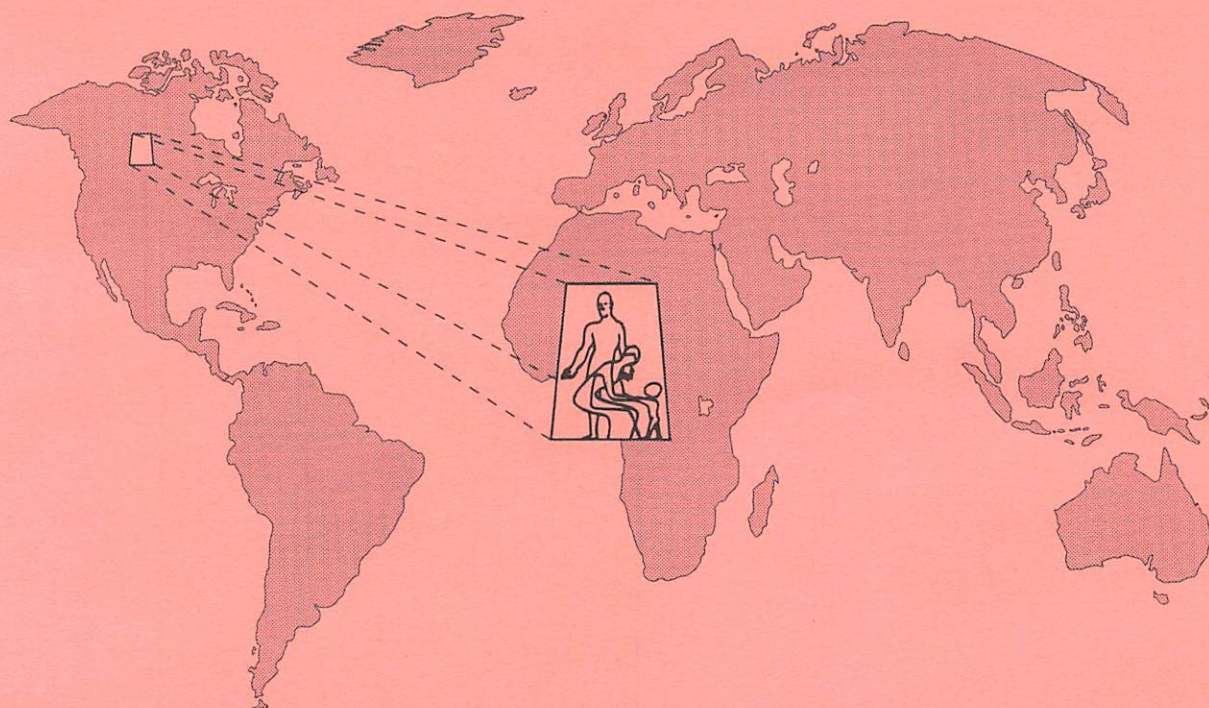


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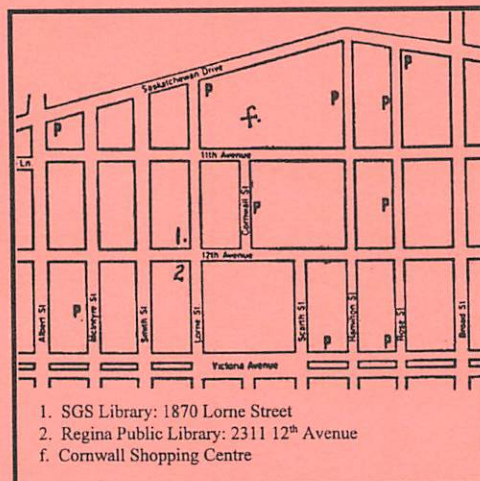
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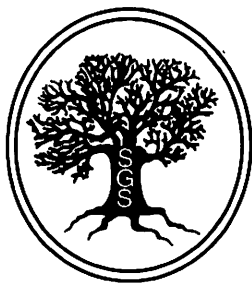
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# President's Letter

**BY ARLENE FROLICK**  
SGS President

The summer season is winding down, children are back in school and their parents are back into their usual routine. If your family was one of the many who shared a reunion or a family get-together during the past few months, I hope it was happy and successful. These events give us a sense of place and belonging in the cultural community, a foundation that current and future generations can build on.

Staff and volunteers in the SGS library have been busy during the summer months. Visitors to Saskatchewan often take time in their travels to do some family genealogical research. They tell us how much they enjoy the services we can provide for them. They appreciate the professionalism of our staff, the many resources available and the help that they receive in their research projects. Our library is the main program of SGS and the largest genealogical lending library in Canada. We are proud of that!

These kinds of statements couldn't happen with our staff alone. We give thanks to our many volunteers throughout the province who give of their time. We are grateful for the 72 volunteers who provided 5,700 volunteer hours in 1999.

Webster's dictionary: "Volunteer = one who enters into, or offers himself for, any service of his own free will".

If you are fortunate enough to have some free time and would like to volunteer for any jobs in SGS, please give us a call. It has been said by some volunteers, that they benefit more than they give. Who knows – maybe in the future, you would qualify for Volunteer of the Year Award.

Don't forget the Annual SGS Seminar held in Regina on October 20 - 22, 2000. See you there.

# Editor's Notes

**BY MARGE THOMAS**  
Executive Director

This issue contains a variety of articles. I would especially like to draw your attention to the article on the SGS Library by the Laura Hanowski, librarian (page 93). Read the article and learn more about the collection and the policies and fees covering it.

A special thank you to Fred Feather who wrote an article on British research (page 95) while visiting in Regina.

Marie Svedahl's article on Norwegian research reinforces the value of the internet for research. She also shows you why it is necessary to verify this information by going back to the original records to prove your family connection.

Chris Krismer is leaving her position as editor of the **Computer Corner** due to other commitments. She has been editing the column since September 1997. All the best to you Chris, and thank you for all the time and effort you have given to help others.

Please contact us if you would consider taking on the position of editor of the Computer Corner.

Thank you to everyone who provided us with an article for this issue. Without your articles, we would not be able to produce a **Bulletin** of the standard that we do.

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# Norwegian Ancestry

BY MARIE SVEDAHL

For the past eight years, my genealogical research has focused almost exclusively on my husband's Norwegian ancestry. As I neither speak nor read the language, I can not claim to be an expert on Norwegian genealogical research. However through a trial and error approach, I have gathered a great deal of experience in what to look for and where. So, if I can do it, you can, too.

In the following article I will share with you some of the methods and means used to build our Svedal family tree. Most ideas will be familiar to you but perhaps, presented or used in a different way to what you are accustomed. The case histories used will be from my own research, and for that I need to give a little background.

My husband's parents were Ivar & Mabel Svedal, married in 1928 in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Ivar Nilsson Svedal came to North America from Norway in 1914, living for a time in Chicago where he had two sisters. In the autumn of 1915 he came to Canada, to Bengough, Saskatchewan where an older brother, Hans had homesteaded in 1912. Contact was maintained with the parents and siblings remaining behind in Norway.

Mabel, on the other hand was born in the US of Norwegian immigrant parents. She was the youngest of a very large family, her four oldest siblings were born in Norway before the family emigrated. When she was nine years old her parents came to Canada and rented farm land near Ogema, Saskatchewan. We are not aware of any contact being maintained between these immigrants and the family that may have been left behind.

It is obvious that these two families will require a different approach to even begin research.

## BEGINNING YOUR RESEARCH

### WHAT NAME?

If you are going to look for someone, you obviously have to know their name. As genealogists, we know that names get changed for many reasons, one of the most common being an English speaking clerk trying to record

a foreign name, especially if the owner of the name isn't literate enough to correct spelling errors. But Norwegian immigrants had an additional problem.

Prior to 1900 it wasn't common for Norwegians to have what we would term a real "surname". Their government had been trying for some time to have the people adopt a proper surname but it wasn't until it became compulsory by law in 1925 that everyone actually took a proper surname. Therefore, you must be suspicious of any Norwegian surname for families that arrived in North America prior to that date.

My mother-in-law, Mabel, disagreed with her brother over their mother's family surname. Her brother said the name was "Berg" and pointed to their many cousins of that name throughout the US. Mabel said their mother, Mina, had never been a Berg. This of course, was one of the first mysteries that had to be solved. As it turned out, both Mabel and her brother were partly correct.

Mabel's mother Mina was the seventh child of Johannes Pederson and Johanne Nilsdatter who were living and working on the Helset farm when Mina was born. While the family lived there, she was known as Mina Johannesdatter Helset. Think of the Norwegian name as being three parts - Mina is the given or personal name, Johannesdatter is her patronymic or father's name (daughter of Johannes) and Helset was the address where she lived. A few years later the family went to work on another farm and they became known by that farm name. To complicate it further, you may find in some parishes that each household on a farm has its own name. For example "Slotsveen under Helset farm". Sometimes they don't name the main farm, just "Slotsveen". Then you are left scrambling because you thought you knew all the farm names in the parish and "Slotsveen" wasn't one of them!

Mina married Hans Johanneson and in 1895 they migrated to the US, taking "Johanson" or "Johnson" as their surname when they arrived. That is simple enough, but where did the "Berg" name fit into all this?

Mina's oldest brother Nils Johanneson was born while the family was working on the Bergseie farm. He was the first one of Johannes and Johanne's children to emigrate. For whatever reason, when asked to supply his surname upon entering the United States, he chose the name of the farm where he had been born, shortening it to "Berg". In the following years most of Nils' siblings and his parents joined him in America, and they all adopted "Berg" for a surname - except for Mina who was already married and used her husband's patronymic "surname". At least the "Berg" family was systematic in that all the family adopted the same surname. There have been instances where brothers chose entirely different surnames. Or imagine if it had been Mina's brother Johannes who had been first to emigrate and chose to use the name of the farm where he was born - "Purkilstad", that would have been a name to remember!

### WHERE IN NORWAY?

Finding where your ancestor lived in Norway prior to emigration can be a real problem so you will need to go back to your "beginning genealogy" and use some of the tools suggested there.

- look for records in your own home
- contact relatives
- where did close friends come from
- church records of early immigrants

Mabel had her father Hans Johanneson's baptismal certificate which named his parents and the kirk or church where the baptism took place. There was also a contract, written in English which confirmed that Hans Johansson and his family would be traveling from Norway to North America on the Allen Steamship line. Mabel also had a number of personal letters which weren't of help yet because we were unable to translate them.

Mabel remembered her mother talking about a place called Gjorvik. A Norwegian map indicated it was a large town north of Oslo. When I began writing to some of the "Berg cousins" in the USA with whom Mabel and her brother had maintained contact, I found additional bits of information. Some knew that the parish where Mina and her siblings were born was called "Nes" but Nes means headland and is a very common Norwegian name as the country is full of headlands jutting out into the numerous fjords. Finally one cousin had a more complete place name - "Nes pa Hedmarken" - meaning Nes off/in Hedmarken, which is a county-style designation. What is more, Nes pa Hedmarken was only a few miles across a

lake from Gjorvik.

A letter from another cousin hit real pay-dirt. He had known all about the "Nes pa" bit and had hired a Norwegian genealogist to search the local archives for information on Johannes Pedersson and Johanne Nilssdatter and their family. That is where I learned of the farms Mina's family had worked on, and on which farms the different children had been born.

I should point out here, that this is where the value of patronymic names comes to the fore. When the family moves and you don't know to where, having four names to match with instead of only two, can be of great assistance.

Unlike that of his wife, my father-in-law, Ivar's family home in Norway was known. We knew where he had been born and, had ourselves on a couple of occasions, visited the family farm near Sogndal, in Sogn og Fjordane. Our first trip to Norway in 1975 was "pre-genealogy" and so I wasn't too concerned about family dates and names. The second trip in 1983 was very different, the "bug" had bitten me by then. I copied everything I could lay my hands on and asked questions of anyone who might be related to the Svedals. Little did I know at that time that the Svedals were related to nearly every one in the valley and my questions weren't even scratching the surface. It is this ancestral line which has been my main focus since 1992.

Once you know where the family lived in Norway you can get down to some serious research.

### **RESEARCHING "OVER THERE" FROM HERE**

The copies of the original Norwegian records are available on microfilm/microfiche in North America. They are written in Norwegian so you will need a dictionary. I use *Norwegian-English Dictionary* by Einar Haugen, 1967.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Having accumulated names and dates for some of Ivar's ancestors from living cousins, it was now time to gather verification. A trip to the local Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was in order. The Locality Catalog for Norway, Sogndal, Sogn og Fjordane indicated that they have microfilm copies of the Old Parochial Registers (OPRs) beginning in 1690.



