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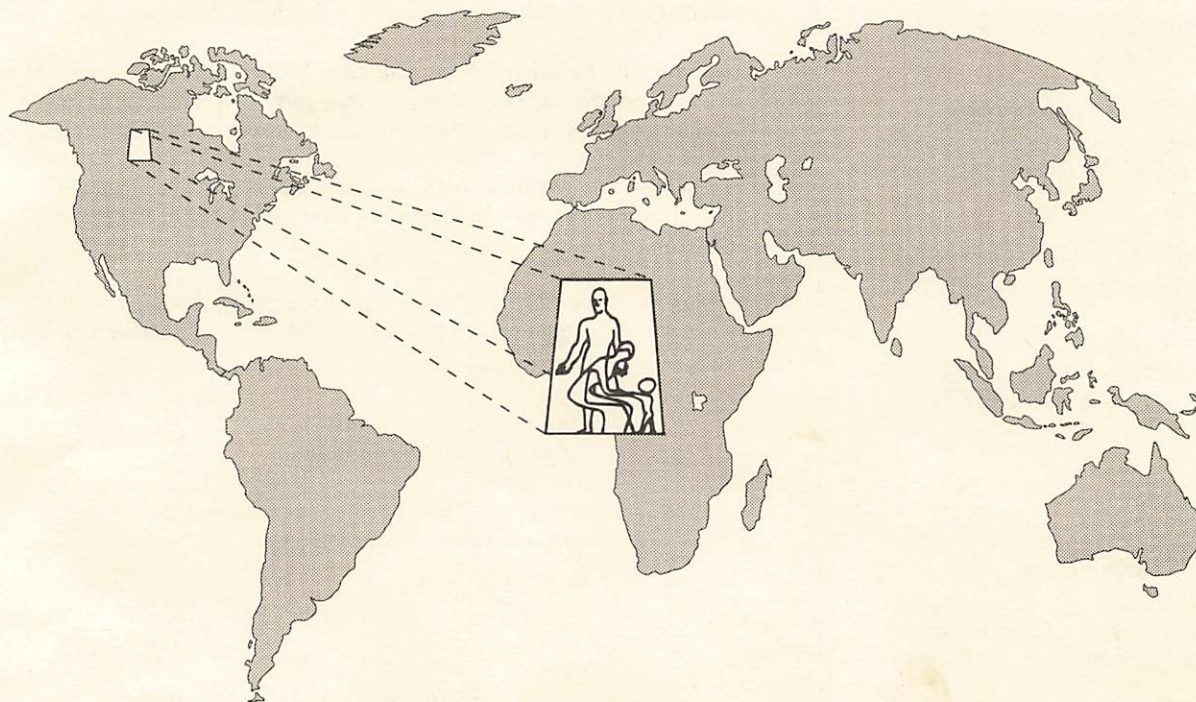
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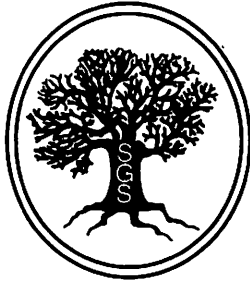
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President's Letter

BY MARIE SVEDAHN
SGS President

There were two major items before the membership at our recent AGM in Regina - a redrafted SGS Constitution and the first ever SGS Heritage Volunteer Award. I would like to take this opportunity to talk a little about the common denominator between these two items - volunteers.

Volunteers are the life-blood of any non-profit organization. Thanks to hours of devoted work at all levels - from grassroot members to the directors who sit on the Board - we have grown in 28 years to become the second largest genealogical society in Canada. Hundreds of work hours have been spent transcribing cemeteries, indexing books, giving workshops, sharing information on a one-to-one basis, organizing genealogical events, co-ordinating meetings, sitting on the provincial board or as branch executive (not to mention the time an election committee spends endeavouring to find someone to fill those positions). For the majority of these people, it has been a labour of love. People do what they do, because they want to see the SGS prosper as a responsible member of the community.

I believe people should volunteer for the work they enjoy. If you are the type who prefers to be out doors, you may not enjoy sitting at a computer indexing a book - get out there and transcribe a cemetery instead. If you like organizing and coordinating, then volunteer to work on the Fair or executive of a local branch or the provincial board. Not everyone likes doing the same thing (thank goodness!) so it is important that members say where their interests lie when they offer to volunteer. Note that I said "offer" - you needn't wait to be asked.

It is difficult to be responsible and accountable in a job you are not happy with. People who have been pressured (had their arm twisted) to take a Board position or sit on a branch executive may well lack the enthusiasm needed for the job - too many lukewarm members at a board table could be devastating to the branch or provincial body.

The three people who were nominated for this year's SGS Heritage Volunteer of the Year Award were definitely not lukewarm volunteers. All of them are

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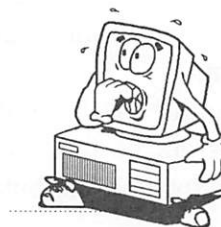
Editor's Note

BY MARGE THOMAS
Executive Director

This issue does not include a computer column since Norm Wilson has recently had surgery and unable to produce the column. Norm, we wish you all the best in your recovery over the next few months. If you are interested in writing a computer article or handling the duties of the computer column, please let us know. We are always in need of volunteers to help in the production of the Bulletin.

The SGS Seminar will be held October 31 in Weyburn. For more details, see center insert. Plan to attend and get your registration in early to save \$\$\$.

I would like to thank everyone who responded to our request for articles for the Bulletin. We need a considerable amount of material for each issue and a wide variety to meet the interests of all our members.



(... continuation of President's Letter)

individuals who enjoyed what they did and were enthusiastic about it. I know the judges had a difficult time deciding which of the three was the most deserving - each excelled in their own area of voluntarism. Please check out page ix for more about the award.

In closing, I would like to extend congratulations on behalf of the SGS membership to Frances Sample, winner of the SGS Heritage Volunteer Award and also to the others who were nominated. Thanks for so many jobs so well done.

John Barry (ca.1837-1889)

BY EILEEN MALONEY CONDON

In many ways, the life of my great-grandfather, John Barry, was an ordinary one and typical of the lives of thousands of immigrants to the United States in the mid-nineteenth century. They left their native country--often leaving family members behind--and came to North America in search of a better life. Some settled in the large industrial cities of the East, and many others homesteaded in the Western states. Members of John's family followed both immigration patterns.

THE EARLY YEARS

John Barry was born about 1837 in a rural townland in Rathcormac Parish, County Cork, Ireland, one of ten known children born to Edmund and Julia (Dunlea) Barry¹. John was a young boy during the famine years, and it is difficult for his descendants to fully comprehend what his childhood was like or to understand the emotions and circumstances that led to his emigration. It is assumed that he attended school in Ireland, but little else is known about his childhood. He may have been the first of his family to emigrate, although the exact date of his arrival in Massachusetts has not been determined. Several of his siblings followed in later years; they first settled in the Salem-Beverly area of Massachusetts² and later all migrated to Minnesota.³ In 1877, one of John's brothers went back to Ireland to accompany their elderly parents to America.⁴

MILITARY SERVICE

One of the more interesting periods of John's life was the time spent in the United States Marine Corps during the Civil War--service that enabled him later to become naturalized and to obtain land. It was at Charlestown, Massachusetts, on August 13, 1861,

that he enlisted in the Marine Corps for a four-year term. He was described as a labourer, aged 26, 5' 7 1/2", and having dark brown eyes, dark hair and dark complexion.⁵ Following a six-week training period in Charlestown, John was transferred to Washington, D.C., to await posting.

At the time of John's enlistment, plans were underway for the massive blockading operations of the Atlantic coast by the Union forces. Captain S. F. Dupont was appointed commander of the South Atlantic Squadron and on September 18, 1861, he accepted these orders and made his request for specific ships and personnel, including a request that "a special battalion of 300 marines should be attached to my command."⁶

These marines (under the command of Major J. G. Reynolds) were to form part of the planned November attack on Port Royal, South Carolina. Private John Barry was transferred to this battalion on October 15, 1861, and the men embarked on the Governor for transport to Port Royal.⁷ The Governor was a non-military vessel (a 644-ton sidewheel steamer), which Commander Dupont felt would offer less risk for attack and could provide better protection from the elements. The convoy left Hampton Roads, Virginia, on the morning of Tuesday, October 29.⁸

By Friday morning (November 2) the convoy had reached Cape Hatteras, but the weather had deteriorated and the Governor was having difficulty in the hurricane-force winds. The ship was heavily damaged in the rough seas, the smokestack toppled, and the engine faltered and finally stopped. The marines were kept busy pumping, bailing and trying to keep from being washed overboard. Several nearby vessels responded to the distress signals and attempts were made to rescue the men, but the wind and heavy seas prevented this being done. It was not until Saturday evening that the frigate Sabine attempted to come alongside. However, the weather had not improved and the Sabine and Governor

collided during the rescue attempts. It was finally necessary for the men to jump into the icy water, from which they were hauled into small boats despatched from the Sabine. Several marines were drowned and by 3:30 P.M. on Sunday, the Governor had sunk.⁹

Various military despatches describing the storm indicate that it was very intense. At that time there was no official weather reporting agency in the United States, but weather historians have since been able to establish the specifics and this storm is now known as the "Expedition Hurricane".¹⁰ It produced record high tides as far north as New York City and resulted in extensive flooding throughout New England.

Major Reynolds and the marine battalion spent the next few months stationed at Port Royal (Hilton Head), leaving there on February 18, 1862, aboard the USS McLellan for further military operations along the Florida coast.¹¹ In mid-March the battalion was ordered to occupy and hold St. Augustine, but, despite a plea by city officials that they remain to garrison the city,¹² the marines were ordered back to Marine headquarters in Washington. John spent the remaining years of his service there and in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was honourably discharged on August 16, 1865.¹³

John's military files include a re-enlistment at Gosport, Virginia, on February 10, 1866, for an additional four-year term--with the notation that he deserted on March 11, 1866.¹⁴ It is interesting to speculate on possible reasons for his re-enlistment and subsequent desertion. Was desertion widespread once the Civil War had ended? Did he change his mind about being a peace-time sailor? Could it be that he was involved in Fenian activities which were underway at that time? There is much more research to be undertaken along these lines.

POST CIVIL WAR

Following the War, John worked in the brick-making operations at Haverstraw in Rockland County, New York. Family tradition holds that he had a brother living there and that John worked in a

brickyard "along with his twelve-year old nephew".¹⁵ While proof of this employment has not been found, it was during this time that John obtained his citizenship in Rockland County Court on October 12, 1868.¹⁶ The affidavit states that he "has been enlisted in the forces of the United States from which service he has received an honorable discharge." John apparently did not mention his 1866 desertion from the Marine Corps!

An entry has been located on the 1870 Census of Rockland County, New York, for a thirty-year-old John Barry, brickyard-worker.¹⁷ It is worth noting that this individual was able to read and write and was eligible to vote; very few of the many other Irish immigrants in the area were naturalized. However, due to the frequent occurrences of this surname and the difficulties inherent in correctly identifying unmarried individuals in census returns, there is no proof that this census listing refers to my ancestor.

I have not yet discovered John's whereabouts between his 1868 naturalization and his 1876 arrival in Minnesota. It has been assumed by family members that, sometime during that period, he went back to Massachusetts, where his brother and two sisters were still living in the Salem-Beverly area. All were married with young families. Several Curtin families also resided there; among them was Hannah Curtin, John's future wife.

HOMESTEADING IN MINNESOTA

An Act was passed by the United States Congress on June 8, 1872, which "enabled honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphan children, to secure homesteads on the public domain." John travelled to Minnesota and on March 31, 1876, he appeared before the Clerk of the District Court at Morris and swore to the circumstances of his eligibility to apply for land in Stevens County.¹⁸ His brother Richard arrived from Beverly in June and also applied for a homestead. In the spring of 1877, other family members from Massachusetts arrived. Hannah Curtin also came to Stevens County about that time,¹⁹ and she and John were married on November 13, 1877.²⁰ At the time of the marriage,

John was about forty years old--fifteen years older than his bride.

By the time the 1880 census was taken, John's household comprised his wife Hannah, their one-year-old son Edward, and John's parents (Edmund and Julia).²¹ Presumably, their life on the farm was similar to that of the hundreds of other pioneers in the Midwest. They were surrounded by other family members and friends who had taken up land in the same area.

John received the Patent for his homestead in 1882;²² however, in 1885 he was unable to make the \$7 payment on a mortgage. Foreclosure followed and the homestead was sold by the Sheriff on December 4 to the mortgagee "subject to the redemption within 12 months".²³ Whether or not John was able to redeem his land is not yet known, and more on-site courthouse research will be required to determine the details. The family contained to live in the same township, but may have lived with relatives for some time before acquiring further property.

John and Hannah were members of the Roman Catholic congregation at Morris, a few miles from their homestead. They probably attended local social events, and John may have been involved in local politics. It is known that he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R. Post #99 in Morris). Until the records of that association can be located, full details of his involvement are not known, but it is likely that he participated in the 1888 State Encampment which was hosted by the Morris G.A.R. Post. Eight thousand people arrived for the four-day event which included a parade, a large mock battle, ball games, horse racing, singing, dancing and general celebrations.²⁴

John and Hannah's sixth child was born in April of 1889. In June of that year, fifty-four-year-old John applied for a pension based on his military service and honourable discharge, claiming "deafness in both ears caused by exposure and getting wet being washed by the sea during the wreck of the steamer Governor."²⁵

JOHN'S DEATH

However, later that month, John was kicked by a horse and incurred several injuries including broken ribs and severe bruising. The internal injuries from this accident probably contributed to his death on July 6, 1889, although the official death record indicates the cause of death to be "inflammation of the bowels."²⁶ John was buried in the Roman Catholic section of Calvary Cemetery in Morris, Minnesota. Hannah, widowed at 37 years old, was left with six young children under the age of ten. She subsequently applied for, and received, a pension based on John's military service.

HANNAH'S DEATH

The widowed Hannah remained in Stevens County and was enumerated on all censuses between 1895 and 1910, as well as the 1890 Special Schedule of Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans. She is shown to be a farmer and it was indicated that she owned the farm.²⁷ She died of food poisoning on August 18, 1917, at Morris at the age of sixty-five and is buried beside John in the Morris cemetery.²⁸

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN AND HANNAH (CURTIN) BARRY

John and Hannah's six children were all born in Scott Township, Stevens County, Minnesota.²⁹

1. Edward Michael Barry was born November 8, 1878. He remained unmarried and died on May 11, 1966.³⁰ He is buried beside his parents in Morris.
2. William John Barry was born November 10, 1880. He emigrated to Canada in 1907, and in 1915 obtained patent to a homestead near Carmichael, Saskatchewan.³¹ Sometime thereafter, he was injured in an industrial accident. He received an insurance settlement

and disappeared. The family has never heard from him and speculates that he may have been a victim of foul play. Efforts to verify such an incident have not yet proved successful.

