

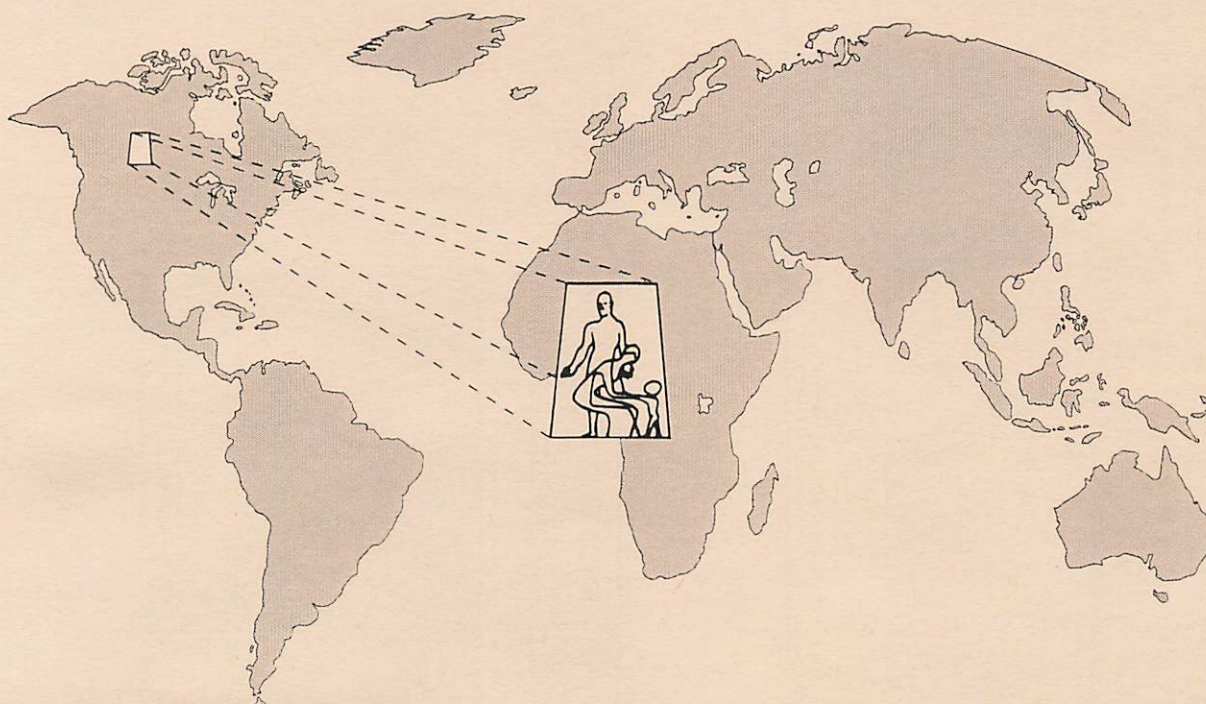


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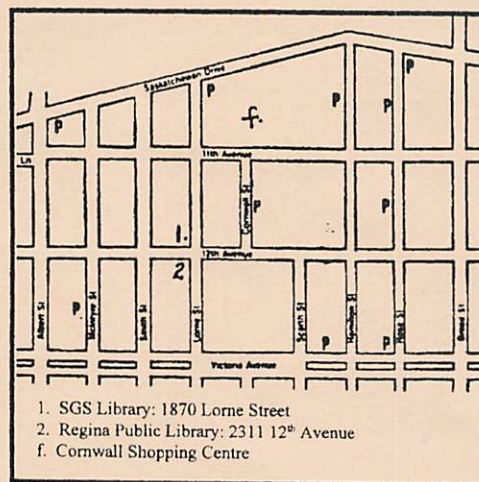
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President's Letter

BY: ROCKY SAMPLE
SGS President

Genealogists researching in Saskatchewan have some great new resources. Thank you to our members, staff, and especially our many volunteers for their efforts lobbying, proofing, and entering data. Some very good partnerships were formed while working on projects and we look forward to these relationships continuing.

Health Minister John Nilson and Centennial 2005 Chair Glen Hagel unveiled Saskatchewan Health's new on-line index at the SGS library in late September. Records of live births occurring more than 100 years ago are now available on the Saskatchewan Health web site at WWW.HEALTH.GOV.SK.CA. The index of deaths that occurred more than 70 years ago and the index of marriages that occurred more than 75 years ago will be available in the next year.

Kevin Melle and Denis Riviere of R & M Computer Systems unveiled their HOME project (Historical Ownership Mapping Endeavor) on September 30 at the Weyburn Public Library. Maps of 297 rural municipalities were drawn and plotted and include the original land grantee names and the dates of patent. The CD contains the same information for the entire province. Maps and the CD are available from SGS.

SHIP (Saskatchewan Homestead Indexing Project) website was launched at our annual Seminar in October by the Saskatchewan Archives Board and SGS. www.saskhomesteads.com. CD available from SGS.

Thanks to the Regina Branch of SGS and their partner the College of Certified Saskatchewan Genealogists (CCSG) for hosting a great seminar.

Congratulations to the recipients of awards presented at our membership meeting.

Thanks to all who participated in honoring our past Executive Director on her retirement.

Thank you to our members, board, staff, coordinators and especially all volunteers who have done so

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Editor's Notes

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER
Executive Director

What a great year for Saskatchewan ... homecomings, reunions, and parties galore. For many genealogists and family history researchers across the province and beyond, it culminated with Seminar 2005. Congratulations to the SGS Regina Branch and the College of Certified Saskatchewan Genealogists for a great seminar.

One of the main events for our family in 2005 was our Dunsmore Reunion at Rocanville in July. Old photos were unearthed; binders full of genealogical charts, books of family stories appeared. Notes were compared, photos identified, and connections made. I came home with sheets of information that now need to be sorted and logged on the computer. My biggest prize was a box of photos brought from Century Farm (the home farm) in Ontario – every photo was labeled! We were able to verify the identities of the individuals in the photos, and among us we matched the photos to the individuals on our genealogical charts. It was a boon!

But, what happens to these treasures, the family histories, the genealogical charts, and the photos when we enthusiasts are no longer able to be custodian of them. It is important we plan for the future of our family records.

The article on page 122, may give you an idea of how to preserve your records.

Well the Holiday Season is fast approaching, and we're getting excited about the upcoming activities and events. SGS is planning a "party" at the Library to celebrate the Season, and to thank you all for your support over the past year. Check the notice on page iii for details. Hope to see you there. On that note, Lisa, Celeste, and I would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season, and all the very best for 2006.

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much for SGS and Genealogy during my term as your president. Please keep up the good works. I welcome Janis Bohlken as our new president and wish her and the Board all the best in the coming year.

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Researching Your Russian Doukhobor Roots

BY JONATHAN KALMAKOFF

This article was a workshop that was presented at the SGS Annual Seminar on October 23, 2005. Permission has been granted to print in the SGS Bulletin.

1. Introduction

The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of resources available to Doukhobor genealogists. Doukhobor genealogy can be challenging! The field is new and is only beginning to develop the resources and methodology available to other branches of genealogy.

Doukhobor genealogists face special obstacles. Historically, most Doukhobors were illiterate and kept few written records. They frequently refused to register births, deaths and marriages. They lived in different parts of the world from one century to the next. They spoke a different language than most of us today. Records compiled prior to 1899 are written in Russian and scattered across various archives in Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

However, if Doukhobor genealogists face special obstacles, they also enjoy special advantages. There are only a finite number of Doukhobors in the world - there have never been more than 60,000 at any one time. Also, Doukhobors tended to intermarry within Doukhoborism, meaning that most Doukhobors are related to each other somewhere in the past, however distant. Finally, Doukhobors migrated and settled *en masse* in large groups and not as disparate individuals. These factors make the task of Doukhobor family research somewhat easier.

Present-day Doukhobors descend from a small founding population of approximately two thousand persons in 1800. If we mathematically figure twenty-five years to a generation, then most Doukhobors had over two hundred ancestors alive at this time - one tenth of the founding population. Therefore, it

should not be too difficult to link the lineage of one Doukhobor family to that of another related family that can be traced to 1800 or earlier.

2. Who Are The Doukhobors?

Heretics, Protestants, mystics, iconoclasts, sectarians, outlaws, rebels, subversives, pacifists, social activists, freedom fighters, egalitarians, peasants, communists, ethnic group, exiles, colonizers, immigrants, refugees, pioneers, even Christian martyrs. All of these terms have been used to describe the Doukhobors throughout their 300-year history. Who then, are the Doukhobors?

The term *Doukhobor* means "Spirit Wrestler" in Russian. It was coined in 1785 by Russian Orthodox clergy, who used in the term in a derogatory manner to describe those who wrestled *against* the spirit of God. The religious dissenters adopted the term but reinterpreted it to mean those who wrestled *with* and *for* the spirit of God.

The Doukhobors originated in South Russia in the 18th century. They rejected the Orthodox Church and abolished priests, icons and sacraments. They believe the spirit of God resides in every human being; thus to harm another human being is to harm the spirit of God itself. Their teachings consist of a collection of psalms and proverbs, passed down orally, called the *Book of Life*. Their only ceremony is the *sobraniye*, a prayer meeting recited around a table laden with bread, salt and water.

The Doukhobors pacifist and egalitarian beliefs, along with their refusal to swear allegiance to the Tsars, brought them into direct conflict with Church and State. This provoked severe persecutions throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, including torture, imprisonment, confiscation, exile and execution. Fleeing religious persecution, over 7,500 Doukhobors immigrated to Canada in 1899.

3. Migration & Settlement

Prior to 1801 - The Doukhobors were mainly concentrated in the Russian provinces of Kharkov, Ekaterinoslav, Tambov, Voronezh and the Don, however members of the sect could be found throughout the Russian Empire. They were severely persecuted during the reigns of Catherine the Great (1762-1796) and Tsar Paul (1796-1801).

Milky Waters (1801-1845) - The reign of Tsar Alexander I (1801-1825) brought a brief period of religious toleration towards the Doukhobors. Beginning in 1801, Doukhobors throughout Russia were permitted to resettle in the Melitopol district of Tavria province, Russia (present-day Zaporozhye province, Ukraine). There they established nine villages along the Molochnaya River near the Sea of Azov. This region was known as *Molochnye Vody* (Milky Waters).

The Caucasus (1841-1899) - Following renewed persecution, the Milky Waters Doukhobors were exiled to the Caucasus mountain region in 1841-1845. There they established three colonies:

- **Tiflis Colony** - In 1841-1843, 11 Doukhobor villages were established in the Akhalkalak and Borchalin districts of Tiflis province, Russia (present-day Ninotsminda district Georgia). This region was known as *Mokrii Gori* (Wet Mountains) or *Kholodnoi* (Cold Area).
- **Elizavetpol Colony** - In 1844-1845, 4 Doukhobor villages were established in Elizavetpol province, Russia (present-day Kedabek district, Azerbaijan).
- **Kars Colony** - In 1878, Doukhobors from Elizavetpol and Tiflis established a daughter-colony in Kars province, Russia (present-day Turkey). There they established 6 villages.

Saskatchewan - In 1899, over 7,500 Doukhobors from the Caucasus immigrated to Canada. They settled in three blocks of land reserved by the Dominion Government of Canada. This

amounted to 773,400 acres (313,227 hectares) of land on which the Doukhobors established 61 villages.

- **North Colony** - 20 Doukhobor villages were established in the Pelly and Arran districts of Saskatchewan. The North Colony comprised 69,000 acres (27,945 hectares) of land.
- **South Colony** - 38 Doukhobor villages were established in the Buchanan, Canora, Verigin and Kamsack districts of Saskatchewan. The South Colony comprised 215,010 acres (87,080 hectares) of land.
- **Saskatchewan Colony** - 13 Doukhobor villages were established in the Langham, Blaine Lake and Prince Albert districts of Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Colony comprised 324,800 acres (131,544 hectares) of land.

In 1903-1907, a crisis over land ownership occurred when the Dominion Government insisted that Doukhobors strictly comply with homestead requirements. This required that they become naturalized citizens and in the process take the oath of allegiance to the Crown. Those Doukhobors who took the oath obtained individual homestead and became known as "Independent Doukhobors". Those "Community Doukhobors" who refused to take the oath suffered a huge land loss when 258,880 acres (104,846 hectares) of Doukhobor reserve lands reverted back to the Crown.

British Columbia - Between 1908-1912, over 8,000 Community Doukhobors relocated from Saskatchewan to British Columbia where they purchased 19,012 acres (7,700 hectares) of forested land. They cleared the forests, planted orchards and established 44 communal villages in the districts of Brilliant, Castlegar, Grand Forks, Nelson, Shoreacres and Siocan Park. This area remains a major center of Doukhobor activity in Canada.

Alberta - In 1915-1917, Community Doukhobors from British Columbia purchased 1,200 acres (486 hectares) of land in the Lundbreck and

Cowley districts of Alberta. In 1926, another settlement was established in the Shouldice district consisting of 1,120 acres (454 hectares).

And Saskatchewan Again - In 1917-1918, Community Doukhobors from British Columbia purchased 11,362 acres of forested land in the Kylemore district of Saskatchewan. They cleared the land, planted grain fields and established fourteen communal villages in the area.

Recurring Place-Names - Many Doukhor place names were transferred from one settlement to another. For example, the village name *Gore/oye* first occurred in Tambov province, Russia in the 17th century. The name appears in subsequent Doukhor settlements in Tavria province (1805), Tiflis province (1841), Elizavetpol province (1844) and Kars province, Russia (1878). In 1899, the name appears twice in the Buchanan district and twice in the Blaine Lake district of Saskatchewan.

4. Names & Naming Practices

Doukhor names in Russia consisted of a personal name with one or more diminutive forms, a patronymic (middle) name and a surname. After the arrival of the Doukhobors in Canada, many forms of names were changed or Canadianized.

- *ie.* Ivan (personal name) Vasilevich (patronymic) Popov (surname)

Personal Names - In 19th century Russia, Doukhor children were frequently named after a parent or grandparent. Hence, we find personal names repeating every few generations within families. Sometimes we find more than one sibling with the same name. Typically this occurred when one child with that name died and the name was given to a later child. Occasionally we find more than one living child with the same name, but this is rare and usually happened when there was a great age difference between the two children or where the children were from two different marriages.

