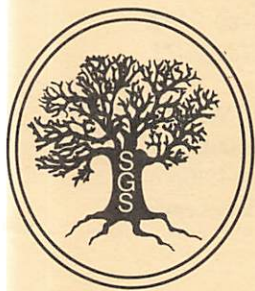


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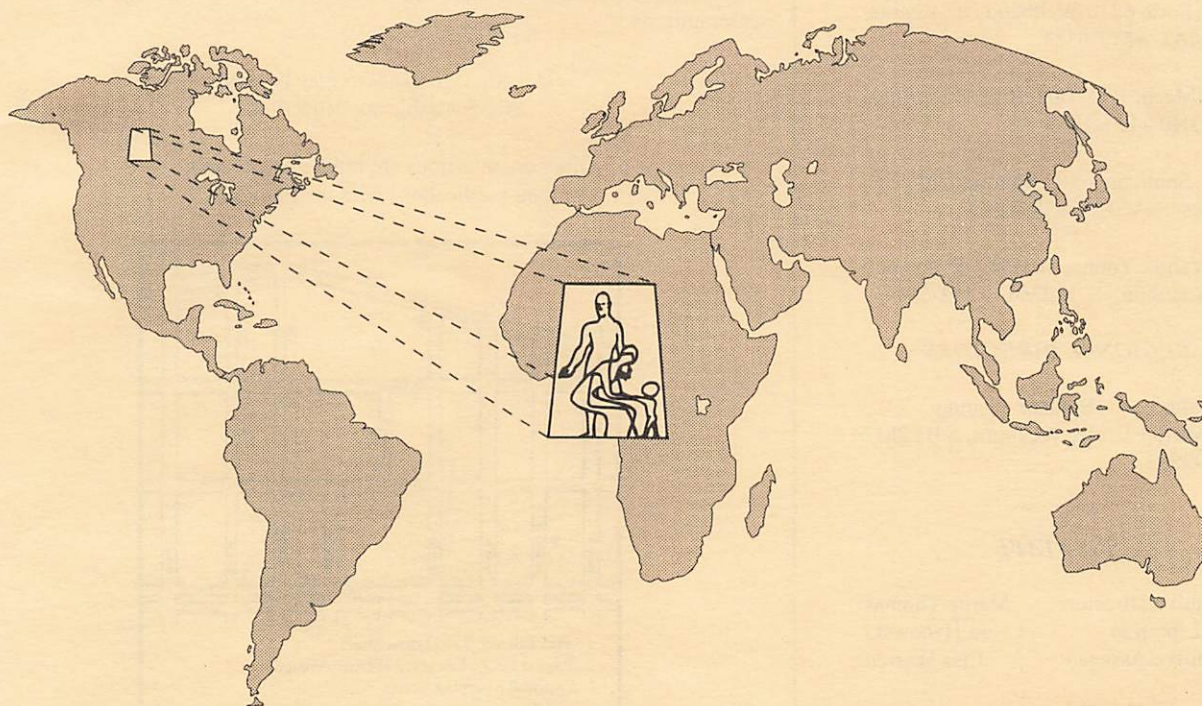


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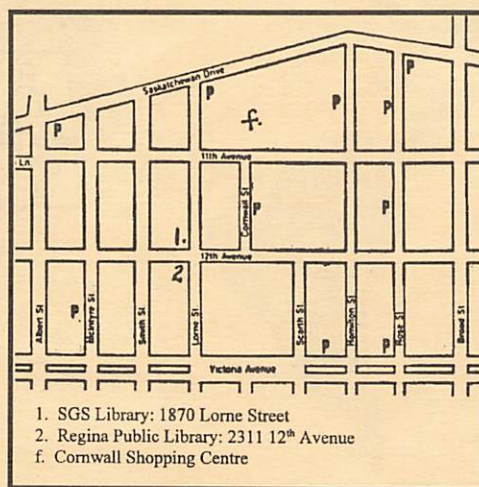
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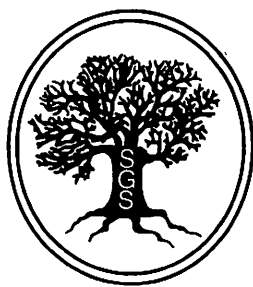
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# President's Letter

**BY JANIS BOHLKEN**

SGS President

Well, summer is finally here! Time to be outside doing all those things that we love to do: visiting at family reunions, walking in cemeteries and enjoying the beautiful sunshine.

The Executive Director (Marge Thomas) and myself facilitated two branch executive workshops in Regina and Saskatoon on two weekends in March. I would like to think that it was a success. The turnout was not as good as I hoped for, but next year's will be better. Everyone present brought all their ideas together and all the branches received a copy of the days events. Keep up the good work.

The April AGM in Regina was a huge success. Laura Hanowski delivered a wonderful workshop on "Using Your Own Records to Develop a Health Tree". I know I came away with lots to think about and to figure out how to use all that information in my own family history. Thank you Laura for a great day!!

The October Seminar will be in Moose Jaw this year. It should be an interesting and learning experience. I hope to see as many members as possible come out for this event.

Again, have a great summer and see you at the Seminar in Moose Jaw!! Good luck in your research.

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# Editor's Notes

**BY MARGE THOMAS**

Executive Director

Thank you to everyone who sent in articles and please keep sending them in. We need generic topics or articles on researching in specific countries.


Have you taken the time to label all your pictures with names, dates and locations? Recently, I was fortunate to inherit boxes of family history following the death of my aunt Lucy Young. Now my aunt never threw anything out and she had boxes of pictures, documents and the family bible. I thought I had died and gone to heaven! I spent days going through everything and much to my dismay I found numerous pictures that would date back into the 18<sup>th</sup> century with no names on them. I don't even know if they are Smith's or Young's but they were probably my gr. gr. grandparents and there is no one alive to provide me with the answers. One day while visiting with my mother and going through pictures, I asked her why there were no names on the pictures and she responded "I don't need to since I know who they are."

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# Historical, Political, and Legal Changes in Galicia, 1340 - 1945

BY: CORY MATIEYSHEN

## I. Galicia in the Kingdom of Poland, 1340 - 1772

After the occupation of L'Viv by King Casimir II the Great of Poland in 1340 and the poisoning of Prince Yurii Boleslav, the boyars (nobles) under Dmytro Dedko ruled the remainder of what used to be the Halych - Volhynian Principality. Casimir invaded and progressively occupied Galicia in 1349. In 1370, Casimir's nephew, Louis I of Hungary, became King of Poland as well as King of Hungary. He appointed Hungarian vice-regents to rule Galicia until 1386, when Poland acquired Galicia from Hungary as a result of the marriage of Louis' daughter, Queen Jadwiga of Poland, and Grand Duke Jagiello of Lithuania.

In 1569, the Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania were formally united to create the Commonwealth of Poland and Lithuania. A joint Diet (assembly) was created with the monarch, the King of Poland and the Grand Duke of Lithuania, elected by the Diet.

During the second half of the 18th century, a series of wars and political, social, and economic crises led to a general weakening of the Commonwealth, exploited by Russia, Austria, and Prussia. The partitions of Poland in 1772, 1793, and 1795 wiped it off the map.

### A. Political System

Following the annexation by Casimir, Poland created the provinces of Belz, L'Viv, and Podolia out of the former Principality; these provinces were subdivided into *ambitus*, consisting of village communities. Voievodas, Administrators and Judges of the provinces, and above them Starosta with a Starosta General in L'Viv, were the highest authorities within Galicia.

In 1434, a new system of administration was introduced to Galicia. Wojewodas replaced Starosta and Voievodas as the highest land officers. A Castellan was put in charge of each land (*Zemlia*) of the L'Viv Voievodstvo, with a Starosta (representative of the King) in each county. Land was distributed among the nobility.

### B. Society

#### 1. Church History

Under the Principality, the officially recognized and most commonly attended church was the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. However, as part of Casimir's attempt to Polonize the Ukrainians, Roman Catholic dioceses were established in Peremyshl, Halych, and Kholm. These dioceses were granted large estates and government subsidies. In 1365, a Catholic archdiocese was founded in Halych and moved to L'Viv in 1414.

The existence of the Halych Orthodox Metropoly was opposed by the Metropolitans of Kyiv, resident in Moscow. There was no Galician hierarchy from 1355 to 1370, with the metropoly abolished in 1401. The eparchy had no bishop from 1406 to 1539. A Ukrainian Orthodox religious revival began at the end of the 16th century as a response to the Reformation and the Roman Catholic threat.

The Church Union of Berestia of 1596 established the Uniate Church, which was renamed the Greek Catholic Church in 1774. Orthodox Galician Ukrainians formally united with the Roman Catholic Church, retaining Orthodox doctrines and liturgies. Orthodox hierarchs opposed the union until the failure of the Hetman state (the Zaporozhian Kozaks) to unite all of Ukraine. By 1709, Greek

Catholicism was the only faith of Galician Ukrainians.

## 2. Class System

There were six social classes in Poland at this time. The magnates (Magnacy) were feudal lords who received their income from peasant lands and taxes. The nobility (Szlachta) made up about 10% of the population in most areas. These two classes dominated political, social, and economic life in Poland. The peasants (Chlopy) were further divided into five social orders, three orders of landed peasants, based on the amount of land they farmed for themselves; the Kmiec with a lan, 30 to 35 acres, the Polrolnik or Polkmiec with a half-lan, the Zagrodnik with enough land for a vegetable garden and animals, and two orders of landless peasants, the Chalupnik who lived in small cottages and the Komornik, tenant farmers or day labourers. Burghers were the residents of the towns and cities. "Loose people" had no permanent address or legal status.

## C. Legal System

In 1434, the Polish court system was introduced to Galicia. There were five main courts:

- City (Grodzki) courts - had jurisdiction over all inhabitants of the district in serious criminal cases and over the king's peasants in all cases.
- Land (Ziemski) courts - autonomous courts of the nobility that lost significance in the 16th century to the city courts.
- Viche courts - courts of appeal until they disappeared in the 15th century.
- Community courts - in cities and villages. Cities had jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters, except over burghers ruled by other laws, such as Jews and Armenians. Village courts retained their Ukrainian character, applying the old laws in all civil and minor criminal cases.
- Dominial courts - court of appeal for village courts. The magnate could take more important cases for his decision, leading to the decline of

the village courts and the Ukrainian legal traditions.

## II. Austrian Rule (1772 - 1918)

Empress Maria Teresa of Austria-Hungary claimed Galicia as Queen of Hungary in the 1772 Partition due to Hungary's previous occupations of Galicia from 1370 - 1387 and in earlier periods. The creation of the new province of Galicia and Lodomeria, an artificial union of Polish and Ukrainian lands, led to constant disputes between Ukrainians and Poles.

Austrian rule ended in World War I. Russia occupied Galicia in 1914 and lost it to Austria in 1915. Austria - Hungary dissolved in 1918. For a brief period in 1918 - 1919, an independent state, the Western Ukrainian National Republic (ZUNR), ruled over the residents of Galicia, Bukovina, and Transcarpathia. The Poles attacked it soon after its formation. The ZUNR united with the Ukrainian National Republic (UNR) in January 1919 and fought both the Russians and Poles, but was conquered in late 1919.

## A. Political System

The Galicians were ruled by the Austrian bureaucracy and the imperial governor in Lemberg (L'Viv). In May 1848 elections to the first Austrian parliament, 39 Galician deputies were elected who immediately demanded the division of Galicia into its Polish and Ukrainian parts.

In 1861, Emperor Francis Joseph I created a bicameral parliament and provincial diets. Until 1873, members of the lower house, the House of Representatives, were appointed by the provincial diets; afterwards, by four, later five Curiae (large landowners, members of Chambers of Commerce and municipalities and, after 1897, all literate males). In 1907, the Curiae were abolished and universal male suffrage was introduced.

In August 1914, radical Ukrainian parties formed the Supreme Ukrainian Council and called



for a struggle against Russia. The General Ukrainian Council replaced it in May 1915 when Austrian rule was restored. Its members demanded autonomy, but the Austrians sided with the Poles, who proposed a Polish state, including Galicia, linked to Austria much the same way as Hungary. Ukrainian deputies in the House of Representatives opposed this proposal.

## **B. Society**

### **1. Church History**

In 1774, the Greek Catholic Church was granted the same rights as the Roman Catholic Church. Halych metropolity was reinstated in 1807. Religious schools and seminaries were set up in Vienna and L'viv to educate the clergy. When later emperors abolished many Ukrainian schools and university classes, religious schools were set up and approved in 1818.

### **2. Serfdom**

In 1782, personal subjection of the peasants was abolished and replaced with serfdom, where the peasants received certain personal and property rights. These rights were not well enforced after the death of Joseph II.

Serfdom was abolished in 1848. Peasants were left with only small land holdings, which they had to subdivide to provide for the rapidly growing population. The gentry received the pastures and forests and charged the peasants for the use of them, whereas formerly, peasants could use them free of charge as part of their servitude. It was these impoverished conditions which caused the mass emigration to Canada and other countries from the 1880s up until 1914.

## **C. Legal System**

Austrian judges were independent at all levels from the administration. County and district civil and criminal courts were general courts of the first instance. Higher land courts, such as the one for

Galicia in L'viv, were courts of the second instance, or appeal courts. The Supreme Court and Court of Cassation in Vienna served as courts of the third instance.

## **III Galicia in the Republic of Poland (1919 - 1939)**

Shortly after defeating the forces of the Ukrainian National Republic in Galicia, Poland was attacked by the Red Army. The Galician Socialist Soviet Republic existed from July to September 1920, headed by a provisional government in Moscow. Poland defeated the Soviets and its rule over Galicia and western Volhynia was recognized by the Treaty of Riga of March 1921. In March 1923, the Allies recognized Polish rule over Galicia, but demanded that a certain amount of autonomy be granted to the Ukrainians, which was agreed to but never practiced.