3. Margaret Mary Barry was born September 13, 1882. She married forty-two-year-old Patrick Maloney on November 12, 1902 in Chokio, Minnesota. They homesteaded in North Dakota in 1902 and subsequently immigrated to Canada, where they homesteaded in the same area that Margaret's brothers had settled. Margaret was widowed in 1924--left alone to raise their eleven children. Margaret died on August 15, 1978, in Kelowna, British Columbia, and is buried there.³²
4. David Joseph Barry was born August 19, 1884. He also immigrated to Saskatchewan and homesteaded near Carmichael. He subsequently relocated to the Rosetown area of Saskatchewan, where he married Emma Helen Edwards. They had four children. David died at McGee, Saskatchewan, on October 26, 1957, and is buried at Rosetown.³³
5. John James Barry was born September 28, 1886. He remained in Stevens County where he married Rose Conroy in 1929. They had two children. John died on January 31, 1967, at Morris and is buried there.³⁴
6. Julia Frances Barry was born April 13, 1889. She married John Morrison Deans in Saskatchewan. They had one daughter. Julia died June 19, 1941, at Rosetown, Saskatchewan, and is buried there.³⁵

FUTURE RESEARCH

There is still much more research to be done; a research trip to Stevens County is necessary and yet to be undertaken. I hope to visit the Courthouse,

Catholic Churches in Morris and Chokio, and the other repositories in the area. Records of the Morris G.A.R. Post may exist and are yet to be searched. Besides the records for my great-grandfather, John Barry, there is also research to be done for my grandparents, Patrick and Margaret (Barry) Maloney, and the numerous other relatives who all settled in this area.

I would like to explore the records of The Fenian Brotherhood of America--if they can be located. If John was involved in any of its activities, it would explain his whereabouts for some of the years for which I lack information. If he travelled back to Ireland for any reason, he would have required a passport, and this also should be researched further.

Also, since John's birth and/or baptism record has not yet been found, there is further research to be done in Irish records.

I am also still attempting to contact surviving descendants in the hope that somewhere there may be photographs. So far, none have been discovered.

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Zhitomir, Ukraine

BY DAVID OBEE

Don't mention you're here to dig up family roots - or the locals might hand you a shovel. In 12 years of researching my family history, I've visited cemeteries in five countries. Never before had I found evidence of grave robbing. Never before had I stepped into an opened grave. And it wasn't just in one cemetery, either - graves had been opened in at least half a dozen of the graveyards we visited. Welcome to family history research in Ukraine. The cemeteries were in the old German Baptist colonies northwest of Zhitomir, about 200 kilometres west of Kiev, in an area known as Volhynia. Germans settled the area in the 1860s just after the Tsar's decision to free the serfs created a labor shortage on the large farms in the area.

The Germans started moving out by the 1890s, and kept up the exodus until the outbreak of the First World War. There was another rush out in the 1920s that was stopped when Josef Stalin closed the borders. My grandparents were among the hundreds of refugees who arrived in Edmonton in the 1920s. They were following in the footsteps of the Volhynian Germans who arrived in the Rabbit Hill area, just south of the city, in the 1890s.

By the mid-1930s, Stalin was killing many of the remaining Germans, using a bullet in the head if starvation didn't work. The best guess on the number of victims - Germans, Ukrainians, and a whole bunch of people Uncle Joe didn't like - is 20 million. But that's another story.

The vast majority of the Germans who were left, after the emigration and the killing fields, left Soviet soil with the retreating German army in 1943. Some made it to Germany, some to North America and some were captured by the Soviets and sentenced to slave labor in Siberia and Kazakhstan. But that's another story, too. These events make family history research today rather difficult, to say the least.

In most areas, a researcher can get valuable information from a tombstone. Here, the cemeteries have been neglected for half a century. As a result, they are covered in heavy undergrowth. It's possible to be within a metre of a headstone and not see it.

Not that there are many headstones left - most of them have been removed. The ones that remain are the heavy ones, which are the toughest to carry. Some heavy tombstone bases were also left, but that doesn't help if the information was on the piece that was carted off.

Local residents said the tombstones were used for a variety of things, such as building foundations and sidewalks.

Ah, but why were the graves opened? Nobody seemed to know anything about that. It was obvious, however, that the grave robbing had been going on for years. The walls of some graves had crumbled down, and there was heavy growth in the bottom. In one cemetery, however, the walls were intact and there was no growth of any sort in the grave itself - suggesting a bit of nocturnal activity in just the past few months.

Along with graveyards, we were looking for old buildings and any residents who remembered German families. In both cases, we found plenty of locals willing to help. Some even drove with us to point out sites of cemeteries and parcels of land that had been owned by our relatives.

Every village had some elderly residents willing to spend some time with a journalist from Alberta, a retired Baptist minister from Oregon and their entourage - a driver and a translator. At all times, however, it seemed that the horrors of history were never far below the surface.

One elderly woman burst into tears when we said we wanted to know more about the area's Germans. The Germans, she said, had killed her husband.

Others said the Germans didn't suffer as much as the Ukrainians during Stalin's forced collectivization of farms. They simply moved away, we were told. Moved? Deported, maybe. Or arrested and killed elsewhere. It was interesting, though, to hear another perspective.

We were able to identify the old Baptist church site in the colony of Iwanowitsch. In the 1930s, Communists forced the Germans to gather outside and watch as all church records and materials were burned. Under Communist rule, churches were used for grain storage or as dance halls.

Today, however, the churches are making a remarkable comeback. The beautiful brick Baptist Church in Neudorf is being restored by Ukrainian Baptists, with help from North American donations. Missionaries are travelling from town to town, spreading the word. North American evangelists are making regular trips into the area, helping the locals as best they can.

Genealogists will find that regional archives are open, but they should be prepared to pay for what information they get. And don't expect the service we expect in North America - after all, it's easier for a clerk to say a record doesn't exist than it is to look for it. There are also civil registration offices, which can yield precious nuggets of information. Precise information is needed before they will search for a

birth, marriage or death certificate. In both archives and registration offices, it pays to have a local resident doing the talking on your behalf. Along with handy translation, it can mean lower prices. Without the local help, expect to pay about \$20 US for each bit of information. With local help, the price might be \$4 or \$5.

The American dollar is the preferred method of payment in many places in Ukraine. In Kiev, for instance, a hotel room was \$172 US a night, and a 10-minute telephone call to Canada was \$40 US. It's possible, though, to become an instant millionaire by picking up the local currency - when we were there, \$10 US bought 1.8 million Ukrainian coupons.

Despite the death of Communism, there are still signs of the former regime. There are still police checkpoints along the major highways, and the locals aren't as willing as people from the West to challenge authority. Getting through customs at Borispol airport near Kiev was a one-hour process that included stops at seven counters. On the other hand, BMWs and German Fords are found everywhere, blowing the Ladas and Moskvitches off the road.

And best of all, insomniacs in Zhitomir can now watch Streets of San Francisco on late-night TV. If they're not digging up graves, that is. The tombstones were used for a variety of things, such as building foundations and sidewalks.

Ah, but why!



Focus On SGS Special Collections

Eastern Europe

BY LAURA HANOWSKI

Librarian

Resources That Are Available To Help You Trace Ancestors in Eastern Europe

The SGS Library has a number of records that will help you trace your Eastern European ancestors. However, before you will be able to use them effectively, check with your family to learn the details for dates and location(s). Also, consult the records that have been created about your family here in North America. Use this information to plan your research strategy to determine in which order you will use each of the resources found in the SGS Library. Check the SGS Library List for the resources available for specific countries or states.

Gazetteers and Maps:

The SGS Library has a number of gazetteers that can help you locate your village/town or city in Europe. Some of these gazetteers will also tell you the current name.

Black Book of Localities Whose Jewish Population Was Exterminated by the Nazis. Alphabetical list (independent of country) of 32,000 communities in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived prior to the Holocaust. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.*

Galician Towns & Administrative Districts 1877 - 1942. Give name of town, sub-district and major district. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.*

Gazetteer of Central and Eastern Europe. Combined listing of Board on Geographic names for 350,000 towns in Austria, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia, Poland, Romania, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.*

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Mokotoff, Gary. *WOWW Companion. A Guide to the Communities Surrounding Central & Eastern European Towns.* Lists, in sequence by latitude/longitude, the 21,000 towns identified in *Where Once We Walked.* (Book).

Reichling, Gerhard, *Gemeindeverzeichnis für die Hauptwohngebiete der Deutschen ausserhalb der Bundesrepublik Deutschland.* Gazetteer of the Main Places of Residence of Germans in Areas other than West Germany. This gazetteer lists 60,000 towns, indicating the city or land kreis of each town and the country in which it is now located. (Book).

Atlas of the Austro-Hungarian Empire - 1892. (Book). *Reference Only.*

Atlas of the German Empire - 1892. (Book). *Reference Only.*

Central European Maps, 1865. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.*

Ordnance Survey Maps. These are maps that were created by the military to show such details as roads, farms, hills/mountains and village/city details. The SGS has maps for sections of Bukovina, Galicia and Bessarabia.

Church Records:

Bukovina: Czernowitz -Lutheran Church Records 1849 - 1913. Includes some records for the nearby villages of Hliboka, Michalcze, Kalinestie, Katharindorf, Ober und Unter Stanestie, Zadowa

Bukovina: Czernowitz -Roman Catholic Church Records 1789- 1936. Many of the records are for the surrounding villages of Rosch, Manasteriska, Kaliczanka, Klokuczka, Molodia.

Bukovina: Deutsch Altfratautz -Lutheran Church Records for 1796 - 1896: Includes Raduatz, Deutsch Satulmare, Sereth, Neu Jeskau, Obermilleschoutz/Milleschoutz, Tereblest, Arbori, Badeutz.

Bukovina: Gurahumore Roman Catholic Tauf-Index 1770 - 1930.

Bukovina: Istensegits Roman Catholic -1785 - 1895; Wama- 1855 -1940.

Hungary: Szaboltic, Ajak - Greek Catholic: 1827 - 1895.

Hungary: Szaboltic, Madok - Roman Catholic: 1816 - 1895.

Hungary: Banat, Freudenthal, Roman Catholic: 1788 - 1856.

Hungary: Banat, Traunau, Roman Catholic: 1785 - 1895.

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Brandt, Edward R. and Mary Bellingham, Kent Cutkomp, Kermit Frye, Patricia Lowe. *Germanic Genealogy. A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns.*

Hoffman, William F. and Johnathan D. Shea. *Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide.* This book has examples of documents in thirteen different languages along with samples of handwriting, translations and a vocabulary list.

Michels, John M. *The Banat Germans.*

Das Colonization Werks Des Franz Josefs in Galizien 1939. Contains a list of landholders for over 150 German villages in Galicia 1788 - 1820. Alphabetical list of family names and one of the villages in which they settled. (Written in German). *Reference Only.*

Quellen Zur Deutschen Siedlungsgeschichte in Sudost Europa. A list of Germans who emigrated between 1749 and 1803 to south-eastern Europe

Genealogical Tables of Galician Mennonites.

The following are a list of a few books we have for specific villages:

Banat: Zichydorf, Rudolfsgnod.

Bukovina: Alexanderdorf & Katharinadorf, Bori, Deutsch-Satulmare, Deutsch-Tereblestie, Fratautz and the Fratautzers, Illischestie and Radautz.

Galicia: *Heimat Galizien im Bild.* - maps and pictures of various villages throughout Galicia.

Galicia: *Pfalzer Wandern.* Dornfeld, Neu, Chrusno, Reichenbach, Falkenstein, Einsiedel.

In the Library we have many, many books that could help you with searching your East European ancestors. There is a Reference Binder for Banat, Bukovina and Galicia that visitors to the library are most welcome to study.

Periodicals:

East European Genealogist. Volume 1 to the present.

Federation of East European Family History Society Newsletter. Volume 1 to the present.

Galizien Germans. Volume 1 - to the present.

Zeitweiser der Galiziendeutschen. Assorted issues. Some have articles that have been translated by members of the SGS.

The Zichydorf Village Association have deposited their holdings in the SGS Library. These materials are marked **Reference Only**. Anyone is most welcome to come to the library to use these books, maps and family trees. For more information about the Zichydorf Village Association contact: ZVA, 2274 Baldwin Bay, Regina, SK S4V 1H2 or [www:http://dcn.davis.ca.us/go/feefhs/zva/frg - zva.html](http://dcn.davis.ca.us/go/feefhs/zva/frg-zva.html).

Cemetery Project

BY NORM STETNER

Cemetery Project Co-ordinator

Thanks go out to the Grenfell Branch for obtaining R. M. maps for us, it really has added to our collection. We still have a lot more to obtain - they are as follows:

11, 17, 33, 36, 37, 38, 42, 64, 65, 69, 76, 78, 92, 104, 105, 108, 133, 151, 153, 219, 223, 225, 229, 231, 246, 247, 248, 251, 253, 255, 257, 275, 276, 278, 282, 283, 284, 290, 303, 313, 317, 318, 319, 321, 322, 333, 334, 335, 336, 338, 339, 340, 341, 343, 351, 352, 368, 369, 372, 378, 381, 382, 395, 397, 404, 406, 428, 439, 440, 458, 461, 488, 493, 494, 521, 529 & 555.

We are anxiously awaiting the records from many, until now, unrecorded cemeteries in the South-East corner of the province. Ilene Lequere of the Weyburn Branch has spent many hours scouring the area in search of lost and forgotten cemeteries and grave sites. Heaven only knows how many miles she has put on her car! She has a few entries to tidy up and will be passing them on to us shortly. Thank you Ilene.

The Cemetery Project table at the Family History Fair in Regina on March 15, proved to be very successful. Of the many people who showed an interest in this project, we recruited another 16 people to help us locate and record.

With the coming of warm weather and the melting of the snow, the season will soon be ideal to start cemetery recording for another year. Is your branch searching for a worthwhile project? Many rural cemeteries have either lost burial records, records have inadvertently been destroyed or persons who were entrusted with them have moved away. With time and weather taking a toll on markers and monuments, it is essential that we record them quickly!

If you are willing to help us, we can provide you with a set of instructions, examples, data sheets - along with a list of unrecorded cemeteries in your area. **PLEASE**, give us a call and help the society with this most valuable project. We have a number of R.M.'s with many located cemeteries and, unfortunately, none of them have been recorded! Help make this a banner year by recording a cemetery. If every member recorded one cemetery from our 'unrecorded' list, we would have all the cemeteries/burial sites we are aware of completed!