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Ivar (1894) named for maternal grandfather  
(a second attempt for Kari's father)

### COMMUNITY HISTORY BOOKS

Many Norwegian communities have written bygdeboks or local history books. Unlike those for Saskatchewan, which are about community residents and their families, the Norwegian books are about the parish farms and the people who lived on them. That may not sound like much of a difference but I can assure you that it is.

Like our local histories, the Norwegian books may contain errors, but they appear to have been more thoroughly researched with regard to relationships and vital statistics. They are formatted in a way that it is the history of the people who have lived on that farm which is revealed. It details when a person came to the farm, gives birth, marriage and death of the family, including who the children marry. When a family leaves the farm, the story does not follow them, instead it continues with details of the family that comes to replace the old. One consolation, usually the author will give a clue to where the old family moves so that you can pick up their story on the next farm.

Sogndal does not yet have a complete history, only the first volume which is a more general history of the area, more about things than people. There was however, in the late 1920's to 1940 a series of yearly booklets printed about the parish and its farms. It is far from complete and I'm not certain how accurate some of the data is but it is something to work with until they finish the real history.

Under "Svedalen" in this booklet, two households or farms are recorded. From what I can translate about the Olleson family, we learned that Soren Olesson died in 1701 which the church records confirm. Then there is mention of some trouble with taxes and about 1710-12, a man named Elling Ellendson, from Qvale, bought the farm for his two daughters, Ingeborg and Kari. Kari Ellingsdatter Svedal marries twice, both times to an Ole Nilson, the second one the book says, was originally from Svedalen. Lo and behold, this Ole was the grandson of Soren Olesson who died in 1701 and son of the Nils Sorenson found getting married in 1710 in the Sogndal OPRs. Confusing? A little, but like any puzzle time and patience eventually pays off.

The local history names the children of Ole Nilsson and Kari Ellingsdatter, and who they married. It goes on to describe succeeding generations, right up to the residents at the time the book was printed, including the fact that Nils Hansson's two sons, Ivar and Hans had left for America. This history was a guide as I searched the OPRs, telling me who and when to look for ancestors that were born or married.

There are several libraries throughout the American Midwest which have copies of bygdeboks. Some locations are:

- Vesterheim Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library, 415 W. Main Street, Madison WI USA 53703.
- Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, Grand forks ND USA.
- Library, St. Olaf's College, Northfield MN USA
- Preus Library, Luther College, Decorah IA USA. 52101.

I have been told that bygdeboks can be borrowed from some of these sites through interlibrary loan but I have not had any luck with the one or two I have tried to get. There are copies of many bygdeboks in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City but they do not lend their books and none have been microfilmed.

### OTHER BOOKS

Other types of books should be consulted as well. You need to learn about the history of Norway and the social conditions under which your ancestors lived. Here are a couple of titles to get you started:

- *A History of Scandinavia* by T.K. Derry, 1979.
- *History of Norway* by K. Larsen, 1948
- *History of the Norwegian People* by Knut Bjerset, 1932.

When you find an interesting book on your topic, check the sources listed in their bibliographies. There you are certain to find titles of books along the same line.

Check library catalogues, especially the Family History Library (FHL) Locality Catalog to discover if any one has already written a story about your family. In the FHL Locality Catalog I have found a number of books written about people from the Sogn og Fjordane area of Norway. Some have family connections to our line, others don't. Even the ones which don't have family ties can be of help.



One book written in English about a family from the next parish to Sogndal, had a hidden gem for me. The author was explaining the Norwegian custom when a woman is left a widow by the early death of her husband, saying that the new widow looks about the district for a young man who would be able to take over her farm. She may need to consult with her family or servants, but once a suitable man is found, he is summoned to the farm and asked if he is willing to take on the farm. Usually it is too good a deal to refuse. After a certain length of time the couple will marry - and every one will live happily ever after. Well, not quite.

The author of this book went on to lament about a certain widow who had summoned one of her ancestors and how, just when he thought everything was going fine and was about to approach the priest to post marriage banns, the widow up and marries a well-to do farmer. The forlorn chap was paid a small pittance for his bother and sent on his way. Not only did this explain to me why/how women were getting married again so soon after the death of a spouse but I learned this naughty widow was one of our ancestors. She was the mother-in-law to Ivar's great-grandfather. What she did must have broken a basic custom because, I have since come across reference in other printed material to the "dreadful deed" done by Kirstina Orbech Alme.

#### NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETIES/ ORGANIZATIONS

In the United States several "bygdelags" or organizations have been formed, each focusing on descendants of immigrants from a certain area or district of Norway. Each of these groups usually host an annual "stevne" or meeting where members get together to enjoy activities, crafts and talk about the "old country". From a family historian's point of view, these are great opportunities to work with others whose ancestors come from the same area. Often there will be a genealogy section with Norwegian maps, bygdeboks, microfilm copies of census and OPRs available for use.

My husband and I attended the Hallingdal "stevne" in 1998, held in Breckenridge, ND. We both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. He took in all the "folk" activities and talked to people, while I was immersed in books in the genealogy room. Ivar's paternal grandmother, Olaug Knudsdatter had come from the Hallingdal valley to the Sogn valley to work on a dairy in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Through use of the Hallingdal bygdebok and the parish church records I had been able to build a respectable four

or five generation pedigree for Olaug. However at the lag's annual celebration I found a published family history by a highly esteemed Norwegian genealogist. One of his ancestors was the same person as Olaug's great-grandmother.

Olaug's grandmother was illegitimate, later her mother married and produced a legitimate family. I learned this through research in the OPRs. The gentleman who wrote the book was descended from the legitimate side. His book furnished several more generations to add to my pedigree for Olaug, some of it I have verified through information in the Hallingdal bygdeboks, the rest still needs confirmation through other documentation.

#### FAMILY NAMES

No doubt by this time, some of you will be saying "so much for using patronymic names, I know my family had a proper surname that didn't have anything to do with what farm they lived on". Quite possible. We have some of those too.

In one sense Norway was a very democratic country, but there weren't any lords and ladies dancing about, there was still a "class" system. The majority of people were of the working class and mostly rural, and then there were the "officials" or educated class. These were the parish pastors, the sheriff or bailiff, the district military commanders and any other official in an office appointed by the King. These people had their own surnames and didn't always use patronymics. Most importantly, because Norway was considered little better than a province of Denmark, these people were usually of Danish or German ancestry. Their ancestry very often ascended back to nobility.

When my daughter and I began our in-depth Svedal research in 1992, we anticipated that the extent of our research would take us back to the mid-17th century. We soon discovered there were two other people researching Svedal ancestry. Bjarne, a devoted genealogist living in Norway shared some information including a family descent chart which showed connections back to Agnes, the illegitimate daughter of King Haakon of Norway (1270-1319). Below is a sample of our direct descent chart which shows some of the different family names involved.

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 Erik Peders: Klingenberg & Bergitte Anders: Ronnei  
 | (1670-1749)  
 Hans Eriks: Dalsoren & Kirstina Eriks: Klingenberg  
 | (1691-1764)  
 Adam Hans: Dalsoren & Karen Clauses: Munthe  
 (1724-1792) |  
 Anders Tostens: Alme & Kirstina Adams: Reutz  
 | (1764-1820)  
 Nils Hans: Svedal & Kirsti Anders: Alme  
 | (1790-1868)  
 Hans Nils: Svedal (Ivar's grandfather)  
 (1817-1901)  
 .....

Connecting one's family to European nobility is a wholly different aspect of genealogy which I won't go into here, other than to say that this nobility thing really impacted our research and totally derailed our research schedule. It continued to be a "carrot" of curiosity that lured us off into strange areas of research and has taken up a good deal of research time in the past few years.

Several of the Svedal wife's pedigrees took us back to parish pastors and one connected to a von Krogh, the military commander - an illegitimate connection of course! Another illegitimate birth, in a succession of such births, found a Scotsman at the beginning of the 1600's captaining a ship for the Danish King, doing exploratory work around Greenland. As a reward, he was granted governorship of a northern Norwegian county. His illegitimate daughter married a sheriff. Their son became a pastor who served, at the beginning of the 1700's, in a parish neighbouring to Sogndal which meant each of these people had a surname.

Ivar's sister gave one of her daughters "Orbech" as a second name. She died before any of her family became curious about such an odd name, but later they did wonder. Our research found the reason. The sheriff mentioned in the previous paragraph, was Hans Orbech. He was an eight-times great-grandfather of the girl who was given the name in 1915.

It seems to have been quite a common practice to include a prominent ancestral name when naming a child. So be curious if someone in your family has an odd given name and be especially diligent in researching the female lines, you never know what you may find.

## NORWEGIAN CENSUS

Census, although not considered a Grade "A" source because there can be so much room for error, should always be one of the first sources you consult once you have established a place of residence. Norway has several census to help with your research. They are written in Norwegian so you may need help to decipher the questions and the answers.

The first major census was taken in 1801 and asked for name, age, occupation and family status. Earlier census for the years 1664, 1666 and 1701 are also useful but they contain only names of males, likely for military reasons, unless the owner of the farm was a widow, then she would be named. The latter census has caused some problems in our Svedal research. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has microfilm copies of most of these census which can be borrowed through a Family History Centre.

Our Norwegian cousin, who still lives on the Svedal farm, says our family has been on that farm for several centuries. Therefore, when we found the death for Soren Olesson in 1701, we felt that he was likely of the sixth or seventh generation. Although we know we might never be able to find documentation for his parents or grandparents. He was one of a long line of Svedals. Never assume anything!!

A search of the 1664 and 1666 census for Sogndal parish revealed no Soren Olesson on Svedal - by his age at death he should have been about 33 years old in 1666. A careful search of all other farms in the parish turned up two men whose names I deciphered to read "Soffren Olesson". Early writing sometimes has Soren as "Soffren". They were both recorded on both 1664 and 1666 census, but the age of one man on Steneheim farm seemed more likely to be ours. What now??

All kinds of possibilities come to mind. Perhaps sometime after the census, he married a woman from Svedal and took over the farm that way. But, the given names of the Svedal farmers at that time, didn't correspond with the three sons Soren eventually left on Svedal: Hans, Ole & Nils. If Soren had married a daughter of one of the two men listed on Svedal, his very first son should have been named in honour of her father. Similarly, if he'd married the widow of one of them, then the first son should have been named in that man's honour. We are stymied for now.



## GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

Our family became hooked to (and on!) the Internet three years ago. Since then, I have spent many interesting hours surfing and searching. Interesting, fruitful and sometimes frustrating hours.

### CENSUS ON-LINE

When I arrived in Cyber World, there was already a major Norwegian source on the Net. This was the 1801 census provided by Bergen Archives. This database has now become part of the one hosted by National Archives of Norway: <http://digitalarkivet.uib.no>

You can search the whole of Norway for that year, searching by farm name, first name, or last name (patronymic). If you know the name of an ancestor who was living in Norway in 1801, male or female, you should be able to find them. There are also portions of other Norwegian census for various areas of the country. There are birth, marriage, death and emigration plus a host of other records too numerous to list.

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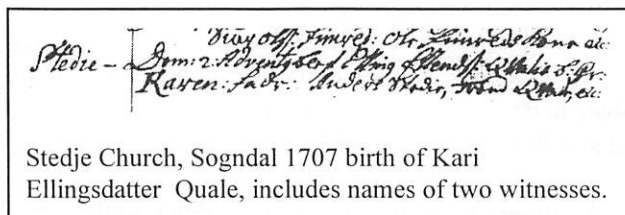
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First name	Karen
Last name	Ellingd.
Wedlock (e) - out of wedlock (u)	e
Father	Elling Ellings.
Farm/father's place of res.	Kvåle
Father's occupation	
Mother	
Farm/mother's place of res.	
Mother's occupation	

Fylkesarkivet i Sogn og Fjordane, 6863 Leikanger, Norway.

Online database of births in Sogndal for 1701 birth of Kari Ellingsdatter Quale/Kvale.

Another site, a particular favourite of mine, is maintained by Fylkesarkivet i Sogn og Fjordane, with material strictly from that county and its 26 kommuner: 1701, 1801, 1825, 1835, 1845, 1865 & 1900 census. Some of the census include all people on the farm but others are more of an agricultural or tax listing, still others, called Manntall, list only males and was intended for military use. [www.sffarkiv.no](http://www.sffarkiv.no)



### OTHER ON-LINE SOURCES

That last site mentioned, has many other Sognfjordane documents beside census on-line. Rather, I should say the documents have been extracted and put into a database which is searchable by first and last names, farms or years. There is an extensive list of searchable databases: church records, school enrollment, land registry and photograph album.