The Poles enacted a reign of terror, including mass arrests, imprisonment in concentration camps, and outlawing of Ukrainian organizations and periodicals. Ukrainians were denied government employment and lost much of their land in the officially-promoted Polish colonization of Galicia. The Ukrainians refused to recognize the Polish regime and organized various forms of protest and underground classes on topics banned in universities.

Various parties were later formed to bring the protest into politics. In 1930, the Polish government responded to the revolutionary actions of the parties and rebel army by destroying Ukrainian institutions, brutalizing Ukrainian leaders and activists, and initiating mass arrests. The revolutionaries were not deterred and assassinated the Polish Minister of Internal Affairs. The revolutionary leaders were arrested and put into a concentration camp.

The Republic of Poland was partitioned between the USSR and Germany in 1939.

## **IV. Galicia During World War II (1939 - 1945)**

The Red Army occupied Galicia between September 17 - 23, 1939 following the signing of the

Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. On October 22, elections were held to the People's Assembly of Western Ukraine, which "requested" the union of the region with Soviet Ukraine. The new regime introduced the collectivization of, the nationalization of industry, the reorganization of education, the abolition of all existing Ukrainian institutions and periodicals, and the curtailment of the churches' activities. Many Ukrainian political and cultural leaders who did not manage to escape to German-held Poland were deported to the East or imprisoned.

Germany invaded the USSR on 22 June, 1941, occupying L'Viv on 30 June and overrunning all of Galicia in July. Galicia became the fifth district of occupied Poland. The German regime was harsh: many Jews, gypsies and Ukrainians were murdered. The USSR re-occupied Galicia in 1944 and reincorporated it into Soviet Ukraine in 1945.

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**Sault Channels, Sault Ste. Marie District Branch of OGS, Vol.16, No.4, Winter 1998.**

- Canadian Virtual War Memorial. A new web site to search war dead.
- Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Records - Algoma District, "C" to "G"

**North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record, Mouse River Loop Genealogical Soc., Issue No.77, December 1998.**

- Kentucky Death Index Via The Internet
- Records held by many Church congregations in Ward County, North Dakota

**The Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter, Bismark-Mandan Hist. & Gen. Society, Vol.27, No.4, December 1998.**

- Hamburg Passenger Lists. An address for the Hamburg Tourist Board where you may obtain a ships passenger list for a fee.
- North Dakota Cemetery Index

**Past Tents - Thunder Bay Branch of OGS, Vol.19, No.4, December 1998.**

- Looking For a French-Canadian Connection? An address and web site for those searching in the Red River Valley, Manitoba.
- Students of a Century Ago - the Fort William area of Ontario
- Some Rural Pioneers. A nominal list of settlers who homesteaded in April and May in the local area.

**Yesterday's Footprints, Lethbridge Branch of AGS, Vol.16, No.1, January 1999.**

- Day of the Week Calculator and Birth date Calculator web sites
- In Search Of My Mennonite Roots In Canada

**The Nova Scotia Genealogist, Gen. Association of Nova Scotia, Vol.XVI, No.3, Autumn 1998.**

- The Springhill explosion - 1891 & The Strangers Grave. The names of victims are included in this article.
- All Male Campbells In Canada in 1881-82
- Escheated Estates Held by The Nova Scotia Department of Finance. Names of account holders and addresses of Registrars of Probate in Nova Scotia are given.

**Heritage Seekers, Grande Prairie Branch of AGS, Vol.21, No.4, December 1998.**

- Most Catholic Church rectories have a directory listing of all the Catholic churches in Canada. An E-mail address is given for the directory's publisher.
- Names of newspapers once published in Alberta can be located in "Alberta Newspapers 1880-1982: A Historical Directory"

**Treasure State Lines, Great Falls Genealogical Society, Vol.23, No.4, 1998.**

- Remembering Montana Soldiers Who Served in the "War To End All Wars" WWI. A listing of those killed in action is included.

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- Genealogy in Cyberspace includes many web sites of interest to those researching in Poland
- Catholic Diocesan Archives in Ukraine with addresses
- Index of Death Records, St. Stanislaus' Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**The Leaf of the Branch, South West Branch of MGS, Vol.10, No.4, December 1998.**

- Changes at Manitoba Vital Statistics.

**American-Canadian Genealogist, American-Canadian Gen. Society, Issue No.78, Vol.24, No.4, 1998.**

- "How To" Guide for Native Americans. This article should be of value to those researching Cherokee ancestry.
- Archives Nationales: Researching in France, Part III
- First Nations of Canada

**Wiltshire Family History Society, Issue 71, October 1998.**

- Is Illegitimacy Hereditary?
- Wartime Schooldays in Wiltshire.

**Sussex Family Historian, Vol.13, No.4, December 1998.**

- Sussex Will Beneficiaries Indexes. Names of beneficiaries in the 18th century for six West Sussex parishes.

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- Mennonites in the Soviet Inferno, 1929-1941

**Trails, Essex County Branch of OGS, Vol.21, No.4, Winter 1998.**

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- Little used sources and new discoveries at the PRO - 1. Military Service Tribunals 1916-18
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- Canadians Who Served in the Maine State Militias in the Civil War.

**Relatively Speaking, Alberta Genealogical Society, Vol.26, No.4, November 1998.**

- Hudson's Bay Company Archives Inter-Library Loan Programme
- Old Prussia Indexes
- Anglican Church Records, Diocese of Calgary
- New address for Presbyterian Archives of Canada

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- Did You Know? The Irish Surname Index for the counties of Ulster have been placed on line.
- English Research: Starting Out

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- Searching Adoption Records In Ontario

**Family Footsteps, Kamloops Genealogical Society, Vol.14, No.2, November 1998.**

- A Journey Back in Time - a tour of the Pleasant Street Cemetery in Kamloops
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- Contributions to the History of the Emigrations From Baden. This article is a must read for those whose ancestors emigrated from Germany to Poland, Russia or Hungary in the late 1700's and early 1800's.
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- The South Atlantic Islands: The Falkland islands
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**German Genealogical Digest, Vol.14, No.3, Fall 1998.**

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- Historical Bibliography of Mecklenburg.

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- The Millennium Bug Infects Family History
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- Archdiocesan Baptismal Research in the United States
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- Assessment For Stamford Township 1827

**Anglo-Celtic Roots, British Isles F.H.S. of Greater Ottawa, Vol.5, No.1, Winter 1998/99.**

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# Visit To The Public Record Office At Kew

BY BRIAN BRODIE

The Public Record Office (PRO) at Kew, Surrey, England is housed in an intimidating building to the first-time visitor. Approached along a narrow suburban road, it looms ahead, fortress-like, in the distance, surrounded by ornamental ponds. You may possibly have glimpsed it from above as your aircraft flew over on its way to London, as it is on the flight path to Heathrow Airport.

What can you expect to find there? The Public Record Office houses one of the finest, most complete, Archives in Europe, comprising the records of the Central Government and Law Courts from the Domesday book in 1086 to the present day. It is a mine of information for the family historian, but it is not the place to begin research (BEVAN and DUNCAN 1990).

If you want to research birth, marriage and death records and census records for England and Wales, then the first place to visit should be the Family Records Centre at 1 Myddleton Street in Central London.

The purpose of this article is to share my experience so that you may make the most of your visit to the PRO. When planning a visit, absolutely essential reading is *New to Kew?* by Jane Cox, which is available at the SGS Library. Otherwise, much valuable time will be lost in orientation. Another book I found helpful in providing advance information is *Tracing your Ancestors in the Public Record Office* by Amanda Bevan and Andrea Duncan (an earlier edition is also at the SGS Library) which will enable you to know which records you will want to access before you arrive.

Having a definite idea of what you can research at the PRO and what you want to research there, it is helpful to know the procedure before you arrive. The first thing you will need at the PRO is a reader's

ticket. You fill out a form with your details and if you are not a UK citizen, you will need to show your passport or some formal identification document. In contrast to the National Archives in Ottawa, the process of obtaining a reader's ticket is available on Saturdays as well as weekdays, so that the frustration of having limited time, but not being able to get a reader's ticket to access the collections as in Ottawa, is avoided. Once you have a reader's ticket, you can proceed further. You may want to look at the bookstore, which I think has probably the best collection of genealogy and related books for sale in London. If you want to leave that for later and also ignore the large pleasant cafeteria at this point, the next port of call is the locker area/cloakroom. You will need a £1 coin (refundable) to access a locker where you must leave your belongings, including bags, coats and purses. You are only allowed to take into the research area a pencil (no pens are allowed) 6 loose sheets of paper or a notebook. At the foot of the stairwell you will need the reader's ticket to pass a control area, where anything you are carrying in or out will be inspected. The main research activities take place on the two next higher floors (in UK terms, the first and second floors, the main floor being named the "ground" floor).

At the top of the stairs, you will find an area of comfortable chairs round a TV with a continuous video showing you what you need to do to actually get what you want. I recommend watching this as it is quite short, but very helpful. At this point you are surrounded by a selection of pigeon holes containing free leaflets with detailed information of a range of subjects, all with helpful reference numbers, which will become very important and more and more familiar to you. You are welcome to refer to these and to take those which you might find useful. Some examples are:

#6 - Operational Records of the British Army in the First World War

#14 - Family History in England and Wales  
 #34 - Land Grants in America and American Loyalists' Claims  
 #71 - Emigrants: Documents in the Public Record Office

To find the particular document file you are interested in, refer to the class lists which are sets of binders with the major classification codes. There seem to be sets of these everywhere, which is very welcome.

The classification coding is made up of a lettercode and two numbers. The lettercode denotes the original government department. Here is a list of some of the major class lists:

AIR	Air Ministry
ADM	Admiralty
BN	Department of Health and Social Security
BT	Board of Trade
CO	Colonial Office
DO	Dominion Office
ED	Department of Education and Science
FO	Foreign Office
HO	Home Office
J	Probate Registry
LAB	Ministry of Labour
MH	Ministry of Health
MT	Transport Departments
PMG	Paymaster General's Office
RG	General Registry Office
RAIL	British Transport Historical Commission
T	Treasury
WO	War Office
ZHC	House of Commons

The Class List Binder for that department will give a class number for a particular subject and in some cases a sub number (piece number) is provided. Examples:

BT 27/821 UK Board of Trade "Outward Passenger Lists" 1890-1960  
 ADM 104/125 Royal Marines Register of Reports of Deaths July 1917 - July 1919.

Now you can think about ordering your records, but before you do this, you need to go to the Document Reading Room on this level and pick up a pager (bleeper). It will have a number and this will correspond to a seat in the document room, which will be your base on this level. You then go to the research inquiries room and order your documents through the computers lining one side of the room. You will need the reader's ticket at this point and the document references. You can order three items at one time. The computer will tell you which area to go to find your documents (if microfilm) or it will tell you that your documents have been ordered (in my case). You will have to wait 20-30 minutes before your pager tells you that your documents have arrived and where to pick them up. The wait may give you an opportunity to go back to the bookstore at this point or return to the class lists for more document research.

If your documents are large, as some of mine were, it will be necessary to go up to the next floor to the Map and Large Document Room to collect them and study them there, otherwise you go to the document reading room, collect your documents and go to your numbered seat. You may order another three documents/files once your order has been supplied.

There is provision to make your own photocopies of film or microfiche, otherwise the PRO will photocopy the document for you. The staff I found were very helpful and full of understanding for human fallibilities and unfamiliarity.

I found the problem was the vast extent of the records available at the PRO. Attempting to stay within your intended area and not get side tracked into other areas of interest is a major problem. In the space of a 5-hour visit, I had time only to:

1. Examine passenger lists of ships sailing from Southampton to the last part of 1913. These were the original documents, not microfilm. For the record, there is no index at that end either, so you have to know the exact date, the ship, and the port from which it sailed.

2. Look at some original records relating to a great-uncle who was in the Royal Marines and died in 1917.
  3. Have some lunch.
  4. Examine documents relating to the Home Children emigrating to Canada.
- Find and read the original operational record book of a particular squadron which referred to an incident involving a RCAF crew/member of an aircraft which crashed, narrowly missing Lincoln Cathedral in July, 1941.

A rewarding and enjoyable day, but the important thing is to be prepared and plan beforehand. The PRO is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays; 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

The Public Record Office is about 45 minutes by Underground from Central London and a ten minute walk from the nearest station, Kew, on the District Line.

Good hunting!

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## Debit Cards and Internet Users

Are you a family historian who buy software and services off the internet and uses a credit card? Here is a great idea for not losing large amounts of money if the card number gets into the hands of less than honest folk. Set up a small account at your bank and obtain a DEBIT CARD for that account. Deposit no more than what you think is the maximum you can lose, say \$100. That way \$100 is the maximum you can lose, not hundreds.

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# My Search for "Sandy" Buchanan

BY LINDA NEELY

During the period 1903 - 1907 my maternal grandparents, great-grandparents, and various aunts and uncles came from Ireland to settle on the Skull Creek, in the Cypress Hills of southwest Saskatchewan. The Buchanan family emigrated from County Cork. By the time of my birth they were all deceased so I never had the pleasure of knowing any of these ancestors personally. My mother, Margaret Buchanan Neely, often spoke about the family but not until I began to research the family did I find out about a cousin that was not often mentioned in family discussions.

In 1979 my mother submitted a Buchanan family history to the local history for Piapot (..Piapot.. Prairie.. Trails) and in it she included a picture and brief mention of Alexander Buchanan, who as a young boy came to the area with his grandparents John and Mary Buchanan. I was not familiar with this name and my mother's explanation at the time was that he was "Sandy, a cousin of some sort who died early in WWI without ever leaving Canada". There seemed to be a certain reluctance to talk more about him so the subject was dropped. Not until recently, after the death of my mother and her siblings, did I begin the search to find out more about this cousin and to try to understand why he seemed to be someone that the family did not want to talk about very much.

The Piapot history book described him as the grandchild of John P and Mary Jane Buchanan and it seemed that he had been raised by them; there was no mention of who his parents were. These were my Mother's grandparents as well, so I knew he was her cousin. The history included a picture taken about 1914 that shows him in an Army uniform with my mother's parents. There was nothing more about him in the family artifacts and lore.