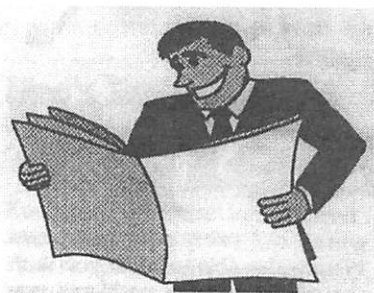
We now have all our recorded cemeteries from R.M.#1 to R.M.#123 entered on to the S.R.I. The number of volunteers entering the cemeteries onto the S.R.I. will determine the length of time it will take to have all the R.M.'s on the database.

Salt Lake City & Family History Library

BY JOHN MARSCH

Some tips and rules for anyone planning on visiting Salt Lake City (SLC) and the Family History Library (FHL) on a research trip. These were picked off the "net" over a period of time.

1. At the FHL in Salt Lake, make sure you have a good supply of quarters and dimes for the photocopying machines, microfilm and microfiche machines. AMERICAN coins only!!! The latter two will apparently accept American dollar bills and make change but coins would make life simpler even though the copy centres on each floor will gladly make change if asked.
2. Get there early. The busiest time is from 9 AM to 4 PM so if you plan on making copies of anything the best times are 7.30 AM to 9 AM and from 4 PM to 10 PM.
3. Lunch. There is a small lunch room in the FHL building equipped with vending machines but the choices are very limited. The best time for a lunch break is from 2 PM to 4 PM (see above). There are several places to eat very close to the FHL. Food and drink are not allowed in the Library.
4. Make a list, before you go, of what you are going to do and look for at the FHL. Don't trust your memory because you can easily get side tracked.
5. You are allowed to remove 5 books and /or 5 microfilms at a time from the library shelves and cabinets, and when finished follow the rules for their return. Use extra care when handling books and other research material.
6. Never plan your trip for the first weekend in April or the first weekend in October because the LDS Church has their worldwide conferences on these weekends and the FHL is packed.
7. Keep personal belongings with you at all times. The FHL is not responsible for items lost or stolen.
8. Maintain a quiet atmosphere for research study.
9. Children under twelve must be kept under control of their parents.
10. When using photocopy equipment, limit yourself to five copies when others are waiting.
11. Smoking is not permitted in the building or on the grounds.
12. Some hotels/motels have a shuttle service to the FHL and also offer "genealogical research" discounts for their guests. It would pay to inquire.



Grandmother's Treasure Chest

BY SHARON CLEVELAND

(Entry in the SGS Seminar Contest)

Treasure, the word conjures up visions of gold, gems or rare and exotic items. Diaries, pictures or a piece of information found in a census or church record are the precious gems and gold of family history treasure. Secondhand stores, attics, churches and libraries are a few of the locations where one might find a genealogical treasure. As with treasures of gold or gems, these genealogical treasures can be difficult to find. It may take much digging or they might be stumbled upon accidentally.

When my grandmother, Ellen Hills passed away in April 1983 in Saskatoon, an old wooden trunk was given to my father. He believed that the entire contents were "junk" and the whole works should be taken to the town dump. Luckily, I happened to be visiting my parents at the time. I managed to take possession of a few items that I found interesting.

I found a couple of old music books that had belonged to my aunt Gladys Hills who died on Christmas Eve in 1917. There was a scrapbook of old postcards that belonged to another of my aunts, Esther (Hills) Wear. Unfortunately, they are very well glued into the book and can't be removed without destroying them. Later, while looking through this book more carefully, I found my grandfather, William Hills' membership certificate for the Odd Fellows Lodge at Swanson, Saskatchewan. The certificate dated April 1917, said that he had been initiated into the lodge in December 1916. There were other various items such as his 1945/46 driver's licence. There was a special permit dated 1941 to have a battery operated radio receiving set, giving his address at the time. Also, I found receipts for grain sold in the late 1920s and an old wooden whistle that he had made.

Lastly, I found three old pictures. Two pictures were quite large and the third picture was smaller, about eight by ten. One larger picture was of a young woman, probably in her twenties, who bore a very striking resemblance to my father. The other large picture was of a man and a woman. The smaller picture was of a group of people and horses near a farmhouse. At the time I found the pictures, no one was able to identify the people in the larger pictures. In the group photograph, I was able to identify the central couple as my grandparents, William and Ellen (Forbes) Hills. Another couple was identified as my great-grandparents John and Augusta (Schroeder) Forbes. Efforts to identify the other people have failed. I feel that they are probably my grandmother's brothers and sisters and their families. Perhaps someday, I will be able to identify all of them.

Having a limited amount of storage space in my apartment, I put the two larger pictures in a trunk that I stored at my parents' place. These pictures remained there, forgotten, for nine years.

In July 1992, while visiting my parents Earl and Evelyn (Lyon) Hills at Perdue, I decided to clean out the trunk. It was then, I rediscovered my pictures. I propped them up on the deck while I finished cleaning out the trunk. A gust of wind blew them over, and the glass in the picture of the young woman broke.

As I cleaned up the broken glass, I decided to take the picture out of the frame as it was in poor condition. As I dismantled the frame, it occurred to me that there was something strange about this picture. It was thick and the backing seemed odd. When I got the frame apart, I discovered a picture of a man had been placed behind the woman. When I saw both pictures together, I realized that they were

my great-grandparents John and Eliza (Hill) Hills. Over the past nine years, I had seen a couple of small photographs of them. My aunt confirmed their identities when I showed her the pictures. Also, she identified the picture of the other couple as my great-grandparents John and Augusta (Schroeder) Forbes. This picture is earlier than the group photo. I have yet to confirm the identities from another source.

The pictures of John and Eliza Hills are not photographs as I had originally thought but sketches. The pictures are probably well over one hundred years old. My basis for this belief is that John Hills died in February 1896 in Hallock, Minnesota at age forty-three. Eliza was about forty-one at the time of his death. The sketches are of people in their twenties or thirties. It is unfortunate that the artist did not sign or date his or her work. It would be useful to know when the sketches were made and by whom.

The items that I discovered in my grandmother's old trunk have little or no monetary value but to me they are treasures. The pictures allow me to see family resemblances through four generations. Through the other objects, I feel closer to the people to whom they once belonged. Some items have provided answers to my family history research while others have created questions that remain to be answered. Grandmother's trunk was truly a treasure chest.



- Festivals in communities were allocated \$132,500 through the Festival Committee of the Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society. Those funds assisted in generating additional combined revenue of \$1.7 million.
- To parallel the Saskatchewan Action Plan for Children, a two part youth-at-risk strategy was developed and funded by the Lottery Strategic Review Committee partners. A series of twelve youth demonstration projects were funded, some of which included a northern wilderness camp, a summer canoeing program for underprivileged children, a dance program targeted at teen mothers, and youth art program involving inner city teen girls. A resource (based on the demonstration project) containing recommendations and success stories was developed and circulated to municipalities and other youth service providers.
- Saskatchewan communities are culturally enriched by activities provided by SCCO's members, the 32 provincial cultural organizations - following are just a few examples:
 - * 49 music festival groups.
 - * 50 art councils.
 - * 300 public museums, and 128 community museums.
 - * 14 regional multicultural councils & 320 local unicultural & multicultural groups, totalling over 100,000 individual members.
 - * 70 community theatre groups.
 - * 30,000 individuals involved in band programs.
 - * 1,600 members involved in genealogy, ranging in age from 13 to 84 years.
 - * In 1995 there were 4 Saskatchewan young people attending the National School in Toronto, all were members of Dance Saskatchewan.

SGS Library

Additions

BY LAURA HANOWSKI

Librarian

Canada:

- Metis Surnames & Researchers Lists. (book).
Donated by Geoff Burtonshaw.

Canada: Alberta

- Polonia In Alberta 1895-1995. The Polish Centennial in Alberta. (book). Donated by Justice A. H. Wachowish & Lindy M. Kasperski.

Canada: Alberta, Blairmore

- Story of Blairmore, Alberta 1911 - 1961. (book).
Donated by Nellie Barber.

Canada: Alberta, Dapp

- Wheels of Progress. A History of Dapp and Districts. (book). Donated by Nellie Barber.

Canada: Alberta, Lone Butte

- Lone Butte North. A history of Bull Pound, Earltown, Eden, Fraserton, Golden Hill, Lake Rose, Lone Butte, Normandale, Olive, Red Rose. (book). Donated by Marilynne Strueby.

Canada: Alberta, Niton

- Niton and Foley Timber Then and Now. (book).
Donated by Nellie Barber.

Canada: Alberta, Red Deer

- Schools of the Parkland. N.W.T. 1886 - Alberta 1967. (book). Donated by Marilynne Strueby.

Canada: Manitoba

- Index to the 1901 Census of Manitoba for the Rural Municipality of: Argyle, Arthur, Village of Boissevain. (book).

Canada: Manitoba, Lyleton/Pierson

- Harvests of Time. History of the R.M. of Edward. (book). Donated by Nellie Barber.

Canada: Northwest

- Northwest Half-Breed Script 1885. (book).

Canada: Ontario, Norfolk Co., Woodhouse Twp.

- Census of Woodhouse Township, Norfolk County London District, for the year 1812. (book).

Canada: Ontario, Victoria Co., Verulam Twp.

- Cemeteries of Victoria County, Verulam Township - St. Peter's Anglican Cemetery. (book). Donated by Dr. L. R. W. (Bob) Hamilton.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- The Aurora. Provincial Normal School Regina June 1942. (book). Donated by Nellie Barber.
- Our Silver Heritage. (book).
- Biggar: Obituary Index. The Independent, Biggar, SK 1990 - 1996. (book). Donated by SGS Biggar Branch.
- Estuary: Sand Castles - A Story of Dryland Settlement. (book). Donated by William Wardill.
- Lintlaw: Echoes of the Past. A History of Lintlaw and District. (book). Donated by Nellie Barber.
- Marsden/Neilburg: Big Manitou Country 1905 - 1980. A history of the districts around Big Manitou Lake and the villages of Marsden and Neilburg. Volume 1 and 2. (book). Donated by Mary Sones.

Europe: Poland

- Polish Roots. (book).

Europe: Ukraine

- Map of Ivan-Frankivs'k Oblast. (map). Donated by John Pihach.
- Map of L'Viv Oblast. (map). Donated by John Pihach.

Family Histories:

- Bigsby: The Families of Floyd Wilber Bigsby and Edna Louise Bezdek. (book). Donated by Nina Bigsby.
- Bogardus: Dear "Cousin": A Charted Genealogy of the Descendants of Anneke Jans Bogardus (1605-1663) to the 5th Generation. (book). Donated by Louise Thomson.
- Clappers: The Clappers in America. (book). Donated by Nina Bigsby.
- Hayes: Generation. A history of William Hayes and his two wives Margaret Boylan & Gabriella Jane Bane their descendants and their ancestors. (book). Donated by Nina Bigsby.
- Mallet: John Mallet, The Huguenot and His Descendants 1694-1894. (book). Donated by Nina Bigsby.
- Morier: The Moriers of Manitoba. The Ancestors and the Descendants of Joseph Morier and Delpohine Brais. (book). Donated by Omer Morier.
- Ortmann: Descendants of Jacob Ortmann and Katherine Yung. (book). Donated by Carol Ortmann.
- Riegert: The RIEGERT Heritage. The Life and Genealogy of the Riegert Lineage from its European Roots to the New World. (book). Donated by Dr. Paul Riegert.
- Turner: Across the River. A History of the Turner, Thomson, Campbell Families. (book). Donated by Pearl Weston.
- Ulmer: Ulmer Family History - 100 Years in Canada. (book). Donated by Calvin Ulmer.
- Underwood: Underwood 1845-1985. (book). Donated by Weldon Moffatt.

Genealogy:

- An Ounce of Preservation. A Guide to the Care of Papers and Photographs. (book).
- Beyond Pedigrees. Organizing and Enhancing Your Work. (book).
- Celebrating the Family. Steps to Planning A Family Reunion. (book).
- Family Tales, Family Wisdom. How to Gather the Stories of a Lifetime and Share Them With Your Family. (book).

- How Healthy is Your Family Tree? A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Family's Medical and Behavioral History. (book).
- How to Become a Professional Genealogist. (book).
- Searching on Location: Planning a Research Trip. (book).

Genealogy: Computers

- Web Publishing for Genealogy. (book). Donated by David Hawgood.

Great Britain: England

- 1851 Census Index Carshalton Sub-Registration District: Banstead, Carshalton, Cheam, Sutton. (book). Donated by David Huggett.
- Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths for England and Wales 1883-1890. (microfiche). *Reference Only.*

Great Britain: England, Surrey, Croydon

- Croydon Poor Law Union. Indexes to payments to Non-settled Poor 1845-1849; 1870-1880; 1885-1891. Payments to Non-resident Poor 1840-1850; 1870-1880. (microfiche). *Reference Only.* Donated by David Huggett.

Great Britain: England, Surrey, Godstone

- 1851 Census Godstone Registration District Betchingley Parish & Workhouse, Caterham, Chelsham, Crowhurst, Farleigh, Godstone, Horne, Limpsfield, Oxted, Tandridge, Tatsfield, Titsey, Warlingham and Woldingham. (microfiche). *Reference Only.* Donated by David Huggett.

Great Britain: England, Sussex

- East Sussex Census - 1851 Index. (book). Donated by David Johnson.
Volume 9 - Arlington, Hailsham, Herstmonceux.
Volume 17 - Withyham, Hartfield & Lingfield (Surrey).
Volume 18 - East Grinstead, Worth, Crawley & West Hoathly.
Volume 19 - Horsted Keynes, Lindfield, Ardingly, Balcombe and Cuckfield.

SGS NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE ...

BY MARGE THOMAS

Executive Director

The SGS held its 2nd Annual Family History Fair March 15. While the attendance was down slightly from 1996, it was a successful event. An evaluation of the fair is presently in process, particularly with respect to the date.

The Annual General Meeting was held April 26 in Regina. The theme for the day was "SGS is #1, thanks to you". The day included the first annual Heritage Volunteer of the Year Award and the presentation of Education Certificates. If there is someone you think deserves this award, consider nominating them for 1998. For more information on the nominees, see page ix.

Constitution and bylaw changes were presented to the membership and were passed as presented.

The day included two workshop sessions presented by the Librarian, Laura Hanowski. The sessions were hands-on dealing with organizing and critiquing a family history for publication using the family of Ida and Norbert Owen Doubt. Those attending the sessions were all members of the family and there to celebrate the 85th birthday of Ida Doubt. We soon learned that not everything is as it seems when asked to put events in chronological order. We look forward to meeting Ida Doubt in person at the AGM next year, to celebrate her 86th or 85th birthday!

We are now operating under summer hours until the week of September 15 when we go back to Tuesday to Saturday. Please note that our hours are now 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. This will continue year round.