Diminutives - Doukhobors in Russia commonly addressed one another by diminutive forms of names. Diminutives are short forms of names used to express familiarity or endearment. Hence they function similarly to English pet names: William = Bill, Theodore = Ted or Teddy, Elizabeth = Beth or Liz, etc. The number of diminutives for Russian names is extensive and often the form of diminutive used depends on the particular tastes of one's kith and kin.

- *ie.* Ivan = Vanya, Vanka, Vanechka, Vaniusha, Vansha, Ivasha, etc.

Patronymics - The patronymic was derived from the father's name and functioned as a middle name. They were formed by adding the endings -ovich ("son of") or -ovna ("daughter of") to the father's name. Patronymics can greatly assist researchers by supplying a more precise identity of an individual. In some cases they may be the only clue as to an individual's parentage. They also allow one to distinguish between individuals with the same name.

- *ie.* Ivan Vasilevich = Ivan, son of Vasily. *ie.* Anna Ivanovna = Anna, daughter of Ivan

Surnames - Russian surnames are distinguished by special suffix endings such as -av, -ev (*ie.* Popov, Bondarev) and -in (*ie.* Konkin, Markin). The ending -enko is typically Ukrainian in origin, although it is not uncommon for it to appear Russianized by the addition of the consonant -v (*ie.* Savinkov). The ending -sky (*ie.* Dimovsky) is more widespread and may occur among Ukrainian, Byelorussian and Polish surnames as well as Russian. Note that women's surnames in Russia have a special form and take the additional ending -a (*ie.* Popova, Konkina).

New Canadian Names - One often hears that the name was changed by immigration officials. No it was not, despite the popular myth. Most Doukhor immigrants to Canada did eventually change their given names and surnames, but this came later, as part of the assimilation process. When most immigrants changed their original Russian

name, it was usually to a name that shared the same initial letter or sound.

- *ie.* Vasily became Wasil, William, Walter, etc.

English Spelling Variants - Cyrillic is the primary alphabet in Russian. As there was no standard transliteration system in 1899, English translation was largely a matter of choice. As a result, many English spelling variants have arisen for each Doukhobor surname.

- *ie.* Popov became Popoff, Popow, Popove, Papoff, Papove, etc.

Names in Records - Spelling does not matter in genealogical research. Beginning genealogists frequently look only for exact spelling; when they do, they usually do not find what they are seeking. Realize that most Doukhobor immigrants were illiterate and had no notion that anyone spelling of their name was more correct than another. Furthermore, even if he or she could read Russian, they would not necessarily recognize the written name if it was written in English.

Doukhobor immigrants had several different names during their lifetime. Any given document may show the full form or the diminutive form, the Russian version or the English version of their name. The principle to remember is that the pattern of recording names was completely inconsistent. Therefore, researchers should be alert to all possibilities.

5. Doukhobor Oral Tradition

Doukhobor oral tradition can provide us with invaluable clues in reconstructing family history. For centuries, Doukhobors passed down names, relationships and events orally, from generation to generation. It is vital to record and preserve these traditions while they are still intact. At the same time, we should resist the temptation to accept "family legend" as "fact" without further verification.

Any traditional story passed through successive generations will be altered by fading memories, by misinterpretation of details, and by the very human desire to present one's self or family in the best possible light. Regardless, Doukhobor genealogists who are scholarly in their methods and interpretation, and who anticipate and accept that discrepancies may be found between fact and fable, can utilize family traditions to reconstruct a meaningful heritage.

6. Select Canadian Archival Sources

Ship Passenger Lists - Ship passenger lists constitute the official record of Doukhobor immigration to Canada. Compiled on board by the ship's purser and examined by customs and immigration authorities upon arrival, they contain important genealogical information such as names, family groups, age, sex, occupation, dates of departure and arrival, ports of departure and arrival and passengers' intended destination, deaths at sea and quarantine.

Census Records - There is probably no other single group of records in existence which contain more information about Doukhobor immigrants than census records. Censuses count and describe the people of an area and contain valuable genealogical data about Doukhobors. Censuses of Doukhobors have been taken by various governments for various purposes including taxation, electoral representation, homestead entry and exemption from military service.

- *1901 Canada Census*
- *1905 Doukhobor Village Census*
- *1906 Census of the Northwest Provinces*
- *1911 Canada Census*
- *1911 Doukhobor Village Census*
- *1918 Doukhobor Village Census*
- *1918 Independent Doukhobor Census*

Membership Lists - A number of membership lists exist for various historical Doukhobor organizations including the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood, the Society of Independent Doukhobors, the Society of Named Doukhobors of

Canada, the Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ and others. Membership lists make excellent census substitutes and generally include the name, middle initial, sex and age of the Doukhobor member.

Cemetery Records - an ambitious project is currently underway to transcribe all of the 109 private Doukhobor cemeteries and burial sites in Canada. This information will be available online as a tremendous new resource for researchers.

7. Russian Archival Sources

Over the past three years, nearly 5,000 documents relating to Doukhobors in Russia in the nineteenth century have been discovered by Jonathan Kalmakoff at the Russian State Historical Archive, Kherson Region State Archives, Odessa Region State Archives, Central State Historical Archive of Georgia, the National Archives of Armenia and the State Archives of Azerbaijan. Taken together, they comprise the most extensive collection of documents concerning Doukhobor family history in the world.

The Tsarist-era documents range from letters and petitions to registers of entire Doukhobor villages and include: lists of Doukhobors living in the Caucasus in the 1850's, 1870's and 1880's; lists of Doukhobors exiled to the Caucasus in the 1830's and 1840's; lists of Doukhobors living in the Molochnaya region in the 1840's and earlier; and much more.

In the interests of making these historically important documents accessible to Doukhobors in Canada, Kalmakoff has launched a series of books featuring English translations of the records. In addition, Kalmakoff is establishing a special collection at the Saskatchewan Archives Board to make the original Russian copies of the records available to the public.

8. Online Resources

The Doukhobor Genealogy Website - by Jonathan Kalmakoff. The primary internet source

connecting researchers of Doukhobor genealogy. This site is dedicated to the reclamation, discovery, collection, preservation and free sharing of information related to Doukhobor family heritage. Contains message boards, historical maps, gazetteers, stories, various databases on Doukhobors names, shiplist and census indexes, transliteration guides, tutorials and useful links. <http://www.doukhobor.org>

9. Published Resources

Kalmakoff, Jonathan, 1853 *Tax Register of Doukhobors in the Caucasus* (Regina, SK, 2004). This 95 page book contains over 5,277 names of Doukhobors living in the Caucasus region of Russia in 1853 and is one of the most important available sources for Doukhobor genealogy in Russia. Full bibliographic references and index. ISBN 09730338-3-5.

Kalmakoff, Jonathan, 1918 *Census of Independent Doukhobors* (Regina, SK, 2002). This 187-page book contains over 6,600 names of Independent Doukhobors living in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Full bibliographic references and index. ISBN 0-9730338-0-0.

Kalmakoff, Jonathan, *Society of Named Doukhobors of Canada, 1930 Saskatchewan Membership List* (Regina, SK, 2003). This 61-page book contains information on 1,142 Doukhobor households in Saskatchewan. Full bibliographic references and index. ISBN 0-9730338-2-7.

Lapshinoff, Steve and Jonathan Kalmakoff, *Doukhobor Ship Passenger Lists, 1898-1928* (Crescent Valley, BC, 2001). This 154-page book contains over 5,200 names of Doukhobors passengers who came to Canada from Russia between the years 1898 and 1928 taken from over 30 ship passenger lists. Full bibliographic references and index. ISBN 0-9689266-2-2.

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News & Notes

BY ALICE ACHTER AND RAE CHAMBERLAIN

These are key articles or items that have been extracted from the journals that are available in SGS library collection.

Canada

Biggar Root Booster - Biggar Branch SGS, Vol.11, Nos. 3/4, Fall 2005.

- Biggar Heritage Album Exhibition a Success
- LDS to put Microfilm in Vaults on Internet
- Marriages 1926 from The Independent, Biggar, SK, January to August

BRANTches - Brant County Branch OGS, Vol.25, No.2, May 2005.

- Brant County's Connections to the American Civil War

Bruce and Grey Branch, OGS, Vol.35, No.3, August 2005.

- Why Editors Leave Home
- Preservation Points: Textiles
- Cleaning Mother's House. Have you thought about what might happen to your genealogy collection on your demise?

The Bulletin - Kawartha Branch OGS, Vol.30, No.3, August 2005.

- Cavan Parish Anglican Church Marriages (continued)

Cariboo Notes - British Columbia Genealogical Society Inc., Vol.21, No.3, Spring/Summer 2005.

- Web Bytes
- Scotlands People
- Members' Interests

Chinook - Alberta Family Histories Society, Vol.25, No.3, June 2005.

- Research in the Czech Republic: Part Two
- Clues from the Funeral Home and Beyond
- The Whole Kit and Caboodle

Connections - Quebec Family History Society Vol.28, No.1, September 2005.

- Montreal 1900, Milk "Privy Pit" and Death
- Notary Database - Plus!
- The Schools of Argenteuil

East European Genealogist - East European Genealogical Society, Inc., Vol.13, No.3, Spring 2005.

- An Overview of the Cadastral Surveys in the Austrian Empire
- Cadastral Land Surveys and Maps for Galicia, Austria

Families - Ontario Genealogical Society, Vol.44, No.3, August 2005.

- What to do with Those Pictures in Boxes?
- Lundenburg Dutch, Pennsylvania Dutch and the Use of "Dutch" for "German"
- What Year was Great-Grandma Born?

Family Footsteps - Kamloops Family History Society, Vol.21, No.1, May 2005.

- British Columbia Infantry Officers of the Militia List 1898 - 1914 (continued)
- If Only I Had Ancestors from Vancouver Island

Folklore - Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society Inc., Special Centennial Issue, 2005.

- The Sod Post Office
- The Last Day of School
- York Colony - est. 1884
- American Mennonites Come to Canada
- The Moffat Community
- Weldon Holy Trinity Church
- The T. Eaton Co. Ltd. Filling Station in Regina

Generations - Manitoba Genealogical Society, Vol.30, No.2, June 2005.

- A Tale of Two Cemeteries
- Doing Métis Research in the MGS Library

Generations - New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Vol.27, No.2, Summer 2005.

- Royal West India Regiment of Rangers 1806 to 1819 (disbanded)
- New Brunswick Strays
- Emigrant Recruitment by the New Brunswick Land Company: The Pioneer Settlers of Stanley and Harvey
- Crown Land Returns, Carleton County
- Introduction to the Registry Office, the Land Registration and Information Service and the Probate Court Records

Halton-Peel Newsletter - Halton-Peel Branch OGS, Vol.XXX, No.3, August 2005.

- Documenting Service in the First World War: Sources and Suggestions for Research, April 2005 Speaker
- Reprint of the 1877 Halton County Atlas

- Canadian Directories. A growing database brings a total of 93 searchable directories on the web.

Heirlines - Prince Albert Branch SGS, Vol.22, No.3, December 2005.

- Genealogical Society Celebrates Centennial with a Tree Planting
- Letters from the Past

Heritage Echoes - Weyburn Branch Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, June 2005.

- Veterans' Photo Gallery of Weyburn and Area
- The 152nd Battalion
- Saskatchewan Genealogy Certificates

The Heritage Gazette of the Trent Valley - Trent Valley Archives, Vol.10, No.2, August 2005.

- When Peterborough Became a City
- Islay-born Settlers in Eldon and Thorah Townships: a Search for Patterns
- Saskatchewan and Alberta Celebrate Centennials

Kindred Spirits - Durham Region Branch OGS, Vol.XXIV, No.1, Winter 2005.

- More than Just the 12th of July - member of the Goodwood L.O.L. No.572 in 1906/07
- Burials in Bethseda Cemetery - With no Monuments
- Clarke Township Census 1822

Kingston Relations - Kingston Branch OGS, Vol.32, No.4, September-October 2005.

- Mining the Internet for Genealogical Treasures

Lambton Lifeline - Lambton County Branch OGS, Vol.22, No.2, June 2005.

- Index of Name of Workers for the Grand Trunk Railway, Sarnia, Ontario April 1914 to April 1915

The Leaf of the Branch - South West Branch MGS, Vol.XVII, No.3, September 2005.

- The Victoria Cross
- Archives of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia

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Marge Thomas Tribute

On October 22, 2005, Laura Hanowski, on behalf of Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, hosted a tribute to Marge Thomas. Marge served as executive director of SGS from 1985 to June of this year.

Marge joined the SGS in 1980, and soon after was elected treasurer of Regina Branch. She started doing volunteer tasks for SGS which led her to become part of the large Board of Directors.

In the 1980s the government decided that support for sports, culture and recreation groups would no longer come from government coffers but from funds generated by the lotteries. SGS was invited to apply as one of the cultural groups. The Board of Directors voted to join the group.

With Lottery dollars came the rules and regulations about how the money we received could be used. The directive stated hire staff, pay benefits, provide travel costs for board members and raise self-generated funds. Marge was the first person who was hired by SGS. This in turn meant it was her role to implement the rules set out by the funding agency as well as those of SGS Board and further more to see that these rules were followed. SGS was able to develop the largest genealogical lending library in Canada, hire a person to serve as librarian, an executive assistant and an education coordinator. The membership grew so SGS was the second largest genealogical society in Canada after Ontario. During this time the idea of forming an association made up of the provincial genealogical societies, known as CanFed, came about. CanFed enabled representatives from across Canada to meet face to face to share ideas. International relationships were forged with the many speakers who came to present sessions at SGS seminars. Marge has maintained contact with many of them.

By 2000 there was another set of directives for the use of lottery dollars. Focus now was on community outreach, the inevitable need to increase

self-generated funds and the forging of partnerships. SGS achieved this by working with the North West Land Commission by teaching genealogy techniques in Buffalo Narrows and Isle a la Cross. This in turn led to personal development sessions with the staff at the Gabriel Dumont Institute who will be introducing a genealogy class to their Grade 11 curriculum next year. More workshops and advanced genealogy classes were offered and the first graduates of the researcher program wrote the book *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors* which is an excellent research tool and fund raiser. While these projects were going on Marge was busy organizing the lobbying efforts to have the Canadian census records released in a timely fashion and to have the indexes to the Saskatchewan Vital Statistics records put online. Both of these ventures have been successful. For the past two years Marge has also been the chair of the committee that oversaw the Saskatchewan Homestead Index Project. This database was officially launched October 21, 2005.

