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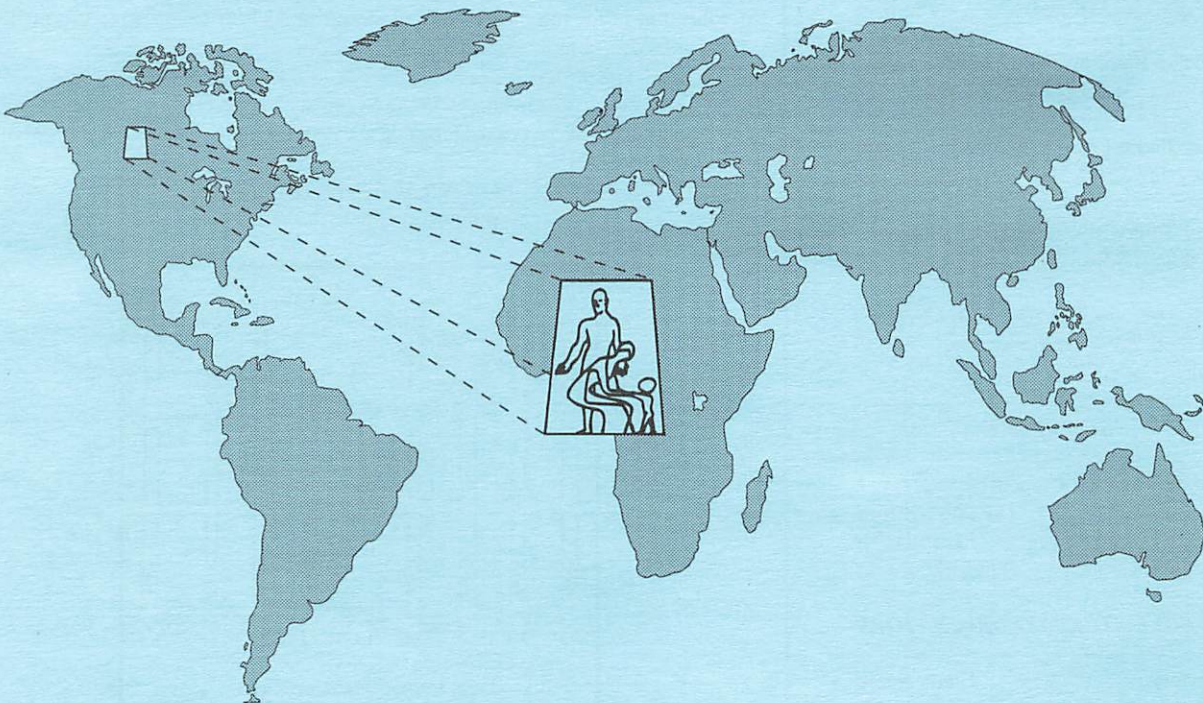


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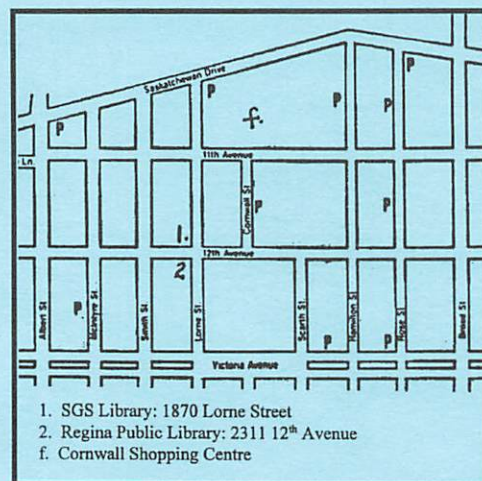
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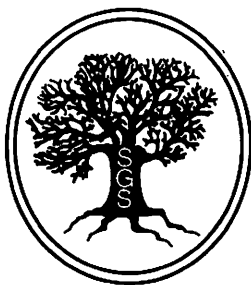
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President's Letter

BY ARLENE FROLICK
SGS President

It's almost summer vacation time after a long cold winter and late spring, at least here in Saskatchewan. Another busy season is ahead for holding family get-togethers and reunions.

On April 28, we held our Annual General Membership meeting in Regina combined with a special luncheon for our retired librarian, Laura Hanowski. The morning session was interrupted by the departure of Prince Charles leaving the same hotel where our meeting was held. A couple of us did get a chance to talk to the Prince about Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. Besides getting together with the membership, that's another reason to attend these kinds of meetings. You just never know who will show up!

The workshop held at the AGM dealt with ethics in genealogy recording with emphasis on what to report or not to report on the Internet. Who would have heard of the terms 'cyber stalkers' and 'hackers' only a few years ago? That has changed. Anyone who records personal information on the 'net is at risk at having their identity stolen. This is one of the fastest-growing white-collar crimes.

Page 29 of The Economist, March 10-16, 2001, states: "Something as innocent as a family genealogical tree can tip off a thief to a victim's mother's maiden name -- a common way for credit card firms to verify identity". In other words, when entering information on your family online, you need to know what to reveal or conceal. Who out there can use your identity in a criminal way is a concern to all of us.

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Editor's Notes

BY MARGE THOMAS
Executive Director

This issue contains information on the program and registration for our Annual Seminar to be held in Estevan October 26-28, 2001. Consider attending this year's seminar and register early to save money. What a good way to network with people of like interests!

Congratulations to The Ontario Genealogical Society on their 40th anniversary and to Manitoba Genealogical Society on their 25th Anniversary. All the very best to both Societies.

Congratulations also go to our branches who have special anniversaries this year. See page iii.

Are you interested in being an editor of the Computer column of this publication? Please contact me since we are looking to fill this position.

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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... President's Letter continued

The person nominated for this year's SGS Heritage Volunteer of the Year Award was not a lukewarm volunteer. Marie Svedahl was a most deserving recipient, and to read all about her endeavors should inspire us all. Please see page x.

If you are planning visits with relatives this summer, here's hoping you have a chance to add to your family's heritage information. Have a great summer and happy digging!

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The Norwegians:

Halvor Kristiansen and Pernille Tostensdatter

(Halvor C. and Nellie Johnson)

BY: HAROLD A. LaFLEUR, JR.

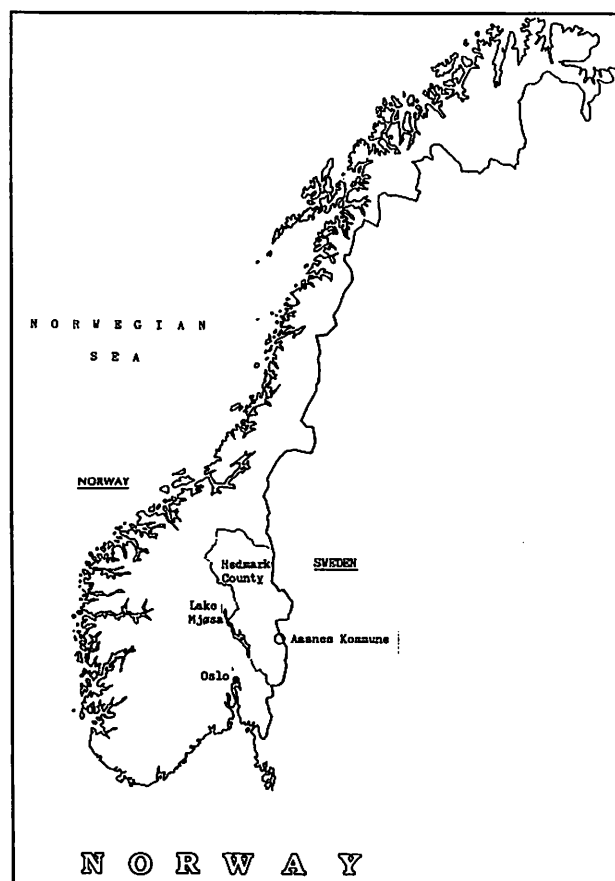
Harold A. LaFleur, Jr. has granted permission to print this article about his great grandfather who homesteaded in Saskatchewan.

Halvor Kristiansen and Pernille Tostensdatter emigrated from the fertile lowlands of eastern Norway during, what was called, "America Fever" in the latter half of the 19th century. They were among the influx of immigrants who came to settle the American West and were pioneers in every sense of the word. They migrated to new frontiers as the land opened up toward the west, even after they had once settled in the Midwest. They endured the hardships and risks that came with moving into unproven situations, and there was often heartache and disappointment, as well as joy, in their lives. Their story begins at Aasnes in Hedmark County, Norway, and ends on the Great Plains of North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

Both Halvor and Pernille descend from families that farmed for many generations in Aasnes Kommune, which is about 75 miles northeast of Oslo. Halvor's roots were at a place called Vermundsjoen, named for a small lake near the border with Sweden. Pernille's family lived about 15 miles west of there at a place called Knappum in the Flisa River Valley near the town of Flisa. Her ancestors lived on several of the many small farms in that valley. (sources: 14 & 27)

Halvor Kristiansen was born on April 20, 1835, probably at Vermunden Farm at Vermundsjoen, and was baptized on June 14 in Hof Parish, probably at Aasnes Church near Knappum. Aasnes was a part of Hof Parish until 1848 at which time it became a parish of its own. His father, Kristian Henriksen Vermund, was a farmer at Vermunden, and later a

crofter or tenant farmer at Flisbrua Farm. His mother was Marte Danielsdatter Tyskeberget, whose family lived five miles south of there at Tyskeberget Farm. Halvor's father, born in 1807, descended from Tommes Olsen Vermund, who was born in 1667 at Vermundsjoen. His mother was born in 1809. As Halvor's father's family lived at Vermundsjoen, his mother's family lived at Tyskeberget for many generations. (sources: 5 & 14)



Halvor's grandparents were Henrik Andersen Vermund and Ingeborg Karlsdatter and Daniel Andersen Tyskeberget and Guri Andersdatter from Posaasen. (source: 14)

Kristian Henriksen and Marte Danielsdatter were married on March 22, 1827, in Hof Parish at Aasnes Church. They had at least nine children of which Halvor was probably their fourth. Helene was born in 1827 or 1828, John about 1830, Gunnerus about 1832, Dorothea in 1838, Kristian in 1841, Martin in 1843, Arne in 1845, and Daniel in 1848. Marte Danielsdatter apparently died about the time Daniel was born. (source: 14)

Pernille Tostensdatter was born on August 1, 1842, at Knappum according to parish registers. She was baptized at the Aasnes Church on September 18. Her parents, Tosten Pedersen and Lisabet Torrisdatter Knappum, were unmarried at the time; however, they did marry on September 3 the following year. Pernille was one of, at least, four children. The others were born: Thea in 1847, Kristiane in 1860, and Thorsten in 1863. (source: 9)

Tosten Pedersen was born at Knappum on November 16, 1812, and Lisabet was born in 1819, also at Knappum. Tosten's parents, Peder Henrichsen Carlfoss and Berte Torstensdatter Sararud, were not married. (source: 9)

Tosten was living at Sonsterudgvern, a farm near Knappum, when Pernille was born. Apparently, he became a crofter at Svesaetrebraaten Farm after marrying Lisabet. (source: 11)

Years later, Pernille's son, Charles, told his son, Carl E. Johnson that he recalled that his mother's maiden name was Braaten. Since her family was living at Svesaetrebraaten Farm, they apparently used the name, "Braaten". However, her father's name was given as "Tom Peterson" on her death certificate filed in North Dakota. There was a Theodore Braaten who lived with Pernille and Halvor for awhile in North Dakota, and Carl understood that he was an uncle or a cousin of his father. The 1875 census in Norway shows that Pernille's father, "Thorsten Pedersen Braaten", had an unmarried tenant, who had two illegitimate children, Emil Pedersen and Theodor Pedersen, born in 1871 and 1874, respectively. The record also

indicates that "Emil and Theodor were provided for by Thorsten Pedersen." So, Theodor may have been Pernille's half-brother, either by adoption or by birth. If so, Theodore Braaten would have been Carl's father's uncle, and this would also attest to his grandmother's family name being, Braaten. (sources: 6, 11 & 34)

Before 1900, the system for naming children in Norway was quite consistent from generation to generation. Children had a given name, plus a patronymic name, which was the father's given name with the suffix "sen" for a son or "datter" for a daughter. Thus, the patronymic name for Kristian's son is Kristiansen and for the daughter of Tosten is Tostensdatter. Families were known by the name of the farm which they occupied. If a family moved from one farm to another, they would accept the new name and drop the old one. The farm name was essentially considered an address rather than a surname. Nineteenth century immigrants from Norway usually used their patronymic name, but some used their farm name as their surname in American records. The farm name was often dropped once people left Norway. Then, some families adopted an entirely new name altogether (source: 23)

