell, Chairman of the National Genealogy Hall of Fame Committee, Archibald Bennett is the ninth person to receive this posthumous honor, given annually for significant contributions to the field of genealogy in the United States. Bennett was nominated by the Genealogical Society of Utah and endorsed by the California State Genealogical Society and the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

Bennett (1896-1965) was a prolific author of genealogical books and articles, a sought-after speaker, and a renowned genealogical educator. For many years, he edited the *Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine*, served as the General Secretary of the Genealogical Society of Utah and for over 30 years

was head librarian of what is now known as the Family History Library. He built the collection of that library into the largest collection of its kind in the world.

Bennett was also largely responsible for launching the microfilming program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and he began the network of family history centers, now used by genealogists worldwide.

According to Nell, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, Bennett's election by a wide margin in the first year being nominated is a feat achieved by very few members of the Hall of Fame and is indicative of the great influence he has had on American genealogy. He also felt it was very appropriate to elect him in this year, it being the centennial celebration of the Genealogical Society of Utah, which he represented so well during his entire career.

Genealogists throughout the United States also endorsed the nomination. Josephine Moeller, President of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, speaking of the Church's microfilming program wrote that "honoring the instigator of this program is long past overdue. For those of us who have not had the freedom to travel, using their microfilms was the only way that we could search original records and do our genealogical research." Loretto Szucs, a professional genealogist, author and editor in Chicago spoke of "his vision and genius in setting up the tremendous microfilming program and the branches (family history centers) that benefit millions of genealogists."

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## FAMILYSEARCH® AVAILABILITY

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FamilySearch continues to become more and more available to researchers throughout the United States and Canada. It is in about 1,300 North American family history centers and in at least 75 public and private institutions. These libraries are spread throughout 26 states. For more information about FamilySearch in libraries and institutions, contact GeneSys at 1-800-222-3762.

In addition, we have been testing the use of FamilySearch in private homes. This test is proceeding very well. By early June, almost 600 orders had been filled. We have learned much about how FamilySearch operates in different environments and what improvements may be possible in the future.

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## LIBRARY EXPANDS SERVICES

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During the past year, the Family History Library has been expanding its services. We are now—

- Using computer bulletin boards to answer basic questions about research or the library's collections.
- Answering questions by telephone and fax.
- Providing access to commercial databases and computer bulletin boards in the new Data Center.
- Restructuring the film collection housed in the library to help the maximum number of patrons.

The publication called *Family History Library and Family History Centers Services and Resources* has been revised and now explains these and all other library services, including classes and group visits. It also explains how to prepare to do research at the library or a family history center and describes the size and scope of the library's collection and some key resources. A copy of this publication has been sent with this issue of the *News*. Additional copies are available at no charge for classes and seminars. Please call the Salt Lake Distribution Center at 801-240-2504 and ask for item number 32957.

## **BRITISH 1881 CENSUS PROJECT**

The momentous task of indexing the 1881 Census of England, Wales, and the Isle of Man is progressing rapidly. This project, a joint venture between the Genealogical Society of Utah and the Federation of Family History Societies, began in 1988 and is being completed quickly. About 96 percent of the transcription is finished, and 69 percent of the data entry is finished. The following counties are now available on microfiche:

### **England**

Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Cornwall  
Devonshire  
Dorsetshire  
Gloucestershire  
Herefordshire  
Hertfordshire  
Huntingdonshire  
Leicestershire  
Northamptonshire  
Oxfordshire  
Rutland  
Shropshire  
Somersetshire  
Suffolk  
Wiltshire

### **Wales**

Anglesey  
Breconshire  
Cardiganshire  
Carmarthenshire  
Denbighshire  
Flintshire  
Merionethshire  
Montgomeryshire  
Pembrokeshire  
Radnorshire

### **Other**

Guernsey  
Isle of Man  
Jersey  
Royal Navy

The microfiche can be found at the Family History Library, many family history centers (including those in the British Isles), and through the Federation of Family History Societies in England.

Plans are also well under-way to create a similar index to the 1881 census of Scotland.