The Internet and good luck were valuable tools for me in this search. I started with web site for the

National Archives of Canada at their index for the World War I Canadian Expeditionary Force ([www.archives.ca/db/cef](http://www.archives.ca/db/cef)). I found several Alexander Buchanans; so the question now was which one did I want? A regiment number is required in order to know which file to access. I did not know his regiment number but after discussion with some of my genealogist friends I corresponded with the National Archives using their standard forms. However, without the regiment number the only help they could offer was to photocopy any files I requested. They do not examine the files to determine which one would be most relevant. This was a much too expensive option so another route must be found.

I then visited the Saskatchewan Archives in Regina to search the newspaper microfilm files. The Maple Creek News was available on film for 1914 and 1915. Starting in August 1914 I was able to follow the story of the local enlisted men as the war progressed. I was delighted to trace this man's story from the December 23, 1914 issue where I found Alex Buchanan listed with several men who signed-up on December 21, 1914 and shortly thereafter departed to boot camp at Swift Current, Sask. The following issues reported on the progress of "our brave fighting boys" of 'C' Squadron of the 9th Canadian Mounted Rifles (CMR) through camp in Canada and then their mobilization to England. Throughout the issues from 1915, I read reports of war casualties in the community news, a telling reminder of the terrible price of war. Then the December 9, 1915 issue - an obituary for Alex Buchanan! Obituaries were a rarity in the newspapers of the time so this was a real treat to find one that told me he had died in St. John, New Brunswick after becoming ill on the train to Halifax.

The Archives also yielded two applications for a homestead by Alex Buchanan. The first one was obviously abandoned for some reason and the second

application was made just months before his enlistment. According to the ages given on these applications his birth date should be in 1893.

Back to the Internet, I still didn't have a regiment number, but with more advice from genealogist friends I now found the "Books of Remembrance" on the web site [www.schoolnet.ca/collections](http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections). This site is an electronic copy of the famous Books of Remembrance that are on display in the Peace Tower of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. These beautifully illustrated books list the names of all the Canadian service men and women who died in service during WWI and WWII.

Another stroke of good luck! In the book for 1915 there was only one Alexander Buchanan in the 9th CMR, and it gave me his middle name. I now knew he was Alexander Montgomery Buchanan, Montgomery was his grandmother's maiden name. I ordered and received a color copy of his page, a marvelous artifact to add to my file. The pages are turned daily to display a new page. Alexander's page is on display every year on January 19 and hopefully, someday I will be able to see it on display in the Peace Tower.

Armed with his full name I returned to the National Archives web site and was now able to order the file for the only Alexander Montgomery Buchanan listed, which was received in due course. The information in his attestation paper was both enlightening and confusing. The birth date given was February 22, 1892 but the age given would make the birth date November 1891. He named his grandfather as his father and next-of-kin. His birthplace was in Ireland and his occupation was a farmer. The only other document in the file is a report by the Medical Board that met to examine him in the St John Hospital, diagnose pneumonia and give the opinion that "his prognosis is grave". There was no further information regarding his death and place of burial. Apparently, the rest of the troop carried on to their destination, leaving him in the care of the local authorities.

Back to the Internet to find the web site of the St John Branch of the Genealogical Society of New Brunswick. With the help of a Branch volunteer I was put in contact with the hospital and cemetery in St John that I could write to for records.

From the Fernhill Cemetery in St John, I received the burial record for Alexander Buchanan in the lot reserved for military veterans. I now had his death date of November 27, 1915, buried December 1, 1915. Someday I hope to visit the grave and view the marker myself.

I now had enough information to order his birth record from Ireland. The birth date of April 13, 1894 does not agree with his military record but I'm sure I have the right records. His mother Elizabeth Buchanan was one of my mother's aunts that came to Canada, so why did the history book not mention that she was his mother? I think perhaps my Mother did not know this when she wrote the article, as she would have only been six years old when he died. Elizabeth Buchanan died in 1912. There is no father given - is this the family's secret regarding this man, a child born out of wedlock? If that is the blackest sheep in my family tree, then I have a pretty dull bunch of ancestors!

Recently, in one of those serendipity moments that happen occasionally, I came across an account of Alex Buchanan in *Where the Wagon Led*, a book written by R. D. Symons. In his reminiscences of his life as a cowboy in Saskatchewan he tells a story of Alex Buchanan, a young cowhand from the '76' Ranch in the Cypress Hills. I think Alex was a bit of a character. One day after the yearly round-up, the cowboys were celebrating and Alex rode his horse into the hotel bar, roped the piano player and tried to drag him and the piano down the street to another bar where there was no entertainment. The good natured fun ended without harm to anyone and a few days later Alex was enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

So, my 'cousin of some sort' turns out to be a man with four birth dates and no father. But, this man who was a shadowy figure on the edge of the

family now has become a real person. He was a farmer, cowboy and trooper and I am pleased to have him in the family tree. I had always believed that my family had no military members, but now I find that at least one was ready and willing to fight for his adopted country and died a lonely death far from home and family, abandoned even by his fellow troopers. I am proud to have a family member's name in the Books of Remembrance. There are more questions to answer, such as the discrepancy over the birth date. Surely the man would know his

own birthday. There was no reason to lie his way into the army because he was too young, so why does the date given in his own hand differ from the official state record? There may be more story here and I intend to find it. The search for Sandy continues.

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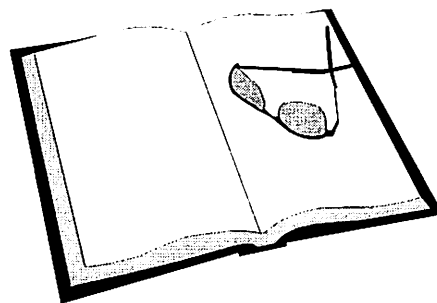
## England - Surrey - Parish Records and Wills Index

**BY ROBERT WILSMORE**

I lived in Canada many years ago and would like to share with you the benefit of my collection of surrey records. I hold fully indexed transcripts of these 82 parish registers in surrey (see list below) and I will be happy to search for burials and data without charge. Unless otherwise stated the transcripts go up to 1840, but many do not include marriages. I also hold the Surrey probate indexes of wills from 1660 to 1858. When requesting a information, please make reference to surname and parish. Enclose a reply envelope and an international reply coupon.

Abinger, Albury, Alfold, Ash, Ashstead, Banstead, Beddington, Betchworth, Bisley, Gt Bookham, Lt Bookham, Byfleet, Capel, Chertsey, Chiddingfold, Chipstead, Chobham, West Clandon, East Clandon, Compton, Cranleigh, Crowhurst, Long Ditton, Thames Ditton, Dorking, Dunsfold, Effingham, Egham, Esher, Ewhurst, Fetcham, Frensham, Frimley, Godalming, Godstone, Guildford St Nicholas, Guildford Holy Trinity and St Mary (1813-1940), Hambledon, Hascombe, Haslemere, Headley, Horne, Horsell, West Horsley, East Horsley, Kew,

Kingston upon Thames (to 1665), Leatherhead, Malden, Merrow, Mickleham, West Molesey, East Molesey, Morden, Mortlake, Newdigate, Nutfield, Oakwood, Ockham, Ockley, Oxted, Peper Harrow, Pirbright, Putney (1813-1837), Pyrford, St Martha's, Sanderstead, Shalford, Stoke near Guildford, Stoke Dabernon, Tandridge, Walton on the Hill, Walton on Thames, Wanborough, Wimbledon, Windlesham and Bagshot, Wisley, Witley, Wonersh, Wotton, Worplesdon.



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# More on the 1911 Census

BY: LYN WINTERS

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Readers may recall my article *Do You Ever Want to See Another Census*, widely circulated in genealogy circles last year. They may have also seen the response to it by Louise Desramaux, access to information and privacy coordinator at Statistics Canada, denying her department ever considered destroying the 1911 census. Documents obtained since that time plainly show Statistics Canada has advocated destruction of census records. Census records are a vital link to the past. That thought has been given to destroying census records for *any* year is a matter of grave concern.

A position paper in my possession dated March 21, 1995, summarizes Statistics Canada's position on the 1911 census clearly. It was obtained under the Access to Information Act. Written to Chief Statistician Ivan Fellegi by Jean-Pierre Wallot, who was then national archivist, the paper says in part:

Statistics Canada has a concern that the confidentiality provisions of the Statistics Act prohibit the transfer of post-1901 census records to the National Archives without authorization from the individuals concerned. Since such authorization would be impossible to obtain, Statistics Canada has not been willing to transfer these records to the Archives. Their concern is that such action might jeopardize the privacy of census records, and ultimately influence the willingness of Canadians to provide personal information to the census taker. It is the position of Statistics Canada that the census records should be destroyed.

The National Archives has maintained that, due to the great historical and research value of census records, these records should be transferred to the care and control of the National Archives. Eventually, at a time when the individuals are no

longer living, the records could be made available to support the kind of research that is essential for any civilized society.

These quotes starkly reflect the differing positions taken by the National Archives and Statistics Canada on the issue of whether to make post-1901 census records public. Statistics Canada's wish to destroy census records is also referred to in a second document obtained through Access to Information. This one is dated December 23, 1994, and written by Julien Delisle, executive director of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, to assistant national archivist Michael Swift. It concludes:

Thus, considering that there is presently no further justification to keep the 1991 census records for any administrative uses, we fully support the position of Stats Can to seek the authorization from the National Archivist to dispose of the 1991 Census records.

Fortunately the national archivist has the final say in whether census records can be destroyed. The National Archives Act prohibits destruction of government records without his consent. Despite the archives' wishes however, Statistics Canada still refuses to deposit with the National Archives any census records beyond 1901, citing as their reason a section placed in the Statistics Act to protect the privacy of individuals enumerated in those returns. It is my view as a layman that this section was intended to protect census information for only 92 years. Statistics Canada views it as tying their hands forever.

Pointing the way to a possible solution, the National Archives document described the success achieved by our American neighbours in resolving a dilemma similar to ours. As is currently the case in Canada, census records in the United States were



once protected by a guarantee of indefinite confidentiality. In 1978, however, Congress passed an amendment that affirmed a long-standing practice of releasing records after 72 years. The archives document says the 72- year rule seems to have been accepted by the general public. "During the 1980 census this limitation was noted on the cover of every census questionnaire and there has been no evidence of any adverse effects on the levels of respondent cooperation. This example is evidently of some value for purpose of this discussion."

To all of you genealogists interested in seeing future census records, don't give up hope. There may be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. I understand that John Manley, the minister responsible for Statistics Canada, has asked the agency to develop, for his consideration, options for changing the Statistics Act. We also have some interest in the Senate. Senator Lorna Milne supported the cause in a speech in the Red Chamber on November 17, 1998.

Chances seem remote that the National Archives and Statistics Canada will resolve this issue on their own. On March 27, 1995, after a meeting with the chief statistician, Dr. Wallot wrote: "It is quite possible that the long-term will be resolved at a later date, possibly by people other than the Chief Statistician and the National Archivist." It is discouraging to think a bureaucratic stalemate has been reached. That the current head of the National Archives is only acting in that position also bodes ill for a possible solution.

Statistics Canada's promise of perpetual confidentiality to the individuals enumerated in post-1901 census returns was unrealistic. Genealogists, historians and other concerned individuals must continue to press for change.

#### **WILL YOU BE HERE IN 2094?**

- Genealogists, historians and other researchers are going to have to take up their pens again if

they hope to win release of any further census records.

- One proposal being considered by the government in response to a public letter-writing campaign on this issue could bar release of further census records for almost another century.
- Under current law, 1901 is the last census that will ever be made public. After being flooded with letters requesting that the law be changed, John Manley, the minister in charge of Statistics Canada, instructed the agency to develop possible solutions.
- Manley said in a recent letter that he now has two proposals before him. The first would enable the release of all census records to the public 92 years after they are taken, including those taken between 1911 and 1991.
- The second proposal would apply only to census returns that will be taken in the future. That means the next census that would be released would be the return taken in 2001. Its year of release would be 2094.
- The first proposal would effectively meet the concerns of genealogists. The second is completely unacceptable. If you agree, then it's time to write some more letters and make your views known to your member of Parliament and to Mr. Manley.
- Remember, you do not need a postage stamp, simply address it to your local MP, House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6. Letters to Mr. Manley should be addressed to The Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- As a suggestion, to save changing the letters to suit the players, send your letter to Mr. Manley's office, make an extra copy and send it to your local MP with a note that you expect he will also bring this matter to the minister's attention.
- Please don't delay - do it now or we won't see another census released until 2094! Will you be around?

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Librarian

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- Schopf: Kinship - The Schopf Story in North America 1893-1998. (Book). Donated by Louise Petschulat.
- Skinner: Recollections, Letters and Land. Skinner, Humphrey, Salter, Horner, Hukins and Virgo. (Book). Donated by Yvonne Brown.
- Wagner: How Papa Won the War. (Book). Donated by Phyllis Taylor.
- Westgate: 1625-1998 of Westgates. (Book). Donated by Frank A. Westgate.

**Genealogy:**

- Access to Ancestry. (Book).
- A Family Historian's Guide to Illness, Disease and Death Certificates. (Book).
- Netting Your Ancestors. Genealogical Research on the Internet. (Book). Donated by Dr. L.R.W. Hamilton.
- Paper Trees Genealogical Clip-art. (Book) Donated by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.
- Routes to Roots. A Collection of Genealogical Columns. (Book).
- The Sunny Side of Genealogy. A Humorous Collection of Anecdotes, Poems, Wills, Epitaphs, and Other Miscellany From Genealogy. (Book). Donated by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.
- Beginning Your Family History in Great Britain. Seventh Edition. (Book). Donated by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

**Great Britain:**

- Catholic Family History: A Bibliography for Scotland. (Book).

**Great Britain: England/Wales**

- The Oxford Guide to Family History. (Book). Donated by Dr. L.R.W. Hamilton.