Carl Johnson was told by his father, that as a young boy, Halvor, his father and four brothers emigrated from Norway in about 1848 after selling their farm at Vermundsjoen. However, records show that Halvor and his father were at Aasnes, Norway, in the 1860's. Possibly, Halvor and his father did come to America after his mother's death, but later returned to Norway. There were many immigrants who went back to their homeland for one reason or another. Carl had found an old envelope, and on it was written, "The original was Arne Johnson", and, "sons were, Chris, Carl, Martin, Gunarious, and Halvor", and "sisters were, Helena and Karen". This probably refers to Halvor's brother, Arne, and his family, who may have lived in Wisconsin. (sources: 11, 26 & 34)

Halvor and Pernille were married at Aasnes in the early 1860's. Registers from Aasnes Parish have been reconstructed for the period of 1866 to 1872, and originals for the old Hof Parish exist from 1822 to 1840. Unfortunately, those between 1840 and 1866 are not available. Halvor and Pernille were married during this latter period, so no record is found. They most likely were married in 1863, or earlier, at Aasnes Church. United States census records show them to be married in 1864. (sources: 12 & 39)

Halvor's father, Kristian Henriksen, was married to Karen Neilsdatter around 1865 with whom he had, at least, two more children. They were Karen, born about 1865, and Johanna, born about 1867. Karen was already in her middle 40's, and Kristian was in his late 50's when they were married. He was a crofter at Flisbrua near Vermundsjoen at the time. A young boy living with them named Ole may have been Karen's son by a previous marriage. Later, in Wisconsin, Ole's surname is shown as Gunderson which may be a patronymic name from his father. (sources: 4, 5 & 12)

The 19th century saw many Norwegians emigrating to other countries, but most notably the United States. Ireland and Norway lost the greatest share of their populations to emigration of all the European countries during that period. Norwegian emigration began in the 1820's and lasted well into the 20th century. The greatest exodus occurred after 1860, especially in the 1880's, when some 200,000 left for other lands. Ninety percent of the Norwegians who emigrated to America came after 1865. The Homestead Act of 1862 was a great inducement for immigration to the United States by foreigners from many European countries for many years (source: 19)

The major cause of Norwegian emigration in the 19th century was economics relating to agriculture. Technology resulting from the industrial revolution gave farmers more efficient implements to work their land. This new machinery quickly transformed agriculture practices in the 1860's. Old labor-

intensive tools that had been used for centuries quickly became obsolete, and fewer people were needed to produce a crop. At the same time, Norwegian farmers were facing competition from cheap grain imported from foreign countries, which brought down the price they could get for their own crops. Since most Norwegians lived on farms, these developments caused economic stress for the whole country in a relatively short period of time. (sources: 19, 20 & 26)

In addition to this, a more gradual problem was occurring. Land ownership was considered very important in Norway, and it was the custom for the oldest son to inherit the family farm. Farmland in the 19th century became more scarce with each generation as the population grew, so, the younger sons usually found themselves looking for livelihood elsewhere. Some became crofters on other farms, while others went to the cities. Many looked to the future by hoping to acquire more land to pass on to their children. They turned to America and other foreign countries for these opportunities. (sources: 19, 20 & 26)

By 1860, Halvor had become a crofter at various farms at Vermundsjoen. When he and Pernille were married, he continued to work at these farms, and they began raising a family there. In 1865, they were at Vaalbaekken Farm with their son, Martin Halvorsen, who was two years old at the time. Martin was born in November of 1863 or 1864. Another son, Kristian Halvorsen, was born on September 20, 1866, while they were living at Vermundsberget, a farm two miles east of Vaalbaekken. Then, they were back at Vaalbaekken in 1868 when Theodor Halvorsen was born on May 14 of that year. (source: 39)

As economic conditions worsened in Norway in the late 1860's, Halvor and his father decided to take their families to the New World. On July 13, 1870, they sailed from Christiania (now called Oslo) aboard the steamship, "Hero". The fare for each family was 52.24 speciedaler, which was around \$40 US at that time. Halvor's family left Norway under the names, Halvor Kristiansen Vaalbaekken and

Pernille Tostensdatter and their young sons, Martin, Kristian, and Theodor. Kristian's family was listed as Kristian Henriksen Flisbrua and Karen Nielsdatter and their daughter, Johanna. Ole was also listed, but their other daughter, Karen, must have been missed as she does show up on records after arriving in America. The families probably had enough money from selling their land at Vermundsjoen and then working as crofters to cover their travel, and possibly buy some land in America. Their final destination was shown to be Arena, Wisconsin. (source: 5)

Travel by steamship in those days was rather new and much faster than the recent sail ships. Crossing the Atlantic could be done in 10 to 14 days as compared with several weeks on the sail ships. It was also more comfortable with more room, and passengers weren't required to carry their own food and bedding for the trip, as was the case on older sail ships. (source: 26)

The Hero took them to the east coast of England where they probably arrived at Kingston-upon-Hull. They went over land, possibly by train, across England to Liverpool. There, on July 21, the family joined 476 fellow passengers aboard the "S.S. Nestorian" to sail across the Atlantic to Quebec City in Canada. Ten days later, they arrived in Quebec at 3pm on July 31. (sources: 4 & 5)

Most Norwegians arrived at either the ports of Quebec or New York. Quebec is a much shorter route, and after Britain lifted her restriction in 1849 on foreign ships using Canadian ports, Quebec became a popular port of entry for ships from Europe. (source: 20)

The voyage inland was probably by railroad. They would have gone from Quebec, through Toronto, to the United States border at Port Huron, Michigan. From there, a train probably took them west to Grand Haven on Lake Michigan. They probably crossed the lake by steamboat to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At Milwaukee, they would have taken another train 110 miles west to Arena. They were in Arena by August 20 when the 1870 U.S. census was taken. (sources: 19 & 26)

After arriving in the United States, Halvor and Kristian dropped their farm names, and somehow, both began using the surname, "Johnson". How this came about is unknown, but the family name became Johnson from that time on. Halvor was known as "Halvor C. Johnson" and Pernille as "Nellie Johnson". Halvor even used the spelling of his newly adopted name as, "Johnston", at times, since it appeared more Anglican. (sources: 12 & 36)

It was not uncommon for the Norwegian immigrants to feel discrimination from the English-speaking people in Wisconsin in those days. So, they supported each other by settling in the same communities and farming areas. In fact, a community in the New World would often be populated with many people who emigrated from the same community in the Old Country. (sources: 19, 20 & 26)

By the mid 1870's, the Johnsons were living in, what was called, the Beef River area of Sumner Township in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. Halvor rented a farm there, a few miles southeast of Osseo. He applied to the circuit court in Whitehall for U.S. citizenship on October 25, 1876, and received his naturalization certificate on June 8, 1885. Nellie became a citizen at the same time, since citizenship was automatically conferred upon citizens' wives before the passage of the Married Woman's Act in 1922. Theodore also gained citizenship since he was under eighteen years of age. Martin and Christian were older and acquired their citizenship, either through the naturalization process or automatically, later, while they were living in North Dakota, as it achieved statehood on November 2, 1889. (sources: 3, 12, 24 & 34)

Halvor and Nellie became the parents of thirteen children in all. There were twelve boys and one girl. As stated before, Martin, Christian, and Theodore were all born before they left Norway. Herbert was born in Wisconsin in late 1870 or early 1871, so Nellie may have been pregnant with him, as they crossed the Atlantic. John was born in December 1872, Albert in March 1875, Karl on November 16, 1876, Charles on September 10, 1880, Julius on May 15, 1882, and Emma on March 5, 1884. The names

and birth dates of their other three sons are not known. One could have been born in Norway and died there before the family emigrated. More likely, all three were born in Wisconsin in the 1870's. These boys would have died when they were young, as did Karl at age two. At least four of the children, including Karl, Julius, and Emma, are buried at the South Beef River Lutheran Church Cemetery in Jackson County, southeast of Osseo. Several of their children, including Karl, were victims of a diphtheria epidemic in 1878. Others in the family also became ill at that time, but survived after getting a doctor's help. Julius and Emma both died in May 1885, possibly, also of diphtheria. Herbert may have also died with them, since he was not living in 1900. (sources: 12, 21, 32, 34 & 36) The Bager State Banner of Jackson County, on November 22, 1878, carried an article that reflects another family's plight similar to that of the Johnson family;

"Last Sunday, Henry Green, of Garden Valley, this county, an old comrade of ours in the army, had four children laying dead in his house, three of them dying that day and one the day before. This makes five children he has lost with that dreaded disease - diphtheria - within three weeks. Our old friend is very unfortunate, and is entitled to the sympathy of all in his great affliction. The dreaded disease is all around us, and may reach this place in a short time. Whenever it appears among the children, no time should be lost in sending for a physician. It's a disease that needs immediate and skillful treatment." (source: 15)

The Johnsons also had further trouble in Wisconsin when, it said, they lost their home to a fire in the 1880's. These misfortunes, along with appealing opportunities for better farmland further West, probably persuaded them to emigrate once again. (source: 25)

The Johnsons left Wisconsin for Dakota Territory in 1889, several years after the land there was originally opened for settlement. There was still a large amount of land yet to be settled in Dakota. Immigration continued to be encouraged by the U.S. Government and promoted by the developing

railroads. As a result, many people were still migrating to the western prairies from Eastern states. Land records show that Halvor bought 155 acres in 1892, in Moscow and Albright's Valley Townships, in central McIntosh County, south of the town of Wishek. By 1900, the Johnsons were living on another piece of land southeast of Wishek. This was a homestead for which Halvor had applied in 1896, and which was approved on April 22, 1901. His homestead was located on Section 25 of Moscow Township. According to U.S. census records of June 1900, Halvor and Nellie were living there with two of their sons, Albert and Charles. (sources: 8, 12, 16, 18 & 34)

The North Dakota farmland that Halvor originally purchased in 1892 is about five miles west of their homestead. There is no evidence that they ever lived there, but they must have made their home there before Halvor applied for his homestead patent. He had a mortgage on this property on which he defaulted in 1895. His creditor foreclosed on the loan, but Halvor was able to buy the land back the next year in a sheriff's auction. There was a depression that plagued farmers in the 1890's causing poor grain prices, and so, many eventually lost their farms. Often a farmer was given the opportunity to buy his land back with a low bid without competition from sympathizers, who would choose not to bid. (sources: 8, 16 & 18)

Halvor left his wife, his land, and North Dakota behind in 1905 and went to Canada where new land was being opened for homesteading. He arrived a few miles north of the United States border near Bromhead in southeastern Saskatchewan on August 5. The circumstances involved with why he did this is not entirely clear, but one explanation is that free, unbroken land was available, and conditions were better in Canada. Many farmers, discouraged with conditions below the border, were migrating to the Canadian prairies after the turn of the century. Halvor's son, Christian, and his family had gone up there a couple of years earlier. Nellie may have stayed behind to be near her sons, John, Albert, and Charles, in McIntosh County. Her health may have been poor and that might have been a factor, as well.

(sources; 10 & 34)

Nellie passed away on June 9, 1908 at age 65 in McIntosh County. She was buried on June 11 in Lydia Township in a small rural cemetery about ten miles east of the Johnson homestead site. At the time of her death, only five of her children were living. Her youngest son, Charles, gave the information of record for the death certificate, and was caring for her in Ashley before she died. Christian, Theodore, Albert and John were also living in 1908, but Martin had died the year before. (sources: 1, 6 & 12)

Martin, Christian and Theodore rented farmland in LaMoure County in the 1890's. They were all married and began their families during this time. Martin married Dorothy Moos, who emigrated from Russia in 1887, Christian married Mary A. (last name unknown), who emigrated from Norway in 1875, and Theodore married Margarette (Maggie) Rupert, who had migrated from Pennsylvania in 1886. Martin and Theodore rented a farm together in Cottonwood (now Dean) Township, and Christian farmed in Roscoe Township. (sources: 2, 12 & 36)

Martin and Dorothy had five children. Albert was born in 1896, Ruben in 1898, Minnie in 1900, Emma about 1903, and Esther about 1905. (sources: 12 & 36)

Christian and Mary had six children. Emma was born in 1890, Ida in 1892, Josephine in 1893, Arthur in 1894, Charles in 1896, and Alfred in 1898. (sources: 12 & 36)

Theodore and Margarette had eight children. Ralph was born in 1894, George T. in 1896, John E. in 1898, Herbert Ruben in 1900, Jessie Ella in 1902, Clarence Alfred in 1904, Nellie Elizabeth in 1905, and Mabel Margaret in 1907. (sources: 12 & 36)

In 1903, Martin and Theodore moved their families to Renville County, North Dakota, to homestead near Glenburn. Christian, Mary and their six children went to Saskatchewan to homestead eleven miles south of Bromhead, in the Green Mount

School District. Many descendants of Christian and Mary still live in Saskatchewan, (sources: 10, 12, 25, 34 & 36).