On behalf of the membership I would like to thank Marge for her dedication to the society and its goals. On a personal note I would like to thank her for her support and encouragement over the years. Lisa, Marge and I worked as a team. We didn't always agree but always worked out solutions that best served the society.

Rocky Sample, President of SGS, presented Marge with a lifetime membership.



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Molecular Genealogy Research Project

BY UGO A. PEREGO

Permission has been granted by Ugo A. Perego. This article was a workshop that was presented at Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Seminar in Moose Jaw on October 22-24, 2004.

The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF) is currently working on a study known as the Molecular Genealogy Research Project (MGRP).

Molecular genealogy links individuals together in "family trees" based on the unique identification of genetic markers. This is accomplished by using the information encoded in the DNA of an individual and/or population to determine the relatedness of individuals, families, tribal groups, and populations. Pedigrees based on genetic markers can reveal relationships not detectable in genealogies based only on names, written records, or oral traditions. A genetic identification is unique and can even discriminate between closely related individuals or those sharing the same name. The fact that DNA is inherited and that each individual is the product of his/her progenitors means that DNA can be used to not only create unique identifications, but also to identify members of the same family, the same

At this time, the use of genetics in the genealogical field is primarily limited to tests involving the Y chromosome (which follows the paternal line) and the mitochondrial DNA (which follows the maternal line). The use of these two genetic tests can detect the presence of a common male or female ancestor between any two individuals that have reason to believe they belong to the same paternal or maternal line (the two outermost lines found on a pedigree chart). Unfortunately, these two methods of testing are not sufficient to answer more complex genealogical questions concerning additional family lines.

The majority of people currently living in the US descend from immigrants of foreign countries. Genealogical investigation has shown that through the process of immigration, or because of adoptions,

illegitimacies, or other causes, genealogical records have often been changed, lost, destroyed, or never kept in the first place. As a result, many individuals cannot find a country of origin for one or more of their ancestors. What can be done to restore the link to their rightful heritage?

The SMGF main objective is to find ways in which DNA can be used more effectively for genealogical research, in addition to the already available Y chromosome and mitochondrial DNA testing. For the past four years, the Foundation has been collecting DNA samples and genealogies from thousands of people all over the world. Participation in the MGRP is free, voluntary, and confidential. Individuals with a minimum of four biological generations of pedigree information are eligible to participate in this study by submitting a small DNA sample together with a copy of their family tree to the MGRP database. DNA is immediately labeled to protect participants' privacy and then is correlated to the genealogical information found on the pedigree chart of the donor. Only information for ancestors born prior to 1900 is used in the process.

When subsets of this large genealogical/genetic database become available, the SMGF will release them to the public free of charge. The first subset containing almost ten thousand Y chromosome profiles correlated to pedigree information was released on March 1, 2004 and it is accessible through the project web site at www.smgf.org. The Foundation plans to add new genetic profiles and pedigree charts to this first database on a regular basis. In the meantime, anyone that would like to contribute a sample of DNA and a copy of their genealogy to SMGF is invited to request a free participation kit by visiting the project web site at www.smgf.org. Project updates and other useful information about genetics and genealogy are also available on this site.

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GENEALOGICAL CODICIL to my LAST WILL and TESTAMENT

The following was printed in Perth County Profiles, Volume 23, #2, May 2005. It was circulated in the Maritimes on the internet. The implication is that our genealogical materials will be in some order so that someone can do something with them. Permission has been granted by Perth County to reprint this article.

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

[If you know whom, within your family or friends, are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known.]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters/branches, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/provincial/national contact information and addresses.]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

“KISSIE”

Ellen Rose Reeves Balls 1889 – 1961

BY HEATHER R GHEY BROADBENT

In the SGS Bulletin, Volume 36, Number 1, March 2005, my article “*A Search for a Long Lost Relatives Family*” was printed which was looking for my Kissie relatives.

Thanks to the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin and principally Marge Thomas, Lisa Warren, and with great help from Linda Wiggins, on Saturday, June 11th 2005 I was able to talk to Kissie’s surviving daughter, Nellie Balls Taylor, in Edmonton. Consequently I would encourage anyone who has lost family connections to follow the philosophy “Nothing ventured, nothing gained”.

Ellen Rosa Reeves, second daughter of Selena and William Reeves married Walter John Balls in March 1908, in West Ham, London, England. They immigrated to Cut Knife Saskatchewan on March 4th 1911 bringing daughters Kathleen Grace and Winnifred Ellen with them. Then followed Bert William, Wesley Walter, Donald Arthur (who must be the baby mentioned in the letter between my future grandmothers in World War One) and then

Nellie Lena. Kissie did in fact die soon after my Grandmother, as I suspected – in 1961 and Walter in 1971. Both not too far from where I now live – in St. Catharines Ontario.

On Saturday, June 11th I talked for almost an hour with my newly found first cousin twice removed (or is that ‘thrice’?), Nellie, who told me her mother got the nickname as a child because she was always dispensing hugs and kisses to everyone.

As this is a habit I now share my thoughts presently are that it may be genetic! Nellie had not heard the nickname for many years and was pleased to do so again.

My most sincere thanks are again extended to Marge, Lisa, Linda Wiggins and my long time friend, Genealogist Brian Gilchrist of the Archive at the Peel Heritage Complex, Peel Region, Ontario who encouraged me to pursue the quest for Kissie in the first place.

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(... *Researching Your Russian Doukhobor Roots continued from page 115*)

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Canadians Can Discover Their British Past in Seconds

November is an important month. It's Veteran's Week on 5th-11th, and 2005, sixty years since World War II ended, is Year of the Veteran. Millions of Canadians are remembering the heroism of their fathers and grandfathers who fought in Europe and around the world.

For the younger generation it's a special time to remember and find out more about family history. For Canadians with a British connection, who are passionate about finding out who their ancestors were and where they came from, there is now a revolutionary new web site to speed their family history research: **familyrelatives.org**.

From Alberta to Newfoundland, **familyrelatives.org** is the place to track down the English roots in your family. **Familyrelatives.org** is an exciting internet tool which puts the control of searches directly into the hands of the person actually doing the research. For the period 1866-1920 over 150 million records for birth, marriage or death records (or BMD) in England and Wales are fully searchable, and an image of the original register entry is also available. Images have been digitised in greyscale, not simple black and white, which means they are clearer and easier to read than anything else on the net. A further 150 million records can be searched for the period 1921-2002.

Familyrelatives.org has radically new search capabilities that allow a Canadian researcher to find an ancestor quickly and identify the exact record needed. Searches can be made by forename, surname, mother's maiden name, spouse's maiden name, approximate age at death, year of event, year

range, geographical area as well as official registry districts. Which means if your great-great-grandfather was John Smith and you know he was born in Liverpool you'll find his details in seconds and all just for a few cents. Until now web sites for genealogical searches made the process of locating the right birth, marriage or death records time-consuming and very costly. **Familyrelatives.org** makes searches for BMD in England and Wales faster, more accurate, and a whole lot cheaper.

The site also has useful essay pages in association with the Oxford University Press and Readers Digest, giving free and professional guidance about how to conduct family history research, information about the history of names and plenty of interesting facts about popular British names and so on. Ever wondered why there's a Giles or a Gareth in your family?

The web site is set to get even bigger. Treequest Ltd., the company operating **Familyrelatives.org**, says "We're delighted that we can make family history research so easy—access to a database of over 300 million names, search facilities with pinpoint accuracy—there's nothing like it on the web. For our Canadian friends who want to find their English or Welsh ancestors or discover what happened to the British side of their family it's the perfect tool. And they should know we are expanding: we are now in the process of putting online a whole range of British genealogical documents and military records which will be of great interest to Canadians."

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The Kiening Web Site

BY BEV WESTON

Josef Kiening has constructed a web site dealing with the Property Books for the areas north west of Munich, Bavaria, Germany. These areas include the districts of Munich, Fuerstenfeldbruck, Dachau, Freising, Friedberg, and the parish Hahnbach /Oberpfalz. This web site is found at <http://www.genealogie-kiening.de/>.

In his first paragraph, he describes that the Property Books deal with the collection of people who lived in one house over a period of several hundred years. He has linked these people as they move away to other communities within the area, so a search can be quite extensive. I do not add people to my database unless there is a proven connection. But working with this web site, I have added 659 people, which would also include parents of spouses who married into the families.

He allows a search by **surname**, and there will be spelling variations. I found both Hanrieders and Hahnrieders. Some of the changes are quite extreme. For example, Maria Jungmayer married Georg Peyrl, son of Martin Peurl. Maria and Georg had seven children, one of whom was Michael Beryl. Michael had two children: Martin Baierl and Magdalena Bayrl.

In German, "b" and "p" are often interchanged, as are "d" and "t". This will explain, when one searches by location and parish, why there is a long list of "P/B" names right at the beginning, when one is expecting an alphabetical list.

Mr. Kiening allows a search by **location** and **parish**. He even has a search outside Bavaria. For example, if one clicks on *Nordamerika*, the only two entries show that Johann Markl, son of Johann Markl/Therese Lettner, all of Herbertshausen, married a woman named Rosina about 1890 in North America. Johann's brother, Matthias, married a woman named Katharina about 1900 in North

America. There are birth dates for both brothers. One can then click back on the parents and see the history of the property. (One can also see that Matthias was married to Therese Domerle. Did she die? Did he leave her behind? Always more questions.)

The history of the property shows that it came down through the Lettner/Lethners. There are many instances when someone from outside the parish married the widowed female owner of the property, or the only daughter of the house.

Mr. Kiening says that he has not translated the Property Books, as a machine would translate everything, even names. For example, Zimmerman means carpenter, Schneider means tailor, and so on. He gives a section of **abbreviations and historical terminology**. The section on abbreviations is important to understanding the data.

Following is an example of one of the longer entries, with a great deal of information:

- Hahnrieder Andreas

28.04.1728

28.09.1765 Austrag (Qu: StA Mü Pflegg.Kranzbg Pr 26)

ungef.1777 Nachlaß (Qu: StA Mü Pflegg.Kranzbg Pr 31)

25.06.1753 Ehevertrag (Qu: StA Mü Pflegg.Kranzbg Pr 21)

1. Ehe Ki. Korbinian u. Ursula 2. Ehe: Katharina Jakob Maria

* Harrerhof + um 1777 Harrerhof

I. oo um 1728 Harrerhof Pfarrei Kranzberg
Jungermayr Magdalena Einheirat, Ehevertrag
T.d. Jungermayr Veit Piesing 1 (Lerchl) und Dingg Maria

* Piesing + Harrerhof

10.11.1734 Erbe (Qu: StA Mü Pflegg.Kranzbg Pr 12)

22.08.1736 Erbe (Qu: StA Mü Pflegg.Kranzbg Pr 13)

II. oo um 1753 Harrerhof Pfarrei Kranzberg
Langenecker Elisabeth 25.06.1753 Einheirat,
Ehevertrag 500 fl (Qu: StA Mü Pflegg.Kranzbg Pr 21)

T.d. Langenecker Josef Wasenhof 1 (Wasenbauer)
und Reischl Maria

* Wasenhof + Harrerhof

K i n d e r :

Mutter: Jungermayr Magdalena

- **Hahnrieder Korbinian** * um 1743 Harrerhof +
um 1800 Harrerhof wird hier Besitzer

- **Hahnrieder Ursula** * Harrerhof
29.01.1762 Unterkienberg 9 (Speckmair)

I. oo um 1762 Unterkienberg Pfarrei Allershausen
Ostermayr Andreas S.d. Ostermayr Johann
Oberkienberg 3 (Heiß)

II. oo um 1772 Unterkienberg Pfarrei Allershausen
Kreitmair Andreas S.d. Kreitmayr Matthias
Kühnhausen 3 (Schuhbauer)

- **Hahnrieder Katharina** * um 1753 Harrerhof
09.11.1786 Giggerhausen 16 (Petz)

I. oo um 1786 Giggerhausen Pfarrei Massenhausen
Maier Josef S.d. Mayr Michael Giggerhausen 16
(Petz) und Hebenstreit Apollonia

* um 1750 Giggerhausen + Giggerhausen

- **Hahnrieder Jakob** * um 1755 Harrerhof
25.09.1778 Leonhardsbuch 19 (Kristl)

I. oo um 1778 Leonhardsbuch Pfarrei Allershausen
Schuhbaur Barbara T.d. Schuhbaur Franz
Höchenberg 25 (Höchenberger) und Lampl Anna
Maria

* 29.11.1742 Höchenberg + um 1798
Leonhardsbuch

- **Hahnrieder Anna Maria** * um 1757 Harrerhof
+ Johanneck

20.01.1790 Johanneck 1 (Hans)

I. oo um 1784 Johanneck Pfarrei Paunzhausen
Bernböck Bartholomäus S.d. Pernböck Michael
Johanneck 1 (Hans)

* um 1738 Johanneck + Johanneck

Both marriages for Andreas took place at Harrerhof, in the parish of Kranzberg. Harrerhof is not a village, but rather a farm. It was quite a large farm, at least by German standards. It was the usual practice for German farmers to live in villages and go out to farm the property. Harrerhof was an *Einöde*, or a farm off by itself. The dictionary definition for *Einöde* is 'wasteland', but Bavarians seem to have modified it.

Magdalena Jungmayr is listed as the mother of all the children, but if one looks closely above, there is an italicized notation that Korbinian and Ursula are from the first marriage, and Katharina, Jakob and Maria are from the second. The dates of both marriages are given here, but the information has not been carried forward clearly as to the mothers of the children. Perhaps there was a time lapse between actual event and when the entry was made.

There is correspondence for some of these entries in, for example, the *Staatsarchiv* in München - (Qu: StA Mü Pflegg.Kranzbg Pr 21)

A minimal entry would look like this:

Kothmüller Anton

um 1807

* Herschenhofen + Herschenhofen

I. oo um 1807 Herschenhofen Pfarrei Hohenkammer

The only information given here is that Anton Kothmüller (his parents are in the entry above his) took over the property about 1807, was born (*) and died (+) in Herschenhofen, and married (oo) about 1807 in Herschenhofen, parish of Hohenkammer.

In the section on the farmland around Dachau, Mr. Kiening indicates that he has included only people born between the years 1600-1875, because of privacy restrictions. For information on those born in later years, one must contact the register office (*Standesamt*).