**Great Britain: England, Cornwall**

- Tam Kernewek: Journal of the Cornish American Heritage Society. Volume 15, No.1-4, 1997; Volume 16, No.1, 1998. (Periodical). Donated by Beulah Caswell.

**Great Britain: England, Essex**

- Essex Society for Family History: Handbook 1997/1998. Surname Interests & Essex Family Historian Index: Issues 1-65. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.*

**Great Britain: England, Huntingdon**

- Huntingdon Family History Society - Directory of Members' Interests 1999. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.* Donated by Linda Wiggins.

**Great Britain: England, Huntingdon, Little Paxton**

- Little Paxton (St. James) Monumental Inscriptions Church 1693-1954; Churchyard 1728-1996. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.* Donated by Linda Wiggins.

**Great Britain: England, Hampshire, Isle of Wight**

- Isle of Wight Family History Society No. 32-43, 1994-1996; No. 44-51, 1997-1998. (Periodical).

**Great Britain: England, Kent**

- Kent Family History Society Journal Volume 7-9, 1996-1998. (Periodical). Donated by Beulah Caswell.
- North West Kent Family History Society Journal Volume 7, No. 4-11, 1995-1997. (Periodical). Donated by Dorothy Slater.
- North West Kent Family History Society Members Interests' Directory and Library List 1994. (Microfiche). *Reference Only.* Donated by Dorothy Slater.

**Great Britain: England, Warwickshire**

- Midland Ancestor Volume 9-10, 1992-1994. (Periodical). Donated by David G. Marshall.

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# SGS NEWS

## FROM THE OFFICE ...

**BY MARGE THOMAS**

Executive Director

I hope you had a chance to attend the Annual Meeting and Workshop. The workshop was on the importance of a family health tree and how to develop one. If you missed the workshop, we are selling a kit to aid you in creating your own family health tree. See page 73. We have ordered more books entitled *How Healthy Is Your Family Tree? A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Family's Medical and Behavioral History* by Carol Krause. These should be in by the time you read this.

At the Annual General Meeting, the membership voted to delete the three Bylaws in relationship to Regions. See insert in March Bulletin for more details.

New this year, is a Genealogy Summer Camp July 19 to 23. This is a hands on program to help participants make the optimum use of their research time. The program includes tutorials, and hands on experience under the guidance of an experienced researcher. This is a trial year, and if we receive enough interest it will be offered again next year, with more lead in time. See page 71.

On page 57, there is an update to the release of future census. Success in lobbying is determined by the number of letters received by all members of parliament. Thanks to all those people who supported the lobbying effort that has resulted in two proposed draft legislations. So, if you want to be able to read another census you must let your views about the proposed legislations be known and send a letter as outlined in the census update on page 58.

This issue includes an insert with the seminar registration and all the workshops offered. Consider attending the Seminar this fall. You may meet someone who is researching your line. **Seminar 2000 will be hosted by Regina Branch.**

SGS has discontinued the practice of offering member and non-member rates for its services, such as: workshops, research and the seminar. To qualify for a

postal subsidy for our Bulletin mail outs and to issue a tax receipt for membership fees, we must comply with postal regulations and the Charities Act. Compliance requires that there be no special fees for members. Loss of either would have a considerable financial impact on SGS affecting the programming we offer. Fees are set to cover the actual cost.

Contact me at [margethomas.sgs@cableregina.com](mailto:margethomas.sgs@cableregina.com) if you have any questions.

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## SURFING THE NET ...

**By Marge Thomas**

Executive Director

SGS site [www.saskgenealogy.com](http://www.saskgenealogy.com)

SGS site developed and maintained by Advance Genealogy Systems <http://www.advanceplus.com>

Archives of Canada now has Archivia Net on their site at [www.archives.ca](http://www.archives.ca). Archivia Net is an online research tool with finding aids such as the Dominion Land Grants with more to come.

The Family History Library are beta testing their databases with the International Genealogical Index and Ancestral File - [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) The site also includes the Locality Catalog

I apologize for the error in the March Bulletin. The Bank of Canada site, unclaimed bank accounts are at [www.bank-banque-Canada.ca](http://www.bank-banque-Canada.ca)

For a good search engine see [www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com)

The finding aids for Glenbow Archives including Charles Denny Genealogical Collection at [www.glenbow.org/archhtm/gene.htm](http://www.glenbow.org/archhtm/gene.htm)

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## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED for 2000 SGS Board

SGS Nomination Committee chaired by Past President Marie Svedahl, includes Director Dr. Wanda Young, and President Janis Bohlken. The Committee seeks nominations for interested members to put their name forth for the 2000 Board.

### *SGS Board Responsibilities:*

- To represent the interests of the membership in governing the Society
- To participate fully as a Board member, attending Board meetings, orientation, AGM's, liaisoning & committees, etc
- To abide by SGS Constitution, By-laws & Policies
- Be prepared to define SGS goals & set policies
- Demonstrate knowledge and acceptance of SGS Mission & Objectives and lottery funding.

Anyone interested in letting their name stand or knowing of someone who may be interested, please read and use the nomination forms in the September bulletin insert or contact SGS office.

Rae became a member of the SGS in 1980 and was instrumental in creating a Branch at Biggar, where he inspired new members with workshops and projects. Rae was the organizing force behind transcribing local cemeteries, and in the indexing of the local history book. He undertook a number of indexing and publishing projects and continues to publish vital stats compiled from the Biggar newspaper.

He has served as editor of the branch newsletter in both Biggar and Lloydminster, and also three years as editor of SGS Bulletin. After having served

on the SGS Board of Directors for several years as a representative from his area, in 1994 and 1995 Rae became SGS President.

Congratulations, Rae, for a job well done.

### **Thank You From Rae W. Chamberlain**

Thank You for the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Heritage Volunteer Award. I have received great enjoyment and much satisfaction undertaking the various activities that have resulted in me receiving this honour. I hope, I have inspired a few of you to continue researching your family tree and to be a SGS volunteer. It has been a great opportunity to meet new people and to make many new friends. I hope to continue to contribute in some small way to preserving our heritage.

It is indeed a great honour to receive the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Heritage Volunteer Award, Thank You very much.

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## **SGS Heritage Volunteer Of The Year Award**



Rae chamberlain and Marie Svedahl (Past President).

The winner of this year's Heritage Volunteer Award is Rae Chamberlain of Lloydminster, formerly of Biggar, SK. He has devoted much time toward the preservation of Saskatchewan's history.

### ADVERTISING

SGS accepts paid advertisements for the Bulletin. Camera ready and disk copy preferable. Contact SGS for policy and rates. SGS Bulletin, PO Box 1894, Regina Saskatchewan S4P 3E1. E-mail: [margethomas.sgs@cableregina.com](mailto:margethomas.sgs@cableregina.com). Cutoff for Bulletins are July 15, 1999; October 15, 1999; January 15, 2000 and April 15, 2000.



# Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual Seminar

## TREASURE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY Past Present and Future October 22 - 24, 1999

Heritage Inn – 1590 Main Street North  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

### SEMINAR PROGRAM AND EVENTS

#### Friday October 22

3:00 - On-going Displays

5:00 - 7:15 Registration

7:15 - 7:30 Opening Remarks

7:30 - 9:00

- 1) Genealogy in the 21<sup>st</sup>. Century. Twenty years ago, genealogy was tied to individuals working with original documents and little else. Now we have indexes, publications, websites and scanners providing us with new possibilities. What does the future hold and how can we take advantage of it without being overwhelmed?  
– Ryan Taylor

9:00 - 10:00 Meet the speakers and attendees.

#### Saturday October 23

8:00 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast  
Late Registrations

9:00 - 10:15

- 2) Arriving in Canada West: Experiences of people who immigrated from Europe to Ontario.  
– Ryan Taylor
- 3) Using Your Own Records to Develop a Health Tree, Part 1: Setting Up. (Bring your pedigree chart & family unit sheets for 4 generations.)  
– Darlene Clifford
- 4) Family Search Program. – John Chamberlain
- 5) St. Petersburg Consistory Lutheran Records for Volhynia - recent discovery of annual transcriptions of BMD's from these records archived in St. Petersburg. – John Marsch

10:15 - 10:45 Refreshment Break

**Note:** Continental Breakfast, which is included in your registration fee, will be served on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Speakers are subject to change due to unfortunate circumstances. Time slots will remain as shown if at all possible.

10:45 - 12:00

- 6) Getting started on the Internet.  
– John Quesnel
- 7) Passenger & Immigration Records, Part 1: searching other records for clues.  
– Louise Petschulat
- 8) Getting Started in Your Scottish Research & Introducing All Sources Available.  
– Bob Pittendrigh
- 9) What's a Banat? Geography, history, and genealogical research in the Banat region of Southeastern Europe. – Glenn Schwartz

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch (included in registration fee)

1:00 - 2:00 SGS Membership Meeting

2:00 - 3:15

- 10) Church Records Beyond BMD: What they are and where to find them. – Ryan Taylor
- 11) Advanced Internet Research.  
– John Quesnel
- 12) Using Your Own Records to Develop a Health Tree, Part 2: Analyzing. (Bring your pedigree chart & family unit sheets for 4 generations.) – Darlene Clifford
- 13) International Genealogical Index (IGI): Interpreting the Results.  
– John Chamberlain

3:15 - 3:30 Refreshment Break

3:30 - 4:45

- 14) Introduction to The Master Genealogist Computer Program. – John Quesnel
- 15) Passenger & Immigration Records, Part 2: Passenger lists and border crossing.  
– Louise Petschulat
- 16) Scottish Research in Depth: More details on each of the sources and what is available electronically. – Bob Pittendrigh
- 17) Moose Jaw Library/Archives - records available

5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour (cash bar)

6:30 - 8:30 Banquet (\$20.00/ticket)



## Sunday October 24

9:00 - 10:15

- 18) Recent Developments in Ontario Research. – Ryan Taylor
- 19) Preserving Family Pictures on Fabric: Techniques for transferring pictures to fabric will be shown and explained. Pictures can be brought out of boxes and transferred to fabric to be made into garments, quilts, or wall hangings. – Arlyce Thompson
- 20) The Names Live - Saskatchewan WW II casualties and how the province named geographic features in the North in memory of these people. – Doug Chisholm
- 21) Discovering the Dream: Using maps & gazetteers to learn where relatives settled. – Blanche Fleming

10:15 – 10:30 Refreshment Break

10:30 - 11:00 Closing Comments

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## Speakers

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### **Ryan Taylor** (Sessions # 1, 2, 10, and 18)

Ryan was educated at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. He is a genealogical librarian at the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He lectures extensively on genealogy and history, and is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Routes to Roots* (1997), *Books You Need to do Genealogy in Ontario* (1996) and *Much to be Done* (1996) and *Across the Waters* (1998, both with Frances Hoffman). He was editor of *Families*, the journal of the Ontario Genealogical Society 1988-1997, and now author of family history columns in *Kitchener-Waterloo Record* and the online *Global Gazette*.

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### **John Chamberlain:** (Sessions # 4 and 13)

John began his family research in 1995. His main areas of interest are New Brunswick, England and the US. He has been a volunteer at the Regina FHC for the past 3 years.

### **Doug Chisholm:** (Session # 20)

Doug has owned a Cessna 180 floatplane for 20 years, and has recorded aerial photos of 1,000 northern geo-memorial sites which were named by our province in memory of Saskatchewan servicemen who lost their lives in WW II.

### **Darlene Clifford:** (Sessions # 3 and 12)

Darlene holds SGS certification of Saskatchewan Record Keeper and Saskatchewan Instructor. She is a Regina Branch member and co-chair for the 2000 SGS Seminar.

### **Blanche Fleming:** (Sessions # 21)

Blanche has been researching her family history for 35 years. She is the 1<sup>st</sup> person to graduate as a certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher, Instructor & Researcher.

### **John Marsch:** (Session # 5)

John is born of Volhynian German parentage and became interested in family history in 1992. He has developed a deep and consuming interest in the areas of central Poland and Volhynian Germans. Recently John has been actively engaged in the extraction and computerization of the St. Petersburg Lutheran Consistory church records for Volhynia. He is on a Steering Committee which has formed a new genealogical society called the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE).

### **Louise Petschulat:** (Sessions # 7, and 15)

Louise is a retired teacher and school administrator. She is now teaching Introductory Genealogy classes and is a certified Saskatchewan Researcher of Genealogy. She has self-published two family history books.

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### **Robert Pittendrigh:** (Sessions # 8 and 16)

Bob is retired after working for the City of Regina for 28 years. He is a charter member of the SGS and a volunteer at the Family History Library in Regina. During the early years of the SGS, Bob was involved in giving classes on how to hunt ancestors. He also held various positions in the SGS. His other interests are using computers for genealogy and keeping in touch with various family members world-wide.

### **John Quesnel:** (Sessions # 6, 11, and 14)

John has been tracing his family history (Quebec, France & England) since 1962. Since 1982, he has used computers to assist his research. He is a service quality manager for ISM's on-line systems. He also re-markets genealogical programs and books over the Internet through his site. His other company features web site hosting. John also maintains the SGS web site.

### **Glenn Schwartz:** (Session # 9)

Glenn's genealogy began with a curiosity about the continual parade of friends and relatives through his grandparents' home. In 1984, he decided to sort out who was who and get some information down on paper. In 1996, he joined with two other researchers to found the Zichydorf Village Association which focuses on their ancestral village in the Banat.

### **Arlyce Thompson:** (Session # 19)

Arlyce has been interested in genealogy for a number of years. Her family is from Northern Germany and Volhynia. She loves to sew, piece, and quilt and has found a way to enjoy both her love of sewing and interest in genealogy. She is co-owner of a fast growing fabric store in Moose Jaw.



## ON-GOING DISPLAYS

**Creative Memories** – Moose Jaw

**Roberts Research Service**

– Edmonton, Alberta

- Sale of Books, Maps, Binders, etc.