Martin applied for a patent in 1903, for a homestead on Section 26 in Prescott Township in Renville County and received approval on February 17, 1908. Unfortunately, he didn't live to see that as he died of tuberculosis on September 30 of the previous year. Dorothy remarried within a couple of years and was living on the homestead in 1910 with her second husband, their infant son, Herman, and her five children by Martin. Later they also moved to Saskatchewan. (sources: 1 & 12)

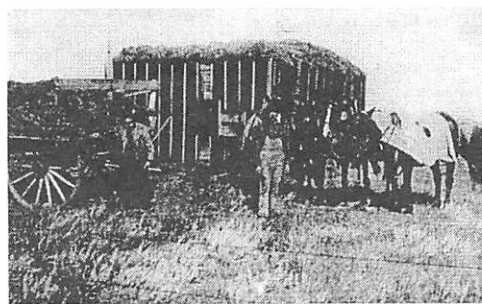
Martin gave a piece of property in the northwest corner of his farm for a school. A small frame schoolhouse was built there which was named the "Johnson School". Martin's and Theodore's children attended this school in the early 1900's. (source: 36)

Theodore applied for his homestead in Renville County in 1903, and his patent was approved on June 25, 1908. This farm was on Section 25 of Prescott Township, across the road from Martin's place. He and Margarette built a fine two-story house with lumber brought up by wagon from Minot. This was one of the first frame houses in that area. This is where they raised their family and where their three youngest children were born. Theodore became ill with polio in 1907, was partially paralyzed, and died of peritonitis on June 18, 1912, at his farm. Six years later, Margarette married Theodore's brother, Christian, who was widowed by that time. Margarette had sold the farm in 1915 and her oldest son, Ralph, began renting it from the new owner. Christian and Margarette moved from place to place for the next four years where they could find work on farms and the railroads. In 1923, after Ralph moved to a farm near Halstad, Minnesota, they returned to Glenburn and rented the home farm. Christian died there suddenly of a heart attack on March 18, 1931. (sources: 1 & 36)

There is a record of Albert having a 160-acre homestead in Saskatchewan, some twenty-four miles

southwest of where his father had settled. However, after a few years, he must have returned to McIntosh County where he married Olina Fonstad, who had immigrated to America from Norway in 1883 as a small child. Albert and Olina raised a family of five children at Danzig where he owned and operated a poolroom. Their children were: Henry, who was born about 1904; Agnes; who was born in 1906; Arthur about 1910; Clarence about 1912; and Robert about 1914. Albert died in 1943 at age 68, and Olina was 69 when she died in 1950. Both are buried in Pudwill Cemetery in Danzig Township with their daughter, Agnes, who died in 1922. (sources: 10, 22, 33 & 35)

John stayed in McIntosh County for life. He married Regina Holm and raised a family of seven children on his farm in Lydia Township, southeast of Wishek. Their children were: Louise, who was born about 1904; Herbert about 1905; Marion about 1906; Mabel about 1908; Lillian about 1910; Pearl about 1912; and Elsie about 1914. Regina preceded John in death at age 66 in 1939. John lived until 1946 and died at age 74. Both are buried in Pudwill Cemetery. (sources: 12, 22 & 36)



Halvor C. Johnson and Son, Charles at
Halvor's Homestead in Saskatchewan. ca1910

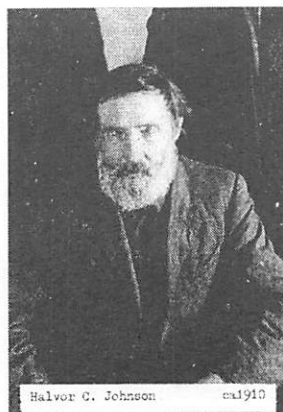
After Halvor went to Saskatchewan, he applied for a homestead ten miles south of Bromhead in Section 36 in the Schneller School District. Christian was already homesteading only a mile to the southeast of there. Halvor was about 70 years old at that time. He began to build a sod house on his land in September of 1905 and moved into it in November. He became a naturalized Canadian citizen on October 8, 1908. Charles accompanied his father to Canada, initially, but returned to

McIntosh County to take care of his mother. On their way north to Canada, they had stopped to visit Martin's and Theodore's families in Renville County, as recalled by Theodore's daughter, Jessie. (Sources: 10, 33, 34, 36, & 37)

After Nellie died, Charles went back to Saskatchewan and applied for a homestead on September 30, 1908. His land was in Section 21 of the Knoxville School District, which was only about four miles from his father's place. He built a sod house there in 1909, then went back to McIntosh County and married Mary Holm, Regina's sister. They immediately went to Canada to live on the homestead, bringing four horses, farm machinery, and their household goods by railroad. Charles became a Canadian citizen on July 11, 1912. He and Mary lived, at first, on the homestead, but later sold that property. In 1916 they built a new one-story, frame house and barn on their pre-emption property in section 16, one-half mile to the south. They raised a family of four children there. The old frame farmhouse still stands and was restored, recently, by their only son, Carl. Carl was born in 1917. Their daughters were: Laura Inez, who was born in 1910; Mabel Estella in 1914; and Ina Luella in 1920. Descendants of Charles and Mary live in Saskatchewan today. (sources: 10, 25, 33, 34 & 37)

Halvor Johnson spent the rest of his life on his Canadian homestead near his two sons, Christian and Charles. He died there in August of 1915, and is buried in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery about four miles southeast of his place. His homestead was sold in 1918. (source: 34)

Halvor and Nellie Johnson leave many descendants living at various places across the United States and Canada. Concentrations occur in North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Washington State. However, their descendants are also found in California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Ontario, Oregon and other states and provinces as well. Even though their history in the New World began in Wisconsin, there seems to be few living there now.



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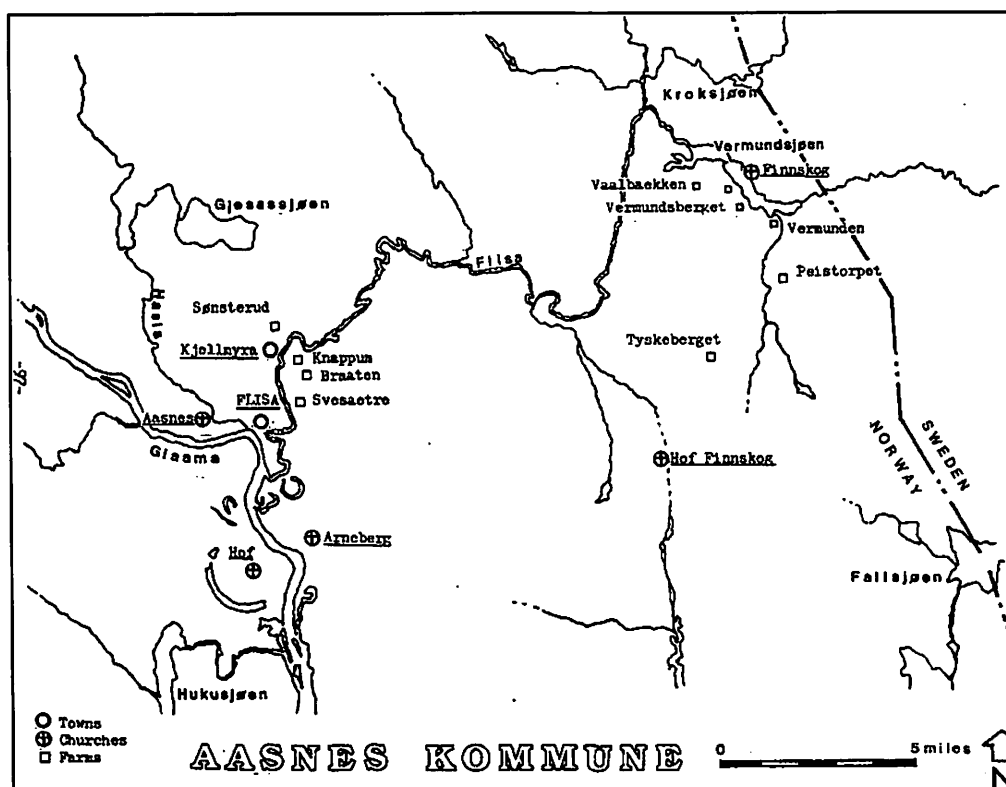
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Searching for that Elusive Irish Ancestor Family History Conference

BY LINDA NEELY

In September 2000, I attended the *Searching For That Elusive Irish Ancestor Family History Conference* (Elusive Irish Ancestor conference for short) in Ireland. This week-long conference, sponsored by the Ulster Historical Foundation (UHF) of Belfast, spends four days in Belfast and three days in Dublin. The conference and its research topics are all geared toward people looking for ancestors in the six counties that make up modern day Northern Ireland; those Counties being Armagh, Antrim, Fermanagh, Down, Londonderry and Tyrone.

This was the tenth year of the conference, with attendees from the USA, Canada, England, Wales, Australia and Belgium. Several of the people attending had come almost every year, an indication of the high quality and productivity of the conference.

This was a real "working conference" with the UHF staff, directors and researchers all available to give hands-on help to the attendees. The days are divided between attending the record depositories, workshops and touring, and we had the choice everyday of which we wanted to take in.

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the main target for most people. We were taken to the PRONI and had the UHF researchers as well as the PRONI researchers at our disposal to assist us in our research. The office was at our disposal for the three days; and we could choose to do research or go on the tours with the limitation that PRONI could accommodate only a certain number.

Another research target in the North was the Ulster American Folk Park in the city of Omagh. The Park includes a Centre for Migration Studies with a research and reference library and an Emigration Database. I did not attend this; but by all accounts, it was well worth visiting.

Visits were also made to the Linen Hall Library and the Presbyterian Historical Society in Belfast.

It was research by day and lectures in the evening. The workshop topics covered sources such as valuation records, estate papers, ordnance survey memoirs, emigrant letters, military sources, the flax industry records, parliamentary records, the iconography of the "big house", Irish heraldry, college of physician records, monument inscriptions and the library of the Royal Irish Academy.

The speakers were all experts in their fields; many were professional lecturers, archivists or professional genealogists. The speaker list included John Grenham and Dr. Brian Trainor, both noted authors of Irish research books. Dr. Trainor, former Director of PRONI, in his retirement is now the Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and played a very active part in the conference. He was our host, tour guide, genealogical consultant and a walking encyclopedia of history and historical records of Northern Ireland. We were very fortunate to be able to talk to him and benefit from his experience and knowledge.

In between research and lectures, there was time for tours of Northern Ireland, receptions at Belfast City Hall, Dublin City Hall and Carrickfergus City Hall and a medieval feast at Carrickfergus Castle.

In Dublin, we spent a day in each of the National Archives of Ireland and the National Library of Ireland. It is necessary to visit Dublin to access records such as civil registration for Northern Ireland before 1922. The 1901 census of Ireland is available in its original paper form in the Archives for the whole country, including Northern Ireland.

Some people also visited the Representative Church Body Library, which is the library of the Church of Ireland. Others went to Joyce House, the holder of the civil registration records.

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The Saskatchewan Railway Museum

It goes without saying that Saskatchewan has a rich and diverse heritage. What needs to be said however, is that this heritage is preserved through the dedicated efforts of literally thousands of individuals who give freely of their time in developing and maintaining this heritage. The most visible means of this preservation is through our extensive network of over 300 community-based museums.

One such museum is the Saskatchewan Railway Museum, located just south and west of Saskatoon at the Canadian National Railway's former Hawker Siding. This site has been developed over the years by the dedicated volunteer efforts of the members of the Saskatchewan Railroad Historical Association. These individuals have collected at this central location numerous railway buildings and pieces of equipment from across Saskatchewan. The Museum Centre is filled with innumerable railway artifacts, photographs and maps. Outside a visitor is able to climb aboard several cabooses (you know, those red-coloured cars that always tagged along at the end of the train) or locomotives or how about a 1913 Snow Plough (snow in Saskatchewan? Never!). The museum also boasts a rebuilt 1911 Canadian Pacific Sleeping Car and a 1927 Saskatoon Municipal Railway Streetcar. For an interesting and informative journey back to an extremely important aspect of Saskatchewan's heritage, a trip to the Saskatchewan Railway Museum is well worth the time.