SURFING THE NET

BY MARGE THOMAS

Executive Director

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Home Page is <http://www.regina.ism.ca/orgs/sgs/index.htm>. SGS home page is sponsored by ISM Regina.

Records for Norway research include:

- 1801 Census - as of February 1, 1801 and can be searched by 14 variables. Census is in Norwegian or English.
- Emigration list for Bergen Harbour 1874-1924. These records may be searched by year, municipality, surname or given name.

<http://www.uib.no:80/hi/1801page.html>

Personal Canadian Genealogy and History Links provide a listing of links for individuals with home pages.

<http://www.island.com/~jveinot/cghl/personal.html>.

Kentucky Vital Records Index. Included in this index are Death records for 1911-1992; Marriage Index for 1973-1993 and Divorce Index for 1973-1993.

[Http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec/](http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec/)

Looking for records in North Dakota? The North Dakota State University Libraries has a site with information regarding records available.
<http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/manuscrp.html>.

They also have an online obituary index entitled The Forum Obituaries Index database. There are over 34,000 names of obituaries published in the Forum for the years 1987 to 1994 including about 2,000 obituaries from earlier years. Most obituaries are for persons who lived in or were affiliated with Eastern North Dakota or Northwestern Minnesota. The database includes the name, age, city issue date, newspaper edition and page number. Date of death is not given.

[Http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/gnealogy.html](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/gnealogy.html).

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the fair.

Sponsors of the Fair:

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LOTTERIES** 

Door prize winners were:

Donna Leach - Air Canada Kit
Fae Tulloch - Air Canada Kit
Frank Dornstauder - Air Canada Kit
Norm Stetner - Air Canada Kit
Roy Derrick - Subject Index to SGS Bulletin
Kay Niedermayer - Easter Basket
Thomas Von Ledebur - Assorted Coffee
M. Brown - Sask. Sweatshirt
Douglas Merritt - Hudson Bay Company Book
Lillian Blackwood - Sweat Shirt - Earls Restaurant
Stan Webb - Genealogical Generation Chart
Al Mitchell - Genealogical Generation Chart
Peggy Gwillim - SGS Membership - 1 year
Darryl Rederburg - SGS Membership - 1 year
Hilda Dale - T-shirt
Anne Larson - Bag

NOTICE

Kindersley Branch has been classified as an inactive branch for one year effective 15 April, 1997. If the branch has not become "Active" by that time it will be dissolved according to procedures outlined in the SGS Constitution.

This action came by the Board of Directors as a result of insufficient membership and not holding regular meetings.

BILL C-32

In December issue of the Bulletin, you were asked to lobby against a proposed Copyright Act which would have put severe limitations on genealogists' research.

The new Copyright Act has received third reading and royal assent in the Senate. We received the following information from Jean Dryden, Chair Archival Community Copyright Committee: "*the archival community has made great gains -- an end to perpetuity of copyright in unpublished materials, the right to copy our holdings in order to preserve them, and (best of all) a much improved exception that permits the making of a single copy of a work for the purposes of research and private study without sending our researchers off on a wild goose chase to find unlocatable copyright holders*".

Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to send in their message of concern.

Phase II of the new Copyright Act is completed. Phase III will be a new challenge dealing with Information Highway/Internet copyright issues.

INSTRUCTOR & RECORD SEARCHER CERTIFICATES

On 26 April 1997 at the Annual General Meeting in Regina, the following people were presented certificates for completion of the Instructor and Record Searcher Courses.

Darlene Clifford - Instructor
Gale Diakuw - Instructor
Brian Brodie - Record Searcher
Gail Derkatch - Record Searcher



Saskatchewan Genealogical Society 1997 Annual Seminar

October 31, November 1-2, 1997

Comprehensive High School
Weyburn, Saskatchewan

SEMINAR PROGRAM AND EVENTS

Friday, October 31

5:00 - 7:15 p.m. Registration

7:15 - 7:30 Opening Ceremony

7:45 - 9:00 Keynote Address - David Johnson,
"Skeletons In the Closet, Wills & Probates"

Saturday, November 1

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Late Registration
Coffee and muffins

9:00 - 10:15

- 1) Ethnic Settlements - Alan Anderson, Sociology
Dep't, U. of S., Saskatoon
- 2) Big Muddy: 100 Years of Grasslands - Marjorie
(Rohde) Mason, author "100 Years of
Grasslands"
- 3) Genealogy on the Internet - John Quesnel,
Business Analyst for ISM, Regina
- 4) Saskatchewan Residents' Index - SGS

10:15 - 10:30 Refreshment Break

10:30 - 11:45

- 5) North South (Canada/U.S.) Migration - Randy
Widdis, Geography Dep't, U. of Regina
- 6) Metis: Researching & Database - Bob
Pittendrigh/Art Fisher, SGS members
- 7) Railway Researching Archives - Blanche Fleming,
SGS Instructor & Regional Director, Weyburn

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch (included in registration fee)

1:00 - 2:15

- 8) North Dakota Records - Gerald Newborg,
Archivist, N. Dakota Historical Society
- 9) Fur Trade Families From Manitoba to
Saskatchewan - Ellen Norberg, SGS member,
Regina
- 10) The Bernardo Children - Joyce Carlson, Ceylon

2:15 - 2:30 Break

2:30 - 3:45

- 11) Genealogical Software & Scanning - John Quesnel
- 12) Ethnic Settlements - Alan Anderson
- 13) North South Migration - Randy Widdis
- 14) Photography Custom Imaging - CM Custom
Imaging, Murray & Cheryl Zerr, Regina

3:45 - 4:00 Refreshment Break

4:00 - 5:00 Annual Meeting

6:30

- 15) Banquet (tickets are \$15.00 /person)

Silent Auction

Hospitality Room

Sunday, November 2

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Coffee and muffins

9:00 - 10:15

- 16) Gleanings From The Newspapers - John Meen,
SGS Instructor & Basic Researcher, Moosomin
- 17) United Empire Loyalists - Logan Bjarnason,
Stoughton
- 18) St. Catherine's House - David Johnson, Regina
- 19) Cemetery Recordings - Norm Stetner, Regina
- 20) Saskatchewan Residents' Index - SGS

10:30 - 10:45

Ask the Experts

Closing Comments

**Visit the numerous on-going displays.
List provided next to Registration Form.**

S. G. S. 1997 Seminar Seminar Site & Motels, Weyburn, SK

Seminar Site:

Weyburn Comprehensive School

WEYBURN INN

5 Government Road
Weyburn, SK S4H 0N8
Tel: (306) 842-6543
Fax: (306) 842-2210

1 bed: \$51.75 + tax
2 double beds: \$61.75 + tax

EL RANCHO

Highway Jct 39 & 35
Weyburn, SK S4H 2A2
Tel: (306) 842-1411
Fax: (306) 842-1719

1 queen size bed: \$40 + tax
2 queen size beds: \$46 + tax
10% discount on above for seminar
State you are with SGS Seminar

CIRCLE 6 MOTEL

140 Sims Ave.
Weyburn, SK S4H 2H5
Tel: (306) 842-6166
Fax: (306) 842-3110

1 double bed: \$40 + tax
2 double beds: \$44 + tax

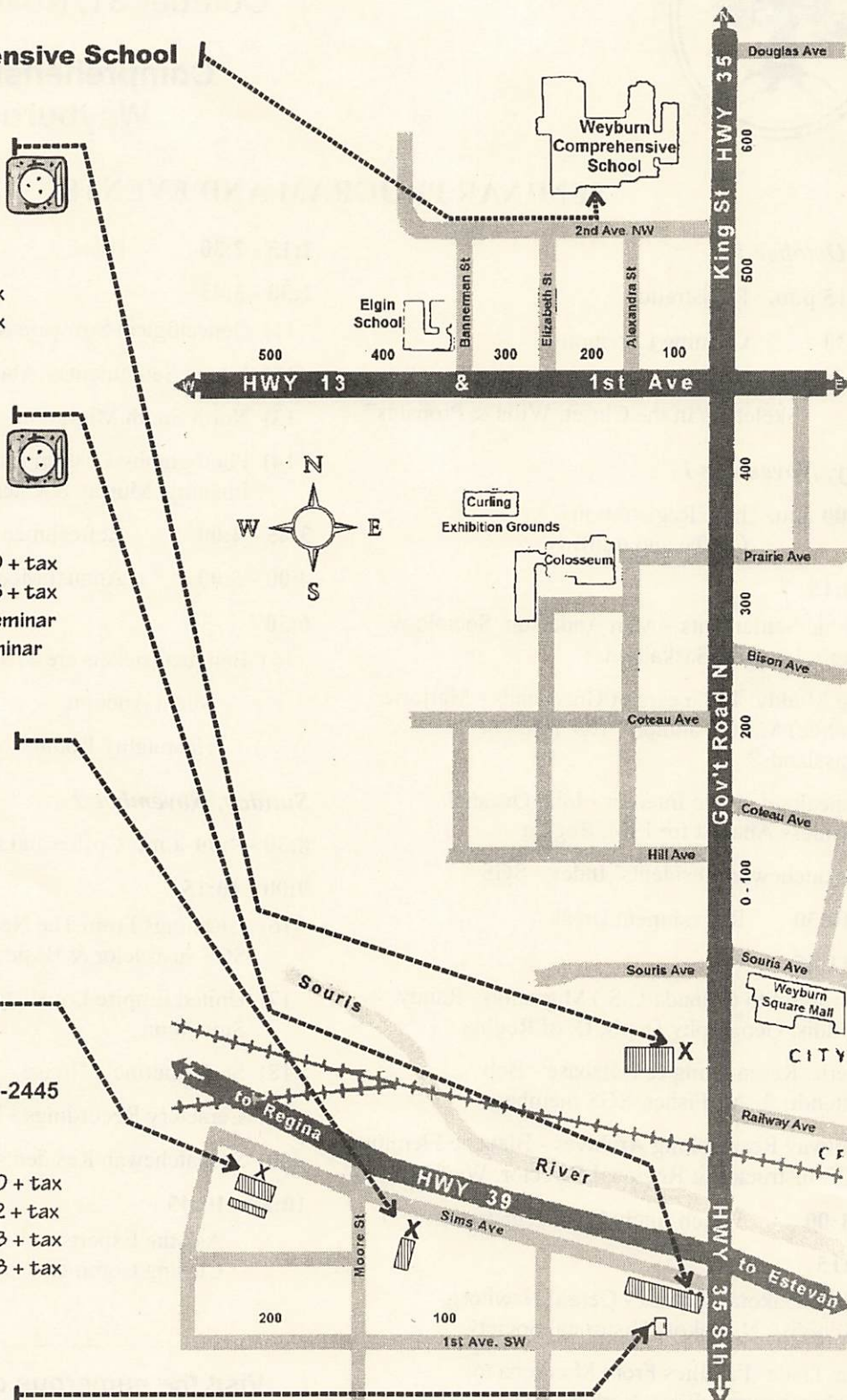
PERFECT INNS

238 Sims Ave, Box 69
Weyburn, SK
Reservations: 1-800-354-2445
Tel: (306) 842-2691
Fax: (306) 842-2121

1 bed, single occupancy: \$40 + tax
1 bed, double occupancy: \$42 + tax
2 beds: \$48 + tax
Queen bed & hide-a-bed: \$48 + tax

Banquet site:

Connections



ON-GOING DISPLAYS

Creative Memories - Gloria Dreher
Cemeteries - Norm Stetner
Archives - presider pending
Sask. Hospital - Charmaine Johnson, Grace Kurtz
United Empire Loyalists - Logan Bjarnason
Video Recording - Roger Bellavance
Ontario Cemetery Records/Family History Publishing -
Jerry Goski
Ontario Land Records - Weyburn Branch SGS
Family Units/Pedigree Charts - Pangman Branch SGS
Application forms for vital statistics, passenger &
immigration lists
Maps: trails, settlements, railroads, boundaries
Silent Auction - SGS

Sessions are subject to change..

This is a
smoke free Seminar



REGISTRATION FORM

SGS 1997 ANNUAL SEMINAR

DATE: _____

Please Print:

Surname: _____

Given Name(s): _____

Street/P.O Box: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____

Postal Code/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

**Please complete both sides of this registration form
and mail with payment to:**

Weyburn Branch
Box 1022
Weyburn, SK S4H 3J9

**Please make cheque or money order payable to
SGS 1997 Annual Seminar**

**Please list three surnames and area(s) you are
searching (ie. Smith - England)**

Surname: _____ Area of research: _____

Registration form continued on back

Registration Form (continued)

Early Bird Registration Fees:

(postmarked on or before September 30, 1997)

SGS Member \$40.00 = \$ _____

Non-Member \$45.00 = \$ _____

Regular Registration Fees:

SGS Member \$45.00 = \$ _____

Non-Member \$50.00 = \$ _____

Saturday noon lunch is included in registration.

Banquet Saturday Nov. 1

Tickets \$15.00/person ____ x \$15 = \$ _____

Syllabus:

_____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

SGS Membership Fees: (if desired)

Family Membership \$32.50 = \$ _____

Senior Membership \$27.50 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

(One form per registrant please.)

**Please circle the sessions that you wish to attend.
Use the numbers as assigned each session on the
program.**

This will help us with seating arrangements.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Seminar Notes and Information

REGISTRATION NOTES

Registration receipts will be placed in your Seminar Kit which will also include Banquet Tickets and Syllabus, if purchased. This kit will be handed out at the time of registration. For further program or registration information please call one of the persons list under CONTACT PERSONS below.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Refunds will be granted for requests received in writing postmarked no later than Monday, October 13, less a 15% administration fee.

WEYBURN ACCOMODATION:

As per list on attached map. Please make your own reservations as early as practical to ensure availability.

The Weyburn Inn and El Rancho motels include restaurants. There are 6 eating outlets around the 3 motels just south of Highway 39 and another 10 or so within 6-7 blocks.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Questions should be submitted in writing with your registration form to the Seminar Registration Committee by September 30. They will be forwarded to each speaker so they will have time to prepare answers for those questions not covered in their lectures. Speakers will not take on your research or problems, but will try to give helpful answers and suggest areas to search. Please include the name of the speaker to whom you would like your question directed.

SYLLABUS:

A bound copy of printed conference information and materials submitted by speakers will be available at cost of \$6.00, as per registration form.