Mr. Kiening's **copyright** prohibits the use of any of this data for commercial use, or for the production of genealogical tables for a fee.

Clicking on the **German site** shows that these Property Books are called *Haus-Chroniken*, and I am the happy owner of several pages. I have two copies of each *Haus-Chronik*, one written in the older German script, and one typewritten. I am including a typewritten copy. (*Editor's Note: Since the copy*

given is not legible enough for printing, we have redone this page). At the top of the page, above the fold line, is written "*Fotokopie aus 'Chronik der Hofbesitzer (Dorf Dietersheim, Gemeindearchiv Eching SG 8039/1*" - Photocopy from "Deed of Owners (Village of Dietersheim, Municipal Archives of Eching, SG 8039/1.

I am deeply appreciative of Mr. Kiening's work.

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THIESS MICHAEL, Hauptstraße 7, früher Haus'nr. 14

Hausname: "Glas"

NAME	VORNAME	GEB.-NAME	GEB.-ORT	GEB.-TAG	HOCHZEIT	STERBETAG	BEMERKUNGEN
Dürr Dürr	Peter Theres	Ostermaier	Neukirchen	Jan. 1825 1825	1848 1848		Abgenhaust u. nach München
	Kinder: Katharina 1849, Johann Juli 1856, Anna Maria 6.12.1839, Franziskus April 1962, Theresia 17.5.1865.						
Inwohner: Häusler Häusler	Karl Theres	Meier	Giggenhausen Dietersheim	03.09.1939 11.08.1842	11.09.1869 11.09.1869		
	Kinder: Karl 11.6.1870.						
Zacherl Zacherl	Johann Creszens	Huber	Eschling	04.02.1832 1833	1863 1863		nach Rußland ausgewandert
	Kinder: Creszens * 1.3.1864, Katharina 1866, Johann B. 15.1.1877, Josef 24.3.1873.						
Dirscherl Dirscherl	Josef Katharina	Felsner	Dietersheim Dietersheim	10.07.1856 17.01.1862	23.01.1883 23.01.1883		
	Kinder: Josef *2.1.1882, Maria 3.8.1883, George 19.4.1885, Katharina 20.4.1886, Anna 19.6.1887, Maria 28.12.1888, Katharina 20.5.1890, Theresia 6.10.1891, Josef 9.7.1893, Helma 19.7.1897, Barbara 26.1.1899, Johann B. 4.6.1902.						
Albbrecht Albrecht	Andreas Barbara	Dirscherl		26.01.1899			
	Kinder: Ottilie Dirscherl, Babette						
Thieß Thieß	Michael Ottilie	Albrecht/Dirscherl	Peschendorf (Rumänien)				

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Remember, SGS also has a variety of periodicals from many areas of research. If you would like to be put on a regular circulation list for any periodical we have, please contact Celeste. See the "News and Notes" section of the Bulletin for the names of periodicals we receive.



Genealogy/Instructional

- Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts: A Primer for Genealogists, Writers & Researchers. (Book). Donated by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.
- Dating Nineteenth Century Photographs. (Book). Donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.

Canada

- The origins of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.

Canada: Manitoba

- Index to Brandon Sun Obituaries 1900-1909. (Book).
- Index to Brandon Sun Obituaries 1910-1919. (Book).
- Index to Brandon Sun Obituaries 1920-1929. (Book).

Canada: Nova Scotia

- A Guide To Some Domestic Pioneer Skills. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- Domestic Life in Early Halifax. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.

Canada: Ontario

- Index to Births & Stillbirths (1908). MS 931, Reel 20. (Microfilm). **REFERENCE ONLY.**
- Indexes to Marriages (1923). MS 934, Reel 21. (Microfilm). **REFERENCE ONLY.**
- Indexes to Deaths (1933). MS 937, Reel 21. (Microfilm). **REFERENCE ONLY.**
- Obituaries From The Christian Guardian July 1884 to December 1890. (Book). Donated by Don Pollock.

Canada: Ontario - Carleton County

- County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Vol. 37 Carleton County & Ottawa City Index. (Book).

Canada: Ontario - Elgin County

- County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Vol. 28 Elgin County Index. (Book). Donated by SGS Biggar Branch in memory of Norm Hawes.

Canada: Ontario - Frontenac County

- County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Vol. 16 Frontenac County & Kingston City Index. (Book). Donated by Global Heritage Press Inc.

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- County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Vol. 36 Kent County Index. (Book). Donated by Jack E. Horning in memory of John and Beatrice Armitage.

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- County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Vol. 34 Norfolk County Index. (Book). Donated by Bonnie Geldof.

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- County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Vol. 31 Prescott & Russell County. (Book). Donated by Staff of the Medical Lab and Regina Health District in memory of Mary Guenther.

Canada: Ontario - Victoria County

- Cemeteries of Victoria County: Mariposa Township. Donated by Leroy and Victoria Smith.

Canada: Ontario - Waterloo County

- County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada 1858-1869, Vol. 32 Waterloo County Index. (Book). Donated by Staff of the Medical Lab and Regina Health District in memory of Mary Guenther.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- Echoes of the Past, Centennial Edition - 2005. (Book). Donated by James Cleland.
- 1999 North Battleford, SK Polk City Directory. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- Henderson Directories 1997, Regina, Saskatchewan. (Book). Donated by MacPherson, Leslie and Tyerman Barristers and Solicitors.
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- Henderson Directories 1999, Regina, Saskatchewan. (Book). Donated by MacPherson, Leslie and Tyerman Barristers and Solicitors.
- HOME Project (Historical Ownership Mapping Endeavour) Maps. 2005. **REFERENCE ONLY.**
- Builders of a Great Land, History of the R.M. of The Gap No. 39, Ceylon and Hardy. (Book). Donated by Karen Fiechter.
- Footprints in Time Hazenmore. (Book). Donated by SGS Grasslands Branch in Memory of Art Achter.
- Neudorf Celebrates 100 Years 1905-2005. (Book). Donated by the Neudorf History Book Committee.
- Churchbridge In The New Millennium. (Book). Donated by Verna Brenner.
- Churches and Cemeteries RM of Langenburg & RM of Churchbridge. (Book). Donated by Verna Brenner.

- A History of the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- Our Roots: A History of La Ronge. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- Rural Municipality of Lumsden # 189. (Map). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh. **REFERENCE ONLY.**
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian, North Battleford and St. Philip's Presbyterian, Glenbush, Saskatchewan. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- Territorial Drive Alliance Church, North Battleford, 1998. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- Territorial Drive Alliance Church, North Battleford, 2000. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- HOME Project (Historical Ownership Mapping Endeavour), A Saskatchewan Settlement Record. 2005. (CD). **REFERENCE ONLY.**

Europe

- Jewish Ancestors? A Guide to Reading Hebrew Inscriptions and Documents, No. 5 in the Jewish Ancestors Series. (Book). Donated by The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain.

Europe: Germany

- Ahnenpas - German Genealogical Passport of Paul Wittrock. (folder in FH file box). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- Das A B C Buch 5th Printing. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.
- First German Reader (German English Primer). (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.

Europe: Germans From Russia

- Homeland Book of the Bessarabian Germans (Heimatbuch der Bessarabiendeutschen. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.
- 1852 Kutschurgan census: Selz, Kandel, Baden, Strassburg, Mannheim, Elsass published by the Kutschurgan Listserve. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.
- About Colonists of Kutschurgan Districts Dwelling Outside Their Colonies 1864. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.
- Katherinental, Beressan District, Odessa: 1858 Census a joint project of GRHS & AHSGR. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.

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SGS NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE . . .

BY LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director

SGS is continuing its partnership with the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Now that Phase I, the Saskatchewan Homestead Index Project (SHIP) is completed, Phase II is ready to begin. Phase II will incorporate the homestead index into a more extensive, web-based virtual exhibit showing the settlement experience in Saskatchewan. The Settlement Experience in Saskatchewan Project (SESP) will include copies of typical homestead documents, photographs, diaries and letters, interactive maps and other archival sources pertaining to pioneer days. It is expected the project will be completed by mid-2006.

The New Year should find a few more birth records available on Saskatchewan Health's Vital Statistics website. Vital Statistics advised that the 1906 births should be online shortly after the New Year.



Christmas Gathering at the Library

You are invited to the SGS Library
For a Come-and-Go
Christmas Gathering
December 10, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

Join us for
Dainties and Refreshments
on the Landing

Browse the Library
Stay and Visit
(maybe even do a little research)

Bring your family and friends

We look forward to seeing you here.

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Saskatchewan Heritage Award

The award will be given to a person who has given of their time, talent and energy for the development, study, research and preservation of family history and genealogy in Saskatchewan. Candidates must be a resident or former resident of Saskatchewan and have been a member of the SGS for at least five years.

The following information is required for nominating a candidate:

- completed nomination form
- detailed biography
- history of volunteer contribution and value to Society
- two letters of support

If you know anyone that you feel is deserving of this award, please consider nominating them.

- **Deadline date March 15, 2006**
- Award will be presented at Annual General Meeting in Regina on April 29, 2006.

For more information contact the SGS office.

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SGS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

2006 fees are due December 31, 2005. These fees are annual, cover the calendar year and are due at the end of the year regardless of the date you renewed. *Rates are guaranteed until December 31, 2005 (must be in SGS office by December 31, 2005).*

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SGS Volunteer Heritage Award

Each year Saskatchewan Genealogical Society invites nomination for the Volunteer Heritage Award to be given to an SGS member who has dedicated much of his or her time, talent and energy for the preservation and development of genealogy and family history in Saskatchewan.

Norm Stetner is this year's recipient of the Volunteer Heritage Award.



Norm joined the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society in 1981. (Although he still owned his own electrical contracting business he was a most willing volunteer offering to help cart boxes to the Annual meeting and seminars.) His research into the Stetner family history covers areas of Eastern and Western Europe. Because Norm was a long time resident of Regina he was also able to provide insight into the development of east Regina particularly the area known as "German Town." Norm is also an avid amateur radio operator which means he has contacts throughout Saskatchewan and beyond.

With this background he seemed like a natural candidate to succeed Bill Flynn as SGS cemetery coordinator in 1992. Norm enthusiastically endorsed the SGS goals of preservation and heritage. Shortly afterwards he served as the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society representative on the committee that reviewed the *Saskatchewan Cemetery Act*. While serving on this committee Norm worked hard to convince the representatives from the Department of Justice, SARM and SUMA of the value of preserving cemetery records. As a result the public are now able to access cemetery records during normal working hours.

Norm continues to contact the Rural Municipality offices to learn if they know of other cemeteries than those already appearing on the SGS list. Norm is always checking to see who in the community would be able to help identify those buried in the many small abandoned cemeteries. This interest in threatened cemeteries has encouraged a number of people to learn more about these

cemeteries in their municipalities. One retired couple took it upon themselves to visit, photograph and record all the cemeteries in their municipality. Two other heritage projects that Norm was responsible for encouraging were the cemetery recording project of the Mennonite Historical Society and the identification and recording of Doukhobor cemeteries.

Norm was very firm about the fact that he did not like going to meetings, even SGS Board meetings. He preferred to work on the files in his office, first on a table in the library and finally in a "real office" down the back hall. To this end he recruited Linda Neely to be "the" cemetery coordinator so he could work on the files, recruit members and friends to record cemeteries, and donation of maps to the project. Norm also worked very closely with the branches to see that they found and recorded the cemeteries in their areas.

Although this award recognizes all the work Norm he has done to promote genealogy and the need to preserve cemetery records we must also mention his wife Cec. She has been extremely good about letting Norm out to play, even playing taxi driver so he could show up for duty. Fortunately, we didn't hear her side of the conversation on the days he forgot to bring the lunch he had so carefully prepared. Thank you Norm for all the work you have done for SGS as well as all the fun we all have had while you preformed the many tasks you undertook. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

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Outstanding Volunteer Certificate

The outstanding volunteer certificate went to Frances Klein who joined the SGS in 1993 and about the same time began volunteering for the society. The job she took on as her pet project was the obituary files. She organizes and glues obituaries and is faithful to this task. Although she has trouble with the stairs to get to the library, she always arrives every Tuesday morning and works quietly at her job all day.

Frances is always willing to listen and even accepts some new ideas, but she definitely has her own ideas about how things should be done.

Earlier this year she had a serious health problem that landed her in the hospital for a while. But, about a month after being released she was back climbing the stairs to the library to glue obituaries once again.

Thank you Frances for the dedication and hours that you have put in to help make the SGS obituary collection of more than 750,000 obituaries one of the best in Canada. You are indeed an outstanding volunteer.

Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Awards

The Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Award was an award to recognize an individual volunteer who made an outstanding contribution to an organization during Saskatchewan's first one hundred years and will continue into the next one hundred years. The second award was to an individual volunteer who is currently in a contributing role and whom it is believed will provide significant organizational leadership in the province's second century. These awards were presented to Bob Pittendrigh and Tammy Vallee at the Fall Membership Meeting on October 22, 2005



Bob Pittendrigh is a charter member of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. He was at the first meeting to form the society in March of 1969. He served as secretary treasurer from 1969 to 1974 and was president from 1983 to 1985. He organized the yearly seminar, taught genealogical classes in and around Regina. Bob, along with other enthusiastic volunteers traveled to various parts of the province to encourage and help people who were interested in genealogy and the formation of branches, and to teach classes on getting started in family history. Bob created a booklet based on the outline for these classes, which was later used by the Saskatchewan Archives Board as a basis for their publication on genealogical sources in Saskatchewan.

During Bob's time, the SGS was accepted under the Saskatchewan Lotteries funding; SGS found a home at 1879 Lome Street, where the largest genealogical lending library in Canada is now housed. Bob never misses an opportunity to promote this impressive library.

Bob was chairperson of a computer interest group that helped individuals become familiar with computers and genealogical programs. He has written several articles for the SGS **Bulletin** and Regina Branch's **Now and Then**, has edited and published family newsletters

and histories and has enjoyed the reputation as an authority on North East Scotland sources. Following his retirement from his "day job", Bob volunteered at the LDS Family History Library, and continued his unwavering support for SGS. Although Bob will say that the success of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society was due to the patience, cooperation, and understanding of his wife, Irene, and the many dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who shared his dream of a provincial society, Bob's steadfast commitment to the SGS has been instrumental in its success.