## **CENTENNIAL LECTURE: DR. ROBERT W. FOGEL**

As part of its centennial celebration, the Genealogical Society of Utah is sponsoring a series of lectures by prominent archivists and researchers. In one recent lecture, University of Chicago Economics Professor Robert W. Fogel, Ph.D., recipient of the 1993 Nobel Prize for Economics, attributed part of his research success to the Family History Library. His lecture addressed the contributions of archival and genealogical sources to the study of historical, social, and biomedical sciences.

Dr. Fogel spoke of the value of the Family History Library resources in his study of slave populations. He found that many of the probate records he needed had been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah. These records helped him conclude, among other findings, that the average slave woman had her first child at age 21.5 and that the general slave population had strict social mores. He also found that slaves often were skilled artisans and, in some cases, involved in managing large plantations.

Dr. Fogel's studies involving life expectancy concluded the average American of the late eighteenth century had a higher life expectancy than the average American of the nineteenth century. The suspected cause of the decline was the increased number of people living in cities during the late nineteenth century. He also found people over age 65 in 1919 were more likely to have cardiovascular disorders than those of a similar age today.

Currently, Dr. Fogel and Dr. Larry Wimmer of Brigham Young University are using the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other repositories to study the relationship between economic status and health issues for 40,000 Union soldiers.

*News of the Family History Library* is published four times yearly by the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. ISSN 1052-8644. Not available by subscription. General information about the hours and services of the Family History Library is available at 801-240-2331. Comments are welcome. Please address them to Family History Library, ATTN: Editor, *News of the Family History Library*, 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.



**FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY**  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

# Family History Library and Family History Centers

The Genealogical Society of Utah was founded in 1894 to gather records which help people trace their ancestry. One of the society's first acts was to open a library—fore-runner to the Family History Library. In 1938 the society began preserving records on microfilm. Today 250 microfilm camera operators are filming birth, marriage, death, probate, immigration, military, and many other records in 46 countries. Thus, the library has available the world's largest collection of genealogical information.

Most of the records date from about 1550 to 1920. Therefore, the library has few records of living persons. The library also does not have a record of everyone who has ever lived.

## The Family History Library

The Family History Library is located at 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150 (Telephone: 801-240-2331). This is directly west of Temple Square in downtown Salt Lake City.

Visitors to the library can park free at the lot on the northwest corner of North Temple Street and West Temple Street for up to three hours per day. Several all-day pay-parking lots are also located nearby.

### • Hours

Monday . . . . . 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday-Saturday . . . . . 7:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

### • 1994 Holidays

The Family History Library will be closed 1 January, 4 July, 25 July, 24 November, 24 December, and at 5:00 P.M. 31 December.

## Family History Centers

In 1964 a system of family history centers affiliated with the Family History Library was established to give more people access to the library's resources. More than 2,040 family history centers now operate in 62 countries and territories.

Family history centers are generally in local Latter-day Saint chapels and are staffed by volunteers. A list of center locations and phone numbers is available from the Family History Library. Contact the center about hours before you visit.

## FamilySearch® Center

Working with the Family History Library, the FamilySearch Center in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building introduces people to the joys of discovering their family history. FamilySearch is a powerful

computer system that helps researchers identify their ancestors and organize family history information. The center has over 200 computers equipped with FamilySearch for public use. Summer hours are: Monday through Saturday, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Winter hours are: Monday through Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The FamilySearch Center, the Family History Library, and the family history centers around the world are open to the public. You may use their records and resources without charge. All are operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## NEW ACQUISITIONS

Each year we preserve and catalog about 100 million new pages of historical documents on 70,000 microfilms, 25,000 microfiche, and in 12,000 books.

## MICROFORM COLLECTION

Most of the library's microfilms and microfiche may be loaned for use at any family history center. However, this service can only be requested in person when at a center. There is a small postage and duplication fee.

Over 1.9 million rolls of microfilmed records (equal to more than 6 million written volumes) and approximately 379,000 microfiche are available at the Family History Library. The collection includes records kept by governments, churches of many denominations, other organizations, and individuals.