CONTACT PERSONS:

Ilene Lequere: Co-ordinator - (306) 848-0941

Hannah Bell: President - (306) 842-7529

Blanche Fleming: (306) 842-2593

THE SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HERITAGE AWARD

BY: BOB PITTENDRIGH

Volunteers have always been and will continue to be the backbone of most cultural and sports organizations. It is likely more true in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society where volunteers have contributed hundreds of thousands of hours to a cause they believe in. Funding added a great deal of encouragement to the volunteers, as they were able to find a focal point for their work in the location at 1870 Lorne Street. The variety of voluntarism is remarkable ranging from indexing for the SRI, copying cemeteries and keeping the cemetery files up to date, indexing of census records, cutting and gluing obits, doing research on behalf of the society, keeping books for the society, keeping abreast of the computer software and hardware needs of the computers in the library, or typing and formatting the Bulletin. They have helped the library become the focal point of the society, the largest and best of its kind in Canada. It is the help and encouragement given to the staff by the volunteers that has helped it become so well known and respected. What a great place to visit, to meet new people, and see familiar faces, to joke and laugh and to be serious too.

I was asked to be part of a committee to decide who would receive the Heritage award for this year. At first, we thought it would be a simple job. We learned there is a huge back log of names that could have been submitted for this award.

Among the very deserving names put forth was Rae Chamberlain who set a new standard in producing the Bulletin. He had to his credit the teaching of courses on family history and was the driving force behind a very active branch at Biggar. Among many projects he was involved with was the researching and indexing of the Biggar Public School registers in the possession of the Biggar School Division. He became one of the dedicated presidents of the SGS, again, setting new standards.

There is Nellie Barber who was one of the first

members of the South East Branch of SGS, and a dedicated indexer who has spent thousands of hours indexing for the SRI and in compiling local histories. She has also conducted several workshops on family history over the years. Nellie has also become an authority on United Empire Loyalist research.

Our committee chose Frances Sample, a little lady of some 80 years that is just as keen a historian now as she ever was. Whenever any one comes to her district for historical or family information, they are directed to Frances who has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the people in and around Amulet. She was in her glory helping with events like Homecoming 71, Celebrate Saskatchewan 1980, School Reunion and Heritage Days 1985 when Pangman and the R. M. of Norton celebrated their 75 years of existence. In 1983 she published the letters of a local nurse who was for a time a matron at a hospital in the arctic. The letters had all been saved so Frances edited and published them as "Arctic Letters".

Congratulations to the runners up and to Frances Sample. Our Society would not be what it is today without folk like you.

Lottery Tickets

Some non-winning Lottery Tickets are being sent to the SGS. **There is no Lottery Challenge for 1997** - so please do not send them to us.

*** * SGS Hours Changed * ***

Effective: 28 April 1997 the hours are:
Monday - Friday
9:30am - 4:30pm

SGS 1997 Fundraising Campaign

The following is a list of people who have donated money (From January 1 - April 30, 1997) to the SGS Fundraising Campaign for 1997.

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Frances A. Klein
Brian McArton
Frances Morrison
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Associate (\$100-499)

Border Branch
Evelyn Jonescu

1997 Special Purchases

In 1997 the following people donated \$10 or more to be put towards a special purchase of their choice.

Peggy Brown
Peggy Franko
Susan Hahn
David Johnson
Louise Petschulat
Paul Siemens
Louise Thomson

In Memorium:

- Noralee Fairless wife of Raymond - 3 January 1997 at Campbell River, BC.
- Norbert Reilander husband of Agnes - 12 February 1997 at Lethbridge, AB.
- Lawrence Richmond (Bill) Barber husband of Nellie - 13 March 1997 at Carnduff, SK.
- Thomas McLeish Beveridge husband of Mae - 26 April 1997 at Regina, SK.

Volume 20 - Slaugham, Bolney, Cowfold, Albourne, Newtimber, Pyecombe, Twineham, Hurstpeirpoint, Clayton & Keymer.

Great Britain: Ireland

- Directory of Irish Family History Research Subscribers' Interest List, Number 19, 1996. (book). Donated by Don Pollock.
- Familia. Number 1996. (periodical) Donated by Don Pollock.
- Pigot' Directory of Ireland 1824. (microfiche). *Reference Only*. Donated by Jenny Speir.
 - Dublin & Leinster.
 - Connaught, Munster & Ulster.
- Pettigrew & Oultons Dublin Directory 1842. Contains a general alphabetical list of the principal inhabitants and a street directory that lists which parish it is located in. (microfiche). *Reference Only*. Donated by Jenny Speir.

Great Britain: Isle of Man

- Fraueyn as Banglaneyn. Journal of the Isle of Man Family History Society. (periodical). Donated by Mona Morrow.
 - Volume 12 No. 2, 3, 4, 1990;
 - Volume 13 No. 1, 3, 1991;
 - Volume 14 No. 1, 3, 4, 1992;
 - Volume 15 No. 1, 3, 4, 1993;
 - Volume 16 No. 1, 2, 4, 1994;
 - Volume 17 No. 3, 1995.

Great Britain: Scotland

- Your Scottish Ancestry. A Guide for North Americans. (book). Donated by Ancestry Publishing.

United States:

- How to Research American Indian Blood Lines. A manual on Indian Genealogical Research. (book).

United States: Michigan

- 1873 Atlas of the State of Michigan. (book). *Do Not Mail*. Donated by Nina Bigsby.

United States: Minnesota

- Research in Minnesota. (book).

United States: North Dakota

- Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Indians: The Protest of the Ten-Cent Treaty; Filed by Their Representative and Attorney, John B. Bottineau. (book).

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Book Reviews:

BY LAURA HANOWSKI

Librarian

Your Scottish Ancestry. A Guide for North Americans. Irvine, Sherry. Ancestry Incorporated: Salt Lake City, Utah. 1996. Soft cover, 253p ISBN 0-916489-65-5. We do not have the cost. Contact Ancestry Incorporated, P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110-0476. The SGS will have copies for sale.

In this book Sherry takes you from yourself back through the records that were created here in North America back to the records in Scotland. The emphasis is on making the very best use of those records you can access here in North America. She provides you with clear explanations of what to look for and why. She also has good illustrations and copies of the documents you may encounter. Each chapter has an excellent summary full of good advice.



Sand Castles: A Story of Dryland Settlement. Wardill, William, Speargrass Specialties, Eatonia:SK, 1996, 179p. ISBN: 0-9681009-0-2. \$30 Canadian. GST included, post paid anywhere in Canada.

This is the story of a village which died. For the widely scattered descendants of the Estuary settlers, it is the history book their parents and grandparents might have written if the village had survived. It throws new light on the Germans from Russia who settled this area both before and after the Great War.

Web Publishing for Genealogy. Christian, Peter, Published by David Hawgood, 1997, 52 pages. ISBN 0 948151. Available from Family Tree Magazine, 61 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 1HL. Overseas surface £4.55. Visa & Mastercard accepted.

Family historians are becoming very interested in the Internet. This new book shows them how to put their own family history on the World Wide Web, and how to tell other Internet users it is there. Peter Christian has published his own pedigree on Internet, complete with source references, transcripts and facsimiles of some source documents, lists of parish register entries for other people with the same surname, and descriptive matter. In the book he describes the practical methods of publishing on the Web, with up-to-date references to genealogy packages and utilities which assist Web publishing. He also explains the principles to help people improve their Web pages by knowing what happens when a page is prepared, published, indexed, called up and viewed. The author has a Web site with more information for readers of the book.

Parcels

Due to the large volume of parcels that the SGS receives, **ALL** parcels must be mailed to 1870 Lorne Street, Regina SK S4P 2L7 **not** the Box number.

ONTARIO LAND RECORDS CRISIS

We Need Your Help!!

**BY FAWN STRATFORD-DEVAL, Vice-President
APOLROD**

Since 1989 Land Records in Ontario have been endangered artifacts! Let me explain. After the decision was made to automate our land registry offices, the pre-1867 documents (officially called "instruments") were taken by the Archives of Ontario (AO), the post 1868 records were scheduled for destruction. It was learned in the late 1980s that our 1868-1940 land records were being destroyed. At that time the heritage community organized a strong lobby to prevent this destruction, concerned, in part, that the microfilming of the records was substandard (the government recognizes the microfilm as the legal record). The major provincial heritage groups and the academic community were represented on an Advisory Committee on Land Registry Office Records in Ontario which presented its report in 1990. The 1990 report secured a five-year delay (which has now stretched to seven years) and made a number of recommendations. Little has been done in more than seven years!

In the fall of 1996, it was proposed that local heritage groups be given until 30 June 1997 to agree to take all the 1868-1955 documents, including abstract index books no longer in use, from local Land Registry Offices, with removal to be completed by the end of 1997. Any records not so claimed would be destroyed. (These records are incredibly voluminous and their removal in total to the Archives of Ontario is not a realistic option.) Unfortunately, the situation is even more serious than was at first appreciated.

Late last year a few of us pointed out to the Archives of Ontario that the Land Registry Offices have historically been the repositories for much more than land registration documents. The existence of so many other unique heritage

documents other than typical land transfer documents was not appreciated by the 1990 Advisory Committee, nor was it the understanding of the Archives of Ontario or the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR). Though the Archives has examined thoroughly most of the county courthouses and collected numerous series of documents for centralized retention, the Archives and MCCR accepted the common assumption that Land Registry Offices contained only land records and NEVER INVENTORIED THEIR HOLDINGS. Now at the last minute, it has neither the staff nor the resources to undertake the task.

The individuals who first reported the variety of records to be found in the Land Registry Offices have, in response to this crisis, organized as the Association for the Preservation of Ontario's Land Registry Office Documents (APOLROD). When we formed APOLROD, we recognized that this has been an issue for some time. However, it was also very clear that in difficult economic times - when hospitals and health care, and other vital services are being cut - we probably did not have much of a chance arguing that the government should keep all the records (that debate had been going nowhere for more than seven years).

Reluctantly accepting that not all the records could be kept by the government (either MCCR or the AO) APOLROD offered a practical and what we think is a workable solution. It is the aim of APOLROD to work cooperatively with the Archives of Ontario, MCCR, local Land Registry Offices, local heritage groups, academics and individuals to:

- (1) Secure a stay of execution for the locally-held instruments, registers, and indexes;

- (2) Organize local teams to prepare inventories of the holdings of the local Land Registry Offices across the province;
- (3) Help assure the orderly dispersal to local heritage groups/repositories and retention of these records.

Please know that APOLROD is negotiating at the provincial level with the Archives of Ontario (AO) and the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR) to achieve a realistic approach to this problem. The key component of the APOLROD plan is our demand that an inventory of all Land Registry Offices be done before any discussion about disposal or dispersal of the documents occurs - and we are prepared to coordinate that inventory! The details of the APOLROD plan and the latest revisions to the MCCR and Archives of Ontario proposal for the records is not known beyond senior officials of the ministries and representatives of Provincial heritage groups (OGS, OHS, Archives Association of Ontario) simply because these negotiations are still continuing. We are doing what we can to let local heritage members and groups know about the negotiations and the latest steps underway as we begin to mobilize across the province.

In the initial plan set out in the fall of 1996 by MCCR and the AO local groups were going to be given until June of this year (1997) to come forward and offer to take the land records and they would have until the end of this year to actually remove them from a local land registry office. As a result of APOLROD's negotiations and inventory plan, we have been able to convince the AO and MCCR that such a time-line was unrealistic and unworkable. The new plan will allow for a full two years from now to complete an inventory, and once the inventory is complete to find local groups to take the records. We have been assured that no land records will be destroyed or removed from a local office for a period of "not more than two years". So, we have some small victories to celebrate ... we wanted a stay

of execution for the land records, and we have achieved at least a more manageable time-line in which to work.

Needless to say, all of these time-lines and plans and everything else is dependent on an inventory being done in every land registry office.

This morning we learned that the Ottawa Citizen ran a two page story on the issue (front page!!) We feel quite strongly that this is a grassroots issue since it is the local heritage group members who will be working on the inventory, and it will be local heritage groups who have the opportunity to take the land records once an inventory is complete. Since many local heritage groups have not heard of this issue (despite it being a very important issue for more than seven years), we have been slowly doing what we can to let local groups know. However, given that we are only a few months old, you can imagine it has been quite difficult to balance communication across more than 2,500 heritage groups in this province and the need to act quickly and negotiate with the ministries to come to a realistic and workable solution for dealing with this problem.

As a result, I am afraid we have not even begun to properly inform heritage group members across this province. So, by posting the issue to the internet and relevant newsgroups we will hopefully begin to penetrate the many areas where we have not been actively communicating with local groups.

Please understand, APOLROD has only been in existence since January this year and we ask that people be a little patient with us. We are doing our best to deal with the issue on a number of levels across the entire province in a responsible and productive way to save these very important land records. We are all volunteers on this project with no funding. Membership is only five dollars at the moment to help us with postage costs. We are always open to any suggestions from people - we are by no means the experts on all facets of this problem

and are always looking for people who have knowledge/expertise/resources which can assist us in this vast undertaking.

As volunteers we need all the help we can get!!

We have not announced this issue over the internet before now because we wanted to have a web page ready. The APOLROD web page can be found at: <http://www.globalgenealogy.com/apolrod.htm>.

We ask that you visit the web site for more detailed information because we are volunteers with limited time, and we do not want to spend hours answering individual e-mail if we can avoid it. Our website includes a number of documents which I hope will help explain this issue a little better. For example some of the non-typical records we have found in the Land Registry Offices are listed, and there is also a list of all and registry offices in the province (by county). At the moment we have not

included the text of either the fall 1996 plan put forward by the Archives and MCCR nor have we included the details of current negotiations. These things we hope to include on the web site over the next little while. So if all of your questions are not answered immediately, please check back on the web site periodically as this process unfolds.

Please do not respond to my e-mail directly, visit our web site first. If after your visit you still have questions or better still you would like to offer your help to inventory a Land Registry Office in your area, feel free to e-mail us at that point. If you would like to write to us, our address is:

APOLROD
Association for the Preservation
of Ontario Land Registry Office Document
251 Second Street
Stouffville ON L4A 1B9

Finding Your Relatives

BY JIM SLOUGH

In early December, 1996, "Morningside" broadcast a panel discussion of a pair of new Canadian dictionaries. One of the topics they touched on was the many pronunciations and meanings of "slough". I wrote a somewhat tongue-in-cheek letter about the trials and tribulations of having that as a last name. It was read on the air in early January, 1997.

One thing I mentioned was that my grandfather had come from St. Albans, just north of London. A couple of weeks later, I got a phone call from a "Morningside" producer in Toronto telling me of a

letter they had received from a lady in Nakusp, BC. He gave me her name, address and phone number. I called her that night and discovered that her grandfather and mine were half-brothers; our great-grandfather having been married twice. I had no information on any of her family, except her grandfather, whose name and date of birth I had. Since she had descended through the female side, it would be harder to trace, as well. We plan to visit at some point in the future.

Indeed, ancestors and relatives can be found in the unexpected ways!