Tammy Vallee has been a member of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) and the Saskatoon Branch of the SGS for 2½ years. In that short time, she has been on the Branch executive as well as the facilities, refreshment, cemetery recording, and program committees. A mere two months into her Branch membership, Tammy agreed to help prepare a display for the provincial seminar in Saskatoon. Since joining, she has taken two classes offered by the SGS and is now certified both as a Saskatchewan Record Searcher and an Aboriginal Record Searcher. Her specialty is Metis research on the prairies and she is currently compiling her research into a book on the genealogy of North Western Saskatchewan.

As well as raising three rambunctious boys, Tammy has given a beginning genealogy class at her neighbourhood elementary school and is working diligently to gain access to the public school system to help spread the word to our up and coming genealogists. Her recent presentation at the Heritage Language Teachers' Conference has also helped the teachers to understand the genealogical process and to see how this lifelong hobby can be implemented into the school program.

With such keen interest, energy and volunteer spirit, Tammy Vallee is certain to play an important role during the next 100 years of genealogy in Saskatchewan.

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- Sulz, Beressan District, Odessa: 1858 Census a joint project of GRHS & AHSGR. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.
- Franzfeld, Liebental District, Odessa: 1858 Census a joint project of GRHS & AHSGR. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.
- Mariental, Liebental District, Odessa: 1858 Census a joint project of GRHS & AHSGR. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.

Great Britain:

- British History and Heritage on the Web: A Directory. (Book). Donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- Basic Facts About ... Methodist Records for Family Historians. (Book). Donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- Basic Facts About ... The Wesleyan Methodist Historic Roll. (Book). Donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- Tracing Your Nineteenth Century Family History. (Book). Donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.

Great Britain: England and Wales

- Peculiarities of Welsh Pedigrees by Dr. Melville Richards. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- The French Protestant Hospital: Extracts from the Archives of La Providence Relating to Inmates and Applicants for Admission 1718-1957 and to Recipients of an Applicants for the Coqueau Charity 1745-1901, Volume I: Introduction; Entries A-K. (Book). Donated by Leslie Myer.

Great Britain: Ireland

- Irish Family History on the Web: A Directory, 2nd edition. (Book). Donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.

Great Britain: Scotland

- Illustrated Maps of Scotland From Blaeu's Atlas Novus of the 17th Century. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.

United States

- Iron Spirits edited by Nicholas Curchin Vrooman. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.

Family History

- Leonard George Ramsey and his Ancestors. (Book). Donated by Leslie H. Wright.
- Bjorkquist Family History. (Book). Donated by Connie Bjorkquist.
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- Clement Family History, Descendants of Lewis Cobes Clement, U.E. (1725-1781) and Catharine Eliza Poutman (1726-1807). (Book). Donated by Lee Harris.
- Nakoneshny, From Ukraine to Canada (A History). (Book). Donated by Sharon Aney.
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- Known Descendants of Etienne Lamontagne and his wife Marie Antoine, 1st Edition and 2nd Edition. (Book). Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- The Descendants of James Mann & Isabella Patterson. (Book). Donated by Irene Stevens.
- The Descendants & Ancestors of Robert Stevens. (Book). Donated by Irene Stevens.
- The Fleck Descendants, Volume 1 and Volume 2 by Lorraine McQuade. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.
- Krasna, the Wellspring/die Quelle: Tschischmak, Harsche, Bachmeier Family Chronicles/Familienchroniken. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack. **DO NOT MAIL.**
- Distant Voices Reborn by Terry Deichert. (Book). Donated by Rosemary Ternes Mack.

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Book Reviews

BY CELESTE RIDER

Librarian

A Journey of Discovery, Genealogy of the Lenz/Wilke Family of Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan by Karl A. Lenz, 2005. 564 pgs. Hard cover. ISBN 0-9737118-0-9. Available from Karl A. Lenz, 107-306 Heritage Lane, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 5P9 Canada. Phone: (306) 373-5010. E-mail: k.j.lenz@sasktel.net. Cost \$75.00 plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling.

This book covers the genealogy of seventeen major families who represent the ancestral families of SGS member Karl A. Lenz. Surnames covered in the book include Lenz, Lemke, Wilke, Birkholz, Altwasser, Wiesner, Patzwald, Otto, Frieske, Wall, Klatt, Fliegenger, Wilde (Wille), Eichhorst, Radke, Drewans, Köbern timer, Schulze, Farr, Dahlmann, Zuther, Fritz, Zank, Weber, Fredrich, Deutschlaender, Litschel, Schneider, Franz, Megelin, Marwitz, Matz, Bulmann and many others.

In addition to detailed information on the genealogies of the various families, a travelogue is included on a trip to Poland in 2004 by Karl and his sister, Elsie Pearson, to visit many of the family's ancestral villages. Information is also included on the villages, old churches and what remains of the old German cemeteries in areas that include Central Poland, and the pre-1918 German provinces of Posen, Pommern, and East Brandenburg (Neumark). The book also includes a section on DNA testing for genealogy purposes.

This is a very good example of a well researched and well written history of a Saskatchewan family.

Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts: A Primer for Genealogists, Writers & Researchers by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2005. 119 pgs. Soft cover. ISBN 0-8063-1758-2. Available from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 260/Baltimore, MD 21211. For phone orders only, Call toll-free: 1-800-296-6687 or Fax 1-410-752-8429. Website at www.genealogical.com. Cost \$15.85 plus Postage and Handling. Note that U.S. rates are \$4.00 for the first book and \$1.50 for each additional book. Rates for UPS Ground Service would be \$6.00 for the first book and \$2.50 for each additional book. Please contact the publisher for international shipping rates.

If you are writing your family's history you may want to consult this book. Although it is based on "American law," it gives very good information in plain English regarding the general rules of copyright. It gives the answers to some questions I have had asked of me in the SGS Library. For example, what if you share your genealogy research with a relative and it ends up on your relative's web site? What if you want to reprint an illustration or a part of the text from someone else's published work in your family history? What is "fair use?" What are the rules of copyright regarding use of family photographs or an ancestor's diary? What is in the "public domain?"

This book will help you to become informed about copyright and publishing issues but with the proviso that you should also consult the copyright laws for the country where you live. There is a comprehensive bibliography that also includes a list of Internet sources – but, Canada is not one of the countries directly referenced in the bibliography nor in the list of Internet sources.

A Guide to Reading Hebrew Inscriptions and Documents, No. 5 in the Jewish Ancestor Series by Rosemary Wenzel. London, England: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain, 2005. 56 pgs. Soft cover. ISBN 0-9537669-6-9. Available from The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain, Publications Department, PO Box 180, St. Albans, Herts AL2 3WH. E-mail: publications@jgsgb.org.uk. Tel/Fax: 01923 677111. Price £4.50 plus p&p UK 50p/Europe £1.50 Australia/Canada/USA £2.00(US\$12.00).

Do you have Jewish ancestry? Are you having trouble deciphering Hebrew wording on Jewish documents or other record sources such as headstones? This is a book for you.

It is a comprehensive guide for those researchers who need help to read and understand Hebrew. The author has included the Hebrew alphabet, Hebrew vowels, numbers, calendar, conversion tables, a formula to convert a Jewish year to a Gregorian year, given names for males and females, and Yiddish terms. It also includes several photographs and examples of documents.

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Adding to the Family Record:

First World War Permit to Leave Canada Supplies a Wealth of Personal Information

BY VERA THOMPSON

When my mother died recently, I was charged with the laborious project of going through her cache of family papers.

While the task was time consuming and at times tedious, there were many gems to be found amongst old insurance policies and greeting cards of every sort and description (yes, some of which I kept as being of interest to our family story.)

Late one night, I came upon one of the gems of the collection, a permit to leave Canada issued to her father, my grandfather, Vernon Herschel Jones, on 2 September, 1917. Grandfather, an accountant for one of the grain companies at Fort William, Ontario (now Thunder Bay) had been going to the United States on business and had this form, a sort of passport, issued pursuant to a federal Order-in-Council of 24 May 1917. A wealth of genealogical information was given:

- his address at the time and how long he had lived there
- his date and place of birth
- his nationality
- the names and addresses of four persons who knew him
- his travel destination and purpose
- how long he planned to be absent from Canada
- physical description
- occupation

A photo was attached with the notation that it had been taken two days previously. While the form itself is a valuable addition to the family record, I was curious about the Order-in-Council that made it necessary. A trip to the Saskatchewan Legislative Library in Regina, and a few minutes working with the Canada Gazette on microfilm, and I had the document in front of me.

Briefly, the Order-in-Council lays out "certain regulations concerning the departure out of Canada of male persons who are liable or capable of national service of a military or other character." The OIC applied to "any male person between the ages of 18 and 45 years

inclusive." Women presumably did not have to apply for a permit to leave Canada either because they were not expected to travel, or because they were exempt from military service and the intent of the OIC was to keep men of military age from leaving the country to avoid such service. The man wishing to leave was required to fill out a form stating his reasons for travel; the form was to be signed by "a Canadian Immigration Inspector or some other person duly appointed by the Minister of the Interior for the purpose of giving such permission." Persons in violation were liable to a fine of up to \$2,500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years, or both.

I subsequently had correspondence with Ilene McKenna of the Reference and Genealogy Division of the Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa, who writes that "the 'Permit to Leave Canada' functioned in essence like a passport and thus was held by the individual concerned and not retained by the government."

Subsection 3 of section 1 of the Order in Council stated that "any person to whom such written permission to leave Canada has been granted shall carefully preserve the same and keep it about his person."

The LAC has one example of such a document on file, issued to one Tokutaro Sakamoto in 1918 (MG28-V73, Series 1). McKenna continues, "no applications for the Permits to leave Canada were retained or archived by any branch of the Canadian/Dominion government." Nor is there a list of individuals for whom permits were issued, "not necessarily surprising," McKenna says, "since to this day the government does not keep copies of passport applications." Finally, McKenna says, "the application and permit were indeed the same document which was validated by the signature of the immigration Inspector."

While the information on the form didn't add a lot to our knowledge about my grandfather, it did give us one important date, when he settled in Fort William. We knew that he had been in the Moosomin, Saskatchewan,

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Child of the Twenties

Article has been provided courtesy of Essex Family History Society.

Julienne Boorer (ESFH 1756) died in May 2004. This story was found among her papers, and with the kind permission of Rosemary and Arthur King is published as a tribute to her work for the society. Janette Scarborough remembers Julie as responsible for much monumental inscription checking for her and that Julie also helped to record monumental inscriptions before her knees and eyes gave out. She also helped the, then Chairman, John Rayment, with his regular working group in the old Essex Record Office each Monday. She was a member of the Bristol, Aberdeen and London and North Middlesex Societies and had recorded much work in Bath. (FF).

I was born, somewhat precipitately, on the 18th December 1920, a Saturday (as in works hard for a living). Mother had fallen down the stone staircase leading to the backyard. We were apparently taken to the nursing home of the Royal Free Hospital, which was very near to where I was born, prematurely. I was aware of the fall because I still remember how I would never go down the stairway, but would stand at the top and scream and scream.

Our home at that time was 20 Goodge Street, London. It was typical of the times with three rooms over a shop, with common facilities in the backyard. We, Charles, Rose, baby and Grandmother Charlotte had two rooms on the first floor. The front room was divided into two sections. A living room and a bedroom for the Boorer trio and Charlotte occupied the back room, which also contained the gas cooker. The other room had a large open fire and lighting was by gas mantle fittings. I was often taken to the lake in Regents Park to feed the ducks.

I started school when I was five, but remember being terrified and confused by the other children. I had never met such a large group before.

The upstairs couple were quite fond of me, giving me little treats and once took me to the cinema. They also took me on a day's outing in the sidecar of their motorbike to Windsor. Snapshot records date this as Easter Monday 1924.

The only dramatic event I recall was the fire at Madame Tussaud's Waxworks. I was asleep and was woken by the clanging of the bells and the loud whistles of the policemen. Charles went out to see where the fire was and returned to say it was a bad fire at the Waxworks and the molten wax was streaming down the stairs.

The only toys I remember are Mary, a rag doll made by Charlotte. She "ran away" one night and was not seen again. I suspect she was so dirty she ended up in the fire. I also had a small dog made from a furry fabric called TIN-TIN after my film star idol of the time.

Soon after I started school we moved to 50 Harrowby Street, Marylebone where we had two rooms in the basement, a coal cellar and three rooms on the ground floor. The Boorer trio were quartered in the basement. The back ground floor was fitted as a workroom for Charlotte and Rose. This contained their sewing machines, a long trestle table for cutting-out, all the cottons and the dress "dummies", one for ladies and one for children. The middle room was Charlotte's and the front was the parlour on Sundays and also used as a reception room for Charlotte and Rose to receive their clients. Apart from their daytime jobs they both had a number of private customers.

The communal facilities consisted of a large backyard with a W.C. and a fairly large washhouse with a cold tap over a floor drain. There was a large copper of the usual kind of the days before washing machines, built of brick with a fire basket underneath. There was a heavy wooden lid on the copper. Coke was the best fuel if one could afford it, coal more usual but almost anything that would give

enough heat to boil the water got utilised. A long trestle bench was provided for the ladies to bring their own galvanised baths and enamel basins. The large backyard provided excellent drying space, but I was not allowed to bring my friends to play when clothes were hung out.

Looking back, life was very different for everyone and hard compared to today's easy standard that most of us enjoy. Most folks in the area I was brought up in were the same and living in tenement houses. The men, for the most part, had jobs where they worked hard for long hours. Some of the mothers also had to work to keep the home going. Many of them chose to work as "chars" or "dailies" for the better off. Many men returning from the war in 1918 were so injured or suffering from being gassed in the trenches that they were never to work again. Sometimes the "war wounded" would come through the street selling matches, shoelaces or singing. Some were on crutches, missing a leg – a very sobering thought for young children not really understanding what war really meant.

Obtaining one's normal food supplies was very different then. Just around every corner seemed to be a dairy for butter, milk, eggs etc., a baker who just sold bread and cakes and quite often a fishmonger. Greengrocery and fruit, I remember, seemed to be sold from stalls. The nearest shop to a modern supermarket was a fairly large "Home & Colonial" store in the main street.

Many hawkers came round the streets selling all sorts of produce. Bakers with large panniers of loaves, greengrocers, fishmongers with really fresh fish, the cat-meat-man with large joints of horse flesh from which for 1/2d one would get a few slices for the family cat. The Rag & Bone man would take away the old clothes and give a few pence for them, an important addition to the housekeeping money then. On Sundays there were the teatime specials. The Muffin Man ringing his bell to call one to buy the muffins and crumpets, and the Shellfish Man with the winkles, cockles and shrimps.