All of us involved with heritage preservation know that the task of preserving our past is never complete, and this also holds true for the Saskatchewan Railway Museum. The Railroad Historical Association has asked Saskatchewan History and Folklore Society (SHFS) members to help them in meeting one of their long-term objectives, which is to develop a complete set of photographs of every railway station ever operated in this province. So if in the far reaches of your file storage system you have some images of our province's railroading past, the folks at the Saskatchewan Railway Museum would like to know about them. This is your opportunity to finally go through that old shoe box of pictures Uncle Joe gave you - remember you stuck it away on the highest shelf in the spare bedroom with the promise to yourself that one day you would get around to cataloguing it? - well here is a worthwhile reason to do it now. If you have any images that look as if they may be of interest to the Railway Museum you should contact: Keith Ewart, Curatorial Committee, Saskatchewan Railway Museum, 126 Candle Crescent, Saskatoon SK S7K 5A2; telephone: 1-306-668-1377.

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... *Searching for That Elusive Irish Ancestor continued from page 56*

A one-day pre-conference workshop on Irish research and a post-conference tour of Scotland were held in conjunction with the main conference for those wishing to add to the conference experience.

The *Elusive Irish Ancestor* conference is for genealogists from novice to old hand. The researchers are available to give you the level of assistance you need; and the workshops are varied enough to give something for everyone. It is an especially good group of attendees to network with as everyone there has the same research

interest - ancestors in Northern Ireland - and many of them have years of experience as well to share.

I am looking forward to going back to Northern Ireland to take in the *Elusive Irish Ancestor* conference again. It was a great experience, and I recommend this conference to anyone with ancestors from Northern Ireland.

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Regina Newspapers

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BY BEV WESTON

This SGS project, in which volunteers extract articles dealing with births, marriages and deaths from Regina newspapers, is surely one of the best-kept secrets around.

Laura Hanowski began this project during the 1980s, before we even had the Library. John Marley joined her in the compilation of Volume 1, dealing with the years 1883-1889, published in 1990. Laura and John also compiled and edited Volume 2, 1890-1899, also published in 1990.

Because of other time commitments, Laura left the project, and John compiled and edited Volume 3, 1900-1905, published in 1991, and Volume 4, 1906-1910, published in 1992.

I have used the results of this project myself. My father's sister died in Moosomin in 1908. I found the reference in Volume 4 and was, therefore, able to obtain a newspaper clipping.

Due to a lack of volunteers to read microfilm, this project has been on hold for a number of years. Volunteer readers would be most welcome. At present, we are reading newspapers from 1912. By this time, there is only the one newspaper in Regina.

I am finding the biggest disadvantage to reading is the tendency to get side tracked on issues of the day. I read the latter part of April 1912, which contains accounts of the Titanic disaster. It is interesting to note that many aspects which have been sensationalized by Hollywood over the years were actually front-page news. Yes, the band did play "Nearer My God to Thee". Yes, the lookouts in the crow's nest were not provided with binoculars. Yes, some men did dress in women's clothing to get onto lifeboats. And, sadly, six young Irish lads were bound for a new life in Saskatchewan, but only one survived.

Branches and institutions will find the forthcoming volume a valuable addition to the libraries.

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BY DARLENE CLIFFORD

Librarian

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Canada: British Columbia, Queen Charlotte Islands

- Tales from the Queen Charlotte Islands. (Book). Donated by G. Strueby.
- Tales from the Queen Charlotte Islands Book 2. (Book). Donated by G. Strueby.

Canada: British Columbia, Trail

- Trail of Memories, Trail, British Columbia 1895-1945. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.

Canada: British Columbia, Valemount

- Yellowhead Pass and Its people. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.

Canada: General

- Ethnic Groups in Canada Adaptions and Transitions. (Book). Donated by Garth Ulrich.

Canada: Manitoba, Hilton

- Hilton Heritage. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.

Canada: Manitoba, RM of Rorketon

- Opening the Door - The Past Comes Alive. Rural Municipality of Rorketon. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.

Canada: Metis

- Famous Manitoba Metis. (Book). Donated by Jacquie Thom.
- French-Canadians of the West Volume 1. (Book).

- French-Canadians of the West Volume 2. (Book).
- French-Canadians of the West Volume 3. (Book).
- Six Metis Communities. (Book). Donated by Jacquie Thom.

Canada: New Brunswick

- Irish Emigration to New England through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick 1841-1849. (Book). Donated by Betty Ruth & Clarence Purvis.

Canada: New Brunswick, Charlotte Co.

- New Brunswick Census of 1861: Charlotte County. (Book). Donated by Betty Ruth & Clarence Purvis.

Canada: New Brunswick, Loyalist

- Loyalist Officers 1782/83. (Book). Donated by Betty Ruth & Clarence Purvis.

Canada: Ontario, Victoria Co.

- Historical Atlas of the County of Victoria Ontario 1881. (Book). **DO NOT MAIL.**

Canada: Ontario, Wellington Co., Harrison Twp

- Cemeteries of Wellington County Harrison. (Book). Donated by Louise Petschulat.

Canada: Ontario, Wellington Co., Palmerston Twp

- Cemeteries of Wellington County Palmerston. (Book). Donated by Louise Petschulat.

Canada: Quebec, Berthier Co.

- St-Gabriel de Brandon Baptêmes, Sépultures, Annotations 1901-1990. Publication No. 33. (Book). Donated By Pauline Ferland.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- Twi-Light Saskatoon Normal School 1933-1934. Brief biographical sketches of the students who attended the school from September 1933-June 1934. (Book). Donated by Robert Pittendrigh.
- Allan: Times Past to Present. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Blucher: Blucher Builders...Blucher Community 1900-1982. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Biggar: Obituary Index The Independent Biggar, Saskatchewan 1990 to 2000. (Book). Donated by Biggar Branch.
- Deer Park: Communities of Courage & Cordwood. (Book). Donated by Dave Obee.
- Dinsmore: Dynamic Dinsmore & District, "A Place to Call Home". (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Dunwell: Dunwell School History 1933 - 1959. (Book). Donated by Bernice Lawrence.
- Esterhazy: From Past to Present - 95 Years of History, 1902-1998. Esterhazy and Area. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Hafford: A Walk Down Memory Lane - Hafford & District. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Hatton: Prairie Echoes of Hatton. (Book). Donated by G. Strueby.
- Heart's Hill: From the Hill to the Border. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Marysburg: Beyond our Dreams. (Book). Donated by G. Strueby.
- Muenster: Memories of Muenster. (Book). Donated by G. Strueby.
- Prud'homme: Life As It Was, 1897-1981. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Ravenscrag 2: Between and Beyond the Benches. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Ridgedale: Ridgedale: Everything Changes But the Memories (Including Districts of Henderson, Old Ridgedale, Preston, Riverstone). (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Rocanville: Where the Prairie Lily Blows. A History of Rocanville and District, Volume One. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Rosthern: "The Days of Our Years" A History of the Eigenheim Mennonite Church Community: 1892-1992. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- St. Walburg: Footprints of Yesterday & Today. St. Walburg & Surrounding Districts. Volume 1 and 2. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- St. Louis: I Remember. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Sturgeon Valley/Foxdale: Our Harvest of Memories. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Tyner: Tyner District. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Unity North: Blended Heritage. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Viscount: Footprints of Time - Viscount and District 1905-1985. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Wakaw: A Land Harvested By Faith 1884-1984: Wakaw. (Book). **Do Not Mail.** Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Weekes: Weekes Through the Years. (Book). Donated by Bernice Lawrence.
- White Fox: Where Trails End and Rivers Meet - White Fox and Districts. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Wolverine: R.M. of Wolverine Memory Album. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.
- Yellow Creek: Our Pride and Heritage. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.

Europe

- In Search of Your European Roots A complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in Every Country in Europe. (Book). Donated By Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc.

Europe: Bessarabia, Mogiew

- Ordnance Map of Mogiew. (Map). **Reference Only.** Donated by Regina Branch SGS in memory of Ethel Sentes.

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SGS NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE . . .

BY MARGE THOMAS

Executive Director

SGS recently received a large donation of local history books from the Provincial Library which will add a great deal to our local history book collection. We will begin cataloguing these soon and once the Saskatchewan local history books have been catalogued we will be producing a CD of this section for sale.

Some areas of the collection are complete now, however, we still need assistance in cataloguing. If you are researching in one of the following areas and can come to the library, to extract subject information and enter on a database please contact us. We need volunteers for:

- Scotland
- England
- Europe
- Eastern Europe

By now, everyone will have completed and returned their census forms. I hope you have taken a copy of it so that you may pass the information down to your descendants, just in case any future census will not be made available. Lucky or unlucky, I received the long form this year and have a copy of it filed away. Please read Garth Ulrich's article on the census and if you have not sent a letter, then please consider sending one.

Any questions, call me at 306-780-9207 or email at margethomas.sgs@accesscomm.ca

Have a great summer and happy hunting!

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SURFING THE NET...

BY MARGE THOMAS

Executive Director

Visit SGS Web site at www.saskgenealogy.com.

members.tripod.com/~Silvie/charts.html This site offers four lists including glossary of genealogy terms; occupation titles; names locations and durations of various wars and unusual disease names.

<http://www.duerinck.com/mystory.html> This site has an article about DNA Testing for Genealogy and links to genetic diseases.

<http://www.fffhs.org.uk/Societies/> Learn about the National Burial Index for England and Wales.

<http://www.ellislandrecords.org/> visit this site to find US immigration records on your family. Demand is high and it is difficult to get on site.

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Book For Sale By SGS

Back to the Land: A Genealogical Guide to Finding Farms on the Canadian Prairies ... \$10.75 plus postage and handling. Postage for first book: SK: \$4.25; AB & MB \$4.50; BC & ON \$6.00, NB, NF, NS, NT, PE, QC, & YT \$7.00. Each additional book add .50¢. United States and overseas: we will bill for postage amount.

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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.

Fundraising Campaign

The following is a list of people who have donated money from January 2, 2001 - April 30, 2001.

Friends (\$10-49)

Todd C. Andrews
Claude Arcand
Florence Arlitt
Isabel Bailey
Donna Barber
Theresa Bird
Frank Buck
John Callsen
Elsie Cantelon
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Joan Dudley
Shirley Erskine
Bill Evanochko
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Lesley E. MacKinnon
Ruth Maw
Freda McCallum
Mrs. Ethel McIntyre
Mrs. Mildred Morrison
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Mary J. Patterson
Alice Perry
Joanne Peterson
Norma & Trevor Quinn
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M. Jean Rooke
Erna Sander
Lyle Sather
Valerie Schidlowsky
Mary Alice Schneider
Ruth P. Scott
Mildred Smith
John L. & Betty D. Smith
Mary Sones
Margaret Stark
John L. Stevenson
Evelyn & Hugh Stewart
Myrna Stone
Garry Stone
Myrtle Surjik
David J. & Sheila Thornton
Mrs. Margaret Uzick
Mervin Wagner
Jane (Jean) S. Wallace
Sheila Ward
Pemrose Whelan
Donald & Erna Wiks
Len Wittig

Fellows (\$50-99)

Verna Collard
Ishbel Cormack
Judy Dickson
Gustave A. Koch
Mrs. Leona McKillop
Weldon Moffatt
Della Sanders
Leo L. Schneider
William Sonnenberg

Associate (\$100-499)

Evelyn Jonescu

Special Purchases

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

Ray & Elaine Hill
Moose Jaw Branch
Judy Venables

Memorial

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

Blanche Fleming
- for Faith Stepp
Ken & Marie Mahan
- for Earl Harrison

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THE NAUGHTY LIST

The following are people who have not responded to overdue library notices or outstanding bills.

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

Please show consideration for others by returning your books on time or asking for extensions on the borrowing time.