Genealogical Research Directories

BY RAE CHAMBERLAIN

Have you ever wondered if someone else is researching the same family surnames in the same area you are? There is a way for you to find this out. Genealogical, family history societies and independent publishers are publishing directories listing the interests of family historians and genealogists from around the world. These are often referred to as genealogical research directories or members' interests. They are compiled from information submitted by family historians. Usually they give a surname, time period and place and the name and address of the individual who submitted the surname. By checking this source you can determine if someone else is researching the same family name in the same place you are. This is another tool to use as part of your research strategy.

I started advertising my surname interests fifteen years ago. Over time I continued to subscribe and submit my surnames to various directories. As a result of advertising the surnames I am researching I have received many letters from the United States, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. I found most people were very willing to share information they had and I was able to share with them information I had on a particular surname. I have kept each of these letters and as my research has progressed I review my files from time to time to see if my latest research resulted in any connections.

I will relate a few of my experiences with genealogical research directories. In about 1978 I joined the Devon Family History Society. After joining the society I was invited to submit the surnames I was researching for publication in their members' interest directory. I submitted the surnames I was researching in Devonshire and soon after its publication I received a letter from Mr. Traher in London, Ontario who was interested in the surname Chamberlain of Ivybridge and Cornwood, Devonshire. To keep a long story short, it turned out

that he and I are descendants of John and Annah Chamberlain of Cornwood. I descend from their son John and he descends from their daughter Caroline. This added a whole new branch to my family history. As a beginner it was thrilling to find a lost relative and to learn about the saga of another branch of the family.

Ten years ago, I wrote several letters concerning the surname Horswill of Ermington, Devonshire. After several years with additional correspondence with a number of people on the Horswill surname, I found it seemed that some of the people who had written to me were related to others with which I had correspondence. I didn't know at that time if they had written to each other or not, so I drafted a letter quoting the information I received over time regarding the surname. I sent a copy of what turned out to be a lengthy letter to anyone who had ever written to me regarding the surname.

The results of this endeavour were quite exciting. A lady in the United States and two in England discovered they were related and another lady in England and a gentleman in Australia turned out to be related. These people got in touch with each other and shared their research. Some have followed up with visits.

Last spring my name was given to a researcher in British Columbia by an Australian. He wrote to me and from his letter I knew he was related to the lady in the United States and two others in England with whom I had corresponded with ten years ago. I passed along these addresses to him not knowing if these people were still alive or if they lived in the same place. The lady in the United States wrote to me just before Christmas and she now has another branch of her family of whom she knew very little. She is sharing all her information with the gentleman just starting to trace his family.

One gentleman had tuned into the Australian Broadcasting Corp. listening to a show on family history. He phoned in inquiring about a surname and was given my name and address. He wrote to me thinking I had written a book about the Sparke family in Devonshire. I wrote back advising him I hadn't written a book but was researching the surname in Exeter, Devon.

Some of the responses I received over the years were vague. It seems a lot of people are just getting started and write to anyone who is researching the surnamed they are interested in. I have found it best to limit ones correspondence to those who are researching in the same area where your own ancestors came from. You will find people who are interested in all references to a particular name. In that case write to them too. But for the most part I think it is best to limit it to a specific parish and surrounding parishes.

Over the years I have wrote many letters to fellow genealogists and it seemed I never had any more luck regarding my ancestors but was able to help others make connections. That all changed last summer. In June I received a large white letter size envelop postmarked Sweden. I had never had any correspondence with any family historians in Sweden! A lady in Sweden had decided to search for her relatives in Utah and when she got her *Genealogical Research Directory* by chance checked on Meyer, her husbands surname finding that I was researching the surname in the same parishes and counties where she and her husband had done a great amount of research. "And you can imagine that I got very surprised when I found out that it was his relatives YOU were looking for." I had finally hit the jackpot! I responded to her letter immediately sending an ahnentafel chart, pedigree charts and related family group sheets showing where I fit into the Meyer family tree. It turns out that they have been able to trace our Meyer family back three more generations to Gerhard Meijer who came from Lubeck, Germany to Stockholm, Sweden, in 1630.

These examples I hope give you some idea of what to expect as a result of advertising your interests in a surname directory. I have found it to be fun and rewarding to share with others the information I have on my various family lines.

To determine if there are others researching the same surnames that you are searching the best place to start is to check the library list or catalogue of your genealogical society to determine what they have available for genealogical research directories. Some major ones to be found in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Library are:

1. *Family Registry*, also available at your local LDS Family History Centre.
2. *Genealogical Research Directory National & International* by Keith A. Johnson and Malcolm Sainty. Published since 1981, with a new edition each year.
3. *British Isles Genealogical Register* published by the Federation of Family History Societies (England). A new edition will be published mid 1997.
4. *Register of One-Name Studies*, now in its 12th edition, lists names registered with the Guild of One-Name Studies in England.
5. *Ontario Genealogical Society Directory of Ontario Surnames* (1995).
6. *Metis and Fur Trade Families: A Surname Interest List for Genealogists*.

Most family history or genealogical societies publish their members' interests. Some societies publish the interests of their members in a section of their journal while others publish them as a special publication periodically. The SGS exchanges and subscribes to hundreds of these publications and has directories published by these organizations too. A couple of recent additions to the SGS collection are:

1. *Directory of Members and Surname Interests*
1996 *Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia*.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 1894
Regina SK S4P 3E1

2. *Ottawa Branch Surnames '96* Vol. 29, No. 6,
1996

Check your *SGS Library List* and *Bulletin* "Library Additions" lists for other titles as there are too many to list. If you have roots from a specific ethnic background be sure to check the directories and journals published by organizations focusing on specific ethnic groups.

As well, the genealogical magazines being published by independent publishers may have a section whereby their readers can for a fee submit their surname interests. One with a large readership in the United States is *Everton's Genealogical Helper* ¹ with its "Computerized Roots Cellar". In the British Isles *Family Tree Magazine* ² has a section titled "Readers' Interests". In Canada *Family History News* ³ has "Names being Searched in Canada".

The Internet is another source. I have read about various directories published on the internet but I am not connected to the "Net" so I have no personal experience. Perhaps some other SGS members have some experience in this area and would be willing to share their expertise with us in the *Bulletin*. To learn more about this source read some genealogical computer magazines. The SGS Library has a number of these and some genealogical periodicals also have a computer section. Check your library list or ask the librarian for suggestions.

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Home Page at: <http://www.regina.ism.ca/orgs/sgs/index.htm> has the surname interests submitted by SGS members and visitors to the site. SGS members can submit their interests by using the form provided on the home page and following the instructions. SGS members not able to visit the SGS Home Page can have their surname interests added by sending a SASE with a request for the form to:

In using research directories as a research tool, I will offer these tips:

1. Write to those who are researching the surname in the same parish and surrounding parishes or area where you have done research.
2. Keep a copy of every letter you write.
3. Record on a Research Log who you write to and the results.
4. Use a separate research log for each surname.
5. Keep a file grouped by surname of all the letters you receive as a result of advertising in a directory or journal.
6. Print out or photocopy a pedigree chart and related family group record or a drop line pedigree chart to accompany your letter.
7. As your research progresses, check your surname files from time to time. You may find that your family is connected to some correspondent, but at the time you received the letter you didn't have enough information to make a connection.
8. Enclose a self-addressed envelope. Due to the high cost of International Reply Coupons (IRC's) there is on-going debate as to whether one should enclose an IRC if you expect a reply. Some of the view are not to include an IRC while others are of the view that one should include an IRC or postage. Check the introduction to the directory where you found the surname to see what the publisher recommends and be governed accordingly.
9. VERIFY THE INFORMATION.

Don't be disappointed with negative results. Even if the results are negative there is always the possibility that it may lead to something in the future. There are many family historians communicating with each other around the world. They are passing along information and often referring new correspondents to people who they have had communications with in the past. There are also newcomers who are checking various directories. As well, many people don't advertise their interests but do check the directories. One doesn't know what the results of networking with other people will lead to.

Research directories are another important genealogical tool to use to discover lost branches in your family tree and to accomplish your ultimate goal to discover your ancestors.

ENDNOTES

1. The Everton Publishers Inc., P.O. Box 368, Logan, UTAH 84323-0368. Subscriptions: \$26.10 U.S. funds per year.
2. Family Tree Magazine, 61 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, U.K. PE17 1HL. Canadian Agent: SEL Enterprises, P.O. Box 92, Thornhill, ON L3T 3N1. Subscriptions: \$58.35 for 12 issues, surface mail and \$71.85 airmail.
3. Parr's Publishing, 525 Ritson Road North, Oshawa, ON L1G 5R4. Subscriptions: \$18.00 per year includes GST.

Consumers and Shareholders

BY BETTY McMANUS

Two kinds of genealogy members belong,
Consumers and Shareholders sing the same song.
"We need more and more help the way along".
But only one keeps the organization strong.

They listen to all kinds of speakers, to hear
New sources for searching ancestors far and near.
They all take their share, though the cost be dear.
These are the CONSUMERS who multiply each year.

Then there are those who volunteer;
No project is too large or small, you hear.
They're always available to lift the load;
These are SHAREHOLDERS who know the road.

TRACING SCOTTISH ANCESTORS?

Extracted from Grapevines - South Okanagan Genealogical Society, April 1996.

Maybe this will help you understand some Scottish words:

Academy - High School
Auld Lang Syne - Days of long ago
Bailie - Magistrate
Bairn - Child
Ben - Mountain
Bothy - Farm Cottage
Brae - Hill
Brig - Bridge
Burn - Brook
Croft - Small holding in the highlands
Clan - Tribe bearing the same name
Dirk - Highland dagger
Elder - Office bearer in the Presbyterian Church
Factor - Manager of an Estate/Steward
Feu - To let in perpetuity
Firth - Estuary/ Strait
Flesher - Butcher
Gate/Gait - Street
Haugh - Water Meadow
Highers - Scottish school leaving certificate
Kirk - Church
Kist - Chest/Coffin
Laird - Lord of the Manor/Squire
Lum - Chimney
Lyon Court - Scottish College of Arms
Manse - Vicarage
Muir - Moor
Muckle - Big
Nicht - Night
Orra Man - Farm Labourer/odd job man
Provost/Lord - Mayor / Lord
Provost - Mayor
Rector - Headmaster of an Academy/ Vicar in the Episcopal Church/ Students representative on University Court
Reek/Reekie - Smoke/Smokie (Old toast is: Lang may your Lum Reek)
Riever - Sheep or Cattle Stealer
Sept - Branch of a Clan
Souter - Shoe Maker
Strath - Valley/plain beside a river
Tolbooth - Old Town Hall (often with a prison)
Wean - Child
Writer - Lawyer/ Solicitor.

These words may not make you understand all of Robbie Burns poetry but they may help translate Scottish records.

Heritage Happenings

BY BEV WESTON

You've probably been hearing quite a bit about heritage from the SGS lately, and no doubt, you will be hearing more. As Saskatchewan ages, documents, etc., which were taken for granted at the beginning of Saskatchewan's growth will continue to take on a greater and greater significance. This is something which was clearly recognized by the 17 people who attended a heritage meeting held in conjunction with the Seminar in Prince Albert on 26 October 1996.

The people in attendance did some brainstorming and came up with several good ideas; however, it seems the immediate need, as discussed by the entire group, was to identify and preserve municipal and school records. At the moment, these seem to require the greatest urgent action.

In addition to this brief report on the Prince Albert meeting, my main topic of discussion in this issue is cemeteries. Anyone not aware of the fine job being done by our Cemetery Coordinator, Norm Stetner, just has not been reading their bulletin. Norm, along with his predecessors Elsie Browder and Bill Flynn, locate burial sites and cemeteries; plot their locations on RM maps along with land descriptions and owners; recruits volunteers to record stones; markers on copy burial records. Norm also recruits volunteers to enter data on the SRI. However, I am sure that Norm would be the first to tell you that there is still much work left to be done. Our congratulations and thanks to all the people who so diligently work on this project the year round. This is an extremely important project, and the further away we move from our pioneer roots, the more important it will become.

Here is an example of what one family is doing to preserve their family graves. I came across this while roaming around the Net one day; the Wintermute family. This is a very busy and organized family of over 1,200 members, and they have all kinds of committees: reunion, communication, genealogy, and cemetery, among

others. The mandate of the Cemetery Committee is twofold - first, to inspect cemeteries where there are Wintermutes, and secondly, to find the oldest gravestones of their family and inspect them, making repairs where necessary. You may want to investigate this interesting family yourself at <http://www.intaccess.com/wintermute/>. Do you know the condition of your graves?

A little closer to home, the February 23, 1997, issue of *The Regina Sun* highlighted a project by five men to erect The Fairview Memorial Cairn as a tribute to settlers in the Fairview area near Montmartre, Saskatchewan. The men discovered the disrepair of the Fairview cemetery, went to the RM of Montmartre, guaranteed the money for the project and set about raising funds. They wrote people about the project, did research on the cemetery and church, and travelled over 2,000 miles to get ideas about cairns. Not content just to do something about their own cemetery, these men will help other people who are interested in similar projects, as many cemeteries have fallen by the wayside. They will give tips on research and design, how to locate people for donations, and how to get donations from people. Contact Arnold Bieber at 306-522-3181 or Earle Swinton at 306-522-3006.

Even closer to home, one of our own SGS members, Faith Stepp of Torquay, has taken it upon herself to do something about the Marianthal Cemetery near Torquay in the RM of Souris Valley #7. This cemetery is badly in need of repair, but there are few descendants left in the district. Faith is contacting descendants scattered far and wide, asking them if they would be willing to donate money to a trust fund to repair this abandoned cemetery. Many of the graves cannot be located, and it is possible a cairn may have to be erected, rather than replacing individual graves. And you say one person can't make a difference! Our hats are off to you, Faith. See next page for details.

The Cemetery Challenge

BY FAITH STEPP

This harvest I took my husband's cousin, Barbara MacLeod, to a cemetery near our home. We did visit some of the grave sites while there. Barbara wanted to know where her great-grandparents were buried. There were no markers and there are no records of where they were buried, just records of their deaths and burials in the church records.

A short time later I attended a SGS board meeting in Regina, during a coffee break a short talk about the restoration of a cemetery was made by John Nickel. I talked a bit about my concern for cemeteries near my home and that I noticed that several vehicles did stop to visit them during the summer months.

I was given a \$5.00 donation from Bev Weston and a challenge to start on the project of restoration.

I came home and studied over the cemetery records I have on hand. After counting the names of the deceased it didn't take me long to decide that something had to be done. I started to study our local history book for names of descendants and soon had several names listed and I had only looked up to the letter F of the deceased.

Why am I doing this? I asked myself. I knew that there weren't enough tombstones for all those who were buried and the ones that are there need some repair. What can be done? Would the church board members okay what I have thoughts of doing? Well, I finally got up enough courage to ask at our church board meeting and they thought it was a good idea; but, we should bring it up at the annual parish meeting this January, 1997. At the meeting a lady volunteered to help me.