Fairly close was the Fish & Chip fryer, a pennyworth of chips in newspaper, sprinkled with vinegar through a hole made in the paper, eaten sitting on the doorstep with your friends was an occasional treat! Opposite the fish shop was a branch of a delicatessen chain, the name of which I cannot recall. Apart from the cold meats as we have in present times, they sold many steaming hot delicacies. One took a basin and on offer would be Faggots and Pease-Pudding, hot Saveloys all served from a steaming copper! Cold delicacies were Cow-eel (not heel), Pigs Trotters, Chitterlings and other odd parts of animals.

Seasonal treats were the Hot Chestnut Man, usually in the main street, with the coke "oven" on a barrow and the chestnuts roasting on a tray on top. Good for warming hands on winter days! In summer there was the "Stop Me & Buy One" ice cream man with his bicycle van from "Walls". The children usually had Snow Fruits fruit ices. They were 1d each, real ice cream was more, as much as 2d.

I changed school of course, when we moved, and I went to St. John's, Titchborn Street, Paddington. On the way we could pass the last working Blacksmith's Forge in London and we often lingered when there were horses to be shod. I was very happy at this school, I enjoyed the lessons and there were extra interests like acting plays and even violin lessons. We had masters who really tried to make something of their pupils. One gave us natural history talks and I remember one such when he described the feet and claws of eagles. This was quite unintelligible because most of us had only seen pigeons and sparrow and ducks in the park. Another master tried to encourage an interest in poetry. My father was very interested and I astonished the master and others in the class when instead of "Twinkle, twinkle little star" I stood there in front of the class cheerfully giving voice to "Friends! Romans! Countrymen! Lend me ---". We were taken to the Mary-le-bone Municipal Baths for swimming lessons. Also, the London County Council ran a special cheap evening (2d) for children and they always gave you a fresh starched white towel with L.C.C. of course, in red on it. We were

well supervised as the teacher became the Lifeguard and if any child looked cold or had stayed too long she prodded them with a bamboo pole and out they came – no argument!

I had two girls living next door on one side who were sisters, and one little girl on the other. Although from different backgrounds they were considered as suitable companions for me. The lone girlie's folks seemed to think she was a cut above us and she was not allowed to stay out too long. She and I were encouraged to play over the wall in the backyard. She caught Whooping Cough and I didn't! Her father was a chauffeur and occasionally came home in a shiny Rolls Royce. We girls were sent to watch that the other kids did not come near it. We used to sit on the running board (remember?). The sisters took me to Girls Friendly Society one evening at the Catholic Church. There were some right roughs who tried to beat me up on the way home. Needless to say that was my only visit. I went to the Paddington Chapel in Marylebone Road where I went to Sunday School, joined the League of Young Worshippers and the Band of Hope and signed The Pledge. What I liked and really enjoyed most was Brownies.

The Chapel was opposite Queen Charlotte's Maternity Home and I knew exactly where babies came from. I saw mums and dads collect them on Sundays and I could not understand why we could not go and get a baby brother or sister for me to push in a pram. Outside there was a large stork carrying a baby curled up in a nappy in it's beak. (Appeal for funds).

I also had another little friend. My parents met her mother when fetching me from school. Her name was Betty Sayner and it was often arranged that I should go round and play with her in the evening. Her mother was sort of Housekeeper in this large house in Sussex Gardens. There was no father, only an Uncle, but I have little memory of him. Mother and Uncle often went out leaving me as company for Betty. We had to take messages from the residents and answer the telephone. I quite envied Betty as she had a nice bedroom to herself

and a large toy cupboard. Eventually I lost her companionship as she was sent to a private school with a uniform!

When I was about 8 years old I had bad tonsillitis and because my mother's deafness was said to be caused through her tonsils getting infected when young, I was sent with others from school to St. Mary's Hospital Paddington for a tonsillectomy. It was an awful bloody experience!!! When one recovered consciousness, one was lying on a mattress on the floor, about ten or so children all-together. A few hours' later parents collected us and we were marched out to a transport ambulance, which deposited you outside your home. Nurses came at intervals to make sure you were healing. Some time, a week or two later, one returned to the hospital to see the surgeon. This was the horrific part. No nice Out Patients but a table in the Theatre after that day's operations. Nurses were scrubbing everything and there were buckets of blood and discharged tonsils and dressing everywhere. An observant, impressionable child does not forget these scenes even with the passing of the years. I also visited the dentist, but let us not recall that. Needless to say I am still unwilling to have my teeth treated!

The only drama here was when the I.R.A., about 1926, blew up a pillarbox not far from Marble Arch. The General Strike was also the same year. I had measles at the time and the newspaper was just a single sheet. My father used to read and try to explain what it was all about – like all the near poor he was staunch Tory!!

One afternoon in, I think, 1929 we saw the Airship "Graff-Zeppelin" pass over London. Airships were going to be the new travel option, but after the British R101 came down in flames, the idea seems to have been abandoned.

On Sunday evenings the Salvation Army would come to the corner of Edgware Road and Harrowby Street. At the sound of a tinkle from the tambourine or tootle from a trumpet I would be away up the road, not for the Service but for the brass band. If,

instead of pianoforte lessons someone had given me a brass instrument, I might have been a musical success instead of “showing no aptitude”!!

Exercise was now taken in Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens where there was a statue of Peter Pan. One night some protesters “tarred and feathered” it, which caused quite a stir. Sometime during the long summer holiday I went to stay with Auntie Dolly (mother’s sister Louise). When I was very small Charlotte came too, but later I was put on a bus at Stratford in East London and met at Brentwood. At the end of the holiday, either Charlotte or Charles and Rose would come and stay for a few days to take me home. I also went to stay for a few days with Aunties Ada and Rose at Holloway. My father would take me to all interesting places in London and the Museums, Victoria & Albert, The British Museum and the Natural History Museum.

I remember going by train to Westcliff, Essex twice for holidays. When I was about 5 or 6 my Grandmother Charlotte took me for a week. We stayed in a Boarding House and I had two new dresses, made by my mother. One deep pink and the other mauve, with knickers to match! I remember the sandcastles I made with my bucket and spade and the nasty little crabs. The other holiday was about 1932 when Godmother Rose also took me to Westcliff (not Southend!!) She would not let me swim in the sea, as she thought it not clean enough.

Joining Harroby Street, just a few doors from our house, was the infamous Cato Street, a strictly no-go place for us children. Because of the history rather than the occupiers then I think. This was a time when there was much unrest in the country with unemployment for soldiers and sailors demobilised after the Napoleonic campaigns. There was agitation for Parliamentary Reform. Lord Harrowby was President of the Privy Council then and a plot was hatched to murder the Cabinet when dining at Lord Harrowby’s. The conspirators had hired a stable in Cato Street and met there to form their plans. Sadly they were betrayed by one of their numbers and they were all apprehended before setting out. The five ringleaders were hanged and

others deported. (23rd February 1820).

Louise had a smallholding on the Bishop’s Hall Estate. Like several other owners her main occupation was growing flowers for Covent Garden London Market, but she also kept a sow to provide piglets for income. There was usually a goat for milk, chickens, geese and ducks for eggs (and the pot). There was a pony that, apart from pulling the plough etc., looked very smart when harnessed to the trap on the trips to Romford market on Wednesdays. I enjoyed that because it was a real animal market in those days.

There were exciting trips into the wood, haymaking and a ride on top of the load of hay. I felt I had been on a real farm. The country folk were always teasing this little townie and I fell for all the tricks all of the time! The area was truly rural at that time, cooking by a wood or coal burning range, lighting by oil lamps or candles. Gas came to the estate in 1922/23, Electricity in 1938 and sewerage in 1948.

At the beginning of 1931 Rose became ill and was sent in to hospital one Friday. On Sunday Auntie Dolly arrived and took me back to Brentwood with her. By that time she had given up some of her activities, still had some flowers but fewer animals. Mother returned home in June and although I expect everyone knew she would not live much longer, (she suffered from Rheumatic Fever for which there was no cure then), I was blissfully unaware that I would lose her. She died on the evening of the 9th July. That evening there was the most beautiful sunset I had seen. I was sure the gates of heaven had been opened to let my mother in. She was buried on 15th July at St. Swithin’s, and it rained. The Aunts, my father’s sisters Ada and Rose made me a black outfit cotton dress with an edge-to-edge coat. Rose, who was my Godmother gave me a spray of yellow roses to place on the coffin as it went into the grave. It was a very solemn event for me.

Later, in the afternoon, when most of the friends and some family had gone home, I was told to go and play with my doll. This doll has been, and still

is, my most prized possession. It was dressed by my mother the last Christmas. It has a dress, lace over georgette, now falling apart, and a coat and had in satin lined white. She also had some undies but I have replaced these. Mother was a dressmaker and these clothes still show how skilled she was. I remember feeling very lost and confused.

Later in the day I was told that Charlotte and I were going to live with Auntie Dolly at Brentwood. Many years later I learned that none of the relatives could, or would, be able to have me. My father was going to live with his sisters Ada and Rose, but Charlotte, who was then a very active 74 years, had refused to go without me and would have tried to make a home for us. I shall be eternally grateful to her for her sacrifice of her savings toward a few comforts in her later years, to doing what she would have considered her duty to raise her granddaughter,

materially and spiritually as best she could. Keeping me at school until nearly 17 years must have been quite a sacrifice (the legal leaving age then was 14 years), and my Aunt had not known, when I passed the scholarship, that I could not leave until the end of the school year after the exams. Charlotte was never cross with me, always kind and understanding. I was, without a doubt, a self-willed child, even rebellious at times, but she always tried to show me by an example or anecdote, factual or fictional, how I should behave.

Charlotte died in 1948 when I was 28 and I hope she was not too disappointed with me.

4th February 2003

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Jean Cole

We regret to announce that Jean Cole of Swindon, Wiltshire passed away on Friday, 28 October, 2005. Jean has been a popular speaker on genealogy in her country and a keynote speaker abroad. She is a Vice-President of Wiltshire Family History Society, an honorary member of Wroughton History Group, an excellent ambassador for genealogy, and Family Tree Magazine's Questions and Answers expert from 1985 until the end of 2004.

Jean was recently nominated and elected a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists by the Fellows in

their annual secret ballot this year. She was chosen for her services to the subject in genealogy which includes many transcriptions and publications of numerous genealogical works.

If you attended our 25th Anniversary Seminar in 1994 in Regina, you had the opportunity to meet and listen to Jean Cole. She is a very popular and hard working member of the family history fraternity and her expertise will be sorely missed by many genealogists.

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Library and Archives Canada

Library and Archives Canada has announced the launch of phase two of the Canadian Directories site. The addition of 80 new directories to their growing database brings a total of 95 searchable directories to their site <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories/>.

With this phase, they have focused upon the regions of Ottawa, Halifax and environs. Plans for future additions to the site include directories for the Kingston and London, Ontario areas. Watch this space for updates!

Below is a list of directories that are currently on their site:

- Almanach des adresses Cherrier de la Ville de Québec ... jusqu'au mois de juin 1886
- Business and Professional Directory of All Cities in Ontario, 1899-1900
- Canada Directory 1851
- Cherrier & Kirwin's Ottawa Directory for 1872-73
- City of Ottawa Alphabetical, General, Miscellaneous and Subscribers' Classified Business Directory, August, 1873, to August, 1874
- Counties of Carleton, Lanark, Prescott, Russell and Ottawa Directory 1884
- Directory for the City and Suburbs for Quebec 1790
- Directory of the City of Kingston 1855
- Eastern Ontario Gazetteer and Directory for 1898-99
- Farmers' and Business Directory, for the Counties of Carleton, Dundas, ... and Stormont, 1885-7
- Farmers' and Business Directory for the Counties of Dundas, Frontenac, and Stormont, 1892.
- Farmers' and Business Directory for the Counties of Dundas, Glengarry, ...and Renfrew, 1888
- Farmers' and Business Directory for the Counties of Dundas, Glengarry, and Stormont, 1891.
- Farmers' and Business Directory, for the Counties of Frontenac, Grenville and Leeds, 1894
- Farmers' and Business Directory, for the Counties of Frontenac, Hastings, and Prince Edward, 1884-6
- Farmers' and Business Directory, for the Counties of Frontenac, Hastings, and Prince Edward, 1899
- First Victoria Directory 1860
- Fuller's Counties of Leeds, Grenville, Lanark, and Renfrew Directory for 1866 and 1867
- Guide (directory) de la cité et du district de Trois-Rivières, pour 1867-1868
- Hunter, Rose & Co.'s City of Ottawa Directory for 1870-71
- Hutchinson's Nova Scotia Directory, for 1864/65
- Hutchinson's Nova Scotia Directory, for 1866/67
- Lovell's Province of Nova Scotia Directory for 1871
- Lovell's Province of Ontario Directory for 1871
- Lovell's Province of Quebec Directory for 1871
- McAlpine's Halifax City Directory for 1880-81
- McAlpine's Halifax City Directory for 1869-1901
- McAlpine's Nova Scotia Directory, 1868-69
- McAlpine's Nova Scotia Directory, 1890-97
- Mitchell & Co.'s Canada Classified Directory for 1865-66
- Mitchell & Co.'s County of Carleton and Ottawa City Directory, for 1864-5
- Montreal Directory for 1842-43
- Ontario Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1884-89
- Ontario Gazetteer and Directory for 1892-93
- Ontario Gazetteer and Directory for 1895
- Ottawa Citizen Directory of Ottawa, 1863
- Ottawa City and Counties of Carleton and Russell Directory 1866-67
- Ottawa City Directory, 1891-99
- Ottawa Directory for 1874-91
- Ottawa Street, Alphabetical, Classified Business and Miscellaneous Directory 1881-1883
- Province of Ontario Gazetteer and Directory 1869
- Regina Directory for 1885
- Renfrew County Directory 1888
- Sutherland's City of Ottawa Directory, for 1868-70
- Waterloo County Gazetteer and Directory for 1884-85
- Western Ontario Gazetteer and Directory for 1898-99

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The Great Debates

BY LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Every second Friday throughout the winter was considered 'debate night' in the late-1890s in the Wawota community. Folks fueled up their horses, hitched them to a conveyance and headed for town.