A word of caution here - remember that every time a document is hand-copied there is room for human error. No matter how alert the transcriber is, anyone can make a typo, and most of these documents on-line have not been proofed. The ideal thing is to search the databases on-line and then look at the original document on microfilm to verify the data. The original records always have more information than what you will find on-line. Here are a few examples of what I mean.

I have made extensive use of the on-line OPRs for Sogndal and other parishes within the county where ancestors originated. But when I read the earliest Sogndal OPR on microfilm I realized many of the people I was finding were ancestors, so I recorded all the entries for the first 50 years. Now when we find something on-line of interest, we check my extractions for verifications and the additional information. Of course, I can make just as many errors as the on-line transcribers but we are not likely to make the same mistake on the same entry.

About 15 months ago, this site added the indexes to the Probate records for Inner Sogn. Those records have been a gold-mine and answered so many family

questions for us, enabling us to add one or two more generations to many family lines. We discovered that Soren Olesson was indeed on Steneheim before being on Svedalen. Some time after the 1666 census, Soren married a Steneheim widow, Maritta Olesdatter, who died in 1674 leaving a Probate which listed both her spouses and children from both marriages. From her marriage to Soren she had two children: Hans named after her first husband and a daughter, Brita. I had previously found Hans Sorensen living on Svedal when he married and his first children were born - so he was a half-brother to our Nils, not a full brother. Although the Probate had verified Soren living on Steneheim, it didn't shed any light on when or why he went to Svedal.

All three of Soren's sons left Svedalen in the years following Soren's death: Hans between the birth of two children (Marthe b.1705 on Svedalen, and Christi b.1707 on Qvale): the other two Ole and Nils were still on Svedalen when their children were born prior to the 1712-1726 break in church records. When records commenced after the break, Ole Sorensen was living on nearby Flad(t)land farm. Brother Nils and his wife weren't to be found, although the one son that we knew about, Ole Nilsson, was on Fladland when he married in 1736, before he returned to the Svedal farm.

Fylkesarkivet

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Gård:

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Eiga:

Gjeld:

Netto:

Merknad:

Personer i skiftet:

(1) Ole Nilsen Sen

(2) Ole farbror Fladland Pk sennes vegne

(3) Boets gjeld Kreditor

(4) Anne Olesdatter Erken

Nils, Sorensen

Fladland, nr.:1

Norun

3-153

1708-1722

27.5.1711

40 Dalar, 1 ort, 6 skilling

15 Dalar, 5 ort, 6 skilling

24 Dalar, 2 ort, 0 skilling

Fylkesarkivet i Sogn og Fjordane, 6863 Leikanger, Norway.

On-line Probate database for Nils Sorenson Flatland.

The microfilm copy of original was too dark to reproduce here.

Again it was a Probate that cleared the way. Nils Sorensen FLADLAND left a probate in 1711, where he named his wife, Anna Olesdatter and one child, Ole Nilsson. In 1745, an unmarried sister of Anna's left a

Probate in which she named Anna as the wife of Thronnd Hansson Fladland, a second marriage for Anna. Probates for unmarried or childless people can be real gems as all their relatives are entitled to a little bit of their estate, and these people are named with relationships. I encountered one Probate where there were more than 200 people named. I have made use of the Probates on microfilm but I find it difficult to decipher more than just the basic data. So having the Probates indexed on-line is a real bonus.

One last note for Anna. In 1723, during the break in Sognndal church records, I found a baptism in the neighbouring parish of Hafslo, for a son Nils, born to Thronnd Hansson Flatland. Hafslo had, unfortunately, one of those pastors who didn't see any need to include the mother's name in baptismal entries. The child "Nils" was likely named in honour of Anna's first husband, Nils Sorensen Svedal.

There are sites which focus on other parts of the country in much the same way as the Sogn og Fjordane site. Because of my interest in the county of Buskerud, Great-grandma Olaug's home area, I have bookmarked the following site because it has a list of people who "flytte" or left the parish of Aal.

<http://home.sol.no/~asjonass/kilder/06busk/0619aal.html>

Finnmark, in the north of Norway, is where Hans Jensson Orbech married the daughter of the Scottish sea captain. There is a site for Finnmark as I'm certain there are for the majority of Norwegian counties. All one needs to do is type the name of the county of interest into a search engine and you should be able to come with something that can link you to what you are looking for.

[www.infowest.com/personal/r/redhen/](http://www.infowest.com/personal/r/redhen/)

Another site with lots of great information is the Norwegian American Home page. It has many different kinds of information such as ship lists, maps, traveling, sources and hints for researching in different Norwegian counties.

[www.lawzone.com/haf-nor/ROOTS.HTM](http://www.lawzone.com/haf-nor/ROOTS.HTM)

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has for many years published a booklet *How to Trace Your Ancestors in Norway*. The latest version of this can be found on the Internet (7 July 2000). It answers many questions and provides links to some of the sites already mentioned here.

<http://www.ide-as.com/fndb/howto.html>



A good site for explanations, in English, about the different Norwegian census and why they were taken and what questions individual columns ask. Other sources such as church records and land and tax records are also explained. All of which is especially important if you can't read Norwegian, since you need to know what the questions are to appreciate the answers. This site also has links to the various American Bygdelags that I spoke about earlier. [www.rootsweb.com/%7Ewgnorway/](http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Ewgnorway/)

The Library of Congress Web site has a section devoted to Norwegian-American genealogy. It is called Bibliography of Works: Norwegian-American Immigration & Local History and can be found at: [http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib\\_guid/norway.html](http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/norway.html)

For those who have found ancestors that were "lensmann", pastors, or other dignitaries, and you have traced the family prior to 1600, you might want to try the Diplomatarium Norvegicum site. The information contained here comes from 22 volumes of some 20,000 "diplomas" (official statements) connected to Norway from 1050 to 1590. The original text in "old Norwegian" is copied plus a short synopsis in modern Norwegian. The index seems to be only on the short version so be certain to look over the original text, you might find other names there.

[http://dina.uio.no/dip\\_norv/diplom\\_felt.html](http://dina.uio.no/dip_norv/diplom_felt.html)

The following sites have good information regarding Norwegian research:

For information and other resources - <http://www.norwayfamily.com>

Find the Bygdelags of your choice - <http://www.hfaa.org/bygdelag/>

Good links to other Norse sites - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/3856/>

Information, resources & links for all of Scandinavia - <http://www.nordicnotes.com/index.html>

### MEGA DATABASES

Most of you who use the Internet will have investigated some of the giant on-line database sites provided by rootsweb.com, ancestry.com and familysearch.org. These are the ones I've used most this past year but there are others.

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has combined several of their genealogical information tools to provide a giant database such as International Genealogical Index (IGI), Ancestral File and Pedigree research. Unfortunately, these indexes lack source notes. [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Rootsweb have a WorldConnect Project where researchers may share their family tree information. Typing in a surname and a given name, which is optional, allows thousand of gedcom files to be searched. If a match is found, you are shown the name and an e-mail address of the submitter, should you wish to contact them. <http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/>

The company behind this next Web site has been a leader in publishing genealogical aids, such as *The Source*, and other well known resource books. They have many databases on their site such as the United States Social Security Death Index. They are hoping to have one billion records on-line by the end of 2000. A membership is needed to access most of these databases. However, they also have a section similar to the two mentioned above. Click on their "Ancestry World Tree" where they claim to have over 48 million names with free access. [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

It is quite something to find one of your family lines with a lot more generations than you have. You just can't help but be excited, as you print off copies of new ancestors. But wait a second, what are you going to put in your notes section as the source of this new information? How do you know these new names are correct? Do you contact the original submitters to learn their information source?

Recently I typed one of my Scottish names into the search window on one of the above mega databases. I was curious to see if anyone else was researching that family line. Out of a possible 12 children in this one family, someone had four listed, two with the correct birth date and place, the other two, including my great-grandmother, were so far wrong that I am certain the submitter hadn't done any research on them at all. How much more effective if the submitter had limited their entry to the two children for whom they had documented proof and left their "guesses" for further research. That is how little errors can grow to be big errors, by being repeated and added to. In the end you have a family tree that isn't worth the paper it's written on. Any time you

use someone else's material you need to verify it, item by item, date by date.

### FINDING "COUSINS"

A number of Norwegian sites have guest books where users can comment or ask questions. I used these opportunities quite often the first couple of years we were on-line and made contact with a couple dozen cousins of Norwegian descent. By sharing information and sources, we help one another expand our family trees.

### CONCLUSION

Researching Norwegian ancestors is a little different from researching other European families. If you know some of the basic terms such as the words for birth, death, and marriage you can work your way through most church and census records. Finding and reading material about the area you are researching is necessary for any country, having copies of current and old maps, making a timeline of Norwegian history to better understand why

certain things happened when they did. These are all extra steps that make for a better understanding of your ancestor's life.

A true family history takes years to develop properly. Don't be impatient, enjoy the research, and cherish each new find, no matter how small. It took your ancestors years to create their individual life story, don't expect to "collect" it all in a few months.

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## There's A Special Place In Heaven

Many will be shocked to find,  
When the day of judgement nears,  
That there's a special place in Heaven  
Set aside for VOLUNTEERS.  
Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin Couch and stools,  
Where there is no committee chairman,  
No group leaders, or car pools,  
No eager teams that need a coach,  
No Bazaar and no bake sale,  
There will be nothing to staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail.  
Telephone lists will be outlawed  
But a finer snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
And rare treats fit for a king.  
You'll ask, "who'll serve these privileged few,  
And work for all they're worth?"  
Why - all those who reaped the benefits  
And not once volunteered on earth!

Author unknown  
(From *Relatively Speaking*, Vol. 16, No. 2, p. 59)

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# Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library

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SGS Librarian

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library is located in Room 201, 1870 Lorne Street in Regina, Saskatchewan. A map to show our location is found in the inside front cover of each *Bulletin*. It is owned and operated by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society but is open to the public. It is open five days a week from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. From mid-September to the end of April it is open from Tuesday to Saturday; and from May until mid-September it is open from Monday to Friday. The library is closed between Christmas and New Years. The library also closes on Friday and Saturday during the annual seminar and the annual meeting. It is closed Saturdays on long weekends.

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library is made up of materials based on the needs and interests of the membership. These resources range from how to get started doing research in each area to indexes and records that enable the researcher to trace their ancestors from Saskatchewan back to the 1600's in Canada and the United States, the 1500's in Great Britain and Scandinavia and the 1700's in Europe. A selection of gazetteers and maps help the researcher to find the names and locations of communities their ancestors lived in. This information helps with learning the current names and points to possible locations where the records they need could be found today.

The SGS Library collection began with how-to books and a collection of genealogies put together by members. As the membership grew, so did the collection. When public monies became available, a wide range of materials was purchased to meet the needs of the membership. The Board of Directors suggested that SGS join the Federation of Family History Societies based in England so that we could be part of a lobby group to enable genealogical societies to purchase microfiche copies of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) and the

Family History Library Locality Catalog (FHLIC) from the Genealogical Society of Utah. Since that time, SGS has purchased three editions of these records for the collection. Members continue to donate funds to purchase collections that many people could use. The *Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths for England and Wales*, the *Loiselle Index*, which is an index of Roman Catholic marriages in Quebec from 1603 - 1963, the *Indexes to Birth, Marriage and Death Registrations for Ontario* are just a few examples. At the end of 1999 the collection consisted of 19,177 books, 804 periodicals, 1,150 microfilms, 32,568 microfiche, 229 maps, 10 videos and two CD-Roms. Total value of the collection is presently in excess of \$300,000. The value of the collection grows about \$10,000 per year.

During the 1980's, many books were published by genealogical societies and researchers throughout the world. SGS was able to purchase copies of the major publications. When the world economy slowed down in the 1990's, the SGS Library budget decreased and fewer books were published. Collection development centered on the purchase of the newest editions of major works already in the collection and the completion of collections that were already begun. From the beginning, a policy was set that stated SGS would not duplicate materials found in major institutions in Saskatchewan. This meant we would not purchase local histories. It was decided that SGS would also not purchase family histories. However, SGS would accept donations of these books and could issue income tax receipts for the value of the books. To date, more than 3,000 books have been received in this manner.

SGS purchases subscriptions to twelve journals and exchanges a further one hundred and fifty-seven journals with societies and their branches in Canada,

United States, Great Britain, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania. SGS also receives regular donations from members and non-members for another six journals. SGS has complete collections of a number of journals that are no longer being published but continue to be of value to the researcher. Two members of the society extract items of interest from these periodicals which are published in each issue of the Bulletin. This means members are kept up-to-date with new resources and research techniques around the world. To help members find articles that were published in these journals, SGS has purchased the CD-Rom of the 1999 edition of PERSI - the PERiodical Source Index.