Across the Borders – Finds & Fun in 2001

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual Seminar

Hosted by SGS and Region 2, October 26 – 28, 2001

Estevan Public Library / Leisure Centre

701 Souris Avenue, Estevan SK

★ PROGRAM AND EVENTS ★

Friday, October 26

- 1:00 – 5:00 Tours
- 3:00 – 9:00 Displays and Demonstrations
- 5:00 Registration
- 7:15 – 7:30 Opening Remarks
- 7:30 – 9:00 **"Pictures and Technology". Scanning to Preserve Them, Share Them and Insert into Trees and Family History**
- Chris Krismer

Saturday, October 27

- 7:45 – 8:45 Continental Breakfast
- 7:45 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 10:15 **A Beginning Irish**
- Beth Mullinax
- B United States Immigration Including the St. Albans Records and Current Databases.**
- Laura Hanowski
- C Finding and Using Saskatchewan School Records**
- Louise Petschulat
- D What Internet Offers**
- Chris Krismer
- 10:15 – 10:45 Refreshment Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 **E Beginning Norwegian Research**
- Garth Ulrich
- F Manitoba Research**
- Presenter Unknown
- G Genealogy and Photography - Part 1**
- Dave Pickering
- H Opportunity for You to Try Some Genealogy Programs**
- Chris Krismer
- 12:00 – 12:45 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 **SGS Annual Meeting**

- 2:00 – 3:15 **I Advanced Irish Research**
- Beth Mullinax
- J Searching For Your Belgian Roots**
- Celeste Rider
- K Records Available in Your Local Municipal Office**
- Kevin Melle
- L Self-Publishing Using Your Software**
- Chris Krismer
- 3:15 – 3:30 Refreshment Break
- 3:30 – 4:45 **M What's New in Canadian Immigration Records**
- Laura Hanowski
- N Searching for Grandma**
- Shirley Bucca
- O Genealogy and Photography - Part 2**
- Dave Pickering
- P On-Line Instruction on Internet**
- Staff from Estevan Public Library
- 5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour
- 6:30 – 8:30 Banquet & Entertainment

Sunday, October 28

- 7:45 – 8:45 Breakfast & Displays
- 9:00 – 10:15 **Q Irish Civil Registration Records and the Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Northern Ireland**
- Linda Neely
- R United States Military Research**
- Beth Mullinax
- S Preserving Your Community Heritage with Internet**
- Gregory Salmers
- T On-Line Instruction on Internet**
- Staff from Estevan Public Library
- 10:15 – 10:45 Refreshment Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Displays**
Last chance to see any presentations by Displayers

NOTE: Programs / speakers may be subject to change.

SPEAKERS / WORKSHOPS

Beth L. Mullinax

Beth L. Mullinax has been doing Irish research since 1981. She is past president of the Irish Genealogical Society, Intl (IGSI), as well as other positions on the Board since 1983. She has lectured on Irish research, basic and advanced, all over Minnesota, as well as Illinois, and Iowa. With fifteen trips to Ireland, for research and fun, she is aware of the records available, both here and in Ireland. She has lead four research tours to Ireland. Having been the IGSI librarian since its inception, she is aware of the Irish research collection housed at the Minnesota Genealogical Society's Library. After researching for 20 years, Beth has learned what to do and what not to do when you are getting started. She worked almost 30 years for the Department of Defense, Army and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Her experience with government records, and what was available when working with the veterans gives her an understanding of the basics for the different types of military records, i.e. Civil War versus World War II or Vietnam.

Beth L. Mullinax from Fridley, MN.

A Beginning Irish Genealogy

You have now gathered all the information available from your families. What do you do with it? Where do you go next? You need some basics of Irish research terms, land divisions, a little of Ireland's history, and an awareness of the Irish language - to get started and to succeed. With a good background, you should be able to continue your Irish research right back to the townlands in Ireland

I Advanced Irish Research

You have a location in Ireland, possibly have your family on Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, now what to do and where to go? Griffith's Valuation is just the beginning of the Land Valuation records kept in Ireland. Become aware of these and where to access them. Almost all the materials mentioned will be available through the library collection of the Irish Genealogical Society, Intl., or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) Family History Centers.

R United States Military Research

Researching military and veterans records can yield all kinds of information, or none at all! It is not difficult, it is just knowing which forms to use and where to send them. Pre-World War I records are handled differently than Post-World War I. With the Freedom of Information Act, there are all kinds of records now available. Many of these records will be discussed.

Louise Petschulat from Regina, SK, SGS Member, retired teacher, SGS Certified Saskatchewan Records Searcher and Researcher. She has taught the beginners classes for SGS and has run the Summer Camp.

C Finding and Using Saskatchewan School Records

Participants will learn about Saskatchewan School Records: what they are, why they were created, where they are, how they may be used for genealogical research.

Celeste Rider from Regina, SK., SGS member, SGS Certified Instructor and Record Searcher.

J Searching For Your Belgian Roots

This workshop will help you to trace your ancestry from Saskatchewan to Belgium: where to start, how to get results, and how to build a solid research foundation.

Laura Hanowski from Regina, SK., SGS member, former SGS Librarian and now Education Coordinator.

B United States Immigration Including the St. Albans Records and Current Databases.

How to find the records and how to use them to further your research.

M What's New in Canadian Immigration Records

Plus how to make the best use of the information you have to find the records you need.

Garth Ulrich from Saskatoon, SK., SGS member, teacher, Saskatchewan coordinator for the release of Canadian Census. Vice-President of Membership for Sigdalslag (Norway).

E Beginning Norwegian Research

Christine Krismer from Regina, SK., SGS Member.

"Pictures and Technology". Scanning to Preserve Them, Share Them and Insert into Trees and Family History

D What Internet Offers

What is there, costs associated, reliability and ethics of posting material on the internet.

H Opportunity for You to Try Some Genealogy Programs

Software available for genealogy, factors to consider when choosing, features of the software packages, computer software vs handwriting (using the internet as another source or index)

L Self-Publishing Using Your Software

What (planning, resources, etc.), Why, Format, Pictures, How (Style, ease, etc.), Publishing (book or internet, ethics)

David Pickering from Moose Jaw, SK., SGS member, SGS Certified Instructor and involved in genealogy for 26 years.

G Genealogy and Photography - Part 1

A brief overview of the history of photograph, some areas of concern for Genealogists and how to identify your old photographs according to when they may have been taken.

O Genealogy and Photography - Part 2

Clues to identifying old photographs, preserving your photographs, and some hints on photographing your heritage.

Linda Neely from Regina, SK., SGS member, SGS Certified Record Searcher, SGS Cemetery Program Coordinator.

Q Irish Civil Registration Records and the Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Northern Ireland

Using the civil registration indices at LDS and how to go about getting copies of the records at the least cost. Then a brief look at the Ordnance Survey Memoirs and their genealogical benefit.

Gregory Salmers from Estevan, SK., librarian at Estevan Public Library, SGS member.

S Preserving Your Community Heritage with Internet

A how to session on preserving your communities heritage using internet. Demonstrate a viewing of Estevan Community Access Project and South East Saskatchewan Heritage Project.

Shirley Bucca from Regina, SK., SGS member, retired teacher and a SGS certified Saskatchewan Instructor and Record Searcher. Researching family history in Saskatchewan and Europe

N Searching for Grandma

Researching female ancestors. The problems, the reasons and alternative approaches.

Kevin Melle from Weyburn, SK., employed RM Office for 20 years.

K Records Available in Your Local Municipal Office

Select Your Workshops:

Please **circle** the letter of the sessions that you wish to register for. Choose **only one** activity for each time period.

Saturday, October 27

9:00 – 10:15	A	B	C	D
10:45 – 12:00	E	F	G	H
2:00 – 3:15	I	J	K	L
3:30 – 4:45	M	N	O	P

Sunday, October 28

9:00 – 10:15	Q	R	S	T
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CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be granted for requests received in writing. Requests postmarked not later than Monday, October 2, 2001 will be refunded in full and any received after that will be charged a 15% administration fee.

SYLLABUS

A bound copy of printed conference information and materials submitted by speakers will be available at a cost of \$7.00 with early-bird registration or \$10.00 after early-bird registration and at the seminar, as per the registration form.

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION

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(Displays) 1-306-842-2593
e-mail: bl.fleming@sk.sympatico.ca

Early Bird Registration \$53.00 \$ _____
(postmarked on or before Sept. 20, 2001)

Syllabus: ____ @ \$7.00 each \$ _____

Regular Registration \$60.00 \$ _____
(postmarked after Sept. 20, 2001)

Syllabus: ____ @ \$10.00 each \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet:
____ @ \$17.00 / ticket \$ _____

(Note: Registration Fee includes Breakfast Saturday & Sunday and Lunch on Saturday)

SGS Membership Fees for 2002 (if desired)

Family Membership	\$33.00	\$ _____
Senior Membership	\$30.00	\$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TOURS

SGS will be offering tours Friday afternoon for the following:

- Historic Walk in Estevan – 2 hours
- Estevan Museum

SGS will be making arrangements for tours Friday afternoon. People wishing to take part in these tours will be responsible for any fees and registration. This will not be part of the Seminar registration. More details will be provided in September **Bulletin**.

Watch the September issue of the SGS Bulletin for further information about:

- ☺ **Tours**
- ☺ **Displays and Sales people who will be present**
- ☺ **Contests being planned for the Seminar!**

REGISTRATION FORM

(One form per registrant)

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

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society
PO Box 1894
Regina SK S4P 3E1

Please make cheque or money order payable to:
SGS

ACCOMMODATION

Please make reservations as early as possible to ensure availability. Rooms have been blocked for our group so please advise the hotel that you will be attending the seminar when making your reservation.

Perfect Inns & Suites

134 2nd Avenue
Estevan SK
1-800-354-2445 OR 1-306-634-8585

Beefeater Inn Motor Hotel

(across the highway)
1305 9th Street (Hwy #47)
Estevan SK
1-306-634-6456

PLEASE PRINT

Surname _____

Given Name _____

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City _____

Province / State _____

Postal / Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

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OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE:

Derrick Inns & Suites

125 4th Street (Hwy #39 E)
Estevan SK
1-877-634-3685 OR 1-306-634-3685

Estevan Motel

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Estevan SK
1-306-634-2609

Sereggela Inns

1117 3rd Street
Estevan SK
1-888-228-7733 OR 1-306-634-6418

RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE:

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

Surname:

(example)
BEAMISH
FOX

Area:

(example)
IRE>ON>MB>SK
GER>USA

Tribute to Laura Hanowski



At the Annual General Meeting Laura Hanowski was roasted as a special tribute to thank her for the contributions she has made to SGS as a Librarian both as a volunteer and staff and her commitment to SGS. The members in attendance heard from the following people:

Marge Thomas - spoke about Laura's special qualifications working with SGS and the respect she gained from genealogists and genealogical societies across Canada and the United States.

Bob Pittendrigh - spoke about Laura's accomplishments as a volunteer, before SGS received operational funding.

Education - Three of Laura's students - Shirley Bucca; Pat Ryan and Karen Pytlowany spoke on Laura as a great teacher.

Alice Achter - Spoke on the amount of time and effort Laura gave for Branch workshops and how much information she imparted to their members.

Arlene Frolick - Spoke on behalf of the board and presented Laura with a life membership with SGS.

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Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Certification Graduates for 2001

The SGS is pleased to announce the names of the following people who received their Certification certificates at SGS Annual General Meeting on April 28, 2001.

Certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher

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

- Shirley Bucca
- Bev Gutenberg
- Shirley Hauglum
- Wanda Lantz
- Karen Pytlowany
- Celeste Rider
- Holly Schick
- Elaine Schwartz
- Merle Ward

Certified Saskatchewan Instructor

The following people received their Certified Saskatchewan Instructor certificates. They are qualified to teach basic methodology, which includes: using forms, home sources, developing research plans, analyzing data and the use of the Internet and CD-Rom's for genealogy using ethical and professional standards. This is a temporary certificate valid for two years.

- Shirley Bucca
- G. Alvin Murray
- Karen Pytlowany
- Celeste Rider
- Pat Ryan



From left to right: Shirley Bucca, Pat Ryan, Robert L. Pittendrigh (Chair of Board of Certification), Karen Pytlowany, and G. Alvin Murray. Missing: Bev Gutenberg, Shirley Hauglum, Wanda Lantz, Celeste Rider, Holly Schick, Elaine Schwartz, and Merle Ward.

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Heritage of the Year Award

BY CELESTE RIDER

Each year the SGS invites nominations for a Heritage Award to recognize service in the area of preservation and development of genealogy and family history in this province. This year Marie Svedahl, nominated by Pangman Branch, was the successful candidate for this award.



Celeste Rider, Chair of Nomination Awards presented Marie Svedahl with a certificate and plaque.

- In 1979, Marie joined the SGS.
- In October 1980, she arranged for a Family History class to be held at the Pangman Recreation Centre. As a result of this class, Pangman Branch of SGS was formed.
- In 1983-84, with the helpful, guiding hand of Marie, Pangman Branch split with Weyburn and Radville Branches being formed.
- Marie was involved on the executive of Pangman Branch from 1981-1985 and helped with recording cemeteries, fund raising, getting speakers for monthly meetings, sharing and presenting findings from the books she read and trips she took.
- When the R.M. of Norton #69 published "From the Roughbark to the Buttes" in 1981, Marie was one of the workers who devoted hours doing research, compiling and writing articles, and editing the local history book.
- Undertook the job of creating a Regina Branch newsletter, "Now and Then", which she published for three years.
- SGS Board member:
 - secretary 1986-87, project co-ordinator, as well as on the SGS Restructuring Committee in 1988.
 - Provincial director 1995
 - President 1996 and 1997

– Past President 1998 and 1999

- 1988-1990 she was editor of the SGS Bulletin.
- Was coordinator of Saskatchewan Residents Index and is now the coordinator for Saskatchewan Heritage Record Directory (SHRD).
- Presently lobbying for an index of Saskatchewan's vital statistics.