The Wawota Mutual Improvement and Debating Society was formed to debate contemporary issues. It pitted neighbour against neighbour, husband against wife, brother against brother. The participants followed strict rules for debate, were respectful of the other side's view, and argued with spirit. Most of the time there was a victor. However, on occasion it could not be determined which side had out argued the other. The recorded minutes would indicate "no decision." Before the evening ended, the topic for the next debate was chosen, and the teams assigned. My guess is the debate may not have ended upon leaving the debating room.

Although the minutes appear incomplete, the Society was thought to have existed approximately six years. The Debating Society left a firm foundation for community participation.

The Great Debates

On December 10, 1894 a small group gathered at the Wawota schoolhouse and formed of the Wawota Mutual Improvement Society.

It was "moved by J. Porter, seconded by G. Gilbraith that Mr. D. Husband be chairman of the meeting. Carried

Moved by G. Gilbraith, seconded by A. MacPherson, that J. Porter be secretary of the meeting. Carried"

The newly appointed chairman declared the meeting open.

"President – moved by A. MacPherson, seconded by G. Gilbraith, that Levi Havens be President of the newly founded literary society. Carried unanimously.

Vice-President – moved by J. Porter, seconded by J. MacPherson that Mr. David Husband be Vice-President. Carried.

Moved by A. MacPherson, seconded by G. Gilbraith that James Drinnan be secretary and treasurer. Carried.

Moved by James Drinnan, seconded by Dan Drinnan that W. Rowbotham be assistant secretary. Carried.

Moved by William Rowbotham, seconded by G. Gilbraith, that Dan Drinnan, J. MacPherson, and Albert MacPherson be a committee to assist the executive. Carried."

And so it went. The founding members moved, seconded, and carried the Society into existence. They named it (Wawota Mutual Improvement Society) and established meeting dates and times (every second Friday at 19 o'clock). The President was given "the privilege of appointing a substitute as chairman when necessary." The executive committee was to draft a code of rules for governing the society, and, the initiation fee of 25 cents (ladies free), was suggested.

There was one more matter to take care of before the Society was fully established. The executive committee decided to "investigate the matter of building a stable and also see Mr. Taylor regarding a site for the stable."

That taken care of, it was time to decide on the debate topics and select the teams.

The first recorded subject of debate was: "resolve that a cheese factory is more benefit to the farmers than a creamery." It was moved, seconded, and carried that J. MacPherson be leader of the positive side, and that Levi Havens be leader of the negative side." The teams were chosen. J. MacPherson chose as his supporters: J. Porter, W. Rowbotham, A. MacPherson, G. Gilbraith, Frank MacPherson, and J. Drinnan. For reasons not quite clear Dave Husband was delegated to chose Mr. Havens' team: Dan Drinnan, M. Taylor, Dave Husband, Chas. McNichol, Alexander Aitkins, and the privilege of choosing one more supporter on the night of the meeting.

By the second meeting, on December 28, 1894, the executive committee had done their work and nine articles of the Constitution of the Wawota Mutual Improvement Society were established.

Article 1 – The name, style, and title of this association shall be the Wawota Mutual Improvement and Debating Society, and its object shall be the increase and diffusion of knowledge.

Article 2 – The officers of this association shall consist of President, Vice-President, a Secretary and an assistant Secretary. The said officers shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and their offices and duties shall be similar to those of like officers in like associations.

Article 3 – The chairman shall keep order during all meetings of this association.

Article 4 – Each member shall sign this constitution and pay over to the secretary the sum of 25 cents and shall pay the like sum annually in advance but no dues shall be demanded from corresponding or honorary members.

Article 5 – Ladies shall be admitted as honorary members.

Article 6 – This association shall meet semi-monthly on Friday evenings at nineteen o'clock and at such other times as may be chosen by the executive upon the written request of six members of each of which meeting due notice shall be given and at each and all of these meetings six members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article 7 – Rules governing debates – (1) Leaders shall be limited to ten minutes in opening speeches and shall be limited to five minutes to reply; (2) Supporters shall be limited to five minutes in speaking.

Article 8 – Nothing of an offensive personal nature shall be allowed in debates.

Article 9 – The chairman shall be permitted to appoint a substitute when both he and the vice-president are either absent or engaged in debates.

We, the undersigned hereby enroll ourselves as members of this the Wawota Mutual Improvement and Debating Society and agree to abide by the laws laid down in above constitution.

James Drinnan, Albert MacPherson, James Porter, D. S. Husband, J. Dooley, W. Rowbotham, George Galbraith, Levi Havens, W. J. Burnie, Frank MacPherson, Thomas Trenamen, W. J. Henry, Bella Taylor, J. W.

Simons, Mrs. A. MacPherson, John MacPherson, Louis Taylor, Danie Drinnan, Alice Taylor

Debated topics included:

“Resolve that mental labor is harder on the constitution than physical labor.” Leader of positive – Mr. Powell, leader of negative – James Drinnan. The negatives won.

“Resolve that the cow and cattle kind are more profitable to mankind than the horse and horse kind.” Leader of positive – D.S. Husband, leader of negative – Dan Drinnan. The positives won.

“Resolve that more knowledge is derived from observation than from reading.” Leader of positive – Robt. Dallas, leader of negative – J. Drinnan. The negatives won.

Various items of interest appear in the minutes including the progress on the public stable, which was going nicely. The January 26, 1895 meeting indicated it was open to the public. Scripture had been excluded from debates, and God Save the Queen was sung.

Also of interest at the January 25, 1895 meeting was that impromptu speaking was to be allowed. However, after the impromptu speaking at the February 1st meeting, it was decided to start a newspaper instead.

J. Drinnan was appointed editor of the newspaper and it was moved that the paper be called the *Plaindealer*, but that was amended to *The Spy*. However, still not satisfied, the amendment was amended and the newly formed newspaper would be called *The Gossip*.

On February 15, 1895, ladies were included in the debates. It was “moved by J. Drinnan, seconded by Jas. Porter, that ladies be chosen on debates and that instead of speaking they write essays on the question under debate, which essay be read as called upon by [the] chairman and that points made be credited to the side which essay is in favor of.”

The subject of debate at the next meeting was “that women exercise greater influence on mankind than money.” One can only image that the ladies made their thoughts well known in their essays. At the February 22, 1895 meeting, it was decided that women DO exercise greater influence!

The minutes suggest, that beside the spirited debates a program was part of the evening activities. One of these programs included "a lecture by G. Millar on the subject of social rules."

But there was still the issue of the public stable. It had to be paid for and what better way to do it than hold a concert to raise the money. A committee was struck to manage the concert, consisting of J. Porter, W. Rowbotham, and J. Simons. And, of course, the ladies, managed by Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Maggie Aitkins, Miss Bella Taylor, and Miss Maggie Drinnan, organized the lunch. Although there was discussion about the admission price, the decision was not recorded in the minutes.

The second season began December 13, 1895. New executive officers were chosen, the Committee of Management was formed, and the Committee to Choose Subjects of Debates was established.

As the Society became more mature, its activities grew and it was necessary to establish a system of order for the activities. One a motion by G. Gilbraith, seconded by R. Aitkins, it was agreed "that the first Friday be debate, the following Friday discussions on current new sof the day, the next Friday debate, the next Friday the publishing of newspaper, the above to be continued through season." The motion was carried.

The new season also saw the motion that allowed the ladies to READ their own essays.

The evening of January 24, 1896 was spent listening to addresses by various members of the Society on the Manitoba School Question (Wm. Rowbotham), the South African Trouble (J. Simons), the Venezuela Question (R. Randall), and Miss A.M. Dooley on Women's Department.

One noteworthy topic for debate, and one that still comes up periodically today, was held on February 14, 1896 – "Resolve that it would be more beneficial for Manitoba, Northwest Territories, and British Columbia to be annexed to the United States." However, it appears it was not debated – there was no meeting on February 21.

The third season, the winter of 1896, saw thirty members sign the roll and pay their dues of 25 cents (ladies still free). Those signing the roll that year were: James Drinnan, William Rowbotham, Daniel Drinnan, D.S.

Husband, George Galbraith, Richard Dooley, Alex Aitkins, Charles Ramage, James Greenbank, John Patterson, George Mountney, Maggie Drinnan, Alice Taylor, Anna Mary Dooley, Louie Taylor, Mabel Greenbank, Nathaniel Henry, Herbert Meers, J. W. Simons, C. Greenbank, J. Dooley, M. Aitkins, M. Dooley, James Aitkins, Isabella Taylor, Mrs. [Nellie] Porter, Mr. T. Porter, J. MacPherson, F. MacPherson, and Levi Havens.

At the beginning of the season there was a need to do repairs on the stable. These repairs were to be placed in charge of a foreman – Wm. Rowbotham. It was also moved "that all persons doing repairs on stable be paid 10 cents per hour." That year the stable also got a lantern.

The Gossip changed. Miss M.C. Drinnan and Rev. MacConnell proposed a new name for their "journal" (The term "paper" having been disposed of by a previous motion). The "journal" was to be known as *The Wawota Excelsior*, and the new editor was to be A. H. Wilson. J. Drinnan, the former editor, was nominated sub-editor.

A suggestion for the first debate of 1896-97 season was "resolve that it is the duty of the British Government to interfere by force of arms in the present Armenian trouble in order to restore peace." However, it was felt that the subject was a difficult nature and should be taken up at a later date. It was then "moved by C. Ramage, seconded by J. Simons, that the subject be – resolved that winter is a more enjoyable season than summer. Carried." The new debating season had begun.

The ladies again shone through that season as it was "moved by G. Gilbraith, seconded by J. Aitkins, that Miss M. Aitkins, Miss M. Drinnan, and Miss A.M. Dooley be a committee to decide debate. Carried"

International issues again took centre stage for debate. Various members were responsible for presenting the issues on: British news, General Canadian news, American news, European news, Affairs in Africa, Cuban Revolt, Canadian Politics, and Asiatic news. There was no area of news left untouched.

The March 5, 1897 meeting put a hard line motion before the assembly and carried. "Moved by D. Drinnan, sec'd by W. Rowbotham, that any person or persons found persistently interrupting any meeting of the society, if such person be a members, he shall be expelled from the Society for the remainder of the season. And if such

person be not a member of the society he shall be expelled from the meeting and refused admittance to all meetings of the Society in future. Carried”

At the 1897-98 organizational meeting a motion was put to the floor by J. Simons, seconded by J. Aitkins and carried, “that any of the members who are late should pay a fine of a stump speech of five minutes on a subject chosen by meeting orq 25 cents unless he can give a reason acceptable to meeting.” Tardiness was not tolerated.

The stable required attention. It was decided to plaster it – “to be done voluntarily by members on an appropriate day.” The decision was later amended and it was decided the work should be let to a contractor. The contract went to J.W. Simons at a cost of \$1.90.

The hustle and bustle of Christmas was not yet an issue for our debaters in 1897. The first debate of the season was held December 24. The subject of debate was to “resolve that fire is a more destructive element than water.” The season was underway. A. Kemlo, A. MacPherson, and Miss B. Taylor were selected as the Committee to Decide Debate. The decision on the issue of fire and water was not recorded.

The three months of the Society’s season progressed smoothly. Appointed members reported current news. Discussions continued on topics such as “is anticipation or realization more enjoyable.” One topic of particular interest was – “resolve that a bachelor is happier than a married man.” Again no decision recorded. One can only image the course that debate took.

Another season came to a close.

The 1898-99 executive consisted of Charles Ramage – President, James Drinnan – Vice-President, Frank MacPherson – Secretary-Treasurer, Richard Dooley – Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee for Choosing Debates was made up of Alex Kemlo, James Porter, Alan Wilson, Mary Brooks, Mary Drinnan, and Mrs. Wm. Ramage. The caretaker was George O. Donald.

It appears there was still the matter of the plastering of the stable. It was decided the plastering would “be let by auction.” Also to “be let by auction” was “the lighting of the fires.”

At the December 23, 1898 meeting it was decided the meetings needed variety. As part of the Society’s activities it was carried “that the committee be authorized to select poems instead of debates for one night in each month.”

That December 23rd gathering also realized the beginning of a library. A very essential part of a debating society. It was “moved by Rev. Alex Kemlo, seconded by John MacPherson, that we get up a concert for the purpose of getting a library.” The entertainment committee was struck consisting of Miss Lizzie Porter, Mrs. M.C. Drinnan, John Dooley, Mrs. John McNichol, and James Porter. These, by now, experienced concert organizers began the task of preparing for the gala affair.

The Program

Song	J. Porter
Recitation	Miss Bertha MacPherson
Duet	Misses Martha and Allie MacPherson
Reading	Mr. Davis
Song	Miss L. Porter
Reading	J. Patterson
Duet	Miss Bella Taylor and J. Porter
Recitation	Mrs. May Havens
Song	Mr. G. Granger
Song	F.B. Porter
Quartette	Misses Greenbank and Misses MacPherson
Reading	Mr. Randall
Duet	Miss L. Porter and J. Porter
Reading	Mr. G. Granger

The 1898-99 season ended.

December 8, 1899 the organization meeting for the new season was held. The executive and committees were struck.

Executive: President – J. Drinnan, Vice-President – C. Ramage, Secretary-Treasurer – R.H. Davies, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – Wm. Rowbotham, Committee for Choosing Debates: Mr. Haldenby, F. MacPherson, George Rowle, Miss Maggie Drinnan, Miss Porter, and Mrs. F. MacPherson.

December 15, 1899 was the first mention of the purchase of the encyclopedias. It was “moved by R.H. Davis, seconded by G. Granger, that a subscription be

taken to procure money to pay off the indebtedness of the Society re: Ency. Brit. Carried." Miss Brooks, L. Taylor, and R.H. Davis were selected to collect for the fund.

That year a new format was adopted and a Critical Committee was formed, consisting of Mrs. Drinnan, R. Steele, and the President, for each night.

The debating teams were chosen:

Team 1: F. Porter, R.H. Davis, J. Haldenby, Lizzie Porter, R.H. Randall, Alice Taylor, J. Simons, Maggie Drinnan, Martha MacPherson, G.D. Granger, Mr. Wilson, Bertha MacPherson, Bella Greenbank, Mr. Bell, G. Rowle, Mary Dinnan, J. Dooley, J. McNichol, Mr. T. Porter, Mr. W. Ramage, J. Greenbank, and Tommy Brownlee.