- **North America.** The library has a substantial collection for the United States. Every state is represented in the 590,000 rolls of microfilm, including 100,000 rolls of federal records. These records come from more than 2,400 archives, county courthouses, and other repositories, particularly from states east of the Missouri River. The 33,000 rolls for Canada include almost all the Quebec church records and many civil records from Ontario and other provinces.
- **British Areas.** Comprehensive Scottish records and a broad English and Welsh collection make up most of the 147,000 rolls for Great Britain. Significant collections for Ireland are included. Many records are also available for Australia and New Zealand.
- **Europe and Scandinavia.** The library has 541,000 European and 204,000 Scandinavian rolls of microfilms. Church and civil records are available

for many areas of Germany, France, and Italy. Virtually all significant genealogical records are available for the Netherlands, Belgium, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and Finland. The library has significant and growing collections for parts of Austria, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland.

- **Latin America.** Major collections for Mexico, Uruguay, and Chile include records from most parishes. Collections for Argentina, Brazil, and Guatemala are growing. The Latin American collection includes 199,000 microfilms.
- **Other Areas.** The library has most available records for the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and many smaller countries. There are partial, but useful, collections for South Africa and other African countries, several Pacific islands, India, and Indonesia. There is also a helpful collection of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean family histories.

## BOOK COLLECTION

The library has over 258,000 book titles (of which 129,000 are also on microfilm). These include published family histories, local histories, indexes, periodicals, and other research aids. Most books are available for immediate use. A few books are kept in a storage area and can be retrieved by library attendants within three hours. Library books cannot be circulated to family history centers, but microfilm or microfiche copies of the books, if available, may be circulated. Most centers also have small collections of reference books.

## SERVICES

### Orientation

A booklet is available for a small fee to introduce the basic steps of research and help you learn how to use the centers or the library. A short orientation program is also available.

### Group Visits

Guided tours of the Family History Library and family history centers are not provided. However, the library provides orientation classes for groups of 15 to 60 people. Please contact the library or the center *in advance* so that we can be prepared to meet your needs. Group leaders should ensure that all their group (including youth) are prepared to use the library or center effectively before they arrive (see suggestions on pages 3 and 4). You may request a room for meetings.

### Research Consultation

Although the family history center and library *staff and volunteers do not do research for you*, they will help you use the family history center or library to do your own research and will advise you on your research problems. They help with

basic questions such as where a specific town is, if records are available for a given location, or how to use FamilySearch.

You may also visit a center or write to the library for instructions on how to get started in genealogy or for a list of professional *accredited genealogists* you may hire.

- **Consultation at the Library.** If the volunteers at a family history center or the library cannot answer your question, they will contact specialists at the library for reference assistance.
- **Consultation by Telephone.** Library staff also answer questions by phone. Use these numbers for help with research about people who lived in—  
United States or Canada 801-240-2364  
British Isles, Australia, New Zealand 801-240-2367  
Other international areas 801-240-3433
- **Consultation by Mail or Fax.** Library staff will briefly answer questions by mail (see the address on page 1) and fax (801-240-2597).

Please use Request for Photocopies forms available at family history centers to order photocopies by mail of a limited number of pages in a book, microfilm, or microfiche. Copies cost 25¢ per page by mail (\$2 minimum). Please give a specific page or frame number on each request; otherwise, the cost will be \$2 per item.

- **On-line Computer Consultation.** Library staff members also answer basic questions through on-line commercial computer services. Before asking a question, check existing answers to see if it has been answered already. The following list gives the on-line services and the identification numbers to use to contact the library:

CompuServe	75300,3123
GENie (research questions)	F.H.Library
GENie (FamilySearch questions)	FamilySearch
America Online	FamHistLib
Prodigy	FHLS97C to F and FHLS99B to F

### Self-Help Copy Services

You may obtain photocopies of records that are not restricted. Self-help copy equipment is available at copy centers on each floor of the library and at many family history centers. At the library, the cost is 5¢ for each copy you make from a book and 20¢ for each exposure you copy from a microfilm or microfiche. Photocopy costs at family history centers vary.

### Library Classes

Staff members and volunteers at the library regularly teach classes on the use of the library, its computer systems, family history records, and library resources. Many classes are repeated weekly. Many family history centers also offer classes.