One of the first SGS librarians arranged for SGS to acquire the Library Rate from Canada Post. This means that SGS can mail library books in Canada for a reduced rate that includes the return postage. It also means SGS must participate in the Interlibrary Loan program. The policy states members will receive priority. In 1999, 550 packages of books were mailed to members and four packages were mailed as Interlibrary Loan requests. SGS encourage those who use the mail-out service to donate funds to maintain the service. Forty-two members donated \$383 in 1999. SGS Library Mailing Policy restricts the mail-outs to books under the value of \$100. There also is a weight and size limit to avoid damage to the binding of the books.

Once SGS purchased copies of the International Genealogical Index and the Family History Locality Catalog, members wanted help with how to use these resources. At this time the librarian began offering workshops at SGS on how to make the most use of them. Today workshops are offered throughout the year on how to use the major collections in the library. For those who are unable to come to the library there is an opportunity to have research done for them. There are also research guides available for purchase.

When SGS started purchasing resource materials on microfiche, it meant obtaining microfiche readers. Light bulbs were expensive so

a policy was set to charge \$1 per day for use of the machines so a supply of bulbs could be kept on hand. For a number of years those who wanted copies from the fiche were able to order them but a volunteer from the society went to the Regina Public Library to make them. SGS now owns its own reader/printer and charges to make copies. When SGS was able to purchase microfilm, microfilm readers were purchased. The \$1 charge to purchase light bulbs applies.

Beginning with the publication of the first *Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin*, the lists of the new materials added to the SGS collection have been listed in each edition of the Bulletin. In 1971, 1975, 1979, 1982, 1985, 1986 and 1993, copies of the library collection were published and made available to the membership. The computer program used for the 1992 edition quickly became obsolete so no new copies were available, but there are still copies available for borrowing. SGS has since purchased a commercial library program and has begun entering the resources in it. Once this is complete, copies will likely be available on CD-Rom.

Articles about the special collections for Ontario, Quebec, United States, British Isles, Europe, the Metis Scrip records have been printed in the *Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin*. Copies of these articles are also found on SGS Web site <http://www.saskgenealogy.com> Only members of the Society are able to access these records in person but SGS will do research for members and non-member. Monies raised help purchase more materials for the library.

An important part of the library collection is the obituary, cemetery and Saskatchewan Resident Index programs. Members and non-members from throughout the province volunteer their time to update and maintain the valuable collections. The obituary collection was begun in 1972 with obituaries from the *Regina Leader Post* and the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix*. Since that time some

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# SGS Library

## *Additions*

BY LAURA HANOWSKI

Librarian

### **Canada**

- Here be Dragons, too! More navigation hazards for the Canadian family researcher. (Book). Donated by Ontario Genealogical Society.
- Loiselle Marriage Index - the entire collection on microfiche. Majority of the records are for Roman Catholic marriages in Quebec, but there are some records for Eastern Ontario, Vallee de la Madawaska, New Brunswick and Massachussets. Indexed by the grooms and the brides name. There are also a number of fiche with obituaries for some of the people. (Microfiche). *Reference Only*. Donated by Nora-anne Dornstauder, Dave Pickering, Alex & Julia Gervais, Anne Bolton, Sandra Lamontagne, Lorna Mackenzie, Jo McIntyre and SGS Silent Auction.
- Maple Creek: Maple Creek, Assiniboia West Index to Marriage Licences Issued by 1886 - 1903. (Book). Donated by Linda Neely.
- Siltou: Siltou History: Observations, Recollections and Incidents. (Book). Donated by John Coons.

### **Europe: Austria, Burgenland**

- History of Village Homes, Wallern, Austria. Text in German. (Book). *Reference Only*. Donated by Marie Dietrich-Leurer.

### **Europe: Sweden**

- Emigranten Swedish Emigrantinstitutet. (CD-Rom). *Reference Only*. Purchased with donations from Neil Southam, Betty Ruth & Clarence Purvis, Elaine P. Hill, Katherine Fraser, Mabel Evans, Katherine Siebert and Linda Wiggins.

### **Canada: Ontario**

- Index to Ontario Birth Registrations: 1903. (Microfilm). *Reference Only*.
- Index to Ontario Death Registrations: 1928. (Microfilm). *Reference Only*.
- Index to Ontario Marriage Registrations: 1918. (Microfilm). *Reference Only*.

### **Canada: Ontario, Wellington Co., Peel Twp., Arthur**

- Cemeteries in Wellington County, Peel County Greenfield Cemetery, Arthur : Blocks A, B, C, D. (Book). Donated by Mark Nicholson.

### **Canada: Ontario, Wellington Co., Nichol Twp., Fergus**

- Cemeteries in Wellington County, Nichol Township Belsyde Cemetery, Fergus, Ontario. Master Index and all the sections. (Book). Donated by Mark Nicholson.

### **Canada: Saskatchewan**

- Grand Coulee: Grand Coulee. A Social History. (Book). Donated by Jack Oglesby.
- Manor: Memories Are Forever. (Book). Donated by Nellie Barber.

### **Family Histories**

- Behl: The Henry Behl Family. Celebrating the History of a Saskatchewan Pioneer. (Book). Donated by Gerald Huber.
- Fader: The Ancestry and Heritage of Warren A. Fader 1895 - 1960. (Book). Donated by Sylvia Kelly.
- Feeter: William Feeter History and Genealogy. (Book). *Reference Only*. Donated by Sylvia Kelly.
- Gore: Calder David Gore 1917 - 1948. (Book). Donated by L.R.W. Hamilton.
- MacPherson: The History of Murdo MacPherson of Helmsdale, Sutherland, Scotland and His Descendants. (Book). Donated by Bob Barrett.
- Mitchell: Mitchell Family Newsletter Vol. 18-20, 1997-1999. (Periodical). Donated by Enid Mitchell.
- Proctor/Procter: Proctor/Procter Family History 1800 - 2000. (Book). Donated by Jackie Hobbs.
- Thiele: Thiele Genealogy. Includes Nestman, Baumgartner, Neuman, Ruhr & Schlewits. (Book). Donated by Sonia Putney.
- White: From Generation To Generation. (Book). Donated by June Tarr.

### **Genealogy**

- Genealogical Research Directory 2000. National & International. (Book). Donated by Genealogical Research Directory.

### **Great Britain**

- GENUKI - U.K. and Ireland Genealogy on the Internet (2000). (Book).
- Records of Merchant Shipping and Seamen. Public Record Office Readers' Guide No. 20. (Book).

### **Great Britain: England & Wales**

- Index to Birth, Marriage and Death Registrations for England and Wales 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894. (Microfiche). Purchased with donations from Norma Fraser, Judy Venables and Silent Auctions. *Reference Only*.
- Poor Law Union Records. Volume 3. South-West England, The Marches and Wales. (Book).

### **Great Britain: England**

- Family History Journal of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies No. 134-137, 1999. (Periodical). Donated by Rae Chamberlain.

### **Great Britain: England, Buckinghamshire**

- Origins Magazine of the Buckinghamshire Family History Society Vol. 23, No. 1-4, 1999. (Periodical). Donated by Rae Chamberlain.

### **Great Britain: England, Devon**

- The Devon Family Historian Journal of the Devon Family History Society No. 89-92, 1999. (Periodical). Donated by Rae Chamberlain.

### **Great Britain: England, Lincolnshire**

- Journal of the Lincolnshire Family History Society Vol. 10 No. 1 - No. 4, December 1999. (Periodical). Donated by Donna Johnson.
- Members' Interests, Lincolnshire Family History Society - 1998. (Book). Donated by Donna Johnson.

### **Great Britain: England, London**

- London Parish Map. A Map of the Ecclesiastical Division Within the County of London 1903. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donated by Heather Feather.

### **Great Britain: England, Suffolk**

- Suffolk 1851 Census Index Vol 19: North-East Suffolk Mutford District. Part 1 A - Croutchen, Part 2 Crow - Jay, Part 3 Jeckels - Real, Part 4 Redgrave - Z. (Book).
- Suffolk Marriage Index 1813 - 1837. Vol. 9 - Fordham Deanery, Vol. 10 - Hartismere Deanery. (Book).

### **Great Britain: England, Yorkshire**

- Yorkshire Family Histories and Pedigrees. (Book).
- Yorkshire Occupations: A Genealogical Guide. (Book).
- Yorkshire Parish Registers, Monumental Inscriptions, and Wills. (Book).

### **United States**

- Everton's Genealogical Helper Sept/Oct 1998; Nov/Dec 1998; Mar/Apr 1999; May/June 1999; July/Aug 1999; Sep/Oct 1999. (Books). Donated Jacquie Thom.
- Swedish American Genealogist Vol. 19, No. 1 - No. 4, 1999. (Periodical). Donated by Rae Chamberlain.

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### **THE NAUGHTY LIST**

Effective January 2000, those who have not responded to overdue library notices are going to have their names printed in **The Bulletin**. Please show consideration for others by returning your books on time or asking for extensions on the borrowing time.

The following people are on the naughty list:

Ron Davis, Regina  
Marion Ghiglione, Saskatoon  
William Isabelle, Regina

### **HELP WANTED !**

SGS is in need of the following for the publication of Births, Deaths and Marriages from the Regina Leader Post:

- microfilm readers
- data enterers
- proofers

Please contact the office at 780-9207 if you can help with this project.



# SGS NEWS

## FROM THE OFFICE ...

BY MARGE THOMAS

Executive Director

In this Bulletin, you will find an update of the Annual Fall Seminar to be hosted by Regina Branch. Also, check for SGS activities at the Seminar. I would especially like to draw your attention to the unveiling of the Saskatchewan Heritage Resources Directory (SHRD). See page 106 for more details on this project.

I am pleased to announce that we have hosts in place for the next three seminars.

2001- October 26-28

Hosted jointly by branches in South East Region

2002 - July 18-21

Hosted jointly by SGS and Federation Eastern European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) in Regina.

**Note: Change of date for this year only**

2003 October 24-26

Hosted by Saskatoon Branch

Watch for a new SGS Web site at the same address [www.saskgenealogy.com](http://www.saskgenealogy.com). The site will be maintained in the office. This should allow us to update on a regular basis. Members list will not be included until the site is up and running. Watch for it. We are planning for 2001 members.

In this Bulletin, we are offering classes in Saskatoon on SGS resources in Ontario research. Please check page 110 for further details and note the registration deadline. Since, we do not subsidize these classes, it is necessary to have your registration and fees in SGS Office by this date. The class will not go ahead without 12 people.

I look forward to seeing you at the seminar.

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## SURFING THE NET ...

BY MARGE THOMAS

Executive Director

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

If you are looking for detailed maps of your English counties check [www.old-maps.co.uk/](http://www.old-maps.co.uk/)

Historical maps with sites of Victorian London can be found at:

[www.ph.ucla.edu/epi/snow/1859map/map1859.html](http://www.ph.ucla.edu/epi/snow/1859map/map1859.html)

I found Ontario Historical Atlases at [imago.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/default.asp](http://imago.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/default.asp)

Translation software can be found at the following sites: <http://www.tranexp.com:2000/InterTran>  
[http://www.zdnet.com/yil/content/mag/0007/useref\\_translate.html](http://www.zdnet.com/yil/content/mag/0007/useref_translate.html)

SGS site was chosen for a Saskatchewan Award by Links2Go. The award is given to sites that are considered to be one of the most relevant sites for a particular topic.

### Career Opportunity

SGS requires a genealogist to assist family historians in the SGS Library in Regina.

The successful candidate will:

- Have basic knowledge of genealogical research techniques
- Have basic knowledge of Saskatchewan/Canadian record sources
- Be willing to take courses to learn research techniques for United States, United Kingdom and Europe
- Be required to take Saskatchewan Certificate courses
- Perform library duties

If you are interested in full-time employment contact Marge Thomas, Executive Director at (306) 780-9207 or e-mail: [margethomas.sgs@accesscomm.ca](mailto:margethomas.sgs@accesscomm.ca)



# Notice of Elections

The SGS Board of Directors has adopted the Carver Model of Governance. The Board of Directors is Trustee for the membership of SGS. Its role is to establish policies, articulating the mission of the organization and planning for the future.

## *Eligibility:*

Conflict of Interest Policy (Policy #27.6.c) states "No volunteer shall assume any responsibility on behalf of SGS including sitting on SGS Board or Committees, if to do so would result in a Conflict of Interest. This would include anyone involved in decision making with SGS stakeholders".

Conflict of Interest Policy (Policy #27.6.d) states "that no Volunteer shall sit concurrently on the Board of Directors and on the Executive of any Branch of the Society".