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Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) Hits Two Million Names

BY CELESTE RIDER

Tom Atkins was presented with a certificate for "Outstanding Volunteer" to honour his work on the SRI. This involves cleaning up and cross-referencing of SRI records, and the achievement of the Society's goal to enter two million names on the SRI data base.

Tom joined the Society in 1992 and has been in charge of the SRI computer database since that time.



Celeste Rider, Chair of Nomination Awards presenting Tom with a certificate.

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How Healthy is Your Family Tree

If you or someone you know has a copy of this book that they would like to sell, contact Betty DuBois at 1-306-780-9207 or e-mail: stadub@sk.sympatico.ca.

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Europe: Bessarabia, Soroki

- Ordnance Map of Soroki. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donated by Regina Branch SGS in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe: Galicia, Brody

- Ordnance Map of Brody. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donations in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe: Galicia, Rowne

- Ordnance Map of Rowne. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donations in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe: Galicia, Sathmar

- Ordnance Map of Sathmar. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donations in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe: Galicia, Sighet

- Ordnance Map of Sighet. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donated by Regina Branch SGS in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe, Galicia, Stanislau

- Ordnance Map of Stanislau. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donated by Regina Branch SGS in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe: Galicia, Turka

- Ordnance Map of Turka. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donations in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe: Switzerland

- Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners. (Book). Donated by Ray & Elaine Hill.

Europe: Volhynia, Luck

- Ordnance Map of Luck. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donations in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Europe: Volhynia, Ostrog

- Ordnance Map of Ostrog. (Map). *Reference Only*. Donations in memory of Ethel Sentes.

Family Histories:

- Betke: The Chronology of The Descendants of Christof Betke & Rosalie Gernhart. (Book). Donated by Bernhart Forbau.
- Brown: Hugh Brown and Catherine Currie. (Book). Donated by Jessie Brown.
- Hegel: Memoirs of the Hegel Kinship. (Book). Donated by Robert Pittendrigh.
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- Sommerfeld: Courage and Roots: Sommerfeld Family History. A Genealogy of Six Known Generations. (Book). Donated by Friesen Printers.

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Book Reviews

BY DARLENE CLIFFORD

Librarian

In Search of Your European Roots: A Complete Guide To Tracing Your Ancestors in Every Country in Europe. Third edition. By Angus Baxter, Published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. 2001, 315 pages, 6"x 9", indexed. Softback. Price \$18.95 US. Postage and handling(US only): First book \$3.50; each additional book \$1.25. International orders (including Canada) you must contact them for details.

In Search of Your European Roots third edition is designed to guide the reader through the complexities of genealogical research in Europe, whether the research is conducted in person, by correspondence or online. This book has up-to-date information on church, state and provincial archives (including current addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, fax numbers and URLs), and a discussion of the special characteristics of each area and the ways in which they effect the research process. It describes in great detail the location of each country's archives (national and municipal), the location of church records and census returns, the system of civil registration of births, marriages and deaths, and how to find and use such records as fondling books, orphans' lists, certificates of domicile, guild records, internal passports,

confirmation records and even vaccination lists.

Emigrants, Refugees and Prisoners Volume 1. By Richard Warren Davis, 427 pages, indexed. Hard Cover. Price \$50.00 US. Richard Warren Davis, PO Box 50182, Provo UT 84605 USA.

SGS is accepting donations to purchase volume 2 and 3 of this series. They are \$50 US each. If you would like to donate money towards these books, please let us know.

This book is an attempt to establish a link between the known Anabaptist families in Switzerland and Germany in the 1600s and 1700s and the Anabaptist families who arrived in Pennsylvania between 1709 and 1776. This volume has sections on Refugees (1684 - 1711), Emigrants 1704 - 1776) and Family Genealogies. This volume contains only a portion of the many references and notes on Anabaptist that are available in the archives of Bern, Zurich, Aargau and other areas of Switzerland. The second and third volumes are now available with another 100 Mennonite families some of which will be Bachman, Eicher, Eby, Gehman, Gingerich, Grebill/Krehbeil, Meyer, Steiner, Wildmer and others.

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Directories

BY DAVE OBEE

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Local directories have been a source for genealogical research on the prairies since 20 years before Saskatchewan and Alberta became provinces - but they are dying as a result of new privacy legislation.

The first directories to cover Saskatchewan were published by L. G. Henderson's company in Winnipeg. His directories of the northwest, which started in 1884, remain one of the best sources of tracking down people and places from the early days of settlement of the prairies.

Directories covering all of the nooks and crannies of the province were published annually for the next 20 years, until Henderson suspended the publication of its Western Canada directory in 1908.

It replaced the large edition with several local ones. Henderson directories appeared in Saskatoon in 1908 and Regina in 1911. Within a few years, the company had started issuing directories in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, the Battlefords, Yorkton and Swift Current as well.

These annual books had many uses. If someone needed to find a person, the directory was the source to use. Some of the early directories for Manitoba even had alphabetical lists of farmers, including a reference to the quarter, section, township and range where they were located.

These directories were a great resource then and continue to be one to this day. Historical and genealogical researchers use the old ones to develop a clearer picture of what life was like many decades ago. They are an ideal census substitute, giving names and addresses of adults throughout urban areas.

The latest issues are handy if you want to find someone not listed in a telephone book, to check on the name of a spouse, or to verify an address. You can also track families through the years and see the appearance and disappearance of the children. These city directories should not be confused with telephone directories. They offer much more information, including the names, occupations and spouses of individuals, as well as home ownership data, length of residency, and employer.


At one time, there were several Canadian publishers of directories, but all came to be owned by R. L. Polk of Michigan. Last year, Polk sold its

Henderson's Regina Directory 1922

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directory businesses to Equifax, the Atlanta-based corporation best known for its work in consumer credit information, and Equifax has decided the local directory has to disappear from the Canadian marketplace. The directories dated 2000-2001 will be the last ones it produces in Canada.

Why? Equifax says there were several reasons. There is this little thing nowadays called the Internet. Much of the information found in a typical city directory can also be found on the World Wide Web. There are many alternative sources out there, and the information on the Web can be updated regularly. A printed directory is effectively out of date by the time it rolls off the press. (Of course, a printed version would still be around in the next century, while a Web site could be gone tomorrow. That's got to be a concern to genealogists; the potential loss of information ranks up there with the wilful destruction of census records.)

Another reason is the time it takes to collect the information. Developing a city directory is a labour-intensive exercise, and the return wasn't enough to justify the expense. In larger cities such as Vancouver and Calgary, directories were killed off in the '90s, although they continued to survive in smaller centres.

But the Internet and the high cost aren't the only reasons. While city directories are dead in Canada, they thrive in the United States. They are available for about 10,000 communities there, at last count. So what's different about Canada? Privacy concerns. Our new Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, which came into effect January 1, places severe limits on any company that would try to gather the information needed for a directory.

Basically, the act says that Canadians have a right to know and should ask why a business or organization is collecting, using or disclosing their personal information, such as name, age, medical records, income, spending habits, DNA code, marital status, and the like. Businesses must obtain the individual's consent when they collect, use or disclose personal information. That's reasonable. But when you consider the impact it would have on a company gathering data for a directory, you can see why Equifax had no choice but to end the business.

In the old days, a person gathering information for the directory could ask about the absent spouse or even about the neighbours next door. Under the new legislation, the enumerator would need to get the consent of every person to be listed. That would not only make the data collection process far too long, it would result in a directory less valuable than the ones that came before. Many people, after all, would refuse to give consent, so would not be included.

While this won't be good news to the genealogists of the future, those of us doing research today can still benefit by using the old directories. Virtually every one ever published on the Prairies has been preserved in one form or another, and the information contained in them offers a rich resource to researchers.

Dave Obee compiled Western Canadian Directories on Microfiche and Microfilm; the second edition is now available at the SGS library.

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RECORDS EASE SURVIVOR'S TASKS

BY ARLENE FROLICK

Genealogists are record keepers. We go to any length, spending sometimes many dollars gathering birth certificates, marriage records, wills of our ancestors, land deeds, and the such. But have you ever thought of where all your own personal records are? Does your family know where your current records are kept?

When an adult dies, the survivors are often left with the difficult task of identifying and locating important documents, money, and other properties that must be accounted for and transferred. Because of the obvious circumstances, it may not be a pleasant task. But the practical burden can be greatly reduced by a little planning and organization; by putting your affairs in order.

You could use a simple system of file folders, or an accordion file folder, properly labeled. If it is kept all together in one location, it will make it easier for your survivors to handle necessary administrative, business and financial matters after your death. You may want to keep an important certificate or document in your safety deposit box or a safe. In that case, identify the location of the article in your file system.

The following checklist can be used as a guide in assembling the contents of your file folder:

- your will, if you have one, including codicils
- name, address and phone number of executor, if you have one, or
- name, address and phone number of someone to contact to handle your affairs
- instructions for personal items not included in your will
- name, address and phone number of your lawyer
- name, address and phone number of your accountant, if you have one
- instructions regarding your funeral or burial, if you have special requests
- life insurance policies
- health and accident insurance policies information
- list of organizations to which you belong that provide life or accident insurance (credit unions, auto clubs, etc.)
- provincial health and medical insurance information and account numbers
- birth certificates or adoption papers for you and/or your children
- marriage certificates
- divorce decrees, if any
- social insurance numbers and documents
- passport, if you have one, even if it has expired
- evidence of all bank accounts, including branches and account numbers
- deeds or land titles to real estate
- real estate loan documents (mortgages, deeds of trust, etc.)
- complete list of investments and property with information regarding who to contact about each

- reference to the location of any safety deposit boxes you rent and keys to each
 - reference to the combination of a safe if you own one
 - reference and documents pertaining to money you owe, including charge accounts, credit card accounts and loan account numbers
 - evidence of money owed to you (promissory notes, etc.)
 - automobile registrations or titles, or a reference to their whereabouts
 - copy of recent income tax returns
 - reference to or list of names, addresses and phone numbers of family members and friends
 - instructions regarding your genealogical research material
 - other important documents and information
- With a little preplanning on your part, you'll have a comforting feeling that your survivors can administer your estate with greater ease.
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Anniversaries

The following Branches are celebrating anniversaries:

Regina	30 years
Saskatoon	30 years
South East	30 years

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Post 1901 Canadian Census: A Source Forever Unavailable?

BY GARTH ULRICH

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The Issue

Statistics Canada, the agency charged with the responsibility of collecting the Census of Canada every five years, has taken the position that no public access will be allowed to individual census records taken after 1901. They have refused to transfer control of these records to the National Archives which would then permit the National Archivist to allow public access to them 92 years after collection. Their position is that the release of individual census records is explicitly prohibited by law for all censuses following 1901. This position is based on a series of legal opinions obtained from Justice Canada.

The Roots of the Issue

Justice Canada based its opinions relating to release of post 1901 census records on one clause contained in *Instructions to Officers and Enumerators* that by the Statistics Act of 1906 were given the "force of law." This clause, titled *Secrecy*, assured respondents that the information given to enumerators would remain confidential.

In forming their opinions relating to post 1901 census records, Justice Canada considered only this *Secrecy* clause contained in these *Instructions to Officers and Enumerators* for census. However these same Instructions also state that *clear and legible records* were to be kept because *the census is intended to be a permanent record, and its schedules will be stored in the Archives of the Dominion*. Other clauses stated that *Census will have value as a record for historical use in tracing the origin and rise of future towns*. If the clause relating to secrecy

is to be considered as law, then the other clauses of the same Act must also be considered as law.

Statistics Canada has referred to a promise of confidentiality in perpetuity, an explicit guarantee of indefinite confidentiality, or an unqualifying promise of confidentiality that they claim was given by the government of Sir Wilfred Laurier in 1906, and subsequent governments. Despite requests to produce documented evidence that proves the existence of these promises or explicit guarantees that confidentiality of census last forever, to date Statistics Canada has been unable to do so.

It is not only obvious, but also necessary and right, that the (mis)interpretation of legislation which enforces permanent concealment of post 1901 census from the public, must be changed. If changes are not made, post 1901 census records may never be available to us or to future generations.

What Has Been Done To Present?

In 1999, a committee now commonly referred to as the Canada Census Committee and headed by Gordon Watts and Muriel Davidson was formed to raise awareness to this issue. Individuals and organizations were encouraged to sign petitions and write letters and e-mail to their Members of Parliament and various government officials, expressing their concerns about the situation and requesting that steps be taken to allow public access to Historic Census Records.

In April of 1999, Rick Roberts of Global Genealogy created the Post 1901 Census Project Web site and provided space on his server for it.