**Photographic Image Enhancement,**

– Saskatoon

**Family History Center** – Moose Jaw

**SGS**

**Doug Chisholm** – LaRonge

- Individuals deceased in WWII

**Saskatchewan Archives Board**

**NPS Distributing** – North Battleford

- Computer genealogical programs

## ACCOMMODATION

Please make your own reservations as early as possible to ensure availability. Indicate that you will be attending the SGS Seminar.

### Hotels

**Heritage Inn**

1590 Main St. N

Moose Jaw, SK.

Phone (306) 693-7550

1-888-888-4374

10-non-smoking rooms booked for October 22.

Any other rooms that come open will be added to our block. Complete block of rooms for Saturday night.

**Super 8 Motel**

1706 Main St. N.

Moose Jaw

phone 306-692-8888

1-800-800-8000

Booked all rooms for both nights. Confirmed until 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

**Comfort Inn**

Thatcher Drive

(close to Main)

Under construction – completion date: June.

Will not take reservations at this time.

## REGISTRATION FORM

[one form per registrant]

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

SGS Seminar 1999

Box 1894

Regina, SK S4P 3E1

Please make cheque or money order payable to:

**SGS Seminar**

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### PLEASE PRINT

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Research Questionnaire:

Please complete the following to indicate the surname(s) and area(s) you are researching. This information will be posted at the Seminar. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

**Surname:**

**Area:**

(example)

BEAMISH

FOX

IRE>ON>MB>SK

GER>USA

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## Workshop Selection:

Sessions listed in the program are numbered as shown below. Please **circle** the number of the sessions for which you wish to register. Choose **only one** activity per given time period.

### Saturday October 23

9:00 - 10:15    2       3       4       5

10:45 - 12:00   6       7       8       9

12:00 -12:45 LUNCH (included in registration)

2:00 - 3:15       10       11       12       13

3:30 - 4:45       14       15       16       17

### Sunday October 24

9:00 - 10:15    18       19       20       21

**Early Bird Registration Fee:**    \$52.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
[postmarked on or before Sept. 20, 1999]

**Regular Registration Fee:**       \$57.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
[postmarked after Sept. 20, 1999]

### SGS Membership Fees [if desired]

Family membership               \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior membership               \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Night Banquet:

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00/ticket    \_\_\_\_\_

**Syllabus:**       \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 each    \_\_\_\_\_

### Total Enclosed:

(Make cheque or money order payable to **SGS Seminar**)

## SYLLABUS

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

## CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be granted for requests received in writing. Requests postmarked not later than Monday, October 3, 1999 will be refunded in full and any received after that will be charged a 15% administration fee.

## TOURS

The Seminar Committee has arranged special rates for the following tours over the Seminar weekend. People wishing to take part in these tours must make their own arrangements.

### Western Development Museum

9 AM to 6 PM

Adults \$4.50

Seniors (65+) and Students 3.50

Children 6 - 12 years \$1.25

### Temple Gardens Spa

9 AM to 11 PM

Adults \$5.00

Seniors (60+) and Students \$4.00

### Tunnels of Little Chicago

10 AM to 5 PM

Adults \$5.00

Seniors (65+) and Students \$4.00

Children 6 - 12 years \$2.50

## CONTACT PERSONS

For more information you may contact:

SGS: Ph. (306)780-9207

Address: Box 1894, Regina, SK  
S4P 3E1

David Pickering: Ph. (306)692-0571



## Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Certification Graduates for 1999

The SGS is pleased to announce the names of the following people who received their Certification certificates at the Annual Meeting on 24 April 1999.

### *Certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher*

The Certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher is qualified to conduct a search of the basic Saskatchewan sources, to write a documented research report and conduct their business in an ethical manner. This is a temporary certificate valid for two years.

- Linda Neely, Regina
- Dorothy Lockhart, Hanley
- M. Lewis Lockhart, Hanley
- Millie Rudolph, Marshall

### *Certified Saskatchewan Researchers.*

The following people are members of the first graduating class. The Certified Saskatchewan Researcher is qualified to analyze genealogical research problems, to conduct research in all records sources in Saskatchewan, write well documented research reports and conduct their business in an ethical manner. This is a temporary certificate valid for two years.

- Brian Brodie
- Blanche Fleming
- Louise Petschulat
- Linda Wiggins

These people are the first group who are receiving their permanent certification - valid for five years:

- Brian Brodie - Saskatchewan Record Searcher
- Darlene Clifford - Saskatchewan Instructor and Saskatchewan Record Searcher
- Blanche Fleming - Saskatchewan Instructor and Saskatchewan Record Searcher
- Ilene Lequyere - Saskatchewan Record Searcher
- John Meen - Saskatchewan Instructor and Saskatchewan Record Searcher



Back row from left to right: John Meen, Linda Wiggins, Bob Pittendrigh (Chair of Board of Certification), Brian Brodie. Front row from left to right: Louise Petschulat, Blanche Fleming, Linda Neely. Missing: Darlene Clifford, Ilene Lequyere, Dorothy Lockhart, M. Lewis Lockhart, Millie Rudolph.

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## Genealogy Summer Camp

19 - 23 July 1999

A chance to learn how to conduct genealogical research in Saskatchewan. Attend morning tutorials about specific records then spend the rest of the day applying this new found knowledge at SGS Library, Regina Public Library and Saskatchewan Archives Board under the guidance of an experienced researcher.

This hands on program will help participants make the optimum use of their research time.

Fee: \$60.00

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Minimum of 6 students and maximum of 10.

Contact SGS at (306) 780-9207 for an application form and a detailed brochure.



# 1999 Fundraising Campaign

*The following is a list of people who have donated money from January 1, 1999-April 30, 1999.*

## ***Friends (\$10-49)***

David R. Allen  
Todd Andrews  
Claude Arcand  
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Shirley Whitlock  
Lloyd Wiebe  
Donald & Erna Wiks  
Bertha Wilson  
Len Wittig  
Millicent Wolff

## ***Fellows (\$50-99)***

John Callsen  
William H. Cram  
Darrol D. Driver  
Faye & Tim Prince  
Leo L. Schneider  
Terry Smith  
C.I. Spence

Evelyn & Hugh Stewart

## ***Associate (\$100-499)***

Betty M. & James Coldwell  
Evelyn Jonescu

## ***Special Purchases***

*The following people donated \$10 or more to be put towards a special purchase of their choice.*

Brian McArton  
Paul Siemens

## ***Memorial***

*Memorial donations were made by the following people in memory of someone.*

R.N. Parras  
Pangman Branch  
Weyburn Branch

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## **Volunteers Needed**

- 1999 Seminar
  - data entry - syllabus
- Bulletin
  - proofing
  - data entering
- Library
  - assist in Library
  - mailing out books
  - reading shelves

***SGS will provide training and support.***

### Great Britain: Ireland

- Emigrants from Ireland to America 1735-1743. (Book). Donated by Barbara Gamble.
- Familia - Ulster Genealogical Review Volume 2, No. 1, 2, & 8, 1985, 1986, 1992. (Periodical). Donated by David G. Marshall.
- The Great Hunger, Ireland 1845-1849. (Book). Donated by Ed Goski.
- Irish Family History - Journal of the Irish Family History Society. Volume 4 11, 1988-1995. (Periodical). Donated by David G. Marshall.
- North Irish Roots Volume 1-2, 1984-1990. (Periodical). Donated by David G. Marshall.

### Great Britain: Ireland, Wicklow

- The Last County. The Emergence of Wicklow As A County 1606-1845. (Book). Donated by D. Brenda Cooper.

### United States:

- The Hidden half of the Family - A Sourcebook for Women's Genealogy. (Book).

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## Book Reviews

BY LAURA HANOWSKI

Librarian

*Indians From New York in Ontario and Quebec, Canada: A Genealogy Reference - Volume Two.* By Toni Jollay Prevost. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. 1995, 255pp, 8½ x 11". Price: \$39.00 plus \$5.00 for postage and handling.

This book is the second of three volumes intended to be genealogical reference guides for those seeking to identify a name among the Indians who once lived in the state of New York. This volume contains information about the Cayuga, Chippewa (Ojibway), Delaware, Mohawk, Munsee (Muncey) Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora who either migrated to or were natives of Ontario and Quebec. There are census abstracts as they relate to Indians for 1851 and 1881 and historical notes. Records within each section are listed in alphabetical order. The author recommends that you use this a guide and always check the original records.

*Paper Trees Genealogical Clip-art.* By Tony Matthews. 1999, n/p, 8½" x 11½", illustrations. Soft cover. Price: \$14.95.

This book is a unique collection of hand-drawn family trees and charts which you can fill in and color by yourself. Your imagination is the only limit.

*Local Histories of Ontario Municipalities, 1987 - 1997: A Bibliography.* By Barbara B. Aitken. Published by The Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Boulevard, Suite 102, Toronto, ON M4R 1B9. xiv, 93pp, 7" x 10½", illustrations, map. Softback. Price: \$15.00, OGS Member price: \$12.00. Postage and packing: In Canada \$3.00. First item plus .75¢ each additional item. Canadians must add 7% GST to both book and postage charges. Outside Canada \$4.50 first item plus \$1.50 each additional item. Non-Canadians to pay in US funds but deduct 20% from the total cost including postage.

This is the third in a series of bibliographic resources produced by Barbara B. Aitken. They are invaluable aids to finding histories for schools, churches, communities, townships and counties. Entries are arranged alphabetically under the appropriate geographical name Under each name is a listing for some of the places the book can be found. A map at the end of the book will help you find the locations of the townships and counties. The previous volumes are now available from the OGS as well. Volume 1 covers 1951 - 1977 and Volume 2 covers 1977 - 1987. These volumes cost \$12.00 each or \$20.00 for the pair.



***Obituary Index The Independent Biggar, Saskatchewan 1990 to 1998.*** Compiled by Rae Chamberlain. Published by Biggar Branch Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, PO Box 1103, Biggar, SK S0K 0M0. 1999, 17pp, 8½" x 11". Softback. Price: Canada \$6.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packaging. U.S. orders payable in U.S. funds.

This book lists the obituaries published in *The Independent*. Copies of the obituaries are part of SGS obituary collection.

***Pre-1841 Censuses & Population Listings in the British Isles.*** By Colin R. Chapman. 1999, Fifth edition, 1999, 84pp, 5½" x 8½". Soft cover. Price: \$15.00.

This edition has revised the text and appendices to incorporate over 200 additional listings for Ireland. The book is a unique chronological account of censuses and enumerations in the British Isles from 1086 to 1841.

*The following books have been donated by Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Postage & Handling: One book \$3.50; each additional book \$1.25. UPS Ground Service: First book \$5.00; each additional book \$2.00.*

***Beginning Your Family History in Great Britain.*** George Pelling, and revised and updated by Pauline Litton. Seventh Edition, 1998, 96pp, 5 ½" x 8½", illustrations, indexed. Softback. Price: \$9.95.

This is the standard introductory text for those beginning their family history in Great Britain. It provides guidelines to enable one to begin their search and enough information preliminary information to research back ten generations. This edition adds information about FamilySearch, the 1881 Census Index Project and information found in the Parish Chest.

***The Hidden Half of the Family. A Sourcebook for Women's Genealogy.*** By Christina Kassabain Schaefer. 1999, xii, 298pp, 8½" x 11½". Soft cover. Price: \$35.00 U.S.

Christina Schaefer provides the researcher with a solution for how to find our female ancestors in the United States but gives us ideas that may be checked in other countries as well. The time period covered is from the 1600s to the outbreak of World War II. Material is included for both African American and Native

American women and research about Asian American women, specifically those of Chinese and Japanese heritage.

***The Sunny side of Genealogy. A Humorous Collection of Anecdotes, Poems, Wills, Epitaphs, and Other Miscellany From Genealogy.*** Compiled by Fonda D. Baselt, Reprinted 1999, 102pp, 5½" x 8½". Softback. Price \$9.95.

This edition contains new material which should bring a smile or chuckle during your genealogy break!

***Naturalization and Citizenship Indexes in the Canada Gazette 1915 - 1951: A Finding Aid.*** Compiled by Dave Obee, 1999, First edition. Available from Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, Box 1894, Regina, SK S4P 3E1. 1999, 15pp, 8½" x 11", cerlox bound. Price: \$6.25 plus \$1.25 for postage and handling for one book and .50¢ for additional book.

The names of those who received Canadian citizenship from 1915 to April, 1951 are found in the Canada Gazette. This invaluable book will lead you directly to the date and page where each list is found. Dave has included a history of the citizenship process and information about how to order copies of the certificates.

***Western Canadian Directories on Microfiche and microfilm: A Finding Aid.*** Compiled by Dave Obee, 1999, First edition. Available from Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, Box 1894, Regina, SK S4P 3E1. 1999, 27pp, 8 ½ x 11", cerlox bound. Price: \$6.25 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling for one book and .50¢ for each additional book.

Directories provide us with information about where our ancestors lived, where they worked and whether they owned the houses where they lived. Directories can also serve as census substitutes as well as for censuses that have not been released. These directories are found on microfiche and microfilm making them accessible to most genealogists. This book identifies which communities had directories, what years exist and where some copies are located. There are excellent strategies provided so you can make effective use of directories.

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# Finding School Records In Saskatchewan

BY: LOUISE PETSCHULAT

Are you curious about unknown aspects of your ancestors' lives? Do you want to add color and historical data to a biography before you publish? Have you asked a great-aunt, or grandfather to talk about school days? They have lots of fond memories.

The schools which we attend and the school friends with whom we associate leave indelible memories which last a lifetime. The following list of Saskatchewan School Resources, listed by location will get you started. You can add other school resources to the list as you locate them.

## Saskatchewan Archives Board

The Saskatchewan Archives Board has several types of records:

### 1. School District Records.

- Copies of the Poll Book - Contains a map of the proposed school district, showing the surnames of the land owners and the numbers of children who will attend school. There is also a list of the ratepayers along with their signatures and their land description. Sometimes there is correspondence dealing with the name for the school, and specifics about the location, costs for building the school, the teacherage and the barn.
- School Board Minutes of Annual Meetings. These record the names of the School Trustees and the current business of the Board. Sometimes there is a list of the teaching staff, with assigned grades and numbers of students in each grade.
- School Inspectors' Reports may list the teachers, numbers of students in each class, comments on

teachers, students, school classes, and perhaps comments on the building.