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## **Nominations are required for the following five (5) seats on the SGS Board of Directors**

President - 1 year term  
3 Provincial Directors - 2-year term  
1 Provincial Director - 1-year term

## **Elections will be held:**

Saturday 21 October, 2000  
General Membership Meeting - 1:00 p.m.  
Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre, Regina SK

## ***Basic Requirements and Responsibilities for Board Members***

- A. Must be SGS member in good standing for the last 2 years
- B. Attend all Board meetings (3-4) per year
- C. Be prepared to sit on one committee or take on one task
- D. Act as a liaison between SGS members and the Board

Contact SGS for Nomination package. Nominations must be in by October 11, 2000, to SGS Nominations, PO Box 1894, Regina SK S4P 3E1. For nominations from the floor, Nomination packages will be available for pickup at SGS table at Seminar.

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED for 2001 SGS Board**

SGS Nomination Committee chaired by Past-President Janis Bohlken, includes Director Dr. Wanda Young, and President Arlene Frolick. The Committee seeks nominations for interested members to put their name forth for the 2001 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.

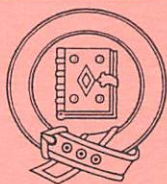
Anyone interested in letting their name stand or knowing of someone who may be interested, please contact SGS office for nomination package.

## **NOTICE OF SGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Saturday, 21 October 2000  
from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre  
Regina SK

- election of Board of Directors
- membership fees





# Genealogical Research Directory

A Key Reference Work For Worldwide Family History Research

Editors & Publishers: Keith Johnson & Malcolm Sainty.

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**SURNAME ENTRIES** (including *Directory*)

E. **NATION/LAND:** A maximum of two may be entered per line (use abbreviations below). The first must relate to any parish/town/city or state/province given (see sample 7). Two towns in separate nations cannot be listed.

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5	HERTRICH	C1725-1850	BIENGARTEN	BAV	GER
6	SAINTY	ALL			WORLDWIDE
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G:	DEATH BY LIGHTNING	ALL CASES OF	ANY

**Sample entry:** MERRITT: Merritt International Family History Society. *Editor:* David C. Merritt, 12 Edgar Court, Edgar Close, Swanley, Kent BR8 7JJ, Eng. Tel.: (01322) 65974. *Area of interest:* Worldwide. Journal pub. Apr. Aug. & Dec. Family queries welcome. Reunion March 2001.

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### SGS Moose Jaw Branch 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Moose Jaw Branch will be holding a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Saturday, 4 November 2000, at the Heritage Inn, Moose Jaw. Plans have not been finalized, but the evening will include a social time beginning at 5:30-6:30 and dinner at 6:30. This will be followed by some presentations and a short history of the Branch which began in November 1970. Leith Knight, Moose Jaw Historian, will be the guest speaker. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person - must be obtained by 1 November 2000. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who has attended the Moose Jaw Branch at anytime over the years. For further information call: Marge Cleave (306)799-2004; Alice Trusty (306)692-4263; Myrna Folk (603)693-3054; or Wilma Pickering (306)692-0571.

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### Millennium Past . . . Millennium Future

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### Seminar News ! ! !

- Details are being finalized by the Committee
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- If you need a Registration Form or have any questions, contact one of our Chairpersons
- You may also refer to the SGS web site for information
- 17 very interesting Speakers presenting 24 informative Workshops
- Don't forget the 6 Tours on Friday afternoon
- Get together with friends and fellow genealogists
- There will be many interesting displays
- Sessions will be held with SGS during breakfast times

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### SGS Activities:

Check SGS Room to confirm times on the following activities.

- **Unveiling Saskatchewan Heritage Resources Directory (SHRD)** - Friday evening.
- **Branch Forum** - Saturday morning.
- **Education Certificate Program** - To learn more about the various certificate courses in this program, come have breakfast with Laura - Sunday morning.

### Heritage of the Year Award

The winner of this year's Heritage Volunteer Award was Jean Cockburn of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Her Introduction is found on page 105.

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# Book Reviews

BY LAURA HANOWSKI

Librarian

**GENUKI - U.K. & Ireland Genealogy on Internet.** By David Hawgood. Published by Federation of Family History Societies, Units 15 and 16 Chesham Industrial Centre, Oram Street, Bury, Lancashire BL9 6EN, 48pp. 6" x 8½", illustrations. Softback. £2.80 Postage & handling are extra.

This dandy little book will help you explore the wealth of information available for UK and Ireland genealogy at <http://genuki.org.uk> This site contains over 20,000 web pages of structured information. These sites may contain articles, lists of topics with descriptions, indexes and some transcripts of original records. There are examples of the types of information provided and valuable hints about how to make the best use of the wide variety of sites available.

**Poor Law Union Records. Part 3. South-West England, The Marches and Wales,** second edition. By Jeremy Gibson and Colin Rogers. Published by Federation of Family History Societies Ltd., Units 15 and 16, Chesham Industrial Centre, Oram Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 6EN. 2000, 72pp, 6" x 8½", illustrations. Softback. Price £4.50. Postage & handling are extra.

This volume updates the lists or records of the Unions created under the New Poor Law of 1834 to their abolition in 1930. Records of earlier combinations of places to relieve the poor under Gilbert's Act of 1782 or private Acts are also included, but not the old poor law records of individual parishes. There is a good explanation about the Poor Law Records, how the book is arranged and list of records available set out county by county along with maps to show the Poor Law Union boundaries for each county. This is a must read for anyone searching for their "poor" ancestors.

**Yorkshire Family Histories and Pedigrees.** Yorkshire: The Genealogists Library Guide 6. By Stuart A. Raymond. Published by Federation of Family History Societies Ltd, Units 15 and 16, Chesham Industrial Centre, Oram Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 6EN. 2000, 100pp, 6" x 8½". Softback. Price £6.50. Postage & handling are extra.

This book is part of the series that was formerly known as *British Genealogical Bibliographies*. Mr. Raymond continues to publish the lists of printed sources that are readily available and can be borrowed via the inter-library loan network irrespective of where one resides. In addition to the family histories and pedigrees this edition lists collections of pedigrees, diaries, letters, works on surnames and heraldry and biographical dictionaries. The book is intended to be used in conjunction with the *Yorkshire: The Genealogists Library Guide*.

**Yorkshire Occupations Guide.** Yorkshire: The Genealogists Library Guide 5. By Raymond A. Stuart. Published by Federation of Family History Societies Ltd, Unites 15 and 16, Chesham Industrial Centre, Oram Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 6EN. 2000, 47pp, 6" x 8½". Softback. Price £4.60 Postage & handling are extra.

This book helps you to identify hundreds of sources of information about occupations your ancestors may have been involved in. The book is arranged in alphabetical order by occupation and contains an author, family name and place name index. Use this book in conjunction with Mr. Raymond's other book *Occupational Sources For Genealogists. A Bibliography*. Be sure to read the Introduction for further information about how to find information about occupations.

**Yorkshire Parish Registers Monumental Inscriptions and Wills.** Yorkshire : The Genealogists Library Guide 2. By Stuart A. Raymond. Published by Federation of Family History Societies, Units 15 and 16, Chesham Industrial Centre, Oram Street, Bury, Lancashire BL9 6EN. 2000, 87pp. 6" X 8½". Softback. Price £6.50. Postage & handling are extra.

This volume is intended primarily for genealogists but is equally useful to other disciplines interested in the history of Yorkshire. It lists books found in libraries that are readily available and can be borrowed via the inter-library loan network irrespective of where one resides. This useful guide should be used in conjunction with *English Genealogy: A Bibliography* also written by Mr. Raymond. Read Introduction for the cautionary notes.

***Here be Dragons, too!*** More navigational hazards for the Canadian family researcher. A companion volume to *Here be Dragons!* By Althea Douglas. Published by The Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Blvd, Suite 102, Toronto ON M4R 1B9. 2000, viii, 88pp, 7" x 8½", illustrations. Softback. Price \$14. **Non-Canadians** to pay in US funds. Those paying in U.S. funds may deduct 20% from the total cost. Postage and packing: In Canada \$4.00 first item + \$1.00 each additional item. Canadians must add 7% GST to both book and postage charges. Outside Canada \$6.00 first item + \$2.00 each additional item.

Whether you are beginning your genealogical research or feel you are an experienced researcher, this book may save you hours of unnecessary research. In this book, Mrs. Douglas covers topics ranging from sorting out same names, spelling variations, migration patterns, census and court records, records about ships, their owners and their masters, Indian ancestry and Privacy laws to the use of "Wild cards" to do computer searches. Use this small book to learn about strategies you can try and other books and articles that can help you further. If you haven't read *Here be Dragons!*, it's time to search for this book as well. It is available at the above address for the same fee.

***Genealogical Research Directory 2000.*** Editors Keith A. Johnson & Malcom R. Sainty, 2000, 1200pp, 5½" x 8½", hardcover. Available from GRD - Jeannette Tyson, 94 Binswood Avenue, Toronto ON M4C 3N9. Payable to GRD. Cost for softcover \$37.94 (includes book, GST and postage). Cost for hardcover \$47.94 (includes book, GST and postage).

The edition has 744 pages of research inquires from around the world. There are updated lists for genealogical societies, archives and record offices worldwide plus One Name Studies, subjects, events and maps. The feature article is "British Pedigrees and Interests. Who else has worked on this family?" by Anthony J. Camp.

***A Tiny Corner of Bukovyna in Canada.*** By Sergii Khalayim, Archivist, Chernivtsi State University, Chernivitsi, **Bukovyna**, Ukraine (Translated from Ukrainian). *Mamornytsya: 100 years of a Ukrainian Pioneer Settlement in Saskatchewan, 1897- 1997*, was written by a third-generation Ukrainian-Canadian, Dr. Jennie Dutchak and published in Canada, the land of the maple leaf.

This book is not only the culmination of many years of diligent scholarly research, but an excellent example of a local ethnographic history of one of Canada's Bukovynian pioneer settlements. It is also valuable for its contents, which testifies to the author's extensive research in the provincial archives of Saskatchewan, the National Archives of Canada and the Chernivtsi State Archives. The author traces the 100-year history of the community of Mamornytsya, organized by immigrant settlers from the province of Bukovyna, Ukraine, who immigrated to Canada at the turn of the century. The English reader, for whom the book was written, has a chance to acquaint himself with the brief history of the village of Mamornytsya in Bukovyna and a detailed history of the new Mamornytsya (Mamornitz) community in Canada, whose name it carries. Preface to the second, expanded and revised edition was written by a former Saskatchewanite, Roman John Hnatyshyn, Canada's 24th governor general, whose ancestors also immigrated from Bukovyna at the turn of the century and settled in that area. Today, Mr. Hnatyshyn is employed with a law firm in Ottawa.

The first chapter provides an informative past history of the area focusing on fur traders, land surveyors and ranchers. The next five chapters focus on immigration, homesteads, organization of schools, building of churches, the operation of rural post offices, cultural heritage, the careers of some of the children and grandchildren of the pioneer immigrants, special activities and events of a one-room country school and ending with military service. The author praises the heroic achievements of the soldiers of the community and lists five men who lost their lives in Canadian service during World War II and whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance. The text is supported by a chronology of important historic events of the area during the past 100 years, a biographical account of the first 180 immigrant settlers who took up homesteads in the area, a map of their ancestral villages as well as private photographs and archival maps and documents

In recent years, many books have appeared on the scene in Bukovyna, free of any political ideology, focused on the history of Ukrainian emigration to Canada and the main places of immigration. None, however, can be compared to the superior quality of this beautifully-produced and well-researched work.

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# Seek And Ye Might Just Find

**BY: FRED FEATHER**

of the Essex Society for Family History

It is certain that a lot of people, will, for a very long time, have been telling you how to search for information in the correct manner. And, if that is all you want to do, you may be advised to stop reading further. Napoleon once said (in French) "Do not tell me if he is a good general, tell me if he is a lucky one." My intention, henceforth, will be to indicate to you how sometimes you can read British History and get a lucky break, even make your own luck. For instance, our counties do not necessarily coincide with Police forces. Lancashire is covered by both the Merseyside Police and the Lancashire Constabulary and Humberside Police covers parts of both Lincolnshire and East Yorkshire. Each of our 43 police services (at times we have had over 200) have had an anti-terrorist and immigration responsibility, usually called "Special Branch." A word on the difference between "Constabulary" and "Police." In London, the City of London Police (founded 1839) cover one square mile, the Metropolitan Police (1829) cover the rest of London and parts of Kent, Surrey, Hertfordshire and Essex abutting London. Kent Constabulary (1857), Surrey Constabulary (1841), Hertfordshire Constabulary (1841) and Essex Police (1840) cover the rest. The reason that Essex has a different title is that in 1969 two large Constabularies (of the County of Essex and the County Borough\* of Southend-on-Sea) amalgamated. The new title, "The Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary" was such a mouthful that they shortened it to Essex Police. But that is an anomaly. Most forces with the title "Police" were formed about 1836 under one particular Act of Parliament. The Constabularies dating from 1840 to 1857 (when it became compulsory to have police) were formed under a different Rural Police Act of 1839.