## Library Special Needs Services

Library visitors with special needs are welcome and will have access to all facilities. The library offers wheelchair access, microfilm readers for physically and visually handicapped users, and some assistance for hearing-impaired or foreign-language researchers. For TDD telephone questions, call 801-240-2616.

## KEY RESOURCES

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### Records for Genealogical Research

Your research may be more successful if you understand the kinds of records available at the library and its centers. You should know that—

- The library and its family history centers have records from many governments, churches, and organizations. Only a small part of the collection is about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, its members, or their ancestors.
- Most documents are written in the language of the country where they were made. You usually do not need to know the foreign language to use the records, but learning a few key terms is helpful.
- Many records are handwritten, are in chronological rather than alphabetical order, and are not indexed. Allow plenty of time at the family history center or library when searching these types of records.

### FamilySearch

FamilySearch, a computerized system of genealogical information, is available in the library, most centers in the United States and Canada, the FamilySearch Center, and a growing number of public and private libraries. It is not available through computer modem access. The following computer files and programs are available as part of FamilySearch:

- Ancestral File™
- Family History Library Catalog™
- International Genealogical Index™
- Social Security Death Index
- Military Index
- TempleReady™
- Personal Ancestral File®

### Library Data Center

In addition to computers in other parts of the library, the Data Center brings computer information into one area on the main floor. Volunteers will help you use one of the twenty-five computers. In addition to FamilySearch, the Data Center has many commercial compact discs and access to commercial on-line computer services.

### Library Publications

The *Family History Publications List* is available from the library, the centers, and the Salt Lake Distribution Center (1999 West 1700 South, Salt

Lake City, Utah 84104; telephone: 801-240-2504). It lists over 150 publications available at the library and distribution center. Request a fax copy of this list by telephone 801-240-1430 or fax 801-240-2597. You can obtain these publications, including blank Pedigree Charts and Family Group Record forms, in small quantities at the library and at many family history centers.

## SHARING YOUR INFORMATION

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We encourage you to share your time and efforts with the rest of the family history community by—

- Contributing to Ancestral File.
- Indexing (write the library's indexing coordinator).
- Donating a your family history to the library.
- Submitting names for LDS temple ordinances.

## PREPARING FOR RESEARCH

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The following suggestions can help you use your time effectively at the Family History Library or at a family history center:

- **Learn All You Can about Your Family.** Gather information from home and family sources. Interview and correspond with family members, especially your older relatives. Find additional information at cemeteries, historical societies, and local record offices. Bring to the family history center or library information that links you to ancestors who lived before 1920.
- **Visit a Family History Center.** If you are coming to the library in Salt Lake City, it is helpful to visit a family history center first. At a center, you can use most of the printed materials, microfiche, and computer tools described above. This can simplify your research and save time when you get to the library. Some microfilms are not kept at the library and may need to be ordered before your visit. See "Microfilm Access" (page 4) for details.
- **Read About the Library Before Your Visit.** You may also benefit from reading about the library in J. Carlyle Parker's *Going to Salt Lake City to Do Family History Research*, 2d edition (Turlock, Calif.: Marietta Publishing Co., 1993). He explains about preparing for the library by using resources at family history centers, what to bring, library layout, and lodging in Salt Lake City.

## LIBRARY RULES

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The library and its family history centers are privately owned and operated. They are available to the public with the understanding that those who use the collection will abide by library rules. Please be quiet, courteous to other patrons, and respectful in your use of the records and facilities. Selling goods or services and commercial or unauthorized use of library materials (such as compiling commercial

mailing lists) is not permitted. For more details, see the list of rules posted in the library.

## MICROFILM ACCESS

The library microfilms you want to search may be stored at the Family History Library or at off-site locations, such as the Service Center or the Granite Mountain Record Vault.

### Complete Collections in the Library

The library should have almost all of the microfilms for the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand.

However, films may occasionally be removed from the library's microfilm cabinets to be extracted, recataloged, photocopied, or viewed, and sometimes microfilms are simply misfiled. Contact a library attendant for help locating a microfilm which does not appear where you expect it to be in a cabinet.