- Letters concerning the hiring of staff.
  - Letters from or to parents, School Boards and the Department of Education.
2. **Records submitted by the school.** To find if any are available, a researcher would look up the name of the school in the Card File.
  3. **Local Government Board Records** pertaining to a School District if they requested financial aid to build the school.
  4. **Superintendent Reports on Teachers.** Reports prior to 1945 may be accessed. Post 1945 reports are restricted. Special permission is needed from the Provincial Archivist to access these.
  5. **Inactive Teachers Microfilm Collection - 1912-1938** for the Department of Education, Saskatchewan. These are people who taught in Saskatchewan for a period of time but did not superannuate. This collection, R-2.1069, is arranged in alphabetical order on 59 reels of microfilm. At the end of Reel 59 are the names of 21 people who were missed on the original microfilming. The reels may contain: birth date and place, birth certificate number, maiden name and marriage information, Saskatchewan training detail, training elsewhere, Inspectors' testimonials, personal recommends, soldier's discharge information and the names of the schools and the years taught.
  6. **Early school registers**, predominantly from eastern Saskatchewan School Districts. These are on microfilm.



7. **Saskatchewan Teachers Federation *Bulletin*** on microfilm; as well as its predecessors the *Torch* and *Western Bulletin*.

8. **Unpublished Thesis** for the students of University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina are listed in the Card File together with special students' projects.

9. **School histories** were written by all schools in Saskatchewan for the Jubilee year celebrations in 1955. These were microfilmed and are found in the archives.

#### 10. **Saskatchewan Newspapers**

Check newspapers for a list of school staff in the June and/or September editions. Smaller centres often publish a list and/or a photo of the Grade 12 graduating class in the June edition. Many papers have a school column, sometimes on a regular basis. For a list of the newspapers check Christine MacDonald's *Historical Directory of Saskatchewan Newspapers 1878-1983*. Saskatchewan newspapers are available on microfilm at Saskatchewan Archives Board and are available through Interlibrary Loan. Local libraries may have copies for their community.

Hint: When looking for a newspaper for a rural area - look at the surrounding towns in particular the larger ones, as theirs may be the newspaper for a number of localities.

#### **Saskatchewan Education (Department of Education)**

A "Directory of School Officials" may be obtained from this department.

Searches for relatives who formerly taught in Saskatchewan should be sent to:

Director of Education and Teacher Services  
Department of Education,  
500 4th Avenue  
Regina SK S4P 3V7  
Tel: (306) 787-6105

You need to provide the person's complete name as well as the following information in order to identify the correct person.

- Where and when they taught
- The maiden name if the women married
- Who you are
- The reason you need the information

The Registrar will then review the request, to decide if you are eligible to receive the information.

Grade 8 transcripts are not kept by Saskatchewan Education. You request these from the school, or school board. If searching for your own Grade 10, 11, or 12 transcripts, you need to provide:

- Your present name
- Your former name
- High school name and location
- Date attended
- Year of last attendance

Ask about the current fee. These may be ordered by mail or in person at 1500 4th Avenue, Regina SK S4P 3V7, Tel. (306) 787-6081.

If searching for the transcripts of someone else, you send the following:

- All of the above information
- A letter saying why they are requested
- A completed Access to Information Request Form. The form may be obtained at any government office or local library.

The request is reviewed by the Registrar. When sending transcripts, preference is given to personal applications.

#### **Local School Boards**

All schools are mandated to maintain strict confidentiality concerning students' records. Such records can only be obtained through a court order. However, a variety of resources may be available, differing with each school district. Some may have a museum, school histories, yearbooks, a collection

of old registers, an Alumni Association and telephone directories. Some school boards may have a museum. An example is Alex Youck School Museum. This museum is housed in two small rooms at the Regina Public School Board Offices on 4th Avenue. A visit should be preceded by a telephone call (306) 791-8200. The museum contains:

- History books compiled by each Regina school in this system
- Secondary School Yearbooks
- A display of Central Collegiate and Harrow De Groot schools
- The Memorial lists of military personnel who attended the Regina schools which have closed
- Other memorabilia.

Hint: It would be wise first to check out an individual school to see what information is available from their files.

## **Universities**

Universities have their yearbooks and copies of the newspaper, together with the published and unpublished theses of graduate students. While attending University, a student may be involved in particular clubs and associations, which may be contacted individually. Some of the Colleges of the University have published a history of their college and these would contain lists of graduates. The University Alumni Association would be the best contact in the case of a former student. In Regina, the Alumni Office telephone number is (306) 586-8811, ext. 212. In Saskatoon the Alumni Office. Telephone number is (306) 966-5186.

There are two guidebooks to University resources. These are:

**University of Saskatchewan Archives: Guide to Holdings** (Saskatoon: University of Saskatchewan Archives), 1994. This guide gives details of their extensive collection of histories, photographs, publications and biographies.

**University of Regina Research Directory** 1988-1989. (Regina: University of Regina), 1989. This directory lists faculties, their members, a synopsis of their research interests, publications, papers presented, exhibitions and whether or not it was funded by an outside agency and the name of the agency.

Don't overlook the Rare Book Rooms at either university. They contain materials of cultural and historical importance to Saskatchewan. This material must be used in the Room.

The archives at the universities are mandated to preserve the academic and cultural heritage of the university. They offer reference services by mail, phone, or in person. Materials may not be taken out, but limited photocopying is available.

## **Libraries**

Local libraries may have information about the schools in their communities. This is what is available in Regina but similar collections are available in other centres in Saskatchewan.

### *A. Regina Public Library - Main Branch*

1. In the file cabinet are folders entitled "Education: Saskatchewan, Regina"; "Saskatchewan Schools"; Regina Schools". These contain newspaper clippings, journal articles, Government Bulletins, School Board Bulletins, lists of various schools, addresses, administration.
2. In the Reference section are Educational Directories listing Canadian School Boards and their individual schools and administrators.

### *- Prairie History Room*

- The Horizontal Files - there is a file for each Regina school in the public and separate systems. These files contain newspaper clippings, school opening booklets, school closure news, biographies.

- Yearbooks for various Saskatchewan schools. Some schools sent volumes of several years, others only one year.
- A collection of church histories and anniversary books. Roman Catholic books are located separately under "Separate Schools". These books may also cover local activities and associations. If they come from smaller communities, they may cover all organizations in the area, including schools.
- A large collection of local history books from the Western Provinces. Many of these include details on schools and school districts.

Note: Materials from the Prairie History Room may not be borrowed, but photocopying is available.

#### *B. Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library*

SGS library has an extensive collection of local history and church history books which may contain school district information. They also have a few yearbooks from elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges, private schools, universities and normal schools. School reunions often prompt the publication of a book and many such books have been donated.

Hint: Members of SGS may borrow materials.

#### *C. Resource Centre For Sport, Culture and Recreation*

This library contains a collection of materials, both historical and current, which cover the sports, recreation and cultural activities of Saskatchewan people. There is a collection of Saskatchewan local histories and some school district histories. Check the card file to find which history book(s) each school is recorded in.

Hint: To borrow books from the Resource Centre it is necessary to be a member of one of the affiliated associations.

#### **Internet**

Many schools or school boards have their own web page. A Search Engine is useful, or try Saskatchewan Education.

**<http://www.sasked.gov.sk.ca>**

Saskatchewan Private Vocational Schools

**<http://www.sasked.gov.sk.ca/careers/success/education/wts/skpvs.html>**

#### *Archives*

Saskatchewan Archives Board

**<http://www.gov.sk.ca/govt/archives/>**

*Universities and Colleges may also maintain Web sites and some include a Bibliography of their library resources.*

University of Regina

**<http://www.uregina.ca/>**

University of Saskatchewan

**<http://www.usask.ca>**

#### *Libraries*

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

**<http://www.saskgenealogy.com>**

Regina Public Library

**<http://www.rpl.regina.sk.ca>**

The Resource Centre for Sport, Culture & Recreation Library

**[www.cableregina.com/nonprofits/spra](http://www.cableregina.com/nonprofits/spra)**

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#### **Addresses:**

Department of Education  
1500 4th Avenue  
Regina SK S4P 3V7  
Telephone: (306) 787-6105

Local History Room - Frances Morrison Library  
311 23<sup>rd</sup> Street East  
Saskatoon SK S7K 0J6  
Telephone: (306) 975-7578

Prairie History Room - Regina Public Library  
Box 2311  
Regina SK S4P 3Z5  
Telephone: (306) 777-6011

Resource Centre for Sport, Culture and Recreation  
210 - 3303 Hillsdale Street  
Regina SK S4S 6W9  
Telephone: (306) 780-9411  
Toll free: 1-800-563-3555

Saskatchewan Archives Board

*Regina*  
**Mail to:** Saskatchewan Archives Board  
University of Regina  
Regina SK S4S 0A2  
Telephone: (306) 787-4068  
**Visit:** 3303 Hillsdale Street  
Regina SK

*Saskatoon*  
**Mail to:** Saskatchewan Archives Board  
3 Campus Drive, University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon SK S7N 5A4  
Telephone: (306) 933-5832  
**Visit:** Room 91, Murray Building  
3 Campus Drive, University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon SK

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society  
**Mail to:** PO Box 1894  
Regina SK S4P 3E1  
Telephone: (306) 780-9207  
**Visit:** 1870 Lorne Street  
Regina SK  
[Ask about the 20 branches throughout Saskatchewan]

University of Regina  
3737 Wascana Parkway  
Regina SK S4S 0A2  
Telephone: (306) 585-4111

University of Saskatchewan  
College Drive  
Saskatoon SK S7N 5A4  
Telephone: (306) 966-6028

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# The Weisgerber Family - Germans From Russia

BY: IDA WEISGERBER MURCHISON

*Ida Weisgerber Murchison has kindly written up a family history on her Weisgerber ancestors to share with us. She has given permission to share her story. We hope you will enjoy learning about this family and their pioneer spirit.*

My parents, Sylvester and Agatha (nee Biegler) Weisgerber, were both born in the Ukraine in Russia, in December 1889. Sylvester was the sixth child of Jannes (John) and Helena Weisgerber. Their other children were: Katharine, born in 1874; Marion, born in 1882; Philip, born in 1884; and Justine, born in 1888, all born in the Ukraine.



Sylvester & Agatha age 40

Agatha M. was the daughter of Joseph and Madaline (nee Dies) Biegler, and her sisters were Ignacio, Christine, Madeline, Mary and Katherine, and her brother was John.

Jannes and Helena Weisgerber and their children left the Ukraine about 1890, and my mother's family left about 1894 and came to the province of Saskatchewan, Canada. It was a requirement that all male offspring serve in the military which was an extremely hard life. Both of my grandfathers had been in an army lottery and won their freedom from serving in the Ukrainian army.

The Canadian government offered to pay their way if they would homestead on the Saskatchewan prairie lands. Because all the sons would also be required to serve in the army, the family left for Canada. Once there, my ancestors lived in sod houses constructed of bricks made from mud and straw and then left to dry. They became wheat farmers in Saskatchewan. They also became British subjects.

Sylvester Weisgerber had homesteaded his own land and this was where he was living when he met Agatha Biegler. They were married on November 21, 1910, in Vibank, Saskatchewan. The couple moved to Regina in 1913, then later moved back to Vibank to farm. In 1918, they homesteaded in Burstall<sup>1</sup>, Saskatchewan.

During this time, Agatha gave birth to seven of their ten children: Mary, born in 1911; Lucy, born in 1913; John Theodore, born February 11, 1915; Anna, born in 1917; Adam F. born in 1918; Ida, born in 1920; and Joseph, born in 1922.

My grandparents all remained in Saskatchewan for the rest of their lives. John Weisgerber died in 1915, and his wife Helen died in 1931. Joseph Biegler died in Vibank in 1932, and his wife Magdalena died in Regina in 1949.

California land developers traveled through the provinces telling of the many great opportunities there were in California farming. My father sold his land and everything he owned and moved the family to Kerman, Fresno County, California. My father's brother Philip and his wife and four sons came to California with us, and he and my father bought a vineyard. They worked very hard and the first year harvested an abundant grape crop which they dried for raisins.

Unknown to my parents when they purchased the vineyard property, a lien had been placed against it, and they lost everything. Father started over – he went to work on a dairy farm and also became a small-time bootlegger. Two more children were born while the family lived in Kerman: Leo in 1924, and Clarence in 1926.

In the same year that Clarence was born, our house burned, and again we lost everything. What strong people my parents were, so independent and resilient.

In 1927 the family moved to Sacramento and both my mother and father went to work for Libby's Cannery. When the depression came, father went to work for the WPA and anywhere else he could find work. Also at this time, the last child, a daughter named Helen, was born. That made five boys and five girls, and we all became American citizens.

My parents worked hard, saved their money, and in 1938 we moved to Rio Linda, California. My father bought a chicken ranch from a Mr. Buchler at the corner of 28<sup>th</sup> and M Streets, which is now 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Elkhorn Boulevard. The ranch included ten acres; five acres in grapes, some chicken barns and an orchard. We planted a big garden and improved the ranch with additional barns and an addition to the house. The three oldest children had married, but there were still seven of us at home.

The ranch held 5,000 laying hens. Father still worked at the cannery in our first year at the ranch, until the chickens started laying and money was coming in. Mother and father sold their eggs to Mr. Kimmer Wilson; and Bert Fong, an "old Chinese man," would come along and pick up the old non-producing hens (culls).

Mother and I would make jams and jellies and can fruits and vegetables. We had a cow and made our own butter, cottage cheese and hard cheese. We had whipped cream on all of our desserts. Every year we raised a steer and father would kill it, butcher it, package it, and freeze it. He also raised hogs and every December he would butcher four of

them. We made German sausage, cured hams, bacon, head cheese and rendered the fat for lard. (It made the best pie crusts.) We really ate high on the hog in those days.