## **Lateral, If Not Literal, Thinking**

Many years ago, at the West Riding Constabulary Detective Training School in Yorkshire, they tried to make me a detective and to teach me, a southerner (with a cockney accent to boot), the art of lateral thinking. They told me of the dwarf who lived in Flat 999 on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of a block of flats (condo you call it), and who, at nine minutes past 9 am every working day, would ride the elevator down to the lobby. He would go out on to 9<sup>th</sup> Street, where he would catch a number 9 bus to work. He worked for 9 hours with a 3 hour break, then at 9 minutes past 9 pm he would catch the return number 9 bus back to his home. He rode the elevator up to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, then climbed two flights of stairs to his home at number 999, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Question - Why did he only go up to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, then walk? Answer - Wait for it! It is at the end of the article.

## **Somebody's Family Tree Ended This Way**

Have you ever considered the possibility that your ancestor was executed or perhaps was a public hangman? Springfield Gaol, near Chelmsford in Essex, was the 11<sup>th</sup> most popular (is that the right word?) venue for executions in the United Kingdom. Judges worked on a "circuit" which meant that they visited several county towns each year and sat at the Assizes, held twice a year in each county town. As a large part of East London was on the Chelmsford patch, Springfield executions were more common than in other rural counties. Of the 300 named people in our museum list, executed between 1762 and 1915, when the practice ceased in Essex, only four were women. Equal opportunities had no say in the matter. Consider the case of Thomas Goodeve (a name not unknown in Saskatchewan) executed in 1762 for stealing horses at Halstead. A respite arrived the following morning. Life can be a bitch!

We commemorate the life of one famous hangman every time we use a particular type of triangular shaped crane. That is right, his name was Derrick. Other famous (or infamous) executioners were Calcraft, Marwood, Billington, Berry and three different Pierreponts. Multiply about forty-five counties by this figure of 300 and you get a large number of families who were affected. Springfield Gaol was taken over for military use in the Great War, whilst in the rest of the country executions went on for another 50 years.

### **Up Your Family Tree?**

The most romantic murder in Essex history is that of Camille Cecille Holland, for which crime Samuel Herbert Dougal was hanged in 1903. Prior to 1886, Dougal was a Sergeant Major of Royal Engineers in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he was friendly with a Halifax detective called Power. As Chief Clerk to that garrison he signed the death certificates of the garrison, reputedly including those of two of his wives in that same year, 1886: Lavinia (nee Griffiths) and Mary Herberta (nee Boyd). He apparently left 8 children with the surname Dougal in that province, plus another illegitimate child to the daughter of a trapper named Steadman. In 1998, I gave a talk at the National Gallery in London on the subject of "Victorian Murders." At the conclusion, I was presented with a copy of a certificate which the Metropolitan Police had found in the Public Record Office (P.R.O.) at Kew. It was an application, dated 1890, to become the public hangman. The applicant was Samuel Herbert Dougal, who 13 years later, was to meet the successful applicant Billington, under the most unpleasant circumstances.

### **What's In A Name?**

Our museum received a letter from the granddaughter of Amelia Prett. Those of you with the British 1881 census could now search for the name Amelia Prett, born in that year at Great Dunmow Police Station in Essex. Bet you do not find it. But the Prett family can and will show you her marriage certificate in about 1905, her father's name clearly shown as Prett. Having in my control,

as curator of the Essex Police Museum, the service record of every member of the Essex County Constabulary back to 1840, I can authoritatively say that there never was an Essex officer called Prett. But that same 1881 census will tell you that, living in Great Dunmow Police Station at the time was Constable Alfred Spratt, who had a new baby daughter called Amelia. So, how did Baby Spratt become Baby Prett? I should tell you that her grandchild did not believe me when I told her this. Prett was the family name and that was that! Alfred Spratt had transferred to Essex from the Metropolitan Police in London, and when I called for his service record he had served with them as Constable Spratt. His marriage certificate was in the name Prett. All the police documents were in the name Spratt. My initial thoughts were that his wife was illiterate and the enumerator wrote down what he thought she had said. Could she have had a speech impediment? I found that Alfred Spratt was born near Canterbury before 1837 and what had happened was this. A famous "robber baron" had plagued the countryside and had killed soldiers who tried to catch him (Police were not yet invented). Among those tried with him were his lieutenants, called Prett. Could it be that when Alfred applied to become a policeman he did not want to be associated with criminal relatives and changed his name? However, when faced with a legal document, he gave the name with which he was born. This has certainly livened up one family tree and it was lucky that we received the enquiry. The Spratts and the Pretts could have a reunion.

### **So, What Is So "Special"?**

Part-time policemen and policewomen are called Special Constables. In the euphoria of the aftermath of the Great War, there were many memorials, which we all recognize as a good historical source. In Essex, those citizens who became part-time policemen to cover for all the regular officers serving in the armed forces were commemorated by illuminated scripts which hung in each of the county's numerous magistrate's courts (we have several dozen). Seventy years later, the wind of change and styles of decoration meant that

many ended up in rubbish tips. Of these, at least 25 have been saved and have been turned into a data base. It has a special value in that it discloses some 4000 villagers whose occupation made them too valuable to serve in the forces. Add to this the many thousands who received the Special Constabulary Medal for the Great War or Long Service and the numbers go up to 8,000. That is one county. It does mean that you can draw some interesting conclusions. A large proportion of surnames in Essex are those relating to birds, such as Finch, Raven, Martin, Starling, Bunting, Hawk, Eagle, Wren ( variation Uren), Goose and others.

### **The Militia Act of 1757**

A lesser known series of lists which have great significance to family historians are the muster lists and pay lists of the militia regiments, many in the P.R.O. In the time of King George III, it became necessary to put together an army to defend the country whilst the regular army was abroad. Many agricultural workers were put on lists and balloted. Those who were unlucky and could not pay for a substitute were trained as soldiers (though allowed to return home for the harvest) and can be found on lists which supplement parish records. Sometimes the regiments are called Militia, sometimes Yeomanry (Landowners' cavalry) or Fencibles (including Sea Fencibles, which were part of the navy) and even volunteer Artillery. This situation prevailed for about a century, then they were incorporated into the regular army as the higher numbered battalions of a regiment (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>). They were often posted a long way from home so that they could not run away. This often explains why someone did not marry within their own parish. Let us take two disparate counties; Essex and Cornwall, where in the former you would find regiments called East Essex Militia, West Essex Militia and even the Bethnal Green Volunteers, in which Prime Minister William Pitt the younger was commissioned. In Cornwall some of my ancestors served in Cornwall Militia. One was pensioned in 1810, the other in 1835; and because I knew the name of the unit I got their records out quickly. After 1881, Army pensions are alphabetically sorted, so you do not need to know

in which branch of the army anyone served. In the far southwest were the Devon and Cornwall Miners Militia and the Cornwall Militia, where I found my great-grandfather William Woon (1797-1879). He enlisted at the age of eleven and became a bugler when he was sixteen, later a corporal, but was reduced to bugler when the unit was itself reduced in size after the Napoleonic Wars. His father, William Woon (1762-1841), was a sergeant in the same company. Another Woon was wounded in Ireland during the French invasion of 1798 and transferred into an Invalid Regiment, later guarding a fortress at Steyning and thus took one branch of the family into Sussex, where it remained. William Woon the elder finished his service guarding French prisoners of war at Norman Cross in Huntingdonshire and had been to Lancashire and Newcastle. He married in Bristol, Somerset (to the north of Cornwall), and that was because the regiment had been sent there to quell riots. That was where my great-grandfather was born and now we know why. Other Woon soldiers and sailors were found in the Sea Fencibles and the Pendennis Cliff Volunteer Artillery. Some served in more than one. Few of these units ever got into the Military Almanacs of the time.

### **The Cardwell Reforms of 1881**

The army changed its structure in 1881, all the numbered infantry regiments were amalgamated into named regiments, thus; The 57<sup>th</sup> East Middlesex and the 77<sup>th</sup> West Middlesex Regiments became the two battalion Middlesex Regiment. The Essex Regiment was the 44<sup>th</sup>/56<sup>th</sup>, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiments the 16<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. These numbers became important as they were disbanded in that order and we now have few regiments left who originally had numbers higher than 20<sup>th</sup> Foot. The Green Howards (ex-19<sup>th</sup>) are one. Incidentally they are called the Green Howards because there were at one time two regiments with their colonel's name, one was a North Yorkshire regiment whose uniform had green facings, the other a famous Kentish regiment with buff coloured facings. This latter regiment became 3<sup>rd</sup> (The Buffs). Prior to 1881 you need to know the regiment in which someone served to locate his pension record out at



Kew. So, here is a possible bonus for those with Irish ancestry who bemoan destruction of parish documents in "The Troubles." At the P.R.O. there are muster lists for many Irish irregular units, stretching over the century from 1757. So, was your great-great-grandfather in the Sligo Militia, the Wexford Militia or the Cork Militia? It is another place to look. To this end consider those high numbered regiments (96<sup>th</sup> Foot and above) of the British Infantry in India which, after the Indian Mutiny in 1857, became Irish Regiments (such as the Dublin Fusiliers) and thus can be found on the army list up to 1922.

### England Too Had Immigrants

Our County Record Offices can also be the repository of other unusual records. In Essex, information relating to the entry and surveillance of immigrants into our county (which is one of the nearest to Europe and thus a prime port of entry) will now be available to us, having been deposited in the Essex Record Office at Chelmsford. Thousands of Central Europeans, including many Jews, will have made their first landfall with us. I suppose that some immigrants did not like the conditions in the country

and later became emigrants.

The answer to question above - He was too short to reach the button for floor 9.

\* A County Borough was a town of over 150,000 people, a city is one (of whatever population) which almost always has a cathedral. This number of people was a pre-requisite to forming a separate police force after 1889.

### Biography

The Author served as a regular soldier attached to the Middlesex Regiment, then for 31 years with Hertfordshire Constabulary, Southend on Sea Constabulary and Essex Police, retiring in 1988 in the rank of sergeant. He then became Public Relations Officer for Essex Police with the express task of creating an Essex Police Museum, retiring in 1998 as Curator. He is currently advisor on exhibitions to the Essex Society for Family History and is writing this article whilst on holiday in Regina.

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### Changes At SGS Library/Office

- **Allergies:** SGS is a *Scent Free* area (no perfume, cologne/aftershave, and hair products). We have requested that anyone coming to SGS Library/Offices refrain from using scented products. You will be asked to remove the scent because it could cause severe allergy problems for others.
- **Security in Building:** When entering the front door of our building you will notice a security system. *Do not get discouraged* - just buzz the receptionist, tell her you are coming to Genealogy and she will let you in.

# Newspapers in Saskatchewan

BY DARLENE CLIFFORD

The first newspaper to be published in present day Saskatchewan was the *Saskatchewan Herald*. The first edition was published August 25, 1878. The editor was Patrick Gannie Laurie. This newspaper continued until 1938. Many other newspapers have been started since then, some only lasting a short time and others continue until today. The *Historical Directory of Saskatchewan Newspapers 1878-1983* is a must for anyone that is going to be searching through newspapers. It lists those newspapers that were published, the names of the publishers, owners and editors. It also lists which issues are available on microfilm at the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Newspapers printed north of Davidson are in the Saskatoon office and those south of Davidson are in the Regina office. Use this directory to find a listing for a newspaper that may have been published in the area in which you are searching.

Local libraries may have microfilm copies of the newspaper for their community. Ask if they have a vertical file which contains clippings from the newspaper. Other libraries in Saskatchewan with newspaper collections are the university libraries and the Saskatchewan Legislative Library. Check the Internet for the availability of On-line Library Catalogues.

Indexes have been compiled by the Saskatchewan Archives Board for the Regina Leader/Leader Post for the years 1883-1943, the Saskatoon Phoenix/The Phoenix 1902-1908, Le Patriote de l'Quest 1910-1917 and 1932-1932 and the Western Producer 1925-1940. These are arranged alphabetically by subject. The Saskatchewan Legislative Library has prepared general subject indexes for the major daily newspapers for the period 1930-1981. Copies are available at the Saskatchewan Archives Board and some libraries.

Also check with your local libraries for indexes to the local newspapers. It would be helpful for you to contact local archives, libraries (including the University libraries), the Saskatchewan Legislative library and/or historical and local Genealogical branches within Saskatchewan to determine their holdings of original and microfilmed newspapers and indexes to the newspapers. I found these indexes in the Regina Public Library - Prairie History Room.