On 5 November 1999, then Industry Minister, and Minister Responsible for Statistics Canada, John Manley, appointed an Expert Panel on Access to Historical Census Records to report regarding the legal, privacy and archival implications of providing access to historical census records. The Panel was asked to examine the following issues:

1. What are the elements of the difference of opinions between Canadians who would seek to maintain the protection of personal information and those who would like to examine personal or community histories?
2. What options exist to provide access to historical census records?

The Report of the Expert Panel was presented to the Office of the Industry Minister at the end of June 2000. There appeared, however, great reluctance on the part of Government to release this Report to the public. On 15 December 2000, day 89 of the 90-day time period in which Statistics Canada was required by law because of an Access to Information Request to release the Report, it was placed on the Statistics Canada web site and finally made available to the public.

Briefly, the Expert Panel found that a guarantee of perpetual confidentiality was not intended to apply to the census. They felt that it had always been intended that census records would eventually become public and did not view any legislation deemed necessary to do so as breaking of a promise to respondents. The Report recommended allowing public access to all Census records, past, present and future, 92 years following collection. They only advised caution regarding any legislative steps that might be thought necessary to effect release of Census between 1921 and 2001. They suggested that any legislative change felt necessary be done in the National Archives Act rather than in the Statistics Act.

The press release of the current Minister of Industry, Brian Tobin, that accompanied the release of the Report of the Expert Panel was not encouraging to an early expectation of public access to Historic Census. The release calls for "further broad based consultation with all Canadians" and states that this consultation will take place as part of "the already announced administrative and legislative review of the Access to Information and the Privacy Acts."

While a task force to review the Access to Information Act was announced 21 August 2000, with a final report to be brought down in the fall of 2001, we are unaware of any similar process being set up to review the Privacy Act. In the announcement regarding the task force to review the Access to Information Act, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General Anne McLellan stated:

"Access to information is essential if we are to continue to have an open and transparent government. The work of the Task Force will provide valuable advice to Parliamentarians to ensure that any legislative changes to the Access to Information Act better reflect the expectations of the public while protecting the privacy of individuals."

While awaiting the release of the Expert Panel, the Canada Census Committee continued to campaign for the cause by raising awareness and urging individuals to write to and petition their MPs and other government officials. Our effort to obtain public access to Historic Census is actively promoted by the Honorable Lorna Milne, both in and out of the Senate. In the House of Commons, petitions were presented by Murray Calder. However, with the call for a federal election in the fall of 2000, all outstanding Bills and Motions, including those relating to the Historic Census, ceased to exist. Now that the election has taken place, we must again collect new petitions to support the re-presentation of identical Private Member's Bills by Lorna Milne and Murray Calder in the Senate and in the House of Commons.

The consultation referred to in Mr. Tobin's press release could take further months or even years to complete. This is totally unacceptable. Public access to Historic Census Records has been subject of discussion since the early 1970s. Thirty years of discussion is enough -- the time to act is NOW.

What Can the Individual Do To Aid the Cause of Having the Post 1901 Census Released?

It had been hoped that with the Report of the Expert Panel we would see the government bringing down a Bill that would deal with our concerns and allow public access to Historic Census. It is obvious, however, that Mr. Tobin has no intention of acting upon the recommendations of the Expert Panel. Individuals should express their displeasure with this by writing to Mr. Tobin asking him to take immediate steps to implement the recommendations of the Expert Panel. We must let him know that further delay in this matter is unacceptable to the people of Canada. We must further advise him that thirty years of discussion is enough, and the time to act is NOW. Letters should be addressed to Brian Tobin, Minister of Industry, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6. Postage is not needed within Canada when sending letters addressed to the House of Commons via Canada Post.

Individuals are encouraged to continue to write letters and email to our Members of Parliament and other government officials expressing our desire to obtain public access to Historic Census records. These letters and email should stress that the Expert Panel has recommended allowing public access to all Census - past, present and future, 92 years after collection as allowed in Regulations attached to the current Privacy Act. We must continue to seek a commitment by our MPs that they will vote in favour of a Bill that would allow public access to Historic Census. Go to !! **HYPERLINK** <http://www.globalgenealogy.com/census/index6.htm> and click on the name of your province. A table of the MPs from that province will be shown. The table lists each Member of Parliament from that province alphabetically by surname, their electoral riding, political party, position on the issue and

email address. Click on the MP's name to read previous messages to and from the MP regarding this subject. The MP's email address is given to the right of his name; but letters are even better than e-mails, and MPs are supposed to answer. Be sure to ask for a reply with their signature or you will most likely receive a stale, form letter in response. Letters should be addressed to (name of MP), House of Commons, Ottawa ON K1A 0A6. Again, postage is not needed.

We must once again sign petitions and actively solicit others willing to sign petitions seeking public access to Historic Census. Above all, we must not become discouraged or complacent, thinking that there is no use trying, or thinking that the efforts of others will succeed without our participation. This one time, if at no other, we must stand up and be counted. If we do not, we may never be able to access these important documents nor will our descendants be able to.

English and French versions of the petitions to the House of Commons and to the Senate are downloadable at !! **HYPERLINK** <http://www.globalgenealogy.com/census/petition.htm> and are designed for usage by both IBM and Macintosh computers. Even though the petitions for the House of Commons and for the Senate are worded similarly because they are directed to different places, both petitions may be signed by the same people. Once completed, these petitions may be mailed directly to the addresses found on the web page or sent to your provincial representative on the Canada Census Committee who will forward them. In Saskatchewan, the representative is Garth Ulrich, 334A Dunlop Street, Saskatoon, SK S7N 2P7 (gulrich@sk.sympatico.ca).

Copies of your letters to MPs and the Minister of Industry may also be sent to The Right Honorable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N6. Postage is not needed.

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Should Your Family Be In This 2005 Centennial Book?

BY GLENN SCHWARTZ

Many descendants of German-speaking pioneers assume they came from Germany. However, most came from eastern Europe. And many of those who settled in Regina and southern Saskatchewan came from two neighbouring villages in Austria-Hungary (today's Yugoslavia). Through the generations, some of the history and family connections have been lost. Some of their descendants have banded together and formed the Zichydorf Village Association to recover this history and reconstruct the family trees. One of our projects is a Saskatchewan Centennial book describing the history of these immigrants and their descendants in Saskatchewan. This is your opportunity to record your family history in the context of the friends and relatives who came here with them. However, many pioneer families are not yet represented in our group. You may be a descendant and not even know it. Please investigate your family history and determine whether you belong in our book.

What villages are we talking about? One is Zichydorf, often pronounced Chee-chee-dorf and also known as Zichyfalva and Mariolana. The other is Georghausen, pronounced Gay-org-how-zen and also known as Gyorghaza, pronounced You-rik-haza.

If your investigations reveal that you belong in our book, or if you would like to learn more about your origins, please contact Glenn Schwartz, 2274 Baldwin Bay, Regina SK S4V 1H2; phone (306) 789-4481; or e-mail: gschwartz@accesscomm.ca. Check the Web site: <http://fefhs.org/zva/frg-zva.html>.

Please don't delay, thinking there is lots of time. We want to publish by late 2004, and there is a lot to coordinate before then.

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In democratic political systems like ours, change only happens when constituents identify a need for change and then gain wide public and political support so that an issue cannot be ignored by our elected officials. We have a responsibility to make sure that our Members of Parliament know what is important to us. It is just as important for them to know that our votes will go to those who support issues that are critical to us.

For more information please see the Post 1901 Canada Census Home page at !! HYPERLINK <http://www.globalgenealogy.com/census/>

<http://www.globalgenealogy.com/census/> You may also contact Garth Ulrich, Saskatchewan Representative (!! HYPERLINK mail to: gulrich@sk.sympatico.ca or Celeste Rider, who is assisting by coordinating the petitions from within the SGS celeste@accesscomm.ca.

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Standards For Use Of Technology In Genealogical Research

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

Mindful that computers are tools, genealogists take full responsibility for their work, and therefore they-

- learn the capabilities and limits of their equipment and software, and use them only when they are the most appropriate tools for a purpose.
- Refuse to let computer software automatically embellish their work.
- treat compiled information from on-line sources or digital data bases like that from other published sources, useful primarily as a guide to locating original records, but not as evidence for a conclusion or assertion.
- accept digital images or enhancements of an original record as a satisfactory substitute for the original only when there is reasonable assurance that the image accurately reproduces the unaltered original.
- cite sources for data obtained on-line or from digital media with the same care that is appropriate for sources on paper and other traditional media, and enter data into a digital database only when its source can remain associated with it.
- always cite the sources for information or data posted on-line or sent to others, naming the

author of a digital file as its immediate source, while crediting original sources cited within the file.

- preserve the integrity of their own data bases by evaluating the reliability of downloaded data before incorporating it into their own files.
- provide, whenever they alter data received in digital form, a description of the change that will accompany the altered data whenever it is shared with others.
- actively oppose the proliferation of error, rumor and fraud by personally verifying or correcting information, or noting it as unverified, before passing it on to others.
- treat people on-line as courteously and civilly as they would treat them face-to-face, not separated by networks and anonymity.
- accept that technology has not changed the principles of genealogical research, only some of the procedures.

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LAND Project

An Update on the Land Titles Automated Network Development Project

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options that did not exist before and the retention and protection of some fundamental elements from today's system.

LAND System Coming Soon - Province-wide implementation set for July 2002

Province-wide implementation of the LAND System is still planned for July 2002. Implementation begins in May of this year, when certain elements of the system will be launched province-wide. These include Plans of Survey searches and the implementation of a full suite of on-line customer and account services-our "e-Business Services".

We have made some slight adjustments to the schedule recently. We will begin implementation of the full LAND System in the current Moose Jaw Land Registration District in June 2001. While the computer system is complete, this will give us the time we need to complete the development of the necessary forms, regulations and manuals and to ensure the full training of our clients and staff.

The current implementation dates for all the land registration districts are provided in the box. We may need to make occasional updates to the schedules as work progresses, but we will be sending notices out to our account holders (and others who have expressed an interest) in advance of implementation in each land registration district. In addition, you can always look at the current implementation schedule on our website at www.isc-online.ca.

Understanding the Evolution of Land Titles

The LAND System will mean the automation of the survey and land ownership record system in Saskatchewan. But it is much more than automation. The new system will involve some major changes to the way things are done now, some significant new

LAND Implementation Schedule

The LAND System will be implemented in the existing districts on the following schedule:

- May 2001 - Province-wide Plan of Survey searches
- June 2001 - Province-wide Grant Searches and Writ Registry Searches, as well as Titles and Plan Processing in the former Moose Jaw Land Registration District
- July 2001 - existing Regina Land Registration District
- December 2001 - existing Humboldt Land Registration District
- January 2002 - existing Saskatoon Land Registration District
- March 2002 - existing Battleford Land Registration District
- April 2002 - existing Prince Albert Land Registration District
- June 2002 - existing Yorkton Land Registration District
- July 2002 - existing Swift Current Land Registration District

In October 2002, once the whole Land Titles and Survey systems have been converted over to the new LAND System, online Registration will begin.

The Major Changes

- New legislation has been passed by the provincial legislature. This includes *The Land Titles Act, 2000* and *The Land Surveys Act*,

2000, as well as conversion and consequential legislation.

- All records will be kept electronically, rather than in paper form. The electronic record will be the official one.
- There will be one Land Registration District for the whole province, replacing the 10 separate districts of today.
- All parcels of land will be portrayed in graphical representations. More accurate and more easily-understood pictures will replace word descriptions. No more metes and bounds.
- Multi-parcel titles, multi-owner titles and surface/mineral titles will be separated, but linked together for planning and assessment purposes.
- The functions of approval of plans of survey and registration of title information will be separated. At the same time, the Chief Surveyor's Office and the Legal Surveys division will be amalgamated, thereby eliminating duplication by integrating the plan examination process.
- Land Titles records will be linked to a Geographical Information System (GIS) that provides other information about land, such as ground cover, topography and constructed features such as pipelines.

The New Opportunities

- When the system is fully implemented, registration of titles and interests will be accomplished in under 48 hours. Once online registration is available, registration will be possible instantaneously.
- Anyone will be able to search for titles and plans of survey online over the Internet 24 hours a day. Searches of title can still be done by legal land description, as is the case today. However, you will also be able to search by owner's name, parcel number or interest type, among others. Searches of plans will be done by location, plan number, legal land description or type of plan and will include all supporting documents.
- With the single land registration district, you

will be able to undertake any of the available activities, such as searches and registrations, for any property from anywhere in the world. There will be a single work queue for the entire province.

- You will be able to submit requests and documents for processing by e-mail, fax, computer disc, CD-ROM or even by paper. The necessary forms will be available for downloading from our website.