Well the idea passed and soon a few helpers were elected, plus another volunteer. We plan to wait to see how much money comes in before we decide how far we can go with this project. If enough money does come in, we want to set up a permanent marker with names of all deceased who have no markers on their grave sites [maybe more]. We also plan on removing all covers from the grave sites that are damaged. This will make the grass cutting easier and will leave the cemeteries neater. The matter of trees growing wild is not a pretty site, so we have plans to clear them out.

While I was away on holidays to Mesa, Arizona at the end of January, two hundred letters were mailed out. So far we have over nine hundred dollars in donations. This is from a small portion of people. So far I think we will do well.

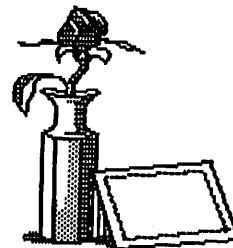
So if any of you have thoughts about doing what we are doing, I say go for it. This is the least we can do for those who have gone before us.

Let us preserve some of our heritage.

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Editor's Note:

As of April, over \$6,000 has been collected and numerous people volunteered to help clean up the cemetery.



Edinburgh's New Register House

BY BEV WESTON

If you're doing any Scottish research, you are no doubt familiar with the name of Scotland's national record repository, New Register House. If you are planning to make a trip to Great Britain, do work in time to visit the New Register House, as you will no doubt find it well worth your while. You can probably find more information in a day there than you could in four or five years elsewhere.

I made a visit to Great Britain in the summer of 1996 with a very busy schedule lined up. I planned to spend time with relatives in Norfolk and London, as well as do considerable genealogical research in Norfolk and London. I was working English lines and hadn't really intended to get into the meat of my Scottish research just yet and, consequently, hadn't taken any of my Scottish information with me.

But as luck would have it, I went over with a planeload of returning Scots, and the two sitting beside me were genealogists from Glasgow. It wasn't until 3/4 of the way through out trip that we began discussing genealogy, and they informed me of the great resources they had found at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow. They also told me about all the computerized information at the New Register House in Edinburgh.

I subsequently went to the Mitchell Library in Glasgow which contains the archives for the City of Glasgow. Some of the census records, specifically 1851, have been indexed by the Glasgow Genealogical Society. But unfortunately, the Mitchell isn't able to afford all the records, and in particular, is missing the index for the 1881 census. They do have Glasgow directories and maps for the 19th century, so I got an excellent map of Glasgow, showing the districts of Govan and Tradeston, the ones which interested me.

However, the New Register House in Edinburgh was a different story. All the Old Parochial Records, Birth/Death/Marriage Registrations and census records are stored here and much of it has been computerized. It holds vital records to the present day.

The fee to use the New Register House is £17 for a full day and £10 if you arrive in the afternoon. They take credit cards. This means that one can order a Registration from outside Edinburgh and charge it to a credit card, thus eliminating the \$7.00 or so fee the banks charge for an international money order.

When you check in, you are given a brief introduction to the Record Office, given a specific numbered desk with a microfilm and microfiche reader, and access to a computer. There are the same number of computers as there are desks, and your fee ensures that you will have a desk and computer for your length of stay. You need to book an appointment as they only have one or two spots for foreign visitors who are unaware of this requirement. These are available early in the day on a first-come, first-serve basis. The staff is always available when one needs help.

Remember, I had to work with what was in my head. I already knew that my husband's great-grandparents, Thomas Davidson and Mary McIntyre, had married in Tradeston, Glasgow in 1859, and had 3 children: John in Tradeston in 1860; Jane (my husband's grandmother) in Govan, Glasgow in 1862; and Thomas in Govan in 1864. (Wouldn't it be nice if these people stayed put?)

From working with Ontario Vital Stats, I knew that Thomas and his 2nd wife, Flora Hayman, had 2 children in Toronto: Archibald in 1869 and Thomas George in 1872. A second Thomas? The first one must have died.

Using the computer in New Register House, I checked the Vital Stats section, under deaths, and looked for a Thomas Davidson who had died in Glasgow in 1864. The information on the screen is minimal (name, date, district #, registration #), so if more than one person with your name shows up, you have to look at as many as it takes to find yours.

Scotland's parishes are numbered, and the areas in Glasgow that interested me were 644/ and 646/. Once you find what looks like a likely record, you write the numbers out and go into the reference room where the records are stored. Births, marriages, deaths and census records are arranged in sections, and within each section, by year. Within the year, you look for your parish which is arranged chronologically. Once you find the parish, you look for the fiche that contains your registration number. For instance, Mary's death registration was under 646/1 #49. Checking out a married Scottish woman is relatively easy, as you can feed in the first name, the maiden surname and the married surname.

What's on a Scottish death registration? Name and marital status of deceased; year, date and time of death; to whom married; age; address at death; cause of death and the doctor who certified the cause; name and occupation of father, and name and maiden surname of mother; whether or not parents or spouse were living at the time of registration, and who reported the death.

Mary's death registration didn't give me too much new information, except to confirm my suspicion that her death had something to do with childbirth; she died a week after Thomas' birth. Her father's name was listed as Dugald McIntyre, rather than Hugh McIntyre as had been listed on her marriage registration. This gives me another lead when trying to find more information on him.

Mary died in Govan, Glasgow, and I already knew that Jane and Thomas, Jr. had been born there, so I wasn't too surprised. But Thomas, Jr. died at less than 3 weeks of age at 37 Crookeston Street in Tradeston. This was Mary's address when she

married, or rather the address of her mother, Catherine McIntyre, maiden surname MacKay. It appears as though Thomas, with his wife recently dead and with two small children and a new baby, took the children back to Mary's mother for care.

I looked for a death for Catherine MacKay McIntyre from 1864 onwards and couldn't find one. Now I am theorizing that Thomas brought Catherine along to Canada with him and the children when they came, as he would need care for these little ones. However, I haven't been able to prove this yet.

I also looked for and found the death for Thomas' father Samuel, and now have his approximate year of birth, as well as Samuel's father's name and occupation and Samuel's mother's maiden surname. Samuel died in 1865 which is about the time Thomas emigrated. These computer indexes make life so much simpler!

I looked for birth registrations for both Thomas and Mary, but couldn't find either one. I suspect they were both born in Glasgow, and I don't think the city parishes have been indexed yet. However, I did find four older siblings for Thomas, born in smaller villages. When you're back into this time frame (circa 1830) the names of the parents show on the screen; probably because you're into the OPRs (Old Parochial Records). Or maybe because there aren't as many records. By the way, if you need to check out the OPRs, they are on CD-ROM at your local Family History Centre.

The 1891 Scottish census has been indexed by the New Register House. The index will point you towards your subject, giving you district, sub-district and page number. Once you have your numbers, you can get the reel and easily find the family.

I suspect in time, other censuses will be added to the computer database. Since the 1881 census has already been indexed, it can easily be added to the New Register indexes, or may have been by now. So you can see that there is considerable information in New Register House.

Computing That Birth Date

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There have been various approaches to methods of determining the date of birth when only the date of death and the specific age are known, say on a grave marker. The following may be of interest to our readers and was gleaned from Orange County California Genealogical Society Quarterly XVIII, No.1.

15	Jan	INSTRUCTIONS
16	Feb	
17	Mar	
18	Apr	
19	May	
20	Jun	
21	Jul	
22	Aug	
23	Sep	
24	Oct	
25	Nov	
26	Dec	
27	Jan	1. Find the DAY of death in the left column. Treating this day as 0, the day before as 1, the day before that as 2, etc., count up the column the number of days of life given. If you reach the top of the column before you have finished counting, continue at the bottom of the column. If the month preceding that of death has less than 31 days, be sure to skip the unneeded days in the column. * You now have the date of birth.
(28)	Feb	
(29)	Mar	
(30)	Apr	
(31)	May	
1	Jun	2. Find the MONTH of death in the lower portion of the month column to the right. If you went past first while counting days, go back one month. Just like with days, count this month as 0 and count up the column the number of months of life. This gives you the month of birth.
2	Jul	
3	Aug	
4	Sep	
5	Oct	
6	Nov	
7	Dec	
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3. Take the **YEAR** of death. If you went past January while counting months, subtract 1, then subtract the number of years of life from the year you have to get the year of birth.

* **Leap Years:** Any year evenly divisible by 4, except the century years, unless they are divisible by 400 (eg: 1600 is a leap year). Remember that when you count back the days, you skip only 31 & 30 instead of 31, 30 and 29, to correct the number of days in a month. Remember the rule: 30 days hath September, April June and November.

EXAMPLES

(NOTE: There would be wisdom in checking your work by starting with the date you have computed as the date of birth and counting forward to verify your deduction.)

1. Subject died 31 May 1966 aged 94 years, 11 months & 7 days.
 - a) Starting with 31, treat this day as 0 and count back 7 days. This brings us to 24.
 - b) We did not go past the 1st, so starting with May in the month column, count up 11 months. This takes us to June.
 - c) We did go past January so 1966 becomes 1965. Subtracting 94 from 1965 gives 1871. Therefore the birth date was 24 June 1871.

2. Subject died 1 March 1896, aged 35 years 7 months, 2 days.
 - a) Starting with 1, treat this day as 0 and count back 2. The month preceding March is February and this was a leap year: so we skip the 30 and 31. The day before 1 March was 29 February. Treat the 29th as 1. etc. This lands us on 28.
 - b) We did go past the first: so starting with February in the month column, count up 7 months. This takes us to July.
 - c) We did go past January, so 1896 becomes 1895. Subtracting 35 from 1895 gives us 1860. Thus the subject was born 28 July 1860.

Long Family Bible

BY DAVID HUGGETT

This is my first attempt at an article and I hope it will inspire all members.

My Sister had this old family bible even before I even became interested in Genealogy. She purchased it in upstate N.Y. in about 1976 on a trip down to Florida, you see my sister Ellen Young was into scuba diving back then.

On this trip she even stopped in to see my Grandmothers brother Edmund Blanken in Hershey Pennsylvania. Well anyway on her way back she stopped in Up State N.Y. and she thinks it was Jamestown in a antique shop.

She still has the receipt somewhere. This old bible caught her eye because of its age and original hand writing. It was printed in New York in 1812 and was in two pieces, the spine had been broken but the paper was in exceptionally good standing and contained the following information on the Long family.

Elizabeth Long's Book given to James S. Long son of Isaiah Long Jr. given to George R. Long.

Isaiah Long m. Elizabeth 27 march 1806
George R. Long m. Jane 21 Aug 1828
George Moloy m. Hetty Long 15 Dec 1825
James Long Moloy b. 10 Nov 1826
Isaiah Long b. 31 Aug 1783
Elizabeth his wife b. 6 Mar 1786
George R. Long b. 24 Feb 1807
Hetty Long b. 26 May 1808
Ammanah Long b. 30 Oct 1809
Janett Long b. 6 July 1811
William S. Long b. 6 Dec 1812
Charles Long b. 30 April 1814
Lydia Long b. 2 Dec 1816
Elizabeth Long b. 31 Aug 1818
Robert Schofield Long b. 20 Aug 1820

Mary Long b. 15 June 1822
Jeremiah Long b. 2 Dec 1824
Isaiah Long b. 14 March 1827
Armwell Long m. Betty M. 27 July 1773
Lurner Long b. 27 May 1774
James Long b. 17 March 1776
John Long b. 24 March 1779
Jeremiah Long b. 1790
Isaiah Long b. 31 Aug 1793
Lemeh Long b. 1795
Lydia Long
Elizabeth Long b. 1790
Martha Long b. 1793
Hester Long b. 1795
William Long b. 1797

The names didn't really mean that much to a non genealogist it was the dates that really caught your eye. It wasn't until 1995 that I took and interest in this bible because I was familiar with the IGI on CD rom. When I went out to Harrison Hot Spring that Summer I copied down all the names and dates and took them to the Family History Center on Sangster Blvd. in Regina. I typed in name after name for birth date and continually came up with nothing that matched. Then I tried the marriages and low and behold a match. George R. Long married a Jane Milliam on Aug 19 1828 in Sussex County, Delaware. Close enough for me.

The entry was a patron entry so I sent away for the form for 25cents. It was an old enquiry about 1986. It also listed another marriage of Henry Long to ? ?. The contact name was Mrs. Nelchene W. Jensen of Ogden, Utah.

So I sent her the information I had copied down, (now computerized). But the letter came back, she no longer lived at that address.

So then I tried the libraries phone data base and found there is no Nelchene Jensen's in the USA. I even tried phoning other Jensen's in Ogden with no luck.

It wasn't until I signed up at the Regina Public Library on the Great Plains Free Net that I finally came to the last chapter. While searching through the Roots Surname Listing I typed in "LONG". I found an E-mail address for a Bill Long looking for Longs in Sussex County, Delaware. So I E-mailed him the information.

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Here was his reply.

Thank you for the Bible information you sent. It is very interesting, I would love to see that Bible. Isaiah Long was one of many children of Armwell Long (1754-1834). Armwell was an illustrious Colonial in the War of 1812.

Paul Long of Centreville, MD has a wooden trunk that belonged to him.

Armwell's brother Benjamin was my ancestor. Their father was David Long and their mother was Ann Lockwood. I have for many years been trying to find out more about David and Ann. I do not know where they were born or married.

Are you and your sister descendants of Isaiah? Please tell me more about the Bible and how it was acquired. Regards Bill Long, Crofton, MD.

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I then forwarded this info to my sister on E-mail and gave Bill my sisters E-mail address.

Your brother David gave me your address. He tells me that you have a Long Family Bible. I would love to know more about this Bible and perhaps see it someday. My grandparents David Long and Ann Lockwood had ten children that grew to adulthood.

I am descended from one son, Benjamin. Another son Armwell (Sr.) was the progenitor of the Long Line whose Bible you apparently have. The name Armwell is very common among early Delaware Longs and Lockwoods.

There are many descendants of Armwell living in Maryland and Delaware today. Paul Long of Centreville, Maryland has Armwell's War of 1812 chest (a wooden box).

Can you tell me where the Bible was printed and the year and what condition it is in. Regards, Bill Long, Crofton, MD. cc: D Huggett

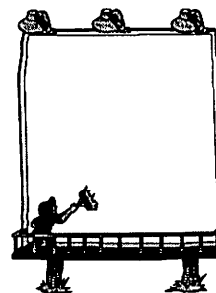
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My sister got the address and phone number for Bills relative.

George R. Long
819 Ridge Place
Falls Church Virginia 220463631
USA
703-532-1440

My sister told him that she would send him the Bible and he was just ecstatic.