### Partial Collections in the Library

To save space at the library, some microfilms are stored only at the service center or the vault. *Part* of the film collections for Mexico, Germany, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Poland, and South Africa that were formerly in the library have been moved to the service center. See the table on this page for a list of what is kept *at the library*.

### Off-site Collections

Most of the films for Central America, South

America, Africa, and Asia are stored at the Service Center or the Vault. Only a few are at the library. To order films stored off-site:

- **At the Library.** If you are already at the library, order films from off-site at the library attendants' window. They can usually retrieve your order within a few hours, but some may take up to ten working days.
- **Out-of-town Visitors.** If you plan to visit, we suggest you do the following before coming to Salt Lake City:
  - Check the Family History Library Catalog, available at all family history centers, to see if the library has the records you need.
  - If the catalog lists the records and the record type is on the following table, the film should be available for immediate use at the library.
  - If the catalog lists the records you need but the record type is not listed on the following table, write to the library and specify the exact film numbers you will need and the date of your visit. Write to the "Library Attendants" at least four weeks before you come. Library staff will make every effort to have those films available for you. The address is on page 1.

Although we cannot provide an exact list of European, South African, or Mexican films stored at the library, the following table shows the types of records that are usually stored there:

Microfilms Which Are Usually Stored At the Salt Lake Library	
Nations	Record Types Usually Stored at the Library
United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand	All records.
Mexico	For state capitals and over 300 cities: church records, civil registration.
Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Scandinavia, Slovakia, Switzerland	Church records, civil registration, Jewish records, emigration, census. Also for Scandinavia: probate records. And for Netherlands: population.
Belarus, Romania, Russia, Ukraine	Roman Catholic and Protestant church records, civil registration, emigration and immigration, Jewish records.
Austria	Emigration records.
Hungary	Jewish records, emigration, census. Also for Budapest: church records.
France	Civil registration indexes. Also for the departments of Haut-Rhin, Bas-Rhin, and Moselle: civil registration, church records. Also for the city of Paris: civil registration, the Andriveau collection.
Italy	For Piedmont: Protestant church records. For Torino diocese: Roman Catholic church records. For Toscana: civil registration.
Portugal (Azores)	For the Azores: church records, civil registration, emigration records.
South Africa	Civil registration indexes, emigration, Jewish records, death notices.

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# **SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

## **RESEARCH POLICY**

### **BASIC SEARCH**

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) will do basic searches of Saskatchewan sources for a \$25.00 fee. Sources searched: 1. Homestead index & file. 2. Cemetery index. 3. Obituary index and file. 4. Newspaper index.

Additional sources, if location is known, or discovered as result of above search: 5. Local & school histories. 6. Sask. Archives card index. 7. Henderson & telephone directories if they exist for the area.

If specific date of an event is known (birth, death, marriage, etc.) we will search local papers. NOTE: not all editions of all newspapers are preserved.

You will receive a written report of the research, noting all the sources checked. Up to \$2.00 worth of copying plus postage is included. Beyond that copying charges will be quoted. Current copying fees are \$.30 per page for paper to paper copies and \$.50 per page for microfilm to paper copies. NOTE that it takes as long to do an unsuccessful search as a successful search. Your chances for a successful search may depend upon how accurately you are able to describe the search you wish to have done.

These searches are done by knowledgeable volunteers. If you require a more in-depth search the Society can supply you with names of people who could do this.

### **SASKATCHEWAN CEMETERY SEARCH**

\$2.00 per name if the name of the cemetery is given. Plus a stamped self-addressed envelop.

- Members: \$5.00 per name if all cemeteries need to be checked.
- Non-members: \$10.00 per name if all cemeteries need to be checked.

### **POLICY FOR USE OF THE INDIRECT PASSENGER SHIP INDEX AND LIST**

The Lists generally give surname, christian name, all who travelled as one household with ages, original home, state or country of origin, plus destination in America. Written in German but fairly easy to read. Members only: \$1.00 per time for in person searches. Society will do searches for out-of-town members for \$10.00 - this will include up to two hours of research. Printing: .50 per page (takes 2 copies to copy one microfilm page).

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ie. John Smith, England, Kent

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For more details on the Griffith see: SGS Bulletin, Vol.15, #1, 1984.

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