Team 2: W. Rowbotham, R. Storm, F.J. MacPherson, Bella Taylor, C. Ramage, J. Aitkins, Allie MacPherson, Mrs. Smith, R. Dooley, Maggie Greenbank, Louise Dooley, J. MacPherson, Mary Brooks, Mrs. Rowbotham, C. McNichol, W.W. Page, Louise Taylor, Willie Greenbank Mr. Rowbotham, Mrs. Ramage, L. Evans, and

Maggie Evans.

"Moved and seconded that these sides be adopted for the season. Carried."

And, repairs to the stable were auctioned off to Wm. Rowbotham for \$1.80.

At this point the minute book ends. Perhaps a new minute book exists, tucked away in someone attic. So, we don't know what was debated during the 1899-1901 season, whether the Society dissolved and assets dispersed, or whether that stable ever got plastered. But, what we do know is that every second Friday night at the Wawota schoolhouse a community of friends, family, and neighbours gathered.

The Wawota Mutual Improvement and Debating Society minute book for the years 1894-1899 had been in position of my family until recently. The book has since been deposited on loan to the Wawota Museum, Wawota, Saskatchewan for safekeeping.

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(... Adding to the Family Record continued)

area in 1905 having gone there on a harvest train from Montreal; he doesn't show up in Henderson's Directory for Fort William until 1909 but according to the Permit to Leave Canada, he was there in 1907. Obviously, further research is needed to solve this anomaly, but we have another date to work with. Above all, the form, with grandfather's photo and completed in his handwriting, is already a treasured addition to the family record as well as being a piece of history. Finding the form reminded me, and hopefully will remind others, of the surprises that

can be in store for us if we have patience and perseverance. When going through papers, particularly as I was, cleaning out the collection of a lifetime, it is necessary to be patient and carefully go through each document one at a time. Tedious at times yes, but potentially rewarding. Had I not done so, a valuable piece of family history could have been lost.

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Computer Column

BY CHRISTINA KRISMER

Another Seminar has come and gone. Once again we're energized. Those long dark evenings can be spent doing some family research in the comfort of your home at 3 pm or 3 am.

In some of my reading recently I came upon an article that referred to another source that can be used for information about our families. This source is often over looked – a recipe box. No genealogical value you say. Look again and especially in your mother's or grandmother's collection. Recipes were often written on scratch pads, deposit slips, envelopes, on the back of bills. These may tell you where they shopped, banked, price of goods and sometimes letters are inside those envelopes. A year may even be on the envelop or piece of paper. Your grandmother's or mother's name may be in the name of the recipe – i.e. – Chris's Dill Pickles – very good, better than bought pickles! Recipes may be written in mother's handwriting, an aunt's handwriting or granny's handwriting. For me I have some in grandpa's handwriting. The ingredients may also tell you how ingenious some of our cooks had to be, especially during the Depression.

Family traditions also may be determined, especially for special times of the year such as Christmas - a type of cookie that must be made each Christmas or that Christmas cake recipe you use. Did the family butcher their own meat and how much of that animal was used? For example, did they make their own headcheese? There may be an ethnic culture associated with the recipe. Is there a good recipe from neighbour, Eleanor? You may know Eleanor, but will others? What was the relationship of Eleanor to the family? Document this for the descendants.

I have a slip of paper given to me by a cousin. The paper is a page from an old scribbler that by aunt used for recipes and addresses of people. On this paper is a list of all the brothers and sister, their

birthdays and dates of death (for those who had passed away) as well as my grandparent's marriage date. For a long time this was my only source for that information.

Several genealogical projects are now at the stage where you and I can access them. The projects I am referring to are:

1. SHIP (Saskatchewan Homestead Index Project)

A joint project between SGS and Saskatchewan Archives along with financial support from others has completed phase one. People around the world interested in homestead information can use the Internet to access the Saskatchewan Homestead index. It can be accessed at: www.saskhomesteads.com. Here you may search the homestead index to find if and where your ancestors might have homesteaded in Saskatchewan. Searches may be done by name, land description and remarks. The name search has a pull-down menu that allows you to search with exact match, starts with, contains, sounds like. As we all know spelling or reading some of the handwriting is not always easy. This gives you options in your search. If you know the legal land description you can enter that or if you are not sure about either, you can search using the remarks section. In remarks we are looking for things such as "scrip, legal representative of," other similar comments that may have been on the index. It is strongly recommended before you proceed to use the index, that you click on "search help" in the upper right hand side of the screen and read the information there. Also I have found that putting in too much information into my search limits the results so I enter only the land description, sometimes only the section, township, range and meridian, sometimes only the last name. I seem to have more success with my searches doing that.

A CD has also been produced for your use at home. These may be purchased through SGS or Saskatchewan Archives for \$20.00. The information has to be installed to your computer. The CD is a good alternative if you do not have high speed internet or the internet is unavailable. The CD presently works on Window XP plat form only. It is being adapted to work on 98, ME, and 2000 as well.

2. HOME - RM and maps CD.

HOME stands for Historical Ownership Mapping Endeavour. HOME provides the names, dates, and locations of approximately 400,000 Original Dominion Land Grantees in the Province of Saskatchewan.

You can purchase a paper homestead map of the Rural Municipality (RM) from the RM in which you are searching. You will need to know the RM number or name or both. There are about 30 RMs that did not get involved, therefore if you are wanting a map for those RMs you will have to purchase the map from SGS. A CD is also available from SGS. Be sure to ask for the homestead map not a present RM map unless you want one of those as well. The homestead maps show the ownership of each quarter section of land and the year the owner

received the land grant.

Another bonus with these maps is the alphabetical listing of all the landowners and the legal land description for each..

Besides the HOME file on the CD there are three other files to be installed to your computer. One file deals with the land system, one is forms and programs and the third file is history and a map of Saskatchewan. There are overlay maps, searching is fast and easy, grant locations are pinpointed, zooms in on details, has popup window with full name of grantee, grant number, and date. A brief operations instruction is on the inside cover of the CD. The guide suggests you need Acrobat Reader 7 to read the three pdf files. A copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader version 7 is on the CD. Some have had a few problems loading the files.

3. Saskatchewan Health has released some **Vital Stats** information for you. All Saskatchewan live births prior to 1906 are now available for searching on the Internet at: <http://vsgs.health.gov.sk.ca>

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Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

from SGS Board and Staff

Cemetery Program

BY GARTH KESSLER

SGS Cemetery Coordinator

It seems that we need to remind ourselves of the importance of our cemeteries and the information they contain. So many people that do recall the value of information held in cemeteries do not necessarily value the recording and upkeep of the records for those cemeteries. Just a little reminder of the value of the cemeteries and the records for them, I would like to share a little of the trouble I have run across in my own research.

In the process of researching my Jenkins family, most of whom spent the majority of the 1800's in New Brunswick before spreading out to the USA and western provinces, cemeteries have become very important. Attempting to find information on the ones that were born, married and died during the last quarter of the 1800's was very difficult. It seems the courthouse, where the majority of the record were kept had burned to the ground. Of course, realizing there would be records needed a call was put out to have any births in that time period re-registered. The result was only those that needed proof of their age would actually re-register. Those that moved to the USA or those that had died would not need to re-register, leaving a huge gap in official records. The census records of that time were of some use but there turned out to be a fair number of children born and died in between those census periods. When I turned to the cemeteries for information, I discovered all of these children buried with no dates of either birth or death. The cemeteries all seemed to have their lot plan showing where everyone was buried with the majority of them in their family groups. I began searching for the custodian who held the detailed information on the burials. Once I found this person, I had discovered that the burial records for the important cemetery had burned with the previous custodian's house about four years prior. There were no second set of burial records for the time period I was searching.

As I began digging up information on the previous generation a little further down the St. John River, I discovered that during this time period, early to mid 1800's, not only where there no civil records but the census of 1851 for that area was missing but other earlier ones could not be located. This once again brought me to the cemeteries. The information taken from the tombstones has been recorded and kept, complete with dates of birth and death. Now it will be a matter of going through Parish records to identify who is related to whom. Therefore, my research continues.

When the cemetery information is recorded and available for use, our research becomes a little easier. When there are no records due to various methods of loss or broken stones due to age and vandalism or headstones that are unreadable or never erected, we lose a valuable resource. We need to do what we can in the effort to locate all grave sites, record the information found in them and safely store the information so it will be available to those who may like to use it.

The volunteers of the SGS have located many cemeteries and include updated information in the files. There are many cemeteries located that have no information for them. We need to insure this information is recorded and secured in case of future loss by custodians. Please assist when and where you can.

There are also some R.M. maps that are in need of replacement: 9, 91, 94, 103, 126, 131, 132, 154, 161, 171, 181, 232, 241, 245, 252, 257, 275, 279, 280, 287, 288, 303, 308, 346, 349, 376, 377, 378, 405, 409, 426, 436, 438, 467, 486, 588.

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SGS Bulletin Board

LIBRARY CLOSURES

December 24, 2005 - January 2, 2006 - Christmas
April 14 & 15, 2006 - Good Friday & Easter
April 29 - Annual General Meeting in Regina

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In Memory Of

- Helen Wilson - wife of Robert Wilson, 23 August 2005 - Regina
- David G. Marshall - husband of June, 29 August 2005 - Regina
- Edward (Ed) Wayling - husband of Ruby, 18 September 2005 - Regina

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You will learn how to preserve and store your personal resources (paper and artifacts); standards, terminology and abbreviations used for recording your data; citing sources; interviewing relatives; how to organize your data, set up a filing system and stay organized; paper versus computer and much more. *Please bring along your own research starting with yourself and back 1 or 2 generations. You will have an opportunity to work on your own research and thus apply what is being discussed.*

Home Sources

Saturday, January 21, 2006 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

To provide you an opportunity to begin and learn how to recognize, use and preserve home sources of family history. What are the sources you have at home, what can they tell you, how do you make use of them and how do you preserve them?

Analyzing Your Data and Developing Your Research Plan

Saturday, January 28, 2006 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

You will learn the research cycle, techniques and methodology used in developing research plans and analyzing data. You will participate in a research exercise using Saskatchewan sources.

Community Sources

Saturday, February 4, 2006 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

You will learn what community sources are available (Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library, Regina Public Library Prairie History Room, Saskatchewan Archives, Legislative Library, University Library and more), what records are available and how these records will help you.

Internet and Web Sites

Saturday, February 11, 2006 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Instructor: Chris Krismer

We will use the Internet, learn some Internet language, visit a number of sites, do a search, and use some of the sites such as Ellis Island. User groups, newsletters will be discussed.

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Open House

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society presents an "Open House" to celebrate *Heritage Day*.

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Internet Resources for Galician Genealogy

Saturday, February 11, 2006 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$10.00

Instructor: Lindy Kasperski

The Crownland of Galicia made up the most northeastern region of the Austrian Empire (1772-1918). The area became part of the Republic of Poland (1918-1939) and the former Eastern Galicia became part of Ukraine as a result of the Second World War. Galicia was the source of significant numbers of Poles and Ukrainians who immigrated to Canada between 1896 and 1914 and then again in the 1920s when it was part of Poland. This seminar will cover genealogical and historical sources on the Internet. Although mainly of interest to those with Polish and Ukrainian ancestors from this area, the seminar will also cover Jewish and German genealogical sources for Galicia.

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SASKATCHEWAN RECORD SEARCHER COURSE

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2006

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- *Evidence. Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian ...* \$25.50
- *The Records of the Department of the Interior and Research Concerning Canada's Western Frontier of Settlement ...* \$29.11

Exam: Fee paid when everything is completed.

Deadline: Pre-registration and pre-payment by March 11, 2006.

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SASKATCHEWAN RESEARCHER COURSE

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2006

Locations: Saskatoon or Davidson (will depend on registrants)

Registration Fee:

\$200.... this includes the classroom sessions and assignments (receive certification).

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Announcements

11th Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry Darwin 2006

Hosted by The Genealogical Society of The Northern Territory Inc. on 1 - 4 June 2006 in Darwin, Northern Territory Australia. Theme is "*Family History - The Access Revolution*". Contact The Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc., PO Box 37212, Winnellie NT 0821 Australia; e-mail: congress11@austarnet.com.au; web site: <http://www.octa4.net.au/genient>.

Germans from Russia

International Convention of the Germans from Russia will be held in Portland, Oregon - summer of 2006. Contact Paul Voeller at voellerp@worldstar.com.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

Seminar 2006 will be sponsored by SGS Pipestone Branch in Moosomin, Saskatchewan on October 27-29, 2006. Keynote speaker is Pat Ryan, other speakers included Chris Krismer, Logan Bjarnason UE and more. Watch future issues of the Bulletin or our web site for further information <http://www.saskgenealogy.com>.

MISCELLANEOUS

New British Web Site

A new web site comprising an occupancy record of people and addresses at home and abroad, where one or more families from Britain & Ireland once lived and occupied a particular residence. Dating from pre-1600 to present day. Registering an address is free; searching the index (when this becomes available) will be subject of a fee.

The content and basis of the site is to establish where ancestry from the past lived - British census is every ten years and of course people do move house between the census periods whether at home or abroad. The Census neither caters for the personal memories that many families have at their disposal, memories and stories handed down through the generations. There will be many more headings and subjects to be added in the coming months and new associate web sites for specific services.

Look back more than 400 years and link your family to bricks & mortar today. It's free to register. So start searching now on www.Homesreunited.uk.co.uk.

The Brian W. Hustchison Genealogical Scholarship

The Scholarship is funded by an endowment to the Alberta Family Histories Society from Brian W. Hutchison, CG, FSA(Scot), principal of GEN-FIND Research Associates, Inc. It is to be awarded annually to a Canadian resident to study the field of genealogy and family history in a recognized educational or accreditation program. The scholarship is up to \$500. Deadline for application is 31 December 2005 and the Scholarship will be awarded in Spring of 2006.

Information can be found at: <http://www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/> or by writing to: Alberta Family Histories Society, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 712 16th Avenue NW, Calgary AB T2M 0J8.

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Query

SHADD: Seeking information on Dr. Alfred Schmitz Shadd b.1870 at Chatham, Ontario and worked as a teacher and doctor in the Kinistino/Melfort, Saskatchewan area 1896-1915. Need genealogy, artifacts and stories. Particularly interested in artifacts such as

signed certificates (birth/death), organization minutes, newspaper references, etc. Gail Forsyth, PO Box 2381, Melfort SK S0E 1A0 or e-mail: ggmf@sasktel.net.

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