A bread truck came around twice a week, and we would buy bread if mother hadn't baked. Father made 200 gallons of wine each year from his grapes, and every Saturday night my parents and their friends could get together for a party or a game of pinochle. The Kleins, the Hagels, the Wilds, the Monichs, and the Bigelows were all friends.

My parents and their friends did not celebrate individual birthdays, but as we were Catholic, we celebrated Saint's Days. Of course, only the adults did the celebrating; the children were not permitted to attend. There was always lots of dancing.

Along with these friends and many others, my father and brothers helped build St. Anthony's Church in Rio Linda. The first mass was said there in February 1948. Alas, it is no more.

When we moved to Rio Linda, my brothers Joe, Leo and Clarence (and my sister Helen, when she was old enough), attended Rio Linda Grammar School, and they all graduated from there. I attended Grant Union High School where I met my future husband, Joe Murchison. Joe and I were married in 1941.

World War II began and all of my brothers joined the service. John and Adam served in the Air Force, Joe joined the Army, Leo joined the Merchant Marines, and Clarence joined the Navy. Fortunately, they all came home safely. My brother Adam had more than 300 flying hours, earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and the Silver Star.

My sister Mary married Claude Gier (who has since passed away) and now lives in Paradise.

Sister Lucy married Vernon Gilbert Truax in 1933. She worked as a sales clerk for the old Hale Brothers Department Store. Lucy and Vernon moved to Santa Barbara in 1956 where she later



retired from sales for J.C. Penny Company and returned to Sacramento in 1978. She died on November 29, 1987, in Sacramento.

Brother John married Betty Fountaine and later retired as a Maintenance Supervisor from McClellan Air Force Base after 41 years. He lived in Roseville for seven years before he died on May 5, 1992.

My sister Anna married Adam Klingman and lived in Los Angeles. She died on December 20, 1990.

Brothers Adam and Joe bought the ranch from our parents and ran it for many years. Adam, who never married, also worked for Bell Distributing. He died in Sacramento on January 8, 1992.

Joe married Lucy McQueen and lives in Citrus Heights.

My brother Leo was a merchant marine for twenty years. He married Veronica who was from Australia and now resides in New Orleans.

Brother Clarence married Barbara Klein (a Rio Linda girl) and lived in North Highlands for many years. They lived in Reno for a time but are now living in Citrus Heights.

Sister Helen married John R. Jovanovich. She died on December 21, 1963, in Sacramento.

My husband Joe and I and our first child, Billy, moved to Rio Linda in 1946. We bought five acres at the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> and Q Streets where we built our first home and two chicken barns. Joe worked for Pacific Telephone Company, but we also had 2500 laying hens.

Twice a week my father would pick up feed at the Rio Linda Poultry Producers. He would stop by and pick up Billy and after getting the feed, he would take him to Klein's bar. Father would sit Billy up at the bar and buy him a coke while he sipped a cold beer. Billy was never to tell Grandmother that they

stopped at Klein's, and he never did.

Because the school district was growing so fast, Billy attended four elementary schools. He also graduated from Rio Linda Junior High School. His after-school job was cleaning out the chickens' water trough with a big brush. He was eight years old when his brother Joey was born, and then we had a daughter, Jeannie, and another son, Bobby.

After Bill graduated from junior high, we sold the ranch and moved to Carmichael where Bill graduated from La Sierra High School. He met his bride, Pat, in high school, and they were married in 1960. After he graduated from Sacramento State College in 1964, he began his teaching career at Orchard School in the Rio Linda Union School District. He worked hard and became Superintendent of that district.

Son Joe, who is married to Mary Halterman, is the principal at Gold Trails School in Placerville.

Daughter Jeannie Murchison is a manager at Safeco Insurance Company in Seattle, Washington.

My son Bobby passed away at the age of three and a half years from leukemia.

On July 25, 1986, my husband Joe passed away in Sacramento.

My hobbies are reading and needlepoint. I'm a mall walker at Sunrise Mall, sponsored by Mercy Hospitals. In November of this year, I received my 14,000 miles award. I also belong to a bingo club at Rush Park in Citrus Heights.

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<sup>1</sup> Vibank is located about 43 kilometers southeast of Regina. Burstall is located on the west side of Saskatchewan, almost to the border with Alberta and about 85 kilometers northeast of Medicine Hat. Research by Margaret Posehn and Joyce Buckland.

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# SHRD Is Here

BY MARIE SVEDAHL & IAN MITCHNER

## What is SHRD?

Saskatchewan Heritage Record Directory - SHRD - is a new SGS project. Our goal is to locate and list Heritage Records which were created during Saskatchewan's first century of settlement. SGS is creating a Directory of these records, with information where they can be found and accessed, and the years covered by each record.

The increasing shift of Saskatchewan's rural population is causing the disappearance of many villages and town. The fate of the records created in the "hay-day" of these communities is a growing concern for many SGS members. SHRD will be part of the answer.

SHRD will be housed at the SGS library in Regina and will be available for on-site use. Once there are sufficient entries (files) the database will become part of the SGS site on the Net. At this time (being written in mid-April) the project is undergoing beta-testing to rid the system of "bugs" and other problems. Several SGS

Branches supplied us with a short list of record titles from local RM offices. These are being used to test sorting and reporting abilities of the computer program. There is a report sample below.

We will be ready for the next phase September 1, 1999. We invite Saskatchewan SGS members to participate by volunteering to gather information on records in your own community. Please contact one of the numbers listed below to register and receive instructions. Be prepared to give information on the community of your choice, what location(s) you would enumerate in that community (ex: RM office, church, business, etc.); and whether you would prefer to submit the results by paper, e-mail or computer disk.

For more information write SHRD Project, SGS Office, PO Box 1894, Regina SK S4P 3E1 or e-mail: [margethomas.sgs@cableregina.com](mailto:margethomas.sgs@cableregina.com) or [msvedah@unibase.com](mailto:msvedah@unibase.com).

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Town/City/Village	Location	Document Title
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	File of Certification of Title
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	"A View From the Butte"
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Birth Register (1916-1942)
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Councillors & Secretary Treasurers
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Curling Club Minute Books
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Death Register (1916-1965)
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Green Prairie Cemetery Map
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Green Prairie Cemetery Record Book
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Green Prairie Telephone Co. Minute Book
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Marriage Register (1916-1944)
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	RM #194 Map
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	RM #194 Minute Books
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	RM #194 Tax Rolls
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	RM #194 Voter's List
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Rolling Prairie Cemetery Map
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Snowplow Club Minute Books
Central Butte	R.M of Enfield Office	Well Records

# Cemetery Program

BY LINDA NEELY

Cemetery Coordinator

The cemetery files in the SGS library have much more in them than the names and dates of those interred in Saskatchewan cemeteries. Many recorders include stories and pictures when they send in the records.

I found one such story about the Old Wives cemetery at SW-14-14-30-W2M, near the town of Old Wives. On the old Morgan farm a small fenced patch marks the graves of two babies born in the early 1900's. Apparently, the original families had died or moved on, but the Morgan family carefully tended the plot for many years. As late as 1981, the ninety-five year old mother of one of the babies wrote yearly to the Morgans to thank them for taking care of the graves. I don't know if the Morgan family is still there or if the graves are still being tended, but to think that for at least eighty years someone cared enough to watch over these tiny little graves of children they never knew! It just emphasizes that Saskatchewan people not only care about their neighbours but also the heritage that is contained in these little cemeteries.

Now, I would like to know if SGS members have some stories they would like to tell us about cemeteries they know about or have recorded for us. Have you come across some interesting headstones that tell us a little about the character of the people who have lived here? Do you know of a cemetery's history? Are there any haunted cemeteries that anyone knows of? Please take a minute and jot down your thoughts and send it to me. I would like to write up more stories about our cemeteries in this column. You can send it to the SGS library/office or send it to me directly by email at [lnelly@cableregina.com](mailto:lnelly@cableregina.com).

Up to now we have located 3,033 cemeteries and have the records for 1,699 and 172 have been entered into the SRI. We still need maps for the RM numbers 17, 33, 71, 92, 254, 282, 352, 372, 490 and 521. A big THANK YOU goes to the Grenfell Branch – they have made it a project of theirs to obtain RM maps and a great many have been received due to their efforts.

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# Computer Corner

BY CHRISTINE KRISMER

"Buyer Beware." It is time to alert consumers to the some of the scams going on out there.

The first one is about the "high cost" of using e-mail. Articles about the government going into the business of charging us for sending e-mail have been appearing regularly. It looks authentic but the law firms, the members of parliament and all other individual names appearing in the article are fictitious. If you get a call for contributions or support to fight this or anything of that nature, ignore it. Before you panic or do anything foolish, think about it. It really doesn't make sense. Do you get charged for every phone call you make? Remember the rule Caveat Emptor or Buyer Beware!

The next topic is computer viruses. Some time ago I suggested that you should have a virus detection or virus clean software package installed on your computer. In the last six months there have been numerous virus scares and numerous virus attacks. Installing a virus protection program on your computer is an absolute must, especially if you are sending e-mail, sharing information, are on the Internet or take disks from one computer to another. A virus can be on a new disc. Even though you have installed a virus detection program on your computer you must still be vigilant. New viruses are continuing to be introduced so you must update your virus detection programs. A virus program installed a year ago will not clean or detect the new bugs. I mention all this not to scare you but rather to keep you alert to the dangers. You want to protect your computer and all those hours of work you have spent writing documents, letters, or entering data. Update or upgrade your virus protection.

This brings up the topic of **backups**. I hope you make at least one backup copy of your data. You would not want to go back and re-enter all the names, along with all the sources if your computer crashes or fails. You may not be able to remember where you got all that information. By the way are you entering or recording the sources for all your data?

## Software

Many of the programs out there are now allowing you to put your family tree on a Web Page or the

Internet. Some companies are even giving you free Web sites to create your Family Tree in "html" format and put it on the Web "so you can connect with relatives". There are a number of issues here. One major concern is the right to privacy. Before you consider putting your tree on the Internet, make sure your family members are in agreement. You really would not want to upset Aunt Bess or Uncle Tom and have them cut you out of the will because you did not get permission to publicize their names. The other potential may be a lawsuit. There are add-on programs that allow you to export your files and not show the vitals for all living individuals. Some programs are building this feature right into the program. This may be another consideration when putting your tree on the Net.

Finding software programs for genealogy is becoming more difficult. Either sales are heavy and outlets cannot keep them in stock or companies are opting to sell via the Internet. In a search around town a week ago I found two programs. For one program, I found Version 4 when Version 6 has been available since beginning of April. If you are concerned about getting the latest version perhaps check the Net before you purchase. Keep in mind your computers capabilities. Shopping on the Internet is getting to be as safe as giving your credit card over the phone. Exercise caution when shopping via the Net. Order forms can be printed out and you can use snail mail.

An exciting feature many of the programs have now is the potential for different end products or results you can create with your data. Recording of the data is usually straight forward. The appearance of the screen or the way to enter data varies slightly from program to program. You may be using a software package simply to create a printout that is easier to read. Misinterpreting handwriting is a problem. The big difference in many programs is the ability to create a variety of reports or printout formats.

Another difference I've learned is the ease with which the user can search and correct errors in the data. We try to enter data correctly but invariably we make mistakes. Maybe it isn't really a mistake. It may be inefficient use of space. Let me give you an example.

When we enter source names or locations, we can enter the same place in two or more different ways and both will be listed, yet they are the same place. Regina, SK may be used as a location for one person and for another person Regina, SK CA was used. Then if you entered either of the two I gave above without the use of the comma, each of those would be another location in your location list. Subtle little changes such as those given means you have 4 locations in your list instead of one. When you enter data your program may allow for auto entry of a location as you type. It cannot detect as quickly or may not detect at all so you are typing out more than you should have to. The bigger problem though is that your locations data list is longer than it need be. Being able to edit these lists gives you a tidier printout.

Importing and exporting files or partial files is another plus feature. This allows you to send only the data that someone else might need rather than your complete family. You may have received a file from someone and you want to add only those individuals that are not already in your database. Being able to select what you want to send or receive is important.

Other new features are:

- the ability to customize your reports. You can change or modify the base reports included in the program.
- the addition of more options or menus by clicking on the **RIGHT** mouse button.

The last topic of discussion this time is about the many lists you can search on the Net or the CDs you can purchase with many different lists and thousands of names. First of all, yes it is easier than going to the library or going to another city or province/state. You can do it right on your computer. The problem I see is that you may be purchasing discs with no information of value to you. That means expense for nothing, when a trip to the local archives, library or genealogical society would have allowed you to search at no cost. Keep in mind that the CDs are LISTS. For example, anyone can take a phone book or all the phone books in a province, make a list of all the individuals with a certain last name or in certain centres and sell or publish it. Is there anything in the list to indicate that the name you found has any connection to you? Is there anything there to prove the name is real? You will still need to verify or get more information to be sure the individual is part of your tree.

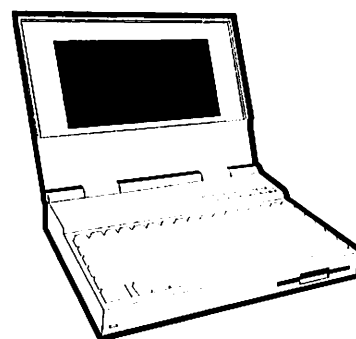
Another source is the ever increasing number of family trees being put on the Internet. The question you need to ask is how accurate is their information and can you contact them to ask for more information or clarification of information. This becomes important when you find that you have dates or locations, even names that vary from what they have included.

An interesting service that some of the Search Engines on the Internet are providing is the translation of the information into another language. It may be a French, Spanish, German, or other site so you can have the information translated to English. The reverse is also possible – an English site can be translated into another language. Alta Vista is one of the search engines providing this feature.