The Regina Public Library has a computer index for the *Regina Leader Post* beginning 1992. You just type in a name. For example, I typed in the name for my grandmother, Annie Rorbeck and found a reference to her obituary in 1995. Next I typed my mother's name, Anne Kathrine (Kay) Fish and found the entry for her obituary in December 1999. This would indicate that this index is maintained on a regular basis.

**Remember:** Any microfilm held in the public library system can be borrowed through interlibrary loan.

## What do you expect to find in newspapers?

Obituaries or death notices, marriage and birth announcements, anniversaries, reunions, testimonials, farewells, local politics, service clubs and fraternal organizations, church and church organizations, school reports, university graduates, military service and war stories, agricultural fair results, agricultural events, stories about appointments, retirements, and achievements, sports stories, current and historical events, advertisements and business news, court and legal announcements.

### Obituaries

A detailed obituary may contain the deceased name, maiden name, age, date and place of birth,

name(s) of spouses, date and/or year of marriage; a list of children and spouses and where they live; a list of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren; names of brothers and sisters and their spouses and residences.

Other information that an obituary may contain is the name of the funeral home, place of interment, names of clubs and organizations to which the deceased belonged, the cause of death, history of deceased, church affiliation and lists of pallbearers who could be relatives or friends of the deceased. The list of organizations to which donations may be made could be a clue as to cause of death.

Remember, not all people have obituaries. People who may not have had formal obituaries may be remembered on the first year of the anniversary of the death under the "Memoriams" column. Listings in this column could also continue for many years.

### Feature Stories

**Figure 2.** *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix*. Thursday, September 20, 1990.

#### **Politician, jurist Walter Tucker dead**

Walter Adam Tucker, retired Court of Queen's Bench justice, former provincial Liberal leader and member of Parliament for Rosthern, died Wednesday in Saskatoon at the age of 91.

Tucker became steeped in federal politics in the mid-1930s. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1935 and represented the people in the newly-created constituency of Rosthern until 1948.

Tucker then left federal politics and became leader of the provincial Liberals, sitting as Opposition leader from 1919 to 1953.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm Friday at Third Avenue United Church.

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If your relative was well-known in the community, there may be featured articles

throughout the paper detailing some of the history of his/her life. This article along with others was in the *Star-Phoenix*, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on Thursday, September 20, 1990, about Walter Tucker who died on September 19, 1990 in Saskatoon.

### Cause of Death

Sometimes you can find the cause of death in an article or an index listing. Two examples:

- In the *Weyburn Review*, April 17, 1956. Weyburn Man Dies Tuesday. A Weyburn district farmer, William Edwin Fish, died Tuesday in a Regina Hospital as a result of head injuries received when he was trampled by a horse last week.
- The *Index to Leader Post* Vol. 2 1883-1903 lists a Clarkson, Frank Drowns December 7, 1899 p 1.

### Wills

"Notice to creditors" announcements tell you about an ancestor's death and that a will was registered in the Surrogate Court. A notice in the *Ceylon Journal*, Ogema, Saskatchewan, May 5, 1926 states:

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE SURROGATE COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF WEYBURN**

IN THE ESTATE OF CHRIST RUDLAND, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of Christ Rudland, deceased, late of the Post Office of Hardy, in the Province of Saskatchewan, are required to send same with particulars of security held, if any, and verified by statutory declaration, to the undersigned on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May A.D. 1926, after which date the assets of the estate may be distributed among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Ceylon, Saskatchewan, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1926.

OLAF RUDLAND

Hardy, Sask., Executor

Published on behalf of the executor by his solicitor, Jas. S. Hamilton Ceylon, Sask.

Some notices will list the deceased as being a bachelor or retired farmer, therefore, giving the occupation and state of life.

### Birth Announcements

Birth announcements will give the name of the child, the parents and usually the name of the grandparents.

### Marriage/Anniversary Announcements

Marriage announcements and/or anniversary announcements will give details of the event and are very good sources of information for the genealogist. Wedding announcements could give the name of the bride and groom, name of the parents, name of the attendants and the relationships to the bride and groom, name of the church, out-of-town guests and a description of the wedding attire. With marriage information you can look in future newspapers for the special anniversary years - 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup>. In the special events section or elsewhere in the newspaper. The following anniversary was found in the *Weyburn Review*, Thursday, December 19, 1976, First Section, p9.

"Diamond anniversary for Braithwaites"  
"LEVVAN - Mr. And Mrs. Russell Braithwaite were guests of honour at a come-and-go diamond anniversary at St. John's United Church Regina, Saturday, December 4, 1976.

With this anniversary information you could search for the 50<sup>th</sup> around December 1966 or search in the church records in Winnipeg where they were married.

In anniversary write-ups you may find some history about the couple, the date and where the marriage took place, names of family members, friends and neighbours and where they live.

### Politics

If you had an ancestor involved in local politics, you will find much information about them. For example in *The Prairie News*, Govan, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1926, reports Mr. Latta winning the mayoralty race with the flip of a coin. Also reported are the results of the Nokomis elections which include the names of the mayor, councillors and trustees.

### Clubs/Organization/Education/Sports Clubs

Service clubs and fraternal organizations have photos of people in the clubs or lists of people who have been elected to the executive. In *The Weyburn Review* dated Thursday, October 21, 1976, there is an article called "Reunion for sewing circle formed in 1930's." In the article there is a history along with names of people who were involved and a photo of the group. Just recently in the *Bengough-Ogema Star* dated Friday, July 23, 1999, on the front page was the "Bures District Reunion." This article featured photos of the people in attendance. This newspaper serves the areas of Big Beaver, Glasnevin, Hardy, Horizon, Kayville, Pangman and Viceroy. In the education section of a newspaper you find photos of school graduation classes or individual photos of people who have graduated from high school, university or college. Look through the months of May or June.

### Military

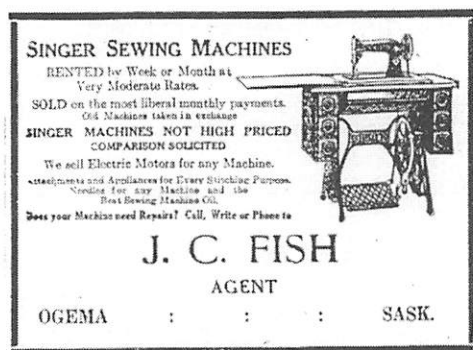
During the war years or near November 11<sup>th</sup> of any year there will be stories about people involved in the war from the local community. There may be stories or photos of people injured or killed in the war. The military records can then be checked for further information.

### Agriculture

Winners of agricultural fairs are announced in the newspaper. On the front page of *The Leader*, Regina, NWT, Tuesday, October 14, 1890. "Regina's Fair, under the Ladies Department, Plain Stockings -

1<sup>st</sup> J. Seed, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Seed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Brown; Plain Socks - 1<sup>st</sup> A. Seed; Crazy Quilt - 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. W.F. Eddy 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. F. Coventry 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. T.J. McNiece.

## Advertisements



The Ceylon Journal, Ogema, Saskatchewan  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1926

If you had an ancestor involved in a business you may look under the Business Directory or City Directory where advertisements of various businesses are located. In *The Weyburn Review* dated Thursday, December 2, 1976, p4 there is a list of auctioneers, dentists, denture clinics, chartered accountants, legal, business services, funeral homes, optometrists, TV repair, income tax and public bookkeeping. In the *Prairie News*, dated December 15, 1926, I found a column called classified advertising that list several businesses with names.

## Courts

Did your ancestor have a brush with the law? Someone involved in a crime may have gotten front-page news. The subsequent court cases would be reported in "Court News." The following are listed in the *Index to Leader Post* Vol. 2 1883-1903.

- "Stunt, C.A.W. charged with theft June 12, 1902 p5".
- "Braithwaite, Douglas Regina, Manager of Bank of Montreal attacks Davin October 25, 1883 p4".
- "Bank Manager fired for striking Davin November 1, 1883 p1".

- "Ed: Controversy as to whether Braithwaite should be retained as bank manager November 1, 1883 p2".

Court records can be checked for further information about the person involved in a criminal offense.

## Other Featured Stories

To honor the "Year of the Older Person", the *Bengough-Ogema Star* has been printing the series featuring members of the community with their photos and a write-up about their lives. A wonderful find for the genealogist.

As with all other searches develop a time line for your ancestor. You will see the months and the years that the events happened in their lifetime. You need to know the time frame you are searching when looking at newspapers. Searching through the newspapers is very time consuming but very interesting. You never know what you may find. The important feature of the newspapers is that they lead you to other documents.

Once you find an article about an ancestor, such as an obituary, you can develop your time using this information. Then work forward and backwards from this time to look in other newspapers for other events and other documents.

**Beware:** Because something is printed in the newspaper, it does not necessarily mean it's correct.

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600,000 obituaries have been collected. The majority date from 1985 but there are many from the 1800's.

The Cemetery Collection was begun in 1975 to locate cemeteries and private burial site throughout the province. To date 3,033 cemeteries and/or burial sites in 299 Rural Municipalities are registered with copies of records for 1,600 of these sites in the collection. The list of sites and those for which there are records is found on SGS web page. The public as well as members may access the cemetery collection in person. Searches for a fee can be made for those who cannot come to the library. The fees enable SGS to maintain the cemetery program. The Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) was started as the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project. It is a database with more than 1.85 million names taken from local histories, Cummins Maps, Voters' Lists, cemetery records, school year books and some city and rural directories. This data base is being added to continually. There is a \$1 fee charged to use the database and .15¢ per page to have printouts made. This fee helps cover computer costs.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society receives substantial funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries. This means SGS must provide services that benefit the people of Saskatchewan. SGS Library is open to the public but only members are able to access the microfilm/microfiche collection. Each year people come to use SGS Library from throughout the world. Many people learn about the library through the SGS Web site or Saskatchewan Tourism magazine. These people in turn donate funds which are used to purchase more resources for the library.

In addition to the collections of materials that make up the collection found in the main library of SGS there are two very important collections that were established for the branches of the society. The first is the Core Collection, a group of books given to each branch when they were formed. The other is the Floater Collection, a group of over 300 books that are duplicate of some of the most popular books found in the main collection that are exchanged between the branches at the Annual Meeting.

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## Queries

**RAY:** Seeking descendants or other relatives of William John **Ray** and Elsie Maud (nee **Exler**) b. 15 Nov. 1890 at Bovington, Hampstead, England. Married in New Zealand in 1913 and some time after came to Canada. Elsie died in Canada at Easter 1949. They had two children: Exler and Blodwin.

A photo of Exler in uniform says Nelson, British Columbia. Any information will be most welcome. Mary Sones, 1109 - 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 1J2.

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# SGS Volunteer Heritage Award

BY ROBERT L. PITTENDRIGH

The winner of the SGS Volunteer Heritage Award is **Jean Cockburn** from Prince Albert.



Arlene Frolick, SGS President  
(Right) presenting award to Jean  
Cockburn (Left).

Jean was born in Saskatoon and has spent the majority of her life in Saskatchewan. After high school, she graduated from the Victoria Hospital School of Nursing in Prince Albert and worked in various hospitals and public health nursing areas, including working in an isolated settlement in northern Saskatchewan. Jean was in charge of the nursing station on the Mistawasis Indian Reserve and served as a field nurse on White Bear Indian Reserve near Carlyle.

In 1952, while nursing on the Mistawasis Indian Reserve, Jean contracted polio, resulting in complete paralysis. After many weeks of perseverance and determination, Jean eventually walked again with the aid of crutches.

Jean retired from nursing in 1984. She is the historian for the Women's Missionary Society at the local and Presbyterian levels and for the Victoria

Union Hospital Nurses' Alumnae. She is a director of the Prince Albert Historical Society as well as a volunteer for many other organizations.

Jean is a founding member of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. In October, 1994, she received a pin and plaque in appreciation for being a founding member. She has maintained an active role in the Prince Albert Chapter as secretary or as a director and is willing to volunteer her time on special projects.

In 1997, Jean published her family history, "Family Footprints in the Sands of Time"; and in 1999, she published "A History of the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan."

Jean's Interest in the history of the community, the church, and the families of both has been a longstanding one. Jean has always been willing to talk with anyone sharing an interest in local history as well as that of the wider province and has been most helpful to a good many people over the years who have come searching for information in the course of genealogical research on their families.

Jean's philosophy reflects her life: "Set worthwhile goals, and irrespective of what life brings, never give up. Persevere, care for others and maintain a sense of humour. Always remember, you're forever on the road; you never arrive."