On December the 10 or there abouts George R. Long recieved his family bible. The Bible is now going to be on display in the Dover Delaware archives I understand that it is a brand new building that is under construction.



SGS Bulletin Board

LIBRARY CLOSURES:

1 July - Canada Day
4 August - Saskatchewan Day
1 September - Labor Day
11 October - Thanksgiving Day
31 October - SGS Seminar in Weyburn
1 November - SGS Seminar in Weyburn
11 November - Remembrance Day

SUMMER HOURS:

On April 28th the hours changed to:
Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

WINTER HOURS:

On September 16th the hours change to:
Tuesday - Saturday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Last Monday - Friday is September 12, 1997

WORKSHOPS:

SGS Library Resource Workshops

These workshops are designed to help you learn how to use the records found in the SGS Library. Workshops are held at the SGS, 1870 Lorne Street, Regina, SK. Fee: \$5.00 for members; \$7.50 non-members. Limit: 16. Register by Tuesday noon.

Wednesday, July 16 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Canadian Census Record

What are they? How can I make the best use of the information they contain?

Wednesday, July 16 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Pre-1869 Ontario Marriage Indexes and Records.

What parts of Ontario do they cover? Who was recorded?

Wednesday, August 20 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Passenger Lists - Canadian, U.S. and Indirect Hamburg.

How can I obtain them? How can I find anyone?

Wednesday, August 20 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Europe - Church Records

How to find them and how to read them. Hands on experience.

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Saturday Workshops:

You must pre-register by the Wednesday prior to the class at (306) 780-9207. All classes are held at the SGS, 1870 Lorne Street, Regina, SK. Fee: \$5.00 for members; \$7.50 for non-members. If non-member joins after the workshop, the extra fee will be applied towards their membership.

Saturday, September 20

Introduction to Family History. How to Get started.
Session 1 of 3.

Saturday, October 4

Introduction to Family History. What is available for research. *Session 2 of 3.*

Saturday, October 18

Beginning Research In England.

Saturday, October 25

Introduction to Family History. Working with the records. *Session 3 of 3.*

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR

Will be held in Weyburn on 31 October - 2 November, 1997. For more details on Seminar see, page v.

Announcements

BY JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

CONFERENCES

Germans From Russia Heritage Society

27th Annual Germans From Russia Heritage Society International Convention. Jamestown Civic Center, 17, 18, 19, 20 July 1997. Contact: James Valley Chapter, Craig N. Pankow, 611 N.E. 17th St., Jamestown, ND 58401.

Brigham Young University's Annual Genealogy & Family History Conference

Will be held at the BYU Conference Center on the campus on 5 - 8 August 1997. Contact: Brigham Young University, Conference and Workshops, 136 Harman building, Provo, UT 84602.

The 3rd Irish Genealogical Congress

Conference on 22 - 28 September 1997 at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, County Kildare. Write 3rd Irish Genealogical Congress, C/O The National Archives, Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland or <http://www.os.qub.ac.uk/nifhs>

Federation of East European Family History Society

4th annual FEEFHS International Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on 27 - 29 September 1997.

Alberta Family Histories Society Conference

"Wild Rose Seminar 1997" will be held in Calgary, Alberta 3 - 4 October 1997. Speakers include: Nora Hickey - Cork Family History Society (Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland), Sherry Irvine - Genealogist (Victoria, BC), and Kenneth Aitken - Librarian Prairie History Room (Regina, SK). Contact Alberta Family Histories Society, P.O. Box 30270, Station B, Calgary AB T2M 4P1 for details.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Seminar

Will be held in Weyburn on 31 October - 2 November 1997. For more details on Seminar see, page v.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ontario Genealogical Society

The following By-Law was passed at the OGS AGM on 26 April, 1997:

Article 3.10

"3.10 Associate member: the associate member class is not available to new members of the Society or any of its Branches. An associate member is a person who, prior to April 26, 1997, joined the Society at the Branch level only, and was registered in the records of the Society. An associate member is entitled to voting privileges at the Branch level, but is not entitled to stand for elected office in a Branch. An associate member who joins more than one Branch must declare a Branch of primary interest. While not entitled to the privileges listed in Sections 3.3.1, 3.3.2 and 3.3.3, an associate member may attend annual, special or regional meetings of the Society, will receive one issue of Newsleaf per year, and will receive notices of publications and general information. An associate member whose membership lapses may rejoin the Society only as an individual or family member. An associate member who transfers to any other class of membership may not return to the associate member class."

Please note OGS membership fees for 1998 will be:

Individual	\$45.00
Family	\$ 7.00
Associate	\$ 9.00

Saskatchewan Archives Offers New Expanded Reference Service

The Saskatchewan Archives Board and its staff are pleased to announce that hours of reference service have been expanded in both Regina and Saskatoon. Full reference service will now begin an hour earlier on weekdays at 9:00 a.m. Reading rooms will continue to close at 5:00 p.m. Limited service will continue to be available from 12:00 to 1:00 and after 4:00 p.m.

United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada - Regina Branch

Descendants of Colonists who remained loyal to Great Britain during and after the American Revolution 1775-1783). Invite enquires to meeting dates and membership requirements. Meetings usually held 3rd Saturday, March, June and October and alternate between Saskatoon and Regina. Next meeting is June 14 in Saskatoon. Contact: Branch Genealogist, Lorna Mackenzie, 14 Bothwell Crescent, Regina SK S4R 5W5. (306) 545-1200.

Saskatchewan Vital Statistics

Effective 1 April 1997 - Certificates for Birth, Marriage or Death (Genealogy copy) are \$25.00 each.

Family Records Centre (FRC) in London

The Family Records Centre provides a new home for the research facilities previously provided at St. Catherine's House and the Census Reading Rooms in Chancery Lane, London.

The Centre holds the following records:

- Indexes of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales since 1837.
- Indexes of legal adoptions in England and Wales since 1927.
- Indexes of births, marriages and deaths of some British citizens abroad since the late 18th century, including deaths in the two World Wars.
- Microform copies of Census of Population returns 1841-1891.
- Microfilms of Estate Duty Office death duty registers from 1796-1858, with indexes from 1796-1903.

- Microfilms of registered copies of wills and administrations up to 1858 from the Prerogative court of Canterbury.
- Non-parochial registers from 1857-1858.
- Miscellaneous foreign returns of births, deaths and marriages from 1627-1960.
- Electoral registers for 1995.
- Newly established link from the General Register Office (GRO) in Scotland to the FRC. The link comprises:
 - Indexes for statutory registers of birth, marriage and death from 1855 to the present day.
 - Old parish registers from 1553 - 1854.
 - The divorce index from 1984 to the current day.
 - The index to the Scottish 1891 Census.

Address: 1 Myddelton Street, Islington EC1R 1UW.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm;
Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm; Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm; Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.

Internet: <http://www.open.gov.uk/pro/prohome.htm>
E-mail: enquiry.pro.rsd.kew@gtinet.gov.uk

Annapolis Royal & Area Genealogical Centre

The Historic Restoration Society of Annapolis County (The Society) is pleased to announce the establishment of a Genealogical Centre which will specialize in family history related to Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia and the old townships of Annapolis, Granville and Clements, including the early Acadian settlers who were the first Europeans in Canada.

We would appreciate donations of genealogies, family/business archives, public records and local histories which pertain to these areas. Such information can be in hard copy or electronic media. Although we are only in the process of searching for a microfilm reader, we could also use donations of microfilm reels and microfiche which provide census, land deed, probate and other such research sources. Cash donations are tax deductible.

Queries

BY JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

ANDERSON/MCKENZIE: Seek corres. with anyone researching C.F. James A. **Anderson** and Margaret **McKenzie** d/o C.F. Roderick and Angelique **McKenzie**. Known children: James; Roderick McKenzie; Eliza m John R. **Bouchier**; Alexander; Allan, William and Robert. James A. retired from HBC 1864 to Sutton West, ON. Shirle McGimpsey, 30-1021 Jackson St., Dauphin, MB R7N 2N5

BADDLEY/BARLOW: Seek info on Rachel **Baddley** b 1875 in England. One brother Joe and sister Emma. Rachel **Baddley** m Edward **Barlow** in 1907 in Liverpool, England. One child Minnie **Barlow**. Immigrated to SK in 1912-1913. Alice Clute, 404-4045 Rae St., Regina, SK S4S 6Y8

COCKRELL/BLENKIN: Seek info on desc. of Peter Hepburn **Cockrell** b. 1859 and his wife Hannah Ruth **Blenkin** b. 1865 in ON. Children include: Annie b. 1891; Maggie b. 1894; Thomas b. 1896; Ella. They may have come to SK in the 1890s. Hannah Cockrell died in 1953 in Vancouver, BC. Sylvia Blenkin, 2559 Orchard Ave., Victoria, BC V8S 3A9 Email: sylvia.blenkin@bbc.org

DALE: Seek info on a Mr. J. **Dale** and aslo Mrs. Willie **Dale** and son Edmund, both from Tregarva. They visited John M. Dale and family of Silton in years 1907 & 1908. Once accompanied by a Miss Chamberlin. Helen E. (Dale) Watson, 10513-164 St., Edmonton, AB T5P 3R5

ERICKSON: Seek info on Charles M. **Erickson** b Oct 1872 Douglas Co., MN s/o Erick and Maria **Erickson**. Lived in Roseau, MN ca 1900 - 1904, occ. Sheriff. Moved to SK in 1905. Called "Carl" as a child and often "Charlie" as an adult. I am his great niece and seek info on him, his wife and desc. for a family history I am writing. Carolyn Erickson Townsend, 201 East 21st St., Apt. 8N, New York, NY 10010. Tel: (212) 673-6669

FISK/WAKEFORD: Harriet **Fisk** married William **Wakeford** (son of Abraham **Wakeford** and Mary Ann **Masson**) on 28 Mar 1888 in Hanover, Grey Co., ON. Any info on them, their parents, siblings, etc. greatly appreciated. Will exchange info. Dorothy Quebec, 256-6th Ave. S.E., Swift Current, SK S9H 3N8

KIDD/PAYNE: Seek info on Priscilla **Payne** d/o Sidney **Payne** (1830-1890) and Frances **Maguire** (1834-1910, married Richard **Kidd** 1 May 1895 in Warsaw, ON. Possible children: Edward, William, plus. Mid/late 1920s, Saskatoon of Rosetown area when my grandfather visited for a summer. Jeannette Cooper, RR2 Payne Rd., Warsaw, ON K0L 3A0

KNIBBS: Searching for children of Clifford **Knibbs** and Margaret (Bessie) **Lamond** m 4 Sep 1940 in MB. Childrens' names are Noreen and Glenn. Childrens' surname was changed after parents divorced. Joyce (Knibbs) Fischer, 1117 Grey St., Regina, SK S4T 5H3 (306) 545-2197

LESLIE/BLENKIN: Seek info on desc. of Thomas J. **Leslie** b. 1861 and his wife Jane **Blenkin** b. 1864 in ON. Children include: Hannah b. 1884; Thomas G. b. 1886; Sarah Jane b. 1888; Mary E. b. 1890; Thomas J. b. 1892; James H. b. 1896; Rachel E. b. 1897; Clara A. b. 1899; Florence b. 1902; Claude b. 1904. Sylvia Blenkin, 2559 Orchard Ave., Victoria, BC V8S 3A9 Email: sylvia.blenkin@bbc.org

MCBEATH/ MCKENZIE: Seek info on Adam **McBeath**, s/o Alexander **McBeath** and Christine **Gunn** and Mary **McKenzie** d/o C.F. Roderick and Angelique **McKenzie**. Children: Roderick; Margaret m Alex **Sutherland**; Flora Bell m Duncan **Sinclair**; Catherine m Thomas **McKay**; Annie and Mary. Both Adam and mary are buried in Ft. Qu'Appelle, SK approx. 1890-1892. Shirle McGimpsey, 30-1021 Jackson St., Dauphin, MB R7N 2N5

OLIVER: Louis **Oliver** aka Walter Lewis **Overton** b 15 Jan 1899 in Swinton, Eng and died on the **SS Lake Atlin** in Durban, South Africa on 27 apr 1948. Was in the **Merchant Navy** as a 2nd engineer in BC. Last known address was 38 Land St., Hamilton, ON. Was survived by a wife Charlotte E. in England. Any info would be appreciated. Myra E. Anderson, PO Box 697, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7G6

POLVI/HANNUKSELA: Seek corres. with desc. of Isaac Polvi and Liisa Hannuksela, for family history. I would also like info on the Hannuksela family. Liisa had one sister and a brother, Mike. There may be two other brother. Her parents names are unknown as they stayed in Finland. Will share info I have. Irene Blyth, Box 864, Whitewood, SK S0G 5C0

QUEBEC/LAVALLEE/GRIGGS: Researching Francis Quebec (originally Lavallee) and his wife Lucy (possibly nee Griggs) from Dunham Twp, Missisquoi Co., PQ. Any info on them, their parents, siblings, etc. greatly appreciated. Will exchange info. Dorothy Quebec, 256-6th Ave. S.E., Swift Current, SK S9H 3N8

RINN(RYND)/JOHNSTON/MONTGOMERY: Joseph Rinn(Rynd) b 1796 Pettigoe, Fer., Ire. m 1st Jane Johnston, 2nd Elizabeth (Bessie) Montgomery. Jane died in Ireland and Joseph in MB. Seek parents and siblings of Joseph and Jane. Also B.M.D of Jane Johnston. Myrtle Grieve 209B-1419 22 St., Brandon, MB R7B 2P3

WALLACE/WILSON: Seek info on desc. Of William Wallace and Margaret Wilson. Robert b ca 1846 (need marriage), Margaret b 1840 m Nathaniel Solmes; Catherine b ca 1842 m Jonathon Foster; Alzina b ca 1849 m Robert Martin in Lennox/ Addington Co., ON in 1872. William and Margaret (Wilson) Wallace are buried Napanee churchyard. Myrtle Grieve 209B-1419 22 St., Brandon, MB R7B 2P3

SGS BRANCHES: CONTACTS & MEETINGS

BATTLEFORDS BRANCH: 8925 Gregory Dr., North Battleford, S9A 2W6. Meetings: 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm at North Battleford Library
Contact: Carolyn Hayes #892-4314

BIGGAR BRANCH: Box 135, Biggar, S0K 0M0. Meetings: 2nd Wed. 7:30 pm at Post Office. Contact: Barb Archibald #948-2138

BORDER BRANCH: 2615 - 53rd Ave., Lloydminster, T9V 2L6
Meetings: 4th Mon. 7:00 pm at Lloydminster Public Library.
Contact: Edith Cunningham #875-0578

CENTRAL BUTTE BRANCH: Box 224, Central Butte, S0H 0T0
Meetings: 4th Wed. at 7:30 pm at various locations. Contact: Donna Johnson #796-2146

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