The Stability Continues

- The principles of the Torrens system of land registration will be maintained. The provincial government will continue to guarantee that the owner listed in our records is the true owner. This means you will not have to search previous records to determine whom to deal with.
- The provincial government will continue to provide compensation to any owner who is deprived of ownership inappropriately as a result of the law or errors by the system, regardless of fault.
- Title is still indefeasible. This means that, except for implied exceptions and registered interests, the owner holds the title free from all interests, exceptions and reservations. It also means that, subject to the exceptions, the title is conclusive proof that the registered owner is the owner and that the title may not be altered, revoked or removed from the registered owner.
- Surveyors will be the main professionals involved in establishing boundaries for parcels.

The new LAND System will be a significant achievement in the history of land information in Saskatchewan. This list of items is merely the highlights. If you want to know more, contact us and we'll get you the answer. Contact: Paul Spasoff, ISC Corporate Communications, 300 - 10 Research Drive, Regina SK S4P 3E1; Toll-free: 1-866-ASK-ISC1; e-mail: paul.spasoff@isc-online.ca; Web site: www.isc-online.ca;

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England and Wales 1901 Census Project

The number of visitors to the Family Records Centre (FRC) in London continues to grow. The Public Record Office (PRO) in England estimates they will reach saturation point by 2003 with no room to expand. The PRO has determined that the potential impact of the 1901 census on services at the FRC would be immense and as a result, it was decided to digitize the census for England and Wales rather than acquiring another facility. These records will be made available online on the first working day of 2002. The census was taken on 31 March, 1901.

The PRO has launched a small scale pilot using 1891 returns for Norfolk county to test the system for the large project of 1901 census. These records have been scanned, transcribed and are available on the site at <http://census.pro.gov.uk/> using the same methods developed for the 1901 service including fees. Users will have a chance to see a preview of the system and if you are researching Norfolk, what a lucky break since there are not a lot of records available for that county.

Norfolk was selected because the test required a county that was not too large but had a minimum number of inhabitants (Norfolk's population was 500,000 in 1891). This county covers urban and rural areas, a coastal region including ports with merchant and naval vessels. Also, included a range of institutions such as workhouses.

The 1891 census allows you to search an index for free and provides the following information under the person search: age; where born; head of household; relationship to head of household; county; civil parish; occupation. See illustration below. However, there is a charge to view the image of the original document and to view the full transcription details. When I checked the fee it said £5 per session.

Other types of searches include: address; place; vessel and institutional.

Even if you do not have anyone in Norfolk, but are waiting for the 1901 census, try it out so you are prepared for January 2002.

Public Record Office 1891 Census							
Person Result List							
The query that you entered has returned 100 or more results. To make your search criteria more specific click here.							
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Ada Suckling	3	Norfolk Thetford	Josiah Suckling	Daughter	Norfolk	Thetford St Thetford	
Alice Suckling	16	Norfolk South Walsham	Walter Parker	Servant	Norfolk	Surlingham	General Servant Dom
Amy Suckling	14	Norfolk Ashwicken	William H C Belton	Servant	Norfolk	East Winch	Domestic Servant

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Cemetery Program

BY LINDA NEELY

Cemetery Coordinator

The number of visitors to the cemetery index on the SGS Web site has increased significantly in recent months. Although we don't know why this is happening, we certainly welcome any and all visitors. We have been adding links to other Web sites where we find that people have posted the burial records. If you know of any Web sites where Saskatchewan cemetery records have been posted or if you are posting any yourself, please let me know by e-mail, and I will add the link to our index. E-mail: lnelly@accesscomm.ca.

I want to thank Norm Stetner for his work over the last year or more with the legislative committee of the justice department who have been rewriting the legislation covering cemeteries and funeral homes. Norm worked with people from all parts of the funeral industry and presented SGS concerns about the availability and preservation of burial records. The new legislation and regulations are now in effect.

Many people who are out recording cemeteries take pictures and send them in with the transcriptions. We have been keeping these pictures in an album at the library. Since these are meant to be used and enjoyed, we are going to start featuring

them in this space. Please feel free to send me any pictures you may have of the cemeteries in your area.



246.07 - Holy Ascension Cemetery (Hubbard)

We now have 3,127 cemeteries located, 2,028 recorded and over 900 entered in SRI. The map collection is looking good, we could use maps for the following RMs as the ones we have are outdated: 1, 9, 17, 35, 103, 107, 111, 122, 139, 141, 154, 161, 169, 171, 181, 183, 219, 232, 241, 243, 244, 245, 279, 285, 286, 287, 315, 372, 401, 426.

Thanks again to the volunteers who will be out this summer collecting cemetery records. Have a good summer!

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A Genealogist Is ...

A genealogist must have the patience of a dog; the curiosity of a cat; be blessed with the luck of the Irish and have the ability and stamina of a camel to go long hours without food or drink!

Courtesy of: Odom Family Tree, Dec 94/Jan 95

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SGS Bulletin Board

LIBRARY CLOSURES:

July 2 - Canada Day
August 6 - Saskatchewan Day
September 3 - Labour Day
September 22 - Family History Fair
October 6 - Thanksgiving Day
October 26 & 27 - SGS Seminar in Estevan
November 10 - Remembrance Day

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SUMMER HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Effective Monday, April 30, 2001)

WINTER HOURS:

Tuesday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Effective September 11, 2001)

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Future SGS Seminars

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| 2001 | October 26-28 in Estevan, SGS co-hosted with Region 2 |
| 2002 | July 18-21 in Regina, SGS co-hosted with Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS), The Bukovina Society of the Americas, and Society for German Genealogy In Eastern Europe (SGGEE). |
| 2003 | October 24-26 in Saskatoon, hosted by Saskatoon Branch |
| 2004 | October 22-24 in Moose Jaw, hosted by Moose Jaw Branch |

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In Memory

- Don Strueby, husband of Marilyn G. Strueby - September 7, 2000 - Campbell River, BC

Genealogy Summer Camp

A chance to learn how to conduct genealogical research in Saskatchewan. Consists of tutorials and help with research at SGS, local libraries and Saskatchewan Archives Board. This hands on program will help participants make the optimum use of their research time.

Date: August 13-15, 2001
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS), 1870 Lorne Street, Regina
Fee: \$50.00
Text: Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them ... \$23.40 (10% off of original price)

Minimum of 6 students and maximum of 10.

Call or write to SGS for a brochure on the Camp.

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Family History Fair
September 21 & 22, 2001
St. Martin's Parish Hall
4720 Castle Road, Regina SK

Friday, September 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Announcements

New Brunswick Bound - Conference 2001

New Brunswick Genealogical Society presents "New Brunswick Bound - Conference 2001" from 3-6 August 2001 at the Atlantic Baptist University, 333 Gorge Road, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. Some of the speakers confirmed are: Wendy Anderson, Bruce Elliott, Wilfred Allan, Allen Robertson, Marcia Melynk, Dick Eastman, Peter Murphy, Burns MacMillan, and Rick Roberts. For more information see Web site: <http://www.bitheads.com/nbgs/>; E-mail: pearcer@nbnnet.nb.ca or write to Joan Pearce, 352 Pelton Road, Saint John NB E2K 5H7.

Volhynia and Poland Conference

Conference is sponsored by Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe which will be held 10-12 August 2001 at LaQuinta Inn Tacoma, Tacoma, Washington. For people interested in the ancestry, culture and history of the peoples from Volhynia, Poland and the surrounding area. For further information contact: SGGEE, Box 905 Station "M", Calgary AB T2P 2J2 or e-mail: convention@sggee.org.

British & Irish Genealogical Seminar

British Isles Family History Society - USA is presenting the 14th Annual British & Irish Genealogical Seminar "Journey to the Past on Board The Queen Mary". Will be held in Long Beach, California on 23-25 August 2001. Famous speakers from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales share their knowledge with us. For further information contact: British Isles Family History Society - USA, 2531 Sawtelle Blvd PMB #134, Los Angeles CA 90064-3124 or e-mail: dotom2@aol.com.

Plantation and Colonial Migration Family History Conference

If you are searching for that elusive Irish Ancestor, Ulster Historical Foundation is holding an Irish Genealogy Event on 24-29 September 2001 in Belfast. For more information contact: Ulster Historical Foundation, Balmoral Buildings, 12

College Square East, Belfast BT1 6DD, e-mail: enquiry@uhf.org.uk; Web site: www.ancestryireland.com.

The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

Announcing the First Annual British Institute to be held 1-6 October 2001, in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel. The objectives of The British Institute are to provide exceptional educational opportunities for researching British ancestry. For more information, contact: International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, The British Institute, PO Box 3115, Salt Lake City UT 84115-3115.

Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) International Convention 2001

FEEFHS Convention will be held 5-7 October 2001, Ramada Inn South Airport, 6401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. An Invitation to Explore the Ancestral Past of Imperial Austro, Germany, Russia, Turkey, Hungary and the modern states of Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, and more. Write to: FEEFHS, PO Box 510898, Salt Lake City UT 84151-0898. Conference details, as they become available, will be posted at: <http://feefhs.org/conf/01mil/01mil-hp.html>.

MISCELLANEOUS

2001 England Genealogical Tour

A research trip to London, England is being presented by Kathy Harley, Ontario Genealogical Society #15499. The genealogical/family history tour to London, England will be held September 21 - October 6, 2001. Research English ancestors in London's genealogical record offices and libraries. For more information, contact Kathy Hartley at e-mail: stocks@interlog.com or Alex Churchman at e-mail: achurch@netcom.ca.

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Queries

BORTHWICK: I am looking for family members of John **Borthwick** born in 1891, Christabel **Borthwick**, born in 1894, married to Horace **MacBeth** and of Margaret **Duncan** (daughter of Jean nee **Borthwick**) married to Horace **Sprague** in 1938. Joyce Anderson, 14 Carmichael Bay, Regina SK S4R 0C8 or e-mail: dan.dawn@dlcwest.com.

FORD: Sgt. Charles William **Ford**, b in Ireland Nov. 3, 1899, came to Canada between 1920-1925, m Flora Barr **Benson** (deceased) in St. Catharines Nov. 20, 1925. Moved to Toronto, Ontario. Three sons: Charles William **Ford Jr.**, John Marshall **Benson Ford** and Ernest George **Ford**. They lived in Oshawa, Ontario until 1942 (approx.), and he then moved to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Occupation - Trucker. Was a Sgt. in the Royal Field Artillery BEF, Regimental Number 970677. Ernest George **Ford**, 136 Eastmount Street, Oshawa ON L1G 6K6 or e-mail: tennegf@aol.com.

HEWLETT: Looking for Stan **Hewlett's** family. He was a friend of my uncle Robt. **McCormick's**. I have a card and letter with the address Pleasant Valley, Saskatchewan. These and other photos should go to his family and hopefully they would help name people in other photos. Beverly Sheard, Box 57, Maryfield SK S0G 3K0.

LEPKA (LEPCO): John **Lepka (Lepco)** b 7 April 1863 Austria, emigrated to Saskatchewan in 1900; d 2 March 1944 Marchwell, Saskatchewan; m (date unknown) Anna **Kowalchuck (Kowalczyk)** b 14 December 1863; d 18 October 1946 Wpg.Chn: Mary b 1888; d 8 January 1966; m *I*) 11 March 1907 John

Olynyk, 2) (date unknown) Anthony **Melynk**, Steve b 1896; d 29 May 1968; m (date unknown) Justine (Lena) **Danyliuk**, Mike b 18 October 1899; d 5 June 1972; m ? Mary **Kozak**, Katherine (Katy) b 19 March 1906; d 29 September 1971; m 23 November 1922 Harry **Olynik**, Nellie b 26 January 1908; m (date unknown) Andrew **Geres**. Harry (Gregorius) b 25 February 1913 (16 December 1912); d 18 March 1982 Red Deer; m 9 January 1937 Elfrieda **Schepp**. Nellie and Harry b in Canada. Would like to know if John **Lepka** and/or Anna **Kowalchuk** had siblings? Shirley Erskine, 327 Kirkcaldy Drive, Brandon MB R7A 0C3 Canada or e-mail: serskine.geo@yahoo.com.

SAUNDERS: Edwin James **Saunders** was killed in a shooting accident on 14 December 1914 "somewhere in Canada". The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) informed the family in England of the death. Does anyone know where this accident took place or anything about Edwin James **Saunders**? Mary Sones, 1109 95th Avenue, Dawson Creek BC V1G 1J2 Canada.

SMART/DOWNING: Is anyone searching for the name **Smart** in Northamptonshire, England? I would love to hear from you. I am especially interested in the city of Northampton as well as the villages of Wollaston and Earls Barton. Also interest in **Downing** from Yardley Hastings. Mary Sones, 1109 95th Avenue, Dawson Creek BC V1G 1J2 Canada.

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

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