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# Saskatchewan Heritage Resources Directory (SHRD) On-line

## BY SHRD PROJECT COORDINATOR

The Saskatchewan Heritage Resources Directory (SHRD) is a project of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

Some of our members will remember the group discussions held at previous SGS seminars, about the need for conservation and preservation of Saskatchewan's paper heritage. Many concerns were expressed about the future of some of our vital heritage documents. An out-come of these discussions was the idea of a register or directory where these various records could be listed. This directory would inform researchers where records could be found, what type they were and how accessible each was.

This directory, will be a database called SHRD (Saskatchewan Heritage Resources Directory) which will be housed at the SGS Library for easy access by our Librarian and others. Once a sufficient number of entries have accumulated (to make a search worthwhile) SHRD will go on-line and may be accessed from anywhere in the world.

SGS made plans to carry out the directory idea. SGS Branches were approached to provide samples with which to experiment in creating a database, to ensure all the right questions were being asked and to eliminate any that were unnecessary. Some fifty samples were received from around the province. However, a delay ensued in completing the next step of the operation.

We encountered a problem finding enough volunteers to build and operate the database and other administrative work. That roadblock has now been removed with the addition of three new enthusiastic committee members who have taken on key roles with the project: Ben Charron - computer person who provides much needed technical expertise; Jeannette Miller is our record keeper who is responsible for keeping track of who is doing what; Dave Pickering who has revamped the look of SHRD's questionnaire, correlating its appearance with the SHRD database.

Requesting help with data in-put from SGS members is the next step in the project. We would like assistance from all SGS members who have an opportunity to visit their local Saskatchewan towns and talk to people there. Every community contains records about its residents, past and present, which have been created over the past century. By listing these records we give researchers, now and in the future, new resources to draw upon.

To obtain the official SHRD questionnaire and instructions, you must first register with the committee either by phone, mail or e-mail to: Jeannette Miller, SHRD Project, SGS, Box 1894, Regina SK S4P 3E1, Telephone: (306) 525-2034 or e-mail [j.g.miller@sk.sympatico.ca](mailto:j.g.miller@sk.sympatico.ca). Be prepared to supply the name of the community and the names of the business sites in that community, that you plan to visit. Should another person volunteer to record the same community, they will be given your name to contact so you may work together. There is too much work to do to waste any time in duplication of effort.

The Committee hopes the majority of the field data will be returned by email. However we know many of our members don't have that access, in which case the completed questionnaires may be returned by mail and a volunteer at this end will do the necessary data entry. We are hoping for good response from our readers.

The SHRD Committee will be unveiling the On-line version of the project Friday night at the up-coming SGS 2000 seminar this October in Regina. We would like to welcome all of you to attend and see our newest endeavor. Upon arrival at the Seminar and signing in at the Registration desk, please check your agenda in your Seminar package, to learn time and room number for the SHRD unveiling.

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# Cemetery Program

BY LINDA NEELY

Cemetery Coordinator

From the Regina *Leader-Post*, June 2, 1975: "In the old Fairview Cemetery rests a tombstone, all that remains to commemorate Annie Gardiner. It is surrounded by trees, wild and overgrown weeds, and sunken, unmarked graves. An inscription on one tombstone says, 'Ever Remembered, Ever Loved'. It is not true, for these ancestors are often forgotten and neglected" "Standing in Fairview Cemetery, one can feel a part of something regrettable. Gravestones hidden among trees and uncared-for plots make one apologetic for the carelessness of today."

This quote was part of an article on the work the SGS was just beginning to do on collecting cemetery locations and inscriptions. The writer had visited the Fairview Cemetery near the town of Davin, taken pictures and written a story. He did not, however, record the names on the tombstones to add to the SGS collection!

Twenty-five years later, in June 2000, the names were finally collected and put on file at the SGS library and entered into the SRI. The years have exacted a price though. The cemetery is in reasonable condition for an abandoned site, the RM mows the grass and keeps it fenced. However, recently one stone has been smashed, possibly by the heavy maintenance equipment, and some of the names have completely weathered away on some of the stones. So there are some names missing from our recordings. Possibly if it had been done in 1975 we could have captured those names.

Unfortunately, for many of our cemeteries time is fleeting. If we don't soon collect their secrets it will be too late and we will never know the names of those who rest in many of the abandoned cemeteries in this province. The story of this province's people will be incomplete.

As program co-ordinator I am always happy and grateful that the SGS has so many people who are aware of the importance of our cemeteries. We give a 'tip of the hat' to Bob Pittendrigh and Dirk Hooegeveen for starting the Cemetery Program in 1975. I think the "carelessness" the author felt in 1975 has been much reduced by the work of SGS over the last twenty-five years. More and more we are changing the "careless" attitude and we sure don't feel apologetic! Our volunteers have done a great job in raising the awareness of the importance of cemeteries to the cultural heritage of Saskatchewan and our ancestors are not forgotten.

Keep up the good work! Keep those records coming in!

We are asking for your help in data entering cemeteries onto the SRI program. Any database program can be used and you can do this from your home. If you would like to help or have any questions, call the SGS office.

If you are talking to any RM offices, the following is a list of RM maps that we could use to update our files. The current maps for these RMs are from 25-30 years old - 1, 9, 12, 35, 99, 101, 103, 107, 111, 122, 123, 124, 139, 141, 154, 155, 157, 161, 169, 171, 181, 183, 211, 219, 230, 232, 241, 243, 244, 245, 247, 273, 274, 279, 286, 287, 305, 310, 315, 342, 345, 347, 350, 367, 401, 426, 458, 463, 464.

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# Computer Corner

BY CHRIS KRISMER

Summer vacation for the most part is a memory. It is time to get back into your family research projects along with other fall routines. Perhaps some of you took advantage of the warm weather to visit some of your roots, to meet families at reunions, or spend hours reading the script on tombstones or grave markers.

Your new data is collected and is ready to be added to your previous information. Maybe you are considering a new computer, or new software or just adding onto your system – a scanner, CD-R (CD-recordable) or CD-RW (CD-rewritable) drive.

With more software programs allowing for the addition of pictures or picture albums you may find valuable space on your hard drive being used up with large picture files. Large size picture files sometimes only allow for one or two to be saved on a 3½ inch disk. Many people are adding CD-R, CD-RW drives in order to store most of their pictures on a CD. They may even store their whole history book on a CD. The question that follows is "What is the life span of the CD?" From information gathered it appears the life span is long. Remember the 3 ½ inch discs last about 5 years!

According to the manufacturers here are some numbers:

- CD-ROMs last anywhere from 30 – 200 years.
- CD-Rs before you record have a shelf life of 5 – 10 years.
- CD-Rs after recording can last 70 – 200 years.
- CD-RWs are expected to last at least 30 years.

The way they are handled, and how they are stored greatly affect their longevity. Exposure to light can shorten the life span. It is suggested that if you are only going to use one every six months, don't buy a 50 pack. Fingerprints and scratches also shorten the life span.

As genealogists or others interested in good preservation techniques, we are aware of the proper methods of writing on photographs and in scrapbooks. That means the use of acid free pencils or pens. The same is true for labeling CDs. Avoid ballpoint pens. Use stickers with great caution. Cool, dry conditions are good, whereas warm, damp conditions are detrimental.

Big fluctuations in temperature are also harmful.

The above are the physical properties. Another factor is the data on the disc. Formats change over time, and so may not be readable in the future. Remember the old 78 records or Betamax? For CDs the issue becomes more complex than just the right machine to play it. Will the old preferred format be compatible with the data? Converting may not be possible; then will they convert correctly.

In summary CDs are not forever. They depend on good care, proper handling and storage. Our collections of CDs will grow until something new and better comes along. All this is another good reason for having hard (print) copy!!

Are you interested in a site on the net that lists a variety of programs, many of which I've never seen before and some new one? Listed on the following site were DOS based programs, MAC programs, UNIX programs, Windows 3.1, 95, 98 and NT programs. Some programs can be used in different languages and I saw for the first time a Jewish genealogy program. The site is:

**<http://people.mw.mediaone.net/fixitwoman/Software.html>**

There are links to a download site and an opinion site. Have a look.

In the last issue I made reference to a genealogy software program report card. I direct you to this report card again:

**<http://www.cadvision.com/mumford/reptcard>**

or

**<http://www.cadvision.com/mumford/reptcard/index.htm>**

This may be of assistance if you are considering the purchase or change to another program for whatever your reasons.

Some of you will have noticed that UFT (Ultimate Family Tree) has been discontinued. Owners and users of the program will still get technical support and help but there will be no upgrades or revisions.



Family Tree Maker 7.5 is on the market. Further than that I have no information.

Legacy 3 continues to improve. Several glitches were found in the first discs of the upgrade from 2 to 3. These have been corrected and upgrades made available to users in the same manner as was done for Legacy 2. Updates seem to be posted about every 6 weeks. It may be a good idea to check their site regularly. Visit their site at: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com>

## INTERNET

Genealogical surfing of the Net can be time consuming and sometimes very frustrating. The efficient use of search engines is one of the most important skills needed for successful online research of any kind. Search engines are navigational tools that you can use to locate information as you surf the net.

Here are some points to consider:

- Not all search engines are created equal. The simplest to use are those that offer three choices. These are:
  - a) Searching for any of the words you enter.
  - b) Searching for all of the words you enter.
  - c) Searching for the exact phrase.
- Are you using a metasearch engine (a search engine that searches several other search engines and lists the top results). From that you can see how many URLs are repeated in the top lists. An example could be a search for Saskatchewan naturalizations and Saskatchewan naturalization records. You may come up with two URLs in both searches.
- You can also try your search using abbreviations. In the example above use SK naturalization records. You may turn up the same URLs or more.
- A common use is the search for a surname. You can eliminate non-genealogical sites by adding some keywords such as genealogy, ancestry, descendants, family or even GEDCOM. You can be more specific

by adding a first name.

- Search more than surnames. Search time periods, regions, institutions, churches, etc.
- Search engines can also be helpful when looking for the location of records. If you are not sure of what resources are available for a region, you can do a search for those as well. You may be led to archives, libraries, government agencies, societies, web pages. Hours of operation may also be listed.
- Some searches may require a more precise search. You would use plus signs (+), minus signs (-), and quotation marks (" "). An example would be Brown + Family. For an easy to follow tutorial on the use of these go to:  
<http://searchenginewatch.com/facts/math.html>

If you are looking for information on various search engines try SearchEngineWatch at:

<http://searchenginewatch.com> A number of tutorials on searching the Internet are listed and there are reviews of various search engines.

An Internet Directories page at:

<http://www.theinternetdirectories.com/search.htm> has a list of search engines and tutorials. Take the time to read these lessons. You will find it much easier to navigate the Internet. Who knows you may even find an ancestor or two!!

At this time I would like to say farewell to the readers of the column. Commitments to some other interests are requiring more time than in the past. I have enjoyed my time researching for this column and encourage anyone else interested in this area to contact SGS and offer your help. It has been a valuable learning experience and I have met many people as a result. I may write the odd column but for now I believe you deserve a change. Thank you for being such avid readers. I am sure you will enjoy and learn as much from future articles written by others. See you at the Seminar in October!

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# SGS Bulletin Board

## LIBRARY CLOSURES:

October 7- Thanksgiving Day  
October 21 - SGS Seminar in Regina  
November 11 - Remembrance Day  
December 23 - January 1, 2001 - Christmas Break

## WINTER HOURS:

Effective September 19 hours are:  
**Tuesday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
(Last Monday opened - September 11, 2000)

## WORKSHOPS:

**Ontario Research Using Pre and Post 1869 Vital Records, Census and Surrogate Court Records**  
(All records discussed are part of SGS Library Collection, available through Interlibrary loan or a Family History Centre).

Date: 25 November 2000  
Time: 9:30am - 3:30 pm  
Location: John Remi Centre  
510 Cynthia Street  
Saskatoon SK

Fee: \$25.00

***Payment to be received at SGS office by 20 November 2000***

- Require a minimum of 12 people - maximum of 20 people.
- **Class starts promptly.**

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29 or 30 September 9:00-11:00 am  
**How to Fill in and Source Family Unit Sheets**

13 or 14 October 9:00-11:00 am  
**How to Organize Your Research and Develop a Research Plan**

27 or 28 October 9:00-11:00 am  
**Analyzing the Data ... Are You Tracing the Right Set of People?**

03 or 04 November 9:00-11:00 am  
**Home sources - Your Own Home and Community Resources**

17 or 18 November 9:00-11:00 am  
**Using the Internet to Find Genealogical Sources**

24 or 25 November 9:00-11:00 am  
**Genealogy Programs, CD-Rom's, Databases .... How to Pick the Right One for You**

01 or 02 December 9:00-11:00 am  
**Now What? Hands on Help with the Genealogical Problems**

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