A site on the Internet that may be of interest to some of you is the USGENWEB project. It is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on volunteers. The main home page is <http://www.usgen.org>. Local or state pages can be reached easily by adding the two letter state abbreviation after the above address. Example: <http://www.usgen.org/tx> would be what you enter if you were looking for information from Texas.

The Internet is a tool we can use more and more. More genealogical sites are there for you to find and many of these sites are providing valuable pieces of information. The LDS site allowing you to search for families is: <http://www.familysearch.org>

Other searches can be done for 1851 British Census, an Australian Vital Records Index, a British Isles Vital Records Index and North American Vital Records Index.



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# SGS Bulletin Board

## LIBRARY CLOSURES:

July 1 & 2 - Canada Day  
August 2 - Heritage Day  
September 6 - Labour Day  
October 9 - Thanksgiving Day  
November 11 - Remembrance Day

## WINTER HOURS:

On September 14, 1999 the hours change to:  
**Tuesday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
*Last Monday open - August 30, 1999.*

### In Memorium

- Peggy Chapman - April 1998, Oungre, SK
- Henry Neustaeter - 17 December 1998, Swift Current, SK

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Wednesday, June 9                      9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Tracing Your Ancestors In Ireland: Using Vital and Church Records. Finding locations so you can begin your search.

Wednesday, June 9                      1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Finding Your Ancestors In Ireland: Using Census, Wills and other records. Finding locations so you can begin your search.

Wednesday, June 16                      9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Finding Your Ancestors In Europe: Using Maps and Gazetteers to Find Their Location.

Wednesday, June 16                      1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Finding Your Ancestors In Europe: Using Church Records.

Wednesday, July 14                      9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Finding Your Ancestors In England and Wales: Using Vital and Church Records.

Wednesday, July 14                      1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Finding Your Ancestors In England and Wales: Using Census and Census Substitutes.

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19 - 23 July 1999

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Saturday, October 16      9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Introduction to Family History - Bring your own Saskatchewan information and learn how where to search next. *Session 4 of 4.*

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## **Certified Saskatchewan Instructor Program**

SGS is planning to hold Part 1 of the Saskatchewan Instructor Program either this fall or early spring.

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- presentation of workshops

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Time/Place - the two classroom sessions will be held in Regina and/or Saskatoon. Let us know what dates would be suitable to you.

Contact SGS for further details.

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# Announcements

BY JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

## **American Historical Society of Germans from Russia**

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## **Ulster Historical Foundation**

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## **Yorkshire Family History Fair**

The Yorkshire Family History Fair will be held Saturday 26 June 1999 at the York Racecourse (Knavesmire Stand) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For further details contact: Mr. A. Sampson, 1 Oxbang Close, REDCAR, Cleveland TS10 4ND, England.

## **Germans From Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) Convention**

The Germans From Russia Heritage Society will hold its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention 8-11 July 1999 at Ramkota Inn, Aberdeen, South Dakota. The theme is *Taking Our Heritage Beyond 2000*. For more information write to GRHS 1999 Convention, PO Box 501, Aberdeen SD 57402-0501.

## **New Brunswick Genealogical Society**

The New Brunswick Genealogical Society will hold its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference 30 July - 2 August 1999 in Moncton, New Brunswick. For more information write to New Brunswick Ancestors, PO Box 7102, Riverview NB E1B 4T8, Canada. OR web site: <http://www.bitheads.com/nbgs/>

## **British Isles Family History Society Conference**

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSCO) conference on British Isles Family History is to be held on 24-26 September 1999 at the National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa. The focus of this year's conference is "The Irish" with the keynote speaker being Mr. Kyle Betit, Co-Editor of the IRISH AT Home and Abroad. For more information: BIFHSCO, PO Box 38026, Ottawa ON K2C 3Y7, Canada; e-mail: [bifhsgo@cyberus.ca](mailto:bifhsgo@cyberus.ca); home page: <http://www.cyberus.ca/~bifhsgo>.

## **The Millennium British Family History Conference**

The Wiltshire Family History Society in association with the Federation of Family History Societies is hosting the Millennium British Family History Conference at Bath University, 26-30 Apr 2000. If you would like to receive full information on the programme and costs, etc. when ready in late 1998 contact: Wiltshire FHS, Conference 2000, The Workroom, 10 Castle Lane, Devizes, Wilts SN10 3SB OR email: [donainge@aol.com](mailto:donainge@aol.com).

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada**

The tentative date for the UELAC, Regina Br. meeting is June 19, 1999 at 12:00 PM at the Sardinia Restaurant, 1620 Idylwyld Dr. N, Saskatoon, SK. Please contact Nelson Warner, Saskatoon at (306) 653-3793 or Lorna Mackenzie, Regina at (306) 545-1200 if you plan to attend. Interested guests are most welcome.

### **British Postage Increase**

Effective 26 April 1999 rates went from 63p to 64p for a 2 paper letter.

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# Queries

BY JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

The United Empire Loyalist Assoc. of Canada, Regina Br. plan to publish a book on members, past and present and their UEL ancestors. In 1932 there was an earlier 'Sask. Branch' of the UELAC. We would like to contact family/relatives of the following 1932 members: Regina residents; F. L. **Bastedo**, KC; George C. **Cook**; Justice F. L. **Embury**, CB, CMG, VD; G. Hamilton **Harman**; Mrs. Lorne **Johnston**; R. O. **Kennedy**; Miss Hila **Lee**; Lt-Col. Stephen B. **Nelles**, OBE; S. L. **Price**; Mrs. L. J. **Robb**; Mrs. H. E. **Sampson**; J. C. **Secord**, KC; Arthur T. **Spohn**; J. C. **Underhill**; Maj. Frank **Whitmore**; Gordon G. **Whyte**; D. B. **Winslow** and W. A. **Wood**. Moose Jaw residents: Mrs. Mabel H. **Martin** and Mr. G. A. **Maybee**. Saskatoon resident: Mrs. Percy **Stephens**. Contact: Lorna Mackenzie, 14 Bothwell Cres. Regina, SK S4R 5W5 or e-mail [kmacken@net1fx.com](mailto:kmacken@net1fx.com) for additional information.

**BAKER:** Seek info on Thomas Charles **Baker** (b 20 Apr 1887 in Crewkerne, Somerset, ENG) s/o Thomas Edward **Baker** and Matilda **Joy**. Thomas Edward b 24 Nov 1861 in Torquay d 21 Jun 1909. Matilda d 12 Jan 1918. Children of Thomas Edward and Matilda: Dorothy Gladys m ? **Bennett**; Florence m ? **Bennett**; Matilda May d Nov 1955. Believe that Thomas Charles enlisted in WW1. June Bennett, 106 Bishops Mansions, Bishops Park Road, London, ENG SW6 6DY

**BARKER:** Charles **Barker**, s/o J. W. and Eva Eliza **Barker**, said to have gone to Saskatchewan and had a family of 10. Born in 1903, possibly Swan River, MB. Parents were married in Eastern Ontario. Where did they live? Who were their children? Any other info welcome. Helen Blackburn, RR #1, Nottawa, ON L0M 1P0 or [helenb@mail.bconnex.net](mailto:helenb@mail.bconnex.net)

**BISHOP/PENGELLY:** Seek cont with desc's of John Wesley **Bishop** b 1876 in Unionville, ON d 1948. He married Ethel May ? in 1896/97. Ethel

died 1962 in Saskatoon. Owned barber shop in the Canada building in 1927 and a beauty parlour in the MacMillan building 1935. John and Ethel had one daughter, Lillian b c 1898 d 1937. Lillian married H. H. **Pengelly** in 1930. John had two brothers living in the area. Wilbert b 1875 in Unionville, ON m Lilly ?. Ernest b 1878 in Unionville, ON m Emma **Brown** in 1899 in King Township. Parents were Warren **Bishop** b 1839 d 1915 in Markham, ON and Abilgal **Hamilton** b 1841 d 1880 in Markham, ON. Warren and Abilgal were married in 1865. Grace Cook, RR#1 Sharon, ON L0G 1V0

**BRZEZINSKI/BIERNACKI:** Antoni **Brzezinski** and his wife Maria **Biernacki**, acc by their children Szczepan (Steve), John, and Pauline, arr in Canada in 1897 from Dobrowody, Poland (Austria). The family settled in Saskatchewan, then called Menofield, NWT. The name is now spelled **Brezinski**. Cecile M. Strembicki, Box 869, Coleman, AB T0K 0M0

**COLEMAN/ROTH:** Seek info on Gregory **Coleman** and his wife Julia **Roth**. Also John/Jack **Coleman** who could have been known as John/Jack **Roth**. Christine Doyle, 420 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Moose Jaw, SK S6H

**STRZELBICKI/MAZURKIEWICZ:** Gregory (Grzegorz) **Strzelbicki** and his wife **Mazurkiewicz** arrived in Canada in 1907 from Kowalouce, Poland (Austria) acc by his sister Mary and family. Mary settled in Kenora, ON while Gregory settled in Saskatchewan. Gregory is the seventh child in his family which included Mary, Frank, Peter, and Felix. The surname has since been changed to **Strembicki**, **Strembicke**, **Strembicky**, **Strimbicki**. Cecile M. Strembicki, Box 869, Coleman, AB T0K 0M0

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## SGS BRANCHES: CONTACTS & MEETINGS

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Contact: Carolyn Hayes #892-4314

BIGGAR BRANCH: Box 1103, Biggar, S0K 0M0. Meetings: 2nd Wed.  
7:30 pm at Post Office. Contact: Barb Archibald #948-2138

BORDER BRANCH: 2615 - 53rd Ave., Lloydminster, AB T9V 2L6.  
Meetings: 4th Mon. 7:00 pm at Lloydminster Public Library.  
Contact: Edith Cunningham # (403) 875-0578

CENTRAL BUTTE BRANCH: Box 298, Central Butte, S0H 0T0.  
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#796-2148

CRAIK BRANCH: Box 337, Craik, S0G 0V0. Meetings: 3rd Mon.  
7:30 pm at Craik R.M. Office. Contact: June Exelby #734-2820

ESTEVAN BRANCH: Inactive. Contact: Faith Stepp, Box 81, Torquay,  
S0C 2L0. #923-4507

GRASSLANDS BRANCH: Box 272, Mankota, S0H 2W0.  
Meetings: 3rd Tues at 7:30 pm at Hazenmore SK. Contact: Linda Calvin  
#478-2314

GRENFELL BRANCH: Box 61, Grenfell, S0G 2B0. Meetings: 3rd Tues.  
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MOOSE JAW BRANCH: Box 154, Briercrest, S0H 0K0.  
Meetings: 2nd Tues. 7:00 pm at 1068 Athabasca St. W. Contact: Marge  
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NORTH-EAST BRANCH: Box 1988, Melfort, S0E 1A0.  
Meetings: 1st Tues. 7:30 pm at N.E. Leisure Centre. Contact: Sandra Le  
Barre #874-2829

PANGMAN BRANCH: Box 23, Pangman, S0C 2C0. Meetings: 4th  
Wed/Thurs., time varies at Pangman Regional Library. Contact: Edith  
Merritt #442-4206

PIPESTONE BRANCH: Box 832, Moosomin, S0G 3N0.  
Meetings: 3rd Wed. 7:30 pm at Moosomin Public Library. Contact: Marg  
Lee #435-2193

PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH: Box 1464, Prince Albert, S6V 5T1.  
Meetings: 2nd Tues. 7:30 pm at P.A. Museum. Contact: Allan Erikson  
#764-4669

QUILL PLAINS BRANCH: Box 68, Kelvington, S0A 1W0.  
Meetings: 1st Wed. 7:30 pm at various locations. Contact: Dianne Gradin  
#327-5379

RADVILLE BRANCH: Inactive. Contact: Elda Henheffer #869-3153

REGINA BRANCH: 1119 Broadway Ave, Regina, S4P 1E4. Meetings:  
4th Tues. 7:30 pm at Knox Metropolitan Church. Contact: Marjorie  
Wolfe #522-0324

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Clarence Avenue, Saskatoon, S7H 2E2. Meetings: 2nd Wed. 7:00 pm at  
Albert Community Centre. Contact: Lynda Andrew #978-1656

SOUTHEAST BRANCH: Box 460, Carnduff, S0C 0S0. Meetings: 4th  
Mon. 7:30 pm at Carnduff/Oxbow. Contact: Stella Harrison #482-3410

SWIFT CURRENT BRANCH: 207 - 12 Cheadle Street W, Swift Current,  
S9H 0A9. Meetings: 4th Mon. 7:30 pm 207-12 Cheadle Street W.  
Contact: John E. Marsch #773-6701

WEST CENTRAL BRANCH: Box 472, Eston, S0L 1A0. Meetings: 3rd  
Tues., time varies, at Wheatland Regional Library. Contact: Gail Milton  
#962-3382

WEYBURN BRANCH: Box 1422, Weyburn, S4H 3J9. Meetings: 4th  
Mon. 7:30 pm at R.M. Office 23 - 6th Street. Contact: Yvonne Paulhus-  
Kittelson #842-2247

YORKTON BRANCH: 28 Dalewood Cres., Yorkton, S3N 2P7  
Meetings: 2nd Tues. 7:00 pm at Yorkton Public Library. Contact: Rita  
Chernoff #782-0022

### Study Group:

PORCUPINE PLAIN: Contact: Louise Butterfield, Box 63, Somme,  
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### Bibliographical Note

Donald Whyte noticed in Logan W. Bjarnason's article on *The United Empire Loyalists*, in Volume 29, No. 4 (December 1998), p.124 that there was an incomplete reference, marked "source unknown". The paper by Robert and Audrey Kirk (of

Streetsville, Ontario), was the substance of a lecture by the Kirks at the World Conference on Records, held at Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1969. It was published by the Genealogical society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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Correction

**STOUT/HUBER:** The address given for the contact

was 55 Street NE, Calgary AB T2E 3X4. It should have read 5 Street NE, Calgary AB T2E 3